

UW-SP aims to support fair trade

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has earned a reputation for being environmentally responsible. Now, the campus is exploring an option that will make it more socially conscious as well.

UW-SP is currently working on plans to only serve and sell certified fair trade coffee on campus.

Fair trade coffee is purchased from family farmers, who receive an above-market living wage to adequately support their families.

The idea was developed by the Student Government Association and has been in the planning stages for several years now. SGA passed a resolution last year calling for the campus-wide conversion, which prompted

current SGA president Ross Cohen to present the idea before university officials.

"I have been working on this for two years now, and I'm glad to see where it is at," said Cohen.

Fair trade coffee is currently offered for purchase on-campus as a choice by Chartwells, the dining services provider for UW-SP.

In addition to coffee, tea, chocolate, fruits and sugar can all be certified fair trade as well.

"We decided to start with just one thing, the coffee," said Cohen. "That is an important step."

"I think most students will support the change," said Bob Tomlinson, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. "However, we want to make sure and communicate the change with our faculty and students to see how they

feel."

The fair trade coffee will have a slightly higher cost per cup, roughly \$0.25 more, although at this point the exact price is not known. The tentative pricing will also try to offer a discount to those who fill up in reusable mugs as opposed to disposable cups.

"This also plays into UW-SP's strong respect for the environment," said Cohen. "Students and faculty can be both socially and environmentally responsible just by buying a cup of coffee."

"It's an important decision when you enter into something that costs more for students," said Tomlinson.

The conversion will not cause any increase in segregated fees; the only students that will be impacted are those who choose to purchase the coffee.

The first place to exclusively sell fair trade coffee would be

the Food for Thought Café in the LRC starting next semester. The coffee would begin to be sold in DeBot starting in the fall.

DeBot will not begin to sell fair trade coffee until the new academic year because the increase in coffee prices would impact those who have campus meal plans.

"The coffee will be more expensive, and take from the amount of money students with dining plans are spending on actual food," said Tomlinson. "It

would be unfair for us to implement that change campus-wide halfway through the year."

According to Cohen, several Stevens Point businesses also sell fair trade coffee, including Emy J's and Gotta Hava Java. He believes this is just another responsible decision for the university.

"Chancellor Bunnell says in her vision statement that she wants us to become global citizens," said Cohen. "This is another large step towards that."

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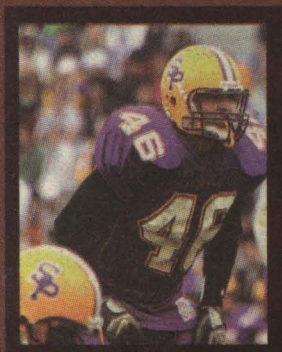
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Artist Amy Cropper stands by the stone pieces of a sculpture she created for the university. It will be assembled near DeBot starting this week.

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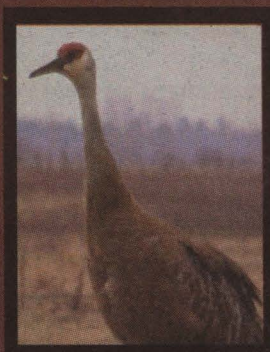
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Controversial issues draw many to polls

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As the polls closed Tuesday night, districts reported that voters came out in record numbers to cast their ballots. Some polls reported voters waiting in line for over two hours before casting a ballot.

The two controversial referendums up for vote had a large impact on the number of people that visited the polls. Some estimates claim that around 60 percent of registered voters in Stevens Point cast a ballot Tuesday, the largest turnout in quite some time.

Although some votes are still being tallied, the results thus far are as follows:

Governor:

Jim Doyle (D) 1,135,714 votes-
52.7%
Mark Green (R) 976,670 votes-
45.4%

Attorney General:

Kathleen Falk (D) 1,052,652
votes- 49.8%
J.B. Van Hollen (R) 1,061,991
votes- 50.2%

U.S. Senate:

Herb Kohl (D) 1,435,498
votes- 67.4%
Robert Lorge (R) 628,688
votes- 29.5%
Rae Vogeler (GRN) 42,274
votes- 2.0%
Ben Glatzel (IND) 24,399
votes- 1.1%

U.S. House- District 7:

David Obey (D) 161,307
votes- 62.1%
Nick Reid (R) 90,951 votes-
35.0%
Mike Miles (GRN) 7,362
votes- 2.8%

State Assembly- District 71:

Louis Molepske (D) 15,350
votes- 70.0%
Daron Jensen (R) 6,577 votes-
30.0%

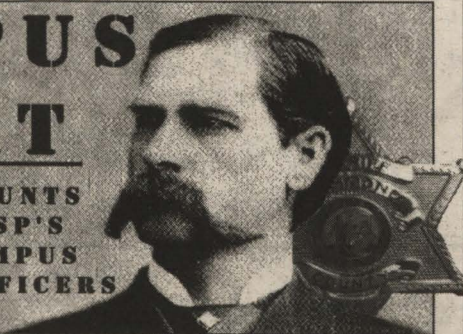
State Referendums:

Referendum 1- Marriage Ban:
Yes 1,259,489 votes- 59.4%
No 860,996 votes- 40.6%

Referendum 2- Death Penalty:
Yes 1,162,249 votes- 55.5%
No 931,592 votes- 44.5%

CAMPUS BEAT

TRUE ACCOUNTS
FROM UW-SP'S
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UW-SP students were particularly well-behaved this week. Stay tuned next week for more campus shenanigans.



4th Annual Fun Run to take on paths of Schmeekle

UW-SP News Release
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COMMUNICATIONS

Lace up your running shoes and embrace the crisp fall air during the 4th annual Cold Turkey Trot Fun Run sponsored by the Student Health Promotion Office at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The 5K/3K fun run will be held on Saturday, November 11, at 10 a.m. Participants will gather at the Allen Center parking lot on Illinois Avenue and continue throughout Schmeekle Reserve.

UW-SP students will

receive a free Cold Turkey Trot t-shirt. All participants will also receive free food and be entered to win door prizes. Faculty, staff and community members are welcome to participate.

Same day registration will begin at 9 a.m. in the Allen Center for Health and Wellness Programs, located at 401 Reserve Street on the UW-SP campus. For more information contact Stacey Duellman at (715) 346-4271 or sduellma@uwsp.edu.

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Fair trade awareness first developed in the late 1940s, as churches and social organizations in the United States gathered goods from poverty-stricken countries to sell in the U.S. market.

When worldwide coffee prices began to decline in the 1980s, farmers were forced to accept less in wages to stay competitive. This led to the creation of fair trade certification groups.

According to TransfairUSA, the nonprofit certifier of fair trade goods sold in the U.S., approximately 86 percent of fair trade coffee is also organic. Farmers that participate in the fair trade cooperative agree to maintain sustainable land conditions, and often times do not use any agrochemical pesticides.

For more information about fair trade certification, visit www.fairtradecertified.org, or contact Ross Cohen at roche737@uwsp.edu.

SGA Update

Upcoming Events:

Is your organization looking for a way to fundraise? Look no further! SGA is sponsoring a battle of the student organization talent show called "Win Big with SGA!" on November 29.

If your organization wins, you could win up to \$100! There will also be raffle prizes from Noodles, Coldstone, County Market and Pure Massage Therapy given out throughout the night.

Registration is open from Wednesday, November 8 until Wednesday, November 15. For more information, contact sfala691@uwsp.edu.

Use UPass for trips to Crossroad Commons and the Bookstore!

Use banner space and tables for free in the academic buildings now!

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 p.m. in the Founder's Room of Old Main. Everyone is welcome!

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Sports

Pointers pull off third straight win

Football

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team has gotten used to close, down-to-the-wire games the last few weeks. They have also gotten used to winning those types of games.

For the third straight week, Point pulled out a three point victory against a conference opponent. Their 31-28 victory puts them at 5-4 overall and 3-3 in conference play. The Pointers now find themselves in a three-way tie for third place in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play with UW-Oshkosh and UW-Platteville, both of whom they have beaten.

The game was seemingly in hand for the Pointers, who held a 24-7 lead midway through the third quarter. But a late Pioneer rally forced the Pointers to keep up the scoring in order to claim the victory. Both teams excelled offensively, combining for 921

yards of total offense.

Brett Borchart had perhaps his best game of the season, completing 21 of 36 passes for 292 yards and two touchdowns. Borchart also contributed on the ground, racking up 56 yards on eight carries. Borchart was able to spread the ball around to six different receivers. Jacob Dickert and Jack Marx each caught five balls for a combined 127 yards. But the passing games' biggest plays came from Luke Gunderson, whose three catches totaled 100 yards and two Pointer touchdowns.

Although the defense struggled in the second half, surrendering 293 yards, they were able to come up with the big play they needed to secure the victory. With just over a minute remaining, Platteville started to drive down the field for a tying or go ahead score. But when quarterback Brent Nelson's pass was deflected and intercepted by Brett Hirsch, the game was in hand for the Pointers. The interception was Hirsch's second of the game along with his Hail Mary pick to close out the first half. Hirsch also added eight

tackles. Brandon Czys led the Pointers with 12 tackles and also recovered a fumble.

The game was a great way to end the home schedule for the seniors. With only three home games this season, it was important to the seniors to get that last home victory.

"We ended our season with a winning record at home which is something you need to do if you want to be a successful team," senior Lincoln Berg said. "Teams shouldn't be able to walk into our place and walk out with a win."

Point now heads to Menomonie to face UW-Stout in an attempt to end the season on a four-game winning streak and finish at 6-4.

"We need to win this game because we don't want to be .500. We want to have a winning record and the only way to accomplish that is to win this week against Stout," Berg added. "We feel that finishing .500 would be a disappointment."

Stout comes into the game with a 3-6 record and has lost six of their last seven games. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.

UWSP men's hockey starts season victorious

Men's Hockey

Rochelle Nechuta
SPORTS REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's hockey team started the season at 2-0 after winning games against St. Mary's University (SMU) and University of St. Thomas (STU) this past weekend.

The Pointers were able to beat St. Mary's 5-3 after maintaining the lead throughout the entire game. Alternate captain Dan Francis scored the first goal of the season after two minutes of play in the first period. The other alternate captain, Nick Zebro, followed with a goal a minute later to make the score 2-0 at the end of the first.

SMU came back with two goals to tie the game in the second period, but goals scored by sophomores Matt Stendahl and Brett Beckfeld brought the Pointers to a 4-2 lead. SMU's David Gross scored his second goal of the night in the third period, but Russel Law capped off the Pointer win with a goal that brought the final score to 5-3.

Overall, SMU out-shot UW-SP 39-27 and Pointer goalie Marcus Paulson played all 60 minutes of the game, accumulating 36 saves.

The first home game on Saturday, November 4 against St. Thomas University was also a victory for the Pointers.

Sean Fish scored the only Pointer goal during the first period and UW-SP was found trailing St. Thomas with a score of 2-1. Three minutes into the second period, STU scored another goal which put UW-SP down 3-1. The Pointer's Shane Foster scored 12 minutes into the second, and Russel Law followed a minute later with a goal to tie the score at three. Senior Dan Francis broke the lead over STU and brought the score to 4-3. Sophomore Sean Fish added to the lead over STU, scoring an unassisted, open net goal with only four seconds left in the game, which brought the final score to 5-3 in favor of the Pointers.

The next two UW-SP men's hockey games will be played on home ice this weekend against Hamline University on Friday, and Bethel University on Saturday. Both games start at 7:30 p.m. and are played at K.B. Willet arena.

Senior on the Spot

Dale Bratz - Offensive Line

Major - English.

Hometown - Lowell. 300 people, and it's by Beaver Dam. Those are the highlights of the village. That, and the fact that I'm from there.

Do you have any nicknames? - Arfie, D-Town, D-House, Mr. Painfully Big.

What are your plans after graduation? - Looking to write somewhere for whoever hires me. Then working for TAPS (The Atlantic Paranormal Society) and becoming a ghost hunter.

What has helped you become such an accomplished athlete? - That's easy. Jake and Jesse Dickert. Not only do they motivate me in football, but they inspire me to become an intramural all-star like themselves. Also Brandon Wells, my personal athletic trainer who fixes me after practice and always makes sure I'm never empty-handed on a non-Training Rule night. And how could I leave out body massages from Jessica (you know, to get me ready for games).

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - I'd have to say this year's game against UW-LAX ranks at the top, as over 80 of my friends and relatives made the trip to our first home game. It was one hell of a home opener for me to see signs and shirts with "BRATZ 68" everywhere.

What's your most embarrassing moment? - There are a few up there, like climbing a bike rack with Alex Ryan to the rooftop of Debot our freshman year, ordering Toppers and having it delivered to us there, then outrunning the Campus Heat after they staked us out. But I'd have to say my most embarrassing moment was my introduction of Street Golf two years ago. I pretty much drove a ball into the side of a truck about 80 yards away on College Ave. And I swing a big club, so you do the math.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Oh, it's a mix with everything from Angels and Airwaves, to LFO, to The Real McCoy.

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - Hard Candy.

What will you remember most about UW-SP? - Other than the Iola egos (Ha!) I'd have to say my teammates. There is never a dull moment with these fellas. They are absolutely a constant staple of people I'm happy to be surrounded by in my life. I should leave it at that because I know they're gonna harass me when they read this. But I love you guys, no matter how ugly you are without a helmet on.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - Dawn, Duckie, and Codey...mother, father, and bro. Through it all, I've got it made because of them.



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Pointers prepare for Border Battle

Swimming

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point swimming and diving team is gearing up for the Border Battle meet against Mankato State University and The University of South Dakota, both division two scholarship teams, this Friday and Saturday.

The Pointers have had a very intense two weeks of training since the Eau Claire and St. Cloud duel meets.

Boelk said that most of team is feeling pretty run-down at this point in the season, but that it is a necessary price to pay for a fast end to the season.

"We're working very hard, and they're paying the price. They all wish they were feeling better, but I have never been more optimistic about the back half of the season," said Boelk.

Boelk is expecting a lot of good races out of his team this weekend.

"We match up very well against these teams," said Boelk.

A lot will be demanded of the team this weekend though. Each swimmer will be swimming around seven events in a day and a half.

"It is a very strenuous line up, it will be brutal on all the teams," said Boelk.

But Boelk explained that this is done on purpose.

"We will be swimming all championship events before we're ready, but we are training to race. This will be the best training they'll get the entire year," said Boelk.

The University of South Dakota has 50 swimmers, 26 of which are freshmen and Mankato State also has a very young team.

Boelk explained that both of the teams have new coaches, which happen to be Point alums, and have gotten much better under the new leadership due to intense recruiting.

"They are both strong teams, but I don't care if we get beat. I would rather loose than get to conference without good racing experience," said Boelk.

The Pointers will swim the Border Battle this Friday and Saturday at the Health Enhancement Center pool. Admission is free for UW-SP students.

Oshkosh ends Pointers' spectacular season

Soccer

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University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh avenged their early season 1-0 loss to the UW-Stevens Point women's soccer team with a 1-0 victory of their own on Friday, November 3 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament. Point had come into

the game as the winners of five straight, all by shutout. The loss will end the Pointers' season with a 12-4-3 overall record.

Point fell behind in the first half thanks to an unassisted goal by the Titan's Amanda Matzke. Unlike most of their games this season, the Pointers were outshot by their opponents. Oshkosh managed to get off 12 shots while the Pointers managed only 6, including a 7-to-1 advantage in the open-

ing period. Despite injuries to defenders Meghan Vanden Heuvel and Megan Schmidt, the Pointers were still able to keep the Titans from extending their lead.

Point's offensive struggles were rather unexpected considering the number of goals they had scored coming into the game. But a stingy Oshkosh defense limited star scorer Kaylee Weise's touches, and the rest of the team was unable to pick up the slack.

Point did put together some scoring chances in the second half, but couldn't put their shots on goal. Their closest chance at tying the game came when, with twenty minutes left, Liz Kidd blasted a shot that hit the crossbar.

The loss stopped the Pointers march to the championship, but that doesn't take away from the great season they had.

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STV still going strong despite budget cuts

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Student Television (STV) has been forced to make quite a few adjustments to their program after losing their studio space due to the University Center renovation and budget cuts. The old STV studio has been converted into the "Faux-core" to replace the Encore.

"We were all pretty worried," said Jeff Swanson, STV's general manager. "Everyone was really frustrated with not having a studio space."

But despite the obvious setback, STV is doing just fine. In fact, Swanson said that they are doing a little better this year.

Not having a studio means that STV does all their broadcasts remotely or without a pre-setup studio space. Now

all their equipment is remote as well which gives them more experience in setting up a remote studio instead of having it all there for them.

"It means more experience for everyone," said Swanson. Swanson also thinks that because students will have this training, they will become more marketable to employers resulting in better job placement once they graduate.

STV is also hoping for a grant from the mayor of Stevens Point to assist in their operation costs. They are hoping for PEG funds, which are funds given by charter for PEG access channels in each city. Stevens Point has channels 3, 99 and 10 (STV). The city decides which channel needs the money the most and distributes it accordingly.

"If we were to get the PEG funds, it would be the first time STV has ever got-

ten funds from the city," said Swanson.

Swanson attributes the success of STV this year to the executive staff and the dedicated members.

"The executive staff really stepped up this year." There was very serious discussion last year of cutting STV altogether, but the staff adapted to the changes and has thrived within the new circumstances, explained Swanson.

"We are producing just as much, if not more programming as we did last year," said Swanson. STV broadcasts remote sports shows once a week. They are trying to broadcast a different sport every week.

STV also broadcasted the Homecoming game this year.

"This was the first year in five years that we have broadcasted the football game," said Swanson. "We are making so many improvements

and going stronger this year."

Swanson emphasized how important the general members were to the station. "We have 10-30 general members who are very dedicated. The 11 executive staff members could not run the channel without them."

There are two general members who are currently going through a process to get a new show on the air.

"It's very exciting to see our general members taking the initiative to put together a show," said Swanson.

To him, STV is a full time job.

"We do everything that channels 7 and 9 [out of Wausau] do, but with less resources," he said. "It takes a lot of time; you have to really want to do it."

Swanson also explained that the experience STV gives students is a wonderful thing to have on a resume.

"It will set you apart from everyone else."

Swanson explained that in the broadcast field, employers want to see what you have done.

"They're not as concerned with your GPA as with seeing your reel tapes and see that you have experience in the field. I don't even have a degree yet, but I have two years of experience in the broadcast field. That's going to say a lot to an employer," Swanson said.

He also mentioned STV is always looking for new members to join its team.

"We would really like to see more people interested in advertising and public relations."

Despite the numerous setbacks and budget cuts STV has endured, they are still running strong and plan to remain UW-SP's TV station for quite a while.

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

Chelsey Ross
ALLEN CENTER

Looking to get outside during Thanksgiving break? Join Outdoor EdVentures on a Superior Hiking Trail trek through Tettegouche State Park in Minnesota on November 22-26. The hike will cover some difficult but beautiful stretches of terrain, going up, down, and around hills and bluffs, crossing streams, and much more! The cost of the trip is \$75. In addition, during the week of Thanksgiving, rent a piece of equipment from Outdoor EdVentures and only pay the 3-day rental price! Visit www.go2allen.com for more information.

Don't forget...the 4th annual Cold Turkey Trot is coming up THIS Saturday, November 11, at 10:00 a.m. Registration is free and can be completed at the Student Health Promotion Office before Saturday. Same day registration will begin on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Allen Center. 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 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and is located at 004 Lower Allen Center.

2006 Wisconsin School Forest Awards

Press Release
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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point LEAF (Learning, Experience, and Activities in Forestry) program has announced the 2006 school forest awards. According to the LEAF school forest education specialist, Jeremy Solin, many school forest programs and individuals are doing wonderful work educating young and old alike on forest history, ecology and how best to utilize and sustain this critical natural resource.

LEAF, an educational effort created by legislation five years ago to promote forestry education in Wisconsin schools, is housed in the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education located within the UW-SP College of Natural Resources. LEAF is a partnership between the center and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource Division of Forestry. There are 348 school forests in Wisconsin.

LEAF's School Forest Program recognizes the following individuals and groups for their exceptional commitment to Wisconsin's school forest:

The teacher award winner, Cindy Edlund, a high school teacher in the Crandon School District, was nominated by Richard Peterson. Edlund has worked tirelessly in the acquisition and development of the district's new school forest. Since the donation of the Hovind Family School Forest, she has facilitated the school forest committee and coordinated a dedication event in which community members, high school students and all K-8

students participated. Cindy also provided a district-wide in-service about the curricular opportunities provided by the school forest. She is currently designing and implementing a challenge and orienteering course at the school forest. Additionally, she earned a Master's Degree in environmental education, serves as an adjunct faculty for the KEEP program, and facilitates WET, WILD, PLT, and Aquatic WILD workshops. Her leadership has provided for the continued, effective utilization of the school forest.

Don Aanonsen, principal of the Tigerton elementary, middle, and high schools, was nominated by Deb Gerard for the school administrator award. Aanonsen has been the "visionary, project manager and cheerleader" for development of the Tigerton School Forest. He encourages teachers to provide full-day experiences for students at the school forest and often participates in their activities. During the past year, he has orchestrated the development of a new school forest including constructing an outdoor classroom. Aanonsen has facilitated in-service programs for district staff focusing on forestry and outdoor education opportunities. His involvement and encouragement have been instrumental in teacher interest and utilization of the school forest. For Aanonsen, the school forest is about "creating a sense of place in the hearts of the community for years to come."

The Upper Chippewa Area foresters and forestry technicians Scott Mueller, Joe Danowski, Rich Windmoeller, Dan Schumacher, Steve Runstrom, Terryl Buchmann, Michael O'Mara, and Jennifer Peterson in Taylor, Price, Rusk, and Sawyer counties were nomi-

nated by Gary Vander Wyst for the resource professional award. These foresters and technicians have been instrumental in efforts to kindle a renewed and continuous interest in school forests in their counties. Collectively, they have been involved in developing and implementing forest management plans within 14 school districts. In addition, they have provided professional development and educational events for teachers, students, school administrators and the public. Their exceptional efforts reflect the role that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry (and its predecessor the Wisconsin Conservation Department) has played in the school forest program since its inception in 1927.

Wayne Jensen was nominated by Linda Luger, Suzanne Deans and Pamela Rossmiller-Peters for the community member award. Jensen has been involved with the Burlington School Forest for 46 years as a teacher and now as a community member. As a teacher, he integrated school forest experiences into the biology curriculum and initiated a forestry class. Since retiring eight years ago, he has continued his advocacy for utilizing the school forest. He assisted with professional development for 125 K-8 teachers at the school forest, served as project manager for the construction of a restroom and field station, and mentored elementary teachers in their use of the forest. In addition, he has overseen the planting of over 20,000 trees by Burlington area youth. His thousands of hours of volunteer time have helped transform the school forest into an effective environmental education center.

College of Letters and Science to hold 7th annual research symposium

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The College of Letters and Science is planning on holding its 7th annual Research Symposium April 28, 2007 and hoping to get the word out early so students have ample time to prepare and get excited about seeing their colleagues' hard academic work.

"I think this will be the best year yet," said Dona Warren, professor of philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, who is organizing the event.

The research symposium is a chance for students to show off their academic prowess by presenting their work to their peers and professors.

"We have a very diverse array of presentations," said Warren.

Last year, there were presentations in everything from "Social Hierarchy in Northern Grasshopper Mice" to "The 401(K) and the Threat to Baby Boomers' Retirement" and "Amber Waves of Pain: Migrant Farm Workers and the Not-so-Natural History of Where Our Food Comes From."

Students choose to present their work in the form of an oral or poster presentation and each presentation is presented in different sessions during the symposium.

"The ideas for projects frequently come from class projects," said Warren. Many students like to expand on research papers they have already written for upper level classes.

In order to submit a project to the symposium, an interested student with an idea must find a faculty mentor to work with. Then, that faculty member must submit the student's abstract of the research project before March 5, 2007. That abstract is what is published in the symposium's program.

"It's not too late for students to start thinking about submitting a project for this year," said Warren.

Warren also explained that the process of developing a presentation for the symposium is an invaluable experience for students in any field. Participation in the symposium looks very good on any resume or graduate school application.

"It can also be a lifelong project that continues to evolve throughout a student's career," said Warren.

Warren also commented that the

close academic relationship a student develops with their faculty mentor can also be very fruitful.

"It definitely helps with letters of recommendation...it's one thing to say I had this student in class and they got a good grade, it's another to say I have actually worked closely with this student on something like this," said Warren.

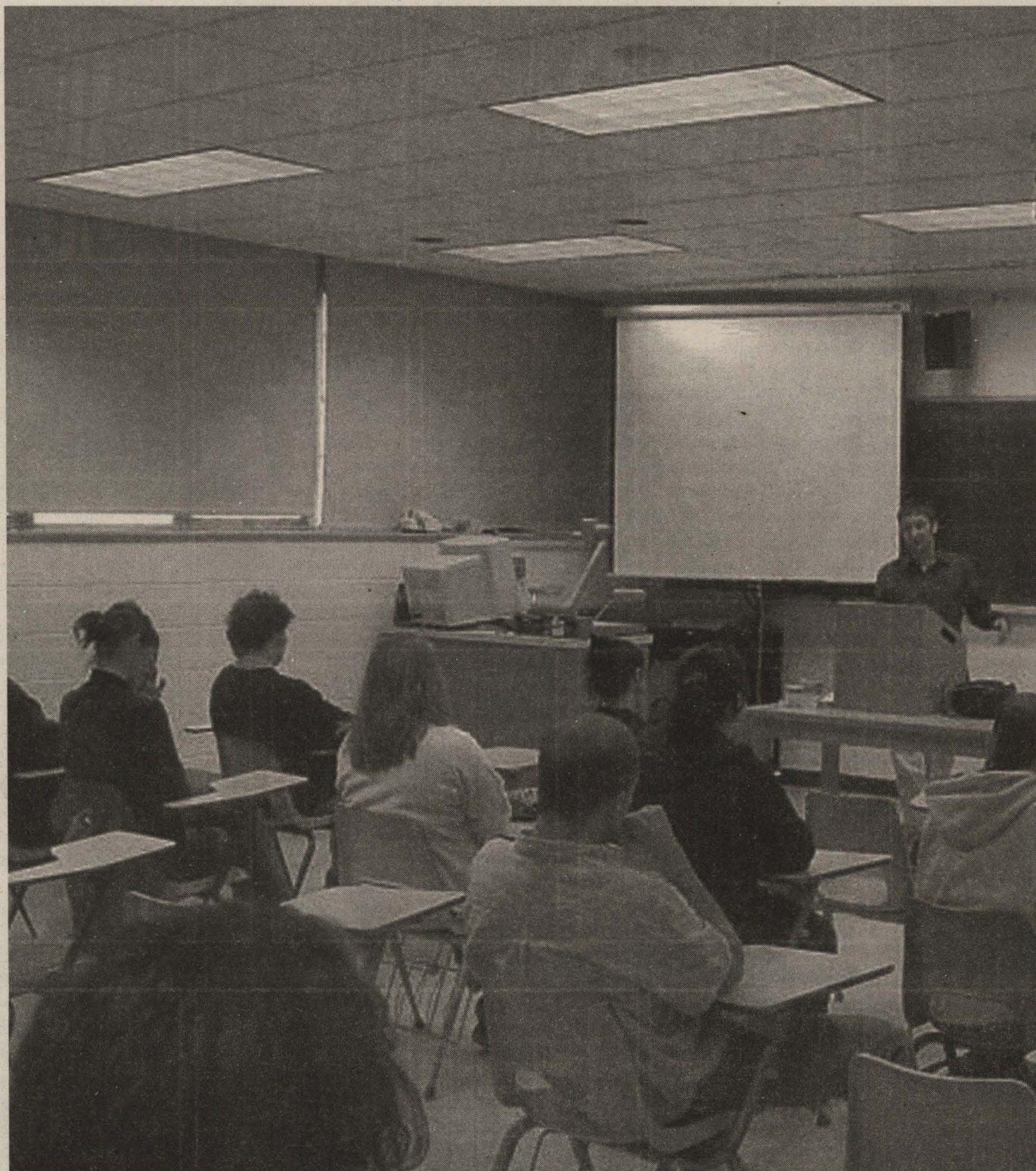
Warren also would like to see more student attendance at the symposium this year.

"It gives new students to a discipline a chance to talk to someone excelling in that field." It can also spark the imagination and drive of students in attendance enough that they would want to submit something the next year. But overall, it is just good, honest, scholarly discourse among colleagues in the same or different fields.

"The students who present are always delighted to talk about their research," said Warren.

Participation in the symposium, either by submitting a project or simply attending, is a worthwhile experience for all involved. Warren likened the experience of presenting at the symposium to an athletic event for the academic world.

"These students work so hard on their projects, but it is a private success. They don't get the performance aspect. This gives them a chance to show off their hard work to an audience cheering them on," she said.



Matt Grosjean presents his research at last year's symposium.

Photo by Dona Warren

TECH TIDBIT

My Small Obsession: America's huge obsession

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Ok, I admit, I am a little bit of a YouTube junkie. But being a music major my YouTube searches tend to run along the lines of "Queen of the Night Aria," "Maria Callas," and "Le Nozza Di Figaro." But my two all time favorite search requests are "Jon Stewart" and "Grey's Anatomy."

Most people don't use YouTube like I do though. Anyone who has spent any time on the website knows that the sky is the limit when it comes to YouTube broadcasts.

I have seen everything from a preschool president campaign add to Will Ferrell crooning to "Phantom of the Opera" to a solo acoustic version of Outcast's "Hey Ya" by "the large white man"

Apparently there is also a facet of

YouTube where lonely and desperate individuals broadcast to the world their deepest darkest secrets to anyone who will listen, a sort of video blog if you will. Probably not something I'll be looking into any time soon.

It seems that the entire nation, at least in the age categories of 18-25 are completely swept away with the small phenomenon of YouTube. YouTube has received so much notoriety that it was awarded Time magazine's "Invention of the year" award.

YouTube currently broadcasts 100 million videos and its users upload 70,000 new videos every day, according to Time Magazine.

So if you're looking for a good laugh, or just need a virtual shoulder to cry on, log on. I promise you won't be disappointed.

Avoiding the pitfalls of student debt: Part 2

Jeff Peters
POINTLIFE REPORTER

College is expensive. A head full of information and a degree to hang on the wall often comes burdened with an additional consequence - a lifetime of debt. 2004-05 University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point graduates averaged more than \$15,000 in debt. And that's just the average; many students end up owing more.

It's not something a lot of students think about until after graduation, said Kyle Barber, a United States Student Association Field Organizer.

"That's when the bills come. You don't really think about it because you just keep getting loans and a lot of them don't accrue interest until after you graduate so it just sits there. But then when you graduate and you're making 28 grand a year but you've got 15 grand in debt it's kind of tough," said Barber.

"Students come in, and they need a loan, and they've got this immediate need, and they don't think about the payment later. They're trying to solve their problems right now, but you really need to think about what you're facing later," said Carol Scipior, Assistant Director of Student Financial Aid. "Think about the future of what you're going to have to pay, and see if somehow you can adjust your current lifestyle and maybe take a little bit less."

She believes sitting down to look at spending habits and finding spots in students' budgets to cut back is a crucial step to healthy finances.

"I can't say enough about budgeting, how important it is to take a look at your income and expenses," said Scipior. "You may have to have macaroni and cheese instead of going for a pizza."

"Another thing that I recommend to students is whenever you need to take out a new loan, do some calculations to figure out how much is this loan going to adjust your lifestyle later. Take what loans you've taken out so far, add this new loan, use a calculator - there are a lot of calculators on the internet - and figure out what your

monthly payment is going to be when you are in repayment. And see if you can handle it based on what you're future job is, whatever you hope to be doing."

A common way to find a rough estimate of monthly payments is to multiply every thousand dollars in debt by \$12. That means an average student with \$15,500 in loans would face a payment of \$186 a month for ten years after graduation.

She also recommends that student loan payments not exceed eight percent of a person's monthly income. Any more and students may have trouble being able to manage their payments.

"With grants not keeping pace with the rising cost of tuition, more and more students are turning to the private sector, and more loans, to finance their education," said Scipior. Alternative or private loans, unlike Stafford and Perkins loans available through the government, often have higher interest rates resulting in higher monthly payments.

Before turning to alternative loans, Scipior suggests exhausting other possibilities.

"Some students don't even think to apply for financial aid. They think that they may not qualify," said Scipior. "Students should apply for financial aid and apply early."

A study released in 2004 by the American Council on Education revealed that 850,000 students who didn't file a FAFSA were likely to have been eligible for a Pell Grant.

"We recommend students apply by June 15. I've seen students that waited until after that and they've lost out on several thousand dollars because they applied too late."

She also cautions against credit cards, which often try to market to students with gimmicks like free t-shirts or pizza in exchange for filling out an application.

"They're almost a necessary evil," said Scipior, adding, they "should be kept for very important, urgent purchases."

A student with two thousand dollars in credit card debt at 18.5 percent interest who makes only the minimum



Save your money, who knows when you will need it.

Photo by Drew Smalley

payments would take 11 years to pay off that card, according to Federal Trade Commission estimates. All the money spent on interest, nearly double the original amount, goes to waste.

As for the barrage of loan consolidation advertisements many students receive, Scipior said it may be a good idea, though it's a personal choice that should be made on a case-by-case basis.

"Consolidation is an option for students that want to make their payments manageable and perhaps lock into a lower interest rate," said Scipior.

She adds that although it may be convenient to only have one loan payment, students may want to exclude Perkins Loans from the consolidation loan since they would lose Perkins Loan cancellation benefits if it were included.

The interest rate for consolidation loans for each student should be the same across the board (as it is based on the weighted average of the loans being consolidated), so it's other incentives that can make a difference from

lender to lender.

"What students should ask for when they're shopping around for a consolidation loan is repayment incentives," said Scipior. These include lower interest rates for having the payments deducted from a checking account, or further interest reductions or rebates for making a specified number consecutive payments on time. "That's where there's the difference."

Often students' lack of knowledge about finances leads them down a road of problems, said Scipior.

"There should be a greater emphasis placed on money management. People just don't think enough about it. More course work should be offered, even in elementary and high school, talking about money management, how you really should have a budget no matter what age you are, to think about the consequences of over borrowing," said Scipior. "You can't just borrow and borrow and not think about how it's going to impact the future."

This week's featured student organization: Wavemakers

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Good health is a top priority for many people. Eating wholesome foods is one important way to keep the body in good working order. What happens when the foods that claim to be healthy can also have negative effects? Many people are eating fish because of its positive attributes, but recent studies have found that some varieties can contain high levels of mercury, which can have harmful consequences. The crusade of an organization called the Wavemakers is to let the public know about this problem.

The Wavemakers are putting in effort to "promote public awareness of mercury pollution and its problems," according to group member Annie Greylak. One of the group's recent projects includes focusing on the Port Edwards chlorine plant. The Wavemakers want to persuade the plant to update its technology, which will help the plant cut down on mercury emissions and therefore help clean up the environment and make it safer.

Another important part of the Wavemakers'

mission is to get local grocery stores to post signs about their seafood products that may contain high amounts of mercury so consumers can make the best choice concerning their purchases.

"We are trying to get them to put up warning signs to let their customers know [about the potential risks]," explained Greylak.

For more information on the Wavemakers or their activities, contact Greylak at agrey850@uwsp.edu or go to WISPIRG.org.

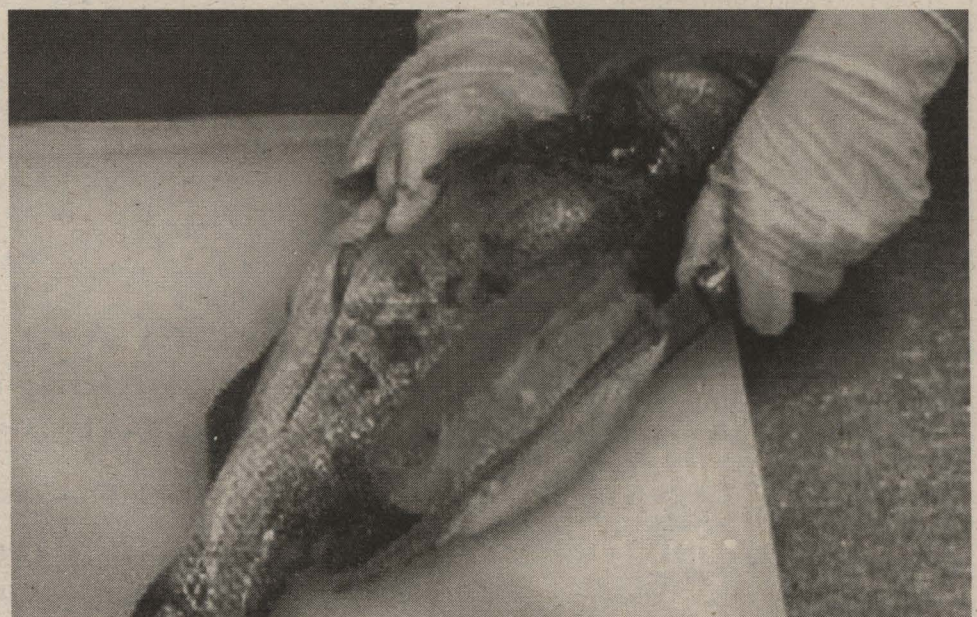


Photo courtesy of FWC website

Tissue being removed from a large-mouthed bass for mercury testing.

Students have many "g'days" in the South Pacific

Melody French
POINTLIFE REPORTER

G'Day from Australia!

This fall, a group of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students are traveling in the South Pacific, myself being one of them.

During our travels in the Fiji Islands, we lived with host families in the capital city of Suva and also in the Nadoria Village, in the Rewa province. While in the village, we spent an afternoon at a Sandbar and plenty of time playing games with the kids and participating in Native Fijian Rituals. This included welcoming and departing ceremonies such as Kava drinking. Kava is a mud-like substance that makes your mouth and throat numb when you drink it! It's all part of the experience!

The houses included little furniture, but most of us were fortunate enough to have mosquito/bug/cockroach/moth/small animal nets over our beds. I vividly remember sitting in my bed shining my flashlight around to spot the cockroaches. It must have been interesting to see my flashlight darting around like a firework, so interesting in fact that my host mom yelled to see if everything was okay.

We all gained a new

appreciation for things that are taken for granted at home during our time in Fiji, and hope that the current political unrest doesn't keep future groups from enjoying the cultural immersion from which we all gained.

We are currently in Sydney, Australia. The group has assimilated well inside Australian culture and many have done a fair bit of traveling. The Island of Tasmania, Surfers Paradise, Brisbane and the Great Barrier Reef have been a few of the highlights. There is something here for everyone, including scuba diving, whitewater rafting, hiking, surfing, snorkeling, zoos, aquariums, salsa dancing and anything else you could imagine.

Some of the coolest things that have been spotted include a man surfing in the same wave as a Killer Whale, sharks while scuba diving and whales on whale watching tours. Of course the National Park hikes have created some breathtaking "Kodak moments."

There is always something to do, whether you want to travel on the

weekends, or examine the vast city that is Sydney, Australia. The beach is always just a bus ride away, along with an array of markets and other incredible downtown Sydney experiences. Sydney is full of culture - yes they have McDonalds, Starbucks, and movie theaters - but Australia is full of a rich and interesting history that makes it a place of endless experiences. If you want to know more, go to International Programs in the CCC.



Photo by Melody French

Above:
UW-SP men
take an evening
to showcase
their fashion
sense and
modeling skills.



Left:
Students celebrate
after conquering
whitewater rapids
in the South Pacific.



Association for Community Tasks (ACT)

Currently is taking applications for the
Blood Drive Coordinator.

This position would start second semester and has
possibilities for extending into the next school year.
Application are due on Wednesday November 15 at 4 pm.

For more information see the ACT website @

www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/act/

Outdoors

A hunting season for sandhill cranes: why not?

Paul Frater
OUTDOORS REPORTER

In the past, early November waved goodbye to the last of the flocks of Sandhill cranes flying through central Wisconsin en route to their wintering grounds in Florida. But today, the potato and corn fields off Highway 10 still hold hundreds of Sandhill cranes in no hurry to fly away just yet.

With deer hunting season in full swing in Wisconsin, many wonder why there is not a hunting season for Sandhill cranes.

Sandhills are one of two crane species found in North America. The other is the whooping crane, an endangered species, which has been recently reintroduced to Wisconsin.

Several states in the western United States offer crane hunting. But the western states belong to a different flyway (migratory route of travel) and they are home to a different subspecies of Sandhill cranes. Additionally, this population of cranes numbers over 800,000 in the western U.S.

Taking out birds by means of hunting in Wisconsin will ultimately have a much greater effect on the population in this flyway than in that



Photo by Gina Javurek

Hunting Sandhill cranes in Wisconsin is illegal today, but it wasn't a century ago.

of the others. Sandhill cranes take four to five years to become mature enough to reproduce. When they are able to reproduce, they only have one or two chicks per year. Installing a hunting season could be hazardous to the population at this time.

Many farmers are in favor of installing a hunting season for cranes as a way to combat crop damage on newly planted corn fields in the spring. However, it is not clear if hunting would be deter cranes from continuing the crop damage.

Researchers and biologists are investigating new tactics farmers can use to prevent crane damage, such as

putting chemicals on the corn to keep the cranes from eating it.

There are many people who love to watch cranes and look forward to their return in the spring. If Wisconsin opened up a season, hunters, farmers, non-hunting crane watchers and various natural resource organizations would start a political battle.

In the end, the hunting season may not be worth the risk for the rewards that people would get out of it.

It is possible for a Sandhill crane hunting season to be enacted in the future, but for now, things are probably going to remain the same.



Photo by Josh Spice

Sandhill cranes often cause crop damage to farm fields in the spring.

Students spelunking at Popp's Cave

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Outdoor EdVentures trip leader Derek Miess is taking a group of University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point students spelunking for stalactites and stalagmites this Saturday at Popp's Cave, located near Richland Center, Wis.

Popp's Cave is an "active" cave, which means new chambers and passages of the cave are constantly in the process of being formed in the limestone below the water table.

Miess has spent the past three years leading groups of students through the cave.

"It might be cold outside,

but the cave stays at a constant temperature of about 50 degrees year round," said Miess.

"No experience is necessary. I think the students are going to have an awesome time and I'm excited to spend the day at Popp's."

Next week's Outdoors Section will include a follow-up of their adventure.



Photo by Derek Miess

Trip leader Derek Miess (right).

Letter: Wisconsin hunting has never been better

Press Release
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By all accounts, the stage seems set for deer hunters to have a great season this year. The herd is large, farmers are working hard to get their crops in and with a little cooperation from the weather, conditions seem almost ideal.

Hunting has never been better in Wisconsin. Wisconsin ranks number one among states for single year harvest (618,275 in 2000) and also is number one

among states for deer harvest over the past decade. Over the past 40 years the number of deer harvested per licensed hunter has doubled, annual harvests are up 400 percent and deer hunting retail sales pump \$535 million into the state economy.

Through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship fund, we're also making sure that hunters have access to public lands. Governor Doyle has made maintaining the Stewardship

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The little green menace!

Michael Maine
OUTDOORS REPORTER

There is a little green menace lurking in the woods and cities of the Midwest just waiting to feast on Wisconsin's 717 million ash trees.

What is this terrifying creature?

It is the Emerald Ash Borer, *Agrilus planipennis*. The beetle is an exotic species from Asia, and was first discovered in 2002 in Detroit, Michigan.

Since its discovery in the U.S., the beetle has left a trail of 22 million dead or dying ash trees in the Canadian province of Ontario and six states - Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Maryland, Illinois and Virginia.

The adult female lays about 60 to 70 eggs on the bark or twig of an ash tree. The newly hatched larvae burrow beneath the bark and began feeding on

the trees.

Eventually, they deprive the tree of water and nutrients. It takes about four years for a healthy Ash tree to die.

The tiny beetle, which is only about the size of an American penny, is a notorious hitch-hiker and will hitch a ride on shipping crates, nursery stock and firewood.

With the cold weather and the holiday season approaching, it is important to use only local firewood to prevent the transportation of the beetle.

With greater awareness and education of this invasive species, the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer hopefully cease and allow experts more time to find a way to control the little green



Photo by www.ppd.org

The Emerald Ash Borer is an exotic beetle that has killed more than 20 million ash trees in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

OUTDOOR EDVENTURES TIP OF THE WEEK

Julie Ravenburg
RENTAL TECHNICIAN

Do you ever find yourself at a campsite on your canoe trip and unable to find a single decent-sized tree to hang a bear bag from?

Solution: make a bear alarm. Put your food bag underneath your canoe (if your canoe is made of kevlar, it is not advised to do this). Put all your pots and dishes on top of the canoe.

If a bear tries to get underneath the canoe, he will be startled off by all the racket from the pots crashing down, and it will wake you up too!

To learn more about this tip, along with many other tricks and techniques for improving your wilderness experiences, stop by Outdoor EdVentures, located in the lower level of the Allen Center.



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Fund a top priority. As a result, more than 160,000 acres of Wisconsin's lakes, rivers, and forests have been protected in the last four years – not only preserving land, but also ensuring that all of our children and grandchildren will have a place to go to hunt and fish, not just the ones lucky enough to own a piece of land.

I'm also pleased to say that we're doing a good job spending your license dollars effectively, a responsibility we take very seriously. A recent audit reported that 98 percent of your license dollars benefits hunting and fishing.

Wisconsin boasts 600,000-plus active deer hunters, but we realize that the enjoyment of deer hunting is measured one hunter at a time. The memories we take away from the season's hunt are the ones we experience from our stump or our stand and the people we are with.

This year, the department has made a number of changes—that hunters asked for—changes we hope will increase your deer hunting enjoyment. We're trying a two-year moratorium on October gun antlerless deer hunting; we've created a statewide four-day antlerless hunt in early December with unlimited cheap antlerless deer tags

available in all the herd control units; we've simplified tagging and carefully explained tagging in this year's deer regulations; and again this year, every hunter shouldn't be too far from a participating venison donation meat processor so no game is wasted.

Last season we put the Earn-a-Buck prequalification program in place at your request. We've navigated a few bumps in the road in getting this program going but it's been a great success. In a couple weeks, more than 70,000 hunters will hit the woods in Earn-a-Buck units with a buck harvest sticker in their pocket because they shot an antlerless deer last year in those units. And, since these buck stickers are not weapon specific, there's still time to take an antlerless deer with your bow and use the resulting buck sticker with your gun this year.

We've cut back greatly on the number of hunting days in the chronic wasting disease (CWD) management zones. You asked us to modify the CWD zone season to rekindle the excitement of an opening day, we listened. We also made the entire deer hunting season in the CWD zones unlimited for either sex. Last year we tested for CWD in the northeast region; this year we test in the

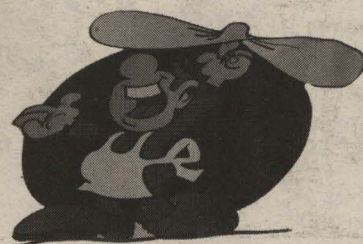
west central area and next year in the north. While we work to contain this disease in the south, it's important that we remain alert for signs of it in other areas of our state.

Hunting is the most effective tool we have for managing Wisconsin's deer population. Your efforts help to balance deer with their habitat and our social tolerance for them. We have a large herd again this year: It's estimated at 1.5 to 1.7 million. Many of our management units are over population goals. We need every hunter and hunting party to harvest two antlerless deer for every buck to get a handle on deer numbers.

While we're excited about this year's prospects and I hope you are too, I'd be remiss if I didn't remind every hunter and hunting camp that the number one thing on everyone's mind should be safety. Each and every day as you head out into the field, think about safety. Continually ask yourself if what you are doing is safe for you, safe for the people you hunt with and safe for the hunters in the woods with you. As hunters, our goal should be an incident-free season.

Good luck.
Scott Hassett

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Rachel Kingsley
OUTDOORS REPORTER

amount of rainfall and the number of insects.

Did you know that oak trees don't produce acorns until they are at least 20 years old? In fact, some wait until they are 50 years old to produce their first round of acorns.

Oak trees produce acorns once a year during the fall.

Acorn production varies year to year, depending upon environmental factors, such as temperature, the



Acorns are high in carbohydrates and are used by wildlife as food primarily during times of famine.

They are an important food source for a variety of wildlife such as mice, squirrels and rodents.

Are you a hunter? Send your Big Buck pictures into the outdoors section!

E-mail your pictures to afrie140@uwsp.edu

Steve's Hunting Tip of the Week

Steve Kaufman
OUTDOORS REPORTER

In a little over a week, almost 700,000 thousand hunters will be flooding Wisconsin's woods with the hope of getting a shot at a monster buck. Just before dawn opening morning, these hunters will be slowly sneaking out to their stands, trying to be as quiet as possible.

My tip this week is to not be one of these hunters! As most hunters flood the woods at daybreak, you should already be in your stand ready to take advantage of the commotion they are causing.

During gun season, try to be in your stand about an hour before daybreak. This will give the woods more time to settle down after you walk into your stand, but more importantly, this will allow you to see deer that travel past your stand as they escape from other hunters who are walking in the woods.

Every morning of deer season, I hear my neighbors driving their ATVs out to their stands, and almost every year I see deer as they escape these hunters and head to the thick cattail marsh on the opposite side of my stand.

When hunting pressure gets too much for deer to tolerate, seek out the most remote, thickest spots you can find. This is where a lot of deer are going to escape to as hunters keep flocking to the woods.

These areas are usually your best bet to see consistent daylight activity during times of heavy hunting pressure. Most daylight rutting activity will also take place in these areas. These spots are often hard to get to and take a lot of work to clear shooting lanes, but they are worth the effort.

Good luck and hunt safe!

The College of Letters and Sciences President William C. Hansen Lecture Series

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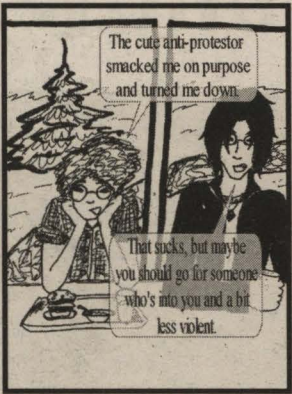
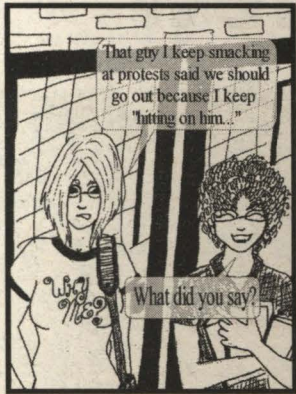
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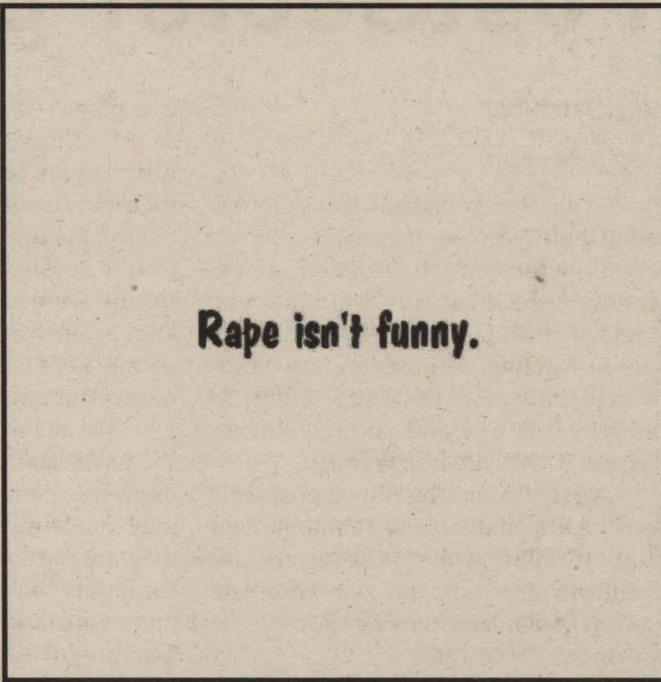
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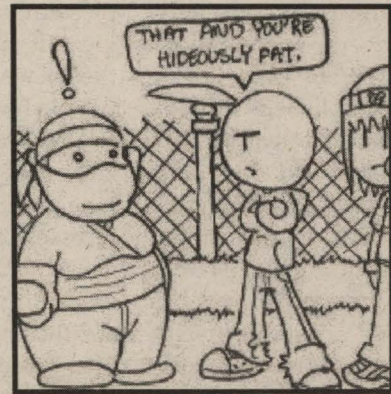
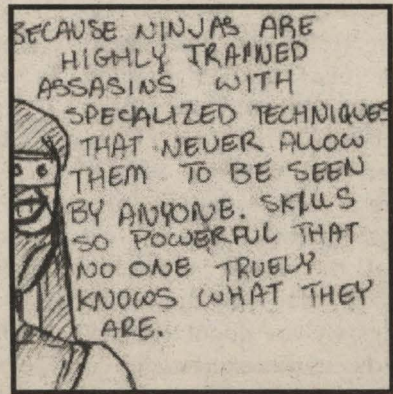


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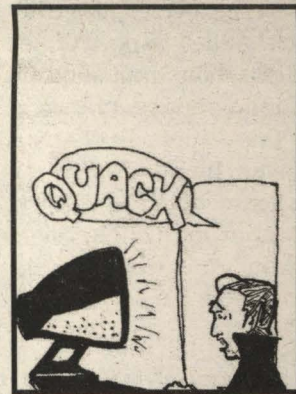
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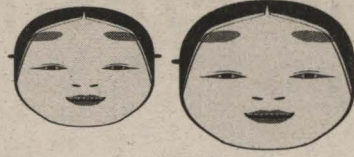
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Arts & Review

PostSecret gallery show: a review

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"You are invited to anonymously contribute your secrets to PostSecret. Each secret can be a regret, hope, funny experience, unseen kindness, fantasy, belief, fear, betrayal, erotic desire, feeling, confession, or childhood humiliation. Reveal anything - as long as it is true and you have never shared it with anyone before.

"Create your 4-by-6-inch postcards out of any mailable material. If you want to share two or more secrets, use multiple postcards. Put your complete secret and image on one side of the postcard."

So says Frank Warren on his PostSecret website. Warren, an artist from Germantown, Md., began his spe-

cial project in 2004. He left postcards in art galleries, subway stations, and libraries, inviting people to mail him their darkest secrets anonymously. He posted the resulting secrets in his blog (<http://postsecret.blogspot.com>). The results were immediate. Even though Warren only made 3,000 postcards, the secrets kept coming even after he had received them all back.

"We all have secrets," said Warren. We have "fears, regrets, hopes, beliefs, fantasies, betrayals, humiliations. We may not always recognize them, but they are part of us. Each one of us has the ability to discover, share and grow our own dark secrets into something meaningful and beautiful."

Warren donates part of the profits from PostSecret to a suicide help hotline, and encourages his submitters to tell the stories of how his site has changed their lives.

Warren receives hundreds of postcards every day, and thousands visit his site. He has published a book of these postcards, "My Secret," and has also put out a version of the book in the United Kingdom. What started as a personal project has grown into a pop-culture phenomenon, complete with book signings and art gallery exhibits. A portion of Warren's collected postcards are on display in the Edna Carlsten Gallery.

The PostSecret gallery exhibit delivered about what I expected. Anonymous confessions like PostSecret are popular these days. PostSecret and its various spinoffs (such as GroupHug.com



The PostSecret Exhibit in the Carlsten Gallery.

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Frank Warren (center) poses with gallery curators, Branden Martz and Alyssa Taylor.

and NotProud.com) give us the guilty pleasure of saying "see, there are people out there worse off than me" or the solace of "okay, so there are other people like me out there." In a culture where we bemoan the loss of privacy and personal freedoms, we also take pleasure in peeking into the deep recesses of other peoples' hearts.

Much of the exhibit's premise relies on shock value—just how dirty are the things we are about to read? The postcards in the exhibit deliver the expected: sex, masturbation, loss of religion, hidden homosexuality, cheating, lying, stealing and all of the other "dark" things we keep to ourselves, and then share with the world anonymously.

While the psychological implications of sharing and viewing these "secrets" says something about the voyeur in all of us, I found the exhibit disappointing overall. Although Warren allegedly receives hundreds of secrets every day, and the Edna Carlsten Gallery has a lot of available

space, the exhibit consists of several constructed walls, upon which page protectors full of secrets are hung. The rest of the wall space is devoted to bubble quotes from various postcards. Without the accompanying artwork of these postcards, the quotes seem somehow hollow. Other secrets are projected onto a white screen via a computer slideshow. Personally, I would rather see the actual cards than a slideshow. Neither was I especially drawn to the selection of secrets. The variety of artwork on the various cards was interesting, but the "secrets" themselves are, in many cases, expected and trite.

The "shock value" aspect of the exhibit was less than appealing. If you're a fan of anonymous confessions, you will enjoy this exhibit. To others, it is a guilty pleasure. If nothing else, it is a pop culture commentary on the very nature of secrets in the United States today. The exhibit runs from October 22 through November 22.

"The Prestige" keeps the audience guessing

Nelson Carvajal
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

"The Prestige" is perhaps the closest fictional illustration of filmmaking that one can experience aside from a mockumentary on actually making a movie. Although "The Prestige" is actually a period piece in Victorian England and its plot revolves around two rival magicians, one can sense the creation of the film's trickery and illusion in almost every scene. Perhaps director Christopher Nolan (who co-wrote the film with his brother Jonathan) has now decided to let the audience in on the secret and after such ardent attempts at artistry (2000s "Memento" and 2002s "Insomnia") and wizardry (2005s "Batman Begins"), the now-established director has woven together a visual guide on

how to magically create art in front of an eagerly attentive—and ultimately critical—audience.

Much of the film's brilliance comes from its screenplay. The Nolan Brothers have been known for their unconventional use of narrative (as in the reverse storytelling of "Memento"), and in "The Prestige" they up the ante by providing three parallel timelines for one singular story, all told out of sync.

Sound confusing? Don't worry. From the film's compelling opening scene where a stage magic act goes horribly wrong, the film's tone and rhythm not only make themselves known but announce that they're staying for dinner. It's rare these days that a film can be so unclear and yet so compelling that audience members begin the film

scratching their heads and later in the film find themselves looking at each other, nodding in a collective assurance that they can connect the dots or—in fashion with the film's topic—guess what card the director is holding.

Hugh Jackman (the "X-Men" trilogy) and Christian Bale ("American Psycho") star as Robert Angier and Alfred Borden. The two men begin as up and coming magicians under the wings of Milton (Ricky Jay) and Cutter (two-time Academy Award winner Michael Caine). After a fatal stage act involving Angier's sultry wife Julia (Piper Perabo), Borden finds himself struggling in slums and bars trying to draw a crowd for his magic act. Meanwhile Angier, under the sympathy of his mentor Cutter, uses his wealth and demeanor to take

the city's spotlight of theatrical stardom.

Angiers and Borden are wonderful foils for each other: Angiers, a likable stage showman with mild magical material and Borden, an outwardly unappealing but ultimately passionate and talented magician. The conflict of the film really kicks off when the pompous Angiers finds himself mesmerized by the sheer brilliance of Borden's new act, "The Transported Man." The act involves Borden walking into one door on one side of the stage and coming out of another door on the opposite side of the stage in about a second. How does he do that? The remainder of the plot is relentless in its chase after the secret, plunging both lead characters into a hostile game of topping each other's act. During this time,

the film also introduces additional intriguing characters, such as Olivia Wenscombe (Scarlett Johansson) and Nikola Tesla (David Bowie).

This intriguing movie has several plot twists and a flooring double-sided twist in the film's closing scene. Audiences will find themselves wanting to rewind the film to its very first opening shot. Not the stage magic act gone horribly wrong—but that quick opening shot that was so subtle and pleasant. "Are you watching closely?" Borden's voice asks during that shot. To reel an audience in and make them believe you're holding the coin in one hand, only to later reveal to them it was in the other hand the whole time, is the work of a truly talented magician. Or, in our modern times, a truly talented director.

Pointer soundtrack: our music part II

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Still looking for great new music? Our Copy Editors, Page Designers and Business team share their favorites.

Sara Jensen
Head Copy Editor
Album: "Pretty Girls Make Graves"
Band: Elan Vital

Led by two female vocalists, (one of them toting an accordion), this band has a unique sound that varies over the course of the album. One minute you're listening to a drum-heavy beat, the next you're hearing an accordion solo, reminiscent of a French cabaret. The poetic lyrics are catchy and inviting, making it an easy CD to sing along with in the car. The songs are upbeat and fun sounding, yet many are filled with important messages. "Parade" is one example. It's catchy, it's upbeat and the best feminist song according to my friend Scott. My personal favorites, at the moment anyway, include "Pyrite Pedestal," "Pearls on a Plate" and "Selling the Wind."

Steven Heller
Business Manager
Album: "Hot Fuss"
Band: The Killers

"Hot Fuss" is the first and only CD where I love each and every song. The songs all have a unity to them, yet each sounds different. My favorite is "All These Things that I've Done" which is a great song. Toward the middle of it, about two and a half minutes in, the song breaks down to just a guitar strumming and the line, "I've got soul, but I'm not a soldier," is repeated. It is one of my most favorite 45 seconds of any piece of music. The entire album is just great though. It is one of my favorite things to either jam out to, or just put in the background while doing homework late at night.

Stephanie Schauer
Page Designer
Album: "ThirdEyeBlind: A Collection"
Band: Third Eye Blind

I'm loving Third Eye Blind's first greatest hits album because it has all of my favorite songs in one place! For those who don't really know the band, you will probably recognize their more popular songs such as

"Semi-Charmed Life," and "How's It Going to Be." And for the hard core fans, the album has two B-side tracks, the exclusive lyric version of "Slow Motion," and fan favorite (and my personal favorite) "Motorcycle Drive By." The CD comes with a book, which includes an interesting behind-the-scenes look at the origins of the songs by writer and lead singer Stephan Jenkins. The whole package is well worth checking out. This band's fusion of pop and alternative rock is perfect for anyone who likes "pretty little songs with dirty little words."

Teri Collier
Copy Editor
Album: "Mmmhmm"
Band: Relient K

More than just your standard pop-punk band, Relient K has what it takes to touch your heart with one song and get it pumping with the next. Though they're more into the secular market now, most of RK's songs on this album are pretty deep and spiritual. From the uplifting "High of 75," to the popular "Be My Escape," to the entirely relatable "I So Hate Consequences," the witty lyrics and often intricate guitar riffs featured on this album are the perfect wake-

up blend of humanity and motivation.

Stephen Kaiser
Sports Editor
Album: "The Presidents of the United States of America"

In the Limelight: David Stangel



Photo courtesy of David Stangel

Major: Music Education (Instrumental)
Hometown: De Pere, Wis.

What led you to major in music?

My father is a band teacher (has been for almost 30 years), and his success and impact on students led me to desire a career in music as well. Also, I like music.

Who do you consider to be your greatest musical role model?

In terms of education, my father. I also like the performance aspects of Brian

May of Queen and the compositions of David Arkenstone.

What do you plan to do after you graduate?

I'm going to start a teaching job. After a few years, I plan to get my Master's Degree in Music Education

What has been your most memorable moment as a UW-SP musician?

"Carmina Burana" in the fall of 2005 was incredible and was by far my most memorable music moment thus far.

Who or what inspires you the most in your music?

Probably my father.

What is your favorite part of being a UW-SP music major?

I like how close everyone in the music department is. In most other departments, many of the students don't know each other, but in music, we know everyone (almost).

What's in your CD Player?

Queen, David Arkenstone, and some random music that I like.

Do you have a favorite quote?

"Life doesn't suck - it's just temporarily inconvenient." ~ David Stangel

Band: The Presidents of the United States of America

When I was in fifth grade, I bought my first CD player and my first two CDs. One of which was this gem,

the self-titled album from the PUSA. Eleven years later, I still listen to the album. Why? It's fun, from beginning to end. There haven't been many albums that have had such a disturbing, but most welcome, effect on me.

The songs are simple yet obscure. The opening song, "Kitty," is a song that any cat-owner can relate to. Cats are so cute, but the second they sink their claws into your flesh, you want to kick them out the door. In "Body," the band takes a promiscuous line like "I can't get your body out of my mind" and connects it with their lost amphibious pets' dead bodies they found a couple weeks after they crawled out of their cages.

If you were pop conscious during the time period when this album came out, you will remember the hits "Peaches" and "Lump." These are great songs. But in order to get the full experience, I highly recommend listening to the entire album.



Our favorite albums; something to jam to.

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Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide:
Sick People

By: Pat "Zero Lactose Intolerance" Rothfuss
BEHOLD THE POWER OF CHEESE.

Dear College Survival Guide,

I've been sick for a week now, fever, cold, sore throat, etc. 2 days ago though I woke up with fluid in my ears, like I-can't-fucking-hear type fluid. Every time someone talks I hear the "wah, wah" type thing after their sentence. I figure it's an ear infection brought on by my nasty cold, but keep in mind I have no health insurance.

So my neighbor tonight thought it would be a good idea to fix this problem for me. She went online and found out that ear drops are basically just water and hydrogen peroxide. So basically long story short she took a syringe(not the kind where you inject, but where you actually squirt) and shot a water hydrogen peroxide mix into my ear and had me lay down on my side for 20 min.

Point of story.....I'm deaf. What now? Do I start learning sign language, or do I suck it up and just pay the 8 trillion dollars to see the doctor? Please grace me with your infinite wisdom.

Sincerely,

-Developing Ear Acronyms ain't Fun

Ahhh. Lovely sig. I know it's not easy coming up with a good acronym, DEAF, but I appreciate the effort.

I know most of my advice is along the lines of: "Rub some dirt on it and get back in the game." But there's a difference between toughing it out and ignoring something that might need fixing.

I went in to get my teeth drilled a couple years back. Apparently my molars have "deep grooving." That's right: I have groovy teeth. In fact, my whole mouth is groovy. Ask any of my girlfriends, current or ex, they'll tell you the same thing.

Anyway, groovy teeth can lead to problems in the future. So the dentist's solution is to drill out the grooves in your teeth to make even bigger grooves, then coat them with some fancy space-age polymer. Okay. Fair enough.

I go to the dentist and he wheels out the cart with those big Novocain needles on it. I say, "Do we really need those?"

He looks at me like I'm stupid. "I'm going to be drilling your teeth." He says, and revs the drill to make his point. It goes: vvvrrreee vvvrrrrrrrrreee eeeeeEEEEEEEE!!!"

I shrug and say, "How about we start without the Novocain, and if I can't handle it you can shoot me up then?"

He looks at me like I'm crazy. Which, honestly, I might be. But he can't inject me with something if I don't want it, so he doesn't.

You see, there's a big difference between pain and bodily harm. Pain is your body's warning signal. It's your body saying, "Hey, something's weird over here! You might want to check this out!"

This is, in my opinion, the major difference between human beings and things like lizards and cockroaches. Humans have the ability to choose

how we respond to the prompting of our raw biology. When I'm hungry, I don't eat the neighbor's dog. When I'm angry, I don't stab passers-by in the neck with my pen. When I'm horny, I don't force my attentions on unwilling women. My ability to run contrary to my biological drives is what makes me human.

So I lay back in the chair and think: "Alright body. This is going to hurt, be ready for that. But it's not actually doing anything bad to you, so there's no need to get all twitchy and upset."

Anyway, he drills my teeth and it's really not that bad. The moral of the story is that I don't run to the doctor because I'm hurt. I go because I want

it while she was asleep.

Then *da da-da DA!* To the internet! I hop on, get a few facts, and see that sometimes knees to sometimes dislocate for no apparent reason.

So what do I do then, DEAF? Do I pull some Karate-Kid style healing on my girlfriend? Do I get out my toolbox and try to perform some eagle scout surgery? Fuck no. My girlfriend needs to use that knee in the future.

So I say, "We could call an ambulance." She refuses because she doesn't have health insurance. I point out that we're up on the second floor, and she's laying on the futon. There's no way I can get her down to the car without bending her knee and potentially fucking things up worse.

Luckily, a friend comes over and the two of us manage to get her to the emergency room without bending her leg. Eventually the doctor checks her out and it turns out everything is fine. No more pain, full range of motion. Diagnosis: free-floating piece of cartilage. Nothing to worry about. The visit to the ER cost her \$150.

My point? Even if you don't have insurance, DEAF, a quick trip to the doctor isn't that expensive. And it's better to make a few false alarm trips rather than miss the important one and end up with, a torn bicep, a damaged knee, or, say.... permanent hearing loss.

When you go to the doctor, what you're really buying is piece of mind. And that's cheap at a hundred bucks or so. Then, if it's nothing serious, you can be all badass like me and tough it out like the fully-formed, intellectually articulate human being I know you really are.

So get thee to a nunnery, DEAF. It's for your own good.

Wait... doctor. "Get thee to a doctor." Sorry, I've been reading a lot of Shakespeare lately. I got confused.

This is the last week for the "Describe Pat Rothfuss Contest." So make sure to get your entry in before Tuesday the 14th. Both textual and graphic depictions of Pat Rothfuss are accepted. Winners will be awarded fabulous prizes.

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to make sure that nothing gets permanently fucked up with my body if I can help it.

Let's illustrate this point with two other real life stories:

A while back my uncle strained his arm lifting something at work. It hurt like billy-fuck, but he ignored it for a couple week until the fact that his arm is still gimpy and screaming in pain finally drives him to the hospital.

Turns out he actually tore part of his bicep free from the bone. The docs can take care of the pain, but the injury had healed too long on its own and they can't re-attach it. If he'd come in earlier they could have fixed it. Plus he could've avoided weeks of excruciating pain.

Second example: My girlfriend was over at my house one night, sleeping off some particularly good sexing by yours truly. Around 1:30 in the morning, she woke up to terrible knee pain.

She starts to freak out. I ask if she can bend it and she says, she can't because it hurts too much. I check out her leg and it looks like the kneecap is out of place. I think she might have somehow dislocated

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Point of View: Long lines, claustrophobia and the real winners on Election Day



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My stomach was growling like an angry beast. Nothing could stop me now. I had waited for hours to get to this point. There was no turning back. No matter how tired my legs were or how I had to physically struggle to keep my position, I wasn't going to give up.

This pressure-packed situation might seem like something out of an athletic competition or a marathon that is coming to its last leg. However, this draining and taxing event took place not at a stadium or track meet, but at the Stevens Point Fire Station off of Division Street, my polling place on Election Day.

The impact of this year's midterm elections could be seen here in Stevens

Point just by taking a glance at the lines formed at the polls. As I left the fire station after voting, I saw the line as it extended out of the building and down to the sidewalk. A rough estimate put the number of people in the line at several hundred. This was at 6:30 p.m.; I was voter No. 736. By the time the polls closed, there could have easily been over 1,000 voters at the fire station alone.

If the length of the lines weren't enough, the path the line took made the wait even worse. In the fire station, a hallway of not more than five feet across housed three separate lines: one for pre-registered voters, one for voters who had yet to register, and the third for on-the-spot registered voters who had their forms signed and were waiting to vote. Needless to say, someone with any kind of claustrophobia was in dire straits. Even I felt short of breath and a bit uneasy at times.

After waiting for about an hour with my girlfriend at Pacelli High School, her place of voting, I entered the line at the fire station at 5 p.m. I stood in the line designated for voters yet to register and found myself close to the entrance of the building. The line took a right turn around a corner nearly 20 feet ahead of me. From the corner, it was another 30 or so to the room where the actual voting took place. Inside the room, the line extended for another 10 feet. After registering, on-the-spot registered voters

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Photo from the Stevens Point Journal

Long lines, like this one at Hi-Rise Manor on Briggs Street, were commonplace on Tuesday, with the midterm elections bringing record numbers of voters to the polls nationwide.

had to go to the rear of the third line, back to where we started.

Following an hour-and-a-half of waiting, I finally submitted my ballot and slapped an "I Voted" sticker on my chest. After shaking out my tired legs and taking a deep breath, I took to the exits in search of dinner.

The long lines and cramped locales of polling places were not necessarily bad things. They were just nuisances in the process of voting. The lengthy

wait and close quarters at voting centers showed that people have again taken an interest in who represents us in the government. While the lines

could be a potential detractor, steering people away from the polls, it seemed that waiting didn't turn anyone away. Everyone waited it out and had their voice heard.

I left the polling places on Tuesday with a sense of pride in seeing the number of my peers who turned out to vote. But most of all, I am grateful that we live in a place where the only worry on Election Day is the length of the lines.

In the end, a Subway sub conquered my hunger, a couple of stretches helped out the soreness in my legs and I could once again lay claim to my personal space after leaving the fire station. Like a runner finishing first in a marathon, I felt as if I was breaking through the tape and crossing the finish line as I left the station.

Everyone who voted finished in first place on Election Day.

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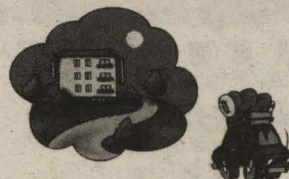
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