

## Martini bar incident stirs up some controversy

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Two University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students were asked to leave and were then escorted from Nikki's Martini Bar on the square last Sunday after behaving in a way that the owner said was offending other patrons. But the students believe that they were kicked out of the bar simply because they were gay.

Tim Schertz, owner of Nikki's and Bruisers Night Club, said that he wasn't discriminating against the students because of their sexual orientation.

"These people were not asked to leave because of their sexual orientation, they were asked to leave because of their conduct. Conduct applies

to heterosexuals as well as homosexuals," said Schertz.

Steven Schmidt and Steven Heller, both UW-SP students, had gone to Nikki's with a group of friends to celebrate a birthday. This was not their first time in the bar.

"Nikki's was my favorite place. We go there every weekend and we have spent lots of money there," said Schmidt.

Schmidt and Heller, who had been in the bar for two hours, were dancing near the bar when Schertz approached them and asked them to stop, according to Schertz.

"I had no problem with them until they started grabbing each other's rears and grinding on each other," said Schertz.

Schertz said some of his customers had come up and

complained about the students' behavior.

After Schertz asked Schmidt and Heller to stop their behavior, they told their friends they were leaving and then kissed each other in front of Schertz, according to Brian Cummings, another patron at the bar.

"At that point, we were physically removed from the bar by Tim," said Schmidt.

Once outside, Schmidt and Heller called the Stevens Point Police. Officers arrived a few minutes later and informed them that there was nothing they could do. Their case was civil, not criminal.

Captain Kevin Ruder of the Stevens Point Police Department said the owner of an establishment has the right to determine who he or she serves.

"It was an incident where people were asked to leave an establishment because their behavior was unacceptable to the owner," Ruder said. No report was filed.

Schmidt agrees that an owner can refuse service to anyone, but not on the basis of sexual orientation, which he believes was the case.

"Wisconsin Statue 106.52 protects us from that kind of discrimination," said Schmidt. "I don't think he would have thrown us out if we were a heterosexual couple."

Schertz maintains that his policy of no lewd behavior is applied across the board in his establishments regardless of sexual orientation.

The video surveillance of the night showed Schertz escorting Heller and Schmidt out of the bar then asking a third individual, Jeremy Laska, a friend of Heller and Schmidt's, to leave the bar

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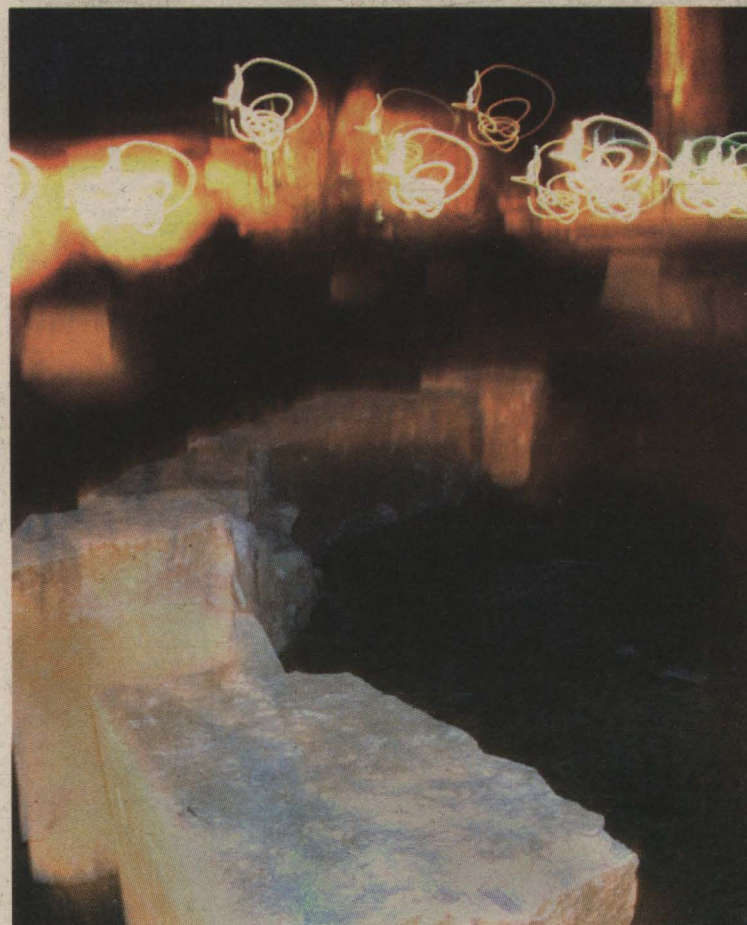


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Night shot of sculpture created near the DeBot Center.

## University installs interactive sculpture

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As students walk the busy path to and from DeBot and the residence halls, many may have recently noticed the massive chunks of rock that have been placed near the intramural fields.

The rocks are being used to create a new sculpture on campus, which is being erected near DeBot. The subject of the sculpture is a set of five limestone tables and 13 stone and steel chairs created by Wisconsin artist Amy Cropper to symbolize the role of residence life and dining at UW-SP.

The sculpture is designed to be interactive, providing places for students to sit and study when the weather is warm.

The funding for the proj-

ect came through Wisconsin's Percent for Art program, which uses money from the cost of building renovations to fund art projects throughout the state.

This particular piece, which cost around \$20,000 to create, was paid for by funding for the on-campus renovations to DeBot and the residence halls in the past few years.

The project has been in the works since 2001, when committees began discussing what type of sculpture would fit well with the UW-SP atmosphere. Several artists submitted proposals for consideration.

"We wanted something that would reflect both the residence halls and the campus focus on sustainability," said Cindy Von Gnechten, Residential Living facilities

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Photo by Drew Smalley

Front facade of the bar in which students allege they were discriminated against based on their sexual orientation.

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## THEFT

Neale Hall  
November 9, 2006 1:23 p.m.

A locked-up bike was stolen from the north bike rack in front of Neale Hall.

## DAMAGE

Parking Lot Q  
November 9, 2006 3:29 p.m.

Individual reported that his vehicle was broken into while parked in Lot Q.

## THEFT

DeBot  
November 13, 2006 1:44 p.m.

Employees at the Convenience Store in DeBot called for assistance after finding someone taking items from the store.

## THEFT

Pray-Sims Hall  
November 13, 2006 11:25 p.m.

A report that a laptop was stolen from the computer lab in Pray-Sims.

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after conferring with a separate party in the bar about what happened.

Laska claims he was standing by the bar where Heller and Schmidt started dancing when Schertz came up behind him.

"He said, 'I don't want any gay or homosexual behavior in my bar.' I was shocked," said Laska.

Shortly after Heller and Schmidt were escorted out, Laska started talking to other patrons about the incident.

"I was just explaining what was going on to some friends I went to grade school with," said Laska. "Tim said, 'You're out of here,' and led me out."

After the three individuals were escorted out, the rest of Schmidt and Heller's group left the bar.

"They [the rest of the group] left of their own accord," said Schertz. "I only asked the two people engaging in the conduct that was not acceptable to my estab-

lishment [to leave]."

The video surveillance of the incident shows that Schertz did not ask or escort anyone else out of the bar from Schmidt and Heller's group.

Schertz also said he confronted a heterosexual couple later that night for the same behavior Schmidt and Heller displayed.

Schmidt hopes that this will make people aware of the discrimination that gay people face here in Point and elsewhere.

"It's not going to be tolerated. We will not be treated as second class citizens," said Schmidt.

Both the owner of Nikki's and the students involved are contemplating legal action.

"I am still making a decision about holding the individuals accountable for slander-their story of the incident does not match what happened," said Schertz.

"We are in the midst of deciding how to take legal action," said Schmidt.

## UW-SP announces changes in billing

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Two weeks ago, University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point students woke up all over campus, logged onto their email and deleted that annoying Student Message of the Day. Little did they know that the start of a huge change in campus policy had been first announced in this way. Soon there were messages on myPoint and even letters in the mail to students announcing a sudden change in billing.

On December 5, the new policy will come to effect. Students paying their UW-SP student E-bills by credit card will be the ones seeing this huge change. To process MasterCard, Discover, and American Express credit card payments there will be a fee of 2.5 percent of the payment amount. The other major change is that they will no longer accept Visa cards.

This is all being done to cut costs on campus, since credit card fees cost hundreds of thousands of dollars for UW-SP annually. The university has contracted with Official Payments Corp. to process the credit card transactions. This company, according to its website, is "the leading provider of reliable, secure electronic payment options to government and other entities."

The bursar for UW-SP, Terri Chang, responded to many questions about the new credit card policy.

Many students were surprised at what they felt was

a decision made without any input from them.

"The Budget Review and Advisory committee discussed this topic at their meeting on February 27, 2006," said Chang. "Two students served on the committee."

"The consensus was that the credit card issue should be resolved outside of charging students a segregated fee and it was recommended that a 'convenience fee' approach be used so those using that method would be paying for it."

Some students were very angered with the sudden change in the online billing policy. There are still other options for those students who only used Visa or that do not want a convenience fee. You can still pay your UW-SP student E-bill online by E-Check, by mailing a check or money order to the UW-SP Bursar's Office, or in person by check, cash, or money order.

Still thinking of yelling at the administration about your Visa not being accepted anymore?

"We did want to have Visa as an option, but Visa requires a flat fee," said Chang. "In order to cover the expense to process all credit card transactions, the flat fee for low dollar payments would not have been reasonable. Thus, in order to continue to offer credit cards as a payment option, the percentage method, which is allowed on MasterCard, Discover and American Express, was chosen."

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designer. "And putting it outside of DeBot made the most sense based on the subject of the work."

Cropper developed the idea for the piece, and submitted her idea to the university for final approval. According to Von Gnechten, students also had a say in the selection process.

"We wanted to make sure we were getting a good voice from everyone," said Von Gnechten. "This sculpture will remain on campus for a long time."

The sculpture is approximately 90 percent finished, with just the backs of the chairs still needing to be installed. Cropper is scheduled to return to campus to finish the sculpture next week, weather permitting.

The Percent for Art Program has provided several other pieces of art in various locations on the UW-SP campus, including the Learning Resource Center, outside the Health Enhancement Center and near the College of Natural Resources.



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# Pointlife

## A holiday break does not always mean a relaxing time

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With Thanksgiving weekend just around the corner, excitement is running through University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students. Many students are waiting for a weekend that does not involve school projects or papers, while many more cannot wait for their chance to go hunting in the woods of Wisconsin. Others just cannot wait to eat food that did not come from DeBot or a dollar menu at a local fast food restaurant. Whatever the reason for the Thanksgiving weekend countdown to commence, with just under a week until the holiday break starts, many students are more than ready for some time away from the classroom.

Holiday breaks have always been looked upon as family events and times for nothing but joy. However, anyone with a family knows that holidays can be anything but joyful and cheery. For many people, holidays come with

stress and anxiety. A holiday break should mean exactly what it says, but some students are not able to have a break at all. Those students who like to go hunting or visit friends from back home rarely have a minute to stop and breathe, much less relax. While the events a student participates in may be fun, the weekend will seem like it passed before it even started. And, for those students living far away from campus, much of the holiday may be spent in the car trying to weave between the other crazy drivers trying to get home for the weekend.

However as in any case, there are exceptions. Stephen Kaiser, a senior, said "I look forward to Thanksgiving. It is our chance for a break and great leftovers."

Ask any college student what the best part of going home is and most of them will say the home-cooked meals are worth having to drive three hours or spend a weekend with crazy Aunt Ida. It is hard to argue that Thanksgiving does not have

the best food selections of all national holidays. Selections seem endless, covering all sections of the food pyramid with more than hearty portions.

Erica Berg, a sophomore, said, "I like pumpkin pie. It is my favorite. Grandma's cranberry cake is quite satisfying as well."

But, for some previously unmentioned students, holiday leftovers are the only types of meals they will receive this holiday weekend. For those students having to work over the upcoming holiday break, a feeling of dread overcomes the body.

The meaning of Thanksgiving has changed in the minds of those students who have to work at a retail store. Holidays no longer are full of joy, but of more anxiety of what is to come at work. There is nothing like the phrase "day



Photo above courtesy of L.A. Pilot, photo left courtesy of www.tonidunlap.com

After filling up on Thanksgiving goodies, shoppers swarm for great deals.



after Thanksgiving" to really make a retail employee cringe. Having to be at work long before the sun decides to shine on what is supposed to be time away from stress puts a damper on the holiday weekend and anticipation of the upcoming break. Nonetheless

the job must be done, because people need their presents and the worker needs to be paid.

So whether you are hunting, sleeping, working or doing everything in between, make sure to have a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Gobble, gobble!

## French club gets a taste of the exotic

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The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point French Club recently ventured into the cold November night to Waupaca's Chez Marché to experience French cuisine. The club had been looking for a taste of francophone culture in Central Wisconsin and they finally found it.

Located in the heart of Waupaca's downtown, Chez Marché offers a variety of French menu items such as roast duck, sausage en croustade, and spinach soufflé. In addition to its French cuisine, the menu has an international flair, offering tomato curry soup and a black bean mushroom quesadilla, just to name a few options.

Needless to say, the members of the French Club had a hard time deciding what to order.

Despite the variety of foods, no one made a poor decision. Everything that hit the table, from the French bread to the curry soups to the ravioli, gave the impression that it had been carefully prepared with fresh ingredients.

"Like in France, we had to wait a while for the meals," says Justin Timmers, French Club secretary, "but it was worth it. Our meal was far from the mass produced food of a typical American restaurant."

One of the restaurant's most interesting qualities is that most of their menu options are local or organic. When asked why she goes with local and organic food, owner Bonni Miller replied, "I have a moral imperative to try to use as little resources as possible. It's only sensible to be thrifty with the world's air, water, and monetary wealth. The current system of shipping food from industrial farm

to mega-processing plant to super-distribution centers to large chain outlets is simply not efficient."

While organic and local products do make for higher prices and more work for Miller, it definitely makes for better taste. I had cooked carrots with my meal. Sounds boring, but they may well have been the best carrots I'd ever eaten. Miller agrees that with fresh foods, "you don't have to do anything. No fancy reductions or sauces are needed."

Chez Marché also opens its doors to musicians and local politicians. This Saturday the restaurant will be hosting a speaker from Veterans for Peace. The event will include music and Middle Eastern food. Perhaps what is even more exciting is that in January, Miller will begin serving Sunday brunches.

If only we had bigger stomachs.

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# Thankful for family, friends, Jolt soda and "Dinosaurs"

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Here I am, once again, powered by a combination of turkey and caffeine. I'm not sure if I'm tired or wired! Either way, I am, like all of you, reaching that part of November where I am reminded over and over that I should be thankful for things. It seems everywhere I go, there is some cardboard pilgrim or paper cornucopia emblazoned with a reminder that I should be thankful for something or another. So, I've thought about it and here are my top five things to be thankful for this year.

## 1. My Girlfriend

Believe it or not, readers, but I do have a girlfriend! In fact, I've had the same

one for the past 10 and a half months. Her name is Heather, and she is simply terrific. She lives in Eagle Point, Wis. which is so small you'll never find it on a map. It does take me two and a half hours to drive there from campus though. I love her so much that she is worth every second of the drive and every penny of gas money. We're even one of those couples with cutesy nicknames for each other; I call her Pixie, and she calls me Slug (inside joke). She's funny, smart, beautiful... I could go on and on! So, honey, I know you're reading this, I love you!

## 2. Caffeine

A college student with a schedule like mine doesn't sleep much. I have a job, a long distance relationship

(see No. 1), an on-and-off rock band, and homework. Sleep generally takes a backseat on my priority list, as it does with many students. This is why caffeine is the legal drug of choice for busy people the world over. Stopping short of becoming a real speed freak and mainlining the stuff, I prefer taking it in copious amounts through various sources. My favorites have to be the line of Jolt sodas and the Jolt caffeinated gum, along with Rock Star Juiced energy drinks, but only the Juiced variety. I found it's the only energy drink that doesn't taste absolutely awful. A word of advice, though: readers, don't let your empty Rock Star cans build up. They really start to stink after a few days.

## 3. Stand-Up Comedy Albums

Every few months or so, I become re-obsessed with stand up comedy. I'll hear a joke by some funny person or another and I'm stuck. I am currently in one such phase; I blame Mitch Hedberg. My friend played me one of Hedberg's albums, and he has been my comedian of choice since. Previous favored jokesters include George Carlin, Richard Belzer, and Greg Hahn. Adding to the prestige of my obsession, I have albums by Bill Cosby, Woody Allen, Steve Martin, and Robin Williams on vinyl. If you can track down a copy of Williams' "Reality... What a Concept," snatch it up! Consider it a health measure, as the excessive laughing will help you burn off those holiday calories.

## 4. Pro-Football

I don't know how or why it happened, but midway through the 2005 season, I became a certifiable football nut. Suddenly I was keeping tabs on players, reading every pre-game and post-game column I could find, and my Sunday afternoons were booked through late January. The off-season only worsened my condition. I now run two fantasy football teams and bet weekly on the entire schedule against my little brother and my girlfriend, along with my previous efforts. Mind you, my interest only goes as far as professional football; I have no interest in high school or college sports nor in actually playing football. And in

case any of you were wondering, my picks for this year's Super Bowl are the Chicago Bears and the San Diego Chargers. Don't hold me to that though, it's only week 11 of the season.

## 5. TV on DVD

Does anyone else remember TGIF on ABC? The Friday night lineup of shows from 7-9 p.m. that included at various times, "Full House," "Family Matters," "Boy Meets World," "Step By Step," "Dinosaurs," and "Hangin' with Mr. Cooper." You weren't cool unless you did a Steve Urkel impression and yelled "Not the mammal!" in the most obnoxious voice possible. As time wore on, however, each of these shows went to that great channel in the sky, and my lack of cable television kept me from seeing them for years. Now, thanks to the magic of repackaging, I can enjoy all of my old favorites once again, whenever I want. It's also a great conversation starter to say that you spent the night before watching the first season of "ALF." It doesn't get much cooler than that.

I am also thankful for the usual-friends, family and all of that, but I figure you'll read enough of that through the next week and a half. This list may help you seem cooler to your relatives, younger and older. Happy Thanksgiving everyone, and remember, it's not just the turkey that makes you sleepy, it's how much of it you eat.



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Remember the "Dinosaurs"... those were the good ol' days.

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The Student Legal Society also offers information on law schools and the LSATs. For more information, stop by our office or come to one of our meetings.

## Student organization: Student Wisconsin Education Association (StWEA)

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This week's featured student organization is Student Wisconsin Education Association, an organization for future teachers. The group has meetings once a month to discuss different topics such as PI-34. Also included in the meetings are teacher panels. StWEA is a helpful organization not only for professional development, but also for personal development. This organization instills the core values into future teachers such as networking with future colleagues, future classroom success, knowledge on education policies, community involvement and public education.

For the first meeting of the year, members of StWEA

jammed 80 students into the CPS Café for an ice cream social.

In October, members of the organization attended the Fall Professional Development seminar. Included in the seminar were keynote speakers, development seminars and great food at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point. After this weekend, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point future teachers felt invigorated and inspired, with the feeling of excitement to take what was just presented and learned into the classroom. For those who were unaware or unable to attend, don't worry, there will be another seminar in the spring.

Also, there are great ways to get involved with StWEA such as becoming a board member, or joining our

great committees such as the scrapbooking committee, public relations committee, or fundraising and activity committee.

Some of the upcoming events are:

\*American Education Week-November 12-18.

\*Decorating the Portage County Nursing Home on December 7 at 6 p.m.

(As a bonus, there will be pizza and soda provided.)

\*Holiday Basket Drive through December.

\*The Next Meeting is December 13 at 7 p.m. in the CPS 233.(Refreshments will also be served.)

If you would like more information about the Student Wisconsin Education Association, please visit the website: [www.uwsp.edu/education/stwea](http://www.uwsp.edu/education/stwea).



## Science, Health &amp; Tech.

## World meets in Nairobi to discuss global warming

Jeff Peters

SCIENCE, HEALTH &amp; TECH. REPORTER

The United Nations Climate Change Conference in Nairobi began with a bleak warning - president of the conference, Kenyan Environment Minister Kivutha Kibwana, called global warming "one of the most serious threats humanity may ever face."

The two-week long conference, which ends November 17, leaves many wondering about a future world that seems destined to grow hotter over the next century.

According to the World Meteorological Organization, carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere rose a half a percent in 2005, setting a new record despite the twelve sets of UN climate talks since 1992 and a decade and a half of efforts to curtail global warming.

On the eve of the conference, held for the first time in sub-Saharan Africa, the UN released a report detailing the future affects of rising temperatures on the region many consider most vulnerable to damage from climate change.

As the average surface temperature in Africa rises an estimated two to six degrees Celsius by 2100, crop yields will begin to fall, the report concluded, and the number of people under threat from coastal flooding will rise from 1990s estimate of one million to 70 million in 2085.



Image courtesy of United Nations office at Nairobi, Ogin

The United States, one of 189 countries to sign the UN treaty on climate change in 1992, faces harsh criticism from Europe and Japan for refusing to adopt the Kyoto Protocol, an addendum to the treaty that imposes mandatory limits on developing countries. Developing countries like China and India aren't required to meet those limits, and the U.S. has argued that industrial-

ized nations would be put in an economic stranglehold by being held to those limits.

Tighter restrictions for industrialized nations may be hard to achieve if the U.S. doesn't agree to come along, said UN officials.

The national will is behind the movement, but the government isn't listening, said Justin Timmers, Environment and Sustainability Director for

the Student Government Association at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"I think if the American people were going to choose if we were going to sign onto Kyoto or not, it'd be a no-brainer. We'd be there in five seconds, because the majority of people anyways, realize enough what climate change is going to do to us," said Timmers. "We've seen already a year ago [in

Hurricane Katrina] what it's going to do. If we had the choice, we'd be there. We're willing enough to weather the economic drawbacks."

With Democrats taking control of Congress and talk of a new energy policy from the party's leaders, environmental groups see hope for change on the horizon.

Republican James Inhofe of Oklahoma, chairman of the Senate Environmental Public Works Committee, is set to be replaced by Barbara Boxer, a Democrat from California.

Inhofe has called global warming "the greatest hoax perpetrated on the American people" and has blocked bills in the past seeking to cut greenhouse gases. Boxer promised a major policy shift November 9 on global warming and air quality once she becomes chairwoman.

Even though the government hasn't signed the Kyoto Protocol and likely won't participate in any new mandates that may come out of UN talks like the one in Nairobi, individuals and smaller governments are stepping up.

"It's turning out that a lot of businesses in the U.S. are kind of just saying, 'Okay, we're just going to go over the government's head and do this ourselves,'" said Timmers. "It's fantastic, but it'd be better if the government would sign on and force the hand of all the companies that aren't doing it on their own."

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

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ALLEN CENTER

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Haven't signed up for a Cardio Center membership yet? Sign up now and get a reduced rate for the rest of the academic year! Visit [www.go2allen.com](http://www.go2allen.com) for more information!

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! Stop by OE for more information (002 Lower Allen).



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Local governments are taking over where many feel the federal government has failed. The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, which 328 mayors representing 53 million citizens have signed, calls for those communities to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol targets as well as urge state governments and Congress to pass legislation reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Mayors from eleven Wisconsin cities have signed onto the agreement - Ashland, Greenfield, La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, New Berlin, Racine, River Falls, Washburn, Wauwatosa, and West Allis.

UW-SP is one of the four schools participating

in Governor Doyle's Energy Independence Project, which is set to move the campus to entirely renewable energy within five years and lessen Wisconsin's footprint on global warming.

Matt Guidry, president of the Stevens Point Chapter of WISPIRG, said the group is urging officials to add Stevens Point to that list of Kyoto compliant cities as well.

Fighting global warming requires a twofold path of technology and conservation, said Guidry. Technology can help conservation by producing cars that get better gas mileage and homes that use less electricity, but individual people must become aware that they do make a difference.

"There's been solutions forever. It's just that people

aren't willing to give up all of these things that we've been raised knowing it's our God given right to have - our huge house and our huge car and our sprawling interstates and all of these things that are inherently bad for the environment. Those are hard things to give up," said Timmers.

Though many Americans are becoming more conscious of the environment, it has its downside as well, said Timmers.

"Environmentalism is becoming a huge fad, which is good and bad. It becomes more in the public eye, but it's also apt to the commercialism of it. It creates a lot of empty gestures," said Timmers. "I've actually seen, to date, two Hummers with 'save our environment' bumper stickers."

## Free showing of two environmental films

**Press Release**  
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The public is invited to attend free screenings of two environmental films hosted by the Global Environmental Management Education Center (GEM) on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus.

On Thursday, November 16, GEM will show "The End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream." Both videos will be shown in the College of Natural Resources, Room 120, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The videos will be introduced by Darren Doherty, an Australian environmental educator and consultant, who is in Stevens Point to teach a GEM-hosted permaculture design course.

In addition, Doherty is the featured speaker at the GEM Critical Issues International Seminar Series on Tuesday, November 14. Doherty will discuss his experiences building sustainable communities in Vietnam through permaculture. This seminar is at 7 p.m. at the Country Springs Hotel, 1501 North Point Drive, and is free and open to the public.

## CPS Dean Joan North honored by WWHEL

**Press Release**  
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Joan North, dean of the College of Professional Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has won the 2006 Outstanding Achievement Award presented by Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership (WWHEL). The announcement came at the annual WWHEL state conference held October 26-27 at UW-Madison.

"Dr. North has been a superb mentor and role model for women in academia," said Mari McCarty, executive director of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

and the current WWHEL state president. "She exemplifies the spirit of excellence that WWHEL strives to foster among all involved in higher education in the state."

A founding member of WWHEL, North has supported the advancement of women and minorities in higher education throughout her career. Under her leadership, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point WWHEL Advisory Board developed recommendations leading to internships through which women could gain the experience and insight necessary to move forward into administration. A series

of First Friday Breakfasts offered the opportunity for women to talk informally and share information.

"With Dean North's support, many new leaders were born," says McCarty.

North has served as the College of Professional Studies dean and a professor of education at UW-SP since 1985. Previously she was vice president of the Links Group, a software company, and a dean and senior vice president for administration at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa. She earned degrees in English and educational administration at Spring Hill College in

Mobile, Ala., and the University of Alabama. She's also attended the Harvard School of Business Institute for Educational Management and served as an American Council on Education Fellow.

Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership is a statewide organization devoted to increasing the number and effectiveness of women in colleges and universities in Wisconsin. Each year it sponsors a fall state conference as well as spring workshops held at five locations around the state. For more information, visit [www.wwhel.org](http://www.wwhel.org).



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## Sports

# Pointer men cap off the weekend with a win

## Men's Hockey

**Rochelle Nechuta**  
SPORTS REPORTER

This past weekend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's hockey team suffered their first loss of the season to Hamline University, but finished the weekend on Saturday with a win against Bethel.

Friday night's game started with two unanswered goals by Hamline, with Dustin Fulton scoring an unassisted short-handed goal on Pointer goalie Ryan Miech less than a minute into the game. Another goal came from HU at seven minutes in, but it was shortly

followed by the first UW-SP goal of the game scored by Russel Law. With 4:28 left in the period HU's Joe Long scored his second goal on a power play putting HU ahead by two at the end of the first.

The first 10 minutes of the second period saw goals scored by Pointers' Ross Johnson and Sean Fish. Those goals tied up the game at 3-3, but with 1:26 left on the clock HU capitalized on their second power play goal of the game putting them ahead 4-3 going into the final period. At 4:35 and 12:54 in the third period HU scored another pair of unanswered goals that pushed the score to 6-3 with the Pointers still trailing.

With four minutes left in

the period Point's Law tallied his second goal of the game. With only a minute to go Dan Francis was assisted by Andy Cankar to score another one for the Pointers and bring the score to 6-5. The Pointers called a time out and pulled their goalie to send out an extra attacker in an attempt to tie the game, but HU's Jim Erickson scored an empty net goal with 22 seconds left in the period. The game ended at 7-5 in favor of Hamline, bringing UW-SP their first loss of the season.

The Pointers out-shot their opponent 57-25 and Miech made 18 saves while HU goalie Matt Wanvig made a total of 52 saves. The loss dropped UW-SP to 12th place in NCAA rankings for their division.

Saturday brought a new opponent to the Willett Arena ice in Bethel. Ten minutes into the first period, UW-SP's Brett Coburn was assisted by Taylor Guay and Tom Upton to score the only goal of the period. Nearly eight minutes in the second half, Point's Fish scored again to give Point a two-goal lead. It didn't take Bethel long to answer with a goal that left them trailing by one, but only minutes later, Law was assisted by Josh Calleja and Fish. Brett Beckfield cashed in on Point's power play opportunity when he scored unassisted at 15:51. However, UW-SP's three-goal lead wouldn't stick, and Bethel scored a power play goal with only 13.7 seconds left in the second. At the end of two periods the Pointers still held onto the two goal advantage with a score

# UW-SP swim team shows depth at Border Battle

## Swimming

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Swimming and Diving Team had an exciting weekend after they won the first annual "Border Battle" against Minnesota State-Mankato and South Dakota, both Division II teams.

The meet was scored as a national meet. In this type of scoring the point value of second, third and fourth place combined are worth much more than first place alone.

"National meet scoring favors deep teams. With dual meet scoring you can win a meet with four talented swimmers. It is staggering how much depth we have," said Al Boelk, the Pointer's head coach.

But scoring wasn't important in this meet.

"To be honest, none of the coaches cared which team came out on top," said Boelk. "The important thing was the quality of the races and the good competition. Everyone had to lay it all out on the line."

The Pointer men took the meet with 1,343.5 points. South Dakota had 750.5 points and Minnesota State had 9.5 points.

On the women's side, the Point women's team came out on top with 1,368.5 points. South Dakota trailed the Pointers with 1,029 points and Minnesota State had 769.5 points.

Chad Gross had another

impressive meet capturing the 50-yard freestyle in 21.22 and the 200-yard freestyle 1:44.41. Gross was also named WIAC swimmer of the week for the second week in a row.

Ben Gensler captured the 100-yard breaststroke title in 1:00.63 and Gensler and Gross teamed up with Rob Donisch and Chris Hurska to win the 400-medley relay in 3:32.36.

On the women's team, Trish Nye won the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:10.31, Jerica Crook took the 100-freestyle in 55.11 and Kari Slawson won the 1,650-yard freestyle in 18:22.26.

The Pointers now turn their attention to conference relays this weekend at UW-Eau Claire.

"After this meet all the cards will be on the table, everyone will know who has what for each stroke," said Boelk.

After conference relays the team will start to taper for the Wheaton invitational December 1 and 2.



Matt Stendahl (26) looks for an assist in Friday night's loss to Hamline University.

Photo by Drew Smalley

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**The School of Education  
is hiring Graduate  
Assistants for Spring  
2007.**

Deadline for application  
is Friday, November 10.  
Interested graduate students  
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application in CPS 470

# Pointer football team ends season with four straight wins

## Football

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With their 20-19 victory over the University of Wisconsin-Stout on Saturday, the UW-Stevens Point football team clinched sole possession of third place in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, capping a successful season. The victory was the fourth straight for the Pointers, who end the year with a 6-4 record. During the course of the winning streak, Point proved they could win close games, outscoring their opponents by a combined margin of 10 points over their final four games.

The 6-4 record is even more impressive considering

the obstacles the team had to overcome over the course of the season. Because of a quirk in the schedule, the Pointers played only three home games the entire season, the lowest number of home games since 1947. Point won two of those three home games, but more impressively, managed to finish their road schedule with a winning record at 4-3.

As if having only three home games wasn't hard enough, the Pointers were faced with one of the toughest schedules in the country. Three out of their first five games were against teams ranked in the top ten nationally. In those games, Point was beaten quite handily by Hardin-Simmons, UW-Whitewater, and UW-La Crosse. But after dropping those tough games, Point approached the remainder of their schedule determined to

prove they were better than their 2-4 start suggested. And they did just that. Wins against Oshkosh, Eau Claire, Platteville, and Stout turned a forgettable season into a memorable one for the team, especially its seniors.

"I couldn't have written my last season any better," senior quarterback Brett Borchart said. "It was an unbelievable ride and I am grateful to have had played with such a great group of guys. To turn it all around in the second half of the year really shows the character of this team."

Senior Cody Childs also believes the success of the team was due to its senior class.

"Coming into this year we knew we had an outstanding class of seniors and I think the last four games of the season really reflected how important

the senior leadership was this season," Childs said. "I thank all the players and coaches that experienced the journey we had this year."

This year's squad was definitely one that was senior led and the team no doubt has some holes to fill for next season. Many team leaders including Borchart, Childs, Lincoln Berg, Jacob Dickert, Brandon Czys, and Brett Hirsch will need to be replaced, but that's exactly what next year's crop of seniors are there to do.

Aside from leadership to their teammates, the team's seniors also compiled impressive statistics. After finishing second in the league in total offense a year ago, Borchart led the league this season, accounting for 226.8 yards a game. Childs finished fourth in the conference in rushing with 906 yards and first in

all purpose yards, compiling 1,345 yards. The running back also led the league with 12 touchdowns. Senior wide out Dickert finished first in the league in receptions, hauling in 56 passes.

Defensively, Hirsch finished tied for third in the conference in interceptions with five while Berg was tied for seventh with four. Also standing out on the defense was Czys, who led the league in tackles with 108, including 66 solos.

"It's a great accomplishment to finish the season 6-4 and have third place all to ourselves after starting the season 2-4," Berg said. "We could have folded and felt sorry for ourselves, but instead we decided that a losing season wasn't going to be tolerated."



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of 4-2.

A minute and 18 seconds into the third, Bethel took a shot on a power play and the puck snuck into the dislodged net during a scramble in front of the crease. The referees ruled a no-goal because the net had been knocked out of position, and the score remained 4-2 in favor of UW-SP. With seven-and-a-half minutes left in the game Bethel took advantage of another power play. Pointer goalie Marcus Paulson blocked the first shot but the rebound was knocked into the net by a mid-air swing. UW-SP received five minute checking from behind and ten minute game misconduct penalties, which forced them to kill penalties for

the remainder of the game. With 40.8 seconds left in the game Bethel called a timeout and the last of the game was played in UW-SP's zone. Paulson made a save with 6.3 seconds left on the clock and there was a faceoff in the zone. After another whistle and a timekeeping misunderstanding, 1.4 seconds were left on the clock, but the buzzer rang after the last faceoff and UW-SP found themselves celebrating a victory of 4-3 over Bethel.

Pointer goalie Paulson played all sixty minutes of the game and accumulated 41 saves, a career high, bringing his record for 2006-2007 to 3 wins and 0 losses. Bethel goalie Patrick Kiely had 22 saves in the game.

Dan Francis, one of the team's three alternate captains said that, "We want to improve every day, work hard

on and off the ice, and play as a team."

The Pointers will have their chance to do that this week when they play two Northern Collegiate Hockey Association league games that count toward league standing. Friday the team will travel to take on UW-Stout,

and Saturday night the Pointers host UW-River Falls.

"The NCHA is a tough league and there should be some unbelievable games," head coach Joe Baldarotta said. "We've learned some lessons that should translate into good things in the future."

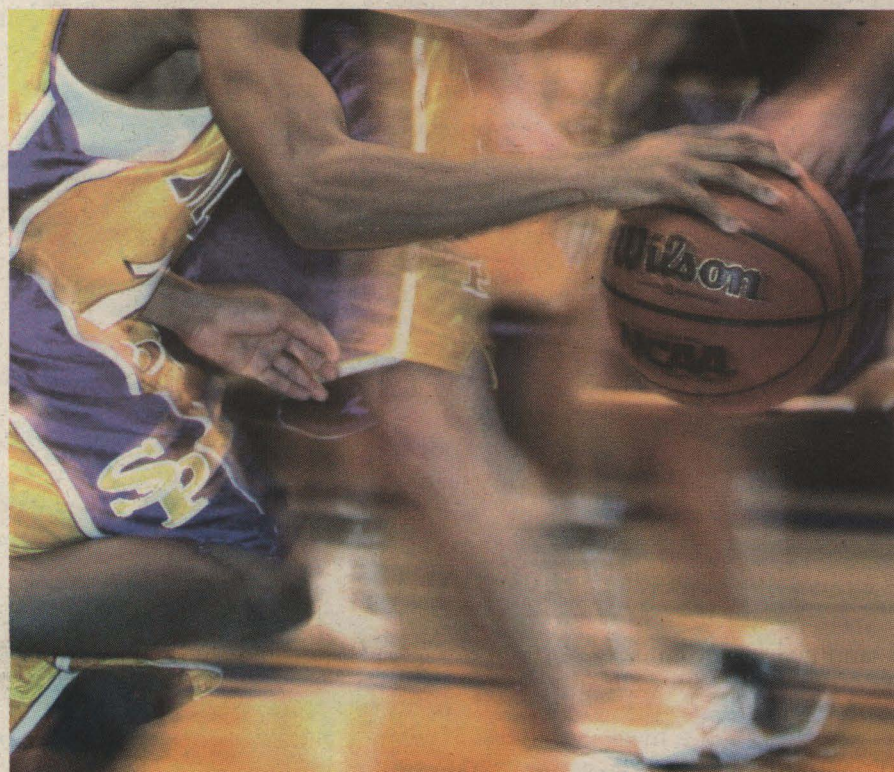


Photo by Drew Smalley

The men's basketball team started their season last week in the Purple/Gold game.



Photo by Drew Smalley

There was plenty of action this weekend, demonstrated by this vicious body-check into the glass.

## The Pointer Invite: a scene of internal grappling

### Wrestling

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point wrestling team started its season on Saturday, November 11 in a tournament that was not team scored. The Pointer Invite is a platform for wrestlers to showcase their individual talents early in the season. Schools ranging from Division I to junior colleges from all across the area, 18 in total, came to compete.

There were many great performances across the mat, and the action was intense. But one of the best stories unfolded in the third place match of the gold division 184-pound bracket.

It was teammate against teammate, Pointer against Pointer, in a battle for the bronze between junior Craig Bollis and senior Tyler Wozniak. According to Bollis, the two wrestlers have been fighting for a spot on the active roster ever since he came to UW-SP.

"Wozniak and I have been bat-

ting for this position for the last three years," Bollis said. "In the past I have beaten him in each of the wrestle-offs, including a match last season at the Eau Claire tournament."

Their match on Saturday was very close. But Wozniak came away with the win with a score of 6-4.

"Wozniak is a hardworking guy who knows how to win matches," Bollis said. "He's a tough kid to beat."

With two very talented and evenly-matched wrestlers at the 184-pound weight class, Pointer fans would hope that maybe one of them could move down a weight class. However, there is no chance of either of them moving anywhere. The results of their skin-fold tests reveal that there is no healthy weight to lose. The two wrestlers are stuck with each other, for better or worse.

"It's the start of a new year and things begin fresh," Bollis said. "It's going to be tough to get a win against him when we meet up in the future."

## Senior on the Spot

### Nathalie Lechault – Women's Basketball

**Major:** Biology, with a chemistry minor.

**Hometown:** Chavannes de Bogis, Switzerland.

**Do you have any nicknames?** Nat, Nathalie Lenore Francoise Lechault (my full name, pronounced the French way, has been turned into a nickname by my teammates).

**What are your plans after graduation?**

Medical school (hopefully!).

**What has helped you become such an accomplished athlete?** A lot of hard work and commitment, good coaching, support from family and friends, awesome teammates, and being taller than most of the girls I play against.

**What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?**

Making it to the final four my freshman year.

**What's your most embarrassing moment?** I tend to embarrass myself when I first go home in the summer, and my French is a little rusty from speaking it so little all year. For example, I once used the word 'préservatif' thinking I was saying 'preservatives', but in French it actually means 'condom'. The conversation got a little awkward after that...

**What CD is in your stereo right now?** – The White Stripes.

**What DVD is currently in your DVD player?** – Pride and Prejudice.

**What will you remember most about UW-SP?** – My friends and teammates.

Although hopefully I'll remember a few things from classes as well, otherwise I've just wasted a whole lot of money.

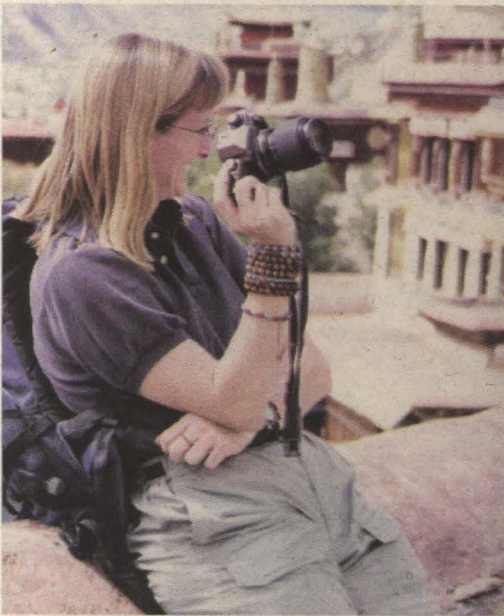
**What are the three biggest influences in your life?** – Family, friends, and at the moment, a couple of medical school admissions committees.





## Arts &amp; Review

## The "Miss Adventures" of Lisa Greyhill



Lisa Greyhill's adventures include visits to Tibet and mountain climbing expeditions.



Snapshots from the travels of Lisa Greyhill.

**Jennifer E. White**  
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

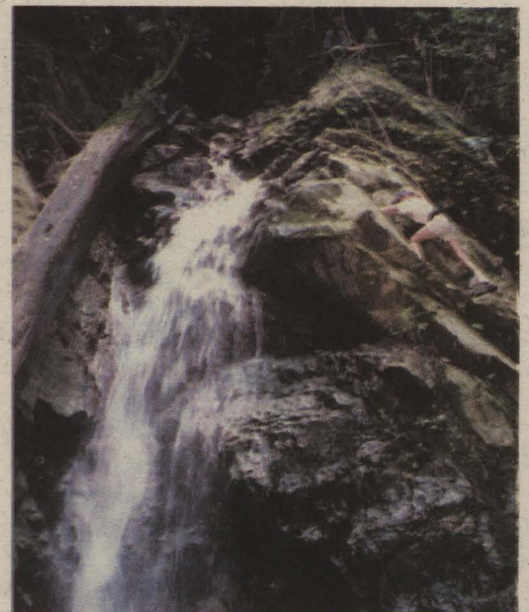
Body surfing in Costa Rica. Searching for aliens in Peru. Battling surprise snowstorms in the Rocky Mountains. When it comes to adventure, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point alumna Lisa Greyhill has done and seen it all. In her new and first novel, "Miss Adventures," Greyhill presents readers with a titillating account of all the mishaps that she faces during her very unique trips. She relates her tales in a series of vignettes that leave readers itching for adventures of their own.

Greyhill owns an adventure travel business in Hinsdale, Ill. Through both her travels with the business and on her own, she has found herself in some rather interesting situations. In "Miss Adventures," readers will meet Amazon guides who teach Lisa and her clients the ways of the jungle, where after several days in a makeshift hut a frog looks about as appetizing as we may find a piece of chocolate cake. Readers also meet "the English trust fund baby" nicknamed Princess Pete because, on his camping trip, he can't live without his inflat-

able queen-size mattress and babe of the month. In another excerpt, Lisa introduces readers to the Mountain Moai, a military group that is more than a little hesitant to allow her through a mountain pass.

"Miss Adventures" allows readers a chance to experience landscapes they may never see in their lifetimes, including Kilimanjaro, Chile and Mongolia. In each place she pushes adventure to the limit. We, as readers, get to experience these adventures without ever having to leave the comforts of our beds.

"Miss Adventures" is published by UW-SP's very own student-run Cornerstone Press, also known as English 349. In this class, the students learn about and manage all aspects of the publishing process, including manuscript selection, book design, and marketing. "Miss Adventures," is scheduled to be released after the Thanksgiving recess. It will be available for purchase for \$9.95 at local bookstores and directly from Cornerstone Press. For more information, contact Professor Dan Dieterich in the Tutoring and Learning Center.



Greyhill has climbed waterfalls in Costa Rica and led explorers on the Inca Trail.



Photos courtesy of Lisa Greyhill



## Association for Community Tasks (ACT)

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## "Pirates of Penzance" staged at UW-SP

### Press Release

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATION

Avast me hearties! Pirates have taken over the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Jenkins Theatre as the Department of Theatre and Dance presents Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance."

With comedy, romance, music, dancing, sword fighting and feats of derring-do, "the show's got everything. It's a kinetic production with lots of action," said H. Russ Brown, assistant professor of Theatre, who is making his UW-SP directorial debut. "This is definitely a crowd pleaser for the whole family."

Brown calls the show one of the earliest predecessors to the modern musical. Written in 1879 by Arthur Sullivan and W.S. Gilbert, "The Pirates of Penzance" tells the story of Frederic (Chris Wuelling), who was indentured to pirates by mistake when he was very young. Now free at age 21, he has decided to leave the ship and, bound by a sense of duty, devote himself to exterminating piracy.

"It's Peter Pan in reverse," Brown says. "All the pirates love Frederic and want him to stay and 'play' with them forever. But Frederic wants to grow up and assume duties out in the adult world."

As the story progresses, Frederic, the Pirate King (Michael Kaup) and the band of pirates meet Mabel (Amanda Ellis) and her seven sisters, their major general father (John Keating) and a bumbling group of policemen. Chaos ensues. Brown, an expert in stage combat, is enjoying directing what he calls "old Hollywood-style swashbuckling swordplay."

Brown, a native of Texas, came to UW-SP in 2005. Previously he taught at Western Illinois University and the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has experience as an actor, director, playwright, fight choreographer,

vocal/dialect coach and scenic designer for many productions. At UW-SP he assisted with fight scenes and dialects in "Crazy for You," and with dialects in "How we talk in South Boston" for the show "Brief Encounters."

The show will feature a full orchestra, directed by visiting assistant professor of Musical Theatre Stephen Sheftz. His orchestra brings to life the many songs of the play, including the often-parodied "Modern Major General." Many of the show's melodies will sound familiar to the audience, Brown says.

Creating a rocky English seashore and a large sailing pirate ship was a large undertaking for Joe Hannon, a theatre design major from Green Bay. The costuming of pirates in flowing sleeves, big belts, capes, boots and eye patches as well as women in bustle dresses and English Bobbies styled like Keystone Kops was the work of associate professor of Theatre Susan Sherwin.

Performances will be held in the Jenkins Theatre in the Noel Fine Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, Friday, November 17, and Saturday, November 18, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, of November 19.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens and \$12 for youth. UW-SP students may purchase tickets for \$4.50 or receive them free the day of the show if seats are still available. Tickets may be purchased at the University Box Office located at 200 Division Street or by calling (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378. MasterCard, Visa and Discover are accepted.



Photo by Drew Smalley

"Pirates of Penzance" offers swashbuckling fun.

## My Chemical Romance tells a story with "The Black Parade"

### Scott Hintz

ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

My Chemical Romance continues their emotionally driven brand of goth-punk with "The Black Parade," a follow-up to their 2004 album, "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge." "Three Cheers" was an ambitious conceptual album involving a young couple separated in hell who must bring to Satan the souls of 1,000 sinners in order to reunite. "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge" went platinum within a year, and because of over-the-top videos and high-energy live performances, the band garnered critical and commercial success.

With their third release, "The Black Parade," the band looks to shed their Emo label. "The Black Parade" is an album that takes the grandiose, operatic feel of their second album and combines it with high-concept, arena-rock aspirations. The effect is similar to Green Day's "American Idiot." Rob Cavallo, Green Day's producer, was also the producer for "The Black Parade." The resulting album draws from a broad spectrum of references that range from Queen to Tool.

Like "Three Cheers," "The Black Parade" is a conceptual album with a story to tell. The album opens with "The End," a quasi-country style intro that leads into the equally grim and humorously titled "Dead!" These songs establish the pace and sound of what's to come. By song's end the listener is introduced to "The Patient," the terminally ill protagonist of the album. "This is How I Disappear" and "The Sharpest Lives" are razor-sharp punk songs in the vein of the band's first two releases. These songs leap into the lead single "Welcome to the Black Parade." The impending death of "The Patient" lies within the lyrics of the song, which literally deals with a black parade complete with ghoulish characters and mor-

bid situations. The chameleon-like song morphs several times. "We'll carry on," proclaims singer Gerard Way within the song's massive chorus, which could evoke thoughts of a post-9/11 dystopia to even a casual listener.

"I Don't Love You" and "Disenchanted" continue the self-loathing verses and sky-high choruses, and frame the songs "Cancer" and "Mama," which deal exclusively with death. "Cancer" is a touchingly sad song approaching arena-size sing-along territory, but it uses only piano, drums and strings. Way plays the role of "The Patient" serenading his family and the listener with lines: "Oh my agony/ Know that I will never marry/ Baby I'm just soggy from the chemo/ But counting down the days to go." In "Mama," the band pays tribute to any mother who has ever lost a child at war, yet remains upbeat and optimistic.

"Sleep" is an excellent track concerning our political landscape, and "Teenagers" is a T.Rex style rock-romp aimed at adults with a chorus crying for them: "They said all/ Teenagers scare/ The living shit out of me/ They could care less/ As long as someone will bleed." The contrast of these two tracks epitomizes the album's concise composition and highlights its versatility.

My Chemical Romance saves its bombast for last with "Famous Last Words" which, like "Welcome to the Black Parade" sounds like it could be three songs at once. This song shows My Chemical Romance's ability to take what disaffected youth feel and turn it into a catchy four-minute blast that has those who aren't depressed singing like they might be. The song is an appropriately huge song. It declares in the hook: "I am not afraid to keep on livin'/ I am not afraid to walk this world alone." "Famous Last Words" ends the album with a glimmer of hope for "The Patient" and tomorrow's future.

## "Babel": a masterpiece of vision and storytelling

### Nelson Carvajal

ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Every year avid lovers of film pay close attention to France's Cannes Film Festival and more importantly, to the films that walk away with the festival's top prizes. At this year's festival, director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu took home the prize for Best Director for his stunning work in "Babel," which has finally arrived at the Rogers Campus Cinema here in Stevens Point. Inarritu has said that "Babel" completes his Trilogy of Chance series, which began with his earlier films "Amorres Perros" and "21 Grams." That makes sense, since "Babel" uses the same fractured narrative that jumps between the parallel storylines of the film's lead characters. This is not an easy film to watch. Yet, if one dares to be both mesmerized and moved, the risk is definitely worth the reward.

The film opens to breathtaking shots (thanks to the artful eye of cinematographer Rodrigo Prieto) of a Moroccan desert, as brothers Yousef and Ahmed

(newcomers Boubker Ait El Caid and Said Tarchani) are herding goats for their father, who has to drive into town miles away in order to work. Their father has left a high-powered rifle for the boys to use to kill jackals who may threaten the goats. While learning to target shoot on some far-away rocks, one of the brothers sees an oncoming tourist bus driving in the distance. Out of curiosity, he tries to shoot near the bus to see how far the bullet can go. The bus stops. Something is wrong. The brothers look at each other with worried eyes. They run home.

And so begins a chain of events that will link together a high-powered Japanese businessman (Koji Yakusho), his deaf-mute, estranged daughter (Rinko Kikuchi), an American tourist couple (Brad Pitt and Academy Award Winner Cate Blanchett), a Mexican nanny (Adrianna Barraza), her loose-cannon nephew (Gael Garcia Bernal) and an array of coincidences and connections that will be hard for the audience to anticipate but that nevertheless enrich the complex narrative.

Now that it is the middle of November, much Oscar talk has arisen. While names like "The Departed," "The Queen," and the not yet released "Dreamgirls" have been tossed around with the term Best Picture tagged onto them, "Babel" has now surfaced and declared itself the dark horse of the race. And it has the right to do so. The film is not easy to watch, but this is not a put-down. Rather, it is a highlight of the film's uncommonly wretched situations that are part of each character's experiences. It is hard not to be moved to tears while watching the Moroccan father question his sons about the misuse of the rifle, or the interrogation of the Mexican nanny from a desk-ridden border official. The term "heartbreaking" may not entirely do the film justice.

But it is not all sniffs and tears. There are some exhilarating sequences that will have film students racing to their film editing software to try and execute what the film pulls off. Consider a scene where the deaf-mute character named Chieko (in a perfor-

mance by Kikuchi that is sure to get a Best Supporting Actress nomination) is out on a night on the town with friends in downtown Tokyo. In a brilliantly shot club scene, the soundtrack is filled with vibrant music and rhythmic bodies dancing. Then the soundtrack turns off, and everything suddenly silences. The audience is taken to Chieko's world; unable to make sense of the blinding lights and the lucid dancing of the sweaty mob.

Uncompromising in its vision and bold in its storytelling, "Babel" is one of the very best movies of the year.

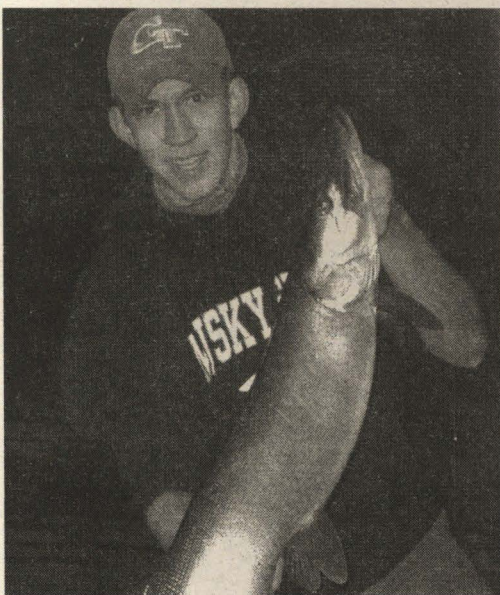
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# Outdoors

## Last chance muskies: there's still time to catch a big one



**Tyler Ring**  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

gressively colder, and muskies are looking to get in a few meals before their metabolism bottoms out for the winter.

There are a few key tactics to remember that can really increase your odds of coming in contact with more and bigger fish. To catch a big one at this time of the year, here are a few tips: slow down, use bigger baits and fish

deep.

With only two weeks left before the end of Wisconsin's muskellunge season, now is the time to catch that last big fish before you spend all winter reliving this season and looking forward to the next.

Many of the lakes you may have been fishing on gone through the process of spring turnover by now. Water temperatures are getting pro-

At this time of the year, the metabolisms of muskies have slowed to counterbalance the colder water temperature. For this reason, you want to slow down the speed of your retrieves and the amount of water you are covering in a given time period. Muskies are less inclined to expend extra energy, so fast retrieves are less likely to be targeted by fish.

Focus on fishing deep basin areas often close to structure, which attract baitfish. When working these areas, running and gunning with a scattered approach is not the ticket in November.

Instead, slow down and work them thoroughly, giving the fish plenty of opportunity to find your baits and make the decision to hit.

A great way to work these deep areas is to soak quick-strike rigged suckers on or near the bottom while you cast big crankbaits or jerkbaits at the same time. Often, the fish will lazily follow in your artificials and will end up hitting the sucker instead.

Of course, none of this is written in stone. As we all know, muskies are as unpredictable as a fish as they come. The key is to adapt to what the fish want.

If you are not experiencing success using the tried and true methods, experiment and pay close attention to what the fish are telling you. Good luck with that last bruiser of the year!

## A hootin,' howlin' good time!

**Paul Frater**  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

What do pumpkins, constellations, opossums, skunks, bats, snacks, arts and crafts, and a sunset followed by a full moon have in common?

They were all included in this year's Hoot and Howl event that took place on Friday, November 3, at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES) in Amherst Junction, Wis.

Hoot and Howl is an annual event held by CWES that is open to the public and geared towards kids. The theme for this year's Hoot and Howl event, "After the sun sets on Sunset Lake," was an appropriate title, since CWES is located right on Sunset Lake.

Kids had the opportunity to look through night vision binoculars and a forward sensing infrared unit, which detects heat and displays it on a screen.

Trail guides dressed up as constellations and led people around the CWES property

to stations. Other trail guides dressed like nocturnal animals and put on a skit for the kids, teaching them about their animal's unique features and adaptations.

At the end of the night, there was a costume contest for all of the kids who dressed up and a prize was given to the winner of each of the age groups. Many of the children wore great costumes and participated in the contest.

"The purpose of Hoot and Howl is to provide an opportunity for the public to come out and see CWES and experience all we have to offer," said Tom Quinn, Program Manager at CWES.

A total of 55 participants from the local community attended this year's Hoot and Howl. Each year, CWES depends on many volunteers to make this annual event so successful.

Students interested in checking out other programs put on by CWES should visit CWES's website at <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes/>.



Photo by Tom Quinn

UW-SP student Ben Bishop dressed as an opossum at the Hoot and Howl event at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station on Saturday, Nov. 11.

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## OUTDOOR EDVENTURES

### TIP OF THE WEEK

**Water, water, everywhere - except your body!**

Due to the relative dryness of the air, your body is constantly losing water, causing you to become dehydrated faster than even in some of the hottest summer days.

Make sure you drink at least 3 liters of water per day when you are active in a winter weather environment. If you sleep outside overnight, drink a liter as soon as you wake up to counter all that moisture your body lost while sleeping.

Also, drink a liter before you go to bed - you're going to have to get up and use the bathroom at some point anyway, and you might as well do it in the middle of the night when the stars are out and the night is still. After all, you wouldn't want to miss the most beautiful part of a winter trip, would you?

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.



**Josh Spice**  
MANAGER/TRIP LEADER





Photo by Derek Miess

12 UW-SP students went spelunking through Popp's Cave, a trip lead by Outdoor EdVentures' Derek Miess and Josh Spice.

## Through tight cracks, students learn caving

Anne Frie  
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Standing underneath an unseen ceiling of hibernating bats, the students let their eyes adjust to complete darkness. Then, like Friday night lights on a football field, their headlamps turn on, and one by one, the students began to tunnel their way through the "birth canal."

On Saturday, November 11, Outdoor EdVentures trip leaders Derek Miess and Josh Spice lead 14 University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point students through Popp's Cave, located near Richland Center, Wis.

In order to get in and out of the cave, students had to crawl on their hands and knees through a tight passage known as the "birth canal."

Holding tight to jagged edges and climbing around sharp angles, students followed the narrow canal to several rooms found deep in the cave.

"The birth canal is one of my favorite parts of the cave," said Miess. "We talked a lot about safety, so most of us had on foam pads duct taped around our knees," he said.

Outside, six inches of snow covered the entrance of the cave, making the hill climb up to the cave's mouth a difficult journey for some students. But inside, the cave was at a comfortable temperature of around 55 degrees.

"It's truly a great opportunity for students to explore an awesome cave, and it's not too far away," said Miess.

Miess expects to lead another trip to Popp's Cave next semester.

## Bowhunter: "You just can't beat a great day in the woods"

Editor's note: University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point student Andrew DeWitt recounts a recent hunting experience on Saturday, November 11, when he shot a 9-point buck with his bow near Hortonville, Wis.

I went out hunting on Saturday, the morning after we had just gotten all the snow on Friday night. It was perfect conditions for bow hunting.

I was in my stand at 5:30 a.m., and by around 7 a.m. The woods started to come alive as I began to see deer moving in the woods across the field.

At 7:15 a.m., I saw a buck come running up behind me in a cornfield, hot on the trail of a doe. I hesitated and thought for sure I had just missed my opportunity to bag my bow buck before gun season.

Then, at about 7:30 a.m., my luck changed when I saw the same buck trotting out in the field in front of me with his head down. He was on the move, so I decided to do a classic "Beeaaa" buck call to catch his attention.

He stopped dead in his tracks and looked around to see where the sound had come from. All I could think about was making a good shot and hoping that it would be a

clean kill.

As I pulled back, my shoulder rolled out of its socket. Luckily, I had a clear shot, so I didn't have to pull back for very long.

I watched my arrow pierce him and I felt my heart-beat racing. I usually don't get buck fever, but after I take a shot, I guess you could say I get a little giddy.

The buck ran approximately 150 yards across the field before he dropped. I paced the shot off at 27 yards and my arrow went clean through his lungs.

By 8 a.m. I was in the truck with my dad celebrating



Photo by Andrew DeWitt

UW-SP student Andrew DeWitt took a 9-point buck by bow on Saturday, Nov. 11.

the kill of my 9-point buck.

You just can't beat a great day in the woods!

I'm hoping for the same luck this weekend gun hunting, and I wish good luck to all other hunters this weekend, as well as in late-season bow.

## Did You Know?

Rachel Kingsley  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Did you know that a whitetail deer's ears can rotate 180 degrees and pick up high frequency sounds?

Studies have also shown that deer can smell human scent on underbrush for days after we leave the woods. A buck will react very negatively when it runs across human scent, often becoming leery of the area for weeks afterwards.

Deer are also quick and skillful swimmers often taking to water when frightened. They can easily swim across lakes or rivers at over 10 miles per hour!

## Steve's

## Hunting Tip of the Week

Steve Kaufman  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

The most anticipated day of the year is almost here.: The opener of gun season! On Friday, Nov. 17, every road heading north in Wisconsin is going to be packed with hunters singing every word of "Da Turdy Point Buck" song as they drive, and trust me, they know every word.

But, instead of just relying on luck to get a big one this season, you're better off trying to hunt smart to help create your own luck. Here are a couple tips to help you make the most out of opening weekend.

#1. Don't forget about scent control. Most hunters (including me) take fewer measures to eliminate scent in gun season as compared to bow season because you don't need to get as close to the deer. Before I used scent control, I found that deer caught wind of my scent from 250 yards away. Hang your hunting cloths outside, take showers before you hunt and most importantly, pay attention to the wind direction.

#2. Hunt does to find bucks. If you know where does are going to be, I guarantee it won't be long until a buck shows up looking for them. Also, if you see a hot doe while hunting, don't leave your stand until dark. When a doe is ready to breed she will rarely bed down for more than three to four hours before getting up and moving again, especially if a buck is with her. I've seen bucks step on and kick does in order to get them up when they're ready to breed.

The more area you can cover, the better chance you have at creating your own luck and getting da turdy point buck! Remember, only take ethical shots at deer and hunt safe. Good luck hunting!

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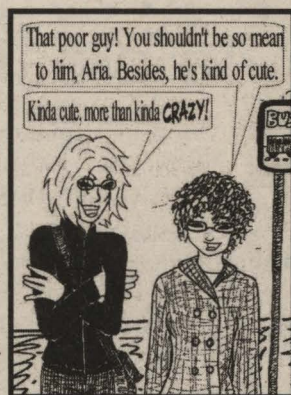
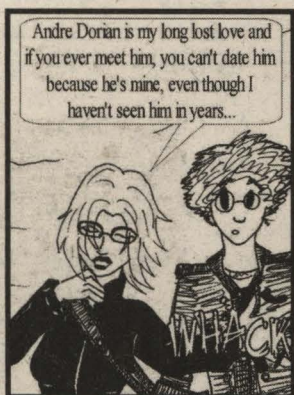
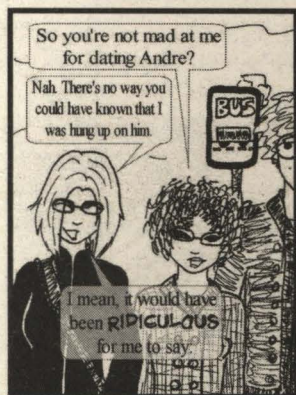
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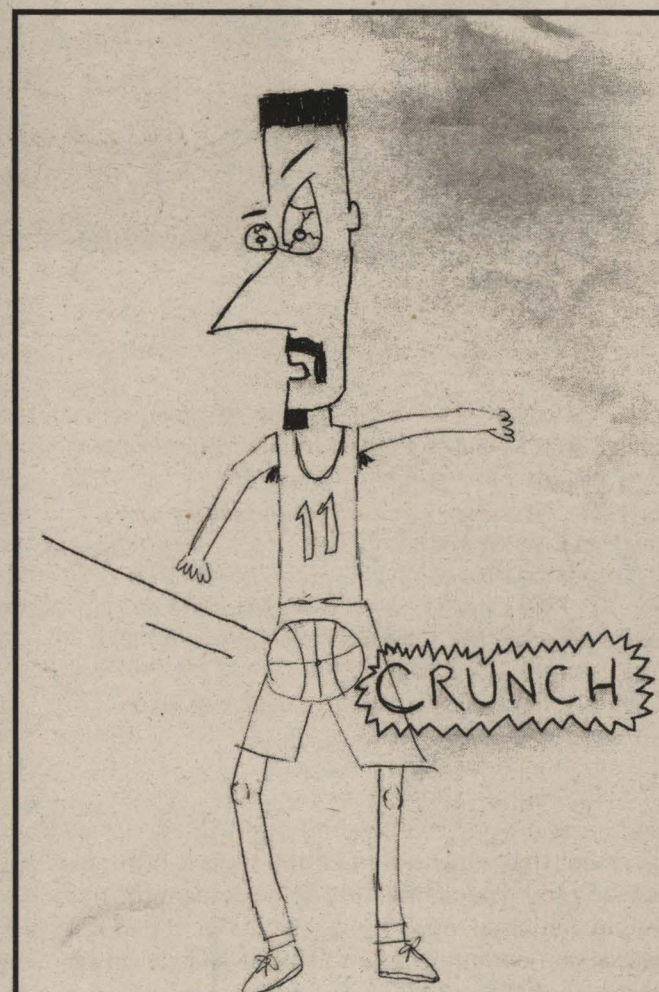
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# Letters & Opinion

## Your College Survival Guide:

**Pat Rothfuss**

WITH HELP FROM THE MISSION COFFEE BAR

Over the last couple years, Your College Survival Guide has become increasingly popular. This, combined with the fact that I've recently started putting the column up on Myspace, has led to me receiving more letters than I really know what to do with.

Sometimes I can't think of a way to make a letter funny. Sometimes the answers would just be too short. Sometimes the letters just irritate or confuse me.

So this week I've decided to answer as many letters as I can, and, at the same time, give you a peek inside my overflowing mailbag.

Yeesh, does that sound dirty, or what?

Pat,

*I had a really simple question for you. No major catastrophes (yet) but you're first on my list to call in case of emergency.*

*I finished my undergrad studies about three years ago and am getting ready to go to graduate school. I'm currently repaying my student loans. Do I have to continue to pay them when I'm back in grad school, or will my undergrad payments be deferred until I finish my graduate studies. Like I said, really simple question but I'd rather get the scoop from you than some overworked financial aid person.*

I get a lot of this sort of letter. If I'm in a good mood, I think of them as "I like your column and wanted to write you" letters. If I'm in a bad mood, I think of them as "I'm too lazy to pick up the phone" letters.

The big trouble here is that the answers to these questions are pretty cut-and-dried. There's not much room for elaboration on my part, and elaboration is where the funny lives.

For example, the answer here is simple: "Your loans will probably be deferred, but it depends on the type of loan."

See? There's really not much room for me to turn that into something funny.

Pat,

*Why do so many teachers have this complex as though their class is SO important that going to a conference to learn how to train a monkey to eat a biscuit by pushing a lever is simply an incomprehensible crime to mankind? Does a psychology major even have anything genuinely valuable to say in regards to anything? I'll tell you: NO! How do I know this? Because I attended every damn day and learned simply that the monkeys I COULD have learned about are just as good at teaching out of a textbook. So Pat, from firsthand experience, why is the pedestal so huge?*

-Angrypants

This is the sort of letter I think of as "furious vomit." Angrypants here is obviously upset about something. This rage has built up to the point where she really needed to vent, so she sat down and purged all her terrible emotions in this message to me.

At first glance, this letter has a lot going for it. It's got monkeys in it, which I like. And I think the

monkey might be teaching Angrypants something out of a textbook, which is also pretty funny. Or maybe the monkey is making her climb an unreasonably high pedestal. Either of these things is also good, as they have the potential for many humorous tangents in my reply.

Unfortunately there is no way I can really understand what the hell is going on here. I don't know what advice I'm supposed to be giving. The advice is like the heart of the column. It's the creamy nougat in the center of my verbatinous columny confection. It's the faerie ring that I dance around in order to delight and amuse you. If I don't know what's really going on here, I can't offer you.

My advice:

1) Relax. Take a deep, soothing breath. Rub one off. Read a book. Whatever it takes to cool down a little.

2) Either stop taking drugs, or start taking drugs. Whichever one you were doing when you

I think of this sort of letter as the "IM tragedy." I assume this person learned to type using some manner of instant messenger.

I'm really not a grammar snob. Typo shappen. But when I get a sloppy stream-of-consciousness wad like this, I give a deep sigh and think: If this person really wanted my help, they would have spent a little time making this letter easy for me to read.

It takes me 4-5 hours to write a good column; I really don't want to spend another fifteen or twenty minutes proofreading and copy-editing your letter. It's easier for me to just pick a different one that I can just cut and paste into the column.

My advice:

First, you should really reconsider your choice of acronyms, FOC. Also, you are not e.e. cummings. Learn where your fucking shift key is and use it.

What most freshmen don't realize is that freshman year sucks for pretty much everyone. 85% of the freshmen out there feel like they don't have any friends. Trust me on this.

Even I, social deva that I am, faced this problem. After two months in school, I didn't know anyone. Seriously. I had a few people I would nod to in the hallway and that was it. I never even had a roommate, he just never showed up for school.

I remember laying in my loft bed in Pray-Sims, thinking that if I fell out of it in the middle of the night, nobody would miss me. I remember thinking that nobody would even notice I was dead until my body started to smell.

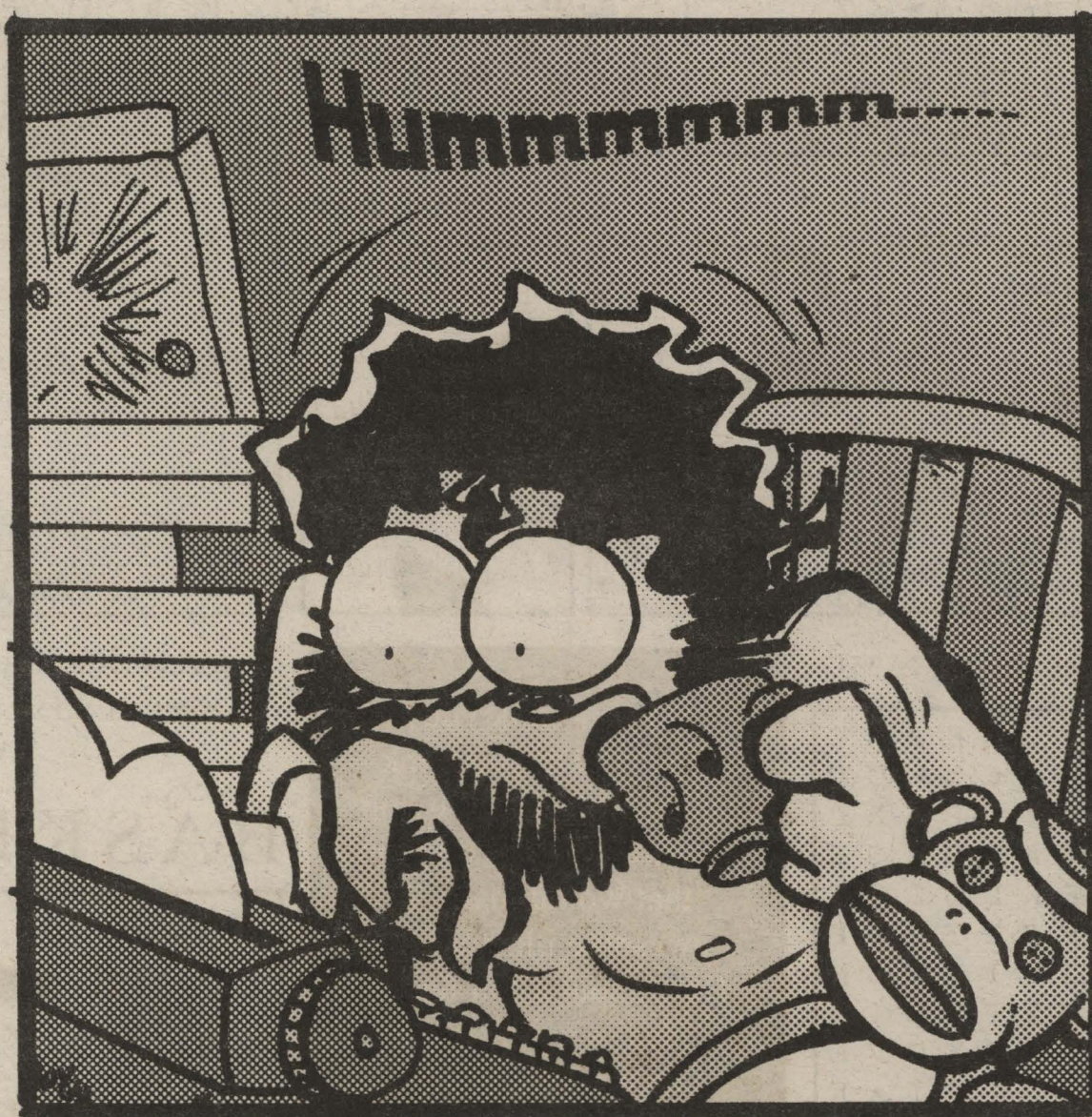
So yeah. It's hard making friends freshman year. But here are a few tips to help you out:

1) Living with your best friend from high school is a huge mistake your first semester in college. Why? Because right away you're clinging to your

old circle of friends instead of trying to establish new ones. Think of it. If both you and your friend had different roommates, you'd still be friends, right? But each of you would have at least one new college friend to hang out with. Also, rooming with new people removes the temptation of just taking the easy way out and hanging with your friend instead of going out and meeting new people.

2) Don't go home on the weekends. I know it's tempting to run home and hang out with your high school friends. You miss them, and it's lonely up here. But you can't make friends in Point when you're not here. You need to hang around in Point to meet people.

3) Join a couple student organizations. It's the best way to meet people with similar interests. Ditto for getting an on-campus job. I met a ton of cool people when I worked in the tutoring center down in the basement of the library.



wrote this e-mail, you should do the other instead. Along similar lines, if you are drinking paint, stop.

3) If a monkey is eating a biscuit, you probably should leave it alone until it's finished. Even if you really want some of the biscuit for yourself.

4) If a monkey is teaching your Psyke class, you can just call the chair of the department and go "Oook oook. Oook! OOOK! OOOK!!!" Then make a bunch of noises like a monkey having sex. This will probably get the monkey in trouble.

pat,

*i'm a freshman in college rooming with my best friend, i was excited to move into school, to have my independence and be living with my best friend. but we've been here for a couple weeks now and we haven't made any friends. i don't understand why. i've tried talking to people, being as friendly as possible. i am a friendly person by nature but i don't understand what i'm doing wrong here where no one wants to talk to me or befriend me. what should i do differently to make friends*

friendless on campus

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# Point of View: Finally, a week to look forward to



**Steve Roeland**  
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Since the start of the semester, I have been waiting for the week when I can finally kick back and relax. It's been hard to find that time during the first nine or so weeks of the fall term, with "Editor-in-Chief-ing" and classes taking up most of my time. Even the weekends have become exten-

sions of the five-day school week, as most of my Saturdays and Sundays are set aside for sleep and homework.

I know many college students find themselves in the same predicament as I do, and are longing for an oasis in the desert called November. My friends, an oasis is now in sight.

When the calendar on my desk is flipped to November 17 this Friday, I will have a week before me that I will intend to enjoy, something that has not been part of my life since the last weeks of summer. I see potential for many people to enjoy the upcoming week, each in their own way. This is why I'd like to share my own reasons for why next week will be the best week of the semester.

First off, Friday will be a glorious day, thanks to the return of James Bond to the sil-

ver screen. I will be heading to the campus theater promptly at 3:30 p.m. to catch a matinee showing of "Casino Royale," the 21st film in the 44-year-old Bond franchise. Starring Daniel Craig ("Munich," "Road to Perdition") in his first outing as 007, "Casino Royale" takes the super spy back to his roots, as we learn how Bond earns his license to kill, obtains his Aston Martin DB5 and develops into the womanizing assassin we all know and love.

If the new style of Bond doesn't tickle your fancy, be sure to check out the Thanksgiving marathon of James Bond movies on Spike TV. This cornucopia of film excellence starts Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m.

Saturday doesn't let up, as the biggest college football game of the season takes place, with Michigan and Ohio

State battling for a spot in the Bowl Championship Series title game. One of the greatest rivalries in all sports, the Wolverines and Buckeyes take center stage in a game that is being dubbed "Judgment Day." Football doesn't stop there, as Sunday is reserved for the Green Bay Packers. Brett Favre and the boys host the New England Patriots in one of the Packers' toughest tests this season.

Monday will be my guilty pleasure day, as I will catch the latest episode of Monday Night Raw, World Wrestling Entertainment's flagship broadcast. The professional wrestling/male soap opera begins at 8 p.m. on USA.

I head for home on Tuesday, and will make it back just in time to get to Appleton and attend the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point/Lawrence University early-

season men's basketball contest. Both teams are ranked in the preseason D3hoops.com Top 25 poll, as the Vikings of LU are No. 13 in the nation, while the Pointers stand at No. 25.

The college basketball fiesta rolls on, as 2K Sports' new NCAA hoops videogame hits stores this week as well. College Hoops 2K7 will be available on PlayStation 2, Xbox (my console of choice) and Xbox 360 on Tuesday. The best part about picking up one of the greatest basketball simulations available - it's only \$20 for the PS2 and Xbox versions.

But the best part of the week hits its stride on Thursday, the day we celebrate the Pilgrims, the Mayflower and all things that we are thankful for. That's right; we have finally reached Thanksgiving. My day begins with a hearty brunch at my grandparents' house, followed by family bonding at my aunt and uncle's place and is completed with a delicious turkey dinner shared with my girlfriend and her family. I refer to this day as "The Day of the Four F's": food, football and feeling fat. It doesn't get any better.

Depending on how well I recover from the Thanksgiving culinary bonanza, I may head out to stores on Friday, exploring the Fox River Mall for deals, while avoiding potentially fatal collisions in the electronics aisles of my favorite shopping centers.

After the bargain hunting comes to a halt, I will sit back and enjoy the weekend. The Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving will be best spent reflecting on the past week, recalling all the great Bond films and trying not to count the calories devoured on Turkey Day, all while spending quality time with the love of my life, since we barely see each other while in Stevens Point.

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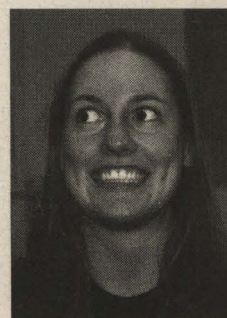
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...What's the strangest thing you've seen walking to class?



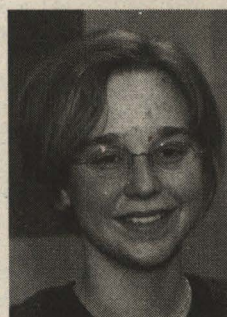
Stephen Kaiser  
Sports Editor

"Some old lady biked past me screaming, 'screw someone in the nude!'.... I was flabbergasted"



Anne Frie  
Outdoors Editor

"I once saw a sasquatch run into the CNR, it tried to eat the lizard in the vivarium, but campus security apprehended the hairy suspect."



Joy Ratchman  
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"A guy in shorts at ten below!"

"A guy lecturing innocent bystanders about the end of days and the anti-Christ."



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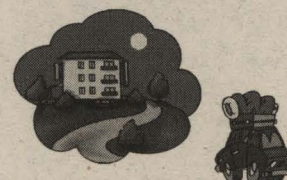
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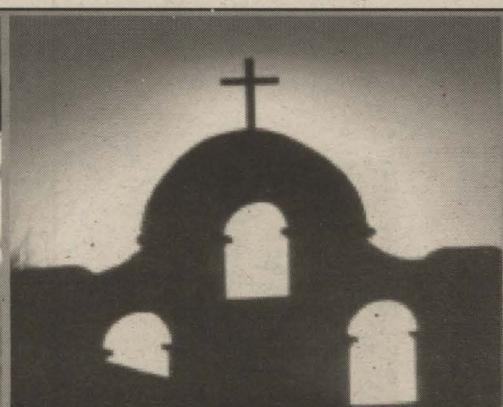
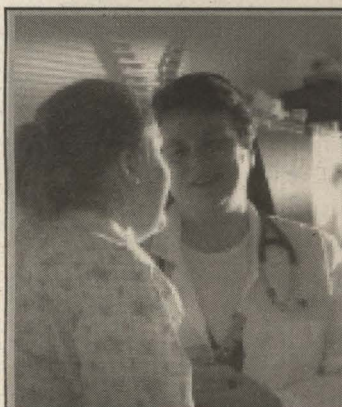
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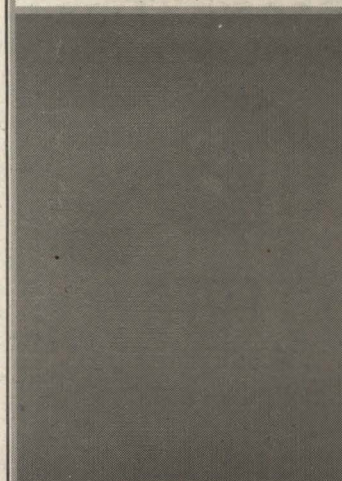
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