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## UW-SP professor arrested for child pornography

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On Tuesday, April 17, a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point history professor was arrested at his Nelsonville home. Michael Foret, 53, was charged with possession of child pornography.

Foret was released on a \$10,000 signature bond after making an appearance at the Portage County Circuit Court on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 18.

He has been suspended with pay and barred from the UW-SP campus by Chancellor Linda Bunnell. However, Foret is entitled to the presumption of innocence.

Since being hired in 1990, Foret has been involved in many student organizations

and received the University Leadership Mentor Award twice in the past 16 years.

Protective Services personnel assisted county and state agencies in the investigation. A search warrant was also issued for Foret's home and office.

Along with being barred from campus, Foret is forbidden to have contact with children under the age of 18. He may not go into any school or library, and he may not access the internet.

Students were informed of the arrest through email on the morning of Thursday, April 19. For most students, the news came as a shock.

"It was a big surprise hearing about Foret. He never seemed like anyone that would do that," said sophomore Laura Angsten, a student

in his History 212 class. "You always think you know people when you really don't."

Later that afternoon on Thursday, Bob Tomlinson, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, met with students at DeBot.

In a statement from University Relations and Communications, "The University will take all steps necessary to ensure that students will be able to complete their coursework without any disruption in their studies."

The university is also taking action to determine how Foret's classes will be handled for the rest of the semester.

Foret's next court appearance will be on Tuesday, May 1.

The University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents drafted new rules to help UW campuses fire professors convicted of crimes more quickly. These rules will not be used in Foret's case as they will not come into effect until July 1.

The rules were in response to a public uproar over a process that allowed three UW-Madison professors convicted of felonies to remain

on the payroll two years ago. The felonies ranged from stalking to sexual assault.

Under state law, UW schools cannot fire faculty members based on convictions. They can, however, conduct separate investigations in order to determine if the offenses are employment-related.

In the meantime, employees may appeal all the way to the regents while staying on payroll.

The rules were approved in December and set faster timetables for internal investigations, filing charges for dismissal and appeals. Also, if certain conditions are met, the rules allow chancellors to suspend professors without pay

during the process.

"[Foret] was a really good teacher. I don't think anyone ever expected anything at all like this of him. However, what he did was really wrong and sick; he should definitely be punished," said Angsten.

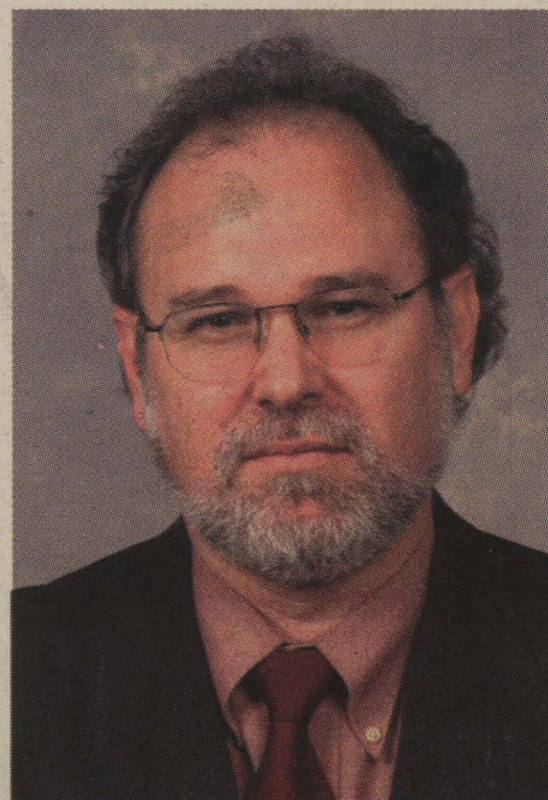


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Photo of Michael Foret taken for the 2003 Phi Kappa Phi Initiation Banquet.

## Stevens Point to host Relay for Life

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NEWS REPORTER

People of all ages from across central Wisconsin will join together on April 27 at the Stevens Point Area Senior High (SPASH) field house to take part in Relay For Life. The event is open to everyone in the community, with teams of anywhere from three to 15 members. Teams are formed between friends, families, and co-workers.

Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight fundraiser sponsored by and to benefit the American Cancer Society. It is designed to celebrate survivors and remember those who have lost their lives to cancer, all while raising money for research and awareness. It also honors and supports those many families and friends who are affected by disease.

Relay For Life began in Tacoma, Wash., as the City of Destiny Classic 24-Hour Run Against Cancer. Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon, envisioned a 24-hour team relay event that would enhance the income of his local American Cancer Society office.

In 1985, Klatt decided to personally start raising the money for the fight by circling a track for 24 straight hours.

Throughout the night, nearly 300 people watched and cheered him on. They had the option to pay \$25 to run or walk for 30 minutes with him, raising \$27,000. The event has grown through the decades.

In Stevens Point, about 300 people are expected to participate, including the University's own team formed by Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) members.

Team leader, Cathy Dwyer said, "I am looking forward to seeing how many people care about this event and realize the importance of it. I am also excited to see all the team's campsites." She took the position as team leader because, "I wanted to get others motivated to help raise money and to have a great bonding experience with my PRSSA teammates."

During the Relay, the teams will take turns completing laps, with one team member on the track at all times. The event begins at 7 p.m. Friday and lasts until 10 a.m. Saturday. The highlights are expected to be the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and the Candlelight Ceremony.

For more information, contact Jen Erickson, community relations director for the American Cancer Society, at 848-2882- Extension 22.



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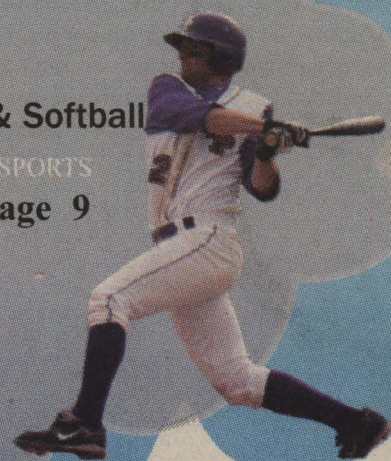
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## CAMPUS BEAT

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UW-SP students  
were too busy  
enjoying the spring  
weather to cause  
any havoc this week.

## Ken Burns visits UW-SP

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Critically acclaimed producer and director Ken Burns gave a talk to the Stevens Point community as part of the Sentry Insurance Invitation to the Arts on Thursday at Sentry Theater.

Sentry worked with assistance from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's College of Fine Arts and Communication.

Jeff Morin, the dean of COFAC, viewed this event as a unique opportunity for students to listen to and interact with a man who truly cares about his work.

"Bringing Ken Burns to Stevens Point through the Invitation to the Arts has enriched us immensely and is a defining example of corporate investment in the quality of our lives," Morin said.

"Ken Burns' approach to students reflects the quality of his work. He is genuine, caring, and insightful. This is the type of experience that will be pivotal in the life of a student."

Burns talked to the near-capacity crowd about the creation of his upcoming and highly anticipated World War II film to be released in September of this year, "The War." Thousands of hours of nationally archived film from the era were sifted through. Hundreds of hours were spent writing, editing and rewriting

the narrative.

War is a topic of interest to Burns, having previously produced a documentary about the Civil War. But his real passion is history and the lessons we can learn from the men and women who lived in much different times than we live in today.

According to Burns, war is a learning experience as much as it is a battle. Yet many people, including high school graduates, are still under the impression that Germany was an ally of the United States in World War II.

"We live in a culture with an all-consuming present," Burns said. "We are all too complacent with eradicating our past. But without a past, we can't possibly know where we are.

Without a past, we have no future."

Following the talk Burns took questions from the audience. Members of the audience asked what his previous work, baseball and an editing controversy regarding his current work.

One audience member asked how many World War II veterans were in attendance, and eight men stood to applause and thanks from the audience.

These seemingly ordinary men are everything but ordinary.

"There is one over-arching theme in the film," Burns said. "In extraordinary times, there are no ordinary lives."

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## UW-System Committee to come to UW-M, UW-SP

### Press Release

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will be holding a Chapter 17 committee listening session Monday, May 7, at 4 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room in the Union to inform students of the possible increased ramifications for their off campus

behavior, such as expulsion. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will also hold a listening session April 30, 2007.

Revisions to this policy would expand the scope of punishable acts, such as underage drinking, noise/nuisance violations or other various off-campus acts.

Punishments would range from suspension to expulsion.

Kyle Duerstein, Director of Legislation Affairs for the Student Association at UW-M, feels revisions to Chapter 17 is unfair to students and should be more closely examined. "Students have a responsibility to act appropriately both on and off campus, but when they don't, it is the police department's responsibility to enforce laws and punish," said Duerstein. "We don't pay our tuition money so that the university can kick us out of school in addition to a citation. That's double-jeopardy."

The Student Association

at UW-M recognizes the importance of good citizenship and the benefits of being a good neighbor. It is important that UW students respect their neighbors and have good communication with them; however, it feels that students should not be punished twice for the same offense.

In addition to the two listening sessions, a feedback website has been set up for those who cannot make the listening sessions and wish to provide the committee with feedback. That website can be found at [www.wisconsin.edu/admincode/feedback.htm](http://www.wisconsin.edu/admincode/feedback.htm).

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## UW-SP students to attend Dalai Lama's visit to Madison

**Maggie Christians**  
NEWS REPORTER

His Holiness, the Dalai Lama will be visiting Madison, Wis., on May 2-4 at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Wednesday and Thursday will feature teaching by His Holiness on Je Tsongkhapa's Expression of One's Spiritual Realization and Je Tsongkhapa's Shorter Version of the Graded Path to Enlightenment. On Friday the Dalai Lama will perform a Green Tara Empowerment Ceremony at the request of Geshe Lhundup Sopa, the guiding leader of the Deer Park Buddhist Center.

Approximately 12 students from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will be attending this three-day event. The UW-SP trip is being

sponsored by the Department of Philosophy. The trip was organized by Alice Keefe, a religious studies professor at UW-SP, for her Spring 2007 Buddhism class. Keefe is also a member of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies, co-founder of the Stevens Point Buddhism Awareness Circle and director for the Shama Kids Project.

According to Tibetan Buddhism, the present-day Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is believed to be the reincarnation of the thirteenth Dalai Lama, Thupten Gyatso. All the Dalai Lamas are said to be the manifestations of Avalokiteshvara or Chenrezig, the Bodhisattva of Compassion and the patron saint of Tibet.

Tenzin Gyatso was born on July 6, 1935, to parents who were poor farmers in the prov-

ince of Amdo. It wasn't until 1937 that a search party sent out by the Tibetan government to find the new incarnation of the Dalai Lama arrived at Kumbum monastery, near Tenzin Gyatso's home, and identified, Gyatso as the Dalai Lama.

Since he fled Tibet in 1959 after the Chinese invaded, the Dalai Lama has resided in Dharamsala, in northern India, the seat of the Tibetan political administration in exile. He is still considered the head of the Tibetan state. In 1989, His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama, received the Nobel Peace Prize.

For more information please contact Alice Keefe at akeefe@uwsp.edu or visit the Deer Park Buddhist Centers Web site at [www.deerpark-center.org](http://www.deerpark-center.org).

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## UW-SP lecturer, alumnus Patrick Rothfuss to give book talk

**Press Release**  
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Fantasy fiction author Patrick Rothfuss will give a book talk at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Albertson Learning Resource Center on Wednesday, May 2.

The event will be held at

3 p.m. in Room 107 of the library. Rothfuss, a UW-SP lecturer and 2000 alumnus of the university, will discuss his recently published novel, "The Name of the Wind." The public is invited to attend, free of charge. Copies of the novel will be on sale and one copy will be given as a door prize.

"The Name of the Wind,"

the first in a fantasy trilogy about Kvothe, a legendary magician, was released March 27 through Daw/Penguin Group. It has already achieved critical acclaim and was named to the March Significant Seven Editors' Pick at Amazon.com.

"I love the world and the characters that I've created," said Rothfuss, "and I love that

people are getting the chance to meet them. I wanted to create a fantasy novel that didn't stick to the standard clichés of elves, goblins and evil sorcerers. My novel takes things in a different direction. It's a behind the scenes look into what it really means to be a hero."

At UW-SP, Rothfuss is

the adviser to the College Feminists and the Fencing Club and writes a regular column for UW-SP's campus newspaper, The Pointer. He resides in Stevens Point.

More about "The Name of the Wind" may be found at [www.nameofthewind.com](http://www.nameofthewind.com).

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## Pointlife

# Stevens Point drinks to the past and present: A view of The Square from decades of students

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In a college town, a certain atmosphere can be seen in the type of businesses that are present. Commonly, it is not too difficult to find lots of places to live, fast food joints to select from, 2 a.m. delivery services to reenergize by and, of course, plenty of bars to take a break in.

The bar scene has always been popular among college students. Maybe it is the

to bars than other campuses.

It is common for students to believe that people of an older generation have nothing in common with each other, nothing to connect themselves to one another. But the current students at UW-SP have shown they enjoy going to the bars after a long week at school, the same as alumni have done in past decades.

During the early 1970s, students at the UW-SP campus had many of the same questions and concerns as today's students do. Student debt, the United States' involvement in

as "The Square." He chuckles when he thinks of those days, saying, "We counted twenty-two bars within a block-and-a-half radius."

Today's students enjoy spending time on The Square, even if there are not the same bars present. What seems to be similar though is the timing of when students go out. Sue Freund, a psychology student from 1979, said Thursday night was the big drinking night. She added "everyone went home Fridays so Thursday was the night to go out."



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A view of Main St. and The Square in the 1940s.



Photo by Drew Smalley

A current view of Main St. and The Square.

attempt to forget about the hectic lives of a college student or the chance to meet a possible mate that makes students flock to the bars.

Whatever the reason, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students are no different from the other thousands of students across the nation. In fact, they may be more interested in going out

a controversial war and many other issues were and are on the minds of the students.

As a source of relief, students look forward to going to a bar, not having to worry about where next semester's tuition is coming from. Gerard Zwicky, a 1972 political science graduate, stated that most people drank on what is infamously known

drinking age. By 1972, when Zwicky was about to leave, the drinking age was lowered

Traci Carroll, a social science senior agreed that "you see a lot more people out on Thursday night."

Of course, there are obvious differences between the 1970s and today, as there are with every decade. Some of the most interesting in Stevens Point include the

to 18 for all alcoholic beverages. Also at that time, the price for a beer was a lot cheaper. Zwicky said "I believe the price of beer was 25 cents a bottle. Point Beer could be gotten for 15 or 20 cents."

Also, while the 1970s enjoyed "old bars that played constantines and polish music," today's bars have a mixture of tunes from the past half century played on mix boards.

The scenes may have changed over the years, but students still need to remember what a night at the bar can cause. Zwicky recalled the "death march" that his buddies and he would try to make. The goal was to have at least one drink at every bar

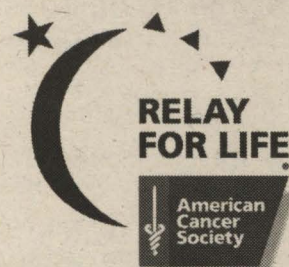
on "The Square;" no one ever finished the march. Senior broadfield social science major Amy Eppinger said, "I don't do the bar scene, but I see enough drunk people to know why."

Many students and community members have witnessed the same thing Eppinger has over the years. Whether it is 1977 or 2007, students know how to make an impression.

The bar scene has proven to be a timeless institution in American culture. For at least the past half century bars have especially been institutionalized in Wisconsin among the UW-SP students.

## Don't Forget!

This year's Relay for Life will take place April 27-28 at SPASH beginning at 7 p.m.



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# STUDENT ORGANIZATION

## OF THE WEEK: Gamma Phi Delta Sorority

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As one of only three sororities on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus, Gamma Phi Delta has the opportunity to reach out to many young women looking for opportunities to network and make changes in the world.

Members of the student organization find themselves joining for almost the same reasons. "I joined Gamma Phi Delta because as a transfer student I was lost," said Jessica Leutermann, Vice President of Finance. "The sorority created a family away from home and a strong support system."

Member Trina Lockett added that she gained sisters she never had.

"Being a part of this group has brought about a sense of belonging and has really helped me with my leadership, organizational and time management skills."

The social sorority, founded locally on Feb. 5, 1993, bases themselves on four core values: academics, leadership, philanthropies and social skill development. Each year the group participates in many events that help support their philanthropic core value, including Relay for Life, blood drives, Habitat for Humanity and volunteering at the local children's museum. Each semester Gamma Phi Delta also does highway cleanup and gives monetary donations to local organizations and businesses.

Through many of these events,



Photo courtesy of Trina Lockett

members have worked together and become closer friends. "Gamma Phi Delta has led me to some of my strongest friendships," explained Kelly Thon, Vice President of Education. "[They have] helped me grow as a person."

Other events hosted by Gamma Phi Delta include the annual formal entitled "Spring Fling." The group goes to a resort for the evening to have dinner and an awards ceremony, followed by a dance.

But, the sorority also has many

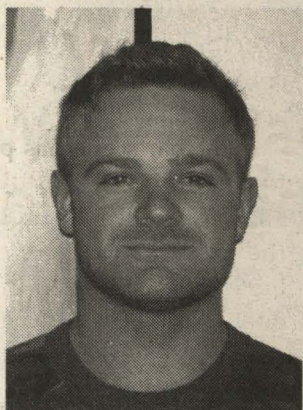
informal events. "We have informal get-togethers with the sisters to get to know each other better," said member Jessie Radtke. "The more we know about each other, the better we can work together as a group."

Members are able to learn about one another during spa, arts and crafts, game and other random event nights.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Trina Lockett at klock869@uwsp.edu. Look for Rush events in Fall 2007!

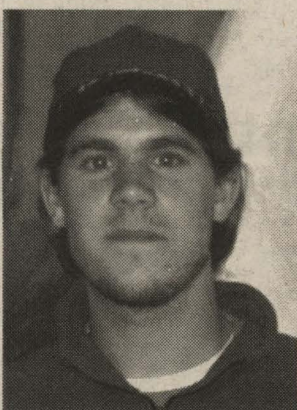
### Pointer Poll

Now that spring is finally here,  
what are you looking forward to doing?



"Riding bike, fishing,  
getting ready for summer  
vacation"

Aaron Kunstmann  
Senior  
Forest Management



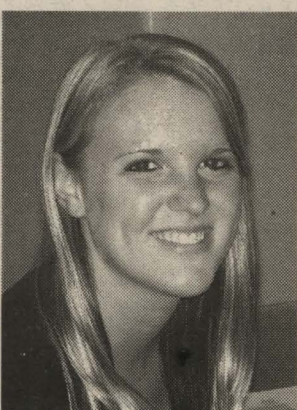
"Throwing Frisbees and  
kicking field goals"

Zach Wehr  
Senior  
Urban Forestry



"Going for walks and just  
being outdoors in general"

Kristina Mance  
Senior  
Communication



"Rollerblading and going  
to the beach"

Kali Matthias  
Sophomore  
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## Phishing and hoaxes:

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# UW-SP students go across the Atlantic in London

By Amy Smejkal  
POINTLIFE REPORTER

What could be better than being in another country with an amazing group of people? Well, according to us here in London for the semester, absolutely nothing. Although it took many of us a few days to recuperate from the terrible jet lag, it wasn't long before we were up and running to see every site London has to offer. After a week, totally exhausted, we suddenly realized we could relax because we were going to be living here for three whole months.

At first, London hit us with an enormous amount of cultural differences, some we expected and others, especially subtle things, that we didn't see coming. The incredible amount of diversity in the city was not only refreshing but also exciting. The fact is, there really is no minority in London, except maybe for actual English people. We also came here with some definite misconceptions about England. For example, we thought we spoke the same language as they do here; we couldn't have been more wrong.

Everything seems to have an entirely different name here than in the States. Can you guess what a brown bap or tip-ex is? For the record, it is a wheat roll and white-out. Also, never say pants if you mean trousers, as it means underwear; you definitely get some strange looks when you talk about changing your pants. Living in a huge city such as London also means public transportation is a must to get around. Although we've become extremely good speed walkers and a thirty-minute walk is nothing to us,

we have also managed to master the public transportation the city offers. The Underground, aka the Tube, with its many lines and stops, gets you anywhere in London in a flash. The buses were more confusing to learn. Some of us wondered why our bus just drove right past us, until someone told us we had to wave it down. The same thing happened when we wanted to get off the bus, until we were informed you have to press the "stop" button.

Classes here are quite different than what we're used to at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. They aren't fifty minutes long...they're three hours long, but we only have them once a week. There are also fewer exams and busy work, only a few big papers. Many of us really enjoy our contemporary theatre criticism class where we see a range of exciting theatre that we may not have seen on our own if not for the class. We were all very excited to see "Equus" by Peter Shaffer, mostly due to the fact that it starred Daniel Radcliffe, aka Harry Potter, and Richard Griffiths, aka Mr. Dursley. Others enjoy Art History, where we not only get to learn about famous pieces of art, we get to see those famous pieces of art face to face in the many art galleries and museums in London.

Though there is always something new to do and see here, many of us have also taken advantage of the "dirt-cheap" travel available here. Imagine a flight to Ireland or Spain for less than a hundred dollars! Within our twelve-week London stay, members of the group have traveled to Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Valencia (Spain), Greece, Paris, Rome, Bruges and Amsterdam. And we have yet to

embark on our continental tour!

Some of the highlights of our trip include our celebrity sightings. We have seen and met Cillian Murphy, Neve Campbell, Kirsten Johnston, Alan Cumming, Sir Ian McKellan, Sienna Miller, Misha Barton, Victoria Beckham, Fiona Shaw, Peter Griffiths and, of course, a naked Daniel Radcliffe.

Many of us came here for an adventure and, more importantly, to challenge ourselves. After three months in one of the world's greatest

and largest cities, we've not only lived up to that challenge, we've grown up, we've become adventurous and independent, and we have learned about who we really are-on the deepest level. We are beginning to feel a deep sadness about leaving our new home here and the incredible friendships we've created overseas. But we know we will be coming home with so many stories to tell, adventures to recount and a new perspective on the world and ourselves.



Photo courtesy of Jaclyn Esqueda

Dr. Jeana Magyar-Moe and students from the Positive Psychology course attend a recent ribbon cutting ceremony at a Habitat for Humanity home that they helped build.

## Accentuate the positive: UW-SP's Positive Psychology class

By Jaclyn Esqueda  
POINTLIFE REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point prides itself on being a progressive campus, and Dr. Jeana Magyar-Moe's Positive Psychology class fits right into that spirit.

Positive psychology, the study of optimal human functioning, is a recent growing trend in the world of psychology. The concept is simple: there's some good in everyone, so instead of focusing on the negative, accentuate the positive.

To strengthen classroom knowledge, Magyar-Moe requires a service learning volunteer project as a component of the course. This semester, the class has partnered up with the local Salvation Army and Central Wisconsin Habitat for Humanity to help the community in meaningful ways. Student volunteers have been cooking dinners at the Salvation Army Hope Center, helping build houses for low-income families and raising money to support further efforts.

As it turns out, the old adage "a little bit of kindness goes a long way" is true. Students are seeing their efforts enrich the lives of others, which makes them feel good about helping, which increases their efforts, and so on.

This upward spiral phenomenon is a concept taught in the course, and students enjoy the opportunity to witness the real-world application of the theory. As part of the fundraising efforts, members of the class will be cooking out at the Plover Wal-Mart this Sunday, April 29 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. They will also be hosting a Kiddie Carnival family event with games and prizes on Saturday, May 5 in the MAC from 1-4 p.m.

In addition, the students will be throwing a benefit concert at the Stevens Point Holiday Inn & Convention Center on Saturday, May 12 from 7 p.m.-12 a.m. All proceeds from these events will benefit the Salvation Army and Central Wisconsin Habitat for Humanity.

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# Science, Health & Tech.

## Health promotion students travel to Mexico to build a home

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The School of Health Promotion and Human Development at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is offering HPHD majors an opportunity to take part in the "Family Life South of the Border" trip to Mexico.

This study abroad program will take place Monday, May 21 to Monday, June 11 and will give students experiences in the most modern, and still developing, aspects of Latin American culture and family life.

According to Marty

Loy, associate professor and chair of HPHD, the school is expanding student opportunities to gain international experience during their time at UW-SP. "This is a superb opportunity for our students to learn outside the classroom, and indeed, beyond our borders," said Loy. The Family Life South of the Border trip will provide students opportunities to become intimately acquainted with the homeland and culture of the fastest growing segment of our U.S. population. Students will witness first-hand environmental and family well-being in the cultural context of Latin America, along with the unique challenges, com-

monalities and resources to assist in improving the quality of life.

The trip will begin in Mexico City, where participants will visit the National Palace, the Museum of Anthropology, the Diego Rivera museum, cathedrals and pyramids. Here they will consider issues of population, pollution and poverty, as well as the social service structures that support the people who successfully live with these and other challenges day-to-day.

Following their time in Mexico City, students will then travel to Cuernavaca for immersion in a one-week intensive course of Spanish for social service and health care professionals, while living in Mexican families' homes. In addition, they will explore and volunteer at medical and social service agencies in the area, as well as participate in the cultural nightlife where communities gather together.

The final part of the trip will allow participants to use their newfound language skills, with the help of translators, in professional settings. Students will live on-site at a special needs orphanage in Oaxaca. Here they will interact with children at the orphanage, help in delivering meals to families who live and work at the local dump, and help construct a cinder block home for one of those families. They will also enjoy the usual points of interest, such as the world's largest tree.

The academic leader of this trip is Sterling Wall, assistant professor of family & consumer sciences in HPHD. Wall has worked personally with the Hispanic population in the United States for several years and looks forward to becoming more familiar with some of their cultural roots.

For more information on this study abroad trip to Mexico, you can visit the UW-SP study abroad Web site at [www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad](http://www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad).

## CWES hosts Summer Camp Sampler

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The Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES) on Sunset Lake, a field station of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, is hosting a Summer Camp Sampler event on Saturday, May 12.

The event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is open to all families free of charge and is a great chance to get a preview of CWES before camps begin this summer.

Families will enjoy a fun-filled day that will include canoeing, archery, creating a nature craft, guided hikes, pontoon boat rides, tours of the grounds and much more. Families may bring a picnic lunch or they may purchase a spaghetti meal for \$2 per adult and \$1 per child.

Please RSVP for the event before May 10 by contacting CWES at (715) 824-2428 or [cwes@uwsp.edu](mailto:cwes@uwsp.edu). For more information, go to the Web site at [www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes).

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

As the semester finally approaches the end, it's time to kick off Groovin' with Allen week. Starting Tuesday, May 1, Groovin' with Allen week gives the staff at the Allen Center a chance to let you know our appreciation for all students. All week there will be events and giveaways at the Allen Center, so make sure you stop by and we'll guarantee you'll get your groove on.

On Tuesday, May 1, join SHPO from 4 - 6 p.m. for some free fruit pizza and fruit salad and learn some fun facts about fruit. Then on Wednesday, May 2, join in the free Group Fitness challenge at 3 - 7 p.m. There's a chance to win prizes so make sure you sign up at the Cardio Center to guarantee your spot! And on Thursday, May 3, sign up for a free chair massage which will be given by Holistic Health from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Also on Thursday from 5 - 6:30 p.m, make and take home two bars of soap with Outdoor Edventure. Sign up for this interesting class

at the Cardio Center with cost of the course being \$5 for materials. Finally, on Friday, May 4, come to the Allen Center between noon and 1 p.m. for a free paraffin hand dip and then head out with Outdoor Edventures for their free demo day in Schmeekle at 2 - 4 pm. Or stick around the Allen Center and watch the co-ed Spring Sand Volleyball Tournament, which is sure to be a blast!

What you see above is not all we're offering for Groovin' with Allen week. All week, Cardio Center members can get free ice cream until supplies last. Also during next week, if you bring a friend to work out for free you'll both receive a free water bottle!

The Allen Center has quite a week in store and we hope that you'll take some time to relax and help us enjoy it! So consider this an official invitation to come groove with Allen from Tuesday, May 1 to Friday, May 4. Groovin' with Allen, can you dig it?

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# Earth Week keynote speaker on environmental challenge and opportunity

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Earth Day may be over, but the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is still heralding "Earth Week" and as Michael Dombeck, keynote speaker for Earth Week said, "We will not have succeeded until [Earth Week] evolves into a life style."

Dombeck, the former chief of the U.S. Forest Service and currently a professor at UW-SP, spoke about the last two conservation movements in America and the growing awareness among the college generation about environmental issues.

Dombeck explained the history of the last two big conservation movements and the leaders involved including the likes of Theodore Roosevelt, Henry David Thoreau, George Perkins Marsh and even Abraham Lincoln.

From the first time English settlers landed on the shores of America, the object had always been to tame the wild forest around them, not to live in harmony with them, explained Dombeck.

"Around the 1850's literature and art began to capture the beauty of nature," said Dombeck. Dombeck explained that this made the public realize and care about the immense beauty around

them.

"In 1847 George Perkins Marsh was the first politician who effectively articulated the intense problems with the environment," said Dombeck.

"He also wrote a book called 'Earth as Modified by Human Actions' which was used by some of the foremost conservationists of that day."

It was during this time that the groundwork was laid for creating national parks and forests.

In 1860 Lincoln was one of the first presidents to set aside land for aesthetic value.

"Lincoln's actions paved the way for places like Yosemite and Yellowstone National Park," said Dombeck.

All these steps finally led to the 1891 Forest Reserve Act, which was the first official Congressional act which took land out of the public domain and preserved it.

When Roosevelt took office he set aside 250 million acres of land for the National Forest and National Park systems.

This period of history was considered to be the first conservation movement in America.

The mid-20th century was a time of intense turmoil for America with issues like Vietnam, Watergate and a failing administration plaguing the nation. America was also on the verge of the second conservation movement.

During this time Rachel Carson came out with her book "Silent Spring".

"Everyone should read this book if they haven't already. It brought to the forefront the human health issues caused by pollution that was affecting American citizens across the country," said Dombeck.

From books like this and other activists' work, the first earth day was celebrated on April 22 1970.

"It was really bringing to the forefront a lot of issues like government disillusionment and human health, not just environmental issues," said Dombeck.

Dombeck outlined many strides politicians and American citizens have made since the second environmental movement, but also stressed the need for serious attention to be paid to the current state of the environment.

"In the next 40 years we need to start living very differently," said Dombeck.

Dombeck also drew several significant similarities to the country's current state of affairs and the situation before the last conservation movement.

"We have a failing and unpopular war, an administration in denial, scandals in the white house, fiscal policies which favor the wealthy and land policies that favor large private corporations," said Dombeck.

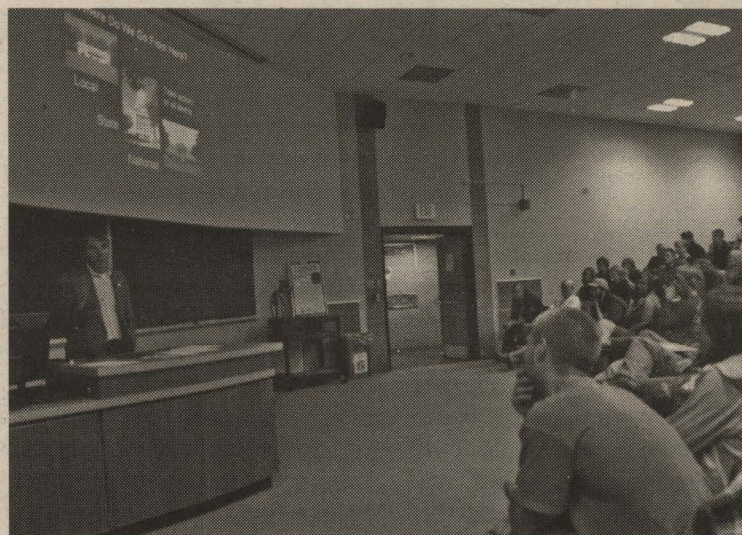


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Dombeck speaks with UW-SP students and staff about the need for more environmental awareness in America.

Dombeck called for more public protest about environmental issues.

"We are on the cusp of the third conservation movement ... and it's you students that can make a difference," said Dombeck.

Dombeck outlined many of the issues that we are facing today and the opportunities to live a greener lifestyle.

"In the next 50 years we will build the same number of buildings that we have built in the history of the United States, we can make those buildings more environmentally friendly," said Dombeck.

Dombeck challenged the students to act locally to help the environment. He also commented on the way politicians are handling environmental issues.

"We've let them get out of control. It's not about catering to a party; it's about citizens.

The people need to take politics back and throw politicians out if they're not behaving," said Dombeck.

Finally he pointed to the lifestyle of the next generation.

"The average child spends 6 hours and 20 minutes a day in front of some sort of screen ... for the first time in history we have a generation that will have a lifespan shorter than their parents," said Dombeck.

Dombeck pointed to good environmental education as the key to recreating the connection with nature in the next generation.

These changes aren't going to happen within the next election, they will take a long time and will require a long-term investment.

"We need to start thinking about natural security more than national security," said Dombeck.

## GEM Critical Issues Seminar focuses on sustainability in Mexico

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Ernesto Casteñada, a professor at the Technical Institute of the Oaxaca Valley in Mexico, will discuss his work with indigenous communities in Mexico at the GEM Critical Issues International Seminar on Tuesday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at the Country Springs Hotel, 1501 North Point Drive, Stevens Point.

The GEM Critical Issues series is free and open to the public. It is hosted by the Global Environmental Management Education

Center (GEM) with funding through grants from the USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Casteñada's presentation is the last of four lectures in the 2006-2007 series, "Sustainable Communities."

Casteñada's field of expertise is sustainable agriculture, environmental management and rural development. He works with indigenous communities in the state of Oaxaca in southeastern Mexico. Currently his focus is on sustainable production and food security for deeply impoverished communities. Many people in these communities are subsistence farmers. Casteñada, whose work is funded by the United Nations, is helping farmers improve agro-

nomic practices in a sustainable way.

Casteñada is also a partner in GEM initiatives in Oaxaca. GEM, a center within the College of Natural Resources at UWSP, promotes sustainability, international programming and leadership development. In Mexico, GEM projects include sustainable agriculture, forestry and community development. GEM staff and Mexican partners are helping create farm-to-market connections, value-added agricultural products and niche markets, for example. Also in conjunction with these programs, two Mexican nationals are currently enrolled as graduate students at UWSP.

More information about GEM and the Critical Issues International Seminar Series is on the Web at [www.uwsp.edu/cnr/GEM](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/GEM).

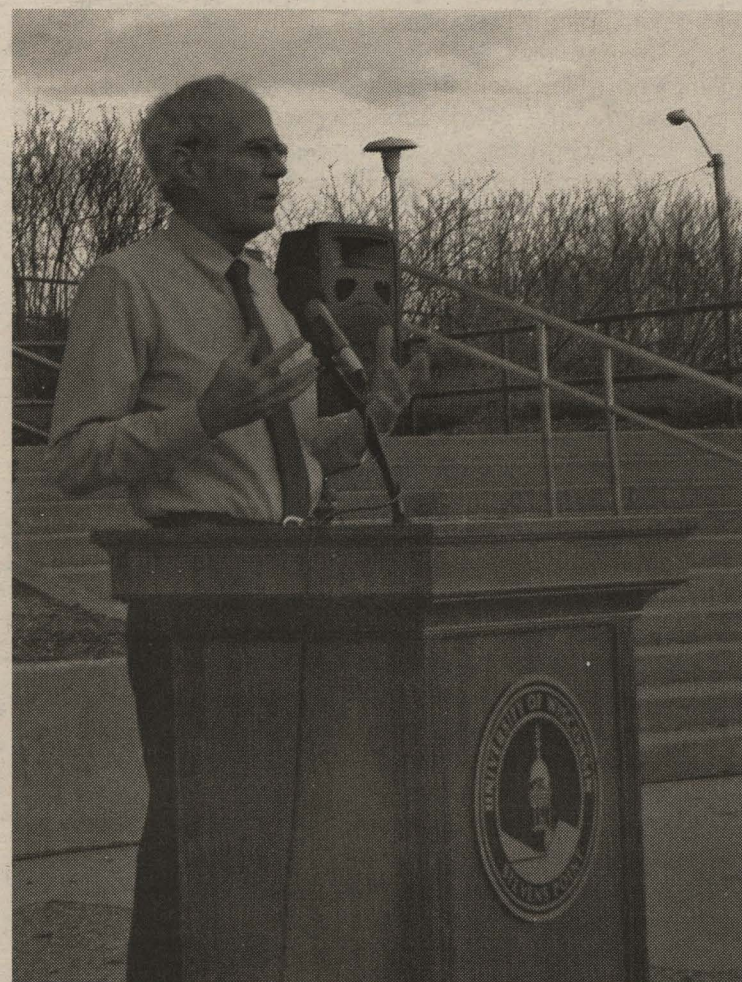


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Doug Lafollett spoke about the need for Americans to change their lifestyles in order to save and preserve the environment.

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## Sports

## Pointer baseball doubleheaders end up even

## Baseball

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team experienced an up and down week last week, going 3-3 by splitting a home doubleheader against UW-Stout before taking on a pair of non-conference foes later in the week.

Wednesday's doubleheader against UW-Stout consisted of two very different games. In the opener, Pointer's ace Jordan Zimmerman pitched the game of the year thus far for UW-SP, throwing a complete game for a two-hit shutout. Zimmerman also struck out eleven batters en route to the 1-0 victory.

Offensively the Pointers struggled just as much as Stout. They collected just three hits while striking out 12 times. Their lone run came in the fifth when Tim Schlosser reached on a two-base error with two outs and scored on a bloop single by Ben Warwick.

In the second game, Stout jumped out to a 7-3 lead before the Pointers rallied in the fifth inning with six runs to take a 9-7 lead. Stout's offense wasn't done though, as they recorded six runs in the final two innings to claim a 13-10 victory.

The game was played nowhere near the level of the first game. The two teams each used five pitchers and combined to commit ten errors. Only eight of the game's 23 combined runs were earned.

Saturday the Pointers hosted Ripon College in a non-conference battle. Ripon came away with the sweep, winning 4-2 in the opener and 10-9 in twelve innings in the finale.

Jeremy Dunnihoo started and pitched well for UW-SP, going five innings and allowing just two earned runs. Jeff Zielke pitched the final four innings, but surrendered lone runs in the seventh and ninth.

The second game saw the Pointers jump out to a 7-0 lead before falling behind 9-7 in the seventh inning. Point then answered Ripon, scoring two runs in the bottom of the eighth. The two teams stayed even until the twelfth, when Ripon's Kyle McFarland hit a one-out solo homerun to clinch the sweep.

Offensively the Pointers were led by Hojnacki, who went 4-7 with an RBI and a run scored. Scheidler, Schlosser and Justin Bushong each collected two hits. Ryan Byrnes went deep for the sixth time this season.

On Tuesday, the Pointers looked to bounce back against St. Norbert College. Mike Thrun pitched seven solid innings in the opener, giving up just one run on five hits on the way to a 6-1 victory.

Scheidler went 3-5 with a home run, an RBI and two runs scored to lead the offense. Archambeau also homered for UW-SP.

The Pointers put on a dominating performance in game two, beating them 18-2 in seven innings. Garrett Nix went the distance, scattering three hits and two runs (one earned) over seven innings.

Archambeau went 2-4 with a homerun, five RBI and three runs scored. Adam Evanoff went 3-4 with a

homerun, two RBI and two runs scored. As a team, the Pointers pounded out 16 hits.

With the week split, the Pointers are now 18-11 overall and 10-3 in conference. They remain in second place, four and a half games behind red hot UW-Oshkosh, who is now 17-1 in WIAC play. The two teams will face off for four games this weekend in Stevens Point.

Two Pointers received recognition this week for their performances. With his two-hit shutout against Stout, Zimmerman was named WIAC Pitcher of the Week. Evanoff also received a weekly award, being named NCAA Division III Hitter of the Week.



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The baseball team has put up big offensive numbers this season, scoring ten or more runs in ten games.

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# Bucks and Packers only a year away

## Editorial

David Stelter  
SPORTS REPORTER

The most mocked Wisconsin sports franchise, the Milwaukee Brewers, could wind up on top of the National League Central division race come late September. That being said, I'm not going to make predictions just yet. They are still the Brewers, and that means injuries, inconsistency and just plain bad luck jump from out of nowhere, and at any time. Plus Major League Baseball seasons run way too long. "Wake me up when September ends" would be the best way to describe them.

That's why I'm ready to focus on the prospects of Wisconsin's other two oft-ridiculed teams, the Green Bay Packers and the Milwaukee Bucks. Football and basketball fans outside the state can merely look at the records and say that they have a long way to go to reach playoff contention. The Pack has gone 12-20 in the last two heart-wrenching seasons, and the Bucks have failed to win 30 games in a full season for the first time since 1994 (they won 28 in 1999, but it was a shortened, 50-game season). Lucky for Wisconsin sports fans, the NFL and NBA are no strangers to quick turnaround stories. And with these two struggling teams, a quick turnaround isn't just likely—it's almost a certainty.

Let's start with the green and gold. Defensively, they may still have issues with the highly unimpressive Bob Sanders running that side of the ball, but the talent is there. They're only one big name safety away from having one of the most fearsome secondaries in the game. Plus their defensive line is chock full of young talent waiting to emerge (Colin Cole, Cullen Jenkins, Corey Williams) and has Aaron Kampman, fresh off a 15 1/2 sack season.

As far as the offense goes, they're due to break out in a big way. The offensive line showed vast improvement last season, only giving up five sacks in the last six games, games in which Brett Favre dropped back to pass an average of 42 times. The receiving corps speaks for itself—Donald Driver, Greg Jennings, the emerging Ruell Martin and the suspension-free Koren Robinson. This is the most underrated group of receivers in the entire NFL. Favre will find ways to get them the ball, just as the steady-

ly maturing offensive line will find ways to open up holes for the running backs. The loss of Ahman Green to the Texans will not hurt their running game as much as people think.

Speaking of loss, the Bucks became way too familiar with the term in the 2006-07 season (they lost 54 games to be exact), only because over half the team was injured. Starting small forward Bobby Simmons missed the entire year with foot issues, while star guards Michael Redd and Mo Williams missed huge chunks of time with assorted knee, ankle and rib injuries. The young, ultra-promising frontcourt of Charlie Villanueva and Andrew Bogut decided to sit the season out from March 18 on due to recurring shoulder pain and a severely sprained left foot, respectively. Those, of course, weren't the first injuries suffered by the two youngsters throughout the course of this disastrous season.

What's the solution for Bucks GM Larry Harris here? Blow this team up and rebuild around a 19 year-old they can trade up to draft? Of course not. They just need to get healthy and stay that way. They're all still in their 20s (Bogut and Villanueva are 22), so breaking this upstart team up in favor of a raw kid prodigy would be the stupidest move since they traded Dirk Nowitzki for Robert Traylor—and that was very, very stupid. But Harris is anything but, and he has made all the right moves since taking over in 2003. And since it's still unlikely that they'll be able to nab Kevin Durant or Greg Oden in this year's draft, why not stick with the young nucleus they have and build around that? This could, down the road, end up the best Bucks team since the days of Lew Alcindor in the early 70s.

While the 162-game baseball season may or may not end up a success story for the Brew Crew this year, Wisconsin sports fans will have plenty to cheer about come late next fall. Even if the Packers fizzle out, we'll at least get to see Favre for another season. As far as the Bucks go, I don't see how they can possibly go wrong in 2007-08. With that lineup in place and a good young coach in Larry Krystkowiak, they would need a monumental collapse (or injuries) to take place in order to be unsuccessful.

I'll end with a bold prediction: Both the Packers and the Bucks will reach their respective conference finals at the end of next season. Why not think big?

# Pointers pound out big offensive numbers against conference foes

## Softball

Rochelle Nechuta  
SPORTS REPORTER

This past week the Pointer softball team played three double headers against the University of Wisconsin-Stout, UW-River Falls and UW-Platteville. They were victorious five out of the six games and scored 44 runs while their opponents scored only 12.

On Saturday pitcher Stephanie Anderson pitched a perfect game against the Blue Devils, only the third player to do so at UW-SP. She took the win 9-0.

Four runs came from powerhouse Pointer Korrin Brooks, who helped to bat in four runs with her 3-4 record in the game. Pointer Laura Van Abel also aided with two RBI.

The second game against Stout was pitched by Pointer Hope Krause, who received the 9-0 win. During the third, the floodgates opened, and UW-SP scored six runs, with another three runs tallied in the fifth. Laura Van Abel had a homerun in the third with two RBI, while Danielle Ashbeck scored a pair of runs.

The Pointers split games Sunday against UW-RF. In the

first matchup UW-SP started the scoring in the fourth with two runs, but the Falcons retaliated with three in the sixth to take the win. Krause pitched another no-run game in the second game of the doubleheader. Van Abel hit a three-run homerun, while Brooks, Ashbeck, Bolt and Anderson had single RBI. The game ended 9-0 for the Pointers.

Games Monday ended in closer victories for the Pointers against Platteville. In the first game Van Abel placed the only run on the scoreboard in the fourth and Anderson took the 1-0 win.

UW-SP started out fast in the second game with eight runs in the first two innings. The Pioneers gained seven runs in the third, but could not muster enough runs to beat the Pointers. The game ended 13-10 in favor of UW-SP. Pointers Anderson and Sara Phillips went 3-4, while Anderson scored 4 runs. Brooks, Van Abel and Ashbeck all scored pairs of their own.

The Pointers have a 26-6 overall record and 11-3 WIAC record. They will play their last regular season games this weekend. Saturday's game is at De Pere against St. Norbert College and Sunday's game they will host Edgewood College on campus at 2 p.m.



Photo by Drew Smalley

The Pointers haven't allowed many points lately, shutting out four in their last six games.

## Senior on the Spot

### Brett Dorak – Men's Track and Field

**Major** – Wildlife and a minor in soil science.

**Hometown** – Sobieski.

**Do you have any nicknames?** – None that are really appropriate.

**What are your plans after graduation?** – Hopefully get a wildlife job and go to the Olympics for International Trap (shotgun shooting).

**What has helped you become such an accomplished athlete?** – My friends, coach and my family.

**What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?** – Watching so many of my teammates succeed in all of their events.

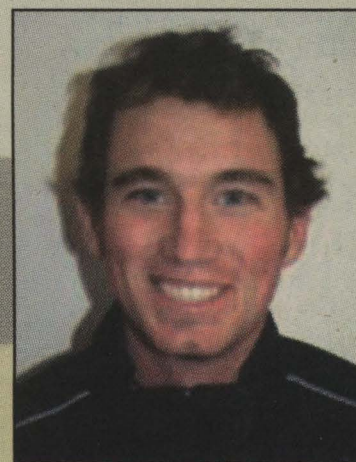
**What's your most embarrassing moment?** – Tripping before a steeple barrier my freshman year at conference and hitting it with my chest, then having coach tell me I look like shit afterwards.

**What CD is in your stereo right now?** – Queen's Greatest Hits.

**What DVD is currently in your DVD player?** – Without Limits (Prefontaine).

**What will you remember most about UW-SP?** – All the ridiculous stuff our team does.

**What are the three biggest influences in your life?** – My coach, my teammates and my family.

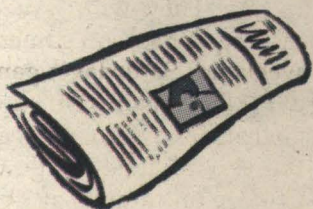




# Simonis paces Pointers at UW-La Crosse Invite

Irvine added a second place finish in the 400-meter dash in 59.11 seconds. The Pointers totaled 76 points to finish fifth in the eight-team meet. UW-LC won the meet with 210 points.

Also, Mitch Ellis competed at the UW-La Crosse Invite and won the high jump title with a leap of six feet, six inches.



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As tired and exhausted as they felt, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point students Ben Vondra and Sam Janicki maintained a steady lead as they carried their winning canoe to the finish line of their first adventure race. They had finished in a little over three hours, an impressive time for first-time racers.

The Timber Rattler Adventure Race, sponsored by the United States Adventure Racing Association (USARA), was held on April 21 at Dexter County Park in Dexterville, Wis. Two-person teams from the UW-SP Adventure Racing Club (ARC) competed in a half-day race that included biking, canoe paddling, and completing a ropes course, orienteering missions and team challenges.

"I was a little nervous about my first adventure race," said Vondra. "I wasn't as nervous about getting lost in the woods as much I was nervous about my bike breaking down or capsizing the canoe."

Although Vondra and Janicki were fortunate to have no equipment malfunctions, the varied terrain of the course challenged the participants'

physical strength and endurance.

"One of my biggest challenges was getting through the ropes course over a river that we had to cross twice. On our way back over the river, no one was expecting us to finish so early, so none of the harnesses were ready yet," said Vondra.

"We decided to swim across, thinking it would be easier than the ropes course. We soon found out it was very difficult keeping our packs above the water while swimming across the river."

In order to win the Timber Rattler Adventure Race, teams had to locate all 23 checkpoints scattered at various spots along the course in the fastest time.

Vondra and Janicki were followed by Lucas Scharmer and Brad Gringras, who placed second. The top three teams won prizes that had been donated by various sponsors.

Members of the UW-SP ARC focus on leadership, teamwork, friendship and a passion for the outdoors - more reasons than Vondra needed to sign up for an adventure race.

"I love being outdoors, and I thought this would be an excellent experience and a great way to meet new people," he said.



Photo courtesy of Ben Vondra

UW-SP students Sam Janicki (left) and Ben Vondra (right) carry their canoe to the finish line, winning first place at the Timber Rattler Adventure Race at Dexter County Park.

ple," he said.

Throughout the school year, the UW-SP ARC has participated in five adventure races consisting of various physically demanding outdoor activities, such as backpacking, biking, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, rappelling and orienteering.

On April 15, UW-SP

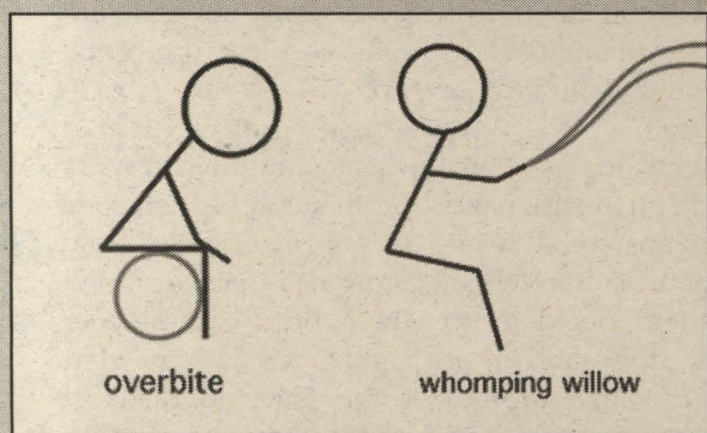
ARC members Jon Ciatti, Brian Powers, Jake Calhoun and Tom Lentz participated in the 2007 Collegiate Nationals Adventure Race Championships in Reno, Nev. The two-member teams both placed in the top three in a race that included kayaking, mountain biking and a trail run.

The UW-SP ARC plans to have members participate in the upcoming Timber Wolf Adventure Race held at the Flambeau River State Forest, near Phillips, Wis.

For more information about the UW-SP ARC, visit [www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/adventureracing/Index.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/adventureracing/Index.htm).

## Outdoor•Ed Ventures

### Tip of the Week



**Lucas Scharmer**  
TRIP LEADER/RENTAL TECHNICIAN

Have you ever been deep in the woods and had the urge to poop? I have found several successful methods to accomplish this task.

The "full squat" can get messy if not paying attention. The "half squat" gives your quads a nice workout. The "overbite" is one of my personal favorites. The "middleman" is uncommon to find in nature but when you

do, it's worth the search.

The "lean cuisine" hasn't been too successful for me, and the "whomping willow" is another one of my favorites.

All of these positions can be modified to fit the individual's personal preference. Just be sure to dig a six-inch hole with a stick and cover it when you're done.

Learn more at Outdoor EdVentures in the Allen Center.

## Steve's Hunting Tip of the Week

**Steve Kaufman**  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Now that spring is finally here, it's time for deer hunters to start thinking about what they want to plant in their food plots.

Unfortunately, I can't tell you the magic crop that will bring in that monster buck you've been dreaming of. But I can tell you some strategies for choosing the right crop.

First, look at what is available around you. I always plant something different in my food plots than what farmers have in the closest farm fields.

For example, I plant soybeans, winter wheat, rye or corn in my plots near alfalfa fields.

The goal of my food plots is to offer more variety to deer by offering them something that is not available anywhere else nearby.

Next, decide what time of year you'll need the plot to be the most attractive. Clover, alfalfa and soybeans are the best plots that I've used. They provide high

protein summer foods while also serving as great early bow season attractants.

Turnips are great choices once the first hard frost strikes, since a hard frost causes them to accumulate sugars in their leaves making them a tasty meal for any hungry deer.

Where I hunt it's hard to beat un-harvested corn or winter wheat for late season hunting. I use rye, winter wheat and red clover to provide deer with an early spring food source when other food sources are scarce.

Using mixtures is the best way to get the most out of a small plot. I've had great success mixing ladino clover, peas, and winter wheat. Any plots using winter wheat or rye should be planted in late August to mid-September.

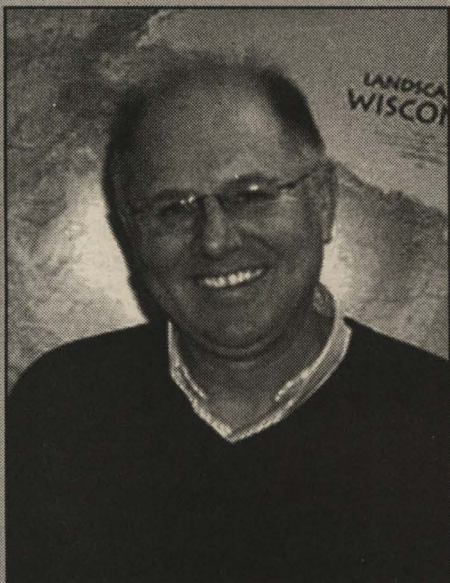
Sunflowers, turnips, soy beans, chicory and alfalfa are all great choices to use in mixtures.

Finally, I use small test plots to try out different plants to find out which ones grow best and attract the most deer when I want them to.



# Earth Day Memories

*"When I was a student at UW-SP, I remember..."*

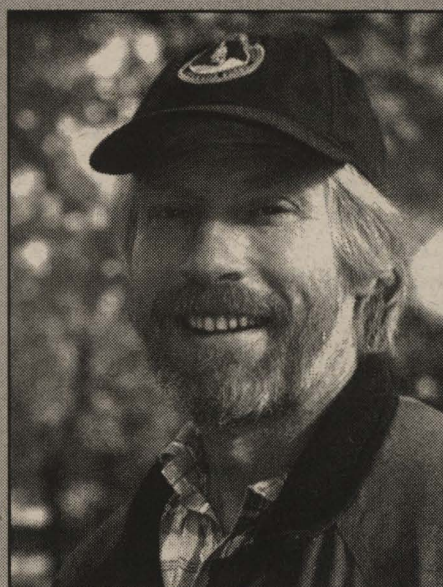


**Randy Champeau**  
WCEE Director and Associate  
Dean of Extension and  
Outreach in the College of  
Natural Resources

When I was an undergraduate, let's just say back in the 1970s, I remember that Earth Day seemed to me like an obvious and/or intentional celebration of life, freedom and environment.

I clearly remember it being a "happening" with student gatherings, demonstrations, speakers, guitars, drums, bands, flowers, beads, old friends, new friends and picnics.

I remember students expressing passionate feelings of concern, desperation, panic, faith, hope, love and fun. Earth Day included the excitement of "Spring on Campus," and it seemed like everyone wanted to be a part of the celebrating in one way or another.



**George Kraft**  
Professor of water resources



## Don't share your PASSWORD:

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I spent Earth Day evening with some fellow grad students who I still see. We were listening to music, enjoying beverages in what was known as "The Grid" in the University Center. It was quite cold - freezing cold - and I only had on a light jacket.

We ran out of beer money, but I remembered my brother, who was living in the dorms on the north end of campus thought he'd be able to provide.

I went to his room, knocked on the door and got no answer. I waited around for a while, and then decided to try the door and wait inside. I waited around inside some more, and then thought maybe I should look around - he wouldn't mind, right? In the process of doing so, I knocked over a gallon bucket of latex paint. It was everywhere!

I thought for a second that I should just leave, but then I thought again, "Could I really do this to my very own brother?"

In a weak moment, I decided not to leave, and started cleaning up. I didn't realize latex paint is water-based, so the more I tried to wipe and mop it up, the more I realized it just spread the paint around.

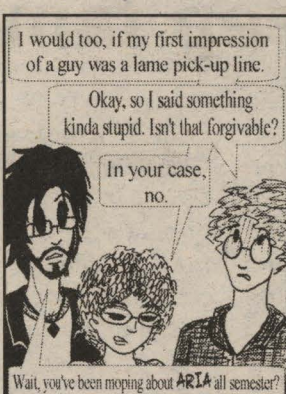
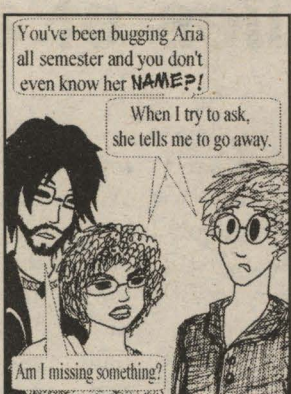
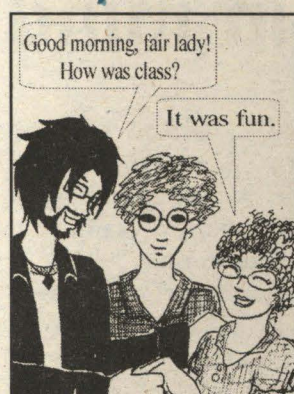
After struggling with this for a while, my brother and his roommate came in the room and started laughing hysterically at me. Eventually we got it cleaned up.

So, I got the items I was looking for from my brother and headed back to see my friends. They figured I had dumped them. But I had the beer right? We just needed some place to drink it (there were no-carry-in rules).

It was too cold and illegal to drink it outside, so what then? I'm extremely embarrassed to say this, but we ended up having to party in a porta-pot (not well used, thank the fish gods). Anyway, this was my favorite grad student Earth Day.



## Resident's Evil



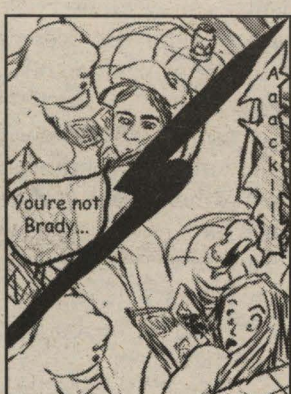
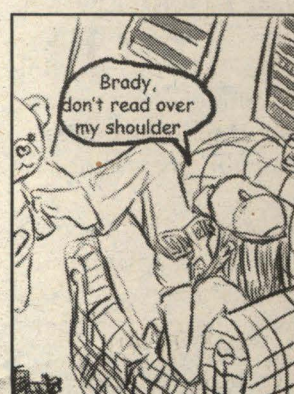
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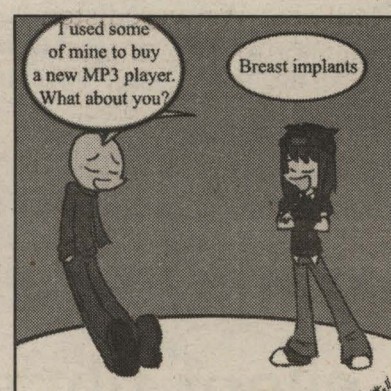
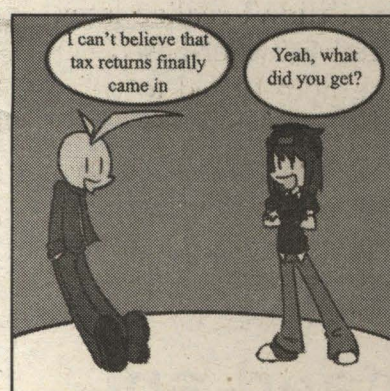
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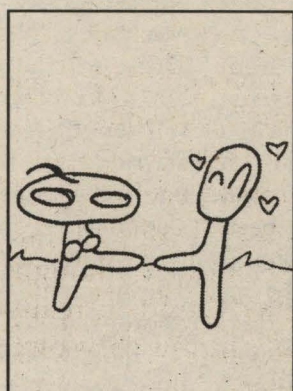
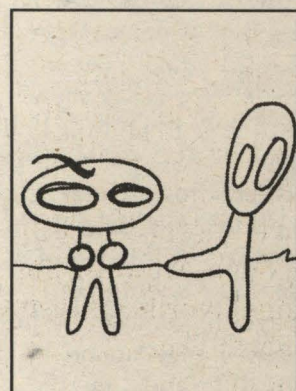
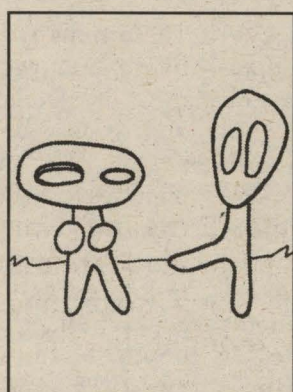
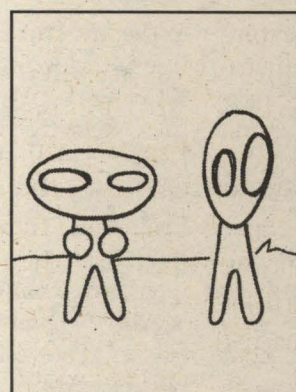
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## WORD SEARCH: BATH TIME

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## Arts &amp; Review

## Author's stories keep families of all kinds in mind

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"I was convinced by the media that there was something wrong with my family," said Lesléa Newman.

Newman grew up Jewish. There were no children's books about Jewish families when she was growing up. At the time, the media barely recognized Jewish family life, leading her to believe that her family was different and not normal. Years later, when Newman had become a professor of creative writing and published author, she was approached by another kind of family.

A lesbian couple in Newman's neighborhood wanted a book for their daughter. Among the many books about families, this couple had not found a single book about a family like theirs. Their plight struck a chord with Newman as she remembered her own childhood. She wanted to write a book that would reflect the girl's reality back to her, the kind of book she wished she could have had as a child. The result was "Heather Has Two Mommies."

"Heather Has Two Mommies" tells the tale of a pre-schooler who learns that families come in all shapes and sizes. Heather loves the number two and has two of many favorite things, includ-

ing pets, feet and mothers.

Writing a book about families was nothing new for Newman. Many of her books for children revolve around families. Some are the books she wished she'd had as a child—"Matzo Ball Moon," "Runaway Dreidel!" and "The Eight Nights of Chanukah" are stories about Jewish families, holidays and traditions. "Remember That" honors Newman's grandmother, and her newest book, "Daddy's Song," is a story about fathers designed for fathers to read to their children at night.

At first, Newman couldn't find a publisher for "Heather Has Two Mommies." She queried large, small, and independent publishing houses, but none were willing to touch what they considered a controversial subject. Newman and friend Tzivia Gover raised \$4,000 by taking \$10 dollar donations and self-published the book instead. The book was discovered in a bookstore by Sasha Alyson, who created the publishing company "Alyson Wonderland" to publish it and Michael Wilhoite's "Daddy's Roommate," a story about a boy and his gay parents. Subsequent editions of the book have been published by Alyson's company, which publishes family-oriented books about the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered and Queer community.

Following "Heather Has Two Mommies," Newman wrote "Gloria Goes to Gay

Pride," "Saturday is Pattyday," "Felicia's Favorite Story" and "Too Far Away to Touch" to present other issues that confront families in the LGBTQ community. Her goal in writing all of her children's books was to create stories for a wide variety of families. In all of her books, Newman showcases the idea that families are bound together by love, no matter what shape they take.

"We don't come into the world with a preconceived idea of family," said Newman. "We have to be taught that."

Initial press reviews were neutral. In 1991, Newsweek printed a short article about "Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Daddy's Roommate." The article spoke of changes in the makeup of American families as reflected by available books. Controversy over the book started shortly thereafter.

"I wasn't writing a controversial book," said Newman. "I wrote a book that other people saw as controversial."

While many families, psychologists and teachers received this message with applause, other groups have taken an adamant stand against the books' lessons. Libraries across the country suffered vandalism of books, bomb threats and other pressure to remove copies of Newman's book from the shelves. This pressure came from groups who considered Newman's tale to promote a militant homosexual agenda.

The books disappeared from libraries nationwide. When Newman's publisher learned of the problem, he offered to replace the books for free for the first 500 libraries who called in to report theft or vandalism. More than that number called in almost immediately. Libraries fought back to support the books and argued that banning them would be censorship and thus violate freedom of speech.

One Baptist pastor from Texas made it his crusade to remove "Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Daddy's Roommate" from the local library. When a woman from his congregation brought the books to show him, he refused to return them. The book also drew attacks when it and two other books about gay families were included in a 443 page bibliography as suggested books for New York's "Rainbow Curriculum," a program that strives to recognize families of all kinds.

Supporters of Newman's message have fought against those who wanted to remove the books and, for the most part, have been successful. When libraries faced vandalism or theft of Newman's book, supporters bought multiple copies and donated them to the library. One librarian reported 25 donated copies after a reported vandalism.

Despite the controversy, Newman is especially pleased with the responses from her supporters, especially the

children of lesbian and gay families. She was particularly touched by a letter from a girl named Tasha, who said "You wrote it just for me."

Newman feels that she is lucky to be able to make a living doing what she loves to do.

"I wanted to be a writer since 8," she said.

Newman's earliest poems were published in "Seventeen Magazine." She has since received many awards for her writing, including the Highlights for Children Fiction Writing Award and the James Baldwin Award for Cultural Achievement.

In addition to children's books, Newman also writes adolescent and adult fiction. Her stories for adults focus on important aspects of her life, including her Jewish heritage and lesbian identity. In addition to writing, Newman also tours the U.S. to give presentations about gay and lesbian families.

On April 23, Newman appeared on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus to discuss her books, message and stance on gay marriage. Her presentation, "Heather's Mommies Get Married," was sponsored by the UW-SP Gay Straight Alliance as part of their Pride Week celebrations.

For more information about Newman and her books, visit [www.lesleanewman.com](http://www.lesleanewman.com).

## UW-SP to feature light sculpture, silent films and animation and performance art

Press Release  
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Fine Arts and Communication will host three separate, yet complementary events

during the weekend of Friday, April 27, through Sunday, April 29. All three events are free and open to the public.

At dusk Friday, "Gotta Light," an exhibition of light sculpture, will be installed outdoors in the Specht Memorial Forum / Sundial at the center of the UW-SP campus. Other installations will be installed inside the adjacent Noel Fine Arts Center. Society of Artists for

Sculpture, A new UW-SP student organization will host the event. "Gotta Light" runs until dawn on Sunday morning. Sculptures made of neon, metal, glass, paper and other media will be displayed. Artists include students in Associate Professor Kristin Thielking's "Light Sculpture and Installations" class, as well as sculptors from UW System schools, the Art Institute of Chicago and Alfred University in New York. In the past, similar shows have been held at UW-Madison and at Alfred University.

On Saturday, COFAC Creates will present silent films at 3 p.m. in Room 221 of the Noel Fine Arts Center.

These films will feature live piano accompaniment by Donald Sosin and vocals by Joanna Seaton. The program includes four short comedies produced by students in visiting cinematographer Dan Fuller's silent film class. One of these films, "Rent Party," features music composed by student Michael Neumeyer. These will be followed by "Kid Brother," a 1927 full length feature film starring Harold Lloyd, one of the kings of silent slapstick. A reception will follow at 5 p.m. These silent films are appropriate for all ages.

Finally, on Saturday, the "Beehive Festival," will feature stop-motion animation, anime,

experimental narratives, video and other 3-D work. Works for the "Beehive Festival" have been produced by students of Assistant Professor Diana Black's Digital Motion Class as well as Web and Digital Media Development classes. The festival will be held from 6-11 p.m. in the Noel Fine Arts Center. Screenings will take place in Room 221 and at viewing kiosks around the building.

For information on "Gotta Light" contact Kristin Thielking at (715) 346-2450, on the silent film showings contact Leslie Midkiff DeBauche at 346-3379, and on the "Beehive Festival" contact Diana Black at 346-4556.

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## CINEMA CRITIQUE CORNER

### with NELSON CARVAJAL: "VACANCY"



**Nelson Carvajal**  
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

"Disturbia" would have been more effective if it had an R-rating. In a coincidental response, director Nimrod Antal ("Kontroll") delivers "Vacancy," a brisk (clocking in at a mere 84 minutes) film and one of the most dazzling white-knucklers to have hit the big screens in a long time. Here, Hitchcock would truly be proud.

The film opens on a dark, open, rural road that bends around a hill. It is hard to make anything out—except for the headlights of the sole car on the road. In the car, viewers meet David (Luke Wilson) and Amy Fox (Kate Beckinsale), a bitter couple who are in the preliminary

steps of getting a divorce. Their young son has recently passed away. They are especially unhappy with one another's presence. The car dies, and the protagonists find themselves stranded at a nearby hotel, out in the middle of nowhere. David should have stayed on the interstate.

The hotel manager Mason, played with creepy precision by Frank Whaley, hits notes of Norman Bates almost immediately: the dark hair, the passive-aggressive voice and an almost voyeuristic quality about him are enough to give any audience the creeps. After learning that every garage in town is closed, the couple decides to stay at the hotel to wait until morning. If you haven't seen the TV ads for this film, stop reading here.

Okay, so you have seen the ads and you know the big surprise: the hotel specializes in having its tenants raped, beaten and murdered in their rooms while hidden

cameras record every last drop of violence. The resulting "snuff films" are then sold on the black market. But the film is not worried about the lucrative business of such dealings—this is a no-holds barred escape-for-your-life movie. Much of the suspense comes from the perfunctory character development achieved in the opening fifteen minutes. We quickly know that David is really a nice guy who is just fed up with things and that Amy is a sometimes arrogant wife who cries easily. When these two ultimately fragile characters sweat and scream for their lives—it's actually enthralling to watch. This is palm-sweating entertainment.

Antal must be given credit for staging his scenes with a painfully realistic urgency. In standard thrillers, the unsus-

pecting knock on the door comes at a moment of sexual intimacy or while someone is lurking around in a dark pantry. "Vacancy" hits viewers when they least expect it and even while they still gasping from a scene just seconds earlier. The screenplay is nothing ingenious but the aesthetics of translating from page-to-screen are. Consider how cinematographer Andrzej Sekula moves the camera in a visceral underground chase or notice where the camera is placed while a character slowly watches on with horror from the confinement of an attic.

Still, I can't give the film an "Excellent" rating. Though Antal continues to shine in his directorial career, he too suffers from the dependency of the "deus ex machina" tool for denouement. I guess I

Excellent!



Good



Okay



Forget it



can't be too surprised though. The 70 minutes leading up to the film's conclusion are so raw and engaging that I expected something more. Maybe the film should have ended at the attic scene. But Hollywood these days can't risk box-office failure; everything needs to be spelled out for the viewer. It is a shame because, for the most part, "Vacancy" was actually on to something. And when it was, it was exciting as hell.

## University Writers host "Barney Street" release party

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For writers on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus, life is "A Complicated Kind of Ordinary."

The University Writers will release "A Complicated Kind of Ordinary," volume 29 of Barney Street, UW-SP's literary magazine, at 7 p.m. on April 26. The release party will take place in the Carlsten Art Gallery of the Noel Fine Arts Center and will include a poetry reading. Attendees will also receive free copies of the literary magazine.

The University Writers published the first edition of "Barney Street" in 1978. They named the publication in honor of a road that once bisected the campus between 4th Street and Franklin Avenue. The College of Professional Studies, the Learning Resource Center and the College

of Natural resources now stand on part of the original road.

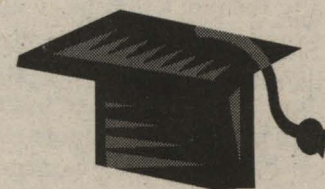
"Barney Street," the literary magazine, is a student-edited and published work. Every fall, the University Writers accept submissions of poetry, short fiction and black and white artwork for the publication. Each member of the "Barney Street" team reviews the submissions over winter break. After winter break, the team meets and votes on submissions. This year's issue features 51 submissions by student artists and writers. The collection represents a diverse selection of tastes and interests.

"Please peruse 'A Complicated Kind of Ordinary' with a light heart and an open mind," said Chris Perkins and Maggie Hanson, Barney Street's editors.

For more information about Barney Street, contact Chris Perkins or Maggie Hanson at barneyst@uwsp.edu.



## Are you Graduating in May?



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## Letters &amp; Opinion

# Your College Survival Guide

## Anger Management

By Pat Rothfuss

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We're creeping up on the end of the semester, so I'm going to try to get through some of the backlog of letters today. Let's go.

Pat,  
What's the weirdest part of being a published author?  
Jacob

I've only been published for about a month, but so far, I have to say the part that's weirding me out the most is all the praise.

You see, I come from a very abusive peer group. Vicious sarcasm is how we show affection to each other.

For example. The other day I went over to a friend's house for dinner. We were pretending to be grown-ups and everyone brought a dish to pass. Very domestic. We're drinking wine and using forks and everything. Then one of my friends casually mentions that he suspects I am sexually inclined toward sleeping with the dead.

Here's what you have to understand: in my peer group, not only did no one bat an eye at this comment being made over dinner, but it was viewed as rather urbane repartee. What's more, I felt a warm glow of affection after this slur against my character was made.

Why? Well ... because I know this person really loves me. Who else but a true friend would dare say such a thing?

But the book has been getting really good reviews. Ridiculously good reviews. One reviewer said it was "one of the best stories told in any medium in a decade." Another one actually called it "an unprecedented, utterly breathtaking storytelling tour de force."

I mean, how am I supposed to deal with that shit? It's really throwing me off my game.

I think we'll call it quits on the author questions now. If you're interested in more of this stuff, I'm doing some book talk next Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Library. I'll be reading a bit from the novel and doing some question and answer from the audience, so if you still have things you're curious about, show up there.

They'll be selling copies of the book at a discount too, so if you want to pick one up and get it signed, that's the place to be.

Alright. Let's get back to some of the old familiar College Survival Guide stuff.

Dear Pat,

I'm writing because you may be the only person I can talk to about this problem. I've been receiving parking tickets at an alarming rate, and when this happens, a rush of anger overcomes me. This isn't ordinary anger, this is Brad-Pitt-in-"Seven"-after-he-finds-his-wife's-head-in-a-box anger. Deep, primal anger that causes me to envision myself beating someone with biblical ferocity.

What kind of person can live with himself, knowing he is doing nothing but increasing the economic burden

on the average UW-SP student? They remind me of the tax collectors from the days of Ancient Rome, some of the most reviled, hideous human beings to have ever lived. Even fucking Jesus hated them. And guess what, Parking Enforcement? Jesus fucking hates you too!

Am I the only one that thinks this way? Am I simply mal-adjusted and throwing a tantrum because the precious little pocket money I possess is being taken away by Parking Services and its minions? Or are there others out there who feel as I do and are too scared to stand up? Do I need to simply refine my anger management skills, or do I need to form a posse and lynch those fuckers?

Help me, Mr. Rothfuss, you're my only hope.

P.S. Please withhold my name. I fear reprisals from Parking Services.

that they live their whole lives looking for reasons to get upset.

But the main reason I stopped worrying is that Christians who pick fights trying to defend Jesus are ridiculous to me. Not only have they missed the finer points of cheek turning, but I seem to recall a story when Simon tried to whoop someone's ass on Jesus' behalf. Jesus wasn't too impressed and told him, "Put up thy sword into the sheath. Anger ... Fear ... Aggression: the dark side of the Force are they."

Okay, back to the letter. I'll withhold your name, but you'll need an amusing acronym. How about: Parked Illegally, Student Shows Enraged Dementia? Now let's deal with your questions in order of importance, PISSED.

Anger management? Yes.

Are you mal-adjusted and throwing a tantrum? Probably and Yes.

Are you the only one? No.

Should you gather a lynch-minded posse? Hmmm ... Well, earlier this year I told someone off for throwing cheese in anger. So let's see. Throwing cheese = Bad. Throwing cheese < Lynching. You do the math.

My turn for a question, PISSED. What have you been doing to get so many tickets? Since you don't mention any specific details, I'm going to go way out on a limb and guess that maybe, just maybe, part of this might be YOUR fault. Is it possible that you've let your meter expire, parked in the wrong lot, or, to put it plainly, behaved like an inconsiderate choad?

We all hate getting tickets, but without the fear of tickets, most of us would be self-centered assholes when we park. The alternative to Parking Services is anarchy. And while anarchy is fun in theory and cheaper in the short run, the customer service generally sucks.

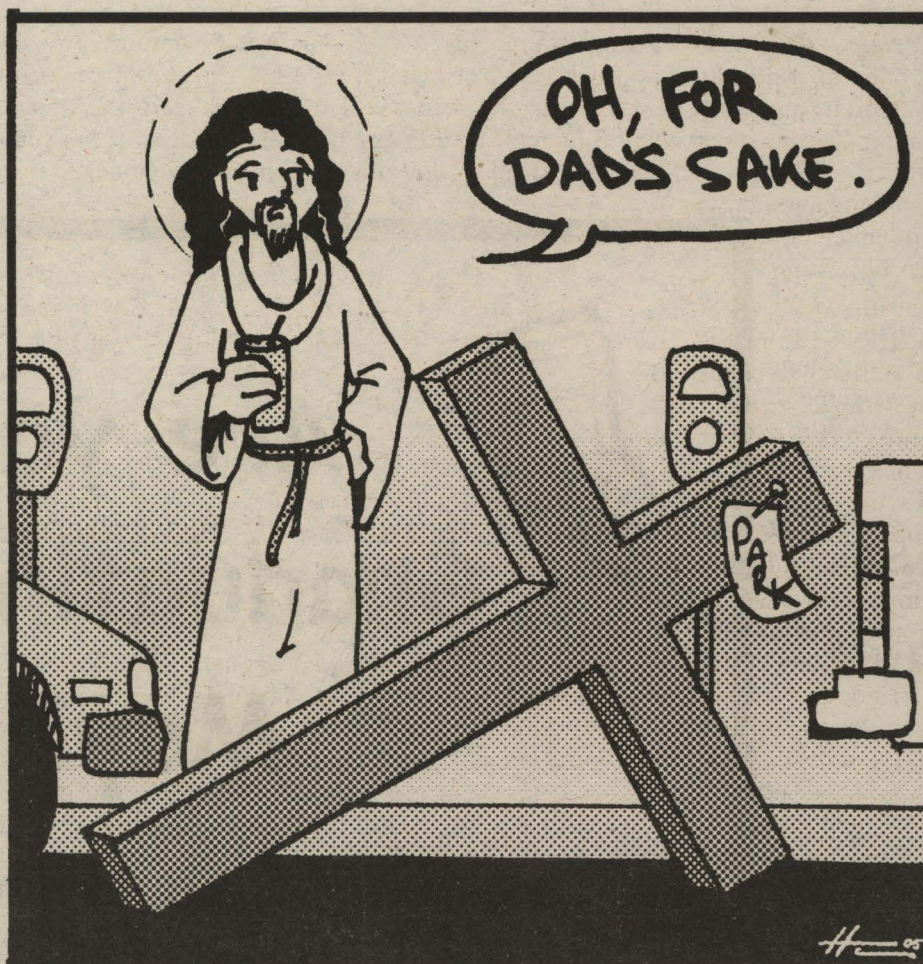
Now don't get me wrong, I don't have warm-fuzzy feelings for Parking Services. Two days ago they gave me a ticket for parking in one of those 20 minute zones where you need to have your flashers on. My ticket was ten bucks. That's like, thirty microwave burritos.

Could I be outraged about this? Sure. Could I go on a tirade? Absolutely. But the truth is, I forgot to leave my flashers on. And ... honestly, I forgot about my car and left it there for about two and a half hours. Did I deserve a ticket? Yeah. Not really their fault.

This Friday at the New Mission Cafe, Reggae: The Unity Band will be playing at 10 p.m. The band promises to "deliver an angelic, energetic, diverse, liberal, and peaceful message to all nations throughout the world." I'm not sure exactly what that means, but I'm willing to bet that you'll be able to get stoned there. Just a guess on my part.

There's concerts on Saturday and Sunday too, and cool events most weeknights too. For more details, check out [newmissioncafe.com](http://newmissioncafe.com).

The semester is drawing to a close. Send your frothy ravings to [proth@wsunix.wsu.edu](mailto:proth@wsunix.wsu.edu).



Wow. Just Wow.

When I started writing this column, I wanted three specific things: to make people laugh, to help folks with their problems, and to talk about campus issues. I like to think that over the last six years I've had a pretty good run and usually hit at least two of those three. However, in all this time, I've never received a letter that made me sit with my head in my hands and think, "Good Lord, can I print this?"

Don't get me wrong. There are plenty of letters I don't run, but this letter is the hat trick. It's a campus issue. It's humorous in that cover-your-mouth-with-horror-while-you-laugh sort of way. And the person sending it needs help with their problem. Sorry, problems. Their many, many problems.

It took me a while to realize why I was hesitant. It wasn't fear of retribution from Parking Services. I was afraid that some Christian would get their knickers in a twist and end up throwing stones at me.

Once I realized this, it was easy to print the letter. Partly because I refuse to be silent for fear that people will disagree with me. But also because I learned long ago that no matter what you say, some asshole will always find a way to be offended by it. Some people enjoy being offended so much



## Electronic waste is a rapidly rising problem

Electronic waste, or "e-waste," is probably an issue most of you haven't thought much about. I know it wasn't on my list of issues I was concerned about before this year.

It's becoming a serious, new problem in our country because of the insanely fast turn around rate of technology.

In 1998, 20 million computers became obsolete because of new technology, and only 13 percent of those computers were recycled.

At current rates, 100 million computers, televisions and monitors become outdated each year. The average lifespan

of cell phones is months, and then they are often just thrown in the trash, despite recycle programs that companies have set up.

Electronic waste is filling up our landfill space quickly and efforts need to be taken to recycle products, increase longevity of products and reuse parts from electronics.

You may be asking yourself, "Why should I care? Am I actually hurting anyone by putting e-waste in the landfill?"

The answer is that electronic waste affects us all. Electronic waste contains heavy metals, toxic materials

and pollutants that get thrown away in municipal trash.

These materials, such as cadmium, mercury and lead, can get into the water table when e-waste is released into the environment through landfill leachate or incinerator ash, which is very toxic to humans and animals.

Lead from cathode ray tubes in monitors is extremely toxic when they get smashed up in landfills. Also, recyclable items in electronics like steel, glass, plastic and precious metals are just getting thrown away and wasted.

The good news is there are lots of things you can do

to help. The Stevens Point area has places and stores you can take your old electronics.

Staples, Radio Shack, Wal-Mart, Batteries Plus, Office Depot, Ace Hardware, Goodwill, Midwest Computer Recyclers, cellforcash.com and batteryrecycling.com all have electronic recycling programs that take back batteries, computers, cell phones, mp3 players, pagers and/or toner and ink cartridges.

There is also an electronics drop off point at the Cyber Joe Café, which is near campus, just north of K-mart by the China Wok and Subway.

If you would like more

information about more places you can go, visit [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org). You can type in your zip code, and they give you a list of places in your area where you can take your old electronics to recycle.

You can also try to buy more "green products" that are made with fewer toxins, more recycled content, more energy efficient and designed for easy upgrade. IBM actually offers a PC that has 100 percent recycled plastic!

Julie Ravenberg

## Bush's choice on funding the troops

*Editor's note: This column was first published in the Christian Science Monitor and was later sent to The Pointer by Rep. Obey's press secretary.*

The time has come for President Bush to face reality and make some tough decisions about the future of America's involvement in Iraq. The president has two fundamental choices: He can demonstrate real leadership by reaching across party lines to establish common ground on a strategy for ending U.S. involvement in Iraq's civil war, or he can continue to divide the country by clinging to his failed policy.

In the days ahead, Congress will send Mr. Bush legislation that provides funding for our troops and urgent priorities facing our nation. Our bill will supply vital resources for our soldiers in the field, and it will strengthen medical care for those returning from war and our veterans.

The president has claimed - falsely - that Congress is somehow delaying funding for our troops. In fact, we have moved forward with this emergency supplemental on a faster timetable than the previous requests passed by the Republican-controlled 109th Congress. The president will have this legislation on his desk before the end of the month. It will be his choice, then, whether to hold up these funds with a veto or to sign the bill into law.

The bill will not cut funds for our troops. Congress will provide nearly \$100 billion for our women and men in uniform. It will provide our troops with body armor and specialized armored vehicles, which the administration has failed to do. We will strengthen and improve healthcare for our troops and veterans, which the administration has not done. And Congress will craft a responsible strategy for the Iraqis to take control

of their own nation. Congress will insist on greater accountability and responsibility both from the Bush administration and the Iraqi government.

Importantly, this legislation also establishes a framework for beginning the redeployment of our Armed Forces from Iraq to areas where they can more effectively confront the most serious threats facing our nation and the region. This redeployment will be paired with renewed efforts to train and equip Iraqi security forces and to build regional and international support for the Iraqi government.

The House and the Senate bills take different paths toward this goal; but each recognizes that the American people do not support an open-ended U.S. military occupation in Iraq. They do not want our troops mired in Iraq's civil war. They do not want our presence in Iraq to serve as a catalyst for more violence, not only in Iraq

but throughout the Middle East.

Congress has responded to the people, crafting a new direction that will provide the Iraqi government with the necessary motivation to pursue real political reconciliation.

The American people have sent a clear message to Washington: It is time to begin bringing our troops home from Iraq. If Bush vetoes this bill, he will turn his back on the clearly expressed wishes of the nation.

Last week, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates announced that our troops in Iraq and those troops set to deploy will have their tours extended to 15 months. This comes on top of the White House's announcement that they were rushing thousands of troops back to Iraq for extended tours of duty, without providing sufficient time for rest, recovery, and retraining.

Such plans, political pos-

turing, and veto threats have placed the safety of our troops in unnecessary jeopardy. It is simply unconscionable that the White House is now attempting to blame Congress for the failure to successfully prosecute the war.

The president has said on many occasions that the U.S. commitment to Iraq is not open-ended. Now is the time for him to show the nation that those were not hollow words.

The president has also declared his commitment to improve the lives of our veterans. If the president chooses to work with Congress - the people's representatives - we can reach a bipartisan solution that unites the country rather than divides it, while meeting the expectations and needs of the American people.

Sen. Robert Byrd (D) of West Virginia and Rep. David Obey (D) of Wisconsin

## Kohl, Feingold and Baldwin must demand impeachment, special prosecutor for Gonzales

Dear Editor,

Senators Kohl and Feingold and Rep. Baldwin must call for the impeachment of Mr. Gonzales, not his resignation. He was instrumental in developing the torture strategy being used by U.S. armed forces, the CIA and U.S. contractors.

Kohl, Feingold and Baldwin took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. Gonzales placed the Constitution at risk. They must do their duty and demand his impeachment.

I spent one year of my life training to be an infantry officer. Being captured is a grave threat for all soldiers. I have no desire to ever be tied to a table with a bag over my head and tortured. Nor do I ever wish that on anyone. Such actions are a crime against humanity, a violation of the UN Charter, the Geneva Conventions, the U.S. Constitution and U.S. law.

Such men and women as Gonzales

must be punished for their high crimes.

Gonzales will resign before he is impeached because he is not a person of honor or courage. Our Congressional members must demand a special prosecutor be appointed to investigate his role in defining/approving the United States government's torture strategy and bring forth Federal charges as alleged violations are substantiated.

All military members swear to support and defend the Constitution. We did our job. We demand that Congress does its job.

Impeachment and prosecution to the full extent of our laws must start now! We no longer live under the "rule of law" in America. We are quickly moving toward living under the "law of the jungle."

Kohl, Feingold and Baldwin must do their duty and demand impeachment and a special prosecutor.

Buzz Davis

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