Legislation passed giving everyone restroom rights

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Decades ago, the need for gender-neutral restrooms was not an issue for universities. But, in recent years, with many people speaking out in support for them, action is being taken.

On Thursday, Nov. 29, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point’s Student Government Association passed a resolution in support of incorporating gender-neutral restrooms into new and renovated buildings. There is a growing concern for the need for gender-neutral restrooms on campus. Jacob Vanevenhoven, a transgender and gender-variant student on the UW-SP campus said not all students are comfortable or feel safe while using gendered restrooms.

“We, like all schools, have a population of people who do not identify themselves within the male/female gender binary,” said Vanevenhoven. “Often, these people - myself included - cannot use gendered bathrooms because they don’t fit the label on either door or their gender-assignment.”

Aside from the campus members who do not gender-identify, there are people who do not match this society’s visual portrayal of “men” and “women,” said Vanevenhoven. Ze (gender neutral pronoun) added that being forced to pick a gender each time a person uses the restroom can be very uncomfortable. Gender-neutral restrooms can also assist mothers or fathers with small children, as well as disabled individuals being assisted by someone of the opposite sex.

This is not the first time UW-SP has discussed having gender-neutral restrooms. In 2004, members of the Gay-Straight Alliance fought to have a gender-neutral restroom located in the Dreyfus University Center. After holding educational meetings, open discussions and showing “Toilet Training,” a documentary about gender-neutral restrooms, the fight was won. When the DUC opens on Jan. 22, 2003, the campus members will be able to use the restroom of their choice.

Additional resolutions, for further projects, were set on Tuesday, Dec. 5. SGA proposed a provision to the University Centers Advisory and Policy Board (UCAPB) requesting “that all new and renovated Centers buildings incorporate gender neutral restrooms according to the specifications of a single occupancy restroom with a lockable door.”

“As a member of UCAPB, I felt this is a necessary step in accommodating diversity and making people more comfortable in their buildings,” said Avra Juhnke, Centerertainment Productions representative.

UW-SP is not the only University of Wisconsin campus to have movements in support of gender-neutral restrooms. United Council, the statewide student association doing grassroots work and advocacy on behalf of UW students, put together legislation a year ago requiring UW schools to have gender-neutral restrooms in all new buildings and significant renovations.

“All of these resolutions were passed by United Council.” As part of United Council’s policy implementation, SGA Vice President Adam Anderson said, “If you know someone who is at risk for alcoholism, put more intensely than a person of 200 pounds. “Smaller people are affected faster,” said Anderson. “Don’t try to keep up with a bigger person. Planning ahead, factors that effect intoxication, how to come up with physical factors that effect drunkenness.”

Speakers Ashley Doda and Evey Andersen challenged students in attendance to come up with physical factors that effect drunkenness. Recent illness, what sex you are, mood, content and drugs were among answers given. Body size is also very important; a person of 120 pounds is affected faster and becoming violent when drunk and drunker signs (see page 2) were mentioned.

“Knowing this is helpful if you know someone who are worried about,” said Andersen. Beer goggles were provided so students could see just how much just a few drinks will affect them. The goggles simulate a 0.08 blood alcohol level; three or four drinks for the normal person.

While wearing the goggles, students were asked to play catch with another goggle-wearing attendee, a feat that all the students found difficult.

“I can’t see where I’m throwing,” said a goggled student before she threw the ball to the right of her partner.

The night ended with a challenge for students. “Alcohol follows the law of diminished returns,” said Andersen. “We encourage you to challenge the myths of drinking.”

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Safety is always a concern when partying out in Stevens Point

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Wisconsin has always been known for drinking, especially in the university setting. As a result, educating students to be responsible drinkers has become a major concern.

As part of Safety Week, sponsored by University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Government Association, students gathered together Tuesday, Dec. 4 in the Collins Classroom Center to discuss “Partying in Point.”

The informal discussion centered around alcohol awareness issues including planning ahead, factors that effect intoxication, how to tell when someone has a problem and whether or not you are at risk for alcoholism.

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Warning signs of alcohol abuse:

• You drink in dangerous situations, such as before or while driving a car.
• You have blackouts—you cannot remember what happened while you were drinking.
• You have legal problems because of your drinking, such as being arrested for driving or for physically harming someone while intoxicated.
• You get hurt or hurt someone else when you are drinking.
• Your friends or family are worried about your drinking.
• You crave alcohol and are not able to control your drinking, even when you want to.
• You have withdrawal symptoms such as nausea, sweating, or anxiety when you cut back or stop drinking.
• You must drink more alcohol to feel the same effects.
• You have physical signs of alcohol dependence, such as blackouts.
• You hide your drinking or hide how much you drink.
• You are not comfortable in situations where alcohol is not served.

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Lehmann said, "Whenever we hold a General Assembly or Leadership Conference at a UW campus, it is required that we have a designated gender-neutral restroom."

Requiring campuses to have gender-neutral restrooms may cause controversy, but Vanevenhoven stated that restrooms are a place to take care of biological needs.

"While this is a political and social issue that I feel passionately about, it really comes down to the fact that I just want to pee on campus," said Vanevenhoven.

Are You At Risk?

1. How often do you have a drink containing alcohol?
   - Never
   - 1-Monthly or less
   - 2-3 times a month
   - 3-2-3 times a week
   - 4-4 or more times a week

2. How many drinks containing alcohol do you have on a typical day when you are drinking?
   - 0-Not applicable
   - 1-3
   - 4-6
   - 7-10 or more

3. How often do you have six or more drinks on one occasion?
   - 0-Not applicable
   - 1-2
   - 3-4
   - 5-6
   - 7-9
   - 10 or more

4. How often during the last year have you had a feeling of guilt or remorse after drinking?
   - Never
   - 1-2 times
   - 3-4 times
   - 5-6 times
   - 7-9 times
   - 10 or more

5. How often during the last year have you been unable to remember what happened the night before because you had been drinking?
   - Never
   - 1-2 times
   - 3-4 times
   - 5-6 times
   - 7-9 times
   - 10 or more

6. How often during the last year have you needed a first aid kit?
   - Never
   - 1-2 times
   - 3-4 times
   - 5-6 times
   - 7-9 times
   - 10 or more

7. How often during the last year have you had a feeling of guilt or remorse after drinking?
   - Never
   - 1-2 times
   - 3-4 times
   - 5-6 times
   - 7-9 times
   - 10 or more

8. How often during the last year have you failed to do what was normally expected of you because of drinking?
   - Never
   - 1-2 times
   - 3-4 times
   - 5-6 times
   - 7-9 times
   - 10 or more

9. How often during the last year have you or someone else tried to cut down?
   - Never
   - 1-2 times
   - 3-4 times
   - 5-6 times
   - 7-9 times
   - 10 or more

10. How often during the last year have you been injured as a result of drinking?
    - Never
    - 1-2 times
    - 3-4 times
    - 5-6 times
    - 7-9 times
    - 10 or more

11. How often during the last year have you failed to do what was normally expected of you because of drinking?
    - Never
    - 1-2 times
    - 3-4 times
    - 5-6 times
    - 7-9 times
    - 10 or more

12. How often during the last year have you blackouts—you cannot remember what happened the night before because you had been drinking?
    - Never
    - 1-2 times
    - 3-4 times
    - 5-6 times
    - 7-9 times
    - 10 or more

13. How often during the last year have you or someone else cut down?
    - Never
    - 1-2 times
    - 3-4 times
    - 5-6 times
    - 7-9 times
    - 10 or more

14. How often during the last year have you or someone else tried to cut down?
    - Never
    - 1-2 times
    - 3-4 times
    - 5-6 times
    - 7-9 times
    - 10 or more

15. How often during the last year have you or someone else cut down?
    - Never
    - 1-2 times
    - 3-4 times
    - 5-6 times
    - 7-9 times
    - 10 or more

16. How often during the last year have you or someone else cut down?
    - Never
    - 1-2 times
    - 3-4 times
    - 5-6 times
    - 7-9 times
    - 10 or more

Points:

0-7 points indicates screening results are not consistent with hazardous or harmful levels of alcohol use.
8-15 points: screening results suggest use beyond "safe" and loan toward hazardous and harmful; consider taking action to reduce use.
16-19 points: screening results are consistent with hazardous or harmful drinking; take action to reduce use.
20+ points: screening results are consistent with alcohol dependence; in need of treatment.

For more information, visit www.uwsp.edu/alcoholprevention/.
Cornerstone Press release wildflower field guide

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For many university students, publishing a book seems out of reach. But for students working at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Cornerstone Press, that's exactly what they do.

The Cornerstone Press is a small publishing company run by the students in English Cornerstone Press. That's a small publishing company.

Steps involved in publishing a manuscript, editing content, designing and finally marketing the finished product.

At the beginning of the fall semester, the class holds elections to determine what jobs each student will have on the staff. A group of four or five students then read through manuscripts that have been submitted and decide which one is the best fit for the class.

From there the class edits, designing and finally market­ing the finished book, including choosing a publishing company.

"This is certainly one of the most complex books we have ever put out," said Dr. Dan Dieterich, CEO of Cornerstone Press.

According to a review by Robert H. Freckman, for whom the UW-SP herbarium is named, the book "sets a new standard for wildflower books." This accolade added to the excitement students had about publishing the book.

"We wanted to use this book because it is the best," said Merel Black, Black Pete, the donkey, and Black Pete's helper, Pete, St Nick's helper, who would especially frighten him and his siblings with the thought that he might not make it.

Lenaerts continued his story.

"We would all run upstairs to my parent's room. Now we imagine we have six kids in my family. So here we all are sitting on my parent's bed, silently waiting for St. Nick to come.

Lenaerts said this is definitely one of the most important books to publish because you want to be the first to do it," said marketing manager Amanda Maule.

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It’s a deep ruby red, deliciously sweet and has the consistency of licorice. What is it you ask? It is a candied hibiscus flower. If I had not been told that by Kevin Hite, the wild-edible instructor, I would have thought it was a piece of gourmet candy from Fanny Farmer.

I was the first person to arrive at Outdoor EdVentures for the mini-course in wild-edible plant presentation. Hite extended to each new arrival the same Tupperware container he had extended to me and invited the pupils to sample the candied hibiscus flowers. Everyone willingly, and seemingly without hesitation, accepted the glossy shriveled flower with my thumb and forefinger, and then proceeded to exclaim the deliciousness of the tasty morsels.

After the other students had at least one flower, I helped myself to another. I saw a number of students help themselves seemingly without hesitation, accepted my offer and took a glossy shriveled flower with thumb and forefinger, and then proceeded to exclaim the deliciousness of the tasty morsels.

Next Hite offered us tea, and I was the first person to wish the others were not there so I could empty the container for myself because they were so good.

He continued that when picking cherries, it’s best to pick some that were not quite ripe to give pies a little tartness.

Some other plants he showed were common berries people would see on their hikes in the woods or meadows, such as buckberries, wild strawberries and blackberries. Hite also showed us more slides of milkweed, plantains, violets and dandelions.

Hite told us how violets and dandelion flowers could be used in salads. Milkweed sprouts, their seed pods and the tips of leaves could be boiled and eaten like greens. He warned us to be sure not to confuse milkweed with dogbane, which is poisonous. Dogbane has milky sap like milkweed, but it branches whereas milkweed comes up in a single stalk, Hite explained.

The group also learned about how dandelion root could be used as a coffee substitute by boiling the root. He said it is better if roasted and does not have caffeine. Bergamot, a mint, is a good tea that smells and tastes like oregano. The raw leaves can be used in salads too.

Hite also leads trips for Outdoor EdVentures. The next trip he will be leading is a winter camping trip in February. If you are the adventurous kind and want to learn more about how to live comfortable in the outdoors give Hite a call at (715) 345-3818 or stop in.

The alternative to skiing has grown popularity in the last 10 years as a great way to get some exercise in the winter.

If not, are used for competitive snowshoe races and are not recommended for back-country hikes.

Modern snowshoes made from aluminum framing were first used in 1972; since then, leaps and bounds have been made in terms of design, availability and sport popularity.

Finding snowshoes isn’t as difficult as you’d think, either. Most sporting goods stores carry snowshoes in one form or another. While prices can get lofty to purchase them new, you can also rent snowshoes from many sporting goods stores, ski shops and outdoor outfitters.

If you’re a snowshoeing enthusiast, give a pair and hit a trail the next time you feel locked inside your house!

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Fossil fuel free cars may no longer be just a figment of our imaginations

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If you were watching television while enjoying your turkey-day weekend, then you might have seen the commercials for the new Honda FCX. This car claims it will emit only clean water vapor into the atmosphere instead of harmful fossil fuels.

The FCX gets its power from an electric motor, which uses fuel cells to create electricity as an alternative to gasoline. Regenerated energy is also created from a lithium-ion battery pack whose purpose is "increasing the car's efficiency and range." This vehicle is unlike many electric cars already on the market as it doesn't need to be plugged in to recharge. All of the electricity is generated on board by combining hydrogen and oxygen.

Honda's Web site says that "all of the advanced components in the FCX Clarity have been fine-tuned for ultimate performance in this Zero-Emission Vehicle..."

Refueling the car requires no gasoline whatsoever. Instead, the car takes the ever-abundant hydrogen. While there aren’t many hydrogen refueling stations in the United States, the few are located in Southern California. Honda is working on developing a Home Energy Station, so the car owner can fill his or her car up right in their very own garage. It’s estimated the FCX requires refueling about every 270 miles.

Much of the problem with pollution comes from our dependence on fossil fuels, such as oil, which emits large amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Current statistics show that the amount of carbon dioxide has increased 35 percent since the beginnings of the industrial revolution.

Because the United States doesn’t have as much public transportation opportunities as other countries in the world, our carbon footprint is one of the largest. And with so many people driving cars and at such long distances, it’s no wonder the car industry is getter...
Your Mission:
Solve the puzzle below. When you think that you have the answer, e-mail your answers along with your mailing address to puzzlehunt@yahoo.com. The first five people to send in the correct answer will receive a free large 2-topping pizza or triple order of Toppersticks. Winners will be at the judges discretion. Answers are due Tuesday at midnight the week following publication.

Your Puzzle:
Two trains travel toward each other on the same track, beginning 100 miles apart. One train travels at 40 miles per hour; the other travels at 60 miles an hour. A bird starts flight at the same location as the faster train, flying at a speed of 90 miles per hour. When it reaches the slower train, it turns around, flying the other direction at the same speed. When it reaches the faster train again, it turns around -- and so on. When the trains collide, how far will the bird have flown?

Last Week's Answers:
Sean Connery as James Bond
WOMENS HOCKEY

Rochelle Nechuta

THE POINTER

Steven's Point Athletic Department

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team has extended their winning streak to seven games after a victorious two-game series against UW-River Falls. The games marked the first home games of the season for the Pointers, who are currently dominating the opposition 7-0 overall, and 4-0 in Northern Collegiate Hockey Association standings.

The Pointers came into the season after winning the NCHA tournament and earning third in the NCAA Division III Championships during the season after winning the conference games that UW-SP will host on Friday and Saturday at the Ice Hawks Arena.

In preseason polls, UW-Superior was voted in at the top of the NCHA with UW-SP falling behind them for second place. Though the Pointers lost a point in the poll, they still received four first place votes from the coaches, while the Yellowjackets only gathered two first place votes.

DeCaluwe and Robinson named Academic All-American by CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine

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Rochelle Nechuta

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DeCaluwe and Robinson were named to the second team of the Academic All-American squad for football. The College Sports Information Directors of America picked the two.

DeCaluwe is a senior this year and will finish her undergraduate degree with a math education major. She has a 3.99 grade point average, and she is tied in second for the most wins in net in school history with 45 victories.

This season she received the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Judy Kruckman Scholar-Athlete Award. "I never expected something like this award to come my way, and I am very grateful for it; it adds a little icing to an amazing senior soccer season making it to the sweet 16," said DeCaluwe. "But if I could trade it in for another year of soccer with my amazing teammates, I would do it in a heartbeat."

Senior Dustin Robinson was nominated for the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Judy Kruckman Scholar-Athlete Award. "It's an honor to be recognized for all the hard work that I've put into both my academics and sports," said Robinson about his award.

To get the award, the athletes need to be starters and be in sophomore standing or above. They need to have at least 3.20 out of a 4.00 scale and be nominated by their athletic department.

SPORTS

Seven notches and looking for many more victories

The team has overcome losing their starting goalie, only to gain two young goaltenders that have strutted their stuff and worked well behind a team that proves it's made of well-disciplined, hard-working individuals.

Scoring both nights was senior Katy Lankey, who was the only player to score in the first game against the Falcons. It was her first goal of the season. In the second game, UW-River Falls may have started the night in the lead, but the Pointers pulled ahead of the Falcons with goals from Lankey and Nicole Grossmann in UW-SP's 2-1 victory.

"Lankey and Lankey are both great players, they both work extremely hard on and off the ice to be the best player they can be. They both have been able to put puck in the net at the right times," said Ninnemann. "All three of our regular forward lines have been doing very well so far this season. They all have been competing very hard in every game, and each are doing their role."

The goallies were a strong aspect of UW-SP's game. Goalie Ann Hulme earned a shutout with 20 saves in the first game against the Falcons, and goaltender d'Andra Phillips played a solid 60 minutes in the net for the second UW-River Falls game, earning the win with 18 saves against the Falcons on Saturday night.

The last two games the Pointers are scheduled to play in December will be against UW-Superior and Finlandia University this weekend at home. Both are conference games that UW-SP will host on Friday and Saturday at the Ice Hawks Arena.

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UW-SP Athletes of the Week

Men's Basketball: Steve Hicklin
Women's Basketball: Laura Neuenfeldt
Men's Hockey: Tim Manthey
Women's Hockey: Katy Lankey
Men's Swimming: Chase Gross
Women's Swimming: Beth Ann Abraham
Wrestling: Craig Bollig

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Swimming and diving teams compete hard in Wheaton Invite

SWIMMING/DIVING

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's and women's swimming and diving teams traveled to Illinois last Friday and Saturday to compete in the Wheaton Invitational. The men took fifth of six teams with 280 points, while the women finished fourth of seven teams with 316 points. Winning the consolation final of the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 59.81, Winning the bonus final of this event was Vaughn Forsythe with a time of 1:03.72. The women were fifth of seven teams with 255 points. Kristen Bennett won the bonus final of the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:15.14. Kari Slawson won the consolation final of the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 5:14.17. Also winning the consolation final was Jessica Nordstrom in the 100-yard freestyle, completing the time of 54.29. Meghan Walsh won the consolation final of the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:13.60. Saturday was the second part of the Wheaton Invitational. The men placed fifth of seven teams with 205.5 points. Chase Gross won the consolation final of the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:02.17. Brenton Friday won the bonus final with a time of 2:02.17. Brenton Friday won the bonus final with a time of 2:13.60. Also winning the consolation final of the 100-yard butterfly was Meghan Walsh with a time of 1:00.87. Also winning the consolation final of the 100-yard butterfly was Abby Strobe in the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 4:47.44. Friday the UW-SP swimming and diving team will head to the UW-Oshkosh for a WIAC dual meet. The meet begins at 5:00 p.m. in Oshkosh.

Congratulations to the Girls Basketball Team in their win against UW-La Crosse!

Senior on the Spot
Steve Hicklin-Men's Basketball

Major: Broadfield Social Studies
Hometown: Sussex, WI

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? It's a toss up between winning the national championship in 2005 and nailing a 75-foot heave to beat the Gold team in practice this season.

What is your most embarrassing sports moment? When I ran over to help Jon Jolliff of the floor and slipped on the overabundant amount of sweat that he had left on the floor. I landed on the seat of my pants, I haven't talked to Jon since. Also, all of the times that I've been seen in public with Cory Knauthammer.

Do you have any gameday rituals? I ask Hector Rottweiler for a ride to the gym. I'm not really a believer in superstitions. But, it is cold in Wisconsin, and a long walk from my house to the gym so...

Who is your sports hero? Shawn Kemp and Adam Sopher

What is your sport philosophy? Challenge yourself to be the best you can and enjoy playing.
Katie’s Curiosities: Better than the movies

Katie Adams
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

On Saturday night, I braved the snowstorm to watch a movie with a friend. After an hour of hard work by five chivalrous men (to whom I owe many thanks), my car was free of my parking lot, and I was in no mood to watch the film nor to return my car to its snow-filled parking space. Instead, I drove across town to sleep on my friend’s couch, only to find myself digging my car out before the next morning. Although the snow caused many inconveniences and frustrations, I didn’t resent it. How could I, when the snow was so beautiful and the roads to Rusty’s were barely passable? "Bingo appeals to me by nature. When my friend added that it was free and that the Bingo caller took his sombrero, my friend’s description of Shorty had been accurate. Like Santa, Shorty sported a long white beard and cherry colored cheeks, likely rosy due to drink. He had to be at least 80 years old, if not closer to 90, and his feet dangled several inches from the ground. His words were often indistinguishable and always repeated by a young yarmulke. Shorty was, altogether, the best, most entertaining and endearing Bingo caller I’ve ever encountered. Though I had 4000 words, four lesson plans and a chapter of math problems to write up, for two hours that morning I had not a care in the world. The most taxing thing I had to think about was whether Shorty meant "99" when he called "B6" (which was most of the time), and just what exactly "N one-hundred-and-eleven" meant (it usually meant -11). After reaching each of my friends we win a round of Bingo, it was actually a relief not to win. After all, what would I do with another pair of pillows or a 2007 Far Side Calendar? No, I was completely content to sit back and enjoy the rhythm of cha-ching (or in my case, lack of motion) of covering numbers with kernels of corn. When the last ball was pulled from the machine I won, I found myself extremely sad to leave. As I returned to the drudgery of end-of-semester life, I decided to share this experience so that some Sunday morning when you look at the calendar in despair and realize it is the first of the month, you too can escape to Rusty’s little sanctuary across the river. You’ll be in the company of Shorty and all of the others who just need to shake their burdens off for a while. Enjoy.

Calling all talent! Players Organization hosts open mic show

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Players Organization sponsored its first open mic forum on Monday, Nov. 3, in UW-SP’s Noel Fine Arts Center. The forum was open to any students who wished to showcase their talent in a friendly atmosphere of fellow performers and viewers.

"I think that every performer has a story of how they got started," said Fonzen and Edward Lupella, accompanied by Andrew Broomell on the piano, performed "Suddenly Seymour," from the musical "Little Shop of Horrors." The song is about the two main characters, Seymour and Audrey. Finally, get to be together after Audrey’s abusive boyfriend gets eaten by a mutant plant from outer space," said Lupella. To go along with their singing, Fonzen and Lupella created an expressive skit. Jesse Cyr followed with the monologue "The Rock," by Jeff Goode. This intense piece was about the torturing of the narrator’s Christian faith. After witnessing Sept. 11 and the fall of the Twin Towers, the performance questioned faith in a God who decided that time was up for the thousands of people who died that day.

"The main feeling I wanted to give people was that just because bad things can happen to you over and over again, it doesn’t mean that no one is there for you," said Cyr. "Whether it’s your god or your friends or your family, there is always someone you can turn to."

While playing piano, Scott Frost sang "Jesa, Joy of Mary's Desiring," by Josh Groban. "I sang it because I was coming over to practice groove on Saturday and it was snowing. I was completely wet with snow. I decided I wanted to do something for Christmas," said Frost. "Frost’s performance was beautiful and cozy as he challenged himself with high notes. It went perfectly with fiction, nonfiction or essay no longer than 2,500 words, up to five poems no longer than two pages and up to five pieces of black and white or grayscale artwork scanned at a resolution of at least 300 pixels per inch.

Submissions are judged anonymously by the staff of "Barney Street" at the beginning of the second semester. Only three pieces total by any one author or artist will be printed. After selecting the content of the book, the "Barney Street" staff compiles the magazine and hosts an annual release party at the end of the semester. Submissions may be sent to barneysstreet@uwsp.edu.
Dear Pat,

First of all, I am a long-distance fan. I read you all the way up in Duluth whenever I can. I have encountered quite a dilemma here in the cold country. You see, I have this friend—in one of my classes, and he's a great guy. He's nice, very smart and funny. In fact, I spend the whole class hour (and forty minutes) laughing at his many witty comments. He's dazzlingly handsome and really easy to talk to. Unfortunately, he has a girlfriend. Every Monday, we have the ritualistic “what did you do this weekend?” conversation. Through these, I have discovered his only other flaw: he frequently goes on acid and stoned benders. Although he says these weekend activities are very fun and harmless, I prefer to spend my weekend running and going to the movie theaters. Do you think this difference poses a problem in our future relationship? I would appreciate any advice you can give on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Pondering Over The Hazily Educated (and sedated) Attractive Druggie

Whoa boy. This e-mail is a treasure trove of observations. I like this guy's ver­
tolary perspicacity. Um, wait.... I mean, it's the shizzle. Isn't that what you kids say these days? I'm down with the... um... funk. Y'know. I'm hip and stuff.

Okay. First of all, POTHREAD, I'd like to take a moment to congratulate you on a delightful and well-thought-out acronym. Most people don't take the time, and it ends up being a huge pain in my ass.

This piece of considerate cleverness, combined with your blatant ass-kissing, is enough to win you the prize from this week’s sponsor, a $10 gift certifi­cate from Sugar Cubed. It's actually two presents in one. Not only do you have the promise of free, high quality chocolates, but possession of this certificate will give you an excuse to leave Duluth, if only for a day. It's like a weekend pass away from your remote, icy hell.

True, you'll be trading it in for Stevens Point, which is a remote, icy heck. But you know what they say, "When life gives you AIDS, make lemona­ides.”

Now on to the meat of your letter. Will this guy's habitual drug use damage the delicate gossamer of your budding future relationship? No. No, I think his girlfriend will do that just fine.

Don’t believe me? Let’s look at how it will all play out.

You: Oh Hot, Funny Guy. You know that I love you. But I'm really worried about your drug use.

Hot, Funny Guy: What are you doing in my house?

You: It's really not good for you, you know. You should try running instead.

Hot, Funny Guy: How do you even know where I live?

You: You don’t mean to bag, but I just think that it's going to cause trouble for us in the long run.

Hot, Funny Guy: What kind of trouble? You mean in Math 106? Do you want to borrow my notes or something?

Girlfriend [enter stage left]: Okay, I called the pizza guy and rig­ged up the Belgian fuck-swing. We’ve got... [noticing you] who's this?

Hot, Funny Guy: Shizzle. Isn't that what you kids say these days?

Girlfriend: Yeah, I'm pretty sure you get the point. Throw that cheap-ass Whitman sampler shit away and give a perfect place to find gifts for the hard-to-shop for friend or relative. Plus, I hear that just shaking the owner's hand will cure you of all known diseases and make you win the lottery.

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