

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 hold-

ing 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, 2008, 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, Centertainment 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.

"More recently, the committee has written resolutions demanding that UW schools re-sign existing bathrooms so that every existing building on campus has a gender-neutral bathroom," said Vanevenhoven. "All of these resolutions were passed by United Council."

As part of United Council's policy implementation, SGA Vice President Adam



Photo by Katie Leb

SGA passed legislation to have gender-neutral restrooms on the UW-SP campus.

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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.

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, stomach content and drugs were among answers given. Body size is also very important; a person of 120 pounds is affected faster and

more intensely than a person of 200 pounds.

"Smaller people are affected faster," said Andersen. "Don't try to keep up with a linebacker!"

Planning ahead before you drink is a good way to stay protected. Having a

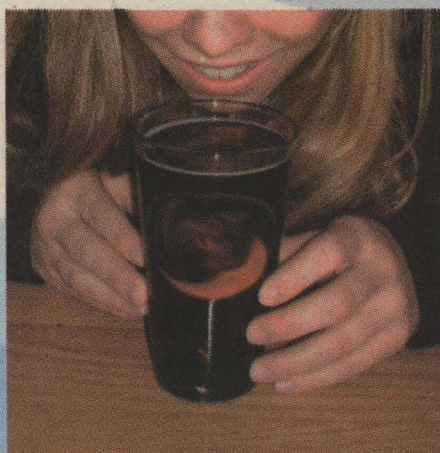


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sober driver, sticking to a plan of where you are going, eating prior to going out, not bringing credit/debit cards and going out in a group are all ways to protect yourself from any bad situations that come up.

Doda and Andersen also discussed warning signs for people at risk for alcoholism. Denial, losing interest in things they used to enjoy,

becoming violent when drunk and other signs (see page 2) were mentioned.

"Knowing this is helpful if you know someone who you 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 .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."

**Take a drinking
quiz on page 2!**

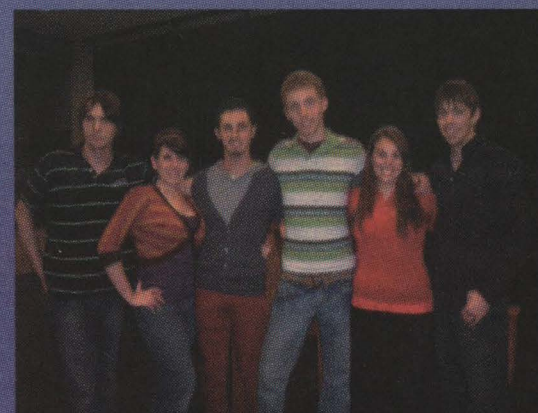


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CAMPUS BEAT

TRUE ACCOUNTS
FROM UW-SP'S
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SECURITY OFFICERS



Baldwin Hall
November 28, 2007 11:05 a.m.
Type: COMPLAINT

An individual reported that a bike was stolen a couple of months ago.

Watson Hall
December 1, 2007 2:44 a.m.
Type: PUBLIC INTOXICATION

Intoxicated individual in stairwell of Watson Hall.

Parking Lot P
December 1, 2007 9:36 p.m.
Type: PUBLIC INTOXICATION

CA from Baldwin Hall called to report that an individual was passed out in Parking Lot P. There were some people present attempting to pick the person up.

Parking Lot F
December 2, 2007 2:24 a.m.
Type: ACCIDENT

Bus pulling out of Parking Lot F hit a parked car.

May Roach Hall
December 3, 2007 12:26 a.m.
Type: DAMAGE

Two windows in May Roach Hall were shattered from being hit by snowballs.

Parking Lot X
December 4, 2007 3:57 p.m.
Type: ACCIDENT

Parking services reported seeing a car that was side swiped.

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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?

- 0-Never
- 1-Monthly or less
- 2-2-4 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
- 1-1 or 2
- 2-3 or 4
- 3-5 or 6
- 4-7 to 9
- 5-10 or more

3. How often do you have six or more drinks on one occasion?

- 0-Never
- 1-Less than monthly
- 2-Monthly
- 3-Weekly
- 4-Daily or almost daily

4. How often during the last year have you found that you were not able to stop drinking once you had started?

- 0-Never
- 1-Less than monthly
- 2-Monthly
- 3-Weekly
- 4-Daily or almost daily

5. How often during the last year have you failed to do what was normally expected of you because of drinking?

- 0-Never
- 1-Less than monthly
- 2-Monthly
- 3-Weekly
- 4-Daily or almost daily

6. How often during the last

Total 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 lean 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

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.

Quiz courtesy of SHPO

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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 349, Editing and Publishing. The class teaches students the steps involved in publishing a book, including choosing 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, designs and markets the book just like a "real life" publishing company.

Since 1984, the Cornerstone Press has published 15 books, ranging from poetry collec-

tions to cook books. The book chosen for this semester, "Wildflowers of Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest: A Comprehensive Field Guide for Amateurs and Professionals," is the first scientific book the class has published, a large task for a student-run 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 W. Freckman, for whom the UW-SP herbarium is named, the book "sets a new standard for wildflower books." This acclaim added to the excitement students had about publishing the book.

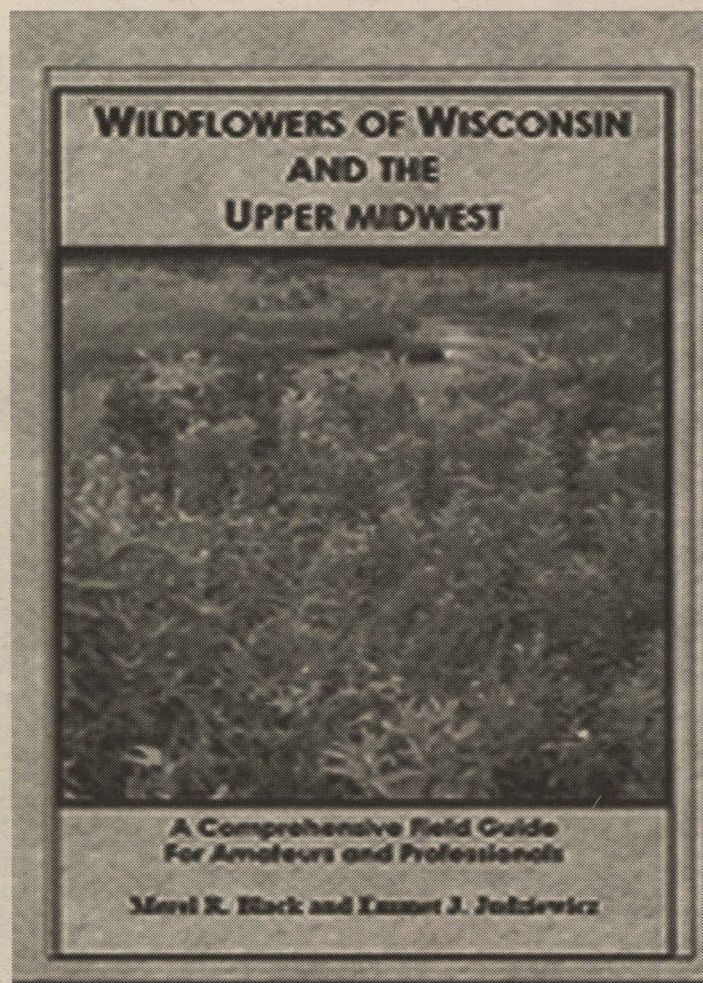


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lishing the book.

"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.

"We wanted to use this book because it is the best."

Written by Merel Black and UW-SP Professor Emmet Judziewicz, the book is a comprehensive, trail-ready field guide to Wisconsin's wildflowers and includes over 2,000 color photos, 300 line drawings, detailed descriptions and distribution maps of 1,087 species.

"They made it for amateurs and professionals alike," said Emily Groves, Cornerstone's publicity direc-

tor. "I can look at this book and understand it. It's very useful."

In order to make a durable, trail-ready book that will

not fall apart from extreme use, the book has a plastic laminate cover and sewn binding for a sturdier hold. All these extra precautions made the cost of publishing the book more expensive than the Cornerstone press has been able to afford in the past.

"In the past we've used the profits made from sales of our books to publish future books," said Dieterich. "This semester, we didn't have enough money to publish this book, but the Chancellor provided us with a grant for \$7,000."

The investment seems to have been worth it. Orders have come in from other universities, and Judziewicz plans to use the guide as a text book.

The books are expected to be in on Dec. 17, but pre-orders are being taken now. When the books come in, the Cornerstone Press staff will be selling them at tables around campus. They will also be available at the University Book Store and Book Finders, as well as other local and university outlets.

Fading St. Nicholas holiday has rich history

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As a child, Seth Lenaerts anticipated Dec. 6 almost as much as other kids looked forward to Christmas.

On Dec. 6, the Lenaerts and other Dutch families honor the death of St. Nicholas in 343 B.C.

"The characteristic virtue of St. Nicholas appears to have been his love and charity for the poor," said the Domestic Church Web site (www.domestic-church.com).

This is exemplified in his legend. St. Nick took pity on a poor man who was about to give his three daughters to prostitution. St. Nick left him trinkets.

Trinkets can be objects like candy, coins, small toys and gadgets.

But now this seems to be a slowing fading holiday in this hustle and bustle holiday season.

The purpose of this pre-Christmas gift receiving, in present times, is to motivate children to continue their good behavior because Santa Clause is coming soon.

"In our over-commercialized society, this holiday gives us a good 'teaching moment,'" said the Women for Faith and Family

Web site. (www.wf-f.org)

It also explained, "Good children receive treats - candies, cookies, apples and nuts, while naughty children receive switches or lumps of coal."

"Today, especially in families of German distraction, children put a shoe outside their bedroom doors on the eve of Saint Nicholas Day," said the WFF Web site.

The receiving of gifts in shoes is what American Christmas stockings were derived from.

In Dutch households, "the father of the family may dress up as Saint Nicholas on the eve of his feast. He comes in, sometimes with his sidekick Krampus, or Black Peter and helps each child examine his conscience," said the WFF Web site.

Seth Lenaerts, a student at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, told me how his family has celebrated St. Nick for over 25 years.

Lenaerts explained that instead of celebrating St. Nick the morning of the 6th, like traditional families, they do it the night of the 5th.

"It's always a very exciting day for the kids. And when we were little, we would be asking from the moment we came home, 'When is St. Nick coming?'"

Lenaerts said his mom and

dad would always play aloof by saying, "I don't know. I hope he can make it." If there was bad weather Lenaerts' parents 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 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 the best part because he and his siblings were excited but were terrified at the same time.

"The fear comes from Black Pete, St. Nick's helper, who will cane kids who have been bad and instead of candy and presents you get coal," said Lenaerts.

Lenaerts went on to describe the experience of St. Nick and his entourage of a donkey and Black Pete. Lenaerts description was complete with neighing, braying and hee-haws.

Lenaerts described the visit vividly. He said he would stay for about 10 minutes, running around the house leaving candy, peanuts and nectarines.

"Not just running but stomping around the house and the donkey would release these big... [This is where Lenaerts

inserts his loud impression of the donkey]," said Lenaerts.

Lenaerts reminisced of the year he received his favorite gift from St. Nick.

"The most memorable is one year there was a trail of peanuts to a framed photo that we had. And behind the photo St. Nick had left a letter."

The letter was directions to "a place" as Lenaerts describes it. The family followed the directions that took them all the way to Appleton where they stayed at resort for the weekend.

Lenaerts feels these holiday traditions are dying. "Traditionally St. Nick is a much bigger holiday there [Belgium], then it is here. That is starting to

fade with the commercialization of Christmas, but that's a whole different story."

Lenaerts said, "I took part in the tradition until senior year, so it is impressive that we continued this to please an 18 and 15 year old. My parents loved it too."

Now that only his younger sister lives at home, Lenaerts and his family no longer celebrates St. Nick's Day like they used to.

Now, St. Nick, Black Pete and the donkey no longer come to visit on Dec. 5. But the Lenaerts still have their St. Nick's Day stockings to look forward to.

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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 his offer and took a glossy shriveled flower with 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 to more than one candied hibiscus flower, too. I selfishly wished the others were not there so I could empty the container for myself because they were so good.

Next Hite offered us tea, made of stinging nettles and a combination of burdock and dandelion root tea. The stinging nettle tea is high in vitamin A, C, calcium, magnesium and iron. It is often used for allergies, diarrhea and prostrate problems. The burdock root rids the body of toxins, and the dandelion helps bring things out faster. Hite had instructed us to bring our own coffee mugs for the class when we stopped in earlier to sign up.

"I think it tastes kind of like spinach and green tea," Hite explained as he disappeared behind the white board screen again with two more

coffee mugs.

The class started and Hite, explained that he has been teaching himself about wild-edible plants for two years.

Hite showed a picture of black cherries on the white board through a slide show. "If you are not sure about a plant, don't eat it or even taste it," said Hite. "If you suspect you may be allergic to a plant, eat only a little bit at first and wait to see how your body reacts to it. Be aware of the part of the plant you collect to eat, and the time of year you collect the plant or parts."

Hite continued, "Don't pick plants along roads especially if you see any yellowed leaves or dead plants. Just assume the area has been sprayed with herbicides or other chemicals. Also, young plants usually taste better, but older plants usually have better medicinal properties."

Hite shared several other wild-edible plants with us, like his favorite cherry, the pin cherry.

He continued that when picking cherries, it's best to pick some that were not quite ripe yet 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 huckleberries, wild strawberries and blackberries. Hite also showed us more slides of milkweed, plantain, 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 Outdoor EdVentures is located in the basement of the Allen Center of which is located at 401 Reserve Street.

See you there, and bring your appetite.

Bring out your inner fur trader while snowshoeing

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If skiing isn't your bag, there's still something you can strap on your feet to enjoy the snow and winter weather.

Snowshoeing isn't only for 18th century trapping, fur trading and hunting anymore! The alternative to skiing has gained popularity in the last 10 years as a great way to get some exercise in the winter.

Don't be fooled, snowshoeing no longer requires you to wear those tennis racket-lookin' things on your feet. Although you can still purchase the oversized snowshoes, more modern designs have evolved from the ancient wooden model.

Like anything these days, there are different types of snowshoeing for everything. The frame is made from lightweight aluminum and bound in the middle by plastic latticing or webbing. The shape of the snowshoe comes in three different varieties depending on the activity.

The largest types are the mountaineering snowshoes, which are the longest (about 30 inches) and the widest, and are used for extreme scenarios like climbing, "off-roading" and long distances.

The next size down, and most common type, are recreational snowshoes, which are used for common, everyday distances and leisure hikes.

Aerobic/running snowshoes are the smallest of the three types and, believe it or 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.

Unless you're a size 18 Shaquille O'Neal, most snowshoes should fit on your feet just fine and are as easy to put on as a regular pair of shoes. You simply put your foot into the loosened bindings and lace them tightly around your shoe. It helps to wear warm shoes or smaller boots as opposed to big clunker-boots. (The snow-



Photo Courtesy of Steve Seamandel

shoe is serving as your gateway through the snow!)

The best thing about snowshoeing is that you can do it anywhere, anytime - as long as you have snow, that is. (However, competitive snowshoers from warm climate practice Cool Runnings style - on the sand - and claim they grab even better in sand than in snow.) Area wilderness trails and parks are a great place to start; golf courses that open their property to cross-country skiers often welcome snowshoers as well. Schmeckle Reserve is obviously prime for students looking for trails close to campus. I particularly love breaking out

the snowshoes anytime I'm ice fishing.

And for those of you thinking that snowshoeing is just glorified walking in the snow...well, you're kind of right, although an added element of difficulty exists if snowshoeing through rough terrain or a ton of light, powdery snow. Some people elect to use poles, although I'd only envision using poles if I were blazing trails Speedy Gonzales-style.

Snowboarding, skating and skiing aren't for everyone. For the rest, there is snowshoeing. Grab a pair and hit a trail the next time you feel locked inside your house!

Let it snow, let it snow!



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With the first significant snowfall of the year, take a break from the books and enjoy the snow! Just roll three balls and stick some coal in it. Viola!

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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 get-

ting in on the move towards at least trying to alleviate the problem.

One of the biggest trends is the hybrid car. A hybrid combines two or more power sources which directly or indi-

At the recent Los Angeles Auto Show, the 2008 Green Car of the Year was not the typical little "lightweight sedan or coupe" everyone usually imagines when hearing the word hybrid. The win-

the Tahoe, said this car changes the way people will think about "green" cars and SUVs.

"People don't think 'green' when SUVs are concerned, and for generally good reason since SUVs often get poor fuel economy compared to most other vehicles," said Cogan. "Chevrolet's Tahoe Hybrid changes this dynamic with a fuel efficiency improvement of up to 30 percent..."

While there are plenty of hybrid cars to choose from nowadays, there's still a wait for the emission free vehicles. The Honda FCX won't be available until the middle of 2008. And even then it will only be available for purchase to those living in Torrance, Santa Monica and Irvine, California. Honda believes that as more people begin to move towards hydrogen-fueled vehicles, they will be able to make more cars and spread the trend further across the country.

For more information on the Honda FCX or the new wave of environmentally friendly cars, visit Honda's Web site, or the Web site of any car manufacturer.



Photo courtesy of www.cars.com

rectly give propulsion power. Most of the cars on the road now with this technology use electric and gasoline. Besides making the consumer less reliant on fossil fuels, these cars also tend to get better miles to the gallon, which also saves money.

ner was actually a full-sized SUV, the Chevrolet Tahoe Hybrid. Besides being able to cart around eight passengers or haul 6,000 pounds, this Tahoe Hybrid gets 21 miles per gallon in the city and 22 on the highway. Ron Cogan, one of the jurors who chose

Paper Science professor working to release glucose for biofuels

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Studies to find alternative fuel sources are cropping up everywhere. Biofuels have been of the most interest, and now a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point professor is getting in on the action.

Don Guay, a paper science and engineering professor, is investigating how to liberate glucose from cellulose. Glucose is the main ingredient fermented into ethanol and can be found in a number of plants.

The most abundant natural product is cellulose, Guay

said in a UW-SP press release. It can be obtained from a variety of plant fibers including corn, switch grass and wood waste products.

"The problem of using cellulose to provide energy is that glucose is locked tightly in a polymer structure," said Guay. "Through the use of enzymes, we can release the glucose and then convert it into biofuel."

Guay will study how to extract glucose from cellulose with the help of a grant. Hydrite Chemical Company, based in Brookfield, Wis., provided Guay the grant worth \$49,018.

10 ways to eat sustainably

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TECH IDBIT

ULTRAVIOLET SPY PEN

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Remember those grade school days of passing notes to your best friend, filled with secrets you wanted no one else to see? At the time, did you wish there was an easier way to hide your messages besides coming up with a secret code only you and your friend could decipher?

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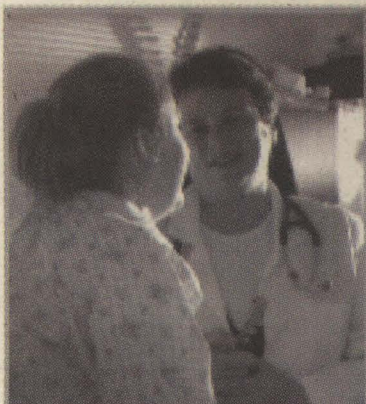
Sean Connery as James Bond

Physics vs. Chemistry Demo Off

On Friday, Dec. 7, a battle will take place between the physics and chemistry departments. This demo off will include lights, explosions and a variety of other rarely seen demonstrations.

This event will take place at 3:30 p.m. in D101 of the Science building. It is suggested that viewers come early to get the best seats. Being a "science geek" is not needed to appreciate these spectacles of science.

For more information, contact John Haugner at jhaug982@uwsp.edu. UW-SP's chapters of the American Chemical Society (ACS) and the Society of Physics Students (SPS) are putting on this event.



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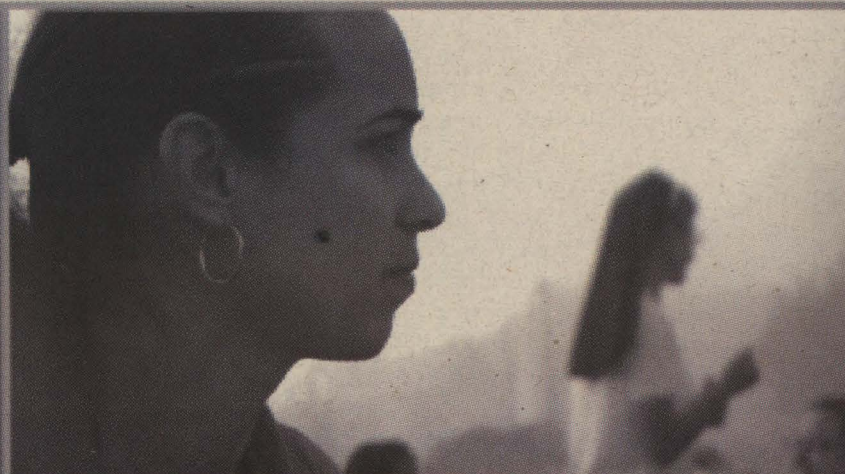
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Sports

Seven notches and looking for many more victories

WOMENS HOCKEY

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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 2006-2007 season. The team is on the road to great things once again this year if their record is evidence enough.

The team has overcome

losing their starting goalie, only to gain two young goal-tenders 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.

"Grossmann 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 goalies 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.

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 by a point in the poll, they still received four first place votes from the coaches, while the Yellowjackets only gathered two first place votes.

UW-Superior is currently



Photo courtesy of UW-Stevens Point Athletic Department

Katy Lankey scored the game-winner on Friday and added another goal on Saturday against University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

7-1 overall and matches the Pointers with a 4-0 conference record. The word is the match-up between the teams will be an intense one.

"Superior is always fun to play. Year after year they have a great squad and great players. There is a deep rivalry between our teams, and it seems that both teams bring their best

game when we play them," said Ninnemann. "It will be nice to have them at home on Friday night, and we are looking to put together good play on back-to-back weekends."

The Pointers will have a month off after this weekend's games and will return to play in the Jan. 8 match-up against St. Olaf at home.

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

POINTER ATHLETICS

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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point soccer goalie Meredith DeCaluwe was named to the 2007 CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America College Division Third Team in her senior year. Pointer football linebacker Dustin Robinson

was named to the second team of the 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 has a 3.85 grade point average with a chemistry and

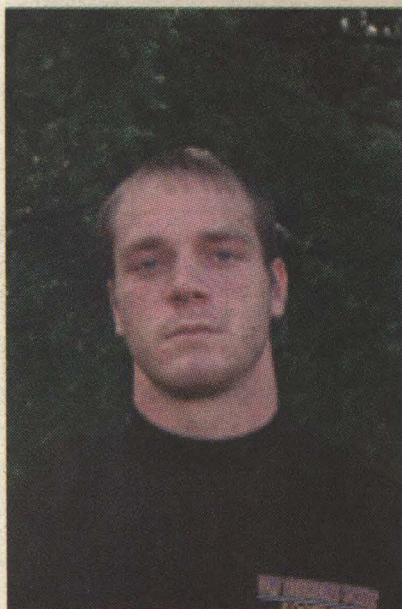


DeCaluwe

pre-pharmacy major. On the field for the Pointers he tallied 102 tackles this season.

"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.



Robinson

UW-SP Athletes of the Week

Men's Basketball: Steve Hicklin

Women's Basketball: Laura Neuenfeldt

Men's Hockey: Tim Manthey

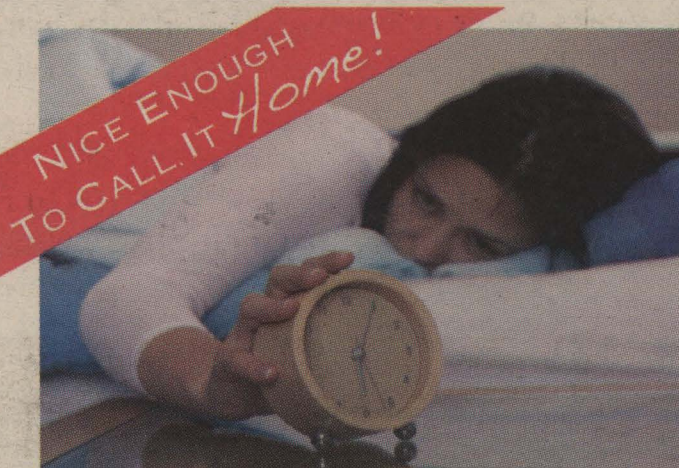
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Men's Swimming: Chase Gross

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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 on Friday. Ben Gensler won the consolation final in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:57.24. Chris Hruska won the bonus final with a time of 2:02.17. Brent Schwartz won 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.

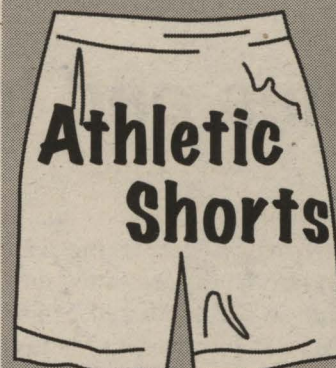
The women were fifth of seven teams with 255 points. Kristen Bennett won the bonus final of the 200-yard individual medley with the time of 2:15:14. Kari Slawson won the consolation final of the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:14.17. Also winning the consolation final was Jessica Nordstrom in the 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 520.5 points. Chase Gross won the championship final of the 100-yard butterfly and broke his own school record in

the race with a time of 48.92. Ben Gensler won the championship final for the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:07.54. Also competing in this event was Ben Schreiber, who won the consolation final with a time of 2:14.32. Andy Schoff won the bonus final in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 58.59.

Moving up from Friday, the women finished fourth with 516 points. Winning the consolation final of the 100-yard butterfly was Meghan Walsh with a time of 1:00.87. Also winning the consolation final, 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.



Three Pointers awarded WAIC Athlete of the Week

Three Pointer athletes were awarded the Wisconsin Athletic Intercollegiate Conference Athlete of the Week this past week. Swimmers Chase Gross and Elizabeth Abraham got the award after their performances at the Wheaton Invitational, where the men took fifth and the women took fourth place of seven teams.

Wrestler Craig Bollig also was awarded the honor after he took first place in the 197-pound weight class. Bollig is ranked fourth in the Division III 197-pound class.

Hockey team drops two

The Pointer men's hockey team dropped games on the road against UW-Stout and UW-River Falls Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Both were conference losses, bringing the Pointers' overall record to 5-4 and the team's conference record to 1-3.

UW-SP took the lead early in the first period against UW-Stout with a goal from Tim Manthey, but were outscored by the Blue Devils 3-6 to take the loss. Pointers Manthey and Sean Fish scored the other goals during the game.

The Pointers let UW-River Falls away with a win Saturday night. UW-SP went without scoring a goal the entire game and lost 5-0.

The next game for the Pointers will take place against UW-Superior Dec. 7 at Superior.

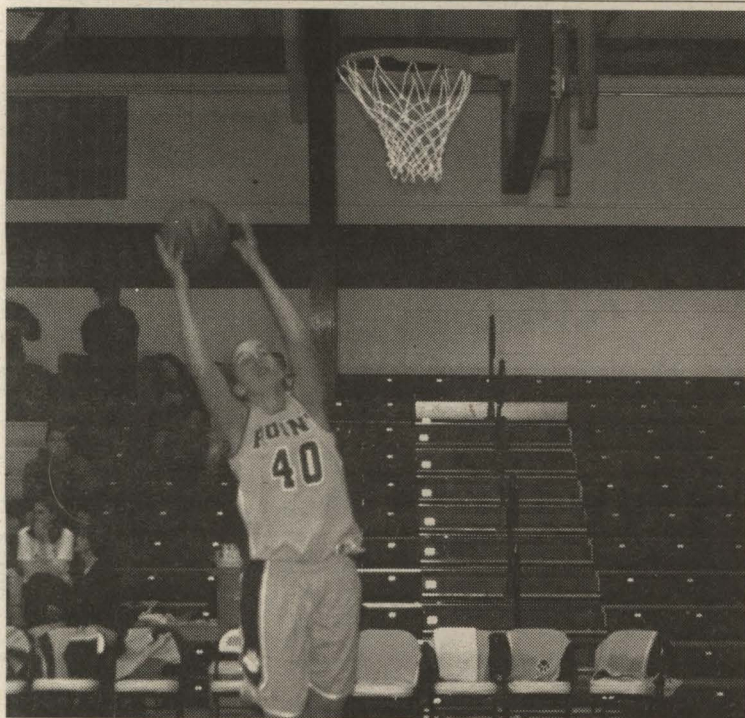
Basketball team takes first loss

The Pointers traveled to La Crosse to defeat the Eagles 76-61 on Dec. 5 for their fourth win of the season and their first conference win.

Pointer Jerome Wotachek scored a career-high 17 points during the game and helped UW-SP to keep a lead throughout the game.

Brian Beamish also had a big game for the Pointers, gaining 16 points, and Khalifa El-Almin tallied 11 points for UW-SP.

Next UW-SP hosts Lawrence University at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 8 in a non-conference game.



Congradulation 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

Nicknames: Hicks, Steve-O, "The Hammer", Monkey Boy, MJ, Hat Trick Hicklin.

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 Krull off the floor and slipped on the exorbitant 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 Krautkramer.

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

Who is your sports hero? Shawn Kemp and Adam Spoehr

What is your sport philosophy? Challenge yourself to be the best you can and enjoy playing.

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This week in the arts: dancing, gallery shows and more

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's dance program will stage the annual "Afterimages" performance of student choreography and dance. The performances feature the talents of not only student dancers, but also student graphic designers, stage managers, lighting technicians and costume designers. The creation of the show was overseen by Dance Program coordinator Joan Karlen and professor Michael Estanich.

In addition to these student-choreographed works, "Afterimages" will feature

a performance of professional choreographer Susan Marshall's "Other Stories." Two members of the Susan Marshall & Company dance troupe taught Marshall's work to UW-SP students as part of their residency earlier in the semester. These guests were sponsored by Sentry Insurance's "Invitation to the Arts" program. Performances of "Afterimages" will be offered from Dec. 6-8 at 7:30 p.m.

As "Afterimages" closes, the Carlsten Gallery will open its doors for a showcase of student work. Each semester, the gallery hosts a juried student show. All currently enrolled UW-SP students are allowed to submit one to three works

in any media for consideration. The only restriction is that these works must have been completed within the last two years.

Artwork for the show is chosen from these works by an outside juror. This year's juror was Josie Osbourne, director of community outreach at the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design. As an artist, Osbourne creates primarily assemblage boxes and mixed media prints. She has a degree in drawing, painting, and art history and criticism, and exhibits her works at national venues.

Osbourne has chosen diverse collection of student artwork for the show. In addition to the honor of exhibiting their pieces, students in the

show also have the opportunity to compete for cash prizes and scholarships. Some of these awards are general, while others are specific to media such as the Arcadian Press Award for Graphic Design Excellence.

The opening reception for the juried student show will take place on Sunday, Dec. 9, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The show will run from Dec. 9 through Jan. 27 and will be a featured part of Arts Bash, the College of Fine Arts and Communication's annual fundraising event.

"Barney Street," UW-SP's literary magazine, has extended its submission deadline to Friday, Dec. 15. Students may submit up to two pieces of

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 barneyst@uwsp.edu.

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 of yet another parking lot the next morning. Although the snow caused many anxieties and frustrations, I didn't resent it. How could I, when the morning was so beautiful and peaceful, covered in that blanket of smooth, white snow?

A few friends and I decided to take the morning, the first Sunday of the month, to play Bingo at Rusty's Backwater Saloon. As a product of numerous church picnics and casino-sponsored events, Bingo appeals to me by nature. When my friend added that it was free and that the Bingo caller was, well, "picture Santa Claus, drunk, with a sombrero," I was all in. What can I say? I'm a sucker for cute old men (and babies, who, incidentally, often look like little old men).

The roads to Rusty's were barely plowed, and the trees and fields were still unmarred, snowy perfection. Inside, we took a table by the fireplace and ordered brunch—some of the best and least expensive food I've eaten in ages. With our ancient Bingo cards laid out before us, we were ready for anything.

The Bingo caller took his place at the cage. Minus the sombrero, my friend's descrip-

tion 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 barmaid. 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 "B9" when he called "B6" (which was most often the case) and just what exactly "N one-hundred-and-eleven" meant (it varied—usually it meant B1).

After watching each of my friends win a round of Bingo, it was actually a relief not to win. After all, what would I do with another pair of pliers or a 2007 Far Side Calendar? No, I was completely content to sit back and enjoy the rhythmic motion (or in my case, lack of motion) of covering numbers with kernels of corn.

When the last ball was pulled and the final game was 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 an open mic forum on Monday, Nov. 3, in UW-SP's Noel Fine Arts Center. The forum was open to any student who wanted to showcase their talent in a friendly atmosphere of fellow performers and viewers.

Arwen 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 test-

ing of the narrator's Christian faith. After witnessing Sept. 11 and the fall of the Twin Towers, Cyr's performance questioned faith in a God who decided that time was up for the thousands of people who died in the tragedy.

"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 "Jesu, Joy of Man'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

"Slow Like Honey" was about "the tug-of-war we play with past relationships and lovers, especially the really good ones. Who has the power in the end and are you ever really able to let go of that person? Do you even want to?" explained Gilliland. "I Won't Dance" allowed Parrott, the pianist, to join Gilliland in a duet and to show off scat skills.

The event was the second open mic forum the Players Organization has sponsored on campus. They believe the talent show will become larger when the Dreyfus



Photo by Ashley Schlosser

Student performers showcased their talents at the Players Organization's open mic event.

the recent snowfall and everyone awaiting the holidays.

Meagan Gilliland and Arne Parrott performed songs from their past two years of jazz collaboration sessions. Their performances consisted of "Murder He Says," by Betty Hutton, "Slow Like Honey" by Fiona Apple and "I Won't Dance," which Gilliland and Parrott put together right before the show.

University Center opens, and the students have access to a stage. Students are encouraged to look for future open mic forums in the Message of the Day e-mails. The Players Organization sponsors the events to create a fun and friendly atmosphere where performers can comfortably show off their talents.

Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide

On Being a Non-Superlative Woman

Pat Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM SUGAR³

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 dashing 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 shroom benders. Although he says these weekend activities are very fun and harmless, I prefer to spend my weekend running and going to the movie theatres. 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 Heavily Educated (and sedated) Attractive Druggie

Whoo boy. This e-mail is a treasure trove of opportunities. It is a veritable cornucopia of epistolary 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, POTHEAD, 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-kissery, 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 gift 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 lemonade."

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: I don't mean to nag, 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: She's some girl from my math class.

Girlfriend: What's she doing here?

Hot, Funny Guy: I don't know. Maybe she... Wait, you can see her too? Man, I did not expect that. I am tripping my balls off right now... I think I can see through time.

Girlfriend: I haven't even dropped yet. She's really here.

You: Maybe instead of using the drugs, you could spend the weekend running, or going to the movie theaters. That's what I do.

Girlfriend: "Going to the movie theaters?" Who talks like that? Maybe I'll have some of what-

ever she's on.

You: I'm just worried that you using all these hard drugs is going to put a strain on our relationship.

Hot, Funny Guy: Hahahahhahahhahahh! You're a cat! You look like a big, fluffy cat!

You: What if this sort of behavior only serves to drive us apart over time?

Girlfriend: [to you] Start running now. If you're still here in 30 seconds, I'm going to get my gun.

You see the problem? I mean, the MAIN problem? The girlfriend in that little morality play isn't you. You're the other woman, except you're not even THE other woman; you're just another woman, a woman. It would be different if you and Hot Funny Guy hung out and flirted outside of class, and he expressed dissatisfaction with his current girlfriend, but that doesn't seem to be the case.

My advice is to find some nice, funny guy without a girlfriend who likes either running or going to movies. Give him some chocolates, kiss him tenderly and sweetly, and then ride him like a drunken cowgirl. Problem solved.

Send your requests for College Survival advice to proth@wsu.wsu.edu and I will either assist you, or mock your homeland, depending on my whimsy.

Chosen letters score free stuff from our generous sponsors. This week it's the new kick-ass candy store downtown: Sugar [superscript] 3 (Get it? Sugar cubed?) It's right next to Arbuckles, across the street from Shopko. Quite aside from having some of the best chocolate truffles you'll ever experience, they have gourmet food the likes of which you just can't get anywhere else. You know what your mom wants for Christmas? Chocolate. You know what your girlfriend wants for Christmas? Chocolate. You know what I want for Christmas...?

Yeah, I'm pretty sure you get the point. Throw that cheap-ass Whitman sampler shit away and give a gift with some class. And if you know someone who for some freaky reason isn't into chocolate, then they've got all sorts of other cool specialty gift items too. It's the 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.

There. I think that covers all the bases. Seriously though, check them out: 341-5556.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you for a good edition of The Pointer on Thursday, November 15, 2007, my birthday as it happens. These are exciting times for UW-SP, with Chancellor Bunnell leading the planning for the future of our campus.

I recall moving here from upstate New York to teach in the late 1960s when Lee Sherman Dreyfus was president of Wisconsin State University at Stevens Point. I still remember his moving

speeches to the faculty in Old Main Auditorium, where I played my first percussion recital in April, 1970. It was my pleasure recently to attend the naming ceremony for Dreyfus University Center, here the gentlemen of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, of which I am a alumni member, sang beautifully the UW-SP Alma Mater. In the audience was Wisconsin state senator Julie Lassa, with whom I worked when she was a student here, only

this time she had two wonderful children with her.

The refurbishment of the University Center takes me back to the opening of The Encore, where Geary Larrick Quartet performed under the lights to a packed audience. The recent naming of Noel Fine Arts Center was another event I have enjoyed, reminding me of the 1970s when I conducted music of Mozart, Bach, Beethoven and Ives with the Stevens Point Symphony

Orchestra in Michelsen Concert Hall for appreciative audiences.

The latest naming was the Daniel O. Trainer College of Natural Resources Building, where Christine Thomas is dean. We served on a committee together before we both got our doctorates.

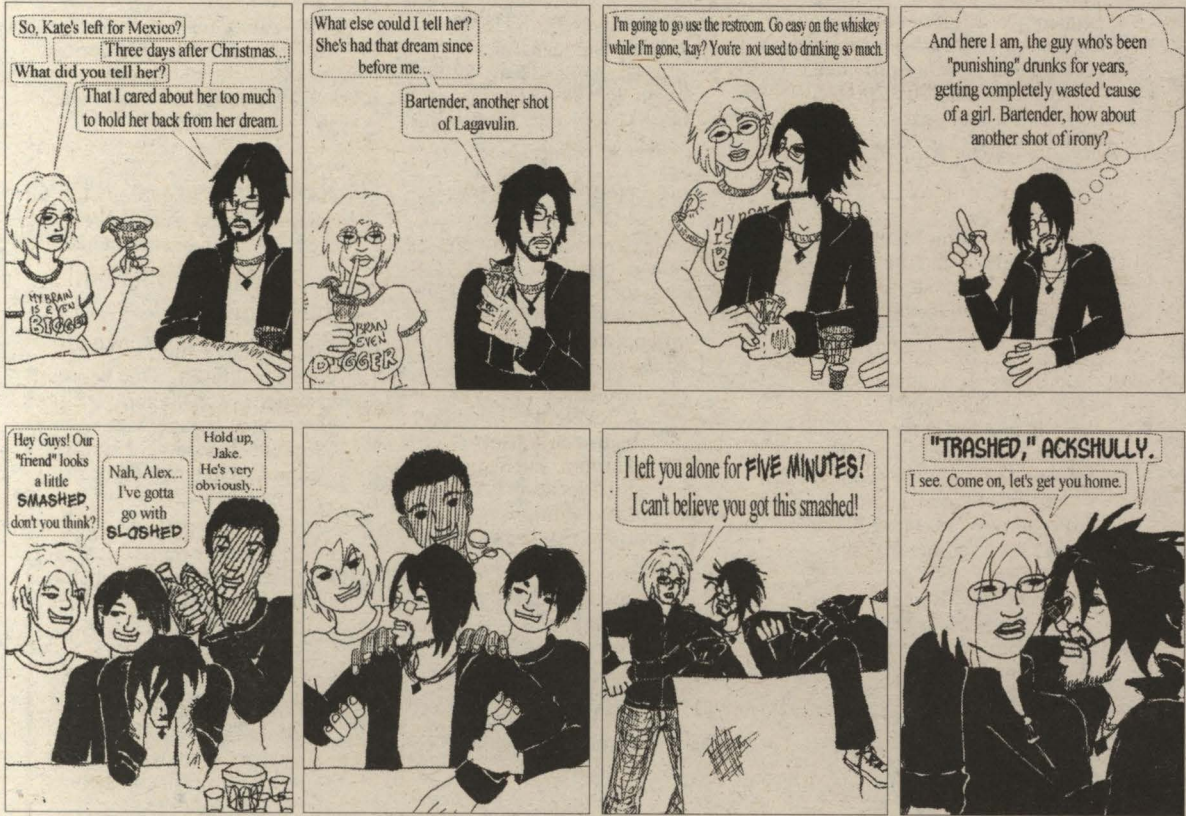
Finally, the UW-SP international Programs and Foreign Student Office are doing very well now, and I note with pride that my 2007

book, my tenth since 1989, is in The British Library as well as University Library. As I premiere my own compositions for Gesell Institute this semester, I repeat, these are most exciting times for our university.

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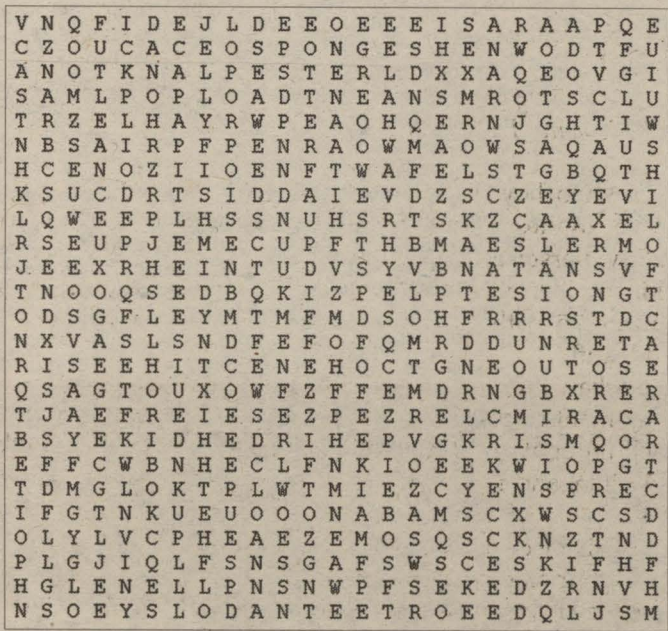


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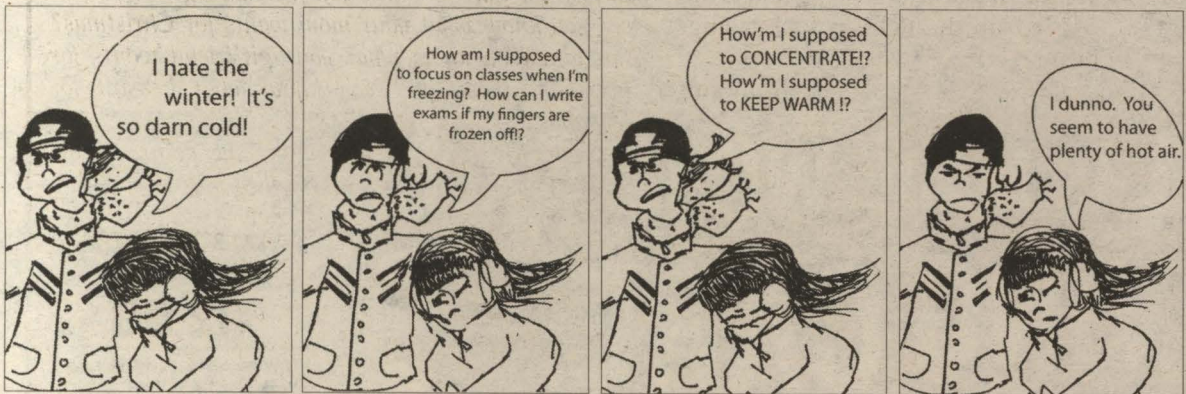


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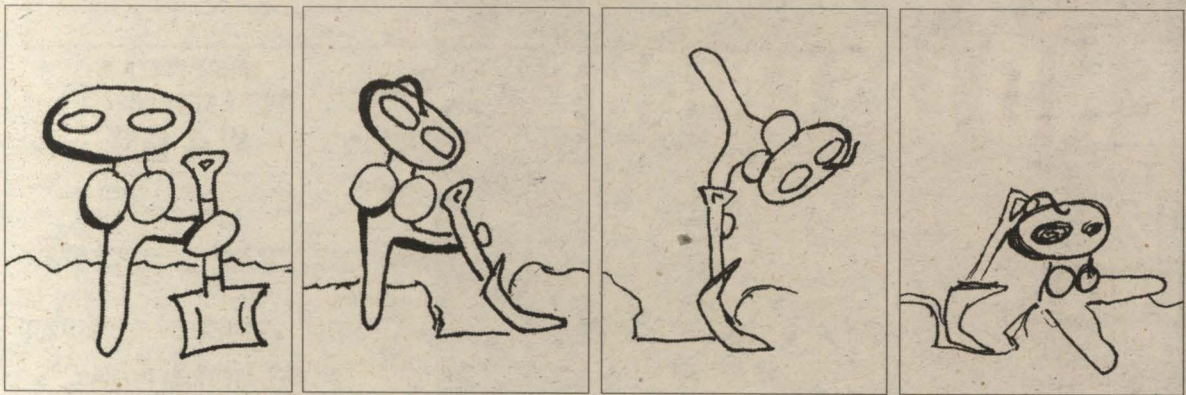


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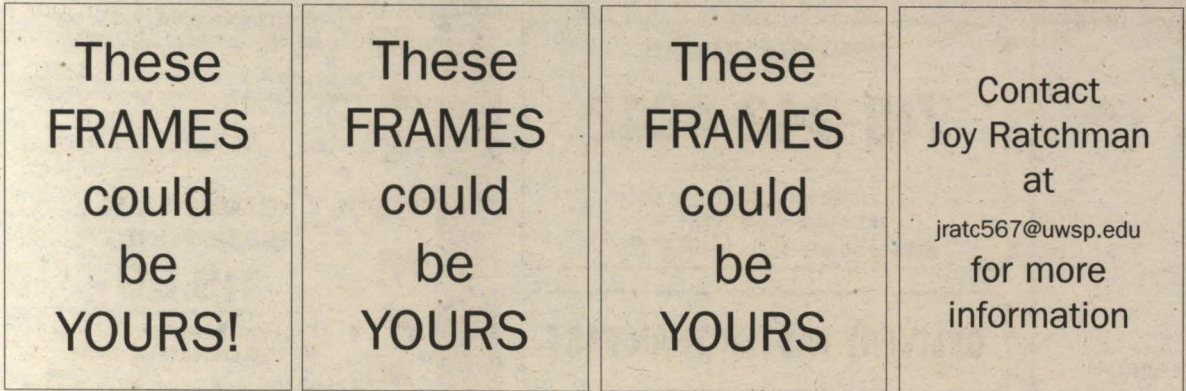
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Lynn Johnston Barack Obama George W Bush

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