College Democrats, Republicans host presidential primary debate

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With approximately two months to go until the Feb. 19, 2008, Wisconsin primary election, political activism is gearing up on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus.

On Wednesday, Dec. 12, students and faculty gathered to see the university’s College Democrats and College Republicans square off in a lively debate about next year’s presidential election.

Both sides debated with two members, answering questions on a variety of domestic and international topics. Moderated by political science professor John Blakeman, Democrats Saul Newton and Page Carriveau and Republicans Ryan Wrasse and Matt Steiger discussed their parties’ stances on many important issues to students including taxes, environmental issues and abortion rights.

But, Wednesday served a double purpose, with both political groups registering students to vote. With the Jan. 31 deadline approaching, the event was an opportunity to help students understand the differences in the two political parties.

“We were looking for a way for the two organizations to work together to draw out students to vote in the upcoming primary election because it is very important to both of us,” said Newton. “We thought this would be a great way to promote the primaries and educate students about the differences between the two parties and where they individually stand.”

Throughout the debate many topics were covered, but foreign policy questions, particularly in regards to the Middle East and Iraq, sparked heated debate between both parties and the audience.

“We have lost over 3,000 American soldiers. Americans think this is over. When are we going to bring our troops home? Enough is enough,” said Carriveau. “Right now we are being irresponsible with American lives.” However Republicans have a different view on the success of the United States in Iraq.

Dreyfus University Center partially opens its doors to the public

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The remodeling of the Dreyfus University Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has been underway since May 30, 2006, finally reopening Monday, Dec. 10. Though the services are limited, students can find the basics, such as the University Store, Text Rental, Point Card Office, Homegrown Cafe, and University Information and Tickets available within the DUC. All other services will be available after the winter break.

“ar as food options go, the DUC got a complete makeover. There are going to be a lot of food options there. It’ll be great to have something besides DeKot and Division Street Dining. It will also be nice to have all the offices back together. Now students can pick up books, eat, hold student organization meetings, study, attend events and find jobs all in the same building,” said Emily Lindahl, the Job Fair coordinator who has recently moved with the Student Involvement & Employment Office.

The building is named after Lee Sherman Dreyfus, a man who was known from 1967 to 1978 as the “students’ chancellor.” His career at UW-StP ended when he was elected Wisconsin’s 40th Governor and inaugurated in front of Old Main. The remodeling and 40,000 square feet addition was

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"There are so many Democrats invested in defeat in Iraq that they are not giving our troops a chance to win," said Wrasse. "Yes, it is a tough battle and yes, politicians in Washington are playing politics with our troops, and we too get to get over that, and we have to give them a chance to win."

When asked what the next president of the United States should do, all can agree that health care, social security and national security are topics that need to be addressed.

"In the next couple of years we are going to confront issues as a nation that we have never confronted before," said Newton.

In November 2008, the United States will elect its 44th president, but not without confusion.

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"I think most students on campus are bright enough and human enough to realize that the vast majority of people who society has forced to stay at the Salvation Army are not violent or threatening in any way," said Gifford. "Maybe if we open up our minds and let these people join our community, we can give them a, I believe a, situtation improve."

Friday will serve as an opportunity to improve others’ situations, presenting UW-SP as a campus willing to help others in the community.

"I think it says that we have a more humanitarian nature saying that we want to come in and help people that are homeless in the community to reach out to the community," said Kloth. "To say that we are interacting with them, not just helping from a distance. It will be something nice people can do for the less fortunate."

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financed solely through student fees, adding up to a grand total of $237,000. Besides a few critiques, the students seem to be enjoying what the DUC has to offer so far.

"I think it’s really modern and cool," said freshman Emily Maxwell, a health promotions major.

"I think it should be closer to campus. It used to be a walk from some of the dorms. But it still looks really nice," said freshman Amanda Meyer, a physical education major.

"It like a lot. It looks like an airport, but it has a lot more character, and it’s a lot more unique than it used to be. I used to love the Brewhaus as a freshman, so I can’t wait until that opens," said junior Alexander Taylor Maco, an acting major.

"It’s a really impressive piece of architecture. It’s very attractive. Although it seems like it may be a bit cramped for space with all the trees they are trying to provide," said senior Alexia Martin, a psychology major. Martin remembers the University Center before it was remodeled. "I think in terms of appearance, it’s a lot better. The only change in my opinion is the appearance."

Lindahl would like to remind students to check out the DUC during the grand opening on Jan. 22, 2007. Many special events will be taking place, such as six whole weeks of TV-themed events, The Involvement Fair on Feb. 7, Leadership Night Live Feb. 16, and "Make Life Sweeter," which will be a dessert buffet the day the day of Valentine’s Day to raise money for the office’s volunteer break trips. A full calendar of grand-opening events can be found at http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/grandopening/.
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A new restaurant, which opened this past summer, has taken University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students by storm. "I love it. It's about time Point got a decent place to go after the bar," said Ryan Dabel, a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student.

Kevin Polito, a 2000 graduate of SPASH, first decided he wanted to open a pizza place when he was a freshman at UW-Milwaukee. His dream became a reality when last February he signed a lease on the space which is now Polito's. In July, he finally opened for business at its current location of 900 Main St, here in Stevens Point.

"I have to say I go there two or three times a week; it's definitely my new favorite after-bar food," said Dru Heiz, whose personal favorite happens to be the barbecue chicken pizza.

Polito's wide variety of pizzas offer something for everyone's taste, no matter how unusual. "We have about 30-35 specialty pizzas, and we're always coming up with new ones," said Polito.

However, Polito's is more than a place to go after the bar. With a menu ranging from chicken wings and subs to cheesecake and daily specials, which are offered every Monday through Thursday, it is definitely a place to go for dinner as well.

"I love their Wednesday special; the beer and wings. I try to make it [there] every week," said Heiz. "Don't get me wrong, their pizza's great, but so are their wings. And so is the fact that I can go there and get some beer makes it that much better."

Polito first discovered his love of pizza-making while in college. "I worked at Domino's and loved it," said Polito. "I wanted to do my own thing, something which set's Polito's apart from all the other pizza places is their wide selection of pizza varieties, which includes flavors such as mac and cheese, buffalo chicken, potato skin and Philly cheese steak.

For the over 30 different varieties of pizza Polito's offers, Polito draws his inspiration from all over.

Local DJ injects adrenaline into airwaves

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After grabbing a meal or two between classes and stopping to converse with some fellow students, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point junior Evan Clucas will swing the jack-hammered by a bulldozer. This would be an unusual scenario for your average student, but it's an integral part of every week for Clucas. He takes Tuesday night's edition of "Soundstreams" for 90FM WWSP. The program is traditionally an all-request show, but requests that late at night, as Clucas, don't come in too frequently. "I've taken it over and done my own thing with it," he said. "I turn to what I do best: music and hard-core."

As station manager at 90FM, Clucas is responsible for, among various things, coordinating huge station events like Radiothon and Trivia. He's constantly in and out of staff meetings and short daytime DJ shifts, but every Tuesday night from 10:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m., his only business is making faces with brutal tunes.

"I start out my show with less-heavy music, and kind of build up to the really heavy stuff," Clucas said of his "Soundstreams" show. He spins the likes of Deftones and Poison the Well at first, but meanders toward more blast-beat driven bands at about midnight. He cites, "Stuff like Cephalic Carnage, Pig Destroyer and The Black Dahlia Murder," as a few of his preferred instigators of instrumental intensity.

"It's people playing really fast, rhythmic and sometimes out of control. Sweeps, solos, finger tapping; this music ignites something inside," Clucas said with excitement. "I have such a passion for heavy music, so it's only natural that I would bring that to my radio show."

Cucas's weekly four hour foray into the far side of metallic music isn't the only smattering of such shred-laden music that the station offers. WWSP's long-running heavy-themed radio show "Metal Thunder" can be heard every Sunday night from 9:00 p.m. until midnight, making your ears bleed with the sounds of In Flames, Pantera and Slayer.

"I grew up listening to "Metal Thunder" on 90FM, and I thought it was the cool...
Santa accused of being a bad role model

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According to the Institute of Medicine in 2005, the childhood obesity rate has more than doubled for preschool children aged 2-5 years and has more than tripled for children aged 6-11 years. In the United States, approximately nine million children over 6 years of age are considered obese. Who can be part of the blame for childhood obesity? Santa Claus, of course!

Lately a controversy has sprung, debating whether Santa Claus is a bad role model for children or not. To some people, Santa’s jolly, fat gut is setting a bad example for children. According to a report from the Boston Herald’s Mike Underwood, the acting U.S. Surgeon General Rear Administrator Steven K. Gialon is quoted as saying, “It is really important that the people who kids look up to as role models are in good shape, eating well and getting exercise. It is absolutely critical... even be considered a role model? ‘It’s not like the kids are saying they want to be like Santa Claus, it’s just who they want to see at Christmas. Not only that, but the guy is old.”

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The Mikkelson’s are not a wealthy family by any means, but as I found out, you don’t have to be. All that you need is a caterer who offers holiday catering.

In Minneapolis, Minn., there are a host of catering companies that will prepare and deliver a meal fit for any sized army you need to feed. Here in Stevens Point, “Rockman’s Catering has been proudly serving central Wisconsin for 21 years,” said Sales Manager Lori Rockman. “We offer several custom menus including breakfast, lunch, dinner and an international appetizer menu that spans from Caribbean to Mexican.”

To have Rockman’s prepare a meal that your guests are sure to remember, you have to do two things: give them at least a week’s notice, and you have to pick it up the day before. By picking up your prepared meal with heating instructions, Rockman’s employees don’t have to miss a moment of the holidays with their families, and no one knows you didn’t cook the meal yourself.

Last year we prepared seven full meals for Christmas, and this year, two for Thanksgiving,” said Gdowski. “Now that you know Mrs. Mikkelson’s dirty little secret, you can follow her lead and leave the cooking to someone else.

Remember, Christmas is right around the corner...

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 Topperssticks. Winners will be at the judges discretion. Answers are due Tuesday at midnight the week following publication.

Your Puzzle:

In this teaser, I have given you 4 words. Beside each word is a series of letter groupings. Your task is to find the answer to the word on the left by choosing one letter from each of the letter groups to the right of each clue.

Example:

Statuette: f ro evi gse rpu lor nai ngd rep

Answer:

Fgo evi Gse rpo lor nai ngd rpb = FIGURINE
1. Poem : i rt oih you ime ets
2. Glasses : css phh efg cu to ame cyr rles nes dta
3. Greenback : mce hom oon eio ahy
4. Jews : ouj luj poi rtd twe egg gre

Last Weeks Answers:

The bird traveled 90 miles
Outdoors

Get rosy and toasty while cross country skiing

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Swoosh, swoosh, glide, swoosh, swoosh, glide. Cross country skiing is fast becoming one of the more popular winter activities.

The cost of the equipment can be inexpensive if a person buys used. The traditional, or “classic,” skis are attached to the toe of special ski boots. A horizontal pin on the toe slides into a slot on the binder that is attached to the ski and clamped into place. The heel is unattached to allow freedom of movement. A person “kicks” with the foot and pushes with the poles for the forward motion.

The waxable skis require applied to the kick zone of the ski to give traction for the kick. The ski is shaped similar to an inverted leaf of a car, where the middle of the ski is raised to the kick. The ski poles slightly behind them and outward at an angle to maintain balance.

The downhill portion of the hill is the fun part, but it has its challenges. For the straight portions the skier can get into a tuck position and hold the poles under their arms as they speed down the hill. To turn, skiers need to put more weight on the ski on the inside of the curve and take the weight off the other ski and lean towards the inside. If a person wants to slow down, all they have to do is drag their ski poles behind them and lean on them. If all goes awry, the skier can always use the built-in brake; they can sit down on their behind.

Most ski trails are groomed where a machine has gone through and packed down the snow and left two grooves in the snow for the skis. For backcountry skiers, there are skis that are wider and shorter than the classic type. Some even have metal edges on them to guard against damage from unseen rocks, downed trees and the like.

Another more recent style of cross country skiing is the diagonal or skating skis. The skis are set up similar to the classic cross country skis, but they are skinnier and shorter. To use these skis, the skier uses the back and forth motion similar to that of an ice skater. These skis require a wider groomed area because of the V-style glide. This is a much faster way to move across the snow compared to the classic cross country skis.

There are many places a person can cross country ski in the area. Places to ski are as close as Schmeekle Reserve, Iverson Park and portions of the Green Circle. Some golf courses allow skiing, but it is best to call first. Standing Rocks has more challenging trails, as does Underdown near Merrill, Wis. Other trails are near Iola, Waupaca, Wausau and Wisconsin Rapids.

Cross country skiing has been called the “world’s best aerobic workout.” It also allows one to observe wildlife up close because of its silence. White-tailed deer have been seen yards off the trail without being disturbed.

Cross country skis can be rented from most sporting goods stores. Our very own Outdoor EdVentures at the Allen Center rents skis and you can ask for assistance from Kevin, Paul or Jeremy.

UWSP campus mourns the death of former CNR Dean Dan Trainer

Press Release
University Communications

The campus, community, state, and indeed the nation, has lost a conservation champion with the passing of Daniel O. Trainer this past weekend. Trainer died Saturday, Dec. 8, after courageously and humbly facing a debilitating disease for many months.

This past November we celebrated his legacy as dean of what has evolved into the premier undergraduate natural resources program in the nation and indeed, the world. The campus and community gathered with Trainer, his wife Betty, his family, friends, fellow CNR faculty and others as we formally and fittingly dedicated the Daniel O. Trainer Natural Resources Building.

Trainer served as dean of UW-SP’s College of Natural Resources from 1971 to 1988 and is recognized for his impact in overseeing the education of over 5,000 professionals now working in natural resources management throughout Wisconsin, the United States and around the world. Under his leadership, the college became one of the premier institutions of its kind in the nation, promoting an integrated approach to the curriculum. He helped to establish hands-on field experiences for students and developed opportunities for students to travel overseas to gain international experience.

Inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame in 2006, Trainer’s conservation legacy rightly places him in the esteemed company with the likes of Aldo Leopold, John Muir, Gaylord Nelson, Warren Knowles, Sigurd Olson, Fred Schmeekle and others.

His campus and community friends are in mourning. We pass on our deepest sympathies to Betty and the entire Trainer family.
When mother nature gives you ice, go ice fishing!

Steve Seamandel
THE POINTER

What better way to procrastinate than to bundle up, drill some holes and catch some fish through the ice? I often find myself pulled towards fishing when I get stressed out – something about the quiet atmosphere and being in nature must do the trick. That, or the fact that doing just about anything can be better than studying sometimes.

Getting back into ice fishing after a year off can be a bit of a pain though. Your equipment will go through a lot more wear and tear since it’s primarily used during a season where we see nothing but harshly cold temperatures and ice and snow, which will all take a toll on your rods and tip-ups.

Before hitting the ice and realizing that you’re not prepared to haul in massive Pike because you forgot to dig out your gaff, make sure you’ve covered your bases and have everything you need.

First off, you can’t go ice fishing without an ice auger. This was always my largest obstacle; the gas augers were always too expensive for me to afford as a kid (and still are as a college student) and hand augers are really a pain in the neck. But, hand augers are certainly easier to use than an axe, which I’ve unfortunately had to use before in times of dire need. I wouldn’t recommend it, although I did make it through the ice-chopping trip with all of my toes.

Gas augers are certainly the preferred route; they simply are unbeatable. However, if you must settle for a hand auger, don’t feel like you’re being duggled holes all day long.

Make sure that your blades are sharpened – take your auger to a sporting goods store (be sure to call ahead to confirm that they sharpen blades) for a tune-up before every season. Drilling with a dull hand auger will make you tired, sore and frustrated. The least you can do is maximize its efficiency.

Also, if you’re using a hand auger, you’ll want to be more strategic with your hole locations. Instead of being able to drill 10 holes easily with a gas auger, you might only be able to drill five holes that are spaced out before your body runs out of gas. No worries; spread out the holes as much as you can in order to cover more ground. When you start hitting fish, then drill more holes.

Also, it is easy to redrill old holes that have frozen-over, so if you can find yesterday’s hole that was producing fish, you can redrill it in about half the time of a new hole.

Beyond servicing your auger, you’ll want to make sure that you’ve got all the appropriate tools needed for ice fishing. A gaff (basically a hook for pulling out larger fish by the gills), an ice scooper and needle-nose pliers are all essential. Missing any of these items could shorten your trip, or leave you in a bind. You’ll certainly lose a bigger fish without a gaff to help pull it through the ice, and your hands will go numb in eight seconds without an ice scooper or pliers. The whole point is to have tools do this for you so you don’t have to remove clothing to accomplish it.

Tackle is also important. It’s a good idea to spend $5 on new hooks and a few new lures every year, and to have a good range of spoons, smaller panfish grubs and plain hooks.

Putting new line on your reels and tip-ups is also quite important. The corners around the drilled ice hole are very sharp and jagged – while they may not cut your skin, the jagged edges will wreak havoc on your thin monofilament line. Your line can acquire invisible kinks as well, so it’s better to respool new line than to learn the hard way by having a huge fish snap your line.

Clothing can also greatly influence your ice fishing adventure. The more you have to pull off your gloves, and the more your feet get wet, the shorter you’ll be out on the ice. Cover your extremities more than you’ll think you’ll need to; this means three pairs of socks and bring an extra pair of gloves, for when your first pair gets wet. (And for some reason, they will get wet.)

Obviously, wear a heavy jacket and a coat. You can always shed a layer if you’re warm, but if you’re short on clothing, going home (and facing your home-work) becomes the only option. Bringing a mug of hot cocoa, coffee or tea will also help you on the ice.

Ice fishing can be a very different experience for people. Some people take the bare minimum, sit on a bucket, or in their car, and wait for flags, while others invest in underwater cameras and ice shanties. Fishing with cameras and shelter can be a whole different ballgame, and much more fun and relaxing than “the old-fashioned way.”

However you choose to get out onto the ice, there is no better way to procrastinate than taking a huge group of friends ice fishing. Good luck, and stay away from those thin spots!
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The Pointers take a 5-0 win. Lee scored the second and fifth goals in the first 12 games, and was the only player from each team to tally a goal during the two periods. After missing the first 12 games, Lee joined the Pointers with a bang last season. In the short amount of time remaining for the 2006-2007 season, he scored 11 goals and tallied nine assists. So far this year, he has made his mark by scoring eight goals and earning five assists.

The Pointers are 8-5 overall and 2-4 in conference play.

Andrew Dilworth

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point wrestlers are heading into their winter break looking better than when they started the season. The squad had a rocky beginning but appears to be in a better position now.

The team had a busy of problems at the start of the season. Returning All-American Eric Bath was sidelined with pneumonia; senior leaders Jake Calhoun and Josh Ison were unable to take the mat after ankle surgery and shoulder surgery, respectively; there was no legitimate 184-pounder; and some members of the team had trouble getting down to weight. All of these issues contributed to the starting lineup and resulted in a motley crew being sent to the mat for the first few weeks.

The low point of the season was probably a 31-11 defeat at the hands of Lakeland College, who are hardly a spectacular opponent. Head Coach Johnny Johnson did not lose faith in his team however. "I wasn't concerned as much as I felt an urgency to correct our mistakes and get the team motivated to take their commitment to another level," said Johnson. It now appears as if Johnson has the team back on track, but he will not admit that.

"I think the team is making positive strides," said Johnson. "But I don't think we are where we need to be yet to reach our goals. We have to stay focused and continue to improve.

While Johnson may not yet be satisfied, the past few weeks have gone much superior for the Pointers than the first few. UW-SP has a 2-2 record overall and the only other loss besides Lakeland came at the hands of Winthrop College, the Division III runner-up at last year's national tournament. The conference record of the Pointers is 2.0 with recent victories over UW-Oshkosh and UW-Platteville.

Against Platteville, senior Calhoun made his return to the lineup in a big way, gaining a pin in his first match since the opening tournament of the season.

"Wrestling through a sickness is just really demoralizing, and you feel as though you're letting the team down," said Bath. "Now that I'm back, I'm just going to try to do my best to make up for lost time.

Calhoun also returned to the mat and resumed his position as the starting 125-pounder. Even though he missed a good portion of the season, he leads the team with five victories.

Just like Bath, however, Calhoun also have to make up for lost time in order to catch up to two of his teammates.

Senior Craig Bollig is currently ranked third in Division III at 197 pounds after compiling a 14-1 record and junior Jason Wozniak is ranked fourth at 185 pounds with a 14-3 record.

Wozniak is underated against Division III opponents and Bollig’s sole loss was a two-point decision against the number two-ranked 197-pounder in Division III. Aside from that blemish on his record, Bollig has dominated opponents en route to winning the Pointer Open, winning the Wisconsin Open, going 4-0 at the Olivet Duals, defeating the returning national champion in his weight class, and even taking home the Sportmanship Award at the Wisconsin Open.

Just like his coach, Bollig remains humble and stresses the need for improvement.

"My goal is to be a national champion, and I believe I can do that. I just need to fix some different things," said Bollig. "I think if I were to go into the national tournament at this point of the season, I don't think I would come out as the champion.

The Pointer wrestlers have a small break as this semester winds down but they have two big events to look forward to in January. Jan. 5 they will travel to Texas and participate in the Lone Star Duals, a massive tournament featuring teams from all three NCAA divisions. Then Jan. 23, the Pointers will host their conference rivals from UW-La Crosse, who are currently unde-
Pointers edge past UW-Superior

**WOMEN’S HOCKEY**

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The Pointers served up two big wins against top-ranked University of Wisconsin-Superior and Finlandia University. Those wins bring UW-Stevens Point to a 9-0 overall record.

The UW-Superior game was closely played, where the Pointers scored the first goal off a pass to the slot. Pointer Sarah Phillips scored the Pointers scored the first goal and was closely played, where wins bring UW-Stevens Point to a 9-0 overall record.

Two UW-SP goals were tallied during power plays following interference calls.

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**NFL pick-off report: Week 15**

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Sports Reporter

Dear Santa,

It’s been a few years since I’ve written a letter, but I thought I might need to drop a big hint about what I want for Christmas this year. If you could just arrange some New York Jets linemen to smash into Tom Brady this weekend and maybe, just maybe, send him to the injured reserve list, I’ll leave out more cookies every Christmas for the rest of my life.

**Buffalo Bills vs. Cleveland Browns**

I love this game! At the beginning of the season, I was counting on both these teams to be their usual, miserable selves. Now this game has play-off implications! It’s difficult to decide which underdog I’m pulling for more, but I think the nod has to go to Cleveland because I can still vaguely remember the Bills’ four Super Bowl appearances in the early 90s. Take the Browns but carry a special place in your heart for this team. The game no matter what.

**Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Pittsburgh Steelers**

De-fense! De-fense! That’s what this one will be all about. Expect to see a few players leave this one with injuries. Nothing like some real hard-core smash-mouth football! The Jags are playing for their play-off hopes. The Steelers all but have their division gift wrapped, but are looking to average looking sheepish against Satan’s army last week. Take the Steelers. The Jags have the D but until they develop a rounded O, they can’t hang with the big boys.

**Green Bay Packers vs. St. Louis Rams**

This is a great game! On my Play-station, with games from 2000, this is a fabulous game! On Sunday though, it will be another disaster for the Rams. I’m still picking them for the sake of consistency, but I do so with a prayer on my lips.

**In other action, take Houston, Cincinnati, Seattle, Tennessee, Baltimore, New England, Arizona, Tampa Bay, Indianapolis, Dallas, San Diego, New York Giants and Minnesota.**

Really Santa, just a broken leg will do. I’m not asking you to kill him (but if it happens, I won’t tell). I know it’s the right thing to do.

December 13, 2007
Players stage dramatic tale of holocaust survival

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It is October 1940, and the Germans have been occupying Warsaw, Poland for a year. After all the Jews had been rounded up in the Ghetto, Jack Eisner and about 15 of his friends have banded together to smuggle food to the starving Jews. They make a pact that whoever survives will tell their story.

The members of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Players will stage a production of "The Survivor," a play written by Susan Nanus, based on the memoirs of the only survivor.

Eisner (who survives) and his friends took part in the Uprising. After escaping Warsaw, Eisner ran from one place in the country to the next until he was captured and sent to the Flossen­berg concentration camp. He was liberated at the end of WWII, malnourished but alive.

Eventually, Eisner went on to become very wealthy, raise a family, write a book and produce a movie about his story. He also established the oldest Holocaust survivor group and several other survivor groups.

"The cast and crew are extremely dedicated to the play and to bringing Eisner's story to the world," said Hess. As dramaturge, Hess is responsible for making the play as historically accurate as possible. This includes researching history of the time period: architecture, props, technology, clothing, cultural aspects, etc. She also helps the actors get into character by assisting them with the pronunciation of words and proper social position, demeanor and characterization. She often sits in on rehearsals and does research, looking up additional information when questions arise. Hess e-mails cast members with pronunciation guides and additional historical information.

"I have immensely enjoyed working on this play," said Hess. "The cast and crew are wonderful people and, despite the depressing aspects of the story, we've had a lot of fun working together. They have been able to make the most of everything in the script and add humor and love to a horrific time period full of pain and suffering. The audience will experience laughter, love, hatred, suffering and loss."

Performances of "The Survivor" will take place in the Noel Fine Arts Center Studio Theater on Dec. 14-15 at 7:30 p.m. and on Dec. 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Arnold Koren: 'Egg Tart'

Matt Jackson: 'Fire Tryptich'

David G. Kendall: 'Guarded Heart' and 'Sorrows'

Joy Ratchman: 'The Writer's Desk: These are the stories I tell myself...'

Shane Stirtsey's piece received the Pointer Press Award for Photography Excellence.
It takes a modern mind to make an ancient legend cliché

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Hollywood has made great strides in the realm of computer animation over the past few years. As technology improved, directors and producers began to use it to the allow for stunts and effects not humpy few years ago. Unfortunately, the computer-animated characters of "Beowulf" don't live up to the standards of realism set by earlier offerings like "Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within," released in 2001. Some high-end video games have better animation. The film can't decide whether it's a comic book saga, a comedy or a literary epic, and the animation reflects the confusion. Some of the characters are fairly realistic while others are caricatures at best. The result is less "ancient Anglo-Saxon epic" and much more "Shrek." The "ancient legend meets modern concept and heroes" issue is further compounded by the movie's writers. The film can't decide whether it's a comic book saga, a comedy or a literary epic, and the animation reflects the confusion. Some of the characters are fairly realistic while others are caricatures at best. The result is less "ancient Anglo-Saxon epic" and much more "Shrek." The "ancient legend meets modern concept and heroes" issue is further compounded by the movie's writers. Neill Gaiman and Roger Avary. Gaiman writes fantasy novels and comic books. I haven't read a lot of his work, but the movie unfortunately reflects the modern take on the comic-book superhero—a flawed and tragic (and often overshadowed) character, a mix of regular "epic" battles and negative self-analysis.

Apparently, the ancient hero's epic battles weren't that interesting enough for modern audiences, so Gaiman and Avary used the old Hollywood story of young lovers lost in the shuffle of a strong and mighty force. The Bernard Lakers "Are the Dark Horse" was released way back in February, but the band remains heavy hearted. Combining rich harmonies with bombastic elegance, "Are the Dark Horse" brings together the theatrical rock of Pink Floyd, the elegant romance of Roy Orbison and the harmonies from heaven of the Beach Boys. While the last three tracks tend to drag a little, the first half of the album is loaded with heady pop novelty. Wilco's "Sky Blue Sky," released in May, caught some flack for being a little too much like easy listening. However, it demonstrates masterful musicians at work as they create simple, yet tight songs. The results are a thing of beauty. The album shows a band that long thrived on tension has finally taken a minute to breathe. The results weren't mind-blowing like their last two albums, but they were impressive nonetheless. More importantly, they are a wonderful addition to the band's incredible live show by complementing their raucous and daring work with easy crowd pleasers.

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Avoid holiday music doldrums by looking to this year's past releases

Zachary Krogman
MUSIC REVIEW

It's an odd time for music to hit the doldrums. With the holidays fast approaching, it would seem that musical efforts should be ramping up right now, since CDs are looking to this year's past releases and nothing for the rest of the year has much of a chance of topping that. But now is the time to go back and look at the jam-packed musical goodness that is out there. Finding things missed along the way is a great way to deal with these late-year blues by squeezing a long and complicated side of it. "Beowulf" the movie extends to the characters and qualities, and he does not. Unferth comments, "We now try praying to the Christ- god," and his comment is dis­cussing the unreality of the Seafarers is a foil for Beowulf. The ancient manuscript never becomes a character, but Beowulf himself has been passed to Wiglaf when he does in the poem. Because Grendel is trying to keep the film PG-13 (which it is far too bawdy to be), meticulous care is taken to make sure that there is always something covering his naughty bits. It was hard not to laugh when Beowulf's waistline began to resemble the face of Wilson from "Home Improvement." To be fair, it's hard to squeeze a long and complicated side of it into the space of 113 minutes. The original poem is long and exhaust­ing, but it provides so much nuance that a writer really doesn't need to look out­side of it. "Beowulf" the movie transforms its title character into yet another tortured comic book hero whose secrets haunt the plot of his story. Ironic as it may sound, the code of honor would have made for a unique and interesting movie, rather than a modern cliché.

On newstands now...

"Freddy vs. Jason vs. Ash Vol. 1 & 2"

Andrew Dallman
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

This month, Wildstorm Comics partners with Dynamite Entertainment to deliver the first two issues of an action-packed six-issue mini series featuring some of the biggest horror movie icons of the past 30 years. The story is set five years after the film "Freddy vs. Jason." At its beginning, Jason is still murdering teenagers, Freddy is still pulling his strings and Ashley J. Williams (a.k.a. "Ash" from the "Evil Dead" trilogy) is traveling to Crystal Lake to take charge of the new Super Mega Ultra S-Mart's housewares department. A strange series of events leads Jason Voorhees, Freddy Krueger and Ash on a collision course as they search for the "Neconomicon Ex Mortis" ("The Book of the Dead"), the current resting place of which is the cellar of the Voorhees family home.

The cover art by Eric Powell, J. Scott Campbell and Alex Sinclair isn't the most impressive I've seen, but the interior artwork is appropri­ate for the genre. Craig performs both the pen­ciling and the inking duties in a loose style that befits the action-packed story. At times it isn't pretty, but for depictions of a severed head, this is completely appropri­ate. Craig's rendition of Ash is certainly faithful to the char­acter's on-screen image, and Craig successfully captures the character's swashbuckling style. As with any good horror tale, there is no skipping on the splatter or the other horror movie standbys. That said, there is more to this series than sounds, and the "Beowulf" code of one-liners that are laugh­out-loud funny, and the script by James Kuhoric is faithful to the style and attitude of Freddy and Ash. The series is sure to please dedicated fans of these horror franchises. "Freddy vs. Jason vs. Ash" has a $2.99 cover price and is published monthly by Wildstorm Comics and Dynamite Entertainment. My rating for the series is suggested for mature readers.
Healthy spin on a traditional holiday cookie

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With the approaching holiday season comes the various treats associated with this time of friends, family, and most specifically, food. During the time period between Thanksgiving and New Year’s, Americans tend to gain anywhere from one to 10 pounds. Holiday meals not only contain many carbohydrate-filled foods but also a plethora of desserts and other sweets.

However, there are a variety of ways to go about cutting the access weight gained during the holiday season without giving up your favorite holiday goodies. Simply eating less and being more active can greatly reduce your chances of adding extra pounds after Grandma’s Christmas dinner. But another, possibly even easier, way is switching to healthier ingredients when cooking or baking.

Below is a recipe for rolled sugar cookies from the Web site eatingwell.com. The site contains a variety of healthy recipes to help even the hard-core dessert lovers get a little nutrition into their diet. And who knows, if everyone starts baking with healthier ingredients, maybe by next year Santa won’t have such a hard time fitting down the chimney.

Rolled Sugar Cookies

Makes about 30 cookies

PREP TIME: 50 minutes

TOTAL TIME: 50 minutes

EASE OF PREPARATION: Easy

3/4 cup whole-wheat flour
3/4 cup unsifted cake flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup sugar or 1/4 cup Splenda Sugar Blend for Baking
2 tablespoons canola oil
1 large egg
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1. Set a rack in the upper third of the oven; preheat to 350°F. Coat two baking sheets with cooking spray.

2. Whisk whole-wheat flour, cake flour, baking powder, and salt in a medium bowl.

3. Melt butter in a small saucepan over low heat. Cook, swirling the pan, until the butter turns a nutty brown, about one minute, and pour into a mixing bowl. Add sugar (or Splenda) and oil; beat with an electric mixer until smooth. Mix in egg and vanilla; beat until smooth. Add the flour mixture and mix on low speed until just combined. Divide the dough in half and press each piece into a disk.

4. Working with one disk at a time, roll dough on a lightly floured surface to a thickness of 1/8 inch. Cut out cookies with small (about 1/2-inch) cookie cutters. Place the cookies about 1/2 inch apart on the prepared baking sheets.

5. Bake the cookies in the upper third of the oven, 1 sheet at a time, until slightly golden on the edges, 5 to 7 minutes. Do not overbake. Transfer to wire racks to cool.

No longer fear that delicious sugar cookies like these will make you pack on the pounds this holiday season. A change in ingredients can make even the sweetest of treats healthier.

TIDBIT

LED Jellyfish Mood Lamp

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As the end of the semesters approaches, students are becoming more frazzled about the multitude of tests, projects and papers they have yet to complete. Added to that is the pressure of the coming holiday season. Trying to find just the right gift can be just as, if not more, stressful as any schoolwork.

Now there’s a product out there that could help you not only give the right gift, but also ease even the tension of moments—the LED Jellyfish Mood Lamp. This fish tank-like gizmo sits upon any flat surface, producing calming colors and sights to relief of any stressed student, business person, etc. The tank contains three, fake jellyfish which swim around via a gentle current. Six LEDs allow the viewer to set the mood by picking either their favorite color or setting it to blend through the various colors.

So before you get going on all those stressful tasks looming over your completion of the semester, you might want to invest in the LED Jellyfish Mood Lamp. They’re only $49.99 at www.thinkgeek.com. And if it’s not something that I’ll float your boat, I’m sure somebody’s stressed could be relieved by such a calming gift this holiday season.

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Q: How do I know if I have frostbite?

A: The first sign of frostbite is a "pins and needles" feeling in the affected area followed by numbness. There is also the possibility of throbbing or aching in the early stages of frostbite. Severe frostbite can lead to blisters, gangrene and damage to deeper body structures such as tendons, muscles, nerves and bones.

Frostbite is when damage occurs to skin and the tissues beneath because of exposure to extremely cold temperatures. Signs of frostbite include a hard, cold and pale quality to the exposed appendage. Hands, feet, noses and ears are the most susceptible to frostbite.

Protect yourself from frostbite by wearing warm clothing, like mittens (not gloves), hats and scarves. You should also wear layers, such as two pairs of socks, and water-resistant, wind-proof clothing. Extreme cold, wet clothes, high winds and poor circulation are all factors in the onset of frostbite.

First Aid Tips for Frostbite
1. Shelter the victim from the cold and move the victim to a warmer place. Remove any constricting jewelry and wet clothing. Look for signs of hypothermia (lowered body temperature) and treat accordingly.
2. If immediate medical help is available, it is usually best to wrap the affected areas in sterile dressings (remember to separate affected fingers and toes) and transport the victim to an emergency department for further care.
3. If immediate care is not available, re-warming first aid may be given. Immense the affected areas in warm (never HOT) water — or repeatedly apply warm cloths to affected area, nose or cheeks — for 20 to 30 minutes. The recommended water temperature is 104 to 108 degrees Fahrenheit. Keep circulating the water to aid the warming process. Severe burning pain, swelling and color changes may occur during warming. Warming is complete when the skin is soft and sensation returns.
4. Apply dry, sterile dressing to the frostbitten areas. Put dressings between frostbitten fingers or toes to keep them separated.
5. Move thawed areas as little as possible.
6. Re-freezing of thawed extremities can cause more severe damage. Prevent re-freezing by wrapping the thawed areas and keeping the victim warm. If re-freezing cannot be guaranteed, it may be better to delay the initial rewarming process until a warm, safe location is reached.
7. If the frostbite is extensive, give the victim fluids to keep them hydrated. Try avoiding any fluids with alcohol.

Dangers of file-sharing

Colleen Andrews
SCIENCE, HEALTH AND TECH REPORTER

As part of campus Safety Week, the Residence Hall Association and Information Technology hosted a forum on Thursday, Dec. 6 in lower Dellot to discuss file sharing, by resident students. Mike Candra, RHA Social and Contemporary Issues Chair, and Colleen Andrews, manager of ResNet Services, organized this educational meeting for residents.

Kathy Davis, campus Copyright Officer, talked about laws that govern the sharing of music and video files and the consequences of violating them. She stressed that the university must abide by these laws and cooperate with the RIAA and other copyright owners in pursuing those that steal music and share it with others. Peter Zuge, campus Information Security Officer, discussed computer security and illegal file sharing security issues. Many students get caught for illegal file sharing because they have been sued in their struggle with copyright owners or their representatives like the RIAA.

Andrews, explained that over 100 residents have been caught for illegal file sharing this semester already, and that UW-SP has received a subpoena to release the names and addresses of eight students who will certainly be sued by the RIAA soon. Four UW-SP students were sued last semester, and their out-of-court settlements cost them between $4,000 and $5,100.

Andrews also described new legal music and video service ruckus.com http://ruckus.com which is available free to all UW-SP students. She encouraged residents to try this new legal music and video downloading service to avoid getting caught for illegal file sharing and to join the more than 500 UW-SP students who had already registered with Ruckus since the SGA announced the service on Wednesday, Nov. 28. In an update following the forum, Andrews reports that 2,000 UW-SP students have now registered for the Ruckus service.

The RHA and Information Technology hope that those who did attend will share what they learned with their neighbors and friends.
Dear Editor,

Now that the presidential primary season is upon us, young people will be eagerly recruited by both Democrats and Republicans (hereinafter referred to as the "old parties"), to work tirelessly for one candidate or another. The problem is regardless of which candidate it is or from which old party they come, when they win, you lose.

Beginning Jan 1, 2008 the Baby Boomers (of which I am one) start retiring at the rate of 10,000 a day! That continues for 15 years! We will join your grandparents and my father was a non-Republican (hereinafter referred to as the "new party") and Republicans (hereinafter referred to as the "old parties") to the already coverage, endorsed by both old parties cut spending, because neither of them wants, again, to piss off their respective paymasters; the thirty-five million current seniors (already snapping up scooters-"at no cost to them") or the fifty-four million soon to-be scooter owners, for obvious reasons.

But, the day of reckoning is at hand. There have already been numerous "wake-up calls" about the economic time bomb about to explode. Let's talk about Medicare, one vote! Thanks Russ.)

If you don't believe what I'm saying, go ahead and support the old party, candidate of your choice and don't press, them to stop using your credit card to pay for your parent's and grandparent's "golden years"... or the current trillion-dollar war being financed 100 percent on your credit card. But, don't say you weren't warned.

I think I would look good and a little red scooter as well, as long as it's "at no cost to me", of course.

I.M. Onyourside (UW-SP class of '76)
Your College Survival Guide

Cell phone etiquette

By Pat Rothfuss
With help from Galaxy Comics.

Dear Pat,

I love your articles and have been a fan since 2002. My problem is this: I get very annoyed when people's cell phones go off right in the middle of class. It happens more than once a week! Do people want to look important? Are they just that stupid? Every time this happens I want to run up to them, shout their phone and spike it on the ground while yelling "TOUCH DOWN!" In fact, this is what I would do if you brought back the "I am not Pat Rothfuss" t-shirts.

Rothfuss

Ah yes, the "I am not Pat-Rothfuss" t-shirts. I've had several people e-mail me about what they would do to get one. We'll hear more about that next semester, SASI.

You know who never has a cell phone go off in his class? Me. You know why? Because every semester, when the first cell phone goes off, I answer it myself.

Scott's Mom

This is Pat's house. And what happens when the phone rings in my house? I answer it.

Pat

But... but it's my phone.

Scott's Mom:

Scott's Mom: [Laughing.] It's pretty funny that you answered it.

Pat: I think so too. So does most of the class. [Holds up the phone.] Everyone, say "Hi" to Scott's mom.

Pat: Hello.

Voice: [Confused.] Um... is Scott there?

Pat: I'm sorry, he's busy right now.

Voice: What's he doing?

Pat: He's in class right now. He'll be done around 3:00. Can I take a message?

Voice: Oh. Um... Sure. Could you tell him that some mail showed up for him at home and we need to know if we should keep it here or mail it to him.

Pat: [Writing message on the chalkboard.] Mmmm. Hmm... Okay. Does he have the number there?

Voice: He should.

Pat: Why don't you give it to me just in case.

Voice: 555-4594.

Pat: [Writing on the board.] Okay. And you are...?

Voice: Fln mom.

Pat: Okay doke. Was there anything else?

Scott's Mom: [Confused.] Um... is Scott there?

Voice: [Writing message on the chalkboard.] Okey doke. Was there anything else?

Scott's Mom: Yes.

Pat: Hello?

Voice: Hello?

Pat: Scott's Mom: [Laughing.] Hi Scott's Mom!

Scott's Mom: [Laughing.] I bet he remembers to turn it off after this.

Pat: I think you're right.

Scott's Mom: I'll let you go now. Sorry for the trouble.

Pat: No problem. I'll give him the message. Talk to you later.

Scott's Mom: Bye.

Pat hangs up and holds out the phone to Scott.

Pat: Alright class. Pop quiz. Whose house is this?

Class: [In unison.] Pat's house.

Over the last couple of years, I've had a lot of lovely conversations. I've talked with Moms, Dads, girlfriends, boyfriends. It's a great way for me to meet new people. And after that first call of the semester, I don't generally have to worry about cell phones again.

What is important for all y'all to realize is this: Using a cell phone is like performing a bodily function. It's like letting out a loud, gross, reeking fart. There's nothing wrong with doing it. We all do it. Sometimes you NEED to do it. What's wrong is doing it in public.

If you can't understand why it's wrong to use your cell phone in public, don't worry. The problem is that you're just not very smart. It's okay. There are a lot of high-functioning socially retarded people in the world. Half of the reason I write this column is to help folks like you out with these tricky situations.

So here's your rule of thumb: Ready? The next time you're thinking of talking on your cell phone, ask yourself: "Would I let out a loud, obnoxious fart here?" If the answer is "No," then you shouldn't be talking on your cell phone.

In your own house? Sure. Out walking by yourself? Fine. In your car? You can, but be aware that it can be dangerous.


Not my classroom, at any rate.

Ah yes. The year just wouldn't be complete without me using the word "fart" about a half-dozen times. That's the sort of quality we provide you with here at the Survival Guide. Pure comedy gold.

Remember that your weekly dose of Pat Rothfuss is brought to you by Galaxy Comics. The perfect place to do your Christmas shopping for that hard-to-buy for geek on your Christmas list. They've got comics, (dual) board games, CCGs, dart supplies, and RPG materials. Also, if you don't have the first clue as to what to buy, they also have gift certificates. See? All your bases covered at Galaxy Comics - 925 Clark Street. Or gift them a ring at 544-0857.

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The internet isn't the friendly place it was in the 90s when the worst thing you had to deal with was somebody's misspellings. Protect yourself, your computer, and your network. Stay up-to-date on security patches, virus protection, and spyware protection.
Resident's Evil

So, what should I get everyone this year?

Cure for a Hangover...
Never thought I'd hear that from you...

Censored

A date with you?
In your dreams...

KenAnime

In the meantime, really draw less?

Roger Vang

Yes, but it's not called that anymore...

Neverland

Hey, What's Wrong?

Lo Shim

I dunno. I've just been thinking a lot lately about school.

I'm stressed out beyond belief. I barely sleep. I usually only eat once a day.

I'm paying money I don't have to take classes. I'm not good at...

I'm studying a really hard subject, so it's not going to get me any sort of real job...

It just makes me wonder... If I'm at a dead end, what am I doing? Why should I keep going?

Thanks, Alien. Way to put that in perspective.

Joy Ratchman

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I'm not paying any overages if the baby is late.

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