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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

and department chair John Blakeman, Democrats Saul Newton and Page Cariveau 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 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



Photo by Katie Leb

is enough," said Cariveau. "Right now we are being irresponsible with American lives."

However Republicans

have a different view on the success of the United States in Iraq.

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Forty students to help feed others

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The holidays are said to be the time of giving. On the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus, action is being taken to do just that. Forty students will be eating one less meal at DeBot Dining Center on Friday Dec. 14, instead allowing 40 residents of Salvation Army's Hope Center take their place.

The event, "Donate Your Meals," is sponsored by Wisconsin Public Student Interest Research Group. As part of the end-of-semester project, Hungry Homelessness Coordinator Katie Kloth said the event was a great opportunity for students to be involved with Stevens Point homeless people.

"It is a nice thing to do for the holidays, and it is a nice program," said Kloth. "It is a great way to dispel rumors about what the face of homelessness is."

The program also relieves pressure on Salvation Army for one night, allowing resources to be saved.

"[We] make it so the Salvation Army doesn't have to use all the resources for one meal," said Kloth. "Most of

their food is donated so one meal feeding 40 plus people is a lot of food."

Though the event has found support among campus members, finding 40 students to volunteer a meal long before the event, there was controversy.

At a recent Residence Hall Association meeting, comments making negative allegations against homeless people were presented.

National Residence Hall Honorary RHA Liaison and Smith Hall Community Advisor Ben Ropella commented that having homeless people on campus would present a danger to student safety and that they would keep coming back if they were given this.

"Then he went on to say homeless people are the number one problem that they have for trying to get in to the residence halls and steal stuff which was only one recorded incident," said Kloth.

Ropella later apologized saying that his comments were completely his own, not RHA's.

"Yes, I was inappropriate in the sense of my tone. I talk

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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 on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

"As far 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 DeBot 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-SP 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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Science Building
December 5, 2007 4:26 p.m.
Type: THEFT

Individual reported theft of black, 80GB Ipod. Attempted recovery unsuccessful.

HEC
December 6, 2007 9:12 p.m.
Type: ANIMAL

A dog was reported loose on the north side of the HEC.

Hansen Hall
December 7, 2007 1:44 a.m.
Type: PUBLIC INTOXICATION

A complaint called in for alcohol present in room while an individual under the age of 18 is present. Underage individual was sleeping, apparently from drinking too much and passing out.

Unknown On-Campus Location
December 8, 2007 1:41 a.m.
Type: THEFT

Two individuals stole a gumball machine from Taco Bell. Stevens Point Police Department called in for assistance. Individuals were seen running onto campus.

Smith Hall
December 8, 2007 4:08 a.m.
Type: TRESPASSING

A female resident reported that a male individual entered her room, flicked on the lights and urinated into her laundry basket while she was sleeping. Suspect was then seen in only his boxers, knocking on other doors. A custodian was paged to clean up the incident.

Neale Hall
December 8, 2007 7:33 p.m.
Type: DRUG USE

CA called in from Neale Hall to report possible marijuana in a room.

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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 got 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 seriously 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 con-

cerns and hopes of college students across the nation. Wrasse closed the debate expressing his hopes for the college-age generation.

"I hope that we can be part of a generation of legislators, of leaders, of Americans who can rise above this petty political stuff that is going on in Madison and Washington and hopefully become part of the next generation of people who can come together and can work together and accomplish goals in our generation and in our children's generation," said Wrasse. "That was our broad goal of the event, get you registered to vote, get you informed and have a little entertainment on the side."

Whether you are a Republican, Democrat or otherwise, voice your opinion. Just as Wrasse said before the debate, it's "game time."

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ed to several people about it and I've apologized to several more," said Ropella. "Mainly my comments were a reflection of concerns of individuals on campus and individuals that represent the Debot Dining Center."

Kloth explained that the misconceptions are a major issue surrounding homeless people.

"It was really hard-hitting because I know a lot of people my age too that have had tough times," said Kloth. "I have been homeless before, and just to hear the fact that people thought they were deranged and violent. I hate to think that that's a stereotype that the people representing the hall residents are trying to convey."

RHA member Brendan Gifford believes that the stereotype is not as prevalent on the UW-SP campus.

"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 help their situation 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 \$23.7 million. 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. I think it's a far walk from some of the dorms. But it still looks really nice," said freshman Amanda Meyer, a physical education major.

"I like it 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 Mace, 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 things they are trying to provide," said senior Alexis 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."

Lindhahl 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 before 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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Polito's offers variety of after hours food choices

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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 960 Main St, here in Stevens Point.

"I would have to say I go there two or three times a week; it's definitely my new favorite after-bar food," said Dru Heir, 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 Heir. "Don't get me wrong, their pizza's great, but so are their wings. And 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.

I didn't want to open a place like all the others."

It was this desire to do his own thing which drove Polito to establish his own restaurant and not open a franchise.

"It was a lot of work. I don't know how someone could do this on their own," said Polito.

Polito, who did all the remodeling himself, received help from not only his parents, whom happen to be partners with him, but from his girlfriend, sister and friends he had in the area.

One thing which sets Polito's apart from all the other pizza places is their wide selection of pizza variety, 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.

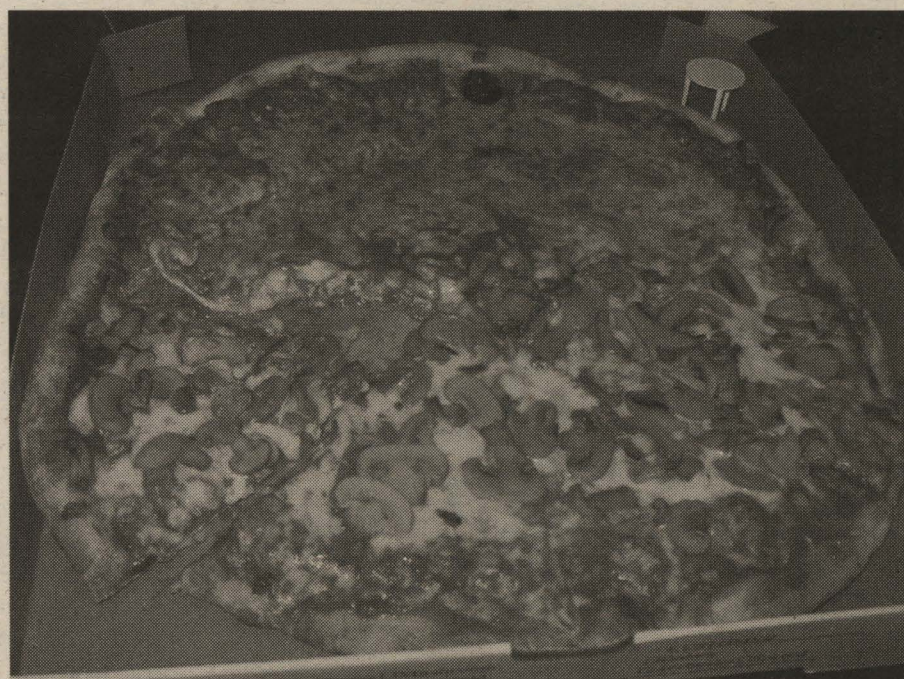


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"Everywhere I went, every city I was in, I took menus from places, and I looked at the craziest pizzas they had, and I would come up with foods I liked and thought how I would turn it into a pizza," said Polito.

Since opening, Polito's has been more than busy. On a typical weekend at bar time, Polito's goes through anywhere from 240 to 280 slices, and that's just the after midnight sales. The biggest sellers are "probably mac and cheese and chicken bacon ranch,"

said Polito.

In the future, Polito would like to add more appetizers to the menu. In January, they will be open on Sundays and will also be starting a delivery service. Polito's is even looking into opening up more restaurants in other cities.

Local DJ injects adrenaline into airwaves

Andrew Schulke
POINTLIFE REPORTER

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 by the college radio station to play music that basically sounds like a train wreck being 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 hosts 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 turned to what I do best: metal 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 melting 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."

Clucas's weekly four hour foray into the far side of frantic metal 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

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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. Galson 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... Santa is no different."

First of all, can Santa Claus 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.

Seriously, what do you want him to do? Run five miles a day?" said Rebecca Zurawski, a student from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"I think that role models for kids are people who are close to them throughout the whole year. So Santa Claus; I wouldn't actually say he is a role model," said



Chris Schneider, a Psychology and Computer Information Systems major from UW-SP.

So who is at fault for childhood obesity? "I totally blame the parents because they're not teaching their kids to exercise and eat right," said Zurawski. Children should have a fighting chance to choose their own future appearance, but parents need to raise children with a

healthy diet and exercise until children understand the risks of obesity.

I believe changing Santa into a fitter image would have more negative outcomes than positive outcomes. People could take the change as a prejudice towards the overweight or unfit population. Since children and adults probably do not see Santa as more than just another holiday character, the change would emphasize the prejudice assumptions. Once one holiday would be slimmed down, what will happen to the rest? Will children's Easter baskets and trick-or-treat bags be filled with salads and Slimfast?

It is up to the parents and schools to teach their children to eat healthy and to exercise. When this does not happen, someone or something has to be blamed. But blaming a fictional holiday character is going beyond the scapegoat and is downright ridiculous.

Those of you who would like to sign the petition to "Keep Santa Fat" can visit <http://www.keeptantafat.com>. For every signature, DVA Advertising and Public Relations will donate a pound of food to America's Second Harvest to help feed the hungry in our communities. And DVA will keep donating until petitioners reach 50,000 pounds of food.

90FM is like basking in the glory of a great Viking commander, crusading and conquering with sounds that crush his nemeses at all ends of the airwaves. The grinding, but focused, look in his eyes shows readiness to fiercely wield his mighty metal sword amidst the unsuspecting pop-rock-loving townspeople; as they sail through the stations, he looms ready to aptly thrust the blade through their radios.

"I have a unique show

that not many, if any, other stations have," said Clucas, pointing out that other than satellite radio, one's only other heavy-radio options lie with the stations of bigger cities. "'Metal Thunder' is only one night a week, so adding another night of mayhem is something that both myself and ['Metal Thunder' host] Todd Jaymz are very happy about. The more metal on the radio, the better. That's the way I see it."

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est thing to hear a couple guys blasting away, playing all this music that no other station would," Clucas said as he painted a picture of "Metal Thunder's" lasting influence on him. Furthermore, he said of his time at 90FM, "It's opened my eyes and ears to music that I never would have imagined liking before and has helped me to evolve as a music lover."

Seeing Clucas in action at

Forget making it: let someone else do all the work

Rod King
POINTLIFE REPORTER

No one turns out a holiday dinner like my Nana. Three days before the big day we'd see her bustling around the kitchen, baking and preparing to feed a small army.

Walking in the front door of my Nana's house, I could smell what would be on the menu; herb-roasted turkey, southern cornbread and oyster dressing, candied yams with bourbon and the list goes on.

Being a college student, I don't get to have a home cooked meal very often, so when my friend Jon Mikkelsen invited me to his parents for dinner last year, I said yes.

Walking through the door at the Mikkelson's, I was greeted by a warm smile and big hugs from the whole family. Even Grandma got up and hobbled over to hug me. You could have sworn I was an old friend that had been absent for a long while.

Standing in the kitchen, I noticed that though this was a warm and friendly house, it did not smell like my Nana's house. To be honest, it did not smell as though anyone had been cooking at all.

Now being the southern gentlemen that I was raised to be, I asked ever so politely, "May I help with making dinner?"

A soft laughter echoed through the kitchen as Mrs. Mikkelson said, "We always have dinner catered."

What? Who would have Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner catered, and who gives up their holiday dinner to cater someone else's dinner?

Well, color me surprised, it seems this is more common than one would think. There are a number of catering com-

panies that will cater not only Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, but also any other holiday you can think of.

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 Glodowski. "We offer several tantalizing 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 Glodowski.

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 Toppersticks. 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: fro evi gse rpu lor nai ngd rep

Answer:

Fgo evI Gse rpu loR naI Ngd rEp = FIGURINE

- Poem : irt oih you ime eys
- Glasses : csg pih efg cus toe ame cyr rls sev dts
- Greenback : mce hom oun eio sdy
- Zeus : ouj iut poi rid tve eud gre

Last Weeks Answers:

The bird traveled 90 miles

Get rosy and toasty while cross country skiing

Gregg Jennings
OUTDOORS REPORTER

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 for freedom of movement. A person "kicks" with the foot and pushes with the poles for the forward motion.

The waxable skis require wax applied to the kick zone of the ski to give traction for the kick. The ski is shaped similar to an inverted leaf spring of a car, where the middle of the ski is raised to keep the person's weight off the ground to allow for the glide. There are "waxless" skis that have a fish scale

pattern in the kick zone for traction.

When a skier encounters the incline portion of a hill, they "herring-bone" up the hill. To do this, the skier points the tips of the skis outward and walks on the instep side of the ski. The skier will also benefit from holding 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 the 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 Schmeckle 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.

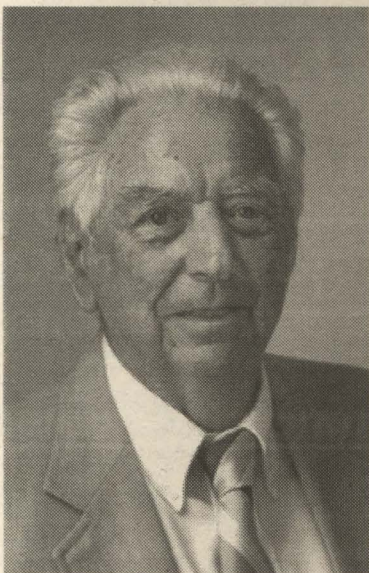
Cross country skiing has been called the "world's best aerobic workout." It also allows one to observe wildlife up close because of its silence. White-tailed deer have been seen yards off the trail without being disturbed.

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 Schmeckle and others.

His campus and community friends are in mourning. We pass on our deepest sympathies to Betty and the entire Trainer family.

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When mother nature gives you ice, go ice fishing!

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What better way to procrastinate than to bundle up, drill some holes and catch some fish through the ice? I always 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're simply unbeatable. However, if you must settle for a hand auger, don't feel like you'll be digging 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 a little more so you can cover more ground. When you start hitting fish,



Photo by Steve Seamandel

Dust off the auger and tip-ups! Sharpening your auger blades and changing your fishing line can save you time and lost fish in the future.

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 homework) 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!

Outdoor•Ed Ventures Tip of the Week

[Nalgene uses...The Art, Science, and Craft]

Brought to you by Sara Jensen
of Outdoor EdVentures

Everyone has at least seen, if not owned one of these intrepid bottles. They have an almost infinite amount of uses, including the one I wrote about last time: the pee bottle! Now I am introducing you to the other uses that are my favorites!

- Nalgenes are strong; I shot one at 10 yards with a .45, full of water. All that happened to it was it got knocked over. A 50 caliber muzzle loader with 120 grain of powder owned the same bottle though.
- If you freeze one, it can act as an ice pack.
- You need to keep something dry?

Put it in the bottle, it's waterproof.

- They hold any and all liquids.

- Use it as a bowl for cereal, soup, anything. They don't hold smells or tastes.

- Use them to mix up your meals.

Place the ingredients into the bottle you need to mix together, close the top and shake!

- If you need something to throw through a window, fill one up with something heavy and toss away!

- Tie one end of

your bear bag rope to your Nalgene and toss it over the limb you want to hang the bag from. It is a lot easier than tying the rope to a rock!

- Like stickers? How about showing off what you support? Nalgene's are excellent platforms on which to display your stickers!

- A special attachment you can get for your Nalgene is a french press. It screws onto the top, and makes one mean cup-o-joe (that's coffee for you non-drinkers)!

- Here is a use of another material to improve your Nalgene. The connector to your lid tends to break after a lot of abuse, especially if you are throwing it through windows.

First, find a friend

that rock climbs.

The probability that

they have pieces of

rope lying around

is very good. Cut

a piece of the rope

about four inches

long and remove

the core. Take the

entire top assembly

off your Nalgene

and squeeze the

ring that holds the

top on together.

Slide the sheath

onto the connector,

and viola, your top

will be a lot more

durable, and you

will be able to pick

your bottle out of

a crowd at just a

glance!



Sports

Lee assists Pointers in victory over Blugolds

MEN'S HOCKEY

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Pointer Pat Lee earned a hat trick against the Blugolds Dec. 11 and helped the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point take a 5-0 win. Lee scored three back-to-back goals in the second and third periods

and was the only player from either 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.

Pointer Josh Calleja started the UW-Eau Claire game

off right and was assisted by Nic Polaski and Garrett Suter in a goal eight and a half minutes in. With time short in the first, Tim Manthey put one in during a power play following an interference call on the Blugolds.

Goalie Thomas Speer earned the shut out win Tuesday, blocking all of the 26 shots on goal. Speer currently has a 94.6 save percentage and four shut outs this season.

The Pointers now are 8-5 overall and have a 2-4 Northern Collegiate Hockey Association record after a long week of hockey. UW-SP played UW-Superior, College of St. Scholastica and Northland College on Dec. 7-9.

The Yellowjackets may have started the scoring in the Dec. 7 conference game against the Pointers but UW-SP battled to bring the game into their favor and kept it that way in the 4-1 victory over UW-Superior.

UW-SP's Lee had a pair of goals in the game, as did freshman Nic Polaski. Speer rejected 32 of the 33 shots in the net against the Yellowjackets.

The St. Scholastica was



Photo by Rochelle Nechuta

Freshman Nic Polaski (23) has scored three goals and earned an assist for the Pointers.

the only match-up in the past week that the Pointers did not win. The Saints scored five unanswered goals against the Pointers, who lost the contest 0-5.

In the final game of the three-day traveling, the Pointers came back to dominate Northland College 7-0. Lee started the goal scoring with a power-play goal five minutes into the first period and afterwards UW-SP

showed off with steady scoring and goaltending throughout the game. Pointers Taylor Guay, Brett Beckfield, Shane Foster and Chris Conway all scored single goals while Ross Johnson tallied a pair of his own.

The team will travel to Hancock, Mich. this Saturday to take on Finlandia University for their last game until after the winter break.



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

UW-SP wrestlers breaking the hold of a tough start

WRESTLING

Andrew Dilworth
SPORTS REPORTER

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 bevy 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 decimated 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 is 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 6-2 record overall and the only other loss besides Lakeland came at the hands of Wartburg 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 Bath 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 pins.

Just like Bath, however, Calhoun will 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 165 pounds with a 14-3 record.

Wozniak is undefeated 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 Sportsmanship 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-

feated in dual meet action.

The Pointers are ranked 13 in the nation at the Division III level and the Eagles are ranked 3. Either Stevens Point or La Crosse has been the conference champion since 1992, though the Eagles have been on the winning side more often as of late, winning 10 straight WIAC titles with Stevens Point being the runner-up eight

times during that span.

The Pointer wrestlers at the beginning of the season would have had a slim chance against La Crosse, but now that the UW-SP grapplers have overcome the adversity that initially faced them, they are prepared to take the fight to La Crosse and anyone else who steps on the mat with them.

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Stevens Point

Pointers edge past UW-Superior

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

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The Pointers served up two big wins against top-picked 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 that icebreaker 15:48 into the first period, and Trish Piskula scored the Pointer game-winner unassisted. Both UW-SP goals were tallied during power plays following interference calls.

Though the Yellowjackets pulled within a goal of UW-SP late in the second period, the Pointers held tough throughout the third to tally a 2-1 victory.

Against Finlandia, the Pointers shut out the team 8-0 and goalie Ann Hulme earned her second shutout with four saves. That is the second shutout for Hulme this season.

Pointer Nicole Grossmann started the scoring for the night, tallying two goals and two assists. Jessica Edward scored a pair, while Katy Lankey, Jess Suter, Dana Caruthers and Rachel Graves scored singles of their own.

Six of the 10 goals scored during the weekend were tallied during Pointer power plays. UW-Superior went into the weekend with only one power play goal scored against them.

"We were very successful on our power play this

weekend because we took advantage of the time and space we were allowed by the other team," said coach Ann Ninnemann. "We made good decisions on when to attack the net, and it paid off for us."

The Pointers get a well-deserved break now until the team faces off against St. Olaf College on Jan. 8 at the Ice Hawks Arena. Though they get a break, the team is not planning to lose any intensity.

"We will practice this week, and then the kids will do their finals and focus on strictly academics, and take some time for their family and friends. We return on Dec. 30 to start practice again to get back to business," said Ninnemann. "We have had a great start to our season but it's in the past, we have a long way to go before we have accomplished our goals for the season."



Photo by Rochelle Nechuta

A UW-SP player coming in for a shot on UW-Superior's goaltender in the 2-1 victory over the Yellowjackets.

NFL pick-off report: Week 15

Steve Apfel
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 smack 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

playoff 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 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 hardcore smash-mouth football! The Jags are playing for their playoff hopes. The Steelers all but have their division gift wrapped, but are looking to avenge looking sheepish against Satan's army last week. Take the Steelers. The

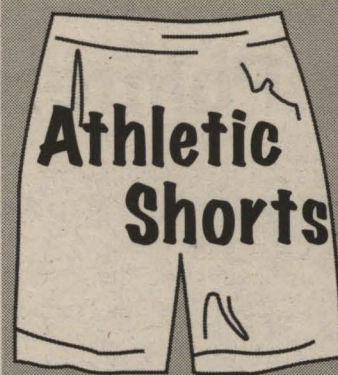
Jags have the D but until they develop a rounded O, they can't hang with the big boys.

Green Bay Packers vs. St. Louis Rams

This is a great game! On my Playstation, 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.



Vickroy Third Team on D3football.com

Pointer Brad Vickroy was named on the D3football.com All-West Region Third Team. Vickroy is a junior defensive tackle for UW-SP and was also named to the All-Conference first team for the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference this season.

Vickroy had 32 solo tackles and 18 assists. He recovered both a sack and a fumble this year.

Women's basketball

The Pointers took on and smashed Lawrence University on Dec. 8 in a 90-37 victory. UW-SP is now 7-1 overall before heading into the Point Loma Nazarene Surf and Slam Classic in San Diego, Calif. Dec. 27-29.

UW-SP scored 42 points in the first half and 48 in the second, while they held the Vikings to 22 in the first and only 15 points in the second half.

Swimming and diving

Both the women and men's teams beat UW-Oshkosh in Dec. 7 duals in Oshkosh. The men's team won eight events, and the women's team took 10 of their twelve events. The Pointers will host the Get to the Point Invite on Jan. 18-19.

Men's basketball

UW-SP won three games in a row in the past week to bring the team to a 6-1 overall record.

In the conference match-up against UW-La Crosse, the Pointers led the entire game on Dec. 5. The team was aided by a great performance from Jerome Wotachek who scored 17 points, which happened to be a career-high for the junior.

The Pointers beat Lawrence University by 19 points in the Dec. 8 home game. Once again, UW-SP pulled ahead of their opponent early and never gave them the chance for a win. Pointer senior Steve Hicklin held the high score for the team, with 16 points in the 75-56 victory over the Vikings.

Pointer Ross Rortvedt led the Pointers with 17 points in their Dec. 10 game against Viterbo, and his effort helped the team to beat the V-Hawks 91-83.

UW-SP Athletes of the Week

Men's Basketball: Jerome Wotachek

Women's Basketball: Ali Nicastro

Men's Hockey: Thomas Speer

Women's Hockey: Trish Piskula

Wrestling: Jake Wozniak

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Players stage dramatic tale of holocaust survival

Sarah Sebold
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

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.

Players is the student theater organization on campus. The group's mission is to foster interest and partici-

pation in all theatrical events at UW-SP. The organization offers theatrical opportunities for students who are not theater majors but want to be involved with theater.

"The Survivor" is set during World War II. Between 1941 and 1943, the Germans proceeded to 'select' Jews and deport the majority of the ghetto to work camps or concentration camps where most were killed. On April 19, 1943, a Jewish resistance began the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The rebellion against the German occupation lasted an entire month, ending May 16, 1943. This was the largest internal uprising against the Germans in WWII.

"Unfortunately, because it was so far into occupied Poland, no one came to help. The Jews were captured,

deported and killed," said Anna Hess, who is serving as dramaturge for this production.

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 Flossenbergl 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

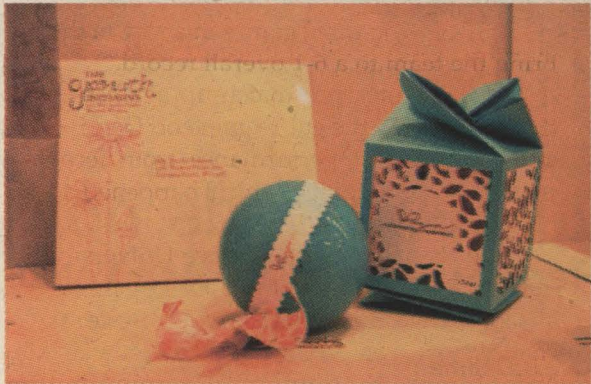
story, we've had a lot of fun working together. They have been able to make the most of everything in the script and add humor and love to a horrific time period full of pain and suffering. The audience will experience laughter, love, hatred, suffering and loss."

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.



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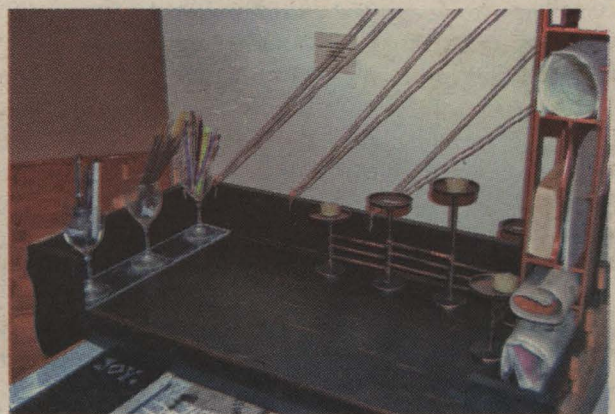
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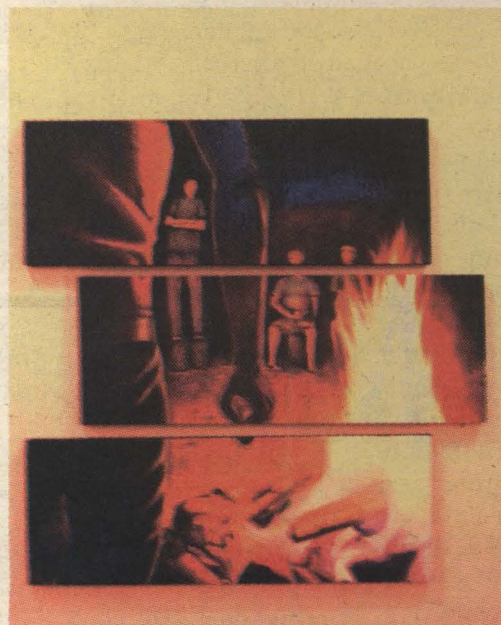
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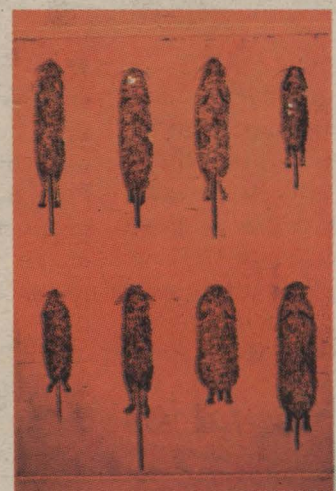
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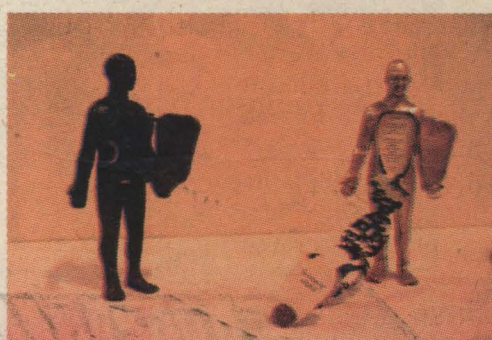
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Shane Stritesky's piece received the Pointer Press Award for Printmaking Excellence



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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 the it to allow for stunts and effects not humanly possible.

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 higher-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 conception of superheroes" issue is further compounded by the movie's writ-

ers, Neil Gaiman and Roger Avary. Gaiman writes fantasy novels and comic books. I haven't read a lot of his work, but the movie certainly reflects the modern take on the comic-book superhero—a flawed and tragic (and often oversexed) character, a mix of regular "epic" battles and negative self-analysis.

Apparently, the ancient hero's epic battles weren't interesting enough for modern audiences, so Gaiman and Avary used the old Hollywood standby—adding lots of sex. The first 10 minutes of the film are devoted to so much talk of ravishing virgins that I couldn't help but roll my eyes.

The oversexing of the film extends to the characters and mutilates their legendary personalities. Hrothgar, king of the Danes, becomes a doddering, oversexed drunk, rather than a wise old ruler who becomes a father figure for Beowulf. Hrothgar's queen, Wealhtheow, hardly mentioned in the original poem, becomes Beowulf's romantic interest. He sleeps

with her after Hrothgar kills himself (which also never happened in the poem). Regarding the sex, Zemeckis has decided to use the Middle-English word for the act, "swive," which is a rough equivalent of the modern "f—ck." Like all artists who have discovered something cool but don't know how to use it yet, the writers REALLY overuse the word. What nobody seems to know is that it's pronounced "sweeve," not "swyve."

Beowulf himself has been turned from a clever, calculating hero into a dumb, thugish fighting machine. His dialogue is awful, characterized by such statements as "The sea is my mother!" and "I... am... BEOWULF!!!" which he repeats approximately every 20 minutes.

The monsters don't fare any better. Grendel's mother, who is supposed to be as monstrous as Grendel himself (and DEAD after Beowulf fights her), takes on the form of a seductive woman and has sex with every king in the movie. The inability to have an heir

by the legitimate queen of the realm comes from the legend of King Arthur, not "Beowulf." Gaiman and Avary, for some inexplicable reason, have decided to make this the consequence of having sex with Grendel's mother, but have failed to explain the reason for it.

Grendel, the first and one of the most important enemies Beowulf faces got the worst treatment. He's not a zombie, but that's the way they show him in the movie. Director Robert Zemeckis was probably trying to go for the primal human fear of death, but his Grendel is more absurd than scary. In the legend, Grendel is a demon, descended from the biblical Cain.

Yes, there is a biblical element in the Anglo-Saxon epic, and Gaiman, Avary and Zemeckis apparently don't know what to do with it. Unferth comments, "Shall we now try praying to the Christ-god," and his comment is dismissed. The legendary Unferth is a foil for Beowulf—he is jealous of Beowulf because Beowulf has true heroic qualities, and he does not. Unferth of the original manuscript never becomes a priest who beats his servants.

I'll give the writers one nod for the whole film: They got the original "Beowulf" sequence of monsters correct,

and Beowulf's crown does, indeed, pass to Wiglaf when the dragon kills Beowulf.

A few noteworthy pieces of the legend do make their way into the movie—Grendel dies after his arm is chopped off, and it (correctly) hangs in the mead hall, Heorot. Beowulf dies defeating a dragon. He fights Grendel naked, as he does in the poem. Because Zemeckis 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 epic poem like "Beowulf" into the space of 113 minutes. The original poem is long and exhausting, but it provides so much material 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 sounds, the real Beowulf's code of honor would have made for a unique and interesting movie, rather than a modern cliché.

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 always an easy gift for the music lover in the family. Of course, record labels aren't content with selling \$15 CDs; they want everyone to shell out for big box sets, deluxe re-issues of classic albums and greatest hits collections for stocking stuffers. All of this leads to lack of new material for the voracious music fan.

This is especially frustrating because 2007, as a music year, was crackling with great releases. There was so much quality music coming out that the flood of inspiration had to dry up eventually. In effect, it peaked with the release of Radiohead's album in October, 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 of 2007's younger days. Finding things missed along the way is a fantastic way to deal with these late-year blues. Here are some highlights from the past year that haven't been covered in The Pointer, or seem to have been

lost in the shuffle of such a strong year in music.

The Besnard Lakes' "Are the Dark Horse" was released way back in February, but still deserves heavy attention. 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 headphone goodness.

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 relax. The results weren't mind-blowing like their last two albums, but they were impossible to hate. More importantly, they are a wonderful addition the band's incredible live show by complementing their more daring work with easy crowd pleasers.

Okkervil River's "The Stage Names," released in August, was a bit of a disappointment as a follow-up to 2005's "Black Sheep Boy." However, it does have its high-

lights, most notably the Beach Boys-styled riffing "John Smith Allyn Sails." The sad but soaring suicide tale exemplifies the band's strengths perfectly, and while much of the album gets bogged down in sound-a-like humdrum, this track crackles with great storytelling.

Deer Tick's "War Elephant" was the best country album of the year. Don't bother complaining that it won't be heard on country radio, though. The album is a thoroughly private affair, pinpointing a claustrophobic loneliness while making a firebrand statement on sin in everyday life. If that's a little too heavy, it lightens up on occasion. "Spend the Night" and "These Old Shoes" provide smile-inducing statements of love. Despite some lyrical snafus, "War Elephant" is the most promising debut of the year.

Finally, for all the Sonic Youth fans, guitarist Thurston Moore released the stellar "Trees Outside the Academy" in September. If you like your Sonic Youth laid back and tuneful, a la "Rather Ripped," "Trees Outside the Academy" will certainly fit the bill. It has the feeling of someone sitting on the back porch, messing around with songs they know by heart. It may feel a bit tossed off, but it is the work of a musician with great instincts, and those instincts show.

On newstands now... "Freddy vs. Jason vs. Ash Vol. 1 & 2"

Andrew Dallman
ARTS AND 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" films) is traveling to Crystal Lake to take charge of the new Super Mega Ultra S-Mart's house wares department.

A strange series of events sets Jason Voorhees, Freddy Krueger and Ash on a collision course as they search for the "Necronomicon 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. Artist Jason Craig performs both the penciling and the inking duties in a loose style that befits the fluid, 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 skimping on the splatter or the other horror movie standbys. That said, there is more to this series than sex and gore. The story is full of one-liners that are laugh-out-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. 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 hardcore 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.



Courtesy of www.sugarcubes.ca

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.

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 2- to 2 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.

TECH TIDBIT

LED Jellyfish Mood Lamp

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As the end of the semester 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 tensest 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'll float your boat, I'm sure somebody's stressed could be relieved by such a calming gift this holiday season.

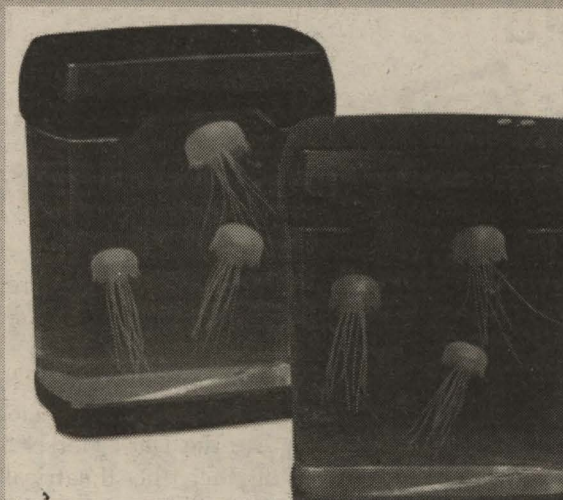


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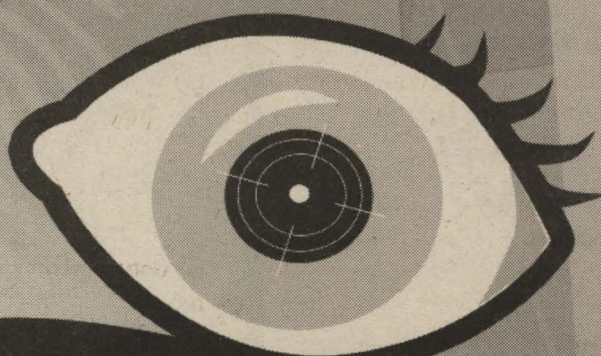


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Science Question of the Week

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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 frost-

bite 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. Immerse the affected areas in warm (never HOT) water – or repeatedly apply warm cloths to affected ears, 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



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warm. If re-freezing cannot be guaranteed, it may be better to delay the initial re-warming process until a warm, safe location is reached.

7. If the frostbite is extensive, give warm drinks to the victim in order to replace lost fluids.

DO NOT:

- thaw out a frostbitten area if it cannot be kept thawed. Re-freezing may make tissue damage even worse.

- use direct dry heat (such as a radiator, campfire, heating pad or hair dryer) to thaw the frostbitten areas. Direct heat can burn the tissues that are already damaged.

- rub or massage the affected area.

- disturb blisters on frostbitten skin.

- smoke or drink alcoholic beverages during recovery as both can interfere with blood circulation.



Are you Graduating in December?

If you have any questions about the December 15, 2007 Commencement program, visit the Commencement web page!

<http://www.uwsp.edu/special/commencement>



✓ Fill out your RSVP cards (electronically).

✓ Purchase caps, gowns, and tassels or rent hoods at the Dreyfus University Center December 10-14, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Order mail Dec. 3 - Dec. 7 at 346-3431.

Questions?

Contact University Relations and Communications at 715-346-3548.

Dangers of filesharing

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 DeBot 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 computer viruses from downloading files from unknown sources.

Emily Christianson, theater arts major and resident of Smith Hall, shared information about organizations and fund raisers that are taking a stand against RIAA's pursuit of college students for illegal file sharing and the laws that allow that activity.

She mentioned organizations like the Electronic Frontier

Foundation <http://www.eff.org/issues/file-sharing> who work on behalf of artists to change the way they get paid for their music and video work and to support people who 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 a 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.

Letters & Opinion

Letters to the Editor

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 and that continues for 15 years! We will join your grandparents in the usurpation of your wealth until...well, until we can squeeze no more from you.

The national debt current stands at roughly nine trillion dollars. Much of the debt has been financed by borrowing

from Social Security's "surplus." Unfortunately for you, those IOU's will come due during your wage earning years-not just the interest, but the whole enchilada. Add prescription drug coverage, endorsed by both old parties, to the already super expensive Medicare Program, roughly another 10 trillion dollars in unfunded mandates, and you are screwed no matter which old party is in the White House. (I personally can't wait to get one of those little scooters-"at no cost to me," of course).

I don't care if you believe it is "good" or even "right" to have universal health care; tax cuts for the rich; or even a two and a half war military; you can't afford it! And, that fact is only a tiny blip on the radar screen of the old party candidates.

Your only hope of bringing this issue to the fore front is to demand that every candidate seeking your support also supports a balanced budget amendment to the constitution. (FYI when this came up last time Kohl voted for it, and Feingold voted against it...it lost by one vote! Thanks Russ.)

This is really not a partisan issue. In spite of the rhetoric, Republicans don't want a balanced budget because they couldn't deliver tax cuts to their paymaster or benefits to the fifty-four million Baby Boomers. Democrats don't want a balanced budget amendment because they would have to tax the crap out of every possible thing there is, to pay off their paymasters and, heaven forbid, actually fund the massive benefits they have promised grandma and grandpa and

the fifty-four million Baby Boomers soon to be on the rolls (Hence why Feingold voted against it, I suppose).

Nor, will either of the 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 in your face. Unfortunately, old party politicians keep hitting the snooze control.

Quite frankly, the old parties like the status quo of having young people split their support about evenly

between them; not voting much anyway; and being completely oblivious to the huge taxes they have committed them (you) to.

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 long as it's "at no cost to me", of course.

I.M Onyourside (UW-SP class of '76)

Letter to the Editor

With the recent retirement of its curator of almost 35 years, the future of the UW-SP Museum of Natural History is now uncertain. I remember visiting the museum when I was 8 years old and my father was a non-traditional student here at the college. On weekends, he would take my younger brother and sister and I too walk us through the exhibits, telling us the names of the animals we saw and where they lived. Fascinated, I would press my face up to the glass to get a better look, leaving little nose and fin-

ger smudges for work-study museum employees to clean up later. I remember in particular being in awe of the mounted American Bison head that hung over one of the aisles, begging my father to lift me up so I could run my fingers over his large, shaggy head.

Now things have come full circle, and I am the one cleaning little nose and finger smudges off the display case glasses. I have been employed at the Museum of Natural History for almost five years now, and I could not ask for a better work-study job. Every day is different; one day I may be clean-

ing the allosaurus skeleton with a toothbrush and dying musk oxen fur to create a toupee for the semi-bald lion (come check him out, I guarantee you would never know), the next I am giving a presentation to a group of 8th graders about birds of prey. I see a slow but steady stream of visitors, including university students taking a break between classes, community members with young children and even the occasional art class, students sprawled out over the floor with chalk pencils, sketching various animals from the exhibits.

I know many of you may

not even realize we have a museum of natural history here at UW-SP. It is located on the first floor of the Library near the east entrance, and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. I would encourage all of you to stop by and check it out, as a major step towards preserving the museum is increasing student awareness and involvement. I would also encourage you to speak in favor of the museum by sending an email to CLS Dean Lance Grahn (lgrahn@uwsp.edu), Chancellor Linda Bunnell (lbunnell@uwsp.edu), or vice Chancellor Mark Nook

(mnook@uwsp.edu) explaining how the museum has benefited you as a student. Unfortunately, there is very little time for our voices to be heard, as a decision will be made regarding the future of the museum by the end of finals week. Letters should be submitted as soon as possible if they are to be of any influence. If we are to help decide to save this important educational resource, it is imperative that we speak out now before the decision is made for us.

Helen Cold

UW-SP undergraduate student, museum employee

Dear Editor,

This letter is in regards to the \$100 registration deposit that is required of all students before they are allowed to register. As most students know, we all must pay this deposit in order to sign up for classes every semester including winterim and summer sessions. For some students, this may not be a big deal because their finances are taken care of by their parents, scholarships or some other endless source. But, for students of low-income families, non-traditional students or those that simply cannot afford the expense, this \$100 can be a financial strain that reflects the ways in which financial status is in direct connection to a student's ability to

receive a higher education.

I've been in school for quite some time now and have gotten used to paying this \$100. Every semester I try and save the money I will need to pay for the next term. This year, I had to pay \$100 for winterim and \$100 for spring. My fiancé is also attending school at UW-Marathon Co and he had to deposit \$100 as well. That's a grand total of \$300 we had to cough up just to secure a position and to register for our classes. Many students may not consider this a huge expense, but for us, we had to choose not to pay our water or electric bill, nor could we afford to purchase groceries for the week. This "small deposit" has left us struggling as finals approach, us along with the ghastly days

of holiday shopping.

I value my education as the most important thing I have done with my life. It is the single most important thing to me, next to my children and my fiancé. As I learn more about socialization and politics, I witness first hand how our society has set up a system that weeds out the poor and lower-classes and directly caters to the affluent. Our educational system has direct connection to what Woodrow Wilson said during his presidential term, "We want one class of persons to have a liberal education, and we want another class of persons, a very much larger class of necessity in every society, to forgo the privilege of a liberal education and fit themselves to

perform specific difficult manual tasks." My fiancé could drop out of school and work as a machinist as he had before he started school, but he would be stressed and unhappy with his situation. It's an option, but not one that would better our perspective or quality of life.

UW-SP is an excellent place for students to receive an education, but as I learn more about how our system of government operates and the ways in which having money is the only way to accomplish goals, I am disturbed and saddened by our country's imaginary equal system for all. This tuition deposit is only one small way in which our school must contribute to our government's system of keeping its

citizens exactly where they want them-lacking opportunity or hope. I have no solutions for the problem of college costs, nor the tuition deposit. I only know that I am not alone in my plight for an education as well as in my grief for our country's sad, pitiful state of affairs. "Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire." -W.B.Yeats

Sincerely,

Kelly Houck

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 peoples' 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, steal their phone and spike it on the ground while yelling "TOUCH DOWN!" In fact, this is what I would do if you bring back the "I am not Pat Rothfuss" t-shirts.

Student Against Scatterbrained Ignoramuses

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. It's tons of fun. Here's how it usually works.

Pat: [Lecturing] ... and so that means that the meaning of life is -

[Cell phone rings.]

Pat: Ah. Lovely. I have a call.

[Pat crosses to upstage left, to where there is a young man fumbling around desperately in his pocket, like someone who needs to take a class in remedial masturbation. Pat holds out his hand for the phone.]

Student: But... but it's my phone.

Pat: But this is my class. This is, in fact, my house. This is Pat's house. And what happens when the phone rings in my house? I answer it.

[Student hands over the phone, and Pat opens it.]

Pat: Hello?

Voice: Hello?

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: His mom.

Pat: Okey doke. Was there anything else?

Scott's Mom: No. I think that's it. Just have him give me a call. [Pause] Are you Scott's roommate? I thought I called his cell phone number.

Pat: Oh. You did. This is his cell phone.

Scott's Mom: Who is this?

Pat: This is his English teacher. Like I mentioned, he's in class right now.

Scott's Mom: Oh. I told him to keep that damn thing turned off in classes and movies and stuff.

Pat: Yeah, well, accidents happen.

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.

Class: [Together] 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, greasy, 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....

On the other hand: out walking with a friend? Not cool. On a date? No. Sitting at your table in a restaurant? No. In a movie theater? No. In a classroom? No.

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, (duh) 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 give them a ring at 544-0857.

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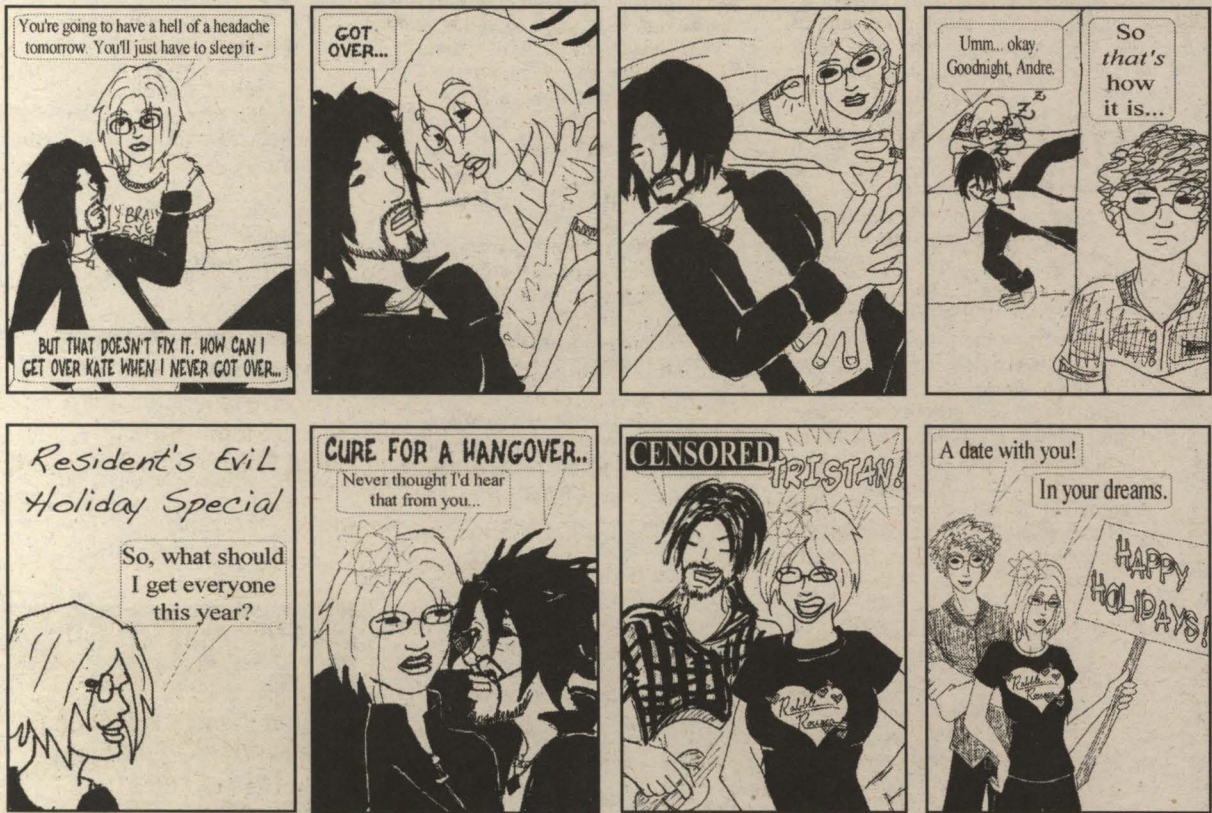
The Internet isn't the friendly place it was in the 90s when the worst thing you had to deal with was somebody's mis-spellings.

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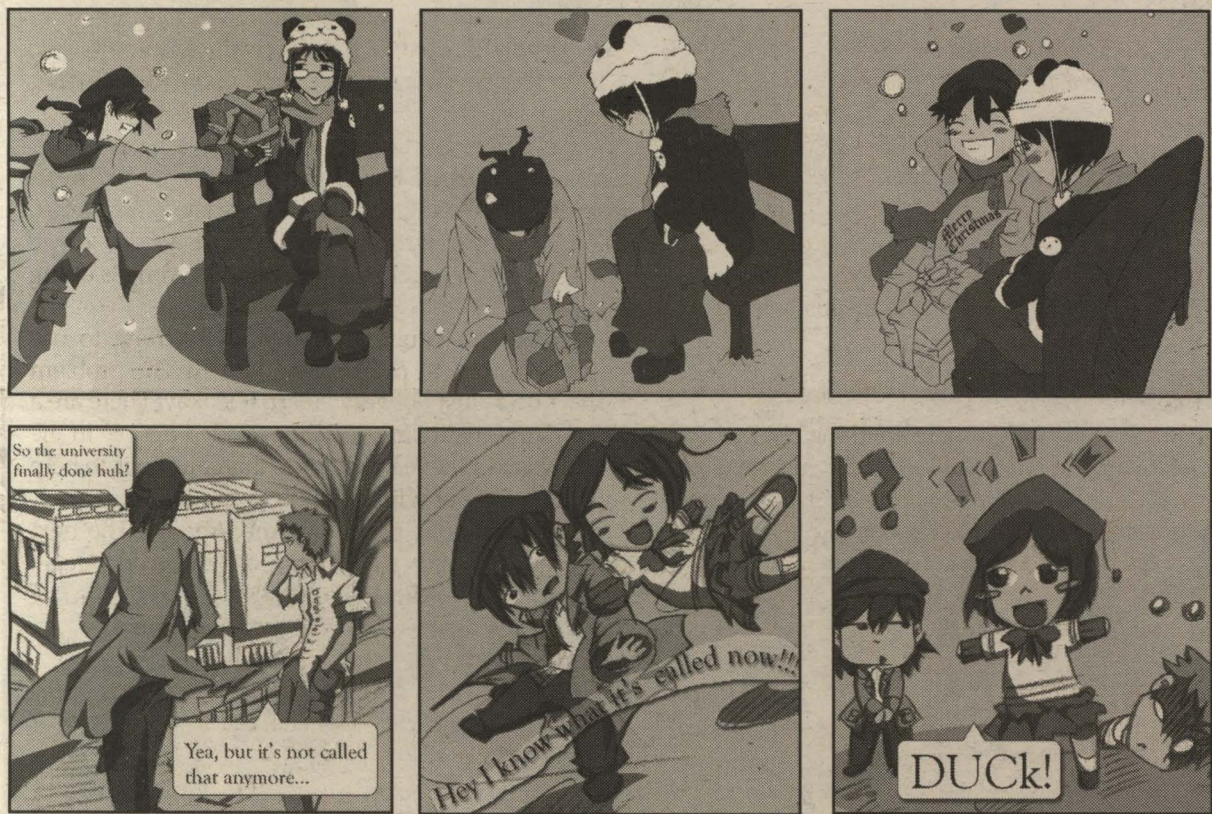
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