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Candidates face off in campus mayoral forum

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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students and community members gathered Wednesday, Feb. 7 in Room 221 of the Noel Fine Arts Building to listen to all four Stevens Point mayoral candidates address student-related issues.

Andrew Halverson, Dan Johnson, Hans Walther and Mike Wiza participated in the forum, which was moderated by SGA Legislative Issues Director Andrew Janicki.

The candidates will face off in the Feb. 20 primary. The two top voter recipients will then move on to the spring general election April 3.

Each candidate was given time for a brief opening statement, which they used to acquaint audience members

with their respective educational and professional backgrounds. Each also highlighted some past achievements relevant to his candidacy and offered some of his reasons for running for mayor.

The candidates then responded to a series of written questions addressing issues such as student-landlord relations, parking conditions, sustainability and conservation and expanding public transportation.

Johnson said he doubted whether parking was a pressing issue.

"You have to look at it broadly," Johnson said. "Is this something that demands immediate attention?" He compared the willingness of shoppers to walk all over Wal-Mart to their willingness to walk to and from classes. "It's probably more perception

than it is a real problem. I think it's more a strategic issue that you need to keep your eye on."

Halverson, on the other hand, said that the proposed elimination of University Lot X, which would result in the elimination of 300 to 500 parking spaces, would pose a "serious problem" of overflow onto the streets.

Walther said he might entertain the possibility of parking ramps. Walther added, however, that it was a very difficult issue. "It seems like, in the residential area, you can't please everybody," he said. "I don't know how you go about solving this."

Wiza proposed encouraging "non-combustible forms of transportation," such as bikes and scooters.

"I'd support anything that would make it easier for students to get around," said Walther, suggesting an expansion of the U-Bus system.

Wiza said that the speed of traffic on campus-bordering streets was a problem for student safety. He suggested the possibility of flashing lights similar to those located in school zones.

He added that his solution to the problem of student transportation would be to "keep working on what we're doing."

Johnson said he would support expanded bus routes, but he also toyed with the idea of overpasses leading to the campus to counteract pedestrian-auto conflict.

"You need the 21st century vision," he repeatedly emphasized. "Technology can



Photo by Drew Smalley

Mayoral candidates (from left) Mike Wiza, Hans Walther, Andrew Halverson and Dan Johnson discuss student-related issues at a Feb. 7 on-campus forum.

be a tool to be innovative."

Johnson extended this focus on technology to the question of student polling during elections.

"It's very important for students to have a centralized polling place," said Johnson. "I would support it in any way, shape or form that I can."

Halverson pointed out that UW-SP is one of only two campuses in the UW-system without such accommodation for students.

"These issues are very basic and very immoral to ignore," Halverson said. "I would be so honored to be the mayor who oversaw the establishment of a polling place for students."

Halverson emphasized, however, that he was completely opposed to computerized voting. Wiza concurred, citing security reasons.

"Computerized voting is not a simple process," Wiza said. "I don't see that in the near future, even at the state level."

Wiza said he did see

hope, however, for the U.S. Mayor's Climate Agreement. "Conservation isn't a 12-step program," he said. "It's a mind-set. I would sign it."

Johnson also said he would sign it, while Walther and Halverson both said they would not.

"I'm completely in favor of fuel-efficient vehicles," said Walther, "but you don't need an agreement. Once you sign on, you're committed to it."

He said there were already plenty of plans in the works to improve fuel efficiency and that committing to the agreement might put him in a difficult position as mayor if he were faced with serious budget concerns.

Halverson agreed. "In essence, it's a meaningless guideline," he said, "to do something we should do anyway."

All four candidates agreed for the need to offer more incentives to attract students to UW-SP, to get them

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Blood Center faces shortages

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The Association for Community Tasks will sponsor the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point blood drive on Monday, Feb. 12 and Tuesday, Feb. 13. The blood drive starts at 10:30 a.m. and donors will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. both days.

Blood Center of Wisconsin is the sole supplier of blood and blood products to 55 Wisconsin hospitals in 28 counties, including Saint Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point. It also supplies St. Joseph's in Marshfield and the Weston St. Claire's.

Due to the recent cold spell, however, inventories have diminished considerably, so the center is really encouraging people to donate.

"Please take the time to donate," said Blood Center's Vicki Bohman. "It only takes about an hour." One donation

can save up to three lives.

The blood drive will be held in the Pray-Sims Residence Hall, basement study lounge. This blood drive is open to the public and all blood types are needed.

Anyone who is at least 17 years old, weighs a minimum of 110 lbs. and is in generally good health can donate blood. Donors should bring a photo ID such as a driver's license or student ID.

"We're especially in need of [type] O positive and O negative," Bohman said.

Type O negative blood is the "universal donor."

BloodCenter of Wisconsin is not affiliated with the American Red Cross.

To schedule an appointment to donate blood on Monday, Feb. 12 or Tuesday, Feb. 13 contact Blood Center of Wisconsin toll free at 1-888-310-7555. Walk-ins are welcome.

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TRUE ACCOUNTS
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Fourth Avenue
Feb. 7, 2007 10:53 a.m.
Type: THEFT
Theft of baseball bats from MAC.

Isadore Street
Feb. 4, 2007 2:27 p.m.
Type: DISORDERLY CONDUCT
Fighting in a dorm room.

Reserve Street
Feb. 3, 2007 10:03 p.m.
Type: PROPERTY DAMAGE
Vehicle found with missing bumper.
Three-quarters of bumper found.
Vehicle recently involved in hit-and-run.

Reserve Street
Feb. 2, 2007 6:48 p.m.
Type: THEFT
Another rug stolen from main entrance of the
Science building.

Reserve Street
Feb. 2, 2007 6:43 p.m.
Type: THEFT
Rug stolen from main entrance of the CAC.

Unknown On-Campus
Feb. 2, 2007 1:41 a.m.
Type: SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
Report of a red truck with a bike rack in it;
suspicion that it was being taken. Determined
it was a practical joke played on truck's
owner.

Isadore Street
Feb. 1, 2007 10:22 p.m.
Type: DRUG POSSESSION
Two citations for marijuana.

Reserve Street
Feb. 1, 2007 7:06 p.m.
Type: THEFT
UW-SP logo missing from north entrance of
Science building.

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involved more in the community, and to encourage them to stay in the area once they have graduated.

"The job market tends to be a little slow," Wiza said. "We need to support what we have and grow from that. We have to support the local businesses and go from there."

Johnson emphasized the need to sell the university as a "social-cultural center" integral to the greater Stevens Point community.

"If you own a business, hire students," Johnson said, "even if it's their last semester. It'll be beneficial [for both parties] later on."

Halverson agreed that this would further encourage students to remain in the area following graduation. This

would help alleviate, he said, what is the city's gravest challenge: maintaining a stable tax base.

Halverson also said that there was a serious need to bolster student engagement in decision-making when it came to city development and revitalization.

"Why shouldn't there be a student seat on the common council," Halverson said.

Walther agreed. "If I'm elected mayor, when the opportunity comes to appoint a student to the city commission, I'll do it," he said. "A sense of ownership gives a sense of pride."

Emphasizing Walther's very point, Janicki, at the close of the forum, added, "Don't forget that students have a very powerful voice in this community."



Andrew Halverson

Business owner

UW-Milwaukee graduate

UW-SP graduate

SPASH graduate



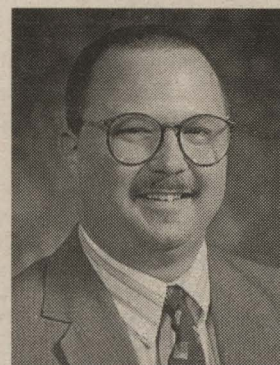
Dan Johnson

Former business owner

Webster University graduate

Southern Illinois University graduate

SPASH graduate



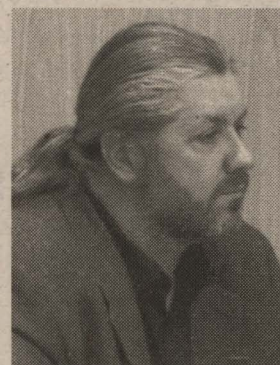
Hans Walther

Second Ward Alderman since 1995

Employed by Mills Fleet Farm

UW-SP graduate

SPASH graduate



Mike Wiza

Fourth District Alderman

County Board Supervisor

P.J. Jacobs High graduate

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Off the Radar

The Blueberry Muffin Family Restaurant

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Every town has its own locally established businesses. However, not all people residing in the town know about these businesses. "Off the Radar" is ready to help those University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students learn a little about the atmosphere that surrounds them.

"Off the Radar" proudly features The Blueberry Muffin Family Restaurant as its first installment of local businesses. The restaurant, located on 2801 Stanley Street, is only a few blocks from the UW-SP campus and welcomes students every day of the week.

The smoke-free establishment features breakfast all day, every day, along with daily specials. Items on the menu include a wide selection of hamburgers and pitas to spaghetti and meatballs, plus hot turkey sandwiches, taco salads and stuffed tomatoes.

For breakfast or dessert, customers like to order one of the many options of muffins the restaurant offers. Aside from the self-claimed

best blueberry muffin in the state of Wisconsin, the eatery bakes bran, blueberry-bran, cranapple, Reese's Pieces, raspberry, cherry almond and other select muffins.

While enjoying the sensible portions, customers are able to enjoy the restaurant's scenery that includes pictures on the wall of the restaurant and blueberries, along with the cozy diner feel.

But the customer is able to experience the hometown feel when part of the secret to the success of the infamous muffins is revealed.

"We have the same woman who has been doing them forever, said one employee. "She makes all the muffins, all the pies, every other day."

Instead of eating at the same restaurant as always, take the extra few minutes to sit down at The Blueberry Muffin Family Restaurant and help the local establishments.

Know of a local business that should be shared with the rest of campus? Contact Katie Leb at kleb524@uwsp.edu.



Photo by Drew Smalley

The Blueberry Muffin-Family Restaurant at 2801 Stanley Street.

Pointer Poll ...If you could escape this cold weather,

where would you go and what would you do?



"I would go to Miami because it is warm, and it's a lot of fun there."

Jennifer Scheib
Junior



"I would go to Las Vegas cuz it's not too hot, it's not too cold and there's plenty to do."

Matt Dohmeyer
Super Senior



"I would love to go to Greece and lay on a nude beach."

Becky Schroeter
Senior



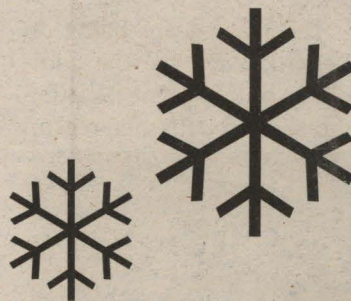
"I would like to go to Arizona and go four-wheeling in the desert."

Jessica Cook
Senior



"I would sit at home and read a book of my choosing, not my professor's choosing."

Rochelle Nechuta
Junior



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Facebook becoming the central means of communication among college students

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Three years ago, very few people would have put face and book together as one word. After being launched by Mark Zuckerberg on Feb. 4, 2004, the website Facebook today has engrained itself as part of the everyday jargon for millions of college students and continues to expand into high schools and the entire world. While it began as a source for college students to keep in contact with friends from high school and meet new friends at their university, Facebook has now become the central means of communication for millions of people.

Facebook is continuously adding new schools to its net-

work, but as of this year it is no longer necessary for an individual to be a student. Met with a lot of controversy, Facebook expanded its clientele to include anyone with an email address, similar to MySpace.

Stevens Point Area Senior High (SPASH) students, since being added to the Facebook network have had a lot of contact with the website even though it is banned on the computers at the school.

"You can't actually get on it, but a lot of my friends do have a lot of friends on Facebook," said senior Matt Rusek.

The reasons for being on Facebook vary by the individual, but student Kristina Labraske explains her reason

as being "mainly to talk to kids that graduated from last year and to keep in touch with them since they are away at college."

Clearly around the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus, Facebook is very popular and can be witnessed where many students congregate.

Junior Andrea Hencik observed that "if I am in the computer labs I see a lot of people are on it."

It seems that after speaking with many college students, Facebook has become the central means of communication, even being used more than cell phones. Hencik said for students "It is probably easier to just type them a message on Facebook than call them."

Facebook continues to attract millions of people to its website every day and allow people the ability to interact with each other regardless of the physical distance between them. Today, most people can agree that face and book belong conjoined as one word.



Photo by Sara Jensen

UW-SP student checking his wall posts on the FB machine.

UW-SP Toastmasters: not just public speaking

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This week's student organization is the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Toastmasters. The mission of this organization is to improve members' communication and leadership skills. Public speaking is not required, as one might prematurely assume, but one of the goals of the organization is to encourage members to work up their courage and eventually tackle that challenge confidently.

Toastmasters is all about helping members improve in both their personal and professional lives. One of the main objectives of the organization is to help members get hired into good jobs.

Members of this group learn how to network with business owners and other

professionals in order to get their names out there and make themselves available for hire.

Appropriate activity during job interviews is another lesson that the Toastmasters learn during their membership.

Through working with others in the group, members of the Toastmasters will gain confidence in themselves and be able to listen to others and give them productive feedback. By gaining new friends and acquaintances, members will see their personal relationships grow.

The Toastmasters meet the first and third Sunday of every month. The next meeting will be on Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in CPS 108.

For more information, contact Andy Belmas at 608-385-0339.

Have a STUDENT ORGANIZATION that needs some attention? Submit an article to The Pointer. Contact Katie Leb (kleb524@uwsp.edu) or Angela Frome (afrom244@uwsp.edu).

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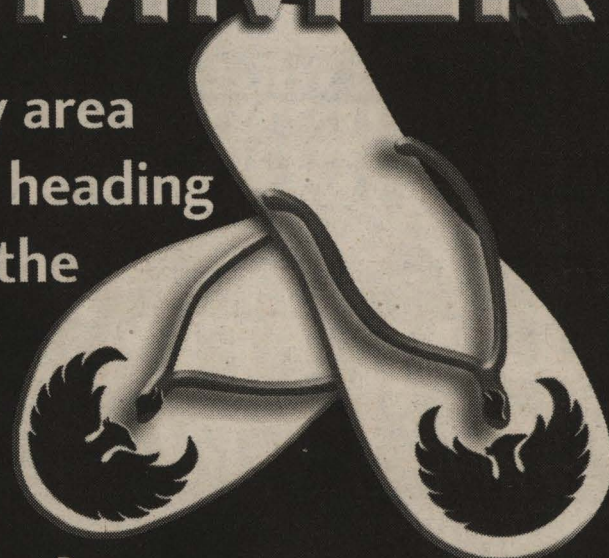
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Univ. of Kansas professor delivers speech on positive psychology

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What do Goldfish crackers, a cartoon penguin and a soap opera diva have in common?

Not much, one might say.

However, according to Shane Lopez, associate professor of counseling psychology at the University of Kansas, these three seemingly unrelated items share more than meets the eye.

Lopez's presentation in room D102 of the Science Building on Tuesday, aptly titled "Positive Psychology Dissemination Projects: How a Penguin, a Goldfish, and a Soap Opera Diva Spread Hope, Optimism, and Self-Efficacy around the World," discussed the role that these cultural characters have in today's society. The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Psychology Club and Psi Chi sponsored the lecture.

The main focus of Lopez's presentation was the idea of "positive psychology," a field of study first introduced in the 1950s by psychologist Abraham Maslow.

"All of us have a good life, but we could all have a better life," said Lopez, essentially defining positive psychology.

According to Lopez, negative emotions in one's life gain an individual's attention for protective purposes. However, a change occurs when positive emotions are introduced.

"We live life with blinders on," he said. "We take off the blinders when others share positive emotions. You see the world as having more possibilities."

UW-SP is one of the nearly 200 institutions spearheading the spread of positive psychology in educational settings. UW-SP was mentioned in a Jan. 7 article in the New York Times, which discussed the emerging psychological field. Today, according to Lopez, 100 positive psychology courses

are taught in colleges and universities nationwide.

"I love to get people excited about (spreading positive psychology) because there is a lot of potential out there," Dr. Lopez said.

According to the New York Times article, UW-SP students involved with positive psychology hand out chocolate and handwritten notes to custodians and secretaries.

Nicole Meyer, co-president of UW-SP's Psychology Club, said that the small acts of kindness are important for students to take part in.

"It teaches UW-SP students how to embrace hope, optimism and self-efficacy in our everyday lives," she said.

This is where the Goldfish, the penguin and the diva come into play.

Pepperidge Farm, the makers of Goldfish crackers, spread positive emotion through the inclusion of smiles on each cracker's face. The company also claims that "smiles" are an important ingredient of the final product.

The cartoon penguin, named Paz and featured on cable television networks Discovery Kids and The Learning Channel, portrays the main character and his friends in situations that require hope, optimism and self-efficacy, such as tolerance of each other's differences and problem solving.

Soap opera divas portrayed on shows produced by a company called PCI are used around the world. These divas address factors that limit people's ability to make choices that will improve their lives, such as diseases and oppression.

As more and more avenues open up for the dissemination of positive psychology and experts like Dr. Lopez help spread the word, the popularity of this blooming field will continue to increase.

"The field as a whole is getting more recognition," said Gina Patovisti, co-president of Psychology Club. "This speech will help obtain more interest in positive psychology."



Photo courtesy of UW-SP College of Natural Resources

Christine Thomas, Dean of the College of Natural Resources at UW-Stevens Point has received many awards for her pursuits in conservation and education.

Thomas elected as chair of state DNR board

Press Release

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The state Natural Resources Board elected Dr. Christine Thomas as chair for 2007. Also elected were Jonathan Ela as vice chair and John Welter as secretary.

Thomas, board chair, is Dean of the College of Natural Resources and professor of resource management at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the largest undergraduate program of its kind in the United States. In addition to her role as a university educator, Thomas developed a program that teaches women outdoor skills, "Becoming an Outdoors-Woman." Thomas has received numerous awards for her educational and conservation pursuits, including Educator of the Year by Safari Club International and Woman of the Year by the American Sportfishing Association. Thomas was appointed by Gov. Jim Doyle to serve on the Board through May 1, 2009.

Jonathan Ela, board vice-chair, is a conservationist, retired from multiple regional and national positions with the Sierra Club. He also served on the staff of U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson, helping to establish the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore and protecting the St. Croix River under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. He was appointed by Gov. Doyle.

John "Duke" Welter, board secretary, is an attorney in Eau Claire Wisconsin. Welter has served as chapter president, state council chair and national trustee of Trout Unlimited; and as a member of the Eau Claire County delegation to the Conservation Congress. Welter has been actively

involved in state conservation issues including groundwater protection. He was twice appointed by Gov. Jim Doyle and will serve on the Board through May 1, 2011.

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board (NR Board) sets policies for the Department of Natural Resources. Elections took place at the Board's January 24 meeting in Madison.

Current members of the Board are Christine Thomas, Plover; Jonathan Ela, Madison; John Welter, Eau Claire; Gerald O'Brien, Stevens Point; Howard Paulson, Palmyra; Dave Clausen, Amery; and Jane Wiley, Wausau.

Chapter 15 of the Wisconsin Statutes delineates the formal duties of the seven-member board. Board Members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the State Senate. Three members each must be selected from the northern and southern portions of the state and one member serves "at large." Terms expire on May 1.

The Board meets monthly, except for July and November, on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Board meetings are held at the DNR Building in Madison except for April through October when meetings are held in different locations around the state. These locations are listed on the NR Board calendar.

The meeting agendas are posted two weeks prior to each meeting and minutes are posted from previous meetings after Board approval. For more information about the state Natural Resources Board, go to: <http://intranet.dnr.state.wi.us/int/nrboard/>.

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Explore the dynamics of stellar interiors while encountering unusual stars at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Allen F. Blocher Planetarium.

"Stellar Extremes" will be shown Sundays at 2 p.m. on February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4 and 11. Planetarium doors open one-half hour before scheduled programs.

During the program, find out what it takes to solve stellar mysteries from light years away as well as the challenges astronomers face while studying stellar extremes.

Each Monday at 8 p.m., the Night Sky program looks in detail at objects in the current night sky. If skies are clear, there is an optional observatory visit for sky viewing through the telescope. A forecast of viewing conditions and a statement about whether

the observatory is open is available by calling (715) 346-2208.

Both the Sunday and Monday shows are open to the public free of charge. Designed for a general audience, planetarium programs appeal to all age groups. Seating is first-come, first-served for up to 70 people. Groups of 15 or more may schedule a special showing of any planetarium program by calling (715) 346-2208. There is a cost of \$15 for these presentations.

Laser light shows will be returning the evenings of February 28 - March 3, and March 7-10.

The planetarium is located on the second floor of the UW-SP Science Building at the corner of Reserve Street and Fourth Avenue. Parking is available in Lot X near the building entrance and is free in all university lots after 7 p.m.

WRITE FOR THE POINTER!
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BURR... It's cold!

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Unless you have been living under a heat lamp for the last week, you may have noticed that it's a bit chilly outside. Unlike the public schools in the area, our classes persist despite the sub-zero temperatures. This means we are forced to brave the biting cold for our education. But with temperatures this cold, we are risking more than our comfort.

These temperatures combined with the strong winds may cause frostbite if the skin is not protected well enough.

What is frostbite exactly? Frostbite is the freezing of the skin or bodily tissues. If it is not treated in a timely manner, it can result in the death and decay of the affected tissue and eventually the loss of that tissue or limb, depending on the severity of the case.

Obviously this is not something you want to be dealing with, but since students in most cases are walking to and from class everyday, they are especially susceptible to frostbite.

So what can you do to prevent losing a hand that may write the next great American novel? Dress for the weather. If your weather bug is reading subzero temperatures, that really cute fleece you bought that isn't that warm but oh so cute is not going to cut it.

Dress in several light and loose layers that will trap air and provide ventilation. Several layers are better than one bulky piece of clothing. Some of the best fabrics to fend off the cold are wool, polyester and water-repellent material.

The most susceptible areas for frostbite are the hands, nose, feet, ears and face because they are most often uncovered. Always make

sure these areas are protected before going outside.

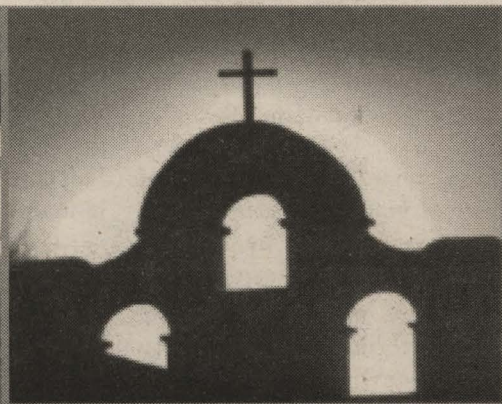
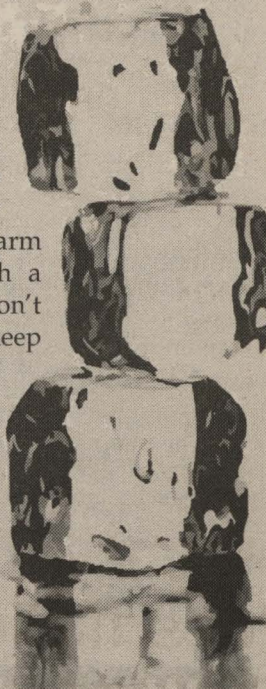
The symptoms of mild frostbite include the blackening or whitening of the skin which will disappear as the area warms up and becomes red.

In more severe cases, the skin will become waxy with a white, grayish-yellow or grayish-blue color. The affected area will have no feeling and may blister. If these symptoms occur, you've got yourself some seriously frostbitten skin and need to see a doctor right away.

It is possible to treat frostbite without going to a doctor, but not advised. Even if it's just a mild case, it's still better to have a doctor check it rather than risk losing a limb or appendage.

There are some simple first aid methods for preventing further injury before seeing a doctor. Re-warm the injury, ideally under medical supervision. Get to a warm place and rest the injured area. Immerse the injury in lukewarm water or cover it with a warm hand or object. Don't pick at the blisters and keep the area clean and elevated. Make sure your tetanus booster is current.

Now remember kids, in weather like this it doesn't take that long for unexposed skin to become frostbitten skin, so bundle up.



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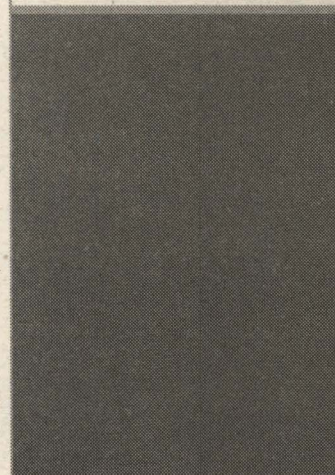
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Sports

Pointers get back on track

Men's Basketball

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With a pair of conference victories last week, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team retained their spot atop the WIAC conference. The two wins also bolstered the Pointers to the second spot in the national rankings, after falling from first to third the previous week.

A 90-61 win at home over UW-Eau Claire helped the Pointers rebound from their only league loss of the season the week prior. The Pointers came out hungry, determined not to let a loss at Oshkosh overcome them. The game was all but put away in the first half, thanks to the team's unbelievable shooting exhibition.

After missing on their opening shot, Point proceeded to connect on its next 11 shots, building a comfortable early lead. But the hot shooting didn't stop there as Point tallied more points in the first half than they were able to score in the entire Oshkosh game. For the half, the Pointers shot an uncanny 76.7 percent from the field, building a 19 point lead at the break.

Pete Rortvedt led the Pointers with 25 points as all five Pointer starters scored in double figures. Point guard Khalifa El-Amin had perhaps the best game of all, scoring 10 points while dishing out a game high 11 assists. Steve Hicklin and Jon Krull each added 14 points as the Pointers cruised to the easy victory.

The Pointers headed to La Crosse to take on the second place and 22nd ranked Eagles. Point's 68-65 road victory added cushion to their slim conference lead and provided a huge confidence boost being able

to win in a tough environment.

The game went back and forth for much of the first half, but a 10-1 Pointer run near intermission gave UW-SP a 37-32 edge. Point then opened up a 13 point lead midway through the first half after a Rortvedt three-pointer. The Eagles chipped away at the deficit but were never able to get back the lead. Rortvedt led the Pointers with 18 points while Krull added 16. El-Amin had another nice game as well, posting 12 points to go along with six assists.

With the week's sweep, the Pointers now find themselves with a one-and-a-half game lead over Oshkosh with just four games remaining. This week they head to Whitewater to take on the defending league champion Warhawks before coming home for a game against UW-Stout.



Photo by Drew Smalley

Khalifa El-Amin finds his way on to the Pointer sports page like the Pointer men's basketball team wins: all the time.

Pointers split weekend games, Statz ties national record

Women's Hockey

Julianne LaClair
SPORTS REPORTER

This past weekend of conference games brought some good news and some bad news to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team. The good news: The Pointers started off the weekend right, beating Finlandia University 5-3. The bad news: The Pointers could not finish the weekend sweep, losing to fifth ranked UW-Superior 1-0.

On Saturday, Feb. 3 the Pointers were able to fend off the Lions of Finlandia University with the help of sophomore Rachael Graves' two goal performance. The Pointers held a comfortable 3-1 lead going into the third period, but the Lions fought back with two early goals. This proved to be the perfect time for Graves to step up, finding the back of the net off a back-door pass from junior Lauren Kellin on the power play. This goal would turn out to be the game winner, but Graves wasn't done, scoring another power play goal with a tip off the pass from Tracy Butler.

"It meant a lot to me to score those goals because I always want to help my team win," Graves said. "I capitalized on my opportunities. The

goal just reaffirmed our control of the game. Our special teams definitely came through."

With the win, Pointer senior goaltender Amy Statz tied a national record with 62 career wins.

"I honestly haven't taken a lot of time to think about the record," Statz said. "I've been more focused on the season and how we as a team need every win we can get in order to get the bid for nationals."

The game on Sunday, Feb. 4 would prove a tougher contest for the Pointers, who fell 1-0 to conference rival Superior. The only goal on the game came on a Superior power play goal halfway through the first period. The Pointers went 0-6 on the power play and out-shot the Yellowjackets 21-18 on the

game.

"Splitting the games this weekend isn't what we wanted or what had planned on," head coach Ann Ninnemann said. "Superior is a good team, and we always play them tough. We happened to finish a little short on Sunday."

Next up for the Pointers is a conference series with Eau Claire, Feb. 9 and 10. Friday is at Eau Claire, Saturday is home at Ice Hawks Arena. Both games start at 7:30 p.m. The Pointers hold a 12-5-1 record going into the weekend.

"We have six games left in our regular season and those are the only games we can control, and definitely have a challenging road ahead of us over the next month," said Ninnemann.



Photo by Drew Smalley

The UW-SP women's hockey team has shown dominance throughout the year.

Pointer women split road games

Women's Basketball

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Fresh off their road win at Oshkosh, the Pointer women's basketball team looked to make it two in a row on the road against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Unfortunately for the Pointers, it's too tough to win many road games in conference play. The 60-51 loss to the Blugolds dropped the Pointer's road league mark to 1-4.

The game was a back and forth battle that saw neither team extend a large lead. The Pointers had a chance in the final minutes but did themselves in down the stretch, committing costly mistakes. Point was held without a field goal for the final seven minutes while making just three of nine free throws down the stretch and committing three turnovers. The turnover problem was the story of the game for UW-SP, who committed an astounding 25 for the game.

Haley Houghton scored a team high 11

points while Katie Webber chipped in seven.

Saturday's game at La Crosse turned out just the opposite for Point, as the Eagles were the ones stifled by a tough Pointer defensive effort. The Pointers held La Crosse to a lowly 33 percent from the field and forced 24 turnovers. The 62-49 win now puts the Pointers at 13-9 overall and 7-6 in league play, three and a half games behind front-running Stout.

Point grabbed an early lead and held control of it for much of the game. Despite coming back and tying the game, La Crosse never led in the second half. The Pointers' 11-0 run midway through the second half built a sizable lead that they were able to hold because of a tenacious defensive effort.

Houghton again led the Pointers with 12 points while Webber and Chelsea Kranz each added 10. This week the Pointers return home for a pair of home games against Whitewater and Stout.



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Pointers break streak with Lake Forest win

Men's Hockey

Rochelle Nechuta
SPORTS REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's hockey team split games this past weekend with a victory against Lake Forest College and a loss against St. Norbert College. The games brought the Pointers record to 6-15-2 overall, bringing them to 2-9-1 in NCHA.

The game against Lake Forest ended 6-2 after the Pointers' maintained the lead throughout the game. Pointer Dan Francis set the pace by scoring five minutes into the first period, and Matt Stendahl followed with a goal ten minutes later to pull the Pointers further ahead of the Foresters.

Both teams were brought to a draw until the Foresters scored their first goal halfway through the second period. The Pointers would gain another goal on a power play to bring the score to 3-1.

The third period brought two close goals from Pointers Stendahl and Ross Johnson. Lake Forest fought back soon afterward with a goal of their

own, but Pointer Josh Calleja capped off the game with 33 seconds left, bringing the score to 6-2.

Pointers Nick Zebro and Brett Beckfeld each had a pair of assists, while Pointer goalie Marcus Paulson made 41 saves.

"We had times earlier in the season when we were really good at passing the puck around but not getting it to the net," said head coach Joe Baldarotta. "Now we've been getting the puck to the net and I think that's what we need to do."

The Pointers had two power-play goals in the game.

In the game against St. Norbert, UW-SP saw a streak of Green Knight goals in the beginning of the game until Zebro scored unassisted to tally the first goal for the Pointers during a short-handed shift. Pat Lee also scored unassisted in a short-handed shift for the Pointers. St. Norbert answered with three additional goals. Despite three goals from the Pointers in the third period, UW-SP fell short in a 7-5 loss.

Lee scored a hat-trick and added an assist in the St. Norbert game and was named NCHA Player of the Week. He is the first men's hockey player to get the award this season and has accumulated nine goals and seven assists



Photo by Stephen Kaiser

The Pointer men's hockey team celebrates as they racked up goal after goal against the Foresters. The lone Lake Forest player in the picture was dumbfounded, and extremely out-of-place.

since gaining eligibility to play mid-season.

"It's always nice to get the little personal awards, but I would've loved to beat St. Norbert," Lee said. "I'm glad I decided to come to UW-SP. I've met some great people, and I'm looking forward to my next few years here."

According to Baldarotta,

it was the first weekend throughout the season that the Pointers had the availability of a full roster without any player injuries.

"We've had a lot of bad breaks. Monday was our first day that we had our total roster of players available to us, and that hasn't happened all year. We didn't even have that

in tryouts," Baldarotta said.

The next games for the Pointers will be a two-night series against UW-Eau Claire. The night of Friday, Feb. 10 will mark the last regular season game the Pointers will host at K.B. Willett arena this season. The game on Saturday will be played at Eau Claire.

Bath's pin sparks Pointers past Warhawks

Wrestling

UW-SP Athletic Department
PRESS RELEASE

Eric Bath's first period pin sparked the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point wrestling team to a 28-12 victory over UW-Whitewater in a matchup of nationally-ranked opponents on Thursday at Whitewater.

Bath, a junior 174-pounder, got the Pointers' night off to a great start in the opening match with a pin of Whitewater senior Adam Moe, who entered the match with a 24-7 season record. Bath recorded the pin in just 1:34.

The Pointers, ranked 21st in the NCAA Division III, improved to 11-7-1 overall and 3-1 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference by downing the Warhawks, who are ranked 15th nationally and dropped to 12-5 overall and 1-3 in the WIAC. The loss snapped Whitewater's six-match winning streak.

The Warhawks recorded an upset of their own at 184 pounds as David Casper posted a 4-2 win over UW-SP's Craig Bollig, who was ranked fifth nationally. However, the Pointers bounced back with a major decision win from Tyler Wozniak, who improved to 8-0 at 197 pounds and 26-4 overall. After the Warhawks took the heavyweight bout in overtime, Jake Calhoun added a forfeit win at 125 pounds and Jered Kern followed with a pin at 133 pounds for a 22-6 lead.

Whitewater pulled within 22-9 with a win at 141 pounds, but Mo Malone clinched the victory with an overtime win at 149 pounds and Chris Karl later added a victory at 165 pounds.

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Senior on the Spot Amy Statz – Women's Hockey

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Do you have any nicknames? – Statzy.

What are your plans after graduation? Grad School probably at UW-Madison.

What has helped you become such an accomplished athlete? – I'm extremely motivated. And my coaches and my teammates have pushed me to perform my best.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? – Standing for the national anthem at the NCAA championship game as a freshman.

What's your most embarrassing moment? – Bob Barker made fun of me on national TV on "The Price is Right." And I got the price wrong #\$\$\$#!

What CD is in your stereo right now? – A mix of a bunch of stuff ranging from Bob Marley to ACDC.

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? – Greys Anatomy Season 3.

What will you remember most about UW-SP? – All the friendships I made.

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



Arts & Review

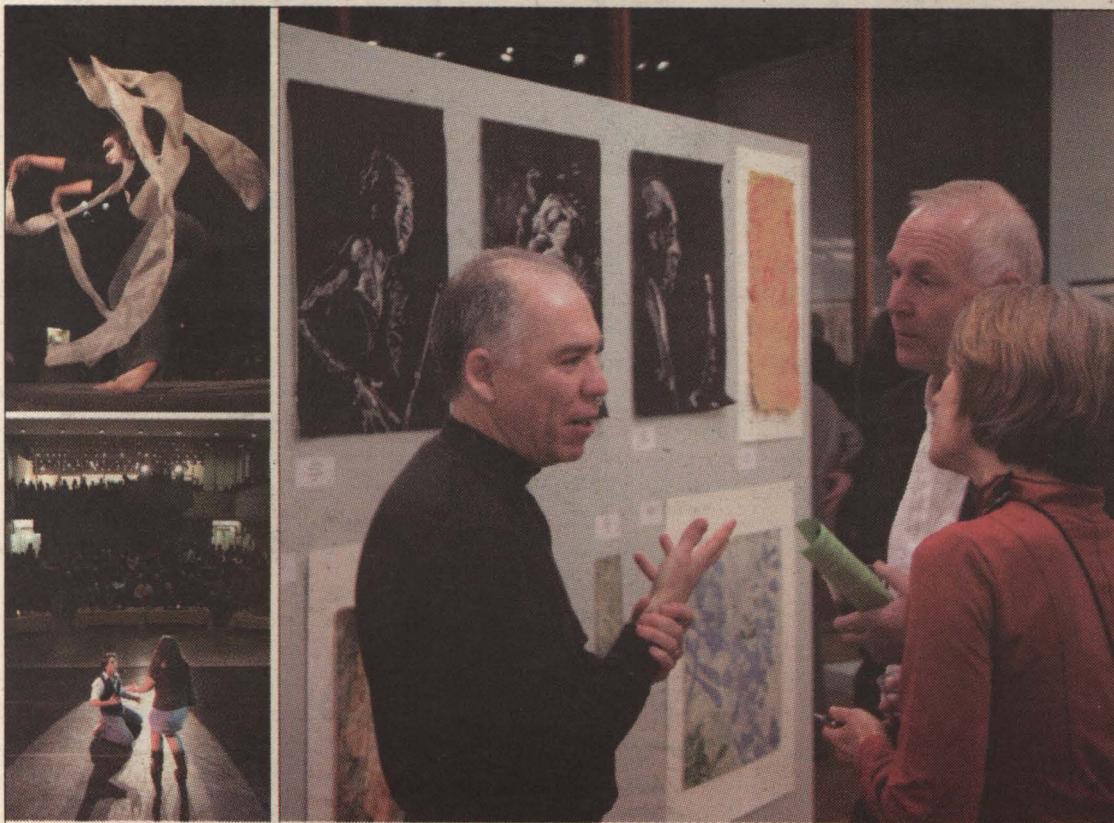


Photo by Meghan Geis

A patron admires student works at ArtsBash, the College of Fine Arts and Communication's Art and Theater & Dance scholarship fundraiser. ArtsBash featured exhibits of student artworks, an art sale and student presentations from both departments.

"Lineage" displays the relationship between artist and student

Press Release
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND
COMMUNICATIONS

"Lineage: Three Generations of Artists," an art exhibit that celebrates the relationship between teachers and students, will be on display at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Carlsten Gallery from Sunday, Feb. 11, through Sunday, March 4.

Six artists who are connected through their art education will exhibit prints, paintings, drawings, sculpture and animation in the exhibit.

The lineage of the exhibit begins with Harold Boyd, a professor emeritus of art at Illinois State University who was a mentor to Bob Erickson and Eric Rohmann when they were graduate students there in the mid-80s. Erickson, now a professor in the Department of Art and Design at UW-SP, and Rohmann, award-winning children's book author, artist and former visiting lecturer at UW-SP, were in turn mentors to many UW-SP students, including Department of Art and Design alumni Molly Mann and Steve Seeley, both 2001 graduates, and Lea Friesen, a 2003 graduate. In addition, Friesen is currently working with Boyd as a graduate student at ISU.

The work of these six artists will be displayed together "to examine the relationship between teacher and student and the visual, psychological and intellectual effects their artwork and their teaching had on one another," said Erickson, who is curator for

the exhibit.

"I took things from Harold as well as from Eric," he added, "and now Molly is teaching and is passing along what she learned from me. Our mentors had their own mentors. So how do you bring your own ideas into what you've learned to make it better?"

In conjunction with the exhibit, a week of demonstrations and lectures featuring the six artists will begin with an opening reception at the Carlsten Gallery on Monday, Feb. 12, from 4-6 p.m. A panel discussion will begin at 4:30 p.m. in which the artists will discuss the roles their teachers have played in their lives and artistic development.

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, Mann, Seeley and Friesen will lead a discussion for art and design students about life after UW-SP, including graduate school, art careers and employment opportunities. The forum will be held in NFAC Room 183 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. As visiting artists, Rohmann and Boyd will work with printmaking students in NFAC Room 183 on Feb. 13-15.

Boyd will present "Harold Boyd: Bodies of Work" on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 5:15 p.m. in NFAC Room 285, discussing his works and life as an artist.

Boyd has exhibited works in commercial galleries, museums and university galleries across the country and in France and Canada. In 2002, the University Galleries at Illinois State University organized and exhibited his retrospective, "Harold Boyd:

Bodies of Work." He resides in Bloomington, Ill.

Rohmann will lecture on "Children's Book Illustration" on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 5:15 p.m. in NFAC Room 285, talking about his work as an artist.

Erickson has taught at UW-SP since 1990. He has attended residencies in Ireland, Italy and New York state, exhibited prints and mixed media pieces across the United States and in Estonia and Norway, and has many pieces featured in permanent collections.

Rohmann is the author, designer and illustrator of many books, including "Time Flies," which received a Caldecott honors medal in 1994, "My Friend Rabbit," which won the Caldecott Award for best U.S. illustrated children's book in 2003, "The Cinder-Eyed Cats" and most recently, "Clara and Asha."



Example of Rohmann's illustrations.

"Joined at the Head" coming to the UW-SP stage

Press Release
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND
COMMUNICATIONS

"Joined at the Head," a drama about friendship and human connections, will be staged at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on February 9-11 and 15-18.

"Joined at the Head" introduces us to two very different women, both named Maggie, who have loved the same man. Celebrated author Maggie Mulroney (Megan Gilliland) has focused on her career and lives a very solitary life. Maggy Burroughs (Dana Craig) is the fun-loving and spirited woman who married Maggie's high school boyfriend, Jim (Aaron Hurst).

The women meet and become close friends when Maggie visits her hometown of Boston on a book tour. Seeing how her new friend deals with terminal cancer awakens something in the lonely author.

Sara Goff, a new lecturer in theatre and dance, is excited to direct both a play written by a female playwright (Catherine Butterfield) as well as one that features strong female characters.

"The story is very touching," she said. "I felt drawn to the themes and characters of the play. The play explores the necessity of human connec-

tions and the transformational power of love."

Goff is serving a one-year appointment teaching acting and directing in the Department of Theatre and Dance. Previously she was a member of the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company and taught "Shakespeareance" at local schools. Among her directing credits are "The Odd Couple," "The Complete History of America Abridged" and "Metamorphoses." She holds degrees from Central Michigan University and Western Illinois University.

"I'm really enjoying my first university teaching experience," said Goff. "When I direct students I've noticed I take on more of a mentoring and educating role."

"Joined at the Head" will be performed in the Studio Theatre at 8 p.m. on Feb. 9; at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 10, and 15-17, and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 11 and 18. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$13 for senior citizens and \$9 for youth. UW-SP students may purchase tickets for \$4.50 or receive them free the day of the show if seats are still available. Tickets may be purchased at the University Box Office or by calling (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378. MasterCard, Visa and Discover is accepted.

He resides in LaGrange, Ill.

Friesen will complete a master's degree at Illinois State University this spring and is a printing assistant at Normal Editions Workshop in Normal, Ill. Her work has been exhibited in Tokyo, Japan and Bigfork, Minn., and appears in permanent collections at Mesabi-Range College and Syracuse University. She resides in Bloomington, Ill.

Mann is an artist, adjunct professor at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design and creative director of Maranda Enterprises in Milwaukee. She earned a master's degree in experimental animation from CalArts in 2003. Her animations and films have been featured in film festivals and museums and one received Best Short Animation at the 2004 Wisconsin Film Festival.

Seeley is an artist and mural designer for Simes Studios in Chicago. He received a master's degree in printmaking from The Ohio State University in 2004. He has exhibited work in Chicago, New York and New Jersey.

Free and open to the public, the UW-SP Carlsten Gallery is located on the second floor of the Noel Fine Arts Center and is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m.

For more information about the Carlsten Gallery, contact director Caren Heft at (715) 346-4797.

Hot movies to snuggle up with on cold winter nights

Nelson Carvajal
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

With freezing temperatures dominating the streets of Stevens Point, I thought it'd be suitable to suggest some recently released DVD titles that are now available for rental.

First on the list is Neil Burger's fantastic "The Illusionist," starring Oscar nominees Edward Norton and Paul Giamatti. The film shares a similar setting to "The Prestige," in that it takes place in a turn-of-the-century Europe and magicians are the real stars of nightlife entertainment.

Norton plays Eisenheim, a dazzling illusionist who rekindles a childhood romance with the lush Sophie (Jessica Biel). Sophie, unfortunately, has found herself on the trail to marrying the arrogant Crown Prince Leopold (Rufus

Sewell). When Leopold is informed about Sophie's infidelity, he takes matters into his own rage-filled hands. There is a murder. Of who and by whom, I will not reveal, and it is prudent to say that the film's unraveling of the mystery is altogether enhanced by both Philip Glass' bruising score and Giamatti's Inspector Uhl, who is essentially the audience's eyes and ears.

By the end you'll find yourself retracing your steps to see how you could have missed the big illusion that was right in front of you all along in this grandiose Oscar-nominated spectacle.

On that note of mystery, let's move on to Patrick Stettner's "The Night Listener," starring Academy Award winner Robin Williams. His performance is restrained but effective. Williams plays Gabriel Noone, a gay late-night radio-show host who reads short

stories that are sometimes inspired by his own life.

One day he receives a call from an avid fan and listener named Pete Logand (Rory Culkin), who has just finished writing his own memoirs on sexual abuse. Noone and Logand develop a friendship over the phone, and one day Noone manages to speak to Logand's new mother, Donna (Oscar nominee Toni Collette). Strangely, Donna's voice sounds just like Logand's voice.

Are they the same person? Noone's journey to Logand's hometown in Wisconsin is nothing short of creepy and plunges the viewer into the vast, dark depths of the human heart.

Finally, there's Martin Scorsese's bound-for-Oscar-glory crime saga masterpiece "The Departed." The film had an impressive box-office run and is now nominated for

five Academy Awards including Best Director (Scorsese), Best Supporting Actor (Mark Wahlberg) and Best Picture.

If at all possible it would be worth the extra buck to pick up the special edition 2-disc DVD, which boasts loads of extras from featurettes on Scorsese's filmmaking style to an in-depth look at the real-life mobster that inspired Jack Nicholson's character, Frank Costello.

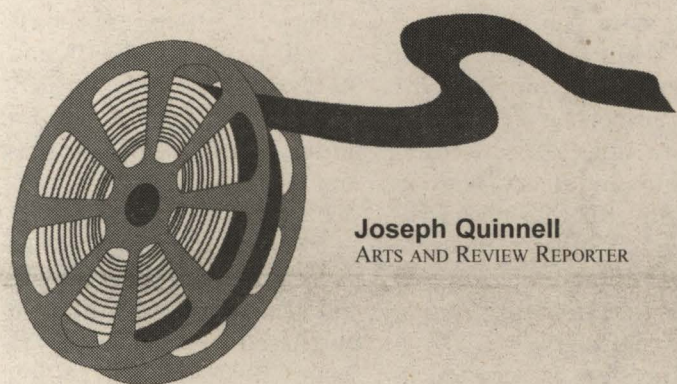
The film stars Oscar nominee Leonardo DiCaprio as Billy Costigan, a hard-working cop-in-training at the Boston State Police Department. When the opportunity to infiltrate Costello's mob arises, Costigan loses himself in the role of a thug and finds his life spiraling out of control. Coincidentally, crime boss Costello has placed mole Colin Sullivan (Academy Award winner Matt Damon) in the special investigations unit of the same Boston State

Police.

The film's first 40 minutes alone deserve the Oscar for Best Editing; Thelma Schoonmaker cuts the film with such brisk pacing it'll even have the heads of the mobster's from Scorsese's "Goodfellas" spinning. Added to this, the film packs an emotional wallop with its jaw-dropping climax and its remarkable pathos garnered from DiCaprio's Brando-esque performance. He sounds notes here we've never heard from him before.

For agreeable and highly-entertaining movie-watching, be sure to put these titles at the top of your rental list this winter season.

Correction:
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The story "Patchouli puts an upbeat spin on folk" was written by Elizabeth Drews and co-written by Jamie Douglas.



Joseph Quinnell
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Student Arts Alliance film series begins anew this semester

The Student Arts Alliance's film series will return once again to the Noel Fine Arts Center on Sunday, Feb. 11. The Student Arts Alliance promises its audience "a season of smart, visually stunning cinema from around the world."

All shows are free and will be presented in room 221 of the NFAC. Students have the option of 2, 5 and 8 p.m. showtimes. The schedule of films will be as follows:

Sunday, Feb. 11: "In the Mood for Love"
(Hong Kong/Cambodia - 2000)

Wong Kar-wai's "In the Mood for Love" is a story of unrequited love that looks the way its songs sound. The movie is physically lush. The deep colors of film noir saturate the scenes: reds, yellows, browns, deep shadows. His name is Mr. Chow. Hers is Su Li-zhen. Their lives are as walled in as their cramped living quarters. They are in the mood for love but not in the time or place for it. She dashes out to a crowded alley to buy noodles, and he passes her while on his way back home. Sometimes they meet on the staircase. Often it is raining. Sometimes they simply talk on the sidewalk. The lovers do not notice where they are, nor do they notice that they repeat themselves. It isn't repetition—it's reassurance. For those holding back and speaking in code, no conversation is boring, because the empty space between is desire.



Sunday, Feb. 25: "2046"
(Hong Kong/Thailand - 2005)

Not exactly a sequel to "In the Mood for Love," this story is a continuation of the story of Mr. Chow. The story takes place in a future in which the year 2046 is a mysterious place where people travel to re-inhabit their memories and where nothing ever changes. Within the movie is a story about the only man who ever returns, and it's titled "2047." "2046," like the sequentially numbered story within it, is a lyrical, Proustian meditation on loss, regret, love and time.

Sunday, March 11: "Sex and Lucia"
(Spain - 2002)

It all starts at the beginning of the end. Written and directed by Julio Medem, "Sex and Lucia" is both a nightmare and a fairy tale at the same time, swimming within an ocean of vital, breathing metaphor. The camera lens flows like a violin sonata, until the whole film unfolds like a classical score in movements manifested by sex, the moon, the sun, birth, porn and death, all ending up on an island with no name and a myriad of holes. The film sequencing has little to do with linear time. Scenes unwind, tied together by the much stronger forces of emotion, desire and significance.

Sunday, April 1: "I'm Not Scared"
(Italy - 2004)

A virtuoso piece of dark storytelling directed by Gabriele Salvatores, "I'm Not Scared" reminds us that days and weeks seemed to last forever for children. Summer was not a season but a lifetime. Parents represented a law that stands above a child's best thinking, because they demonstrate time and again that they knew best. The coming-of-age experience, as portrayed by the film, involves that moment or season when a child realizes that there is something outside the box of childhood and that it is time to trust personal decisions. "I'm Not Scared" is a reminder of true childhood, with all its fears and speculations. It brings to life the way a conversation can be overheard but not understood, and the way that the shape of the adult world forms slowly as a child grows.

Sunday, April 15: "Amores Perros"
(Mexico - 2001)

"Amores Perros" is an overpowering and original piece of bravura filmmaking that constitutes one of the most breathtaking and impressive directing debuts in years. The narrative takes the form of a trilogy, following people with wildly dissimilar lives through a chain of events that converge in a bloody car crash. Fresh, shocking, violent, romantic, profane and profound, "Amores Perros (Love's a Bitch)" is a revelation and a jolt of cinematic power.



Sunday, April 29: "Before Sunrise" and "Before Sunset"
(United States - 1995, 2004)



Inspired by Godard's lyrical film-essays, adventurous filmmaker Richard Linklater crafts a unique portrait. "Before Sunrise" and "Before Sunset" are masterful examinations of human nature and the relationships we all want, but too often see slip away. These two films are a chance encounter between two strangers that dissolves into elegant conversation as a single day slips into nine years later.



Outdoors

Florida storms kill 17 whooping cranes

Lisa Brien
OUTDOORS REPORTER

On Jan. 29, Wisconsin celebrated a milestone in wildlife management. After three decades of being on the endangered species list, the gray wolf has been de-listed in the Midwest, turning management of the species over to the state.

Last week, however, our state suffered a wildlife tragedy. A group of 17 endangered whooping cranes residing in Florida for the winter were killed during a severe storm. The storm took place during the evening and early morning of Feb. 1 and Feb. 2.

Here in central Wisconsin, this devastating loss hits home. At the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, located in Necedah, Wis., the 18 young whooping cranes were reared in captivity this past summer with the hope of establishing a migratory flock that would migrate between Wisconsin and Florida.

To keep the cranes from imprinting on humans, or becoming attached to people, workers at the refuge were required to wear "crane suits" whenever interacting with the birds.

In early October, an ultralight plane led the 18 cranes on a journey cross-country to their winter resi-

dence in Florida. All survived the long trip and had been doing well at the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge, located near Crystal River, Fla., until a series of deadly storms killed 17 of the 18 captive-raised cranes.

The exact cause of death is still unknown. One of the captive-reared cranes remains and has been located with a pair of sandhill cranes.

Unfortunately, this is not good news for restoring numbers to an already low population of whooping cranes.

Whooping cranes are federally listed as endangered. There are only about a total of 320 whooping cranes that make

up three wild populations in the United States today.

Just as weather constantly changes, even the best biologists can't prevent nature from taking its course on wildlife.

"We can't put all our eggs in one basket," said Eric Anderson, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point professor of wildlife management. "That's why biologists are working to establish more whooping crane populations - to prevent another situation like this from wiping out the entire species."

"As weather constantly changes, even the best biologists can't prevent nature from taking its course on wildlife."

New "lizard lobby" in the CNR

CNR vivarium lobby gets a much-needed facelift

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Students came back after Christmas break to find the old wooden benches and glass cases that sat outside the vivarium lobby missing. But the weeks of mystery ended yesterday, as College of Natural Resources (CNR) students were surprised with a brand new set of tables and chairs to enjoy in the lobby.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, over 50 people gathered to witness the ribbon-cutting event, which unveiled a stunning new look to the lobby with the vivarium, an enclosed area that houses two lizards.

For months, a committee consisting of faculty and two student representatives from the CNR and the College of Letters and Science worked with interior designer Amy (Rogers) Wood, a 1988 UW-SP alumna, on the design of the new rug and furniture pieces.

"No student fees were involved

in the purchase of this furniture," said Christine Thomas, Dean of the CNR. "It was part of a campus vision to improve the look on campus by 2015. This is the first contribution to this effort."

The wooden benches, which are approximately 35 years old, were not thrown away. Instead, they have been moved to other areas of the CNR where more benches were needed.

"With the construction of the University Center, it has been tough for students to find places to sit and relax or work on homework. This is a much-needed renovation that students will find very useful," said Sue Kissinger, CNR head of advising and recruitment.

After the rope was cut, students, professors, faculty and staff enjoyed cookies and juice as they tried out the new chairs.

"It used to be so dark and gloomy in this area before," said Kissinger. "Now it just feels so nice and bright."



Photo by Steve Menzel

Christine Thomas, Dean of the College of Natural Resources, introduces the new lobby furniture recently added to one of the CNR lobbies.

Outdoor•Ed Ventures Tip of the Week

Paul Bell
STUDENT MANAGER

Going camping this winter? You know you have to stay hydrated, but your Nalgene keeps freezing. What are you to do?

Follow these simple tips and you'll be in the clear.

First, leave your splash guards at home. Nalgene water bottles are designed with a wide mouth for a reason, so avoid anything that may constrict the opening, thus increasing chances of icing over.

Second, carry the bottle upside-down. Just like any body of water, your water will freeze from the top down. By keeping it upside-down, the last to freeze will be the opening area.

Third, and most importantly, try and insulate your Nalgene with a cover, or place it in your pack close to your body. This will help transfer heat to slow the rate of your water freezing.

To learn more about these tips, along with many other tricks and techniques for improving your wilderness experiences, stop by Outdoor EdVentures, located in the lower level of the Allen Center.



Area Skating Schedule

Friday, Feb. 9

Public skating at K.B. Willet Ice Arena - 9:30 to 10:50 a.m.
Georke Park outdoor rink warming house open 6 to 9 p.m.
Iverson Park winter warming lodge open 6 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10

Public skating at K.B. Willet Ice Arena - 1 to 2:50 p.m. and 8 to 9:30 p.m.
Georke Park outdoor rink warming house open 12 to 8 p.m. (lights on until 9 p.m.)
Iverson Park winter warming lodge open 12 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 11

Public skating at K.B. Willet Ice Arena - 1 to 2:50 p.m.
Georke Park outdoor rink warming house open 12 to 5 p.m. (lights on until 9 p.m.)
Iverson Park winter warming lodge open 12 to 5 p.m.

Other ice skating rinks (no lights or staff support):

Emerson School Lot
Pfiffner Pioneer Park
McKinley School

Gray wolves in western Great Lakes states off endangered species list

Paul Frater
OUTDOORS REPORTER

You've heard all the stories before – Little Red Riding Hood, the three little pigs and their tumbled houses and the boy who cried wolf.

What do these stories all have in common? A villainous, hungry wolf getting into trouble, of course.

Today, many people still have this negative view of wolves, and having a wolf population in northern Wisconsin has always been a great concern to many individuals.

However, the real truth is that wolves serve as a vital predator in the ecosystem, and today we can celebrate the fact that they are thriving throughout the lake states.

On Jan. 27, 2007, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced the de-listing of Gray wolves in the western Great Lake states from the endangered species list.

"This is a true success story for not only wildlife enthusiasts, but for all environmentalists," said Eric Anderson, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point professor of wildlife management. "Of all the species

that have been placed on the Endangered Species List, very few have recovered to the point of being de-listed," he said.

According to Anderson, since the enactment of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 1972, only 42 percent of species have been removed from the list. Although this constitutes a small percentage of all species enlisted, the ESA has saved many species from falling into extinction, such as the bald eagle and the grizzly bear.

The recent de-listing of wolves does not mean that their fight for survival is over, though. Many people are not welcome to the idea of having wolves in the woods. Farmers have to deal with the occasional wolf attack on their livestock, and many hunters are concerned that the deer population will drastically decrease because of wolf killed deer.

"Wolves don't effectively control the deer population," said Anderson. "An average wolf will eat roughly 30 deer per year. There are roughly 600 wolves in the Wisconsin population. That would put the maximum number of wolf killed deer around

18,000 per year."

According to the DNR, in 2005, hunters in Wisconsin killed a total of 641,789 deer. Over the last 10 years, there have been more than 6.5 million deer taken by hunters. With the deer population skyrocketing in Wisconsin, wolves could help to bring down an already high and still-rising deer population.

Wolves primarily attack prey that are the easiest for them to catch, namely the sick and wounded. This benefits the deer herd by removing the sick and unfit. The deer-wolf interaction checks and balances at its most natural stage.

With the wolves now off of the endangered species list, it is in the hands of the state to manage the population.

In the future a hunt could be in order, but for now it may be too big of a transition because of many people viewing the wolf as such an illustrious animal.

Whether a hunt is someday installed or not, environmentalists and nature lovers can rest assured that the future of the wolf is no longer a dead end.



Photo courtesy of Joe Schultz

UW-SP's Izaak Walton League member Joe Schultz braved the cold on Feb. 3 for a tournament award-winning lunker.

Students brave cold in ice fishing tournament

Anne Frie
THE POINTER
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In the words of Lenny Jelinski, owner of Sportsman's Choice, located at 3310 Church Street in Stevens Point, "It's just too damn cold to go fishin' right now."

With temperatures barely reaching zero degrees Fahrenheit this past weekend, many students would tend to agree with Jelinski.

But not all students.

Members of the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point student chapter of the Izaak Walton League spent Saturday afternoon in toe-numbing, negative-degree weather.

On Saturday, February 3, 17 students took part in the Fisheree ice fishing tournament from 12 to 4 p.m. on McDill Pond, a 261-acre lake located in Stevens Point, just north of intersection Business 51 and County Road HH.

"The temperatures were extremely brutal. The wind-chill factor put the temp into the negative 20's," said Joe Schultz, a UW-SP student and vice president of Izaak Walton League.

"When we first got to

the Fisheree, we drove out on the frozen pond in search of the 'big one.' Many of us set up tip-ups in hopes of catching northerns and bass. Some jigged for panfish, such as crappie, perch and bluegills. Others stayed inside the heated tent where raffles and food were being served," said Schultz.

A "warming tent" was set up on the ice with tables and chairs inside and tarps on each side to block the wind. Small cash prizes were given for the biggest northern, bass, bluegill (sunfish), crappie and perch.

"The race for the biggest northern was very competitive this year, with a 28-inch northern being caught first. After several catches, I landed a 31 1/4-inch fish, which ended up being the winner," Schultz added.

In all, 300 participants partook in the Lake DuBay Fisheree. According to Schultz, many ice anglers stayed by the propane heaters in the tent to stay warm.

"It's more than just fishing," said Schultz. "If you have never been to an Izaak Walton Fisheree, you are missing out on a lot of fun."

Wilderness medicine clinic offered

Press Release
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy getting off the beaten path and who want to be prepared for unexpected medical emergencies can sign up for a Wilderness First-Aid Clinic at the Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center on Saturday, March 10.

The clinic is taught by Rod Erickson, M.D. who will discuss topics on outdoor hygiene, how to deal with cuts, sprains, strains, broken bones and evacuation strategies.

This clinic is recommended for persons guiding their families and friends in such out-of-the-way places as the Boundary Waters and other remote places. Participants can choose from a morning only session or an all day session.

The morning-only session runs from 9 a.m. to noon and includes hygiene, repairing common injuries, broken bones, medicines and evacuation techniques. Fees for the morning only are \$15.

In addition to the morning events, participants in the all-day clinic will gain field prac-

tice evaluating and caring for various injuries. These participants should dress for outdoor work. Fees for the all day clinic are \$20.

Registration is limited to 25 people on a first-come, first-served basis and is confirmed by mailing in a registration fee by March 1.

People may stay overnight in the center's dorm either prior to or following the event for a donation of \$15 per person per night.

Checks should be made out to DNR-Skills Center. Include the name of each participant, and the address and daytime phone number of one person in each party.

Send your registration fee to: Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center, PO Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413. Inquiries on the status of registrations may be sent via e-mail to Richard.Thiel@wisconsin.gov.

The Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center is located 20 miles west of Wisconsin Rapids on County Highway X, 1 mile north of Highway 80 near Babcock, Wisconsin.

For more information contact the Sandhill Skills Center at (715) 884-6333 or contact Britt Searles at (715) 884-6335.

Snowshoe by candlelight at Rib Mountain State Park on Feb. 10

Take some time on Saturday to enjoy an evening of snowshoeing on the candlelit trails at Rib Mountain State Park, in Rib Mountain, Wis., on February 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. Beginners are welcome to this event, and cider and goodies will be available. The snowshoe trailhead is at the gravel parking lot just south of the office. For more information, contact snowshoe coordinator Nancy Stencil at (715) 359-9166 or e-mail nstencil@charter.net.

Just hear those sleigh bells jingling and skis a-callin' "yoo-hoo!"

Outdoor EdVentures has an opportunity for students to enjoy a relaxing winter getaway on Sunday, Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Enjoy a wintry Sunday afternoon skiing or snowshoeing on beginner to moderately-difficult trails. As evening rolls around, head to Starwood Rides near Ringle, Wis., and get whisked away in a horse-pulled sleigh to a blazing bonfire.

Warm up with s-mores and hot chocolate while relaxing in the woods of Wisconsin before the sleigh ride back home.

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Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide
"V-Day tumor and lesbians"

By Dr. Pat Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM THE NEW MISSION CAFE.

Dear Pat,

What are your feelings towards Valentine's Day? Personally, I believe it is just another Hallmark holiday in which consumerism reaches its ugly hand in the picture, forcing couples to exchange gifts and singles to feel like crap.

Jessie

Honestly Jessie, until I got your letter about a week ago, I'd all but forgotten that Valentine's Day is coming up. You see, I don't pay much attention to crap like that. And that's what VD is: a big, steamy turd in a shiny heart-shaped box.

You were right in your letter. As a holiday, it's made-up bullshit. But Hallmark didn't start it, Chaucer did. He wrote "The Parliament of Fowles" back in the late 1300s. I tell you, there's only one time in history that more crap has been spawned from bad poetry, and that's the musical "Cats."

Now I don't want to get a bunch of huffy letters with people telling me VD all started with St. Valentine, the priest who was imprisoned and fell in love with the jailer's daughter. If that were true, February 14 would be Go-Fuck-A-Priest day. A holiday, I might add, that I would wholeheartedly endorse.

But no, what we have is Valentine's Day. The day designed to convince you that if you don't spend money on someone, right now then you're not really in love. Go on, prove your eternal devotion through a four-dollar greeting card sporting some freakishly deformed bug-eyed puppy on the front. Go ahead and give someone the severed sexual organs of a plant. Diamonds are forever. Every kiss begins with Kay.

Now I'm not just saying this because I don't have a girlfriend, and I'm frothing at the mouth with bitter loneliness and rage. Contrary to what you might think, I do have a girlfriend.

I know, it seems to go against all the laws of god and nature. But not only do I have a girlfriend, not only have we been in a happy, healthy relationship for almost eight years, but Sarah is sweet, kind, smart, funny, and almost unfathomably hot.

I know, it boggles the mind.

There are many theories among my family and friends as to why someone like her would take time to smile in my direction, let alone date me for eight years.

Some of my more religious-minded friends used to believe that she was working off a hefty karmic debt from a previous life. But this theory lost credibility when one of my calculus-savvy Buddhist friends did the math for me, showing how much bad karma Sarah was actually burning off by dealing with me on a daily basis.

What it boils down to is this. If Sarah had, say, beaten a nun to death with a bag of kittens in a previous life, she could have worked that off in about three weeks of putting up with my endless bullshit. In fact, after eight years of living with me Sarah has built up so much good karma that she'll most likely reincarnate as a transcendent being composed entirely of white light and multiple orgasms.

Other theories held by my friends and parents include: blackmail, Truman-Show style conspiracy, and the suspicion that she is performing a prolonged psychological experiment.

What does Sarah herself say? I'll go ask....

In response to the question, "Why the hell do you love me, anyway?" Sarah responded that, "Some part of my soul recognizes part of your soul as being really awesome. And sometimes you take out the trash." Sarah then made several sexually explicit comments that cannot be reprinted here.

Suffice it to say that I possess certain mad skillz that shall remain nameless. Lastly, she gazed rapturously at me and said that I was "gorgeous."

All this seems to confirm my personal theory, that she has some kind of brain tumor that makes her love me. Really, it's the only thing that makes sense.

The only other explanation is that I treat her with kindness and respect. Or because when I give her a gift she knows it comes from a sincere upwelling of emotion, not because it's goddamn Buy-A-Gift Day™. Maybe it's due to the fact that I make a habit of not taking her for granted, and I tell her I appreciate her, rather than buying a card that says it for me once a year.

Yeah. I know. Too crazy. I'm sticking with the tumor theory myself.



Pat,

A while back I was lucky enough to fall in love with my very heterosexual best friend. Somehow, someone upstairs was looking at me and said "Eh, I'm feeling bored...let's give this one a spin" and decided that this wonderful girl would like me. That's right. Me.

Well, a year and a half later, college kicks the shit out of that idea and we are no longer together. We are still trying to be best friends, but suddenly, there is this other boy, one of those annoying "I love her" best guy friends. I'm constantly jealous of him, even though I have slight motivation not to be.

So basically I need help with two things.

1. How can I become less jealous of a person? Specifically, how can I stop thinking of sadistic ways of torturing this nice guy?

2. How do I find random not-so-straight ladies to have random make-outs with?

Your help is very much appreciated...and you are a God.

-Still A Depressed Lesbian.

Wow. A god. That's certainly a new level of ass kissery you're aspiring to, SADL. Thanks.

Let's make number one our priority for now. No good comes from torturing poor, defenseless nice boys. How do I know this? Well, I used to be one of those nice boys.

Imagine the young Pat Rothfuss, innocent and dewy-eyed. He is full of love for humanity. He sings and dances. He never, ever says a bad cuss, not even when terribly cross.

What happened to turn this sweet young boy into the bitter, rage-filled freakshow you have before you now? Honestly, I can't remember. Large chunks of my past are just a blur. But random unjustified torture at the hands of a jilted lesbian

sounds like something that definitely might have pushed me over the edge. Think about it, SADL. Do you really want to inflict another one of me onto the world?

What it comes down to is this. Jealousy is a tough emotion to get under control, SADL. You have two options. You can take the high road or the low road.

The high road is generally better for your emotional health in the long run. You also tend to make fewer enemies, break fewer laws and hurt yourself a lot less. The down side is that it tends to be rather unsatisfying in the short term, and it leaves you with no interesting stories to tell your friends later on in life.

High road options:

If he's really a nice guy, get to know him better. It's hard to hate someone if you know them well. You could also try talking to your ex about how you feel. A little honesty can clear the air between you, and you'll probably find this situation easier to deal with if you can get how you feel off your chest.

If none of that works, avoiding both of them for a while might be the best way to get your head together. This will work really well so long as you can avoid thinking about the possibility that the two of them might be having sex while you're not around. Hot, wicked, delicious sex.

Yeah. You'll be fine so long as you can avoid thinking about their two sweaty bodies frantically twining together, moaning and thrashing. Seriously, stop thinking about that. It's just unhealthy.

High road not doing it for you? No worries, the low road is more fun anyway...

The low road.

Welcome to house Slythern, where the question isn't, "How can I get in touch with my inner Carebear," but rather, "How can I torture this goody-goody bitch without getting blamed for it, beat up, or arrested by the police?"

In my opinion, revenge is a dish best served anonymously. Also, because I'm an aesthete, I hold my vengeance to a certain high-standard of artistic merit. Finally, I aim for irritation rather than lasting physical and psychological harm.

I'm running low on space, so I'll just throw out some ideas to get you started.

Break into his house and steal all his left shoes.

Coat every bar of soap in his house with a thin clear fingernail polish.

Tonight, go out and pour a bucketfull of water onto his car. Repeat every half hour. If you keep it up all night, by tomorrow morning the thing will be a solid block of ice. This also works with household pets.

Gech. I'm out of space, so I'm going to have to stop there. Tune in next week for the second part of SADL's answer. How to find not-so-straight girls for use with sloppy-lesbian-make-outs.

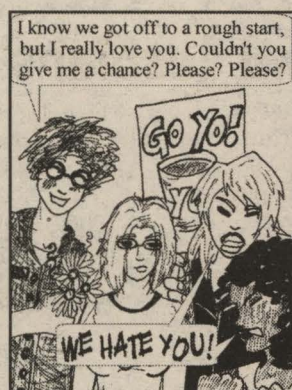
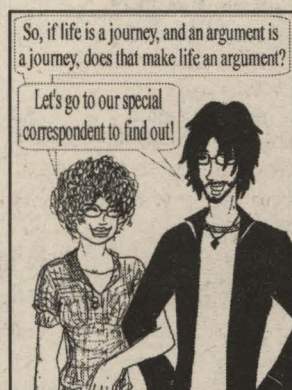
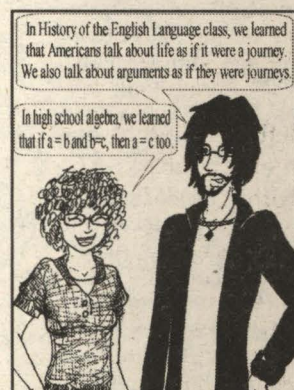
This Friday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m., the New Mission Cafe has a Punk Rock show with Kinit Her, Toybar, Oaken, and Bobo Midnight. Show's open to all ages and only \$5 at the door. Saturday they're having Lilly Palooza, a benefit show featuring: Poor J, The Queue, Nothing Yet, Waiting for Wingmen and The Don/Dan Brigade. Want more details? Check out their online calendar at newmissioncafe.com.

And remember, The New Mission Cafe is open 24 hours on Saturdays now. That's right you can get food, coffee, and hipster 'tude all through the dark hours of the night. No other coffee place in town has ever offered that, so take advantage of it. We're living in a golden age here....

Do you have a question you need answered? Or do you have advice for how SADL can find girls for lesbian make-outs? If so, send an e-mail to proth@wsunix.wsu.edu.

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Resident's Evil



Joy Ratchman



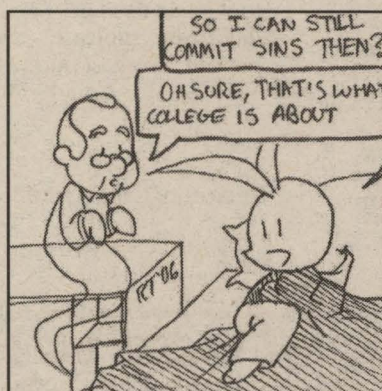
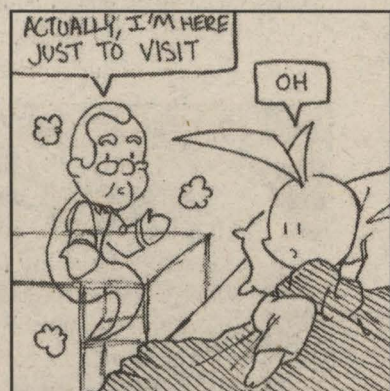
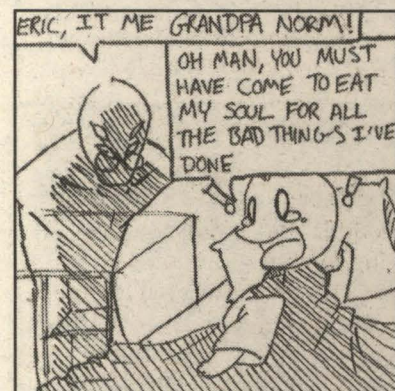
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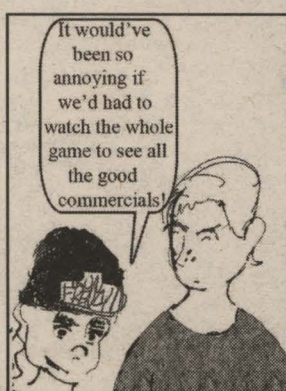
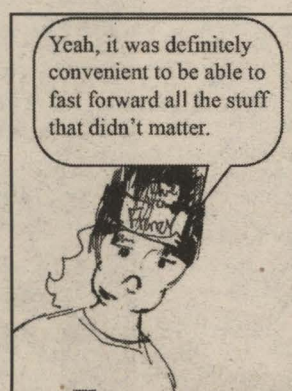
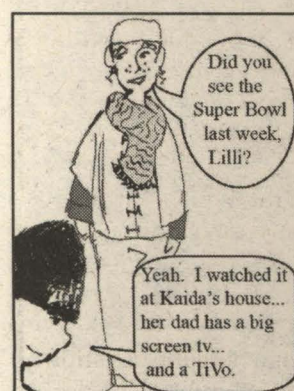
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GIVE FROM YOUR HEART DONATE BLOOD AT UW-SP ON FEBRUARY 12 AND 13

Blood Center of Wisconsin

Blood Center of Wisconsin encourages UWSP students and faculty to give from their heart and save a life by donating blood at the upcoming UWSP blood drive. It only takes about an hour to donate and one donation can save up to three lives.

The Association for Community Tasks will sponsor the UWSP blood drive on Monday, February 12 and Tuesday, February 13. The blood drive starts at 10:30 am and donors will be accepted until 3:30 pm both days. The blood drive will be held in the Pray-Sims Residence Hall, basement study lounge. This blood drive is open to the public and all blood types are needed. Anyone who is at least 17 years old, weighs a minimum of 110 lbs. and is in generally good health can donate blood. Donors should bring a photo ID such as a driver's license or student ID. Your support is appreciated and needed.

BloodCenter of Wisconsin is the sole supplier of blood and blood products to 55 Wisconsin hospitals in 28 counties, including Saint Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point. It is committed to advancing patient care by delivering life-saving solutions grounded in unparalleled medical and scientific expertise. BloodCenter of Wisconsin is not affiliated with the American Red Cross.

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