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 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 to campus.

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

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Hans Walther
Second Ward Alderman since 1995
Employed by Mills Fleet Farm
UW-SP graduate
SPASH graduate

Mike Wiza
Fourth District Alderman
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Former business owner
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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 UWSP 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 also offers banana, blueberry-brown, 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.

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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 engraing 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 network, 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.

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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Connecting learning to life
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 1990s 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 with our 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 emotions 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, vice president of the Psychology Club. "This speech will help obtain more interest in positive psychology."

Thomas elected as chair of state DNR board

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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, 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, Palmrya; 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 of 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/nr/board/
View “Stellar Extremes” at planetarium

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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 forecast of viewing conditions and a statement about whether the observatory is open or 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.

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BU RR... 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 may not be enough. It’s time to pull out the layers.

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. Get to a warm place and rest the injured area. Immerse the area 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.
Pointers get back on track

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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 the top.

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 affect 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. 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 64-65 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.

Pointers men’s basball

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The UW-SP women’s basketball team has shown dominance in conference play. The Pointers, it’s too tough to hold because of a tenacious 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 back front-running Stout.

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.

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Women’s Hockey

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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 Buller.

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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 Wisconsin-Oswego Eagles. 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 stilled 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 back front-running Stout.

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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.

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"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.


Rohmann 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.

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 Shakespeare" 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; 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 10, and 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) 838-3758. MasterCard, Visa and Discover is accepted.

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 2000. Her animations and films have been featured in film festivals and museums and she received Best Short Animation at the 2004 Wisconsin Film Festival.

Seeley is an artist and mural designer for Simi's 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. The hours of the gallery are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. 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 Steenbergen’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, Fresh, 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. His 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: Volume 51 Issue 14
The story “Patchouli puts an upbeat spin on folk” was written by Elizabeth Drews and co-written by Jamie Douglas.

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/Cambridge - 2000)

Wong Kar-wai’s “In the Mood for Love” is a story of unrequited love that looks like 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-chen. 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 after a young man.

Wednesday, 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 feels 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.

Joseph Quinnell
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

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 for what is 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 a 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 different lives who demonstrate time and again that they know 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 a 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.


Inspirado por 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 dissolve into elegant conversations as a single day slips into nine years later.
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 removed from the state. The successful management of the species in Wisconsin and Florida has led to the removal of the species from the endangered species list, which is a significant milestone in wildlife management.

As of Feb. 1 and 2, the state of 17 whooping cranes residing in Florida for three decades were killed during a severe storm. The cranes were a part of a migratory flock that would migrate from Wisconsin to Florida every winter. However, this year, the cranes were unable to migrate due to the severe storm, and all 17 cranes were killed.

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 a significant blow to the conservation efforts of whooping cranes. The population of whooping cranes in the United States is already low and any loss is a significant setback.

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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 us, 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 the DNR, 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 level.

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

Wilderness medicine clinic offered

Outdoors 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 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 practice 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) 884-6355 or contact Britt Searles at (970) 884-3173.

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.

Students brave cold in ice fishing tournament

Anne Frieh The Pointer

In the words of Lenny Jelinski, owner of Sportsman’s Choice, located at 3310 Church Street in beginning to 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, we drove out on the frozen pond in search of the ‘big one,’ many of us set up tip-ups in hopes of catching 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 1/2-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.”

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, where trails 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.

Ski or snowshoes are included but transportation is not included. Sign-up today at Outdoor EdVentures, located in the lower level of the Allen Center.

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"V-Day tumor and lesbians"

By Dr. Pat Rothfus

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 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 Valentine's Day is: a big, steamy holiday.

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Hallmark didn't start it, back in the late 1300s. I tell you, there's only one day designed to convince you that if you don't spend money on someone, right now then you're not really in love. On go, prove your eternal devotion through a four-dollar greeting card sporting some frakking 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 V.

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. What it boils down to is this. If Sarah had, say, beaten a nun to death with a bag of kittens in a pre- vocational 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. What it boils down to is this. If Sarah had, say, beaten a nun to death with a bag of kittens in a pre-vocational 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. What it boils down to is this. If Sarah had, say, beaten a nun to death with a bag of kittens in a pre-vocational 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. What it boils down to is this. If Sarah had, say, beaten a nun to death with a bag of kittens in a pre-vocational 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. What it boils down to is this. If Sarah had, say, beaten a nun to death with a bag of kittens in a pre-vocational life, she could have worked that off in about three weeks of putting up with my endless bullshit.

Sarah then made several sexually explicit comments to get you started. 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 makeouts 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 kissey 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.

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

Imagine the young Pat Rothfus, innocent and dewy-eyed. He is full of love for humanity. He sings and dances. He never, ever says a bad word, 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 downside 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.

In my opinion, revenge is a dish best served anonymously. Also, because I'm an aesthete. I held 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 out of 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 line of clear fingernail polish.

Don/Dan Brigade. Want more details? Check out SADL's answer. How to find not-so-straight girls for use with sloppy-lesbian-make-outs.

Tonight, go out and pour a bucketful 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.

Geesh. I'm out of space, so I'm going to have to stop here. I want 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 hosts a Punk Rock show with Kinit Her, Toybar, Oaken, and Boys Midnight. Show's open to all ages, and only $5 at the door. Saturday they're having Lilly Paloza, a benefit show featuring Poor J, The Queen, Nothing Yet, Waiting for Wingmen and The Don/Don 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. 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 SADL, and girls for lesbian make-outs? If so, send an e-mail to prof@sunix.usu.edu.
Resident's Evil

So, if life is a journey, and an argument is a journey, does that make life an argument?

Let's go to our usual correspondent in fact!

I know we got off to a tough start, but I really love you. Couldn't you give me a chance? Please! Please!

I'm going to take that as a "yes," and our cue to leave.

I won't argue with that!

Muse

Did you see the Super Bowl last week, Gill?

Yeah, I watched it at Kevin's house. Her dad has a big screen TV.

Really? TiVo? Wow, that sounds like it would've been pretty nice.

Yeah, it was definitely convenient to be able to fast forward all the stuff that didn't matter.

It would've been so annoying if we'd had to watch the whole game to see all the good commercials.

Ryan Tidball

I'm here just to visit.

Oh, how I am still confused.

Joy Ratchman

ACTUALLY, I'M HERE JUST TO VISIT.

Oh.

I would've been so annoying if we'd had to watch the whole game to see all the good commercials.

Lo Shim

I won't file that!

I won't file that!

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February

14 edition of the comics!

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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.

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