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U.S. Rep. Dave Obey visits UW-SP

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Longtime United States Representative Dave Obey made a special stop at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point during his week off from Congress due to President's Week to discuss current affairs with the students of the American Government for Teachers course.

Obey touched on a number of topics that were relevant to the audience both as students and citizens, including the effects of political ignorance, new developments in financial aid and the war in Iraq. Students of the course had the chance to ask him questions following his speech.

The discussion on financial aid delved into the increases in the total funds for Pell Grants, an award for undergraduates based on financial need that doesn't need to be repaid.

"In 1973 or 1974 when the Pell grants were passed, they covered 70 percent of the cost of going to a four-year, public university," Obey said. "Today, they only cover 34 percent of the cost."

A previous budget proposal made by President Bush on Feb. 5 suggested the same idea of increasing the maximum Pell grant, but with

a different means of reaching that goal by eliminating Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and Federal Capital contributions for the Perkins Loan program.

According to Obey, this course of action would have a negative impact on students and their families. Obey, along with the House and Senate have sought a different route that would eliminate cutting important funding for students while cutting programs that were in place under the previous Republican Congress. The new budget would allocate \$600 million to increase the maximum award \$260 per student.

Perhaps the most prominent topic of discussion was the war in Iraq, a topic which triggered numerous sentiments among the students in attendance. Obey touched on maintaining a minimum one-year recovery time for U.S. soldiers who have just served terms overseas as an effort to stifle Bush's plans to surge 21,000 troops to Iraq in an effort to put down the increasingly violent aggression in the region.

The teacher of the course which hosted Obey, assistant professor of political science Scott Orr, thought the congressman's presence in the classroom would present a unique perspective on politics

that they don't get from reading the book. But before the decision was made, he had the class settle the situation democratically.

"Since this was going to take up class time, I sent out an email announcement to the students in the class and let them vote on whether or not to have him here," Orr said. "I think the final result was 23 to seven in favor."

Obey was allowed to come to the classroom through the power of the vote, the influence of which was stressed by Obey as one that the young generation of eligible voters would have to be aware of in their lifetime.

"What we debate in the Capitol Building doesn't just effect us, it effects everyone else," Obey said. "Elections do change things."

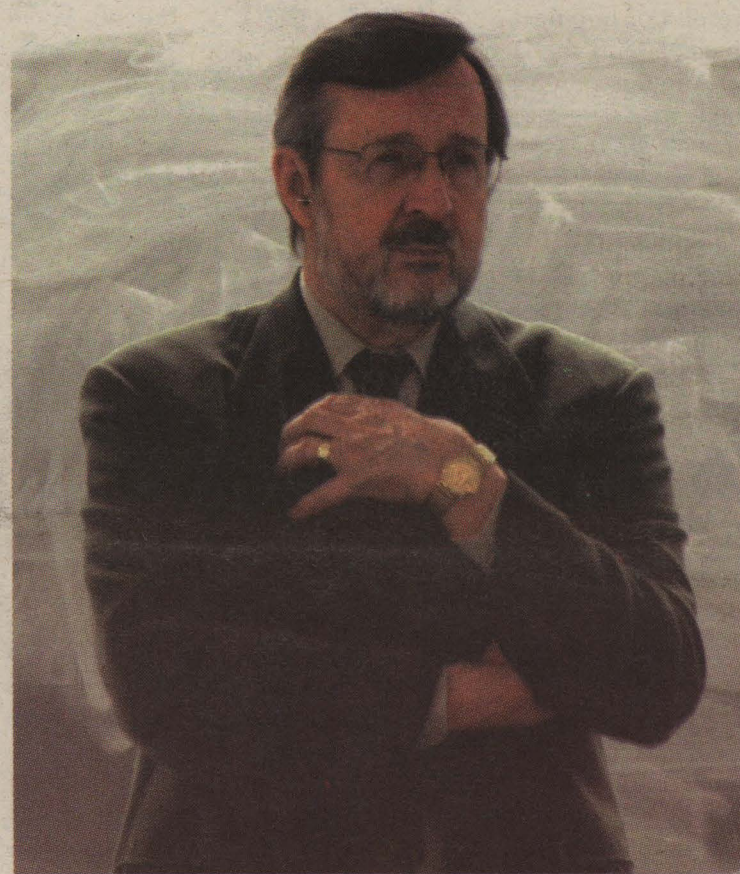


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U.S. Rep. Dave Obey, addressing students last Monday

UW-SP receives environmental education training money

Press Release
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND
COMMUNICATIONS

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's (UW-SP) College of Natural Resources (CNR) manages the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Environmental Education Training program (EETAP).

Recently, the EPA awarded UW-SP \$1,689,575 for EETAP to continue its national training program.

UW-SP has managed EPA's program to increase the nation's environmental literacy since 2000. Over \$17 million dollars have been committed to this national program. According to Richard Wilke, UW System distinguished professor of environmental education, 212,531,968 education professionals were reached through EETAP activities in

the last year. It is estimated that these educators in turn reached 2,198,515 individuals.

The competitive award comes from the EPA's Office of Environmental Education. EETAP is managed by UW-SP's CNR but involves seven other training providers across the country including the North American Association for Environmental Education, National Audubon Society, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center, Project Learning Tree, Northern Illinois University and National Project WET.

"Wisconsin's Congressman David Obey has been instrumental in spearheading a national effort to give educators quality environmental education resources and professional development," said

Wilke. According to Wilke the EETAP project fills a critical role in the development of an environmentally literate public.

Examples include:

- + Providing online environmental education resources through a Web site visited by over 10,000 educators daily
- + Influencing the environmental education content of courses and curriculum provided to future teachers by over 600 colleges and universities through joint efforts with the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education
- + Providing resources and training in environmental education to over 30,000 education leaders through joint efforts with the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- + Training hundreds of environmental education

leaders on how to work more effectively with culturally diverse audiences

+ Developing online courses that have been completed by educators from 49 states and twelve foreign countries and which have directly resulted in the improvement of programs serving over 2,020,000 people annually

+ Developing professional certification programs for environmental educators at the state and national level to insure their proficiency.

EETAP is the national training program of EPA's Office of Environmental Education, established through the National Environmental Education Act of 1990. UWSP administers EETAP through a cooperative agreement with the EPA. EETAP's Web site provides more information on its activities at www.eetap.org.

UW students vote on resolution to drop Alpha & Massey from their coal purchasing policy

Press Release

UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATIONS

On Sunday, Feb. 11, students from the UW System unanimously voted in favor of a resolution to ask the Board of Regents to re-think their coal purchasing policy which expires June 2007.

Representatives of the University of Wisconsin campuses of Stevens Point, La Crosse and Eau Claire, introduced the resolution to the United Council of UW Student's general assembly, asking students around the UW System to endorse the legislation. Students passed this resolution hoping the Board of Regents and the Department of Administration (DOA) will take the issue seriously and reconsider their current purchasing policy.

For three years the UW System has been tied to a contract with Alpha and Massey Energy, two large mining companies known for their poor history of repeat violations.

"Currently the coal powering the UW System is surface mined in Kentucky where the company's practices have been found to adversely impact the public and environmental health for citizens in Kentucky," said Stevens Point alumna Lauren McGrath.

Ross Cohen, Student Government Association President for UW-SP, said "the mines where the UW System purchases their coal are owned by two companies with some of the worst track records out there. They are known for their irresponsible practices and consistent violations."

The UW students voted for this legislation because they see this as an opportunity to take the state's renewable energy commitment to a new level. According to McGrath, "This is about environmental justice and finding the solutions to create a just energy future. Students have the choice to purchase coal that does not threaten the public health for families in

Kentucky."

Kevin Pentz, who works for Kentuckians for the Common Wealth in Kentucky noted, "In just one of the mines where the UW System buys their coal, Massey has a coal prep plant there where coal sludge has polluted the Big Sandy River with black water releases regularly. The prep plant is right next to a school and local citizens there have talked about how bad the coal dust is in the school because of the prep plant."

The resolution passed by UW students asks the Board of Regents and the DOA to negotiate with coal companies that can provide coal that is deep mined by a unionized labor force. The legislation asks that before signing a coal purchasing contract, a company's history of violations be taken into consideration as well. A statement issued by McGrath and Cohen states, "The ultimate objective is to eventually plug the UW System into a post-carbon, renewable energy source. However, realistically we are far from that.

For now, there needs to be a unified effort in the UW System to increase energy efficiency, implement conservation measures and a movement towards more renewable energy alternatives. The UW System student's effort towards a sustainable energy future emphasizes ensuring the fossil fuels we do use currently are derived from the best practices and companies the UW System can identify."

Cohen referenced the states initiatives in renewable energy by noting, "Governor Doyle has nominated four campuses to move off the grid by 2012. This purchasing policy is part of that vision for students.

It is a priority to students that while in the transition to a more sustainable energy future, we need to start doing responsible purchasing of the fossil fuels now.

There's no easy answer, but if students can have a say in helping the public health of families in Kentucky and purchase more responsible forms of coal - we need to do it."

Renowned opera singer coming to UW-SP

Press Release

UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATIONS

Internationally renowned opera singer Rodney Gilfry will bring his one-man show, "Rodgers to Rossini," to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus on Tuesday, March 13.

The performance will begin at 7 p.m. in the Jenkins Theatre of the Noel Fine Arts Center. Gilfry will exhibit his vocal ability and range, singing well-known pieces as well as some of his own material. In addition to the evening performance, Gilfry will present a master class for UW-SP students the following afternoon.

"It's always been a dream

of mine to have Rod come to Stevens Point," said community arts supporter Anne Schierl, a longtime fan of Gilfry's who asked him to schedule a performance in her hometown.

A baritone, Gilfry has had over 40 roles in major operas worldwide and is also known as a cabaret and voice-over artist. His reputation grew in 1998 when he pioneered the role of Stanley Kowalski in "A Streetcar Named Desire" with the San Francisco Opera. He has sung for the Frankfurt Opera, Zurich Opera, Metropolitan Opera and with operas in Chicago, Los Angeles, Dallas and San Diego.

A Grammy-nominat-

ed singer for his 1995 "Don Giovanni" CD, he has 23 audio and video recordings to his credit, hosted the "Opera Notes on Air" radio show in Los Angeles for three years and just released a DVD and CD of his one-man show, "My Heart is So Full of You."

In July he will appear with the Chicago Symphony as Joe in Frank Loesser's musical "The Most Happy Fella" at the Ravinia Festival, and in September he will create his sixth role in the world premiere of "The Fly," a new opera by composer Howard Shore and librettist David Henry Hwang.

Gilfry has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of both Cal State Fullerton,

where he earned a bachelor's degree, and the University of Southern California, where he earned a master's degree. He and his wife, Tina, reside in Southern California with their three children.

Tickets for the evening show are \$16 for adults and \$5.50 for UW-SP students and youth, or free for UW-SP students with ID the day of the show. Tickets may be purchased at the University Box Office, located at 200 Division Street, Stevens Point, between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets may also be ordered by phone at (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378 or online at <http://tickets.uwsp.edu>. Credit cards are accepted.

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SGA Update:

Upcoming Issues in Senate:

- Lowering parking meter prices
- Getting rid of the paper Timetable and Course Catalogs
- Getting a recycling program on campus
- Approving annual budgets

If you have any thoughts or ideas on these or any other issues that you would like Senate or SGA to work on, email jglod170@uwsp.edu. We are always looking for more ways to make student life more enjoyable.

The Senator application deadline has been extended to Thursday at 8 p.m. Pick up an application today.

Also, don't hesitate to stop by the Senate meeting every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Founder's Room of Old Main.

Interested in newspaper writing?

Want to see your name in print?
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E-mail us at pointer@uwsp.edu

Local Weekend Weather Forecast For Stevens Point courtesy of Weather.com

**Friday,
Feb. 23**

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Professors by day, rock stars by night

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Most students don't expect to find their professors as the entertainment for a Saturday night concert when they go downtown. But for students visiting the Mission Café on Saturday Feb. 17, this was the case.

Ice Cream Socialist, comprised of professors David Williams and Dave and Nikki Arnold, treated the audience to covers of classic rock hits by The Beatles, The Rolling

Stones and Cream, among others. Some of the more upbeat classics that got the crowd out of their seats were "Jumpin' Jack Flash," "Cocaine" and "Born to be Wild."

"Between Dave and me there's kind of a Beatles versus Stones thing," said Williams. "I'm a huge Beatles fan and Dave is a huge Rolling Stones fan."

Nikki's musical input led the band to gravitate toward AC/DC, currently her favorite band.

Arnold added, "We split the difference on Chuck Berry because some are covered

by the Beatles and some by the Stones."

As Chuck Berry is a common denominator for the influence upon their music, Arnold and Williams' musical background is also similar. Both professors took violin lessons for a period of time when they were in grade school and played various instruments along the way. When Arnold was 18 years old he took up playing the bass.

Williams, however, claimed to have flunked out of violin lessons, been kicked out of percussion lessons and took fruitless piano lessons before finding his passion for the guitar in ninth grade.

Years later, Ice Cream Socialist came together on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus. Williams always had in mind

to form a faculty band.

"I thought to myself, if I ever became a professor one day I want to do this."

The desire to form a band was immediate, but it came with some guidelines, explained Arnold.

"David Williams suggested we start a classic rock band once we both got tenure, and we started a bit before that actually happened."

Now the band is going strong and after their first public performance, feeling

pretty good. Williams felt "it went reasonably well, except for the fact that absolutely no one was dancing."

Arnold feels confident for the next public performance that takes place Thursday, March 1 at 8 p.m. in the Faux-Core of the CAC. The performance is free and welcome to all.

"The March gig will be cake," said Arnold. "We could play it in our sleep. Probably will."

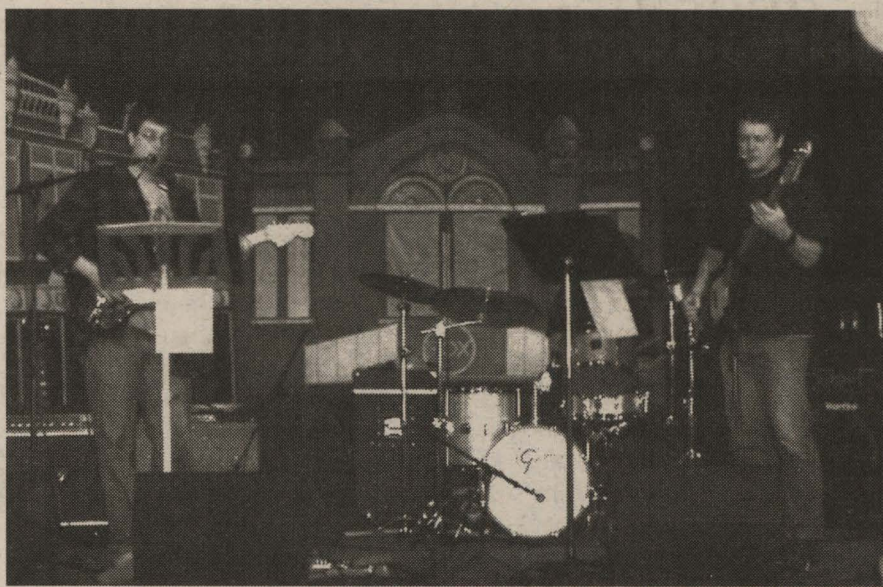
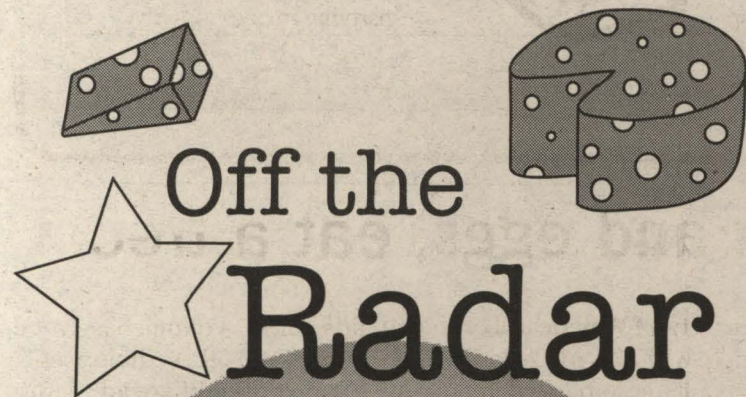


Photo courtesy of David Williams

Ice Cream Socialist will be on campus for the first time on March 1 at 8 p.m. in the Faux-Core.



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Wisconsin takes great pride in being unofficially nicknamed the "Dairy State." Off the Radar felt it only proper to exhibit this pride by taking a scenic drive to Rudolph to learn about Wisconsin Dairy State Cheese Company.

Upon arrival it becomes quite evident that the company knows how to display its dairy. The array of cheese products available for purchase almost overwhelms anyone who walks through the doors for the first time. As

one customer explained, "it is a feast for your eyes and your mouth."

Some varieties of cheese include cheddar, Swiss, Colby and mozzarella. However, Wisconsin Dairy also includes some very unique flavors including cranberry cinnamon goat cheese and pizza cheese curd.

Mild cheddar cheese is available in numerous shapes varying from a Green Bay Packers colored football to a dolphin to an ice cream cone. The shapes certainly draw a lot of attention and provide a good amount of business for

the company.

For those customers not as favorable toward cheese, dairy, fudge, butter, and ice cream are available for purchase. One side of the building has been designated for an ice cream shop. It is set up as its own shop featuring fourteen homemade flavors.

For an added incentive, every day but Wednesday and Sunday, customers are able to view workers making the products they purchase from an observation window that spans almost the entire length of one wall. Customers are able to see the varieties of

cheese, butter and ice cream from their infancy.

When visiting Wisconsin Dairy State Cheese Company, customers receive more than the products they purchase, they gain an understanding. And, for those customers from Wisconsin, a little bit more

pride for the "Dairy State" is felt after leaving.

The business, located at Box 215 Hwy. 34, is open to the public seven days a week. Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5:15 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-12 p.m.



Need some cheese? Go to Box 215 Hwy. 34 in Rudolph, Wisconsin.

Photo by Katie Leb

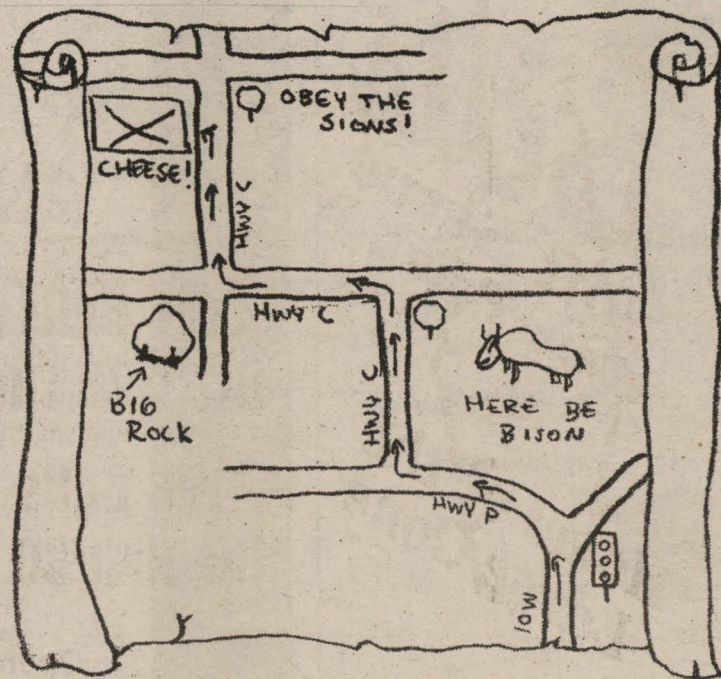


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Managing money well now will be helpful in the long run

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College students, such as those that attend school here at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, are notorious for their financial complications. With tuition, books, rent and other essential payments that need to be made, there is usually not very much extra cash to casually waste away. By using the following spending and saving techniques, however, managing money could be much simpler.

1. **Do not write checks or use a debit card without verifying that there is enough money in the account.** This may seem like an obvious point, but many overdraft charges and fees of \$20 to \$35 are often applied because an account holder does not keep track of their balances. Make note of every transaction in order to keep tabs on the most current balance. In other words, don't spend money you don't have!

2. **Make sure to check monthly statements as soon as they are received.** This is an easy way to keep track of transactions and make sure there are no errors or fraudulent charges to the account. If there are any withdrawals that seem suspicious, contact the financial institution immediately.

3. **Open the account that is right for your needs.** Do not get drawn in by "rewards" or other incentives to open new checking or savings accounts without reading the fine print. The incentive may be overshadowed

by hidden charges or fees that customers may not be aware of. There are also other things to think about: Is there a minimum balance? Is there a fee that will be imposed if that balance isn't kept? Will the funds be withdrawn regularly, or will they stay in the account to earn interest? When opening new accounts, don't be afraid to ask questions in order to address specific circumstances.

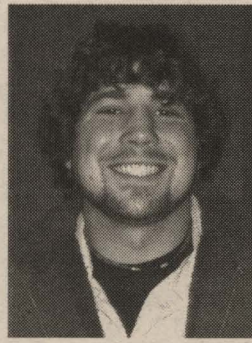
4. **Use credit cards wisely.** Keep credit card balances low. Pay as much on the existing balance as possible every month to avoid high interest charges. Make payments on time, since late payments can increase the interest percentage and potentially harm credit scores, which could make getting loans or insurance difficult in the future.

5. **Take care of your personal information.** Keep Social Security numbers, credit/debit card numbers, PINs, passwords and any other identifying information secure. Scams and identity thieves are more prevalent than ever, so it is extremely easy to fall victim and get involved in a situation that is complicated, as well as expensive, to solve. Do not give out any personal information in response to suspicious phone calls or e-mails.

Making wise decisions about money could mean all the difference in the future. Be careful about spending habits and make good choices, and all money problems could be resolved. For these and other tips, and for more information, visit www.fdic.gov/consumernews.

Pointer Poll

...If you weren't spending your money on tuition, what would you spend it on?



"I would rent a beachhouse in Australia for a month and surf every day."

Tyler Tenpas
Senior



"If I didn't have to pay for my tuition I would buy a new wardrobe for myself and a few close friends...and maybe an elephant."

Jolene Dalebroux
Senior



"If I wasn't paying for college tuition I would go have a hell of a time at Cabella's."

Ellyse Wenos
Junior



"I would be spending it on traveling the world and partying in every country."

Kenson Vang a.k.a "Big Poppa"
Junior

Forget bacon and eggs, eat a tree

Rochelle Nechuta
POINTLIFE REPORTER

In the Stevens Point area, it is wise to know about survival in the wilderness.

Sam Thayer, an advocate of wild plant foraging, will lecture in CNR room 170 at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22. The lecture is presented by the

Society of American Foresters and will provide information about tree-produced foods in the Midwest with help from slides and edible examples.

"It [the lecture] will teach a lot about available parts of trees that people may not have known about," said SAF President Ken Price. "It can teach people about trees around them and about the foods they could possibly provide."

"At Forager's Harvest we look at wild food from many angles of interest: health and nutrition, gourmet cooking, wilderness survival, thrift, self-reliance," according to Thayer's website www.foragerharvest.com. "We also believe that responsible foraging builds environmental awareness and is the most ecologically sustainable method of procuring food."

On the Web site Thayer provides articles he has written about eating the common milkweed plant, making sal-

ads from young Basswood leaves, and other edible uses of often overlooked wild plants. His book, "Forager's Harvest: A Guide to Identifying, Harvesting, and Preparing Edible Wild Plants" will be available at the lecture.

"We will only protect what we love, and we only love what we know. Because foraging is way of interacting with nature rather than simply observing it, it is an activity that generates a strong connection to the landscape," said Thayer.

SAF organized this event and hosts others, such as the Pulp Cut chain-saw-safety class and river clean-up with local elementary students.

For more information

about the event contact SAF Treasurer Laura Prey at lprey361@uwsp.edu. For more information about Thayer and Forager's Harvest visit www.foragerharvest.com.



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POINTLIFE REPORTER

Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) might be a great opportunity for you to get a step ahead of the rest!!!

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point chapter of SHRM provides students with ample opportunities for networking, resume-building workshops, mock interviews, local business tours and speaker conventions.

Speaker topics range from all sorts of issues related to Human Resources of businesses. Luncheons are optional and held about twice a month at the Sentry Restaurant.

These events in particular are a great chance to network with professionals, potential employers and enjoy a meal while listening to experts in the field. The conventions include discussion of current HR issues, question/answer sessions and interaction with students interested in Human Resources.

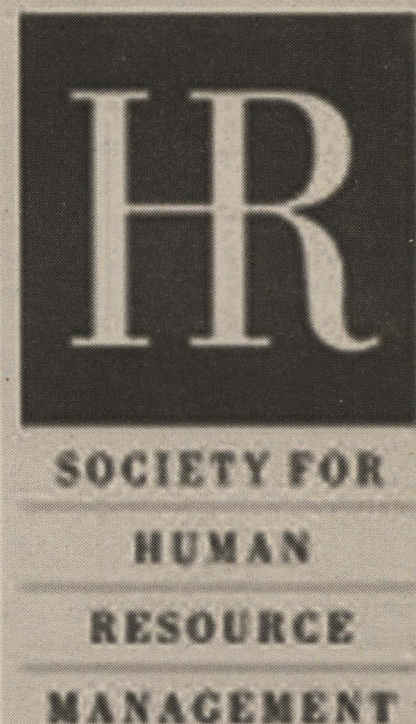
The knowledge gained from SHRM combined with plenty of opportunities to network with professionals can help answer many of your inquiries and potentially gain an advantage in the working world.

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. Representing more than 210,000 individual mem-

bers, the Society's mission is to serve the needs of HR professionals by providing the most essential and comprehensive resources available.

As an influential voice, the Society's mission is also to advance the human resource profession to ensure that HR is recognized as an essential partner in developing and executing organizational strategy. Founded in 1948, SHRM currently has more than 550 affiliated chapters and members in more than 100 countries.

Any questions or comments? Contact us at shrm@uwsp.edu. Or contact our local chapter president, Travis Meier at tmeie402@uwsp.edu.



If graduate school is in your future pay close attention

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After four or five years of college, most students cannot wait to be finished with school. But for those students who feel ambitious enough, graduate school is the next step. To give some advice on how to make the transition into graduate studies, Dr. Shane Lopez from University of Kansas discussed the process of graduate school admissions for students while visiting the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Feb. 7.

Although specificities applied to the psychology students present, the advice he gave spread to all areas of study. Lopez explained that universities, in selecting graduate students, are basing their decisions on the same guidelines.

"We all are looking for basically the same things," said Lopez. "We want to know a little bit about your GPA. We want to know a little bit about your GRE® and we look at your letters. Those are the biggies."



Lopez

While most students understand a university's desire to have a student's GPA and letters, many students have not even heard of the GRE® or Graduate Record Examinations. The exams are similar to the ACT® test as it measures verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, and critical thinking, but has an additional section to measure an individual's analytical writing skills.

To put it into simpler terms, Lopez described the GRE® as essentially being the metric that "predicts your potential for how you would do during that first year of graduate school."

He and his colleagues want to know "can this person drop in and do some good work during this first year of graduate school as we train them up?" adds Lopez.

Once all three factors are considered, Lopez stated that "we essentially make paper cuts."

Programs around the country have limited spots available each semester so making your application stand out in the pile is essential.

"Graduate programs are very interested in diversity of all types. And I mean all types," said Lopez.

The more activities a student is involved with during their undergraduate years or an outside relationship the student has with a professor can be deciding factors as to whether an interview is requested.

"Being in a professor's course is good, but having that outside experience is great," said Lopez.

If a student does reach

the level when interviews are requested, Lopez suggested that there are basically three things that interviewers are looking for. He said that by this time the paper application is put away and interviewers are analyzing "your social skills, your enthusiasm and the last thing is the match, the match between your interest and what we can train you to do."

He added, "You need to find a place that's a good fit. If you find a place where you can be very engaged, it can

be a less prestigious place, but you get more involved."

Lopez left the students in attendance with the reminder that "doing graduate school is hard because it is intense. It's deep. You drill down on topics you have to think not just share information."

For those students ready for the challenge of graduate school take some of Dr. Lopez's advice and make your application rise to the top of the pile.

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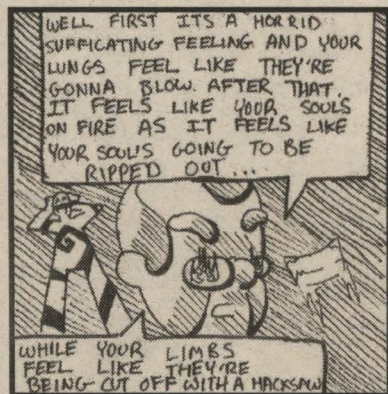
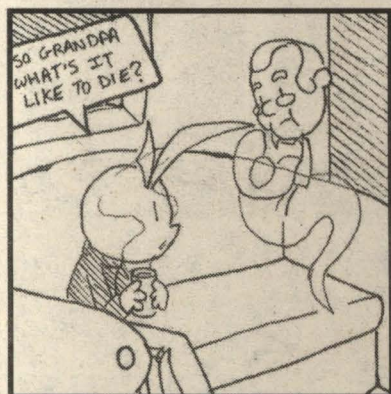
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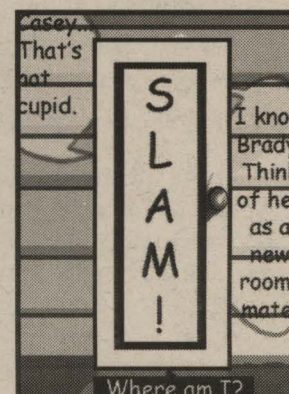
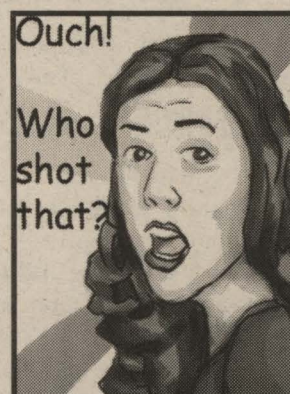


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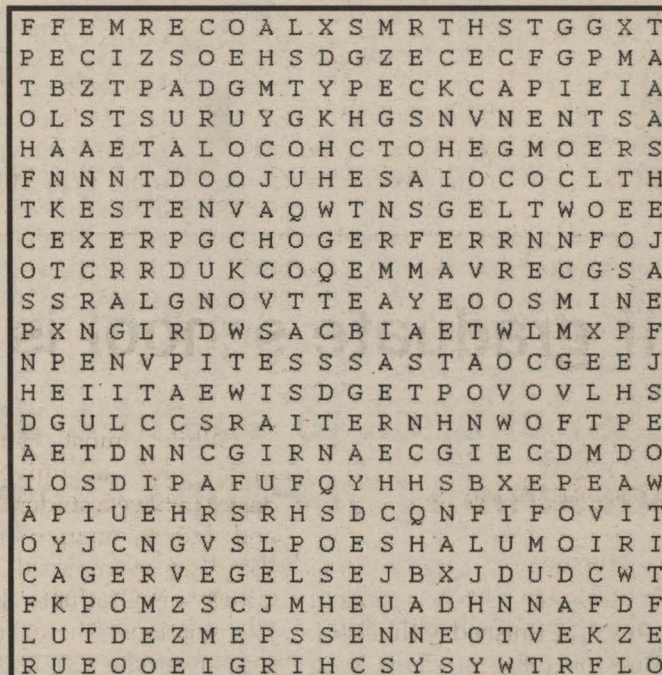
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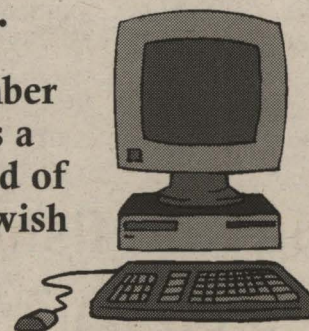
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Outdoors

Chilly race over frozen bay a success for UW-SP PRA club

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Five of the six students from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Parks and Recreation Association (PRA) never expected to do anything like this. Yet, there they were, about to begin a 6.2-mile race over a frozen bay with only the stars and the distant glow of ice candles to guide their way.

The members were six of hundreds of race contestants participating in the Book Across the Bay cross-country ski and snowshoe race that took place on Saturday, Feb. 17, in Washburn, Wis.

Each winter, Lake Superior's Chequamegon Bay freezes thick enough to support car races, snowmobile tours, fishing shanties and even an "ice road" from Bayfield, Wis., to Madeline Island.

For 11 years participants from around the Midwest ski or snowshoe their way 6.2 miles (10 kilometers) from

Ashland, Wis., across the Bay to Washburn. The event helps to raise money for the Ashland Public Library.

This year, race coordinators made a last-minute change. Because of snow and course conditions, the race began and ended in Washburn.

"It was definitely chilly, but it was incredible," said Brandon Caley, a student member of PRA and a race participant. "I had never really cross-country skied before I decided to do this, so it was really tough. But it was worth it, being under a clear, starry night and being in good company."

Because the race started at 7 p.m., after sunset, the loop trail was lit by ice luminaries, or candles in ice holders. Along the way, there were rest stops complete with campfires, cookies, water and hot chocolate.

"Everyone was excited and a little nervous to do the race, even though most of us had never cross-country skied before," said Joanna Bietka, treasurer of PRA and a third-year race participant. "We

went at our own pace and we trusted it was safe ice because there were trucks driving on it. There was one time, though, when we heard the ice crack and it was so loud that it sounded like a gunshot!"

Sore muscles plagued many of the students the morning after the race, but according to Caley, the aches and pains were worth it.

"My overall goal was just to do it. I'm pretty proud of myself and I'm happy that all our group members did it. It wasn't an easy thing to do," he said.

More about UW-SP PRA...

Each year, the UW-SP Parks and Recreation Association participates in forest recreation and a variety of volunteer work in nearby state and county parks.

Meetings are Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in room 361 in the College of Natural Resources. To be a member, sign up at the meeting or contact association president Toni Larson at tlars360@uwsp.edu.



Photo by Brandon Caley

Six members of the UW-Stevens Point Parks and Recreation Association participated in the Book Across the Bay cross-country ski and snowshoe race on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Last chance to spend a day spelunking at Popp's Cave

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Join the experienced spelunking staff at Outdoor EdVentures as they lead students through a natural limestone cave in the countryside of Richland Center, Wis. On March 3 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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below the water table.

Leave your coats behind - the cave stays at a constant temperature of about 50 degrees year-round.

See spectacular stalactites, stalagmites and bats as you crawl through intricate crawl spaces.

For more information about spelunking, visit Outdoor EdVentures in the lower level of the Allen Center or e-mail trip leader Derek Miess at dmies534@uwsp.edu.

Hunting and fishing licenses on sale March 9

Press Release
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Wisconsin hunting, fishing, trapping and other 2007-2008 licenses and harvest permits go on sale March 9.

Licenses are valid April 2007 through March 2008. Department of Natural Resources license customer service agents will be selling 2007 hunting, fishing and trapping licenses beginning March 9 as a convenience to hunters and anglers visiting the Milwaukee Sports Show.

The DNR booth is a popular stop at the show, with more than 3,500 people buy-

ing licenses at the show.

Hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased over the Internet through the Online Licensing Center, at any DNR Service Center, at 1,450 automated license issuance system sales locations or by calling toll-free (877) 945-4236.

For more information contact the Bureau of Customer Service and Licensing at (608) 266-2621.

Outdoor•Ed Ventures Tip of the Week



Cindy Kowalchuk
RENTAL TECHNICIAN/TRIP LEADER

Bladder bags require regular maintenance so they stay clean and work efficiently. Here are three new solutions for common backcountry drinking problems.

1. Keep it frozen. Freeze

out the "funk" that can build up in your bladder by storing in the freezer where "funk" can't grow. Make sure it's empty, unscrew the cap, fold it and tuck it next to the Ben and Jerry's.

2. Suck up the slosh. Inevitably, there's air space at the top of your reservoir after you fill it, which can cause an annoying "sloshing" as

you hike. The best cure? Turn the reservoir upside-down and suck the air pocket out through the hose. Slide the bladder back into your pack and move down the trail gurge-free.

3. Fizz off the filth. Use Efferdent to clean your reservoir. It costs about a tenth as much as reservoir-cleaning tabs and does a better job. Make sure to rinse the reservoir or it will taste like concentrated mouthwash. For cleaning the hose, there's no substitute for Camelbak's Cleaning Brush Kit.

For more information about bladder bags and other tips, stop by Outdoor EdVentures in the lower level of the Allen Center.

Warmer temperatures attract early fire season in Portage County

DNR forest ranger cautions UW-SP students to be careful with fire

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This week's warmer temperatures were quick to melt the remaining snow on the ground. If current weather conditions continue, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fire officials say fire season could ignite earlier than usual.

DNR state officials recently issued a press release warning Wisconsin residents that wildfire season is heating up as Wisconsin now enters its third year of below average precipitation. Much of northwestern Wisconsin has been classified as in the extreme drought category as calculated by the Palmer Drought Index.

"Our fire season around Stevens Point starts the day we lose our snow to Memorial Day weekend," said Brad Kildow, DNR forest ranger for Portage County. "Prolonged warm weather will foster fires to start earlier than we expect," he said.

A lack of precipitation causes vegetation and soil to be much drier than normal, increasing the risk of forest fires and their rate of spread.

According to Kildow, fire activity in this area is prone to hitting open fields and south-facing slopes first.

"In the early part of the season, it'll usually start in grassy fields. Then as the season progresses, it will target pine litter and then eventually the hardwood litter," said

Kildow.

Kildow warns students if they start a fire, they are responsible for the damages and suppression costs that go along with it. A fine for an unattended fire costs about \$160.

"Fire suppression costs add up real fast," said Kildow. "To put a campfire completely out, drown it with water, stir it, drown it again and then sticking your fingers in the ashes. If you can't stick your fingers in it, it's not out."

Kildow also added before disposing of barbecue grill ashes, place them in a metal container or on bare earth, but never in paper or plastic bags or cardboard boxes. Wet the ashes and stir as you add more water to make sure they

are dead cold.

"Never dump your coals on the edge of woods. On a windy day, it's the right kind of kindling needed for a forest fire."

For more information

about fire regulations, campfire regulation and barbecue grill guidelines visit the Wisconsin DNR website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/fire/adwscmp.htm>.



Photo by Anne Frie

UW-Stevens Point students stand around this campfire with caution. They know to attend a fire at all times.

Remaining spring turkey permits on sale March 23

Press Release
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

More than 43,000 permits for the 2007 Wisconsin spring turkey hunting season will go on sale beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 23.

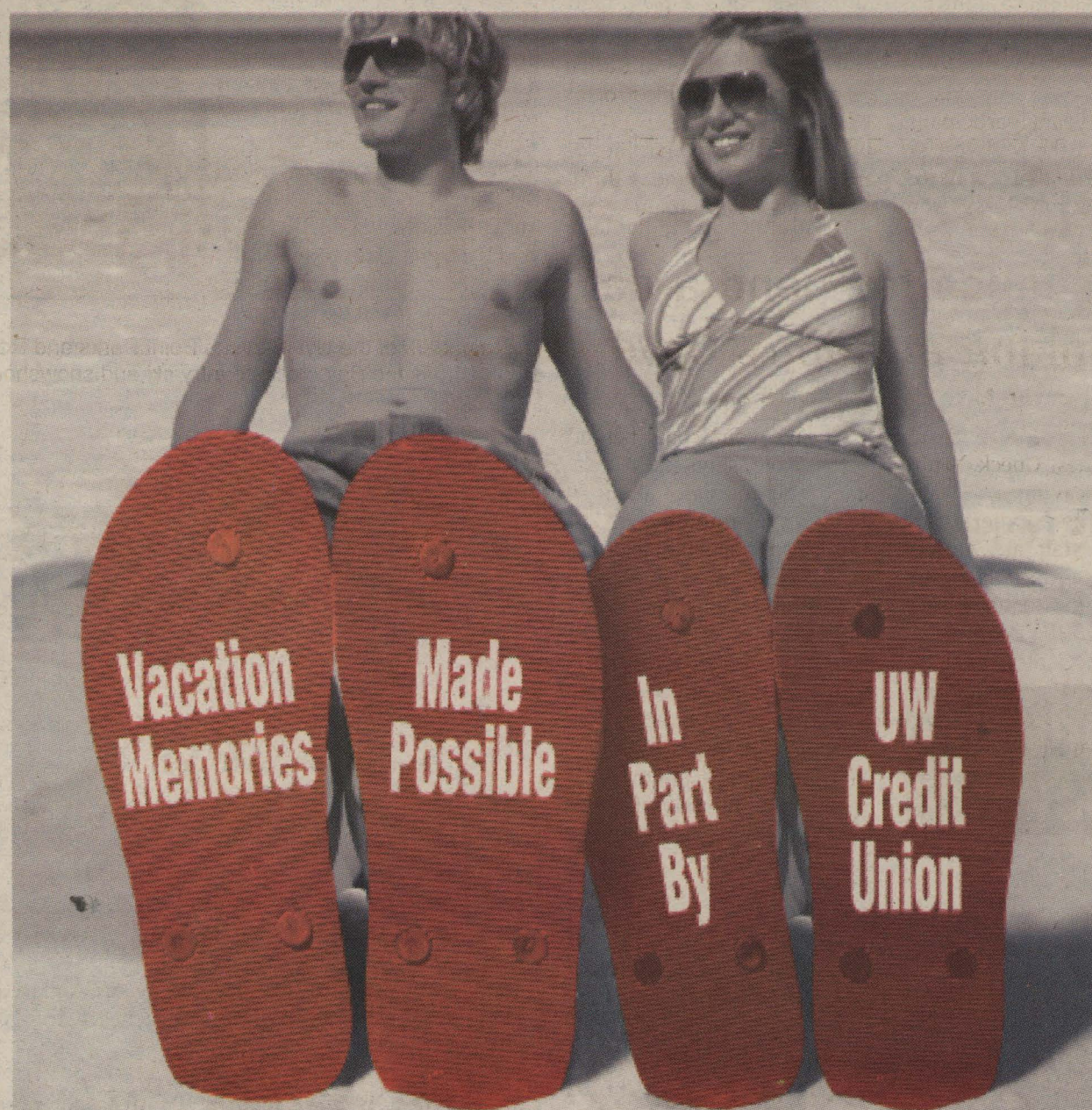
The permits can be purchased over the Internet through the Online Licensing Center; at any DNR Service Center; at automated license issuance system sales locations. They may also be purchased by calling toll-free at (877) 945-4236.

The spring hunting season will run from April 11 through May 20. Hunters will be able to purchase one turkey permit per day until each zone and time period is sold out.

Permits cost \$10 for residents and \$15 for non residents in addition to an annual hunting license and turkey stamp.

All hunters must first purchase a spring turkey license in order to purchase a bonus permit, unless they are a Conservation Patron license holder.

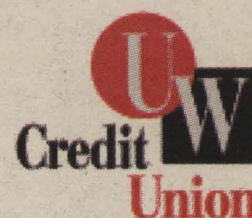
The DNR encourages patron license buyers to purchase their license prior to March 23 to expedite buying additional spring turkey permits. Permits cannot be purchased for another individual, with the exception that a parent/guardian can purchase a permit for their minor child.



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Sports

Pointers roll on in WIAC Quarterfinal game

Men's Basketball

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With a 53 point second-half outburst, the top-seeded University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team cruised to an easy 89-55 victory over eighth-seeded UW-Eau Claire on Tuesday, Feb. 20 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference - Tournament Quarterfinals.

UW-SP, the nation's top-ranked team, has now reached the WIAC semifinals for the sixth straight year. The win was the seventh straight for UW-SP (23-2), who are now 8-1 all-time in the WIAC tournament.

Joining them in the semifinals are UW-Whitewater, UW-Oshkosh, and UW-La Crosse, who were all early season favorites at the beginning of the season.

The game opened rather sluggishly for both teams, but Point used a 17-6 run in the final minutes of the first half to take a 10 point lead into the locker room.

After the intermission, Eau Claire cut the lead to five before the Pointer's hot shooting put the game out of reach. The Pointers drained 18 of their first 24 second half shots, burying the Blugolds chances at an upset.

In the second half Stevens Point made an amazing 67.7 percent of their field goal attempts and shot 57.1 percent for the game. The Pointers had about six fewer three-point attempts than their season average, making seven of 19 shots from beyond the arc.

As if their hot shooting wasn't enough, the Pointers surrendered just four turnovers the entire game while forcing Eau Claire into committing 16.

Jon Krull led all scorers with 23 points while adding four assists and a team-high seven rebounds. Steve Hicklin added 17 points on 7-11 shooting. Khalifa El-Amin scored nine points and dished out five assists. Dan Beyer led the Blugolds scoring attack with 18 points.

With the win the Pointers advanced to the WIAC Tournament Semifinals where they will host UW-Whitewater in what promises to be a much more balanced game. The Pointers swept the season series from the Warhawks, but

by the narrowest of margins.

"This is going to be another great game in this series between us and Whitewater," Hicklin said. "We go into every game with a lot of confidence and this one is no different. But, at the same time, we respect Whitewater and the depth and athleticism they possess."

In December, the Pointers beat Whitewater at home by two points with a buzzer-beating three pointer, and then won in Whitewater three weeks ago after a Warhawk shot at the buzzer failed to go down.

UW-SP coach Bob Semling expressed no concern in having their next battle go down to the last shot.

"We are very comfortable winning close games because we've been in a lot of them," Semling said. "I have no problem with this game going down to the last second, either with a game-winning shot or a big defensive stand."

Whitewater comes into the game 18-8 after defeating UW-Platteville 58-57. Last year's league champions will be led by reigning conference player of the week Jason Price, who averaged 24 points per game in the Warhawks' final two regular season games.

The game is scheduled for



Photo by Drew Smalley

Drew Jackson manages to drain this layup while being fouled.

Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Quandt Fieldhouse, where the Pointers are 13-1 this season.

Forester goalies quiet Pointer offense

Women's Hockey

Julianne LaClair
SPORTS REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team fired 78 shots on goal this past weekend in a pair of games versus Lake Forest College, but the most they could muster was two goals; tying 1-1 on Friday, Feb. 16, and falling to the Foresters 3-1 on Saturday, Feb. 17.

On Friday, the Pointers used the help of seven power plays to accumulate 43 shots on net, but couldn't solve the Foresters goaltender. Scoring the lone goal for the Pointers was senior defender Chris Hanson on the power play with her fourth on the season. The goal came on a shot from the point and with 10 minutes to go in the game.

Pointer goaltender Amy Statz had 19 saves on the game,

with the Foresters scoring on a shorthanded opportunity in the second period.

Saturday's game featured more of the same for the Pointers and another goaltender for the Foresters, who scored two power play goals on the game to edge the Pointers 2-0 through two periods, and added another late in the third on an empty netter. The Pointers again outshot the Foresters, this time by a margin of 35-14 with the only goal coming from Katy Lankey unassisted with about a minute to go in the game on what appeared to be a centering pass but slipped passed the Foresters goaltender. The team went 0 for 9 on the power play.

Next up is the final regular season series where the Pointers travel to Finlandia University for two games, Friday, Feb. 23 and Saturday, Feb. 24. The Pointers have previously beat the Lions 5-3 on the season, are now 6-5-2 in conference play, 14-6-2 overall, and are ranked 10th in the current national polls.

Senior on the Spot
Christopher Shea – Men's Swimming and Diving

Major - Natural Resource Management, Environmental Law Enforcement.

Hometown - Winona, Minn.

Do you have any nicknames? - Daddy Shea, Officer Shea.

What are your plans after graduation? - Work either as a Conservation Officer or a Park Ranger.

What has helped you become such an accomplished athlete? - The support of my coaches, teammates, family and friends.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - Winning Conference all 4 years; especially the come-from-behind victory over UW-La Crosse this year.

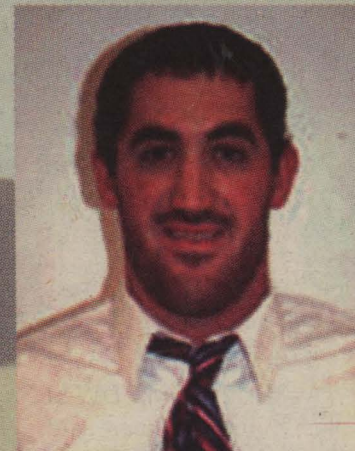
What's your most embarrassing moment? - Tripping on the awards podium at the 2006 WIAC Championships in front of 500 people.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Johnny Cash.

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - The Ballad of Ricky Bobby.

What will you remember most about UW-SP? - There is so much to remember about the past four years at UW-SP. From all of the predawn practices, the 7 weeks at treehaven, all of the great times had with the UW-SP swimming family...it is too hard to choose just one.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - My parents and grandparents are the biggest influences on my life.



Pointer swimmers sweep WIAC conference titles

Swimming

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Last weekend, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's and women's swimming and diving team swept the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Conference championship title. The women's squad defended last year's title and the men held on to a seven year streak.

The women's squad easily dominated the meet winning 15 of the 20 events during the three day meet. The men's squad went into day three of the meet trailing UW-La Crosse by two points but pulled ahead in the last events.

"This was the toughest meet since the 1998 champi-

onship meet," said swimming and diving coach Al Boelk.

The Pointer men came off two dual meet losses, one to La Crosse which broke a 49-match winning streak.

"They rallied and got the job done," said Boelk.

Boelk attributes the losses to the method of training he used.

Boelk explained that La Crosse began their rest period, known as a taper, much earlier than the Pointers did, making them faster earlier in the season.

"We focused on peaking at conference, not winning dual meets along the way," said Boelk.

The women's squad had been dominating the WIAC conference all year and posted some amazing results at the championship meet.

"Every woman on our team was in the top eight of every race she swam except one and she was ninth," said

Boelk. "Needless to say, they swam and dove really well."

Several swimmers earned "B cuts," which are possible invitations to the Nationals Meet in Houston, Texas.

Kelsey Crunstedt and Caitlin Hake both received "B cuts" in the 50-yard freestyle with times of 24.15 and 24.14 respectively.

The women's 200-yard freestyle of Jerica Crook, Crunstedt, Beth Bard and Hake posted an "A cut" time, which are automatic invitations, and apparent conference record, but were disqualified.

The squad later beat their own record and earned a "B-cut" with 1:35.88 in a time trial.

Abby Strobel defended her title in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:12.15 and freshmen Kari Slawson took the 500-yard freestyle title with a time of 5:12.49.

Some of the many indi-

vidual winners for the men were Ben Gensler who earned a "B-cut" and set a pool record in the 200-breast stroke with a time of 2:04.09, Chase Gross earned a "B-cut" in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 46.47 and Rob Donisch who earned a "B-cut" in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:55.72.

The swimmers and relay teams who earned "B-cuts"

now wait to find out if they will be invited to the Nationals meet.

"Realistically, I would guess seven or eight women and five men will be invited," said Boelk.

Now the remaining swimmers will do heavy aerobic work and get back in the weight room followed by a long taper to prepare for the Nationals meet.



Photo by Sara Suchy

The UW-SP swim team celebrates their WIAC dominance.

UW - River Falls ends Pointers season in WIAC Quarterfinals with 76-69 decision

Women's Basketball

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The University of Wisconsin-River Falls women's basketball team came into the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament Quarterfinals as one of only two teams to defeat UW-Stevens Point twice this season, only to make it a perfect three for three against their conference rivals by ending the Pointer's season with a 76-69 victory.

"We just don't match up well with them," UW-SP coach Shirley Egner said. "They dominated us inside, and we couldn't get key stops. We just didn't have the power to match up with them one-on-one."

It is the first time in seven years that the Pointers failed to reach the WIAC semifinals. Point finishes the season with a final record of 18-7.

Like so many of Point's other losses this season, their offense went cold down the stretch, allowing River Falls to take the lead in the final minutes. The Pointers led throughout much of the first half, by as many as seven points at

one point, and took a slim two point lead into intermission.

Point retained their slim lead early in the second half thanks to hot shooting from the outside. They nailed 10 of their first 16 attempts from three-point range but down the stretch missed their last six three-point attempts.

With just over eight minutes left, Point built a five point lead and seemed to be in control. But once again, cold shooting prohibited them from closing out the game as they made just three field goals in the final 7:30. The Pointers also shot themselves in the foot from the free throw line, connecting on just seven of sixteen free throw attempts.

Haley Houghton and Laura Neuenfeldt led the Pointer scoring attack with 15 points each while Nathalie Lechault and Jesirae Heuer each added eight points. River Falls had five players score in the double figures, led by Traci Reimann's 19 points.

It was a very up-and-down season for the Pointers, who experienced both highs and lows. The season started with an exhibition against UW-Madison, a game in which the Pointers hoped just to be competitive. After holding a halftime lead over the Badgers, Point proved they could play competitively

with anybody.

They then went on to win the Pointer Tip-Off Classic. The Pointers played rude hosts in the final, destroying Viterbo 69-31. After winning their first six games, the Pointers then stumbled, dropping a pair of tough road games to Whitewater and River Falls, before getting back on track by winning seven of their next eight games.

Ironically, it was UW-River Falls who ended the Pointers' 22 game home winning streak with a 68-44 win on Jan. 20. The loss would be the first of two straight at home for UW-SP. By winning their final three regular season games, the Pointers seemed to be building momentum heading into the conference tournament, only to be up ended again at home by River Falls in the quarterfinal.

Despite the tough losses, the season can be viewed as a success. The Pointers won 18 of 25 games, including ten in league play, good enough to finish in the top half of the conference yet again.

"We didn't meet the goals that we set. Every year we shoot to make a bid at conference and nationals, and we fell way short of that," Egner said. "We didn't have a bad record, but it wasn't a successful season by our standards."

Four wrestlers move on to nationals

Wrestling

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point wrestling team came into the WIAC Championships on Sunday, Feb. 18, with ten wrestlers looking for a top-three spot to advance to the NCAA Division III Championships and left with four.

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference teams gathered at UW-La Crosse to battle and see which individual wrestlers would be continuing their season for one more weekend.

For the Pointers, Jake Calhoun and Tyler Wozniak shined with first-place performances in the 125-pound and 197-pound weight classes respectively. Both wrestlers held top-two seeds in their brackets and had first-round byes, and then proceeded to run the gamut to the championship match.

UW-SP coach Johnny Johnson noted the impact of injuries on his team but had no complaints about his team's performance.

"I was proud of the way the guys went out and wrestled tough and without holding back," Johnson said. "I think we faltered with guys in areas where we were injured and that showed in conditioning, confidence and in some cases they were still hurt. But overall, I'm happy with our performance."

Calhoun pinned both of his opponents en route to his first WIAC championship win after two runner-up performances the previous two years. He only spent a total of 4:54 on the mat the entire day.

His teammate and fellow WIAC champion Wozniak controlled the flow of each of his matches, using a balanced offensive and defensive front against his two opponents to beat them for a combined score of 11-0.

This type of dominance from both wrestlers may have been a surprise for some, but for Calhoun it was what was expected.

"It went great," Calhoun said. "I pinned my way through the tournament and am going where I feel I deserve to be. Wozniak's performance was awesome. He was named the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler, and he truly dominated the competition."

Also moving on to nationals as at-large qualifiers was Eric Bath at 174 pounds with a third-place performance and Craig Bollig at 184 with a second-place performance.

"There is no doubt in my mind that all four of these guys can be All-Americans," Johnson said. "It is now just a matter of preparation and wrestling with intensity. It is the first trip down for all of them, so we have to make sure they understand it's just wrestling."

The national tournament will take place in Dubuque, Iowa starting on Friday, March 2 and putting an end to the 2006-2007 season on Saturday, March 3.

Pointers end season in two game skid, losing twice to the UW - Stout Blue Devils

Men's Hockey

Rochelle Nechuta
SPORTS REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's hockey team finished their season with a two game slide against UW-Stout in Menomonie. The Pointers ended the 2006-2007 season with a 7-18-2 record overall and a 3-10-1 Northern Collegiate Hockey Association record.

The losses to UW-Stout marked

the end of the playoff run for the Pointers. UW-Stout will go on to face St. Norbert in the NCHA Peters Cup semifinals Feb. 24, to determine who advances in the playoffs.

UW-SP started off the game Friday, Feb. 16 quickly with the first goals of the game scored by Sean Fish and Josh Calleja. The Pointers out-shot the Blue

Devils 14-10 in the first period, but lost speed afterward. UW-SP accumulated 22 shots in the remaining two periods of the game, while the Blue Devils racked up 23 shots against Pointer goalie Marcus Paulson in that time frame.

Stout fought their two-goal deficit to tie up the game early in the third period and scored the last goal of the game with two minutes left in the second period. That final goal brought the score to 3-2 in favor of the Blue Devils.

With a period left of play, the Pointers battled to tie up the game once again but were unsuccessful in any shooting opportunities. The game went scoreless for the entirety of the third period.

Stout shut out the Pointers in the second quarterfinal NCHA game to bring UW-SP's season to an end. Stout out-shot the Pointers 20-5, and scored three unanswered goals in the first period.

Shots on goal were equal for the teams during the remainder of the game at 19 shots each, but UW-SP could not capitalize on any of the attempts. The Blue Devils tallied another goal late in the second period in another power play opportunity, and yet another goal short-handed with less than two minutes to go in the game.

Stout out-shot the Pointers 72-60 in the two game series and Pointer goalie Marcus Paulson made 64 saves between the pipes. Throughout the season Paulson played 26 of the team's 27 games, and played 1,506 minutes for the Pointers. He earned a .876 save average for the season.

The Pointers had a hard time playing away games this season, with a traveling record of 1-11-1 and a home record of 6-6-1. They were out-scored 118-83 overall by their opponents, but made 26 power play goals throughout the 2006-2007 season.

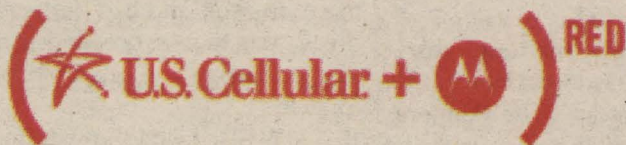
Pointers Brett Beckfeld, Nick Zebro, Fish, and Pat Lee received All-Conference Honorable Mention in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference post-season awards. Beckfeld also received an All-Conference Honorable Mention from the NCHA.

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UW-SP to conduct random drug and alcohol use survey this month, results to aid campus programs

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Next week, 2,000 randomly selected University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students will be asked to complete a survey about their drug and alcohol use. The survey is run by the University of Wisconsin Alcohol and other Drug Abuse committee and is meant to assess the use of alcohol and other drugs on UW campuses.

"Approximately 2,000 students will be randomly selected and receive the survey via e-mail," said Anne Hoffmann, UW-SP's alcohol education coordinator and assistant director of the Allen Center. "The answers are anonymous and confidential."

The results of the survey aid Hoffmann and other health advocates on campus in their efforts to provide alcohol and drug awareness and prevention programs.

"The information is helpful for me to understand the extent of alcohol and drug use on campus so we can create programs to combat it," said Hoffmann.

Hoffmann explained that many students are surprised

to see the results of the survey.

"Many students grossly over-estimate the number of students who abuse drugs or alcohol on campus," said Hoffmann.

Hoffmann explained that most students think that everyone has missed a class or failed an exam because of drug or alcohol use when in fact, according to previous surveys, the majority of students are able to keep their drinking under control. Hoffmann uses past survey results to show students what is considered normal behavior.

Another use of the survey is to evaluate the effectiveness of the drug and alcohol prevention programs offered by the Student Health Promotions Office (SHPO) at the Allen Center.

The SHPO offers a variety of programs which include drug and alcohol awareness and counseling, explained Hoffmann.

"The survey helps us make sure that we are addressing the right problems and tar-

geting the right people," said Hoffmann.

Hoffmann explained that the highest risk demographic according to past surveys has been freshmen males.

"Freshmen are always higher risk because they are just out of high school and have this misconception that everyone in college drinks

Hoffmann.

"We find that most of those students who are considered 'heavy drinkers' actually started in high school," said Hoffmann.

"We have found that many students can grow out of heavy drinking. They'll get accepted into a major, or meet someone special or just get bored with the drinking scene. Unfortunately, approximately 15 percent of them don't," said Hoffmann.

Hoffmann explained that that behavior can be a sign of bigger more complex problems in the individual student's life.

Hoffmann emphasized that the programs offered by SHPO are not alcohol abstinence programs.

"We are realistic. Obviously college students are going to drink. We are just trying to help them reduce their risk of suffering the negative consequences," said Hoffmann.

There are also two questions about alcohol and drug use in connection to sexual

assault.

"There is no question that too much alcohol is a huge catalyst for sexual assault," said Hoffmann.

Hoffmann explained that the results of the survey are not compared campus to campus. They are meant purely for use within each campus.

"This isn't about finding out which campus has the highest percentage of drinkers or smokers. It's impossible to compare because each campus is so different. This is to assess our own campus' usage and prevention programs," said Hoffmann.

Students who are selected will receive the survey next week and will have two weeks to complete it. Hoffmann encourages everyone who receives the survey to complete it as honestly as possible.

"Even if you don't use drugs or alcohol, please fill it out," said Hoffmann.

The results of the 2004 and 2005 surveys are available online at the SHPO website, go2allen.com. For more information about the alcohol and other drug use survey, contact Anne Hoffmann in the Allen Center.

Many students grossly over-estimate the number of students who abuse drugs and alcohol on campus.

heavily, and, according to past surveys, males are far more likely to binge drink than females," said Hoffmann.

While most freshmen do overdo it when they first come to college, most of them, either on their own or with help, get it under control. Unfortunately, some college students stay very heavy drinkers, explained

The Student Health Promotion Office offers programs for student wellness

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If most University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students were to be honest with themselves, they would probably admit that the transition from high school life was a little rough at first.

Luckily, there is a place on campus where students can get a little help with learning to live a healthy lifestyle.

The Student Health Promotion Office on campus provides programs and counseling in six dimensions of wellness; nutrition, fitness and exercise, stress, alcohol, tobacco and sexual assault and personal safety.

The SHPO is staffed by health advocates who are all health promotion and wellness majors in various fields.

These health advocates offer free counseling sessions for any University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student.

"We do personal wellness coaching in each of the six dimensions as well as do nutrition analysis and fitness testing," said Amanda Krentz, a Health Advocate.

For example, if a student was concerned about gaining the "freshmen 15" in college, a health advocate could work with that student to develop a nutrition and fitness plan so that student stays healthy through his or her first year of college.

The SHPO also does a lot of outreach programs within the residence halls on campus.

"Each health advocate is assigned to a different hall for the semester. We are responsible for bringing our programs to the halls and promoting the programs within the hall,"

said Krentz.

Some of the programs the health advocates put on are Active Life, which promotes fitness, Eating for Energy which promotes nutrition and Partying at Point, which explores alcohol use, abuse and prevention.

"We usually offer some kind of incentive to get residents to come like kiddy cocktails, smoothies, fruit pizza... food is always a great incentive," said Krentz.

The SHPO also run a few larger scale events throughout the year to get the whole campus involved in the programs.

Each year in November the SHPO runs the Cold Turkey Trot, a five kilometer run which promotes a smoke-free lifestyle.

"Right now we are running 28 Days of Wellness, which promotes every aspect of the SHPO," said Krentz.

28 Days of Wellness is run during the entire month of February. Each organization within the Allen Center contributes something to the month.

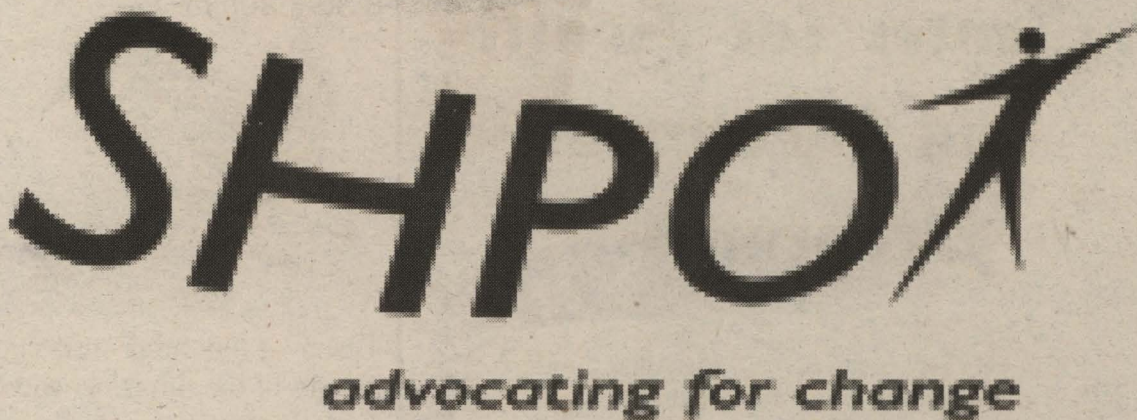
"We also run a big volleyball tournament at the end of the semester and a 'root beer kegger' once a semester," said

Krentz.

The SHPO also offers health promotion and wellness students with hands on training before they begin internships or jobs.

"It's hands on experience for most of us," said Krentz. "We are working with real clients on real issues. This is exactly what many of us will be doing when we graduate."

The programs are geared towards students in the residence halls but are available to all students on the UW-SP campus.



Student Health Promotion Office

View "Stellar Extremes" at planetarium

Press Release

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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 25 and 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 fore-

cast 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.

What's happening at the Allen Center for Health and Wellness Programs...

As February nears its end, the Allen Center's 28 Days of Wellness is beginning to wind down as well. However, in its last week, there are still many things to take advantage of. Every Thursday you can buy one Nalgene bottle and get a second for half off at Outdoor EdVentures. If you want to try something new this week, snowshoes, ice skates and cross-country equipment is also available to rent at Outdoor EdVentures.

Mind and Body Connections will be offering free paraffin hand dips from noon until 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23. Sign up is at the Cardio Center desk. On Monday, Feb. 26, the Cardio Center will have free nutritional bar samples from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. or until supplies last. Also on Feb. 28, the Cardio Center will have certified personal trainers on the floor from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. offering their services for free. In addition, the Student Health Promotion Office is sponsoring free fitness assessments in the Cardio Center on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Just because the celebration of the 28 Days of Wellness is drawing to a close doesn't mean you have to stop celebrating your health. Stop by the Allen Center or visit go2allen.com to see what we can offer you!

Schmeeckle Reserve

Spring 2007 Programs

Spring Syrup Sunday, March 4, 2:00-3:00p.m.

Long before the woods burst into life with sounds of spring, sap runs through the slumbering trees. Native Americans and pioneers have been making maple syrup in this area for hundreds of years. Investigate how both groups transformed a food for trees into a tasty treat for humans.



The Spiraling Woodcock Monday, March 26, 6:30-7:30p.m.



Discover the interesting circus habits of the amazing woodcock. Experience the acrobatic mating ritual and "peenting". Hopefully we can see them, too!

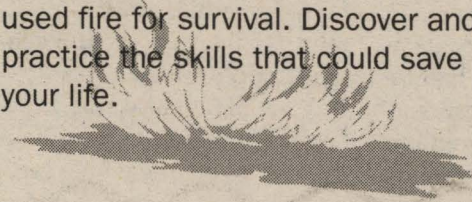


Opossum: Nature's Greatest Survivor Saturday, March 31, 2:00-3:00p.m.

Opossums have been around since the beginning of mankind. Discover how Wisconsin's only marsupial has been able to survive by playing dead.

Surviving With Fire Tuesday, April 17, 7:00-8:00p.m.

Travel back in history to explore how Native Americans made and used fire for survival. Discover and practice the skills that could save your life.



Tap-Tap-Tap-Tap into the life of a woodpecker! Discover unique behavior that sets them apart from other birds and provides them with the adaptations they need to survive in Schmeckle Reserve. This program will open your eyes to one of nature's greatest architects.



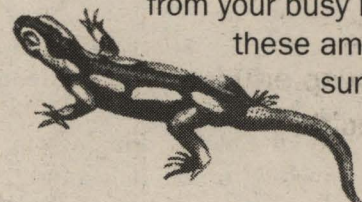
Dream Weaver Thursday, March 29, 6:30-7:30p.m.

How are your dreams? Would you like to catch some new ones? Explore the history, stories, and lore of dream catchers. Take control of sleepy time with your very own dream catcher. Feel free to bring some unique beads or feathers to decorate your dream catcher. Call to reserve a spot! A \$2.00 fee will apply.



Awesome Amphibians Thursday, April 5, 6:00-7:00p.m.

Walk in the steps of a salamander, hop in the shoes of a frog, and explore winter survival. Take a step away from your busy lives and discover these amazing creatures' survival techniques and spring time activities.



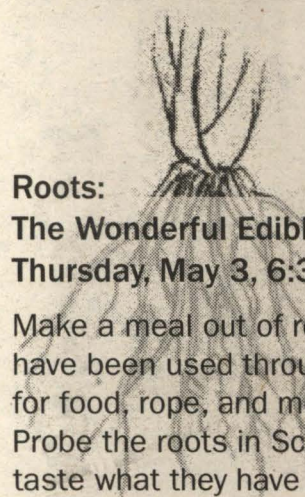
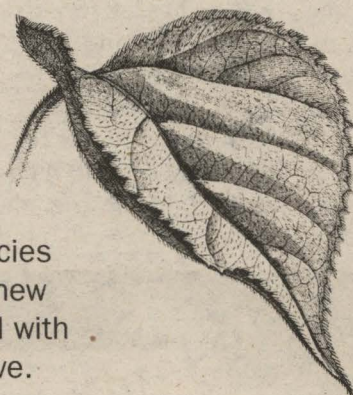


Beautiful Journey
Sunday, April 29, 2:00-3:00p.m.

Ever wonder where birds disappear to during the cold Wisconsin winters? Or how those that stay cope with the frigid temperatures? Take a flight of fancy through the Schmeeckle Reserve and uncover the steps of a successful migration.

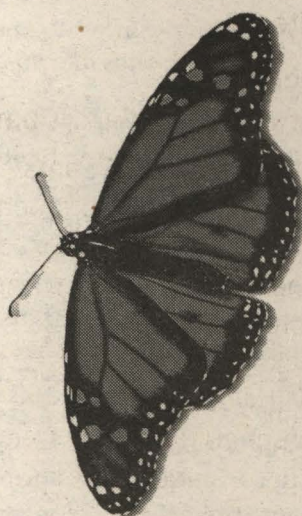
Forest Pioneers
Tuesday, May 8, 6:30-7:30p.m.

Aspen have been pioneers of Wisconsin's forests for thousands of years. Explore the traits and tools that help this species be one of the first residents of a new forest. Get up-close and personal with the aspens of Schmeeckle Reserve.



Roots:
The Wonderful Edible World
Thursday, May 3, 6:30-7:30p.m.

Make a meal out of roots! Roots have been used throughout history for food, rope, and medicine. Probe the roots in Schmeeckle and taste what they have to offer.



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Saturday, April 21, 7-10p.m.
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Celebrate spring serenaded by frogs with an evening walk through Schmeeckle Reserve. A one-mile path lit by torches will meander through woods, wetlands, and along the lake.

Special Program: "Stories from the Past: Namesakes of Central Wisconsin"

Campfire ring: Two programs at 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

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Arts & Review

Popular Canadian band brings soul-rock fusion to Stevens Point

Elizabeth "Z" Drews and
Jamie Douglas
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTERS

"There was a time I was afraid/ I let my strength and spirit fade/ But now's the time to stand aware and take what's mine/ The lesson's done/ my dues are paid," sang The Trews.

After traveling 25 hours in a snow storm from Canada, something beautiful found its way into St. Stevens. The Trews brought everyone to the floor after an embarrassing moment where they con-

fused the name of Stevens Point with St. Stevens. They later apologized for this mix-up, jokingly commenting that they had blessed the town.

The Trews' sound is a much-sought-after fusion of rock and soul, and the band has already made much progress toward musical fame. The Trews have opened for many big-name bands, including Evanescence, The Offspring and The Rolling Stones. While they may have a bigger fan base in Canada, where they earned two gold records, their performance at the FauxCore

has surely earned them more.

The band is made up of Colin MacDonald on lead vocals, guitars and keyboards and his brother, John Angus MacDonald, who also plays guitars and sings. Jack Syperek, the joking "mother-in-law" of the band, could not have played bass any better. They were unsure of how distantly related they were to Sean Dalton, the drummer, but he was accepted just the same and definitely was a contributing member. The band's musical influences include The Beatles, Elvis

Costello and The Clash, as well as many others.

Although the crowd was sparse, The Trews still managed to put on an amazing show. Nearly everyone was dancing or at least bobbing back and forth by the end of the concert, and all looked as though they were having oodles of fun. The band rocked out and had a good time as well.

Their amazing lyrics, paired up with the tantalizing atmosphere that their music created, made the reviewers want to bust a move; and

later buy their latest album, "Den of Thieves," which came out in 2005. "Den of Thieves" includes several of the songs from the evening's performance, including "Makin' Sunshine" and "So She's Leaving".

Unfortunately, The Trews are only planning a few shows here and there until their new album, hopefully comes out in the late summer or early fall. In the meantime, one can check them out at www.thetrewsmusic.com, or www.myspace.com/thetrews.

Multitalented musician to play in the FauxCore on March 8

Sarah J. Smogoleski
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Over a year has passed since Scott Lamps last performed on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus, and when he takes the stage on March 8, students will see him like they've never seen him before -- as a solo performer.

In late spring of 2006, Lamps announced that he was amicably parting ways with The Profits in order to focus on being a composer and producer. After relocating to Chicago, he set

up his own recording studio, "The Studio of LIGHT!" In less than one year Lamps already has an impressive resume, working with everyone from Mama Digdown's Brass Band, perhaps one of the best New Orleans-style jazz bands, to Roster McCabe, Minneapolis' resident funk rock band.

During his work with other bands, Lamps also wrote, recorded and produced an album, "Music is Art." Released on Jan. 30, 2007, the album sold out before midnight on Jan. 29 when word spread that CD Baby was accepting orders.

Lamps has also immersed himself in the theater scene, working as the music director of the play "Toy Soldiers," as produced by Towards a Poor Theater Company. Scheduled to travel to Washington D.C. this summer, the show ends its Chicago run the Sunday before Lamps' concert at the Fauxcore.

With a year like this, there's no telling what the future holds for Lamps. The only thing for certain is that he will be at the Fauxcore on March 8 at 8 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Drews

Reviewers Jamie Douglas and Elizabeth Drews pose with The Trews.

Bloc Party's "A Weekend in the City" showcases intriguing depth

Scott Hintz
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Bloc Party wants to share every emotion with its listeners—happiness, sadness, love and depression. They also want to keep people dancing. Their first album, "Silent Alarm," was full of songs that were catchy, but indistinguishable from one another. While "A Weekend in the City" is similar in that regard, the band's scope has broadened within each song to include a much wider array of emotion.

In "A Weekend in the City," singer Kele Okereke divulges his thoughts and feelings in a way that is uncommonly believable. It is obvious that Okereke has actually experienced what he's crooning about. While the band's debut had a sensitive approach and featured standard subjects from relationships to politics, "A Weekend in the City" thrives on Okereke's enhanced openness, particularly towards his sexuality. The melancholy

"Kreuzberg" is one such example. The song leads gradually to a climactic point both in itself and on the album. Two melodies, an extreme rarity in music, each reveal a vulnerable side in Okereke rarely found in an industry operating on recyclable, unchallenging music. One melody contains Okereke's heartbreaking sentiment, "After sex/the bitter taste/ been fooled again/the search continues" while another simultaneously glides underneath with his declaration, "Concerned mothers of the west/teach your sons how to truly love".

"Kreuzberg" leads perfectly into "I Still Remember," which needles its way into the listener's brain and sets up shop. If "Kreuzberg" was about the relationships that didn't work, "I Still Remember" is the beginning of the one that finally will. It's a song that stands up to their past classics "Banquet" and the brilliant "She's Hearing Voices," and it perpetuates the notion that the

band can write undeniable songs like this with ease.

The album also features a very tight and organized presentation in addition to its expressive natures. Bloc Party builds songs with multiple layers and competing elements that seem to coexist perfectly. It may take several listens to even begin to break down the complexities of this album, let alone understand its immense depth.

Since Bloc Party's formation nearly three years ago, the band has pushed toward a post-punk sound meant to make listeners dance. However, they have become a different band over the course of "A Weekend in the City."

"SRXT" is literally a suicide song, but one can't help but wonder if this song is a peek at what the band will become over their next few albums. They already sound like a band a few years ahead of their time, but they are sure to keep listeners dancing and waiting for the next hit.

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NELSON CARVAJAL PREDICTS THE OSCARS—WHO SHOULD WIN, WHO WILL WIN & WHY

Nelson Carvajal
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER



Photo courtesy of Nelson Carvajal

It's that time of year again. The Oscars are one of America's most watched televised programs and one of the most exciting competitions to predict. As the last five years has proven, predicting the winners in the all the major categories is becoming less and less easy to do. Hollywood no longer thinks that the "Best Director" necessarily directs the "Best Picture" of the year. Movies have grown more diverse, more complex and ultimately more engaging. So, before the big show airs this Sunday night, I thought I'd give you readers a heads up on your Oscar pool. First I'll give my predictions on some of the smaller and more technical categories. Then I'll provide some insight on the major categories.

Best Documentary Feature: "An Inconvenient Truth"

Best Documentary Short: "Two Hands"

Best Animated Feature: "Cars"

Best Foreign Language Film: "Pan's Labyrinth"

Best Animated Short: "The Little Matchgirl"

Best Live Action Short: "The Saviour"

Best Makeup: "Pan's Labyrinth"

Best Costume Design: "Dreamgirls"

Best Original Song: "Dreamgirls" ("Listen")

Best Art Direction: "Pan's Labyrinth"

Best Sound: "Dreamgirls"

Best Sound Editing: "Flags of Our Fathers"

Best Visual Effects: "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest"

Best Original Score

Who Should Win: "Babel"

Who Will Win: "The Queen"

Why: "The Queen" composer Alexandre Desplat also did the award-winning score for "The Painted Veil" which recently received much praise.

Best Film Editing

Who Should Win: "The Departed"

Who Will Win: "United 93"

Why: Although Thelma Schoonmaker once again impresses with "The Departed," it's going to be the heart-wrenching pace of the 9/11 film that walks away with the gold.

Best Cinematography

Who Should Win: "Children of Men"

Who Will Win: "Children of Men"

Why: The film dazzles with its long, one-take shots. Plus, the film is one of the few masterpieces of last year.

Best Adapted Screenplay

Who Should Win: "Children of Men"

Who Will Win: "The Departed"

Why: "The Departed" gracefully transports the Hong Kong narrative to the Irish mob scene in

South Boston with such ferocity that it's hard to look away.

Best Original Screenplay

Who Should Win: "Babel"

Who Will Win: "Little Miss Sunshine"

Why: "Sunshine" snagged the Writers Guild of America award just last week.

Best Supporting Actress

Who Should Win: Adriana Barraza "Babel"

Who Will Win: Jennifer Hudson "Dreamgirls"

Why: Hudson's showy role has had insiders talking since Christmas Day.

Best Supporting Actor

Who Should Win: Alan Arkin "Little Miss Sunshine"

Who Will Win: Eddie Murphy "Dreamgirls"

Why: Murphy won the Screen Actors Guild Award earlier this month. The only way Arkin could be an upset is if voters really hated "Norbit" that badly.

Best Actress

Who Should Win: Helen Mirren "The Queen"

Who Will Win: Helen Mirren "The Queen"

Why: If she doesn't it's treason.

Best Actor

Who Should Win: Leonardo DiCaprio "Blood Diamond"

Who Will Win: Forest Whitaker "The Last King of Scotland"

Why: Whitaker has been a terrific character actor for over twenty years. He'll get his due on Sunday.

Best Director

Who Should Win (Tie): Paul Greengrass "United 93"/Martin Scorsese "The Departed"

Who Will Win: Martin Scorsese "The Departed"

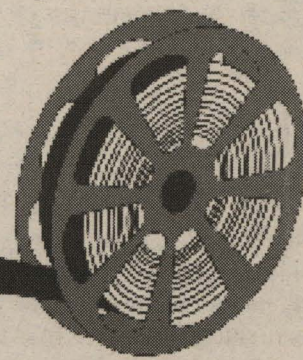
Why: Although he is one of the greatest American directors of all time, Scorsese has never once won. It's now or never.

Best Picture

Who Should Win: "The Departed"

Who Will Win: "Little Miss Sunshine"

Why: Fox Searchlight has done some massive campaigning with the flick. "Sunshine" is the feel-good comedy of the year that really came out of nowhere.



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Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide

"Instead of making up..."
"...I wish that we were breaking up again."

By Pat Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM THE MISSION COFFEE BAR

Before we get to the letters this week, I just wanted to mention that I saw one of the best movies of my life last Friday. "Pan's Labyrinth." It was awesome. Seriously, you should really go check it out while you still have a chance to catch it in the theaters.

Now, on to the letters...

Dear Pat,

Can you use this letter in your column so I can get free coffee from the Mission?

Thanks,

Tim

No. Why not? Well Tim, mostly because your letter sucks.

Remember: this is an advice column. You write in asking for advice, and I either give you advice or make fun of you. Or I go on some rambling tangent about clowns. Or some combination of the three.

If you're looking for an example, look below:

Pat,

What should one do when breaking up with his girlfriend and she doesn't accept it? After two unsuccessful attempts of telling her I want to break up, is my only hope to cheat?

Need Out Of This Endless Relationship.

Well NOOTER, I'm not really sure what to say. I mean, if you told her it was over, it's pretty much over. Relationships exist through both people coming to an agreement. What *exactly* the agreement is, is up to them, but usually there's some sort of implied exclusivity about co-mutual pressing of lips and the slippery fricative rubbing of pink parts.

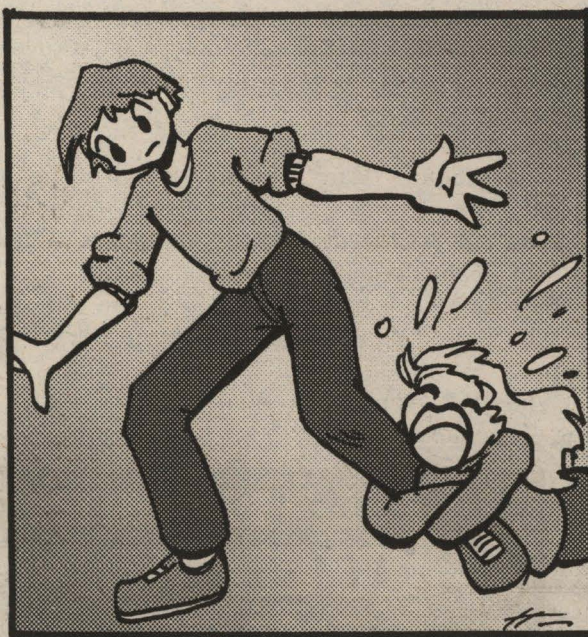
The key is that both parties have to agree. If two people decide they're together, that's what makes them a couple. If one of you wants out, it's pretty much over. No agreement = no relationship.

Hell, if couples had to *agree* to break up, I'd still be clinging desperately to my first girlfriend. We'd probably be married by now. We'd have a little house, a white picket fence and my demonic

Rothfuss spawn running all over the place without any pants, screaming for ice-cream and doing unnatural things to the neighbor's dog. Gech. We'd have been miserable.

Luckily for me, breaking up only takes one person. When my first girlfriend dumped me, it was over. Sure I got clingy, but it didn't matter. Why didn't it matter? Because she dumped me. As soon as one person says it's over, it's over.

It's like tug-of-war. It just doesn't work unless both people are willing to play. But, also like tug-of-war, once you start a relationship, it's not a



good idea to stop all sudden-like. If you just let go of your end of the rope before the other person's ready, they're going to fall on their ass and get hurt. And when that happens, it's usually the fault of the person letting go...

As the breaker-upper, NOOTER, it's up to you to do the right thing. If you just let go of the rope and cheat on her, that makes you a bad person. And we all know where bad people go. That's right: to the circus. Do you want to go to the circus, NOOTER? Huh? Do you?

I didn't think so. That means you're going to have to find a different way to break things off with her. You say in your letter that you've had two "unsuccessful" attempts at breaking up with her. During those attempts did you do anything bold, like saying, "I want to break up with you?" Or did you dance around the issue like a great frilly ponce, saying things like, "You know how sometimes things just don't work out like you expect them to...?"

Somehow I expect the latter. Let me give it to you straight NOOTER. Over the years I've been dumped by a lot of different women in a lot of different ways. Once a girl broke up with me by saying, "I think we should see other people." I thought, "Woo Hoo! One hot girlfriend + the opportunity for seeing other hotness on the side. That's one small step away from a threesome!"

She, of course, meant that we should see JUST other people. Specifically, she meant that she didn't want to see me anymore, and instead she wanted to have sex with some choad named Dave that she met at Burger King. It took me a week to figure that out. A Whole. Fucking. Week.

Want to know the best trick for making it go smoothly, NOOTER? Be honest.

Now I'm not telling you to be cruel, or brutal. What you've got to do is sit her down and say, "I'm sorry, but I'm breaking up with you because of X." Except you shouldn't say, "X." That's the place in the sentence where you should tell her the honest truth about why you're leaving. Good reasons include the fact that you're gay, you're leaving the country or the fact that you're inexplicably sexually attracted to rodeo clowns.

But don't lie. It will only drag things out. Be honest and gentle. And honest. Did I mention honest?

Then, since you've given fair warning, you can let go of your end of the rope and hope for the best.

When you send your letters for advice to Pat Rothfuss at proth@wsuunix.wsu.edu, try to include a detail or two, would you? It's not like you're being charged by the word here, and it's really hard to make fun of you if you don't give me anything to work with. Still, even though he was a little sparing with the specifics, NOOTER will be receiving a \$10 gift certificate to the New Mission Cafe. Maybe he can find a new ladyfriend there.

This Friday Mountain Loins International is bringing some Afre-rok style reggae to the Mission. What the hell is Afre-rok reggae? I honestly have no idea, but I'm curious to find out. Or, if you fear new experiences and want something a little more familiar, you can get some acoustic rock on Saturday with Waiting for Wingmen.

Both shows are \$7 at the door and open to all ages. That means you can take that jailbait high school girl you've been dating. C'mon, don't you think she deserves a night out on the town?

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Point of View: The gears...they keep on a' grindin'

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After writing last week's article, I thought I was done complaining for a while. I thought things would get better in the world and I would no longer deal with gears being ground.

I was wrong.

It didn't take too long for other annoying topics to surface in the media and in my everyday life. These new gear-grinding topics, combined with the overwhelmingly positive response to last week's article, got me back into the ranting-and-raving mood. So here it is, the second edition of "What grinds my gears."

First off, why has it taken me 15 minutes or so to just check my campus e-mail online in the past few days? Sure, updates may be occurring or the network may be operating slowly, but the precious time wasted checking one's Outlook inbox could be put to better use. Like reading the newest issue of The Pointer, perhaps.

What's the Outlook? Not so good.

Sticking with the technology end of things, I have recently started to scope out the latest in televisions, namely ones with high definition. I am sorry, but I don't want to go through a college-level course just to understand the jargon that is required when

it comes to purchasing one. HDMI? SCART? VGA? DVI-A? RCA?

More like WTF.

In other WTF news, Britney Spears shaved her head. She has also been checking into and out of rehab like it was going out of style. Hey Brit, stop treating these rehab centers like they are the local Motel 6. And for goodness sakes, put on a wig until your hair grows back.

People that know anything about me understand how much I love sports. I can plop myself down in front of a TV and watch just about any sporting event shown; any event except the National Basketball Association's All-Star Game.

There may be high-flying slam dunks in the game, but that's about it. Defense? Nada. A close score? Won't see that until the playoffs. Eva Longoria? Well, not all is lost.

What has been lost are the minds of people who venture outside in slightly warmer weather wearing only shorts, a t-shirt and flip-flop sandals. It's still only 40 degrees people. A sweatshirt and jeans will do the trick. There is no need to parade around like you are better than Mother Nature.

Lastly, people that use laptops in classes for things other than note taking really get on my nerves. With AOL Instant Messenger blatantly open on their notebook com-

puters, these individuals fail to pay attention to class and distract those sitting behind them. Plus, the click-clack of keyboard strokes makes it tough on all students in the room.

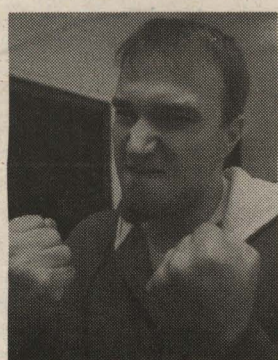
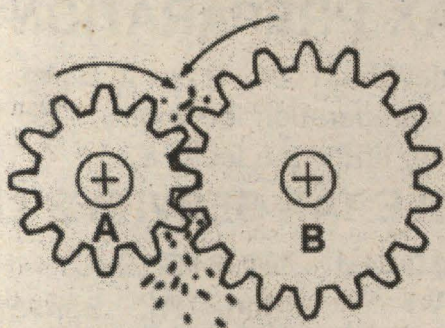
I am paying big bucks to earn my education and don't want to be bothered with "OMG...did u hear what happened last night?" Keep it to yourself.

Writing these articles works like a stress relief session. I feel better about the world again. How long will it last? Not long at all.

If any of you want to spill the beans about what's on your mind, e-mail me at pointer@uwsp.edu. It does the body good.

Staff Survey

...What really grinds our gears!



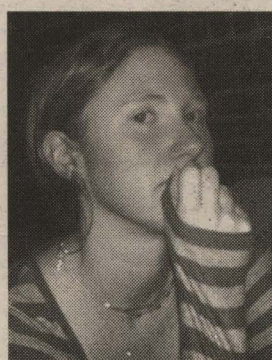
"I'm not a robot, you prick. I am pissed off that I found out all sorts of cool (and lucrative) things to do at school this year, IN MY LAST YEAR OF COLLEGE! That, and Nelson's huge head in my newspaper. Get out of here."

Stephen Kaiser
Sports Editor



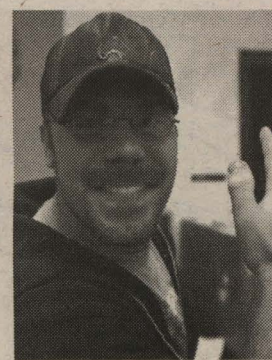
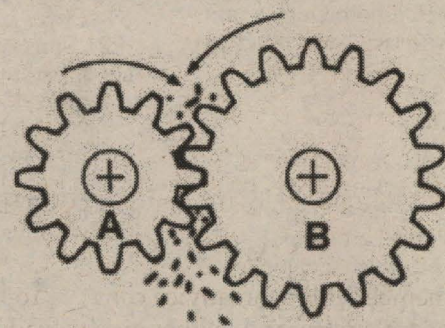
"The fact that I was born in the wrong decade and no one understands my musical obsessions except for the middle-aged women who live and breathe to one day meet their musical idols. Sad I say, sad. Brothers Gibb forever!"

Katie Leb
Pointlife Editor



"People who chew with their mouth open (especially gum!); when people don't hold doors open when you're clearly right behind them; the wrong use of your, there, and its; when people can't spell your name correctly when it's right there in front of their face; when Stephen says, 'Let's do a 20-pager,' when people don't use 'That's what she said,' every chance they get."

Sara Jensen
Head Copy Editor



"Let's see... where do I start? How about Grey's Anatomy. Frankly, I really don't care about her anatomy; Gilmore Girls, how about Gab-more Girls, and last but not least CSI: Miami. There is no worse acting on television. It even trumps boring afternoon soap operas."

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