**UW-SP student killed Sunday in La Crosse**

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**UW-SP Tribune**

Amid sobs of sorrow and empathetic embraces, friends, family and campus community members gathered Tuesday afternoon in Room 230 of the College of Professional Studies to mourn the loss of UW-Stevens Point senior Danielle Gorectke, who was killed last weekend in La Crosse.

Gorectke was a native of Minocqua majoring in communicative disorders. She was visiting her sister, a Viterbo University student, in La Crosse.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Bob Tomlinson addressed members of Gorectke’s family who traveled from throughout the state to attend Tuesday’s memorial service.

“AS a university, we grieve with you and your family,” said Tomlinson. “I know the grief and sorrow will ebb over time, but the memories will never go away.”

The Rev. Tom Lindner of Newman University Catholic Parish officiated.

“There is nothing about our being here today that makes sense,” Lindner said. “Something dreadfully wrong has happened, something beyond our reasoning or imagining.”

Gorectke, 23, was found dead early Sunday morning, according to a Jan. 24 La Crosse Tribune article. He could face life imprisonment if convicted. Bond was set at $1 million cash.

According to police reports, Gorectke was found naked from the waist down, and there was blood near her body. Tri-State ambulance was called and detected no signs of life. Police later discovered she had “multiple contusions and lacerations to her head, and her upper lip appeared to have been partially torn off,” according to the report. She also had signs of blows to her head and spinal cord, according to court documents.

Cause of death was blunt force trauma, without use of a weapon, said La Crosse County Medical Examiner John Steers, according to a Jan. 24 La Crosse Tribune article.

La Crescent Police Officer Scott Yeiter found Ramirez arguing with a store clerk at a La Crescent, Minn. Kwik Trip early Sunday morning. Ramirez was partially covered in “a large amount of blood,” according to police reports, and failed to account for it. Ramirez was arrested for drunk driving after he was found to have a blood alcohol content of 14.

Yeiter searched Ramirez’s vehicle and found Gorectke’s credit card along with her driver’s license, and Gorectke’s sister, Michelle, told Yeiter Ramirez was the boyfriend of her sister, Danielle.

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Tuesday night President Bush delivered his State of the Union address. In case you missed it, here are the highlights, for your edification:

**The Economy**

We’re now in the 41st month of uninterrupted job growth, in a recovery that has created 7.2 million new jobs — so far. Unemployment is low, inflation is low, and wages are rising. This economy is on the move, and our job is to keep it that way, not with more government, but with more enterprise.

Tonight, I want to discuss three economic reforms that deserve to be priorities for this Congress.

First, we must balance the federal budget. We can do so without raising taxes. What we need to do is impose spending discipline in Washington, D.C. We set a goal of cutting the deficit in half by 2009, and met that goal three years ahead of schedule. Now let us take the next step. In the coming weeks, I will submit a budget that eliminates the federal deficit within the next five years.

Next, there is the matter of earmarks. These special interest items are often slipped into bills at the last hour ... In 2005 alone, the number of earmarks grew to over 13,000 and totaled nearly $18 billion. Even worse, over 90 percent of earmarks never make it to the floor of the House and Senate ... So let us work together to reform the budget process, expose every earmark to the light of day and to a vote in Congress, and cut the number and cost of earmarks at least in half by the end of this session.

And, finally, to keep this economy strong we must take the challenge of entitlements. Social Security and Medicare and Medicaid are commitments of conscience, and so it is our duty to keep them permanently sound. Yet, we’re failing in that duty. And this failure will one day leave our children with three bad options: huge tax increases, huge deficits, or huge and immediate cuts in benefits. So let us work together and do it now. With enough good sense and goodwill, you and I can fix Medicare and Medicaid — and save Social Security.

**Education**

Five years ago, we rose above partisan differences to pass the No Child Left Behind Act, preserving local control, raising standards, and holding those schools accountable for results. And because we acted, students are performing better.
ter in reading and math, and minority students are closing the achievement gap. We can lift student achievement even higher by giving local leaders flexibility to turn around failing schools and by giving families with children stuck in failing schools the right to choose someplace better. We must increase funds for students who struggle -- and make sure we help the y need. The No Child Left Behind Act has worked for America's children - and I ask Congress to reauthorize this good law.

Health Care

When it comes to health care, government has an obligation to care for the elderly, the disabled and poor children. And we will meet those responsibilities. For all other Americans, private health insurance is the best way to meet their needs. But many Americans cannot afford a health insurance policy.

And so tonight, I propose two new initiatives to help more Americans afford their own insurance. First, I propose a standard tax deduction for health insurance that will let the standard tax deduction dependents. Families with health insurance will pay no income on payroll taxes or their payroll taxes on $15,000 of their income. Single Americans with health insurance will pay no income or payroll taxes on $7,500 of their income.

My second proposal is to help the states that are coming in with innovative ways to cover the uninsured. States that make basic private health insurance available to all their citizens should receive federal funds to help them provide this coverage to the poor and the sick.

We need to expand Health Savings Accounts. We need to help small businesses through Association Health Plans. We need to reduce costs and medical errors with better information technology. We will encourage price transparency. And to protect good doctors from junk lawsuits, we are passing medical liability reforms.

Border Security

When laws and borders are routinely violated, this harms the interests of our country. To secure our border, we are doubling the size of the Border Patrol, and funding new infrastructure and technology. Yet even with all these steps, we cannot fully secure the border unless we take action against the smugglers and that requires a temporary worker program. We should establish a legal and orderly path for foreign workers to enter our country to work on a temporary basis.

Energy

For too long our nation has been dependent on foreign oil. It's in our vital interest to diversify America's energy supply -- the way forward is through technology. We must continue changing the way America generates electric power, by even greater use of clean coal technology, solar and wind energy, and clean, safe nuclear power. We need to press on with battery research for plug-in and hybrid vehicles, and expand the use of clean diesel vehicles and biodiesel fuel.

Let us build on the work we've done and cut the gasoline line usage in the United States by 20 percent in the next 10 years. To reach this goal, we must increase the supply of alternative fuels, by setting a mandatory fuels standard to require 35 billion gallons of renewable and alternative fuels in 2017 -- and that is nearly five times the current target. At the same time, we must continue to modernize fuel economy standards for cars the way we did for light trucks -- and conserve up to 8.5 billion more gallons of gasoline by 2017.

Achieving these ambitious goals will dramatically reduce our dependence on foreign oil, but it's not going to eliminate it. And so as we continue to diversify our fuel supply, we must encourage the development of production in environmentally sensitive ways.

National Security

In the sixth year since our nation was attacked, I wish I could report to you that the threat has passed. They have not. And so it remains the policy of this government to use every lawful and proper tool of intelligence, diplomacy, law enforcement, and military action to do our duty, to find those who support and protect the American people.

The great question of our day is whether America will help men and women in the Middle East to build free societies and share in the rights of all humanity. And I say, for the sake of our own security, we must.

Our goal is a democratic Iraq that upholds the rule of law, respects the rights of its people, provides them security, and is an ally in the war on terror. So we're deploying in Iraq the largest number of 20,000 additional soldiers and Marines to Iraq. The vast majority will go to Baghdad, where they will help Iraqi forces to clear and secure neighborhoods, and serve as advisers embedded in Iraqi Army units. And in Anbar Province, where al Qaeda terrorists have gathered and local forces have begun showing a willingness to fight them, we're sending an additional 4,000 United States Marines, with orders to find the terrorists and clear them out.

In the end, I chose this course of action because it provides the best chance for success. Ladies and gentlemen, nothing is more important at this moment in our history than for America to succeed in the Middle East, to succeed in Iraq and to spare the American people from this danger.

The war on terror we fight today is a generational struggle that will continue long after you and I have turned our duties over to the next generation. It's my proposal to establish a special advisory council on the war on terror, made up of leaders in Congress from both major political parties. We will share ideas for how to position America to meet every challenge that confronts us. We'll chart our way home to our enemies abroad that we are united in the goal of victory.

And one of the first steps we will take together is to add to the ranks of our military so that the American Armed Forces are ready for all the challenges ahead. Tonight I ask the Congress to authorize an increase in the size of our active Army and Marine Corps by 92,000 in the next five years. A second task we can take on together is to design and establish a civilian Civilian Reserve Corps. Such a corps would function much like our military reserve.

The United Nations has imposed sanctions on Iran, and made it clear that the world will not allow the regime in Tehran to acquire nuclear weapons. (Applause.) With the other members of the Quartet -- the U.N., the European Union, and Russia -- we're pursuing a strong strategy to help bring peace to the Holy Land, and pursuing the establishment of a democratic Palestinian state living side-by-side with Israel in peace and security. (Applause.) In Afghanistan, NATO has taken the lead in turning back the Taliban and al Qaeda offensive -- the first time the Alliance has deployed forces outside the North Atlantic area. Together with our partners in China, Japan, Russia, and India, we're using intensive diplomacy to achieve a Korean Peninsula free of nuclear weapons. (Applause.)

Humanitarian Relief

We must continue to fight HIV/AIDS, especially on the continent of Africa. (Applause.) Because you funded our Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the number of people receiving life-saving drugs has grown from 50,000 to more than 400,000 in the past three years. I ask you to continue funding our efforts to fight HIV/AIDS. I ask you to provide $1.2 billion over five years so we can combat this disease in 15 African countries.

I ask that you fund the Millennium Challenge Account, so that American aid reaches the people who need it, in nations where democracy is on the rise and corruption is in retreat. And let us continue to support the expanded trade and debt relief that are the best hopes for lifting lives and eliminating poverty. (Applause.)
New Year's resolutions resolve nothing for some UW-SP students

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Every year people across the nation go through the ambitious process of developing New Year’s resolutions. Typically, individuals set themselves up to make changes in their lives regarding relationships, health and financial status. Most of the times the individuals are trying to kick bad habits or finally begin doing things that are supposed to be good for them. However, within only a few short days or weeks, most people forget or simply give up on the ambitious goals they set forth.

After years of going through this process, one cannot help but wonder who even came up with the idea of making resolutions every time a new year begins. As with all holiday traditions, many myths and legends have been spread, but it is widely believed that the tradition of making resolutions began with the Babylonians over 4000 years ago. The custom for the Babylonians was to give back something to your friend that has been borrowed during the course of the past year.

But even though the Babylonians began the New Year’s resolution, they certainly did not expect the custom to take such an expansive path that now includes self-promises of losing six pounds by eating only rice cakes and drinking nonfat smoothies. Of course there are the people who rebel against the entire holiday and all that it stands for. Instead of making resolutions many people pride themselves on never making the annual promises. On the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus many of these people can be found.

Sophomore Sociology student Sarah Boehning is pretty determined and said she does not need a specific date to set goals. “I have a lot of goals I wanna achieve and I don’t need a calendar to tell me when to do them,” said Boehning. “If I am gonna do something I gonna do it right then and there!”

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Happenings of 35 years ago have connections to the present

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New year's resolutions

January at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point’s Cardio Center is one of the busiest times of the year. Every treadmill and elliptical machine seems to be in use with people patiently waiting for their turn on the fat melting devices. There could be any number of reasons why this occurs, but if you ask some of the patrons you will most likely hear an answer with "New Years resolution" and "loose weight" in it. It is very likely that the year of weight loss is going to happen over night, explained Hoffmann. She explained that most people are realistic and how do you stay with the program? The most important thing to remember is that weight loss is not going to happen over night. True behavior change is a lot more difficult than most people anticipate," said Hoffmann. She explained that most people set drastic goals that are impossible to achieve in the little amount of time they have.

So how what kinds of goals are realistic and how do you stay with the program? The most important thing to remember is that weight loss is not going to happen over night, explained Hoffmann.

"If you are going to ask yourself that you are going to walk 10 minutes every day. Inevitably, that person is going to ask you how your walk-
Heusinkveld receives recognition for his leadership on environmental education

Press Release
University Relations and Communications

John Heusinkveld, assistant director for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Treehaven Education and Conference Center near Tomahawk, was recently recognized for his significant contributions to the field of environmental education by the Wisconsin Association of Environmental Educators (WAEE).

WAEE is a statewide association located on the UW-SP campus with a mission of rooting responsible environmental action through education in the classroom and community. Heusinkveld was presented the WAEE Award for his significant contributions to the field of environmental education having statewide, regional, national or international impact.

"I am honored to have received this recognition, and it is really a tribute to the environmental education program at UW-SP and at the campus Treehaven field station," said Heusinkveld. "The support for environmental education by the campus and the College of Natural Resources (CNR) has offered me an opportunity to pursue this environmentally based work."

Heusinkveld has worked in the environmental education/natural resource field in some capacity for 20 years, 11 of those years as an administrator. He has received grants from the EPA and other sources and acted as mentor to numerous staff during his career. In his work he has taught thousands of people from grade school to college, rural and inner city populations, as well as Native Americans. John also worked in protecting one of Wisconsin's designated Wild Rivers, the Pike River in Northeast Wisconsin.

Prior to his labor in Wisconsin, he worked on native prairies in Iowa and spent a number of years working with birds of prey as an educator and rehabilitator. He also worked with disabled youth in Iowa. And was an environmental/earth science teacher in New Hampshire.

He earned his bachelor's degree in environmental geography from the University of Iowa and his master's in human and community resources in 1998 from UW-SP.

"I consider myself a pretty lucky fellow to have had the privilege of working with such talented and dedicated people at UW-SP, in the state of Wisconsin and throughout my career."

He has a daughter, Julianne, and resides on site at Treehaven.

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Green Tea and friends to host third annual Irish Winterfest

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Green Tea, the Celtic Fusion band from Stevens Point, will be holding its third annual Irish Winterfest at Clark Place on Saturday, January 27 at 10 p.m. This year the program includes opening music from athas, a traditional Irish band, Irish Step dancing by the The Cashel Denney School of Irish Dance and a secret guest artist.

Green Tea's members include University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point faculty member John Coletta, who is known as a hands player (meaning he imitates a flute using only his hands), Ashley Thomas, a versatile vocalist and Trevor Roark, the group's founder and guitarist. Shawn Kuklinski, the group's percussionist, is known for bringing traditional West African drums and techniques into the Celtic arena for a unique fusion style. Pianist Aaron and violinist Fritha Schedgick round out the group's impressive sound.

The group has a large fanbase of UW-SP students. "Every time we play at the university, it's always been a great crowd. Students love dancing to our music, it's a lot of fun," said Roark. He hopes to see many student faces in the crowd at the Irish Winterfest.

Green Tea's Irish Winterfest began when the band decided that they wanted to think up an annual event that would tie into their style of music. According to Roark, the group said, "Hey it's cold outside, why not call it Winterfest? Everyone else has a Summerfest."

The group chose Clark Place to host the celebration because of the venue's enjoyable atmosphere.

This year Green Tea will be showcasing new music as well as old favorites. "We're currently in the recording studio, recording at DNA studios in Madison right now. We've got quite a number of new songs that we're putting together, and we will be featuring a few of those in this set," said Roark.

The album does not yet have a name, but Roark said that its overall feel ties traditional into the innovative/progressive music for which the group is known. They define Celtic fusion as a mixture of Celtic, African, Pop, Folk and Jazz, among other styles.

Green Tea forged a relationship with the other performers through Milwaukee's Irish Fest. They networked through MySpace to find athas, a Milwaukee-based band. Green Tea then observed athas' performance at Irish Fest, and Roark calls them "a very, very tight group."

Joining the performance are The Cashel Denney School of Irish Dance, a group that competes in Irish Step dancing competitions on both the national and international levels. Green Tea worked with these dancers at Irish Fest 2006, during which the dancers danced to some of Green Tea's numbers.

"They're going to be a big part of the show," said Roark. He compares their rapid style to "Lord of the Dance."

Also featured will be a special guest performer. The group has not revealed the name of this artist.

"It's going to be a surprise," said Roark.

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The show is sponsored by Something Symphony, the Stevens Point Area Co-op, Kindred Spirit Books and the Point Brewery. Tickets cost $10 at the door, $8 in advance and $6 for students.

University Night at Art Village offers artistic opportunities

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"It's about taking artists who don't know that they're artists and giving them a place to make art and find out that they are artists," said Rainy Day Worzella, the owner of Art Village.

Art Village has only been open in Stevens Point for a year and a half, but the small downtown shop is already well-known for its fun atmosphere and character. Located between Graffiti's sports bar and Penney's, it houses a ceramics-painting studio on the ground floor as well as pottery wheels and a fine arts space upstairs. The pottery studio is popular among college students who paint mugs, dinnerware and other decorative items.

Worzella charges a $3.95 daily studio fee for children and $6.95 for adults. This fee covers the glaze used in the painting of a piece, brushes, a space to sit, and the firing of the piece in a kiln. Glazes look chalky when dry, but firing them in the kiln brings out the brilliant, vivid colors. At Art Village a piece is fired within a week of painting. The pieces themselves have individual costs ranging from small $2 tiles to large vases at $50 dollars and up. Worzella also sells clay for those who wish to make their own bespoke pieces.

Now that school is back in session, Worzella is offering a University Night at Art Village. Between 4 and 8 p.m. on Wednesday nights, students can show their IDs to pay a $3.95 studio fee. By reducing the studio fee, University Night gives students the opportunity to meet and socialize, as well as create works of art at an affordable price.

Art Village and University Night are Worzella's creative convictions. Shes herself is a University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point alumna. Worzella earned a degree in Graphic Design from UWSP, but that wasn't her original major.

"One of the reasons why I switched is because I couldn't get into art classes," she said.

Through Art Village, Worzella offers a variety of classes, including hand-built and wheel-thrown pottery, figure drawing, and oil painting classes. These classes allow students to pursue the career they want and still make art," said Worzella. "What I really enjoy is seeing the non-art-majors come and use the space or take a class."

This isn't to say that art majors aren't welcome at Art Village. Worzella's goal in creating Art Village was "to give artists of all skill levels easy access to a professional studio space, equipment and knowledge, where they can create, learn and share their art in an inspirational and supportive setting."

Students studying art have been known to bring their ceramics projects to Art Village for glazing and firing. Others enjoy the peaceful environment of the studio upstairs for painting or throwing pots on the wheel. Life-Drawing Night offers them extra practice at figure drawing.

Art Village is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information about University Night, upcoming classes, booking parties and special events, check out the Art Village website at http://www.artvillageusa.com or call 715-345-9500.
Sports

Pointer men’s hoops stand atop polls

Men’s Basketball

Nick Gerritsen

Over break, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men’s basketball team continued its superb play, improving to 16-1 overall and a 9-0 conference record. Their only loss of the season came on the road at the hands of Division II Northern Michigan. Their 16-1 record has catapulted them to the number one ranking in Division III men’s basketball, a position they have held for four weeks.

Part of the reason for their success has been their ability to shoot the ball, a position they have held for four weeks.

The Pointers have led the way in the WIAC, and are looking to finish strong in the following weeks leading to the conference tournament.

Men’s Hockey

Roichelle Nechuta

Winter break has been a tough stretch for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men’s hockey team. The Pointers fell to Carver College, St. John’s University, St. Olaf College, Gustavus Adolphus College, UW-River Falls and UW-Stout. That makes six losses out of seven games since the end of the first semester, with the only victory against Concordia-Moorhead.

In cumulative game stats, opponents have scored a total of 86 goals over the Pointers, while UW-SP was only able to accumulate 58 in return. The Pointers have been led by Pete Hicklin and Brian Beamish, each averaging over 17 points per game. Steve Rortvedt and Jon Krull, are also averaging in double figures, adding 13 and 10 points per game, respectively.

“We want to keep working hard,” Baldarotta said. “We want to keep trying to make ourselves playoff contenders.”

Wrestling

Stephen Kaiser

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point wrestling team, off a tough road schedule with three weekend trips to Iowa culminating in two victories out of eight duals and a 26-11 loss to Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference rival UW-La Crosse, are looking to bounce back with the start of the spring semester.

The Pointers have held losing records, and the other teams are getting the first goals,” said head coach Joe Baldarotta. The last six regular season games will count toward their league standings. On Friday, January 26, the team will travel to take on UW-Superior after being shut out 0-5 by them early in December. They will then travel to Duluth to take on St. Scholastica, whom the Pointers beat 4-3 in overtime earlier this season.

The Pointer men’s record for the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association is currently 1-6-1, and they are ranked seventh just ahead of a Lake Forest team who has yet to win a league game.

Throughout the struggles, Baldarotta remains optimistic: "We want to keep working hard," Baldarotta said. "We want to keep trying to make ourselves playoff contenders."
Pointers go one for three on the road, Sosnowski excels

**Women's Hockey**

**Julianne LaClair**  
**SPORTS REPORTER**

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team faced a tough trio of games on the road last week. They were on the losing end against Gustavus Adolphus and UW-Eau Claire, but they managed to end the week on a positive note, beating UW-River Falls.

On Tuesday, January 16, the Pointers' late-game surge just wasn't enough to forge past number two ranked Gustavus Adolphus. The Pointers dominated play in the third period, and both goals were scored during that time. The first goal was scored by Katy Lankey off a rebound, and Michelle Sosnowski tacked on another on a breakaway beating both Gustavus defenders in a footrace.

"We definitely had our chances throughout the entire game, but we just couldn't put them away," senior captain Chris Hanson said. "Hopefully we will see them again down the road."

In their first meeting of the year, the Pointers surged ahead of Eau Claire 3-1 after the first period. They were unable to hold the lead, however, finally losing 4-3 with the winning goal coming short-handed on an end-to-end rush with less than two minutes to go in the contest. The Pointers outshot the Blugolds 35-24 in the game, with Sosnowski leading the way. She had a pair of goals, one coming on the power play and the other on yet another breakaway.

"It was definitely nice to score them both," Sosnowski said. "But we got a little too content with our lead and let them back in the game."

The Pointers finally turned back to their winning ways with a 4-1 win in convincing fashion against conference rival River Falls. The Pointers dominated play for the entire game with Nicole Greeneway leading the offense with two goals.

"We definitely stepped it up this game and showed how we can play," head coach Ann Ninnemann said. "We have a very tough conference this year, and every game is very important in terms of the postseason."

The franchise is currently 10-4-1 and has a record of 3-3-1 in league standings. The team has had some large margin victories such as the 9-1 game against the College of St Catherine, a 6-0 shutout against the College of St. Benedict, and an 8-2 win over Augsburg College, and have not been more than two goals behind their opponents in a loss so far this season. The Pointers are under new leadership as a result of Brian Idalski leaving the position of head coach. Ex-player and assistant coach Ann Ninnemann was moved to the head coaching spot in his place.

"I am glad to still be a part of Pointer hockey," Ninnemann said. "So far it has been a great year and a huge learning experience for me."

The playoffs are only nine games away, but the Pointers are looking to correct the troubles the team has been having before looking too far into the future.

"As this year progresses into playoffs, we are still concentrating on where we have struggled all season - penalty kill," Ninnemann said. "This past weekend we made some progress and are hoping to fine-tune it for the playoffs."

The next game for the ladies is Sunday, January 28, at the Ice Hawks Arena against the University of St. Thomas, whom the Pointers played and beat in their first game of the season. In the first weekend of February, UW-SP will host home games against Finlandia University and top-ranked UW-Superior.

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**Senior on the Spot**

**Chris Hanson - Women's Hockey**

Major: Psychology  
Hometown: South St. Paul, Minn.

Do you have any nicknames? - C. C. Hans, Chesoysy.

What are your plans after graduation? - I'd like to work as a rehabilitation counselor and coach hockey, but if that doesn't work out I'll move to New Zealand.

What has helped you become such an accomplished athlete? - Loving the game, hard work, sacrifice and all the coaches who have helped me along the way.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - Either the National Championship game my freshman year or beating Superior five times to make it to the Final Four.

What's your most embarrassing moment? - When I forgot my helmet my freshman year at Nationals.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Justin Timberlake.

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - Elf.

What will you remember most about UW-SP? - All of the good times and amazing memories I've made with my past/present teammates...luv y'all!

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - My family, my teammates, Coach Ninnemann & Coachie...I guess that's four.

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Anne Frié
THE POINTER
April 14, 2007

Snow brings out the kid in all of us, but after spending five winters in Stevens Point, it is my opinion that snow has a much greater effect on college students.

Maybe it's the stress of classes or the winter blues of college students invent some wild stories. I heard that a car was seen driving around Parking Lot Q pulling four students on Deböt cafeteria trays. The students had actually drilled holes in the trays and tied rope handles to hold on to. Other students claimed they had spent the night tracking a snow leopard that had left its tracks in Schmeeckle Reserve.

Now, I'm not saying any of this is true or right. I don't know how those students managed to drive around Lot Q without hitting any cars or severely hurting themselves, or how a big endangered cat managed to come to campus from the high mountains of central Asia.

I could go on about the interesting things college students have done when there's snow on the ground. As odd or as painful as some of those activities appeared, it was a way for students to have fun together and enjoy the snow.

The sand plains of central Wisconsin generally is a very flat area, but there are a few places that offer great skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing.

"If you want an inexpensive place to ski or snowboard that's not far away, I suggest Nordic Mountain," said Dan Martin, co-president of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Ski and Snowboard Club.

"It's about a 45-minute drive southeast of Stevens Point. The new owner has really added a lot to the terrain park, so it's always fun for college students," he said.

Nordic Mountain currently has 12 runs open and the terrain park is open. Ticket prices range from $14 to $32, depending on evening or all-day time slots. Snow tubes are also available for rent.

"Cascade Mountain also has good quality snow and isn't too far from Point," added Martin. Cascade Mountain is located in Portage, Wis., about an hour directly south of Stevens Point. Ticket costs range between $24 and $43 depending on evening or all day time slots. Snow tubes are also available for rent.

Granite Peak, in Rib Mountain, Wis., about a 30-minute drive from Stevens Point, boasts 74 runs and Mid-America's longest high-speed chairlift. "It's a little pricier and there are a lot of tourists at Granite Peak, but it's close by and there are more runs," said Ann Robbins, co-president of the UW-SP Ski and Snowboard Club.

The Club encourages participation in alpine skiing and snowboarding. "There's a lot of benefits joining the ski and snowboarding club," said Robbins. "Members don't have to pay dues and the club helps fund ski trips out West or to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan."

For more information about the UW-SP Ski and Snowboard Club, visit www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/ems/

Area Weekend Skating Schedule
Friday, January 26
Public skating at K.B. Willet Ice Arena - 9:30 to 10:50 a.m.
Goerke Park rink warming house open 6 to 9 p.m.
Iverson Park winter warming lodge open 6 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, January 27
Goerke Park rink warming house open 12 to 8 p.m. (Outdoor rink lights on until 9 p.m.)
Iverson Park winter warming lodge open 12 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, January 28
Goerke Park rink warming house open 12 to 5 p.m. (Outdoor rink lights on until 9 p.m.)
Iverson Park winter warming lodge open 12 to 5 p.m.

Snowboarding

"It's time to play in the snow! Cross-country skiing is an excellent winter activity that is a great workout and a lot of fun. If you don't know where to go skiing, have no fear, there are a lot of great ski trails around the Stevens Point area.

Iverson Park has a modest 2.4 mile trail for both beginners and experts, and the eastern part of the Green Circle Trail is groomed during the winter months for skiing. If you seek more challenging trails, Standing Rocks Park has 10 miles of intermediate and expert trails. It's located 7 miles east of Plover and has a small entrance fee of around $5.

No coat? Schmeeckle Reserve is closed, free and a great place for beginners. If you don't have any cross-country skis, Outdoor EdVentures has skis to rent so you don't have to miss out on this great winter sport! To learn about this tip and many others visit us at Outdoor EdVentures in the basement of the Allen Center.
By Dr. Pat Rothfus

Dear Pat,

Happy Holidays! I wanted to tell you a funny story and ask for a favor.

I bought a copy of your College Survival Guide book a couple weeks ago at the bookstore and gave it to my girlfriend as an early Christmas present. She loved it. In fact, I received passionate “thank you” nookie as a break-up now, and I know size reads your first person who actually got sex out of the deal.

However, the other day I walked into our bedroom and we were laying naked on the bed reading your book. She looked up at me and said, “I’m reading Pat Rothfuss, go away. You’re spoiling it.”

So yeah. Part of me wants to thank you. The other part of me wants to kick your ass.

Now the favor. In your book you wrote a column about how to deal with a bad break up. Could you reprint it for a friend of mine? She’s going through a break-up now, and I know she reads your column. She could really use a laugh right now.

Thanks,
Ben

P.S. I’d give my friend my copy of your book so she could read the column herself, but I can’t find the book right now. I think my girlfriend might have hidden it, and I’m afraid to ask...

Well Ben, you’re not the first person who’s told me the book makes a good present, but you are the first person who actually got sex out of the deal. Congrats. I’m glad both you and my book are getting some.

P.S. Feel free to pass my e-mail address along to your girlfriend.
Here’s the re-print for everyone.

Let me paint you a picture. You’re in your first semester of college, and somehow amidst all the studying, floor meetings, and binge drinking, you managed to find time to fall in love. Maybe it was first love. Maybe you found your soulmate. Maybe you even engaged in wicked fricatave rubbing of your pink parts.

When you went home for the weekend you told all your friends. When you were forced to spend a weekend apart, you spent long hours on the phone talking about how much you miss each other and how you can’t wait to get back to school so that you could get together and be cuddly little snugglebunnies.

This is perfect. You feel like you’re walking through a cloud of white light. You smile at songs you hear on the radio.

Then they leave you for some dancer-actor-gymnast-musician-tantric-sex-artist. That doesn’t matter, what matters is that they’re gone and you’re left alone trying to figure out a way to fit your head in the microwave and still get it to turn on.

Sound familiar? Well, if it doesn’t yet, it will soon. Trust me, I know what I’m talking about. You may laugh at this column now, but all too soon you could find yourself weeping silently in a corner, clutching a handful of old letters signed “love forever,” and wishing you’d paid better attention to your needs. Someone with a good sense of humor. Someone who writes a column for the Pointer.

Or you can go with plan B...

How to get over him

Believe it or not, it’s easier for women to get over being dumped. I’m not saying this because I’m a man. I’m saying this because it’s a proven fact that any girl can get... let’s call it “extracurricular love,” whenever she wants it. Usually this can be accomplished simply by raising your hand in any crowded room, or, in extreme situations, by making eye contact and asking nicely.

Sex, is, of course, the tried-and-true post-break-up recovery strategy. Not the best strategy perhaps, but definitely the simplest. However, the right extracurricular partner is essential for it to be effective. Make sure to find someone sensitive to your needs. Someone with a good sense of humor. Someone who writes a column for the Pointer.

Or you can go with plan B....

How to get over her

Though non-standard, crying and talking about your feelings is generally the best way to recover from being dumped.

Unfortunately, it just isn’t socially acceptable. If you’re hanging out watching the Packers, and you start to cry and talk about your feelings, things are going to get weird. The secret is to find a place where it’s acceptable for a man to cry. There aren’t many of them. In fact, I only know one of them.

I’m running low on space here, so I’ll be blunt.

You should crash a funeral.

Funerals are the one place in the world where a guy won’t be looked down on for crying his eyes out. Out of it all, if you pick the right sort of funeral, you can talk about your feelings too.

You want to make sure it’s a big funeral, where everyone will assume that you’re someone else’s friend. You also want to make sure that the deceased is female, and that she’s roughly the same age as you.

Here’s a piece of sample dialogue:

You: (crying) Enter girl
Girl: [concerned] Are you okay?
You: [still crying] I don’t know.
Girl: You must have loved her a lot.
You: [nods] I don’t know what I’m going to do without her. [more crying]
Girl: [giving you a hug] It’ll be okay.

See? Not only do you get a free hug, but instead of being seen as a great blubbering, Nancy-boy, you can be appreciated as a sensitive, loving individual.

Your College Survival Guide is back, and so, amazingly enough, is the Mission. That’s right, the New Mission Cafe (formerly the Mission Coffee House) is open for business again. They’re under new management and are starting their new year off on the right foot by joining forces with the College Survival Guide.

That means that in return for Ben’s lovely, aphrodisiacal letter, Ben gets a $10 Gift certificate for the Mission where he can get coffee, food, or a beer to help him forget the fact that the book satisfies his girlfriend in ways that he can never hope to compete with.

So write in with your questions to prob@uwspunix.wsp. edu. And go downtown and check out the new-and-improved Mission. They serve breakfast and lunch now, have free wireless internet, and are just generally the coolest coffee place in town.

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