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## General Degree Requirements being reconsidered for UW-SP students

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Every University of Wisconsin campus requires students to take a number of general classes, but the students attending the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point say they have to take too many.

As it stands, UW-SP requires all students to complete approximately 55 credits of general degree requirements, compared to the other UW campuses that average in the high 40s. While it is difficult to present a clear number of credits for any of the campuses, due to specific major requirements at individual campuses, UW-SP certainly is one of the highest campuses.

The high number and the

types of classes students are required to take has raised questions and concerns among many students. This past summer, Academic Issues Director Andrew Letson brought the issue to the forefront as one of his missions this academic year.

In speaking with students Letson observed "Although it is crucial for students to receive a liberal education, there reaches a point when there is just too much."

That point has been reached at UW-SP and must now be examined. The most crucial element being observed is the six credit writing emphasis (WE) requirement.

Ideally, Letson believes the GDR requirements should be lowered to a "reasonable level," which includes reducing total credits by nine.

"In my opinion we should remove at least three credits from WE and six credits

from Humanities and Social Science," said Letson. "There will then be three less classes that students have to take, which will then allow them to take more electives."

Senior biology major Linnea Weeden adds that the current situation of the WE is very frustrating.

"I think with WE there are some courses that aren't listed as WE where you certainly do more writing than in WE classes," observed Weeden. "So I think all of the professors need to be on board."

It will take the involvement of the professors for change to happen. Currently, a GDR subcommittee is being formed out of the Academic Affairs committee. The subcommittee will be responsible for analyzing the current issue and making recommendations. It may take up to two years before any results are reported.

During this time, the committee must also consider the impact of the GDRs on transfer students.

Transfer students, completing associate degrees at the UW two-year campuses have the possibility of an advantage over students beginning their college careers at UW-SP. Earning an associate degree allows students to wave various GDRs, including three credits of WE.

Junior fisheries major Tyler Maas attended UW-Fond du Lac for two years, but fell

just shy of earning his associate's degree. Transferring into a four-year university without the associate's degree has added extra pressure and time.

Regarding GDRs, Maas would like to see it is possible to "make a way where certain classes count as writing emphasis. That way you can kill two birds with one stone."

Maas recognizes the difficulties transfer students are having in completing GDR, while also feeling like they are taking extra classes.

"I come in as a junior but [I am] considered a freshman," said Maas. "It makes it extra hard seeing as we are transfer students so there are going to be some credits that automatically aren't going to transfer which is going to give us extra time. [It] is just adding on to our bill and prolonging the time to where we can actually get into the workforce."

Although it may take a couple of years to decide, future students may not have to feel that transferring to UW-SP will force extra time in college. When the GDR subcommittee is officially formed, it will be their decision whether changes are made to the current requirements.

In the meantime, students are encouraged to speak with their professors, expressing their opinions of the GDRs.

Writing Emphasis

Minority Studies

Non-Western Culture

Environmental Lit.

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## Students take action during activism week

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It's easy to be absorbed with things like mid-terms and being cold this time of year, but Student Government Association is hoping the next week University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students might take a moment out of their busy schedules to think about other issues that may be near and dear to their hearts.

SGA is holding the first Student Activism week from Nov. 12-16 in an attempt to bring awareness to certain national and global issues that are facing the world today.

"We want to give UW-SP students the opportunity to get involved in issues that

they care about," said Justin Glodowski, SGA President.

SGA has a line up of activities that any UW-SP student can become involved in to voice their opinions and make a difference.

On Monday, SGA will sponsor "Debt Awareness Day."

"Many students have no idea how much debt they are really in until they graduate and have to start paying off their student loans and credit card debt," said Glodowski.

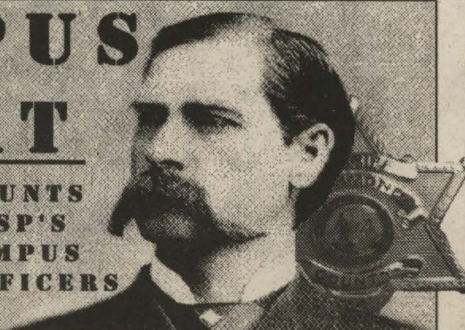
SGA plans to have a "debt clock" in the hallway of the Health Enhancement center from 2:30-6:00 p.m. This clock will show exactly how much debt some of the students at UW-SP are going to be facing.

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# CAMPUS BEAT

TRUE ACCOUNTS  
FROM UW-SP'S  
FINEST CAMPUS  
SECURITY OFFICERS



Knutzen Hall  
November 3, 2007 8:39 p.m.  
Type: DRUG USE

A CA in Knutzen Hall called in a complaint of marijuana smoke coming from a room. Two citations were written.

Parking Lot P  
November 4, 2007 1:35 a.m.  
Type: SUSPICION

Two individuals seen underneath a truck. Upon contact, it was discovered that the truck was registered to one of the two individuals.

Debot  
November 5, 2007 1:00 p.m.  
Type: THEFT

Theft of a backpack.

CPS  
November 5, 2007 1:32 p.m.  
Type: SUSPICION

CPS reported finding a box strapped to a wheeled cart under the stairs in the southwest basement. Discovered cart with box is just used to move heavy objects. The box was empty.

CCC  
November 6, 2007 7:38 a.m.  
Type: THEFT

Theft of a rug.

LRC  
November 6, 2007 5:03 p.m.  
Type: COMPLAINT

LRC called to have an officer make contact with an individual who was looking at pornography on the public computers. When individual was asked to stop, LRC employee could tell individual was under the influence of a substance.

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once they graduate.

"We want students to realize that this is a big issue for them," said Glodowski.

In addition to the "debt clock" there will also be literature on how students can minimize their debt.

Tuesday will be the "Save Darfur Day." The highlight of the day will be the die-in that will be staged in the sundial at 1:00 p.m.

"We want students to come to the sundial at 1:00 p.m. and just lie down. This is to represent all the people who have died in Darfur," said Glodowski.

Wednesday is an extra-busy day for student activists with two issues highlighted. From 10:30-2:30 p.m. there will be a "No Debot Day" demonstration outside Debot. This will highlight the need for organic and sustainable food on campus. In place of Debot, students can feast

on an organic food cookout that will take place in front of Debot.

Later, Wednesday evening the Faux-core will play host to "Diversity Day" where an international fashion show will be presented at 7:00 p.m.

Finally the week will wrap-up on Friday with "Gender Neutral Bathroom Day." All the bathrooms in the academic buildings will have literature about the issues surrounding single sex bathrooms and the documentary "Toilet Training" will be screened in CPS 116 at 4:30 p.m.

"All of these issues are things that SGA has been working on throughout the year, so students will have plenty of opportunities to get involved in issues that matter to them after Student Activism Week," said Glodowski.

For more information on Student Activism Week, contact SGA or show up to one of the demonstrations and get involved and active in the issues that matter to you.



Photo by Katie Leb

UW-SP students are encouraged to participate in Student Activism Week, Nov. 12-16. SGA is sponsoring events throughout the week to promote activism among college students.

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## Dr. Leslie Zweigman Anglo American Educational Services

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Open Lectures on  
Monday, Nov. 12, 2007:

• "The State of Education in the United Kingdom: Dilemma, Crisis and Direction"  
116 CCC 2:00-3:00 p.m.

• Internships in London  
321 CCC 4:00-5:00 p.m.

• "A British Perspective on the War in Iraq: Current U.S.-British Relations"  
101 CCC 7:30-8:30 p.m.



# Time to remember fire safety precautions

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With the end of daylight-saving time, it is often heard that when changing clocks people should also be reminded to check the batteries in their smoke detectors. With the winter season steadily approaching, it is a good time to be aware of fire hazards in homes and dormitories.

Kitchen appliances are often the culprits of fires in residence halls. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Residence Living Handbook outlines which appliances are allowed and how they can be properly used. It states, "small appliances that have no open coil are allowed."

Some appliances can be stored in rooms, but can only be used in the floor kitchens. Others, like toasters or electric woks, are not allowed in

rooms at all and may only be used in the kitchens. These guidelines are put into place in order to promote safety in the residence halls and reduce the risk of starting a fire.

Each room in UW-SP residence halls is equipped with smoke detectors. Instructions on how to use them are located in the Residence Living Handbook.

The handbook also states that the burning of candles and incense is not allowed because of the potential fire hazard. Candles can only be displayed if they are not burned. "This restriction is a direct result of safety concerns," according to the Residence Living Handbook. "Open flames are a primary cause of fires in residence halls."

Firesafety.gov provides a fact sheet for colleges and universities on how to be better prepared for fire-related emergencies. It cites that most fires are a result of lack of

knowledge about fire safety and prevention.

Questions about fire safety and procedures should be directed to residence hall directors.

College residence halls are not the only places where fire hazards lurk. House fires are also prevalent, many resulting from the misuse of electrical outlets and extension cords.

For more information, see the Residence Living Handbook or visit firesafety.gov.



Photo by Katie Leb

To avoid a visit from one of these, learn about fire safety procedures.

## International Student Volunteers: an amazing travel opportunity

### Press Release

International Student Volunteers (ISV) is looking for students from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to travel overseas this summer on its exciting volunteer and adventure programs.

Selected participants will have the opportunity to travel with a group of students

may elect to travel from two weeks up to three months.

Traveling alongside ISV trained project and tour leaders, students will spend the first two weeks volunteering in real hands on projects in either social community development (improving the quality of impoverished villages, building houses for refugees, teaching children English etc.)

adventure tour of their chosen country, involving such activities as white water rafting, glacier climbing, rappelling, scuba diving and jungle kayaking.

ISV's Campus Representative, Jamie Sweet says the company is looking for fun, outgoing students to partake in the highly sought after programs.



Photo courtesy of Michael Jesiolowski

Travel around the world and meet all kinds of creatures.

from all over the world (18 years and over) on volunteer projects and adventure tours to either Australia, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic or Thailand. The program lasts for one month but students

or conservation (working with endangered sea turtles, working with Australian wildlife, planting trees in New Zealand etc.).

The second two weeks will see the group launch into an adrenaline filled cultural and

ISV's mission statement is "to combine education; conservation and recreation into the most incredible experience of a lifetime, while giving

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## A long overdue goodbye

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POINTLIFE REPORTER

When Wayne Huberty crammed the family Saturn with his dorm room essentials in early September and headed for Thomson Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point he thought, "I can't believe I'm still here!"

Wayne is entering his fourth consecutive year living on the fourth floor of Thomson Hall. Although most seniors smirk in the rear-view mirror as they gladly leave their dorm life filled with video game marathons and gut-busting cafeteria food behind, Huberty is back to life as usual.

"I've probably played infinite hours of video games in my four years here," he quips with a laugh. "The best hours of my life were spent with my closest friends on this futon," he says pointing to the camouflage futon in his room on fourth floor.

When he was a junior, Huberty was looking forward to getting married to his fiancée and getting their own apartment off campus, so he put off signing a lease for an apartment with his friends. When the marriage was postponed, he was stuck. This year, because Huberty is getting married in January, he couldn't get an apartment lease for half a year and is stuck in the dorm for his fourth year. "I can't live on the street, so out of necessity, I'm back in the dorm," sighs Huberty.

Huberty is like a phantom in the dorm. He is rarely seen

because as a senior pre-med student with a 3.9 GPA, he studies around four hours a day between countless hours of labs and lectures. I struggle to catch a minute with him on his way to the community bathroom as he gargles mouthwash.

The only thing that will finally drag Huberty out of Thomson Hall in early January will be his marriage to his fiancée Rachel Laczny. "I feel bad for him," Laczny says. "He is always complaining about the Debot food." Of course, along with living in the dorm comes the dreaded meal plan at the school cafeteria called the Debot Center. "My digestive tract has degraded to the point of straight in and straight out," complains Huberty. He dreams of life without Debot.

While both Huberty and Laczny imagine life outside of a cubicle for a home, Laczny wonders how Huberty will survive without a meal plan. "I hope he doesn't die once he's off meal plan," she jokes, "My cooking skills need some practice." Yet she quickly retorts, "I guess anything will be better than Debot."

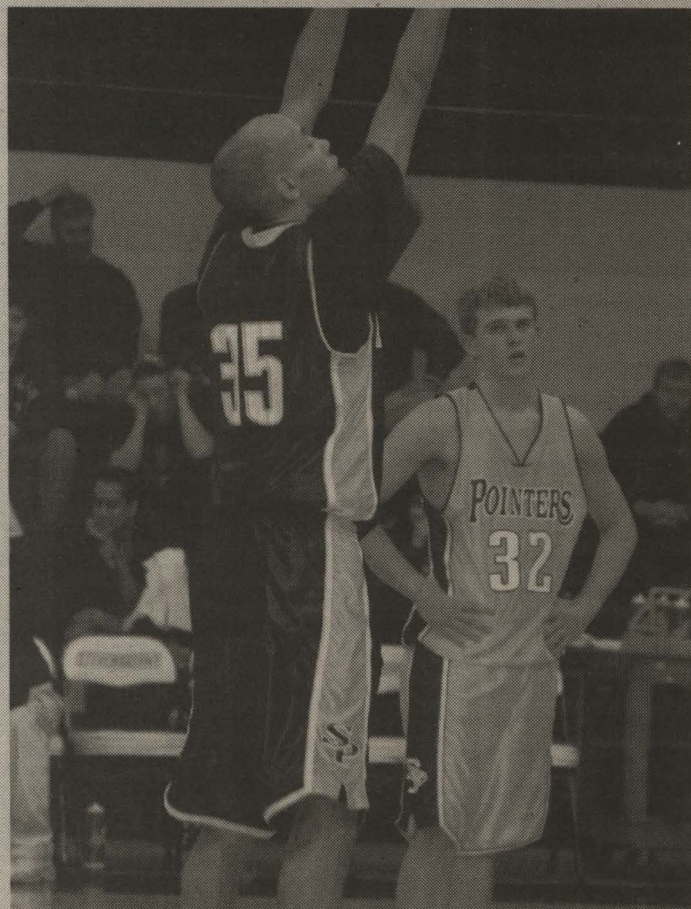
Ironically, Laczny understands his plight because she, too, is entering her fourth year in a dorm at Emmaus Bible College in Dubuque, Iowa. Their marriage appears to be a dorm match made in heaven.

Huberty has become so accustomed to life in the dorm that he wonders how he will adapt on the outside. "It will be a foreign country not living in the dorm or being on meal

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## CAPTION THIS...



**What is this person thinking?** Create your own caption for this photo and send it to us at [pointer@uwsp.edu](mailto:pointer@uwsp.edu) by Tuesday night. Catch the winning caption in next week's issue of The Pointer. Winning submission will receive a prize!

## Last week's winner...



This black vest will be great for the next showing of the Rocky Horror Picture Show  
—Kyle Homan

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back to the local communities in the countries in which we are traveling." Because ISV is a not-for-profit organization, students can offset the cost of the program through tax deductible sponsorship donations from the community.

ISV will be holding information meetings on Thursday Nov. 8th, every hour on the hour from 9:00am - 5:00pm at the Rm 227-C in the Reeves Building for those students interested in the program. More information on the program can be found at [www.isvonline.com](http://www.isvonline.com)

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plan," he says. "It's going to require some getting used to."

As he reclines on the camouflage futon, reminiscing about dorm days gone by, he digs for some last words of advice for his fellow dorm mates. "Enjoy the dorm while it lasts," he muses. "But get out while you can!"

## Notable Brits want you to participate in

*UWSP's Education Programme in*

# London, England

*During SPRING BREAK: March 15-23, 2008*

**Don't disappoint them!**

### Programme Highlights:

Have you ever wondered how other countries around the world teach their students and prepare their teachers? Have you wanted to experience rich, diverse learning environments in another part of the world? Come join us in exploring the Education Programme of the United Kingdom! We will visit primary, secondary and teacher preparation institutes while learning from experts in the British Education system. Opportunities to compare and contrast viewpoints and practice will abound.

In addition, we plan a guided tour of London, an evening theatre performance and personal time to explore such places as Hyde Park, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace with the changing of the guard, St. Paul's Cathedral, the many art galleries, Harrod's department store and other unique sites in the city of London.

**Credits:** Participants enroll for three credits of Education 370/570 Workshop in Education: International Education Programme, Comparative Studies – United Kingdom WE. Both a Writing Emphasis and a non-writing emphasis section will be offered, pending approval. **No prerequisites.** Graduate credit can also be arranged at an additional cost. ript.

**Application: Deadline for application is December 1, 2007.** Request an application form from UWSP International Programs or from JoAnne Katzmarek (CPS 472) directly. Return the form to UWSP International Programs with a \$250 (non-refundable) deposit. The group is limited to 16 total participants, 15 students and one leaders. Applications are processed in the order they are received.



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# Outdoors

## When the outdoors comes indoors: My ongoing battle with a flying rodent

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It was only fitting that this all unfolded on Halloween.

Well, it was more or less Halloween. Technically, I wasn't made aware of the battle until 4:00 a.m. on Nov. 1, when I rolled over to some sort of rustling in my bedroom. It was coming from my windows - being Halloween, I assumed that my house was either getting egged by some mischievous teens, or the branch outside my window was scraping the house in some eerie Scooby-Doo-ish way. As I remembered there was no tree directly outside my room, I peered through the blinds to make sure I wouldn't be scrubbing yolks from my siding in the morning.

I heard the noise again, but saw no evidence of its origin. I looked outside again, looked at my window and just assumed it was some freaky Halloween ghost thing. After all, it was 4:00 a.m.; my mind wasn't ready to think rationally yet.

That night at around 7:00 p.m., as I was reading history, I heard another noise coming from inside my bedroom - this time against the wall. I immediately imagined a mouse crawling against the wall, and as I opened the door to my room, I saw a small, brown, furry-lookin' thing crawl out from behind my dresser.

The moment I realized it wasn't a mouse, it flew.

Now, for a city-boy like myself, approximately 438 thoughts crossed my mind at that very moment, the most mind-boggling being that I slept, got dressed and did many other things in a room over the last 12 to 24 hours with a bat. It still gives me the chills.

Of the remaining 437 thoughts crossing my mind



while this crazy bat circled my living room, one was, "What's the best way to catch a bat?" (I even googled it.)

This thing was going nuts. And rightfully so. If it had indeed been sequestered to my bedroom for the past day, it was probably really hungry, wanting to stretch its wings and also wanting some alone-time with its special lady bat friend, which was hopefully not also in my house.

It first found refuge behind my couch in the living room, and as I quickly scoured my house for a bat-catching device, it began to realize how open my house was. It peeked out from behind the couch and did laps from my living room to the kitchen; up to

the loft and back down to the kitchen. Finally, it swerved into my dual-entrance office. I kicked the back door shut and ran to the front door. I could hear the bat rustling around in one of my boxes, and I turned on the light and slammed the door. Now that I had the little bastard locked in a room, I could collect my thoughts and find a way to rid him from my house.

The problem was my lack of a racquet. No tennis racquet, racquetball racquet, not even a badminton racquet. Without a sufficient and broad swinging device, I felt powerless. I eventually decided that my fishing net and a bucket were my best defenses.

But by the time I had rounded up my gear, the bat had somehow escaped my makeshift jail. It circled my house a few more times before disappearing.

I cannot remember a time when I have been more freaked out, realizing that I slept in a room with a bat flying around in it all night.

Six days have passed and there is still no sign of the winged intruder; I have posted "No Trespassing" signs throughout my house and have verbally warned the bat that I will squash it to oblivion if it rears its sonar-guided face in my house again. The bat knows what's at stake if it returns; victory shall be mine.

## Huntin' with Buckwalt: Lurin' in dem doe

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Greetings, fellow hunters. We turned back the clocks and in a week and change it's time to shoot dem bucks.

You all know you can't sit in the stand and expect does to flash their tails in front of you if you don't wine 'em and dine 'em a little.

Hunters, just like in real life: you gotta pay yer dues to see the does. If you want action in the stand after stuffing yourself stupid with turkey and stuffing, then you need to get your butt out now and start baitin'.

I'll admit, it even took ol' Buckwalt awhile to get into the habit of baiting. As a young buck, I used to hit the stand cold with no foreplay. I'd sit there and freeze my kibbles-n-bit off while hearing gunshots all around me. I never shot much more than a snot rocket the size of my thumb, let alone a buck with a nice rack.

Then ol' Buckwalt hit the rut, you could say. I started

noticing the fine-lookin' white-tails hoppin' around school. They were all over the place. But just like in the tree stand, I couldn't lure in one of my own doe for the kill. Finally, I started asking dem doe things about demselves. Like what gauge gun they prefer to shoot and favorite places to blow snot rockets. Then, and only then, did doe allow me to accompany them to the fields for late night romps.

Real, wild doe act the same way as the doe in school. You've got to lure dem to your stand. Start now by baiting with different types of food like apples, veggies and walnuts. Not only will you lure in dem doe, but hopefully also the big bucks that are lookin' to crunch a nut or two.

That's when you bust a cap in dat buck. Tell 'em ol' Buckwalt sent ya.

Coming up next week: getting' through da huntin' season. It's a long, grueling eight days. Ol' Buckwalt will tell ya what to stock up on and what you'll need to survive comfortably.

## Outdoor•Ed Ventures Tip of the Week

### Sleeping tight outside

The success of a winter camping trip can be narrowed down to one piece of equipment: your sleeping bag. Whether you sleep cold or warm, here are a few tips on keeping yourself comfortable when those temperatures drop.

First off, you need to have a bag that will do the job. When shopping, make sure that you pay attention to what temperature it is rated. If you do sleep cold, plan accordingly. Just because it says it's a 20-degree bag does not mean that you will be comfortable down to 20-degrees. (Keep in mind the ratings are standardized and we are not all "standard.")

Once you have a bag, here are a few tricks of the trade in keeping yourself warm when you sleep.

1. Have a snack before going to bed, the digestion of food will cause your body to give off heat.
2. Fill a bottle with warm water and place it in your bag. This should do two things, keep you warm and ensure that your water is not frozen in the morning.
3. Do some sit-ups when you get into the bag. Get that blood flowing.
4. Wear extra clothing, but not too much. The whole concept of insulation is warming the dead air space around you. If you wear too much clothing you may end up compressing the very airspaces that are designed to keep you warm.
5. Wear a stocking cap and dry socks. The majority of the heat you lose is released through your head and feet.
6. Be sure to sleep on a pad that keeps you off the ground. Direct contact with a cold surface will draw away any warmth you produce.

If you are looking for more great tips to help you beat the great outdoors, come visit us at Outdoor Edventures, located in the lower level of the Allen Center.

## Fall musky anglers reminded of bait restrictions when fishing with suckers

**Press Release**  
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

Because of statewide restrictions now in place to prevent the spread of a deadly fish disease, anglers who use suckers for fall musky fishing are encouraged to buy only the amount of these bait fish they need for each outing before heading out onto the water for the remainder of the season, which closes Nov. 30. The same holds true for other anglers using live minnows or other bait fish.

Under emergency rules aimed at preventing the spread of viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) that took effect statewide on Nov. 2, anglers are prohibited from taking live fish away from any water in Wisconsin, including

leftover bait minnows, suckers and other fish.

These requirements reflect concerns that bait fish could possibly be exposed to the fish disease while anglers are fishing if the anglers change the water in which the minnows are kept. Using leftover bait on other waters could potentially spread VHS, says Mike Staggs, fisheries director for the Department of Natural Resources.

"If we knew exactly where VHS was in the state, we could tell anglers where it was safe to take home bait minnows," he says. "But with 15,000 lakes and 44,000 miles of flowing rivers, we can't test every water for VHS, so an angler doesn't know whether the water they are fishing has VHS or not."

"It's important for anglers to keep in mind why they

should never move suckers or minnows to a new water. We're trying to prevent transferring potentially infected water or fish to a new water," he says. "The best advice we can give anglers is to buy only the bait fish you need and carry commercially processed minnows in reserve." The new rules do not apply to other kinds of bait such as leeches or nightcrawlers.

Minnows distributed by licensed wild bait harvesters, raised by fish farmers or imported from other states must meet Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection fish health inspection and testing standards, but after the minnows leave the licensed bait dealer, there is no way to

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## Schmeckle fire preserves habitat

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If you were anywhere near Schmeckle Reserve on Thursday and thought you saw smoke, you weren't imagining things. A prescribed burn was held Thursday to help preserve an endangered habitat.

The primary purpose of Schmeckle Reserve has always been to preserve and restore natural communities that were here prior to European settlement according to a Schmeckle Reserve media statement. A prescribed burn is just one way to achieve this goal.

"It's helping to restore habitats that are quite rare in Wisconsin and in the world," said Buchholz.

Buchholz is referring to the Berard Oaks area of Schmeckle, an eight acre area that houses an oak savanna habitat, one of the rarest habitats in Wisconsin and in the world. Only about 500 acres remain in Wisconsin when, at one time, Portage County alone was 25 percent oak savanna.

The oak savanna habitat is composed of prairie grasses, wildflowers and forbs with a scattering of large open-grown oak trees. The diverse

habitat supports several plant and animal species.

According to a Schmeckle Reserve media statement, fire is essential in maintaining oak savannas. It suppresses woody brush and tree species while invigorating prairie grasses and forbs. Prior to European settlement, fires would have naturally occurred by lightning or set by Native American tribes.

In order to control a prescribed burn, professionals are needed. Enter the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Fire Crew.

The Fire Crew, a university student group that is trained and certified in fire management, volunteer its time each year to help in prescribed burns at the reserve.

"We are very appreciative of the UW-SP Fire Crew and all the time they've donated to help us," said Buchholz.

A prescribed burn is a completely controlled burn isolated in a specific area and watched very carefully by the crew. Each person has a specifically assigned job, ranging from drip torch operator to stomping out areas that should not be burning. After crew members analyze wind patterns and check the overall area, they carefully make a plan as to where and how the fire should be set and controlled. When the plan is made, gasoline and diesel

fueled drip torches are used to create a blackline, an area that will naturally keep the fire from spreading where it should not.

When a clear line has been established, the crewmen hope that the small fires started while creating the blackline will creep into the wind and spread themselves, increasing the fire and allowing it to spread naturally.

"If they get the right amount of wind, the fire will go quickly," said James Cook, the crew's faculty advisor.

Once the fire is going, the crew will keep moving along the sides and continuing to create further blacklines around the area. This ensures more control.

"It is essential to keep control of the fire," said crew leader Brian Puckett. "If you keep control, the fire will pull in on itself."

After the fire is completely set, maintenance is the next step. Crew members will stay with the fire until it burns itself out and then check the area for any hot spots that may flare up again.

Future burns at the reserve have already been scheduled for this fall.

"There are so many other areas of Schmeckle that need this as well. I hope the weather is like this for the next time," said Buchholz.

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their fish health status.

VHS has demonstrated in other countries and Great Lakes states the potential to cause large fish kills, long-term reductions in wild fish populations and severe economic losses for aquaculture operations, Staggs says.

While Wisconsin hasn't had any large fish kills to date due to VHS, the disease is very new here, having been detected for the first time in May 2007. Fish appear to be most vulnerable to VHS in the spring, when water temperatures are cold and fish immune systems are stressed from the rigors of spawning. So the spring could hold the potential for fish kills that people would notice; it's also important to note that other states have reported signs that the main VHS impact is on young fish, and fish kills of

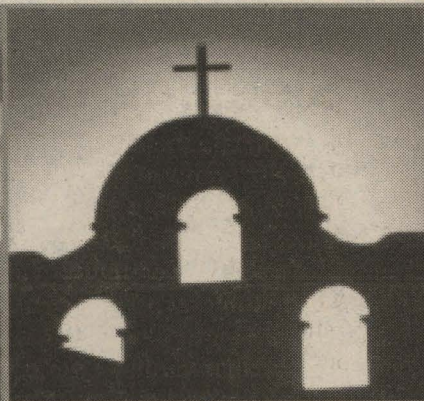
these smaller fish are not as easy to detect.

Muskies, walleye, bluegill, freshwater drum and yellow perch are all very susceptible to VHS - they are all in the federal government's "Tier 1" category of species that have been documented to have suffered fish kills, according to Tim Simonson, the fisheries biologist leading DNR's musky team.

Muskies in particular are one of the species that has suffered major fish kills in the lower Great Lakes as a result of VHS. In spring 2006, large die-offs of musky in the Detroit River and St. Lawrence River were related to VHS. And there are signs now that the musky population in the St. Lawrence River in New York is dropping significantly as a result of VHS, which has already killed thousands of fish in the river.

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# Making soap out of natural materials

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If you've ever been fed up with the lack of soap choices at your local Target, then maybe it's time to take matters into your own hands. Mind and Body Connections, located in the Allen Center, is giving students and community members just that opportunity.

On Saturday, Nov. 10, Mind and Body Connections will be holding a Handcrafted Herbal Gifts class. From 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Lauren Ebbecke will teach participants how to make items such as soaps, bath and body oils, and sugar scrubs.

Ebbecke will teach participants how to use natural herbs, plant oils and essential oils to create a variety of pleasing scents, colors and designs. There will also be an assortment of molds available for forming soaps into several different shapes.

All supplies are provided by Mind and Body Connections as well as by Ebbecke. For those who wish to use this as a starting point for holiday gift giving, raffia and ribbons will also be available to decorate the home-made gifts.

Ebbecke, who lives in Central Wisconsin, has been studying plants for several years. She co-taught an herbal apprenticeship with Ellen E. Hopman, M.Ed, a master herbalist and author of several books on the subject. Besides teaching people about herbs, she also practices therapeutic massage and reiki.

The class is open to anyone who is interested. To sign up, go to the Cardio Center desk and pay the enrollment fee. It's \$20 for University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students, \$30 for non-students. Payment can be made in the form of cash, check, PointCash and student billing.

For more information, call (715) 346-4161 or visit the Cardio Center's Website.

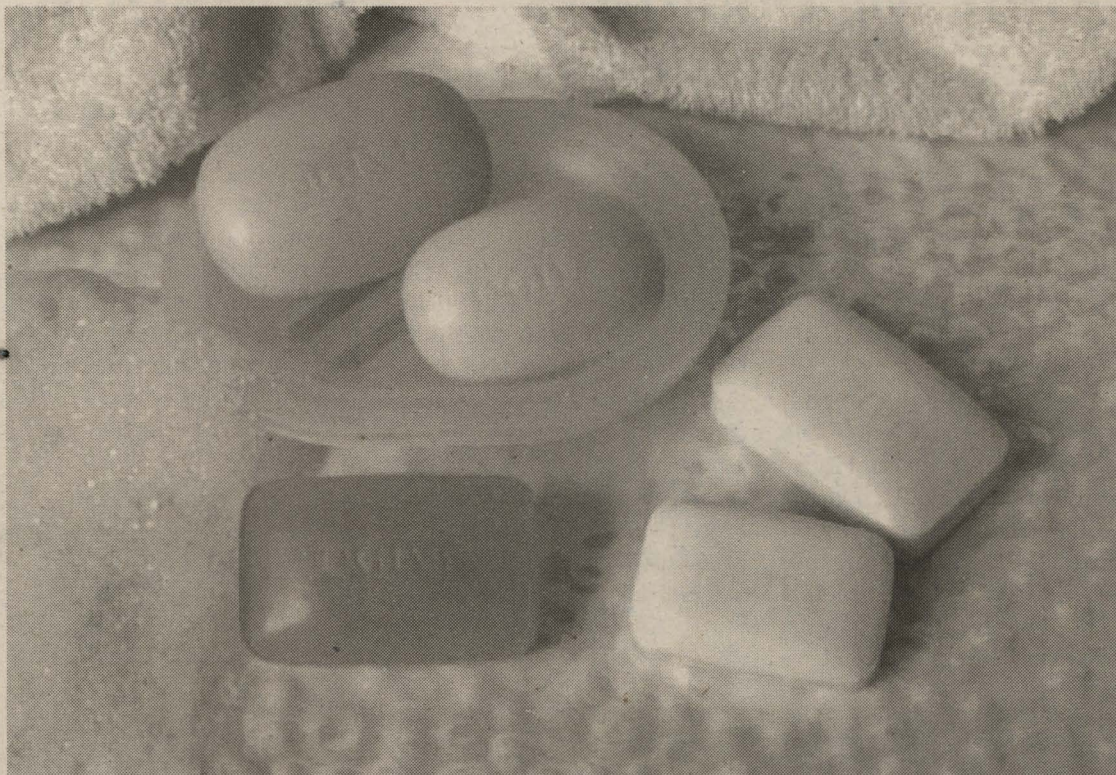


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The workshop on Nov. 10 will give students and community members the opportunity to make their own soaps and body oils out of various natural materials.

## UW-SP's best kept secret: The Counseling Center

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The Counseling Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point aims to help the student not only succeed in school, but also in daily living.

The Counseling Center provides psychological services that are sensitive to the student's gender, race, culture,

sexual orientation and spiritual beliefs. It desires to personally help students overcome personal difficulties and acquire the skills, attitudes and knowledge that will improve their college experience.

"There is something here for everyone," said Dr. Sharon Gahnz, director of the center. "We are here to help students be who they are and graduate on time."

One way the center

achieves this is through the "Skills for Success" program. "Skills for Success" is a one-time, 50 minute workshop offered throughout the year on various self-development topics such as "Time Management," "Recognizing ADD in College Students" and "How to be a Better Test Taker."

In the past, the center had group counseling that required an eight-week commitment, but student attitude has shifted into getting more things done in a shorter amount of time, said Gahnz. "Skills for Success" was created specifically to accommodate this changing shift.

If unable to attend the workshops, a student may make an appointment with a counselor or take advantage of the center's self-help library. The library contains books, videos and audio tapes ranging from all topics for career enhancement and mental health issues.

Gahnz calls the library

"the best kept secret," and thinks that it is a valuable source for all students who are either just interested in the subject or do not want to make an appointment with a counselor.

The center also provides short-term therapy for mental health issues. Some issues do require longer care, that the center is unable to provide. Long-term clients are those who consistently need help throughout their entire college career.

"Unfortunately, students won't come here because we are short-term," said Gahnz. "Don't think in terms of short term and long term, just come."

Robin Krueger, a sophomore at UW-SP, went to the center last week to see a counselor and was well pleased with the office and the staff.

"It was very aesthetically pleasing," said Krueger. "Everyone was really nice and very efficient. I felt they tried hard to make it feel as com-

fortable as possible."

The center sees students from all majors and levels. But Gahnz said that lately the center has been seeing more seniors and students with 3.0 or higher grade point averages. Ideally, Gahnz would like to see a more even distribution among the student levels and also see some more students with lower GPAs.

"They can be better students if they are willing to look at themselves and see that they need help," said Gahnz.

A successful session will depend upon the student's willingness to engage in the process.

"The person who gets the most out of it is the one who wants to change," said Gahnz. "Students just need to come. Every student should come once before graduating."

For more information go to [www.uwsp.edu/counseling/new\\_site/](http://www.uwsp.edu/counseling/new_site/) or call (715) 346-3553

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

Are you looking for something to do tonight? Check out the Allen Center's Fall Back Bonanza where EVERYTHING IS FREE! Tonight Thursday, Nov. 8 from 7:00-11:00 p.m. the Allen Center will be sponsoring a FREE night for UW-SP students. There will be FREE food and prizes from 7:00-11:00 p.m., FREE workouts from 7:00-11:00 p.m., FREE fitness assessments from 7:30-8:30 p.m., FREE group fitness classes from 8:00-9:00 p.m. and a campfire from 9:00-10:00 p.m. Come check it out at the Allen Center on 401 Reserve Street!

It's not too late to register for the 5th annual Cold Turkey Trot fun run. Join us this Saturday, Nov. 10 for the fun run through Schmeckle. Same day registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the run begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Allen Center parking lot. You can choose either a 3k walk/run or a 5k walk/run throughout Schmeckle reserve. The first 100 students to register will receive a free t-shirt additional t-shirts can be bought for \$5 which you can bill to your student account. Check out additional events happening at the Allen Center check out [go2allen.com](http://go2allen.com).

#### Some Facts on The Counseling Center

- Offers psychological consultation and counseling services to the university community.
- Free of charge to currently registered UWSP students.
- Is voluntary
- Provides initial consultation and referral service to currently employed faculty and staff through the Employee Assistance Program.
- Is staffed by professional psychologists and counselors.
- Maintains confidentiality. Counseling files are private and not a part of other university records.
- Wants to help you feel successful in your role as a student or staff member of UW-SP.

#### Issues that the Counseling Center can help with:

- Adjusting to college life
- Feelings of not "fitting in"
- Death of a loved one
- Lack of self-confidence
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- Feeling blue
- Eating problems
- Peer pressure
- Stress
- Relationships



## Strength Center is open for business

The newly remodeled Strength Fitness Center opened on Monday, Nov. 5. Included in the remodel was a refurbishment of the floor and weight equipment. There are also various new cardio machines as well as an expanded stretching/abdominal area.

To celebrate the remodel, the Strength Center will be holding an Open House from Nov. 5-Nov. 21. During the Open House no membership is needed, meaning use of the facilities is completely free of charge for two weeks. However, after Nov. 21, a

Strength Center membership is needed to use the equipment.

To sign up for a Strength Center membership, Cardio Center membership or combination package, call the Cardio Center at (715) 346-4711, or visit their Web site <http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/healthwellness/cardio-center>.

**Strength Center Hours:**  
Mon.-Thurs 6 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Fri. 6 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sat. 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Sun. 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.



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## Science, Health and Tech Question of the Week

**Q:** Why when you cry, does your nose get all plugged up and full of snot?

**A:** Tears are a normal part of the lubrication of the eyes. The normal amount of daily tearing drains into the nose through the lacrimal duct. If there are more tears, such as when crying, then there will

be more fluid going into the nose.

Answer provided by Bill Hettler, MD, Director of Health Service at UW-SP.

Do you have a question related to the fields of Science, Health and or Technology that you've just been dying to ask or cannot seem to find the

answer to? Then send your question to the Science, Health and Tech editor at [sjens236@uwsp.edu](mailto:sjens236@uwsp.edu). You just might finally get the answer you've been searching for.

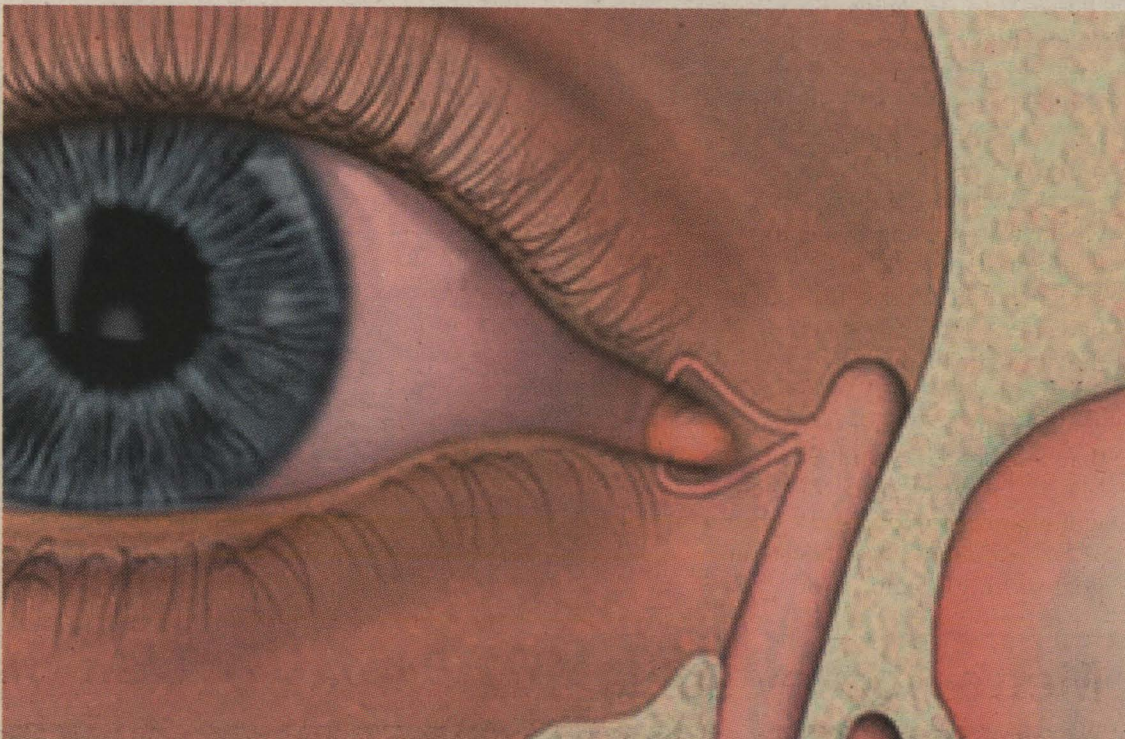


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Instead of lighter fluid and flint creating a flame, you get resistance coils and a red square which heats just as quickly to provide for all your heating needs. It's a great gadget to have

for starting campfires, torching unwanted documents or yes, even that cigarette you so dearly love. The lighter uses the same technology as a car lighter.

And for those times when you've completely forgotten your USB disk at home, just push down the lighter portion at the top to reveal the USB, which will not only recharge the battery cell, but also allow you to store a few files as well. Who knew technology could be so hot?

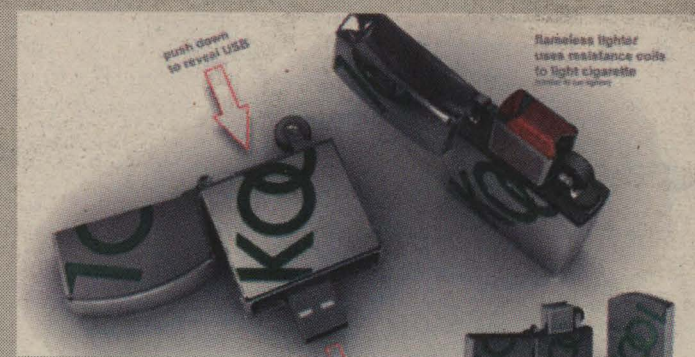


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# Women's soccer to compete in NCAA tournament

## SOCCER

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Saturday, Nov. 10, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's soccer team will battle against the College of St. Benedict (Minn.) at the University of Chicago in the first round of the Division III NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament. The Pointers ended their regular season with a 15-4-1 overall record and are currently ranked 22nd in the country.

"The methodology that we have been using is keeping it simple. We work on a basic system that works for our players. We run the system to the strength of our players. I think our practices have been challenging. We have a team that is talented," said Sheila Miech, the head coach of the women's soccer team.

The Pointers are a fast, goal-scoring team, and a

majority of the seniors have already been to the playoffs before. Of course, all the teams in the 2007 Division III NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament are inevitably exceptional teams.

"Any team that gets into the tournament right now, you know it's going to be a tough competition. You have to remember, that no one wants it to be their last game. We are capable of doing very well at this tournament because we've shown evidence before," Miech explains.

St. Benedict, Point's first opponent, finished their regular season with an overall record of 15-5-0. Against common opponents this season, the Pointers were 4-2, while the Blazers were 4-1.

"We definitely know the type of team they are and their patterns of play. They seem to be a solid and organized team all around," said Miech.

The winner of the UW-SP versus St. Benedict game will go on to play the winner of the University of Chicago and

Aurora University. The Pointers are taking one game at a time, but have made a statement in the beginning of the year that "we are going to be a great team," said Coach Miech. They are "fully-loaded," according to their team motto and this tournament should be an exciting one.

The Pointers and the Blazers will face each other



Photo by Rochelle Nechuta

The Pointers will compete in the NCAA tournament after finishing their regular season 15-4-1.

at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 at the University of Chicago. Tickets will be \$12 for adults, \$6 for students and \$3 for children under 12.

## Men's hockey splits first games of season

### HOCKEY

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A tremendous crowd backed the Pointer hockey team for the season-opening games this weekend. The approximate 2,800 in attendance during the two games encouraged a close loss to St. John's University, and the first win of the season Saturday against Concordia-Moorehead.

The Pointers began the season with a slow start against St. John's (Minn.), allowing a three-goal deficit within the first seven minutes of play. University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point was not a team to take the lead lying down, and they battled back to a 3-3 tie after the second period. All three Pointer goals were tallied during power plays, two of them from Sean Fish and

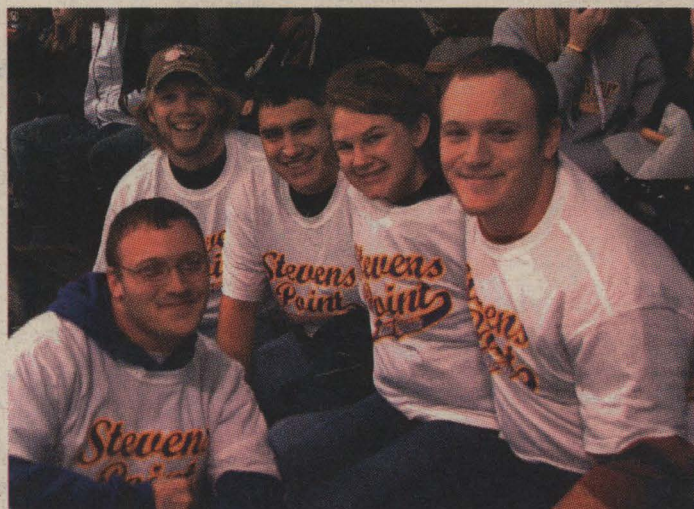


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Some of the many "Rowdy Crowd" students who came to cheer on the the Pointers.

the other from Andy Cankar.

Fighting a tough period, the teams were tied until 12:34 when the Johnnies took over the lead. The Pointers pulled their goalie in an attempt to score, but were denied the chance when St. John's scored another to seal the game 5-3.

UW-SP freshman goalie Tom Speers saved 21 shots in

his first game with the Pointers.

Saturday's game against Concordia-Moorehead was a whole different game. UW-SP came out swinging and scored all four of their goals within the first period. The Pointers out-shot the Cobbers 71-44 and held their opponent to only one point in eight power play goal attempts with an effective power play kill.

Pointers Josh Calleja, Chris Conway, Russell Law and Brett Beckfield all tallied their first goals of the season during the C-M game, while Marcus Paulson played all 60 minutes and stonewalled for 26 saves. Paulson had an .867 save percentage in the 2006-2007 season.

The team faces University of St. Thomas and St. Mary's University next in their pre-conference schedule. Both games will be played in Minnesota this weekend.



Photo by Rochelle Nechuta

The Pointers celebrating after scoring on St. John's University.



## INTRAMURAL NEWS

### COED-VOLLEYBALL

- 1-We Dig Your Balls
- 2-Rockstars
- 3-Wilson
- 4-Descendants
- 5-Sexy Sasquatches

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

- 1-Sandhill Babies
- 2-Hottah
- 3-Yeah Boi
- 4-Clean Jelly Beans
- 5-McLovin

### BROOMBALL

- 1-Purple Haze
- 2-Tyler Ring
- 3-Reverse Blumpkins
- 4-Cravin' Brains
- 5-Team Pulaski

### TRENCHBALL

- 1-Narbs
- 2-Lucky's
- 3-Bruyette's Pizza House
- 4-Wounded Platypus
- 5-PE 4 Life

### ULTIMATE

- 1-Small Children
- 2-5.9ers
- 3-Truth
- 4-The Burninators
- 5-Shake'n'Bake

### INDOOR SOCCER

- 1-W. H. H.
- 2-Kicker's United
- 3-Korean Team
- 4-Field Fairies
- 5-Fake Madrid

### RACQUETBALL

- 1-Dan B
- 2-Jimmy
- 3-Steve
- 4-Shea
- 5-Dan K

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

- 1-War Dogs
- 2-Moose
- 3-Village People
- 4-O-town
- 5-The Front Line

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- 1-Tormentors
- 2-Hansen Hustlers
- 3-Last Minute
- 4-Spalding
- 5-All Day

### TENNIS SINGLES

- 1-Shanon
- 2-I'm Victoria's Secret
- 3-Jim Lee
- 4-What Nation!?
- 5-Alex Christianson

### TENNIS DOUBLES

- 1-Victorious Secret
- 2-Safin & Federer Come Back
- 3-Heroes in a Half Shell
- 4-Junmyong/Yujin
- 5-Running Turtles

### BADMINTON DOUBLES

- 1-Ram it and Slam it
- 2-We Put the "Bad" in Badminton
- 3-Unbeatable
- 4-Asian Sensation/Caucasian Invasion
- 5-Utech

### BADMINTON SINGLES

- 1-Chee Yang
- 2-Sarah Pelkey
- 3-We Got Game
- 4-Justin
- 5-C+S

### BAG TOSS DOUBLES

- 1-Waste Management
- 2-Look at those Bags
- 3-NARBS
- 4-Bago
- 5-Sloppy Joes

### BAG TOSS SINGLES

- 1-Dan Kinler
- 2-Alan Fritz
- 3-Craig Tomaszewski
- 4-Pat
- 5-The Ocho



## NFL pick-off report

**Steve Apfel**  
SPORTS REPORTER

What's that jumping out of the shadows to tap on Tom Brady's shoulder and run away snickering? Yes it's the triumphant return of the NFL Pick-Off Report! It's back under a new name, but fear not dear readers! The same nuggets of football wisdom and revelations of the evils of Tom Brady remain perfectly intact. Let's take a look at week 10's big games.

Green Bay Packers vs. Minnesota Vikings

It's America's new favorite reality TV show, "NFC Central's Got Talent." The Packers have been winning game after game despite their rotating running back position by depending on their top-notch defense and the arm of Brett Favre. The Vikings on the other hand have a similarly rotating quarterback slot, an average defense, and the most exciting running back in the league in rookie Adrian Peterson. However, the Packers have known how to use their weapons all season while it took the Vikings until

last week to figure out that Peterson is the only offensive threat they have when they let him loose for a record setting 296 yards rushing against San Diego. The Packers may have more going for them, but the Vikings have too much faith in their new toy to be denied. Take Minnesota in this one.

Dallas Cowboys vs. New York Giants

The Cowboys have continued to be the greatest form of entertainment in the NFC, consistently putting up big numbers and beating adversity at all opportunities. Tony Romo is still the biggest argument for the side of good in the shadow of the evil Tom Brady. The Giants offense continues to prove that they are run by the lesser of two Mannings, but their defense has been pounding opposing quarterbacks mercilessly since week 2. However, Romo is seemingly unsackable and the Giants simply don't have the secondary to hold off the Cowboys' air attack. Big D takes this one and the Big Apple gets another bite.

Detroit Lions vs. Arizona Cardinals

The Detroit Lions are the greatest underground favorite out of Detroit since the White Stripes. Picked to win their usual 3-4 games this season, the Lions are now 6-2 and just one game behind Green Bay for the division lead. The Cardinals may have been a sexy sleeper pick in the pre-season but Kurt Warner can't regain his former glory no matter how many bionic parts they give him. The Lions win this one in much the same way that an actual lion would destroy a member of the clergy.

For further picking success this week, take the following teams: Atlanta, Kansas City, Buffalo, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, Tennessee, Washington, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Indianapolis.

The Patriots have a by week, meaning Tom Brady is probably having cocktails with Lucifer, funding Anti-Semitic rallies, and looking for unsuspecting supermodels to spawn with. He'll be back next week to continue his contaminating of football, and I shall be there to point out his evil ways.



### Miech reaches 300 games

After the Pointer soccer victory this past weekend, Head Coach Sheila Miech accomplished her 300th career win with the Pointers. She now has a 300-98-27 overall record and has won 12 conference championships in her 21 years with UW-SP.

### Maus wins awards

Senior volleyball player Shelly Maus earned a spot on the All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference First Team squad for the second season in a row. She also earned the Judy Kruckman Scholar Athlete Award after being named on UW-SP Dean's List, Honor Roll and the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll. Maus broke the school kill record this season and currently holds the record with 1,715 career kills.

### Women's hockey

The ice hockey team won season-opening games against St. Olaf College 3-2, and Gustavus Adolphus College 5-1. Pointers Jessica Edwards and Nicole Grossmann scored two goals apiece, while Tracy Butler and Jenna Daggit each tallied two assists in the two match-ups.

Pointer goalies d'Andra Phillips and Ann Hulme split the games. Phillips had 34 saves against Adolphus and Hulme had 10 saves against St. Olaf.

The Pointers face Finlandia University in consecutive conference games on Nov. 17 and Nov. 18.

## Pointers drop third game in a row

### FOOTBALL

**Micah Schroeder**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Turnovers are one of the most important elements that can immediately change the course of a game. On Saturday afternoon, the Stevens Point football team experienced the havoc turnovers can cause.

The visiting UW-Eau Claire Blugolds took advantage of several critical turnovers during UW-SP's Senior Day at Goerke field en route to their 28-7 victory.

Turnovers became the story right off the bat as Blugold running back Cory Sartorelli, who rushed over 200 yards in each of his last two games, fumbled on the opening possession. That play placed the Pointers in great field position.

During the ensuing Pointer possession, quarterback Jake Swank was sacked and coughed up the ball, which the Blugolds recovered on the Pointer's 13-yard line.

After driving down to the three-yard line, Sartorelli fumbled the ball back into Pointer hands for the game's third turnover just four minutes into the contest.

The Blugolds delivered the first scoring drive of the game as Mitch Schaeuble hooked up with Tony Hull for a 20-yard touchdown pass near the end of the first quarter. After a Pointer personal foul late in the second quarter, Matt Olson ran it in from three yards out to give the Blugolds a 14-0 halftime lead.

After a third quarter touchdown pass from Jake Swank to Jared Jenkins, the Pointers cut the Blugold lead to 14-7. That momentum was short-lived though, because on their next possession a storm of Blugold jerseys broke through the Pointer line and Nate Jahn blocked a punt from Luke Frisch. Tom Dohr scooped up the loose ball and ran it into the end zone to give Eau Claire a 21-7 advantage.

On their next possession, Blugold cornerback Kyle Meulemans took advantage

of a miscommunication in the Pointers passing attack and picked off a pass and ran it in for a 35-yard touchdown to extend the Blugolds lead to 21.

That interception return would cap off the scoring in a game where the Pointers struggled offensively. Some of the struggle was a result of injuries. The Pointers were without running back Mike Ferron for the game because of a leg injury, and the team lost wide receiver Brad Kalsow early in the first quarter to an ankle injury.

One bright spot during the game was Pointer Jack Marx who ran for 133 yards. UW-SP's Jenkins led the receiving core with five catches for 52 yards and a touchdown. Defensively, Dustin Robinson led the way with 14 tackles.

The loss drops the Pointers to a 6-3 overall record, and 3-3 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. UW-SP will travel to La Crosse for their regular season finale, which is set for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.



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## Senior on the Spot

### Jess Suter — Hockey

**Major:** Elementary ed with a math minor

**Hometown:** Waunakee, WI

**Do you have any nicknames?** Sutes

**What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?** Going to the frozen four the past two years in Plattsburg, NY.

**What is your most embarrassing sports moment?** When I assumed my name was being called for the starting line-up, but I failed to realize it was senior night and the seniors were starting, so halfway out to the blue line, I had to turn around.

**Have any gameday rituals or superstitions?**

I like to always sit by my teammate/linemate Katy Lankey in the locker room before games... Otherwise, I don't really have any.

**Who is your sports hero?** Cammi Granato and Herb Brooks.

**What is your sport philosophy?** Offense wins games, but defense wins championships.





# Arts & Review

## Concert at The Mission cancelled over liquor license dispute

**Dan Neckar**  
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Students attending a concert at The New Mission Coffeehouse last Friday were met by numerous police officers who were ordered to shut the show down. About 50 students were present when the show by Natty Nation and Nama Rupa, two reggae bands from Madison, was cancelled.

Police arrived around 11:00 p.m. while supporting act Nama Rupa was finishing their set. The band was ordered to stop playing so attendees could exit the building.

"The concert was shut down because the owner of

the venue is selling alcohol without the proper license," said Police Sgt. Tony Babl. "This owner has had a history of trouble with licenses, but I'm sure there will be a meeting with the city to discuss license renewal."

After being removed from the venue, many students stood outside hoping they would be allowed to re-enter, but they were denied. One student began chanting, "Let them play," until police detained him in fear of a disturbance. The student was later arrested on a charge of underage alcohol consumption.

Babl said that he felt most of the attendees were cooperative, and that he understood why they would be upset.

Sandi Plaz, an employee selling tickets, said that some of the fans were refunded, and that others donated their money to the bands. Both Plaz and owner Marc Nicolas felt that the police's conduct was very civil.

"I think that some of them felt terrible. They were really just following procedure," said Plaz. Nicolas commented that the officers "were only doing their job." Nicolas said that the coffeehouse has had similar problems in the past.

When asked about future shows, Nicolas said he hopes he can continue to host shows and work the problems out with the city. He said that his main concern for upcoming shows was fulfilling promises to the bands.



Photo by Dan Neckar.

Ron Konkol, a spokesperson for Natty Nation, said the band is very sorry about what happened, and that they are currently trying to organize a new show in Stevens Point at an all-ages venue.

## Nickel Creek bids fans "Farewell (for now)"

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Between the collaboration for Sean Watkins, solo project for Sara Watkins and a new band that involves Chris Thile, there will not be any time for Nickel Creek in 2008. Maybe that is the reason for the "Farewell (for now) Tour" the band has embarked upon this fall. Playing songs from their six releases, the band members have decided to go their separate ways for a while in order to flex and develop their musical identities through new venues.

Guitarist Sean Watkins is in the process of releasing an album with Jon Foreman, lead singer and guitar player of Switchfoot. They will release by the name The Real SeanJon, and their album should surface sometime in 2008.

The Real SeanJon Myspace site says the music sounds like "a failed attempt at a bachelor's degree," and that the two will bring "rrracoustic" ("a fantastic cup of acoustic and rock") to the masses.

Nickel Creek's fiddling songstress Sara Watkins also has her first solo project in the works, with a debut album set for the summer of 2008. According to her Myspace page, she plans to record the album this winter after the "Farewell" wrap-up.

"For a while now, I've been recording rather nice demo versions of songs I like for a proper solo record, and many of them have grown from baby to teenage tracks. Because of Nickel Creek's

relentless recording and touring schedules over the years, however, no songs have quite grown up, as of yet," says Sara on her Myspace page. "With the time at home this winter, I'm very much looking forward to finishing this project of mine."

Mandolin player and singer Thile will also be dedicating himself to a side-project come spring. His other band, Punch Brothers, will release an album on Nonesuch Records, due out Feb. 26 next year.

Though they are splitting for a time, the "Farewell (for now) Tour" is offering a last chance for fans to enjoy the music for an unspecified amount of time. The band played at The Grand Theatre in Wausau Nov. 17 to a nearly sold-out crowd, performing hits such as "The Fox," "The Lighthouse" and their remake of Britney Spears's "Toxic."

The show was energetic and inspired, and the music was a dynamic mixture of bluegrass, folk and alternative tunes that the band has developed over the years. Between Sarah Watkins's sweet fiddle, Thile's storming mandolin, Sean Watkin's melodic acoustic guitar and carefully crafted lyrical narratives, the band's music has many enthralling and highly original elements that have attracted many fans and have resulted in nominations for numerous awards.

Although the magic of the band will be missed until its hopeful return, the solo projects coming from the musicians could definitely be worth the hiatus that Nickel Creek fans will face in the next few years. Only time will tell.

## WISPIRG brings in bands for genocide victims' benefit

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On Friday, Nov. 9 at the Faux-core, Centertainment is sponsoring the bands Cougar and Jumpcut Focus, while the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group (WISPIRG) will hold a benefit show to aid the victims of the genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

Cougar is made of five members from New York, Chicago, Madison, Tucson and Milwaukee. The band

sounds like emergency rock and rescue. They have done one United States tour and one European tour. Friday night's show at UW-SP will be one of a handful they are playing before they leave for their second European tour. For more information, you can visit the band at [www.cougaround.com](http://www.cougaround.com) or [www.myspace.com/cougaround](http://www.myspace.com/cougaround).

The opening band, Jumpcut Focus, is almost entirely made up of UW-SP students. Jumpcut Focus plays an eclectic array of experimental, rock and indie-based music. Their music is also deeply influenced with an artistic aspect.

They put on a mixed media traveling art performances combining music, photography, sculpture and video. For more information about them, visit [www.myspace.com/jumpcutfocus](http://www.myspace.com/jumpcutfocus).

This show will be a benefit to aid the victims of the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. The UW-SP WISPIRG will be asking for donations and have information about the crisis available. Members of WISPIRG have also promised to shave their heads if \$1,000 is raised over the course of the event.

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## Katie's Curiosities: Professor's book unmask the real Sacajawea

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Last Tuesday, I was at Emy J's, drinking a cup of tea and editing a paper, when a former professor of mine walked in with his wife. He came over to chat and mentioned that he had just published a book that was going to spark immeasurable controversy and that he'd be pleased to see me at the presentation he was giving at the public library. Not being one to ever miss out on some good controversy, I decided to go.

The presentation took

place on Monday, Nov. 5, and it was absolutely fascinating. Tom Johnson, a professor of anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, spoke about his new book, "Also Called Sacajawea: Chief Woman's Stolen Identity." In his book, Professor Johnson proposes that the woman the world has acknowledged as the famous guide of Lewis and Clark is not, in fact, the real Sacajawea.

In the early 1900s, a woman named Grace Hebard researched what happened to Sacajawea after the Lewis and Clark expedition. She proclaimed an old Shoshone

woman who had died in 1884, at almost 100 years old, to be Sacajawea, returned to her people after the expedition ended.

For years, this information was touted as the truth. Monuments were erected and tourists came from all over to visit the grave of this famous woman. However, in 1920, evidence was found in the journal of John Luttig, a clerk at Fort Manuel Lisa, that the real Sacajawea had died of a putrid fever in 1812 at age 25. Hebard initiated an amazingly effective cover-up of this information, and it was not until Captain Clark's

cashbook was found in 1955, also proclaiming Sacajawea to have died young, that many people began to accept that the woman proclaimed as Sacajawea was not, in fact, the authentic Sacajawea. Despite all of the evidence, this topic is still incredibly controversial.

For over 100 years, Shoshone oral tradition has accepted the woman Grace Hebert claimed was Sacajawea, and many Shoshone claim descent from her. The Daughters of the American Revolution spent large amounts of money on the commemoration of Hebard's Sacajawea. These people have

so much invested in Hebard's Sacajawea that any other truth could be culturally devastating.

While much of the book describes this process of uncovering the mystery of Sacajawea, Professor Johnson also provides us insight to another mystery. If the woman whose grave is called Sacajawea's is not actually Sacajawea, who then is she? Johnson describes the process of his great discovery—who lies in the grave once thought to be that of Sacajawea—beginning with his trip to a Shoshone sun dance to protest Vietnam, spanning over 30 years to the breakthrough that allowed him to complete his research. This captivating account can be found at the University Bookstore or online at BookFinder.com.

## A sample of campus jazz

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Jazz percussionist Kelby Kryshak's senior recital took place on Thursday night in the Noel Fine Arts Center. For the recital, Kryshak assembled a talented group of music majors to assist him. His dynamic program of songs progressed from jazz's evolution early in the century to the present.

The first set consisted of Kelvin Kaspar on electric guitar, Eric Ross on a stand-up bass and Kryshak on drums. The initial stiffness of the musicians melted away as they began their second and third songs, which were both written by Kryshak. The Bassist's shining moment in "Hear Now" got even the most reserved audience members rocking' along.

Nicholas Claudio on saxophone and Daniel Eaton on trombone joined in for the second set. They delivered the keening notes of "Blues Connotation" with fierce intensity. Claudio continued to mesmerize the slack-jawed audience with wild wailing in "Nutville." John Coltrane's spiritual "Pursuance" made an ideal finale.

Music students are required to perform a half-recital in their junior year and a full recital in their senior year. As Kryshak's recital has shown, these events are an excellent showcase for Steven's Point's up-and-coming musical talent.

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# Letters & Opinion

## Your College Survival Guide Bitching and Moaning

**Pat "unbridled rage" Rothfuss**  
WITH HELP FROM GALAXY COMICS.

Hey Pat,  
I've got a problem I'm hoping you can help me out with.

This year, right before school started, my girlfriend and I moved in together. We've been going out for almost two years, and it's the best relationship either one of us has ever had. It seemed like a pretty natural step to take.

But things aren't going so well. I mean, we used to have a great time together. We were always over at each other's houses, spending the night. You know, having fun. But we're not having fun any more. We're bitchy at each other and it's only been a month.

I need to nip this in the bud before it gets any worse. Help me Obe-wan, you're my only hope.

Jake,

P.S. I'd love it if you used my letter, but don't use my real name. I don't want to get a lot of hassle from my friends about this.

Jake, if you'd read the column for any length of time, you'd know the rule: Either you provide a witty acronym or I use your name. However, as we're both friends, I'll do my best to cover up for your mistake....

Well, Jake Jack, if you really want to fix things and save your relationship you'll have to listen closely and do exactly as I tell you.

Ready?

Ok. First you have to realize that your girlfriend is out-of-her-head, utterly and without doubt, totally batshit-crazy. I don't need to know her specifically to make this statement. It's a characteristic all women share.

Oh, she may look and act normal. But believe me Jake Jack, that's all it is: an act. Many women are very adept at concealing their crazy. But it's always there, lurking, like a sleeping marmot doused in lighter fluid. Then one day you make some offhand comment about her ass looking big and WHOOMP! Suddenly the marmot's not asleep any more. Oh no. Now the Marmot's on fire, screaming about how you leave your socks out all the time, and she saw the way you were looking at her sister, and the fact that you moved the green chair out of the corner when she was at work, and it's been making her elbows hurt for the last two weeks.

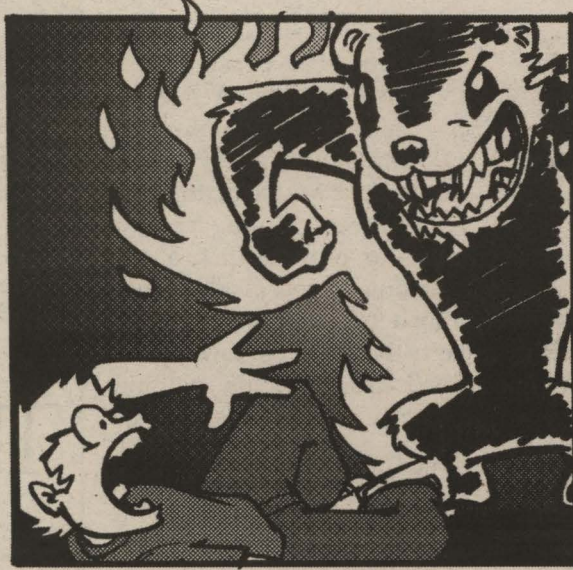
Anyway, what was I talking about? Oh, yeah. The main reason I point this out is so that you can throw all concept of 'fair' and 'reasonable' away. They aren't going to do you any good here.

Whatever you thought previously was wrong. There's a whole new set of rules when you're living together.

The second thing you have to realize is this: You, Jake Jack, are a bumbling, thoughtless, insensitive, thinks-with-your-dick, dickhead.

You are, because we all are. And just like the girls, some of us have learned to hide it most of the time. The rest of mankind blunder destructively through life, with the most extreme cases becoming athletes, Hollywood producers and politicians.

So when the marmot is on fire and she's crying because you moved the fruit bowl, don't focus on the crazy; you can't fix that. Focus on the facts: you did leave your socks out, you did move the



fruitbowl and the green chair. And be honest with yourself: the only reason you aren't looking at her sister's ass right now is because it isn't in the room.

Things were easy before in the relationship because when you visited each other it was a visit. An escape from the real world. A vacation. Well, the honeymoon's over now, and you need to examine your expectations.

For example: Do you expect her to clean up after you? Don't just deny it. Think for a second. Isn't there some part of you, deep down, that expects her to do the cleaning because she's the girl? It's OK to want that. It's nothing to be ashamed of. After all, that's what our culture teaches us is Normal and Good (Watched Leave it to Beaver lately?)

But what's not OK is expecting her to do it, never mentioning it to her, and then getting more and more irritated the longer she doesn't fulfill your little June Cleaver fantasy. Also, be aware of the flip side. The Ward Cleaver fantasy, the belief that because you're the man, you're obliged to pay for everything. If she expects that of you (and prob-

ably some part of her, deep down, does) you're well within your rights to feel a little disgruntled.

The only way around these problems is to talk about them. Do it now, while you're still settling in together. Otherwise, you'll end up married with her doing the dishes every night and resenting you for it, while you balance your checkbook and resent her. If we don't examine our underlying expectations in relationships, then discuss them, things tend to become slowly, steadily, sour with our loved ones.

Lastly, I assume in your letter that when you say "spending the night" you mean "having sex." And when you say "having fun" you mean "having oral sex." With that in mind I can't help but draw attention to where you say: "We're not having fun any more."

Now, you're certainly not the only guy in history who assumed that a live-in girlfriend was the same thing as a renewable coupon for free oral sex. But remember what we just said about expectations. You're not on vacation anymore. You can't really expect her to come home from a long day, change into the cheerleader outfit, and jump your bones.

So here's what you do, Jake Jack. Pick up your socks. Put the fruitbowl back. And when your crazy girlfriend comes home from a long day at work, you love her up on the green chair that you have thoughtfully returned to the corner.

And hey, if there isn't as much 'fun' in the house as you'd like, maybe you should return the favor before the fact. If you know what I mean.

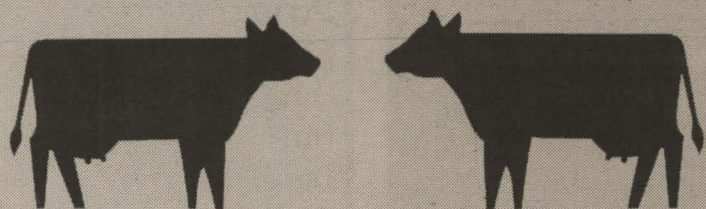
Another relationship saved thanks to Pat Rothfuss. What's more, instead of receiving a medal, Pat is giving a gift certificate from our beloved sponsor, Galaxy Comics. If he's smart, Jake Jack will use some of it on his new live-in ladyfriend. If he's not smart, well... then at least he'll have something to read while he comes to grips with the hellish reality of his situation.

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Also, remember to send in your letters explaining what insane lengths you would go to in order to obtain an "I am not Pat Rothfuss" t-shirt. Winning entries will be annointed with oil, printed in the Pointer, and their authors will be put on the fast track toward apotheosis. Send submissions, questions, problems, or witty remarks to proth@wsunix.wsu.edu.

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## Countdown to Turkey Day...

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## A Woman's Intuition: stop pissing your money away

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If you have made it this far in this week's Pointer, you have probably noticed that SGA is going to be sponsoring a rather important series of events next week. In an effort to inspire rage and fury in your hearts, SGA has chosen five well known controversial issues, placed them on a silver platter and is now waving them in front of you in hopes that you'll take notice.

One of these issues is one that undoubtedly is affecting or will affect almost every student on this campus. That is student debt. It's not exactly controversial or causing the

unspeakable suffering of an oppressed people, but it certainly keeps many of us up at night.

It's so easy to charge our tuition bills to innocent looking plastic cards and take out student loan after student loan hoping that we land that high paying dream job right after graduation and can afford to pay it. So we adopt a sort of "out of sight, out of mind" mentality about our debt, a mentality that I often like to apply to things like dishes and term papers.

But we all know that there are some serious consequences that may ensue should those bills be ignored for too long, consequences that will haunt us forever.

Obviously, there are some pretty easy ways to lower our every day cost of living which will in turn ease the burden off our wallets when our monthly credit card statements come. Things like not buying that Nintendo Wii you know will just distract you from things you should be doing, keeping that old car parked more often and taking the bus or the good ole bike to school should you live off campus, or maybe making your own coffee

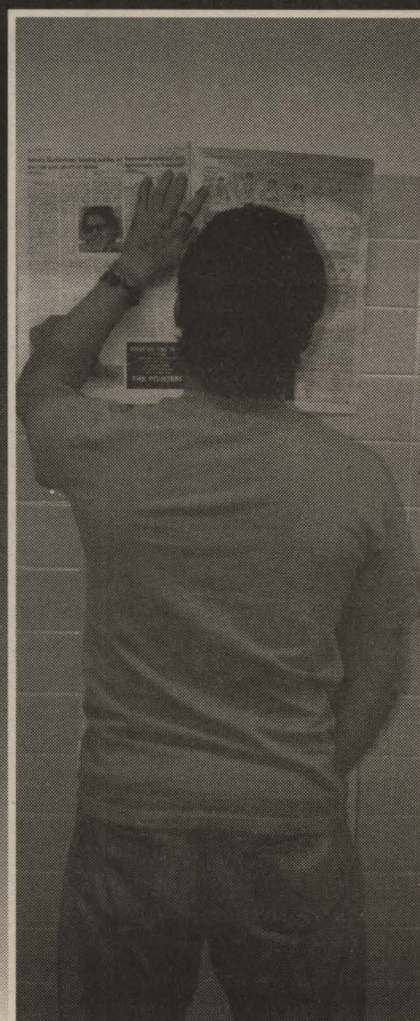
fee instead of driving through Starbucks every morning in your car that you shouldn't be driving anyway because you're riding your bike now, remember? But the root of this debt problem is the obscene rate our tuition is climbing every year.

My news editor here just informed me that soon it will be more expensive to go to a UW-school than it would to go to a private college (taking into account the scholarships many private school students get). That's kind of a scary thought, isn't it? UW-schools are supposed to be a bargain.

There are many reasons our tuition is rising, but one of them is we aren't telling the people raising it to stop. Instead, we go to the bar and gripe to our buddies about crawling deeper and deeper into debt as we wrack up a hefty bar tab. If lawmakers don't hear from us, nothing will change. It's as simple as that.

Student Activism week should be the beginning of a constant outcry from the 10-25 year old demographic that saying that we are here and we do have an opinion and a voice.

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I love wearing a parka. I can defeat the minions of hell. One of my friends is a huge egocentric racist. You can hear me sing about as often as you can see me die. For dinner I have waffles. Who am I?

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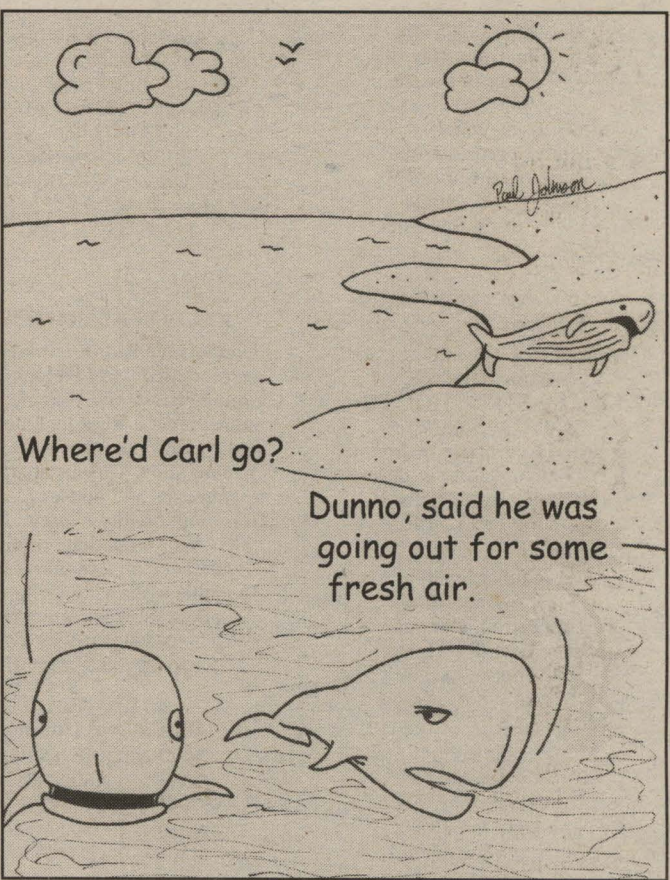
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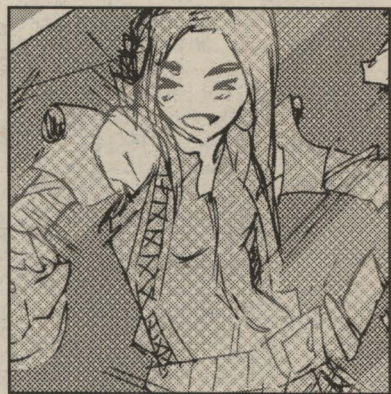
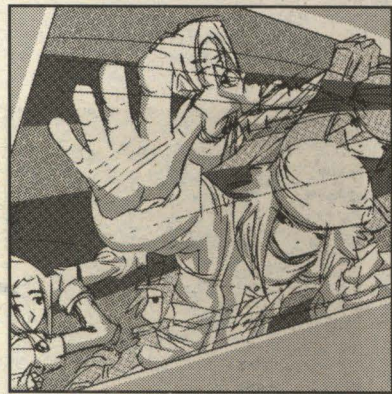


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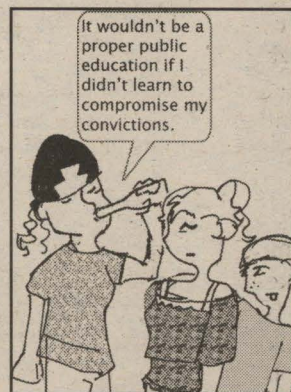
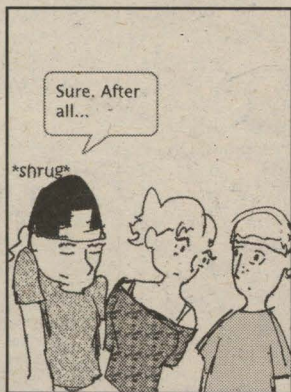
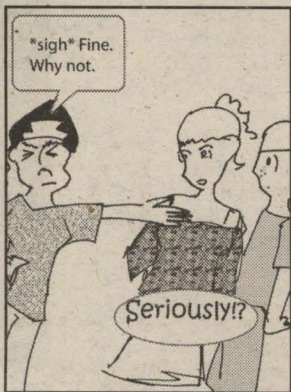
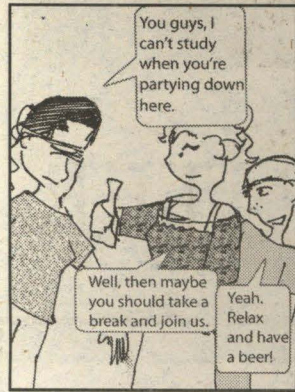


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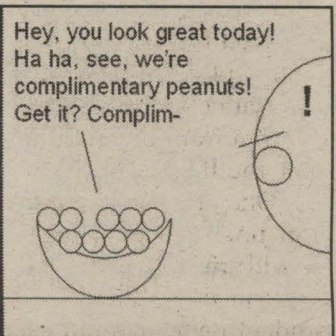
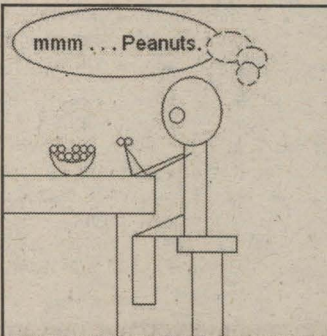
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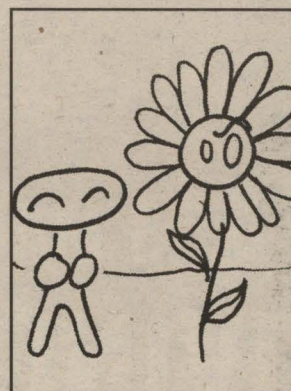
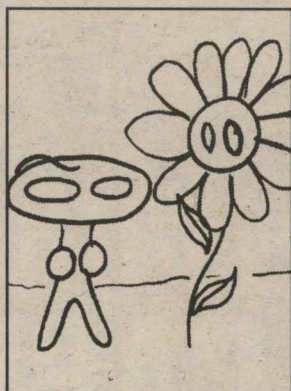
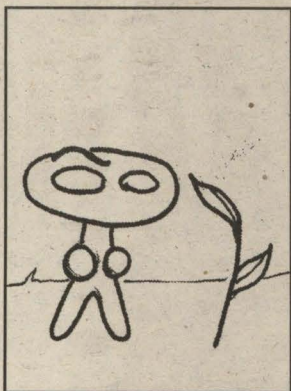
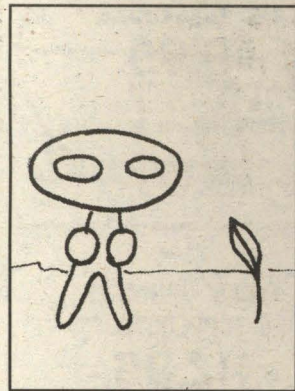
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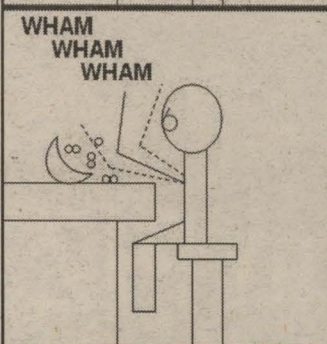
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