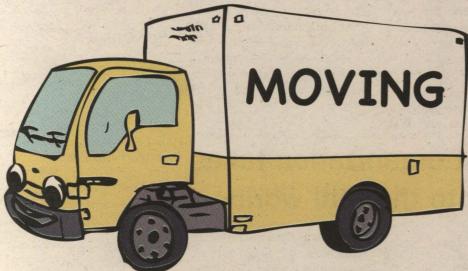
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Andrew Letson

NEWS REPORTER

Beginning Monday Nov. 26, hundreds of moving boxes were filled with office supplies and merchandise branded with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point logo. This week and the following, boxes, many belonging to student organizations and university services, will be taken to a new home. With the completion of the Dreyfus University Center (DUC) quickly approaching, it is time for everyone who has been displaced for the past 18 months to pack up their things and prepare to move back in.

The move has not been a small task, claims Assistant Budget Director for the Student Government Association (SGA) Rachel Von Holdt.

move is a little chaotic and hectic right now, especially because [we] have so much stuff that we need in a physical location. But I know it will be nice in the new DUC," said Von Holdt.

Although all of the student organizations need to pack up their own offices, they will not be physically moving their things to the university center. The Grabel Movers company, hired by the university will be responsible for taking all boxes to the DUC.

Laura Ketchum-Ciftci, the director of the University Centers said, "We have some staff that are on both ends of the move; one that stands there and directs Grabel as they pick stuff up and load it, and people on the other end who actually distribute where the stuff needs to go."

As for Ketchum-Ciftci,

Pack it up and move it out; it is time to change homes

she has been working

communicating how and when people are moving and getting the word out that offices are changing buildings, when they are closed and when they will be re-opening.

Most people are excited to

be back in the university center, though there are some that have reservations about the timing of things. Holly McKee-Clark, the outreach coordinator for the Women's Resource Center said, "I don't understand why we're moving so early... we're getting kicked out two weeks

Even though she may not agree with the timeline of the move, she is excited because they are getting more space.

One other concern

office will be closed, student organization's annual budgets are still due by Dec. 21. Office] will still be here in Nelson Hall until the semester ends."

is that even though the SGA tions submitting a budget need not worry.

The move time may be a bit confusing and frustrat-Von Holdt said, "[The Budget ing at times, but all parties involved are taking it one box at a time.

The DUC will be 100 per-Those student organiza- cent operational Jan. 22, 2008.



UW-SP services and student organizations began moving into the DUC this week. The DUC will be fully operational on Jan. 22, 2008.

Patches says: 'If you can dodge a wrench...'

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With the end of the fall semester nearing completion, it is easy for students to become a little frazzled. For students in the Division of Communication at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, this semester may not be so bad.

Lambda Pi Eta (LPH), the division's honor society, is planning a dodgeball tournament for Saturday Dec. 8, 2007 at 2 p.m. in the Multi-Activity Center (MAC). The honor society is allowing students to take out some pre-finals aggression, while creating some pride in the major.

"Too many people see our major as 'easy,'" said LPH Vice President Lauren T. Kiel. "I've heard things like we're the left over majors and that all we do is give speeches."

In fact, students must

complete pre-major requirements before being admitted, to assure the student is prepared.

"Its overall goal is to try to prevent students from progressing too far into major requirements when they statistically have no chance of graduating with a Comm. degree," said Associate Professor and Advising Undergraduate Coordinator Rhonda Sprague. "The pre-major offers students a chance to determine whether the Comm. major is a good fit for their interests."

LPH has requirements of its own for students to be eligible to its honor society, including maintaining a 3.25 grade point average (GPA) in communication courses, a 3.0 cumulative GPA and being a junior or first-semester senior with at least 12 completed communication credits.

Once inducted members are responsible for maintaining activism by attending meetings and helping organize group activities. LPH provides a yearly pre-major communication student scholarship, along with mentoring other communication majors and those students interested in communication as either a major or minor.

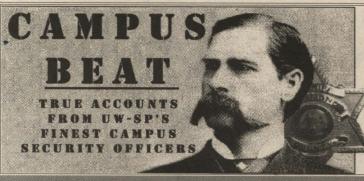
But, putting homework and studying away for an afternoon is okay by the honor society.

"It's time for us to get to know each other, have some fun and to earn some fun prizes in the process," said Kiel.

Crazy costumes, mascots and many prizes, among the hurling rubber balls anticipated at the event. Kiel admits the event is not typically expected to create unity within a major, but it cannot get any better than being encouraged to launch dodgeballs at fellow

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Hansen Hall November 14, 2007 5:43 p.m. Type: **FIRE**

A fire alarm sounded on third floor of Hansen Hall. It appeared to be caused by popcorn smoke.

May Roach Hall November 17, 2007 10:05 p.m. Type: **DRUG USE**

A CA reported possible marijuana use. Officers issued citations for possession of marijuana and paraphenalia.

May Roach Hall November 19, 2007 12:47 a.m. Type: DRUG USE

A CA reported possible marijuana use. Officer issued one citation.

Watson Hall November 20, 2007 3:36 p.m. Type: THEFT

An individual reported theft of a PS3 and X-Box 360. Seven games were also reported stolen.

Pray-Sims Hall November 25, 2007 9:16 p.m. Type: **DRUG USE**

A CA reported smelling marijuana in an individual's room.

Pray-Sims Hall November 26, 2007 11:04 p.m. Type: **DRUG USE**

A CA reported smelling marijuana in an individual's room.

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classmates.

But, heaving the balls will cost the students. Each team, consisting of 6-10 players will be required to pay an entrance fee of \$15. All proceeds will go to funding the pre-major scholarship to an outstanding student looking to be accepted into the major.

Members of the honor society have been working steadily to get a collection of Starbucks, Toppers and WalMart gift cards to give out to winners of categories such as Best Dressed Team, Best Mascot and even Most Spirited Team.

All communication majors are encouraged to participate in the event. Registration forms can be found in the Communication Arts Center (CAC) in the second floor hallway and in room 333.

the major. For more information, Members of the honor contact Kiel (lauren.t.kiel@ety have been working uwsp.edu).

Student organization takes skills into the real world

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With one week to go until Thanksgiving Break, many students on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus began to relax and kickback. But, for members of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), Thursday Nov. 15, was not a time to unwind.

Members of the organization were asked to help at an invite-only open house, sponsored by the new Ashley Furniture and Appliance store in Plover, Wis., next to Wal-Mart. Area political and business leaders, along with Ashley buyers were invited to the celebration of the store's opening the next day. The store was supplied with caterers serving hors 'doeurves, a kid station of treats and drinks and an open bar.

However, the event lacked people to fill all positions. Shannon Semmerling, professional advisor for PRSSA and director of marketing and communications with Ashley, saw an opportunity for PRSSA to meet professionals and apply learned skills. Members were excited about the opportunity and willing to help in all areas.

"Shannon had us break up into groups [so] some were greeters at the doors, some were handing out champagne toasts when the guests arrived," said PRSSA President Meaghan Davis. "Others ran

the coat check station [or] were runners on the floor, offering more drinks and food to the guests."

PRSSA members were impressed with the high quality of the store and the way the event was planned. The company's owners were present, as well as staff, to mingle with the guests and give tours of the store.

The students were not the only ones impressed. Ashley staff and owners continuously thanked the students for their hard work and dedication.

Both guests and members of PRSSA benefited from the event.

"The experience was a great opportunity for myself and the other members to use our PR skills by promoting Ashley while talking with the guests, helping out in an event planning setting, working quickly by getting thrown into jobs and going with it and it enhanced our communication and social skills," said Davis. "There was a lot going on and they [members] like knowing that they were apart of it!"

The event appeared to be a success both for Ashley and PRSSA. Rod King, Web weaver for PRSSA, summed up the night quite nicely.

"It was a night of good food, networking and beautiful furniture."

For more information about PRSSA, contact Davis (mdavi572@uwsp.edu) or visit the Web site: www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/prssa.



Photo by Katie Leb

Members of PRSSA volunteered at Ashley Furniture and Appliance store's open house.

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UW-SP Telephone Services offers more than phones

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Three weeks ago I snipped the last silver thread of financial support offered by my parents. After fighting the fact that another bill would be obligatory when my mother threw me off her plan, I waited as long as possible.

"Yes Mom, I'll look into a new plan," was my answer to her furrowed eyebrows and hands-on hips stance. "I'll go pick up a new phone next week."

Weeks went by as I made new excuses to sail along as an extra line with my Nokia in hand. I like my phone with the goldfish wallpaper and jump-jiving ring tone. Well that, and the fact that funds for the current plan were not coming from my ever-hollowing piggy bank.

Finally, it all came falling down around me when roaming charges were calculated. My matriarch ordered me to march into the office of a cellular service provider and sign my life away or I'd be hung from the ceiling by my toenails. (Yes, in my family, mothers are allowed to threaten excruciating pain just because they birthed you.)

With the threat ringing in my ears and a deep nervous ache in my gut, I walked the long walk from my parked car on Ellis Street to the deep

pit underneath the Library Resource Center. After discussing service providers in the area with a few colleagues, I decided to take a chance with the Telephone Services office here at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and get an Alltel cellular account.

The basement of the LRC is eerie with its sterilized white walls and too-bright fluorescent lighting. There are signs sticking from the walls like broken tree branches, directing to miscellaneous offices that few UW-SP students are aware of.

There is a sign pointing to the Telephone Services office, so I take the turn and walk into a small call center where two university student workers sit motionless behind computers and switchboards. Two pairs of eyes fall upon me, and the brunette on the left with almost offensive cerulean contacts asks, "How can I help

Many thoughts cross through my mind. Do I really want to add another burden to the pile I carry on my back? Can't my parents just pay for the damn account!? Do I really need a phone? I mean, hermits living in the Canadian wildernesses don't need one. My heart starts to pound, and my left eyelid starts to twitch frantically. Finally, I answer.

"I would like to get a cell phone account."

"OK," she says, bursting into action with my admit-

Women's Resource Center hosts talents of LunaFest

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The University Wisconsin-Stevens Point organization Women's Resource Center hosted LunaFest Wednesday, Nov. 28 in the Noel Fine Arts Center.

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LunaFest is a traveling film festival "for, by and about women," said Stacy Wright, social director of the Women's Resource Center. It features nine short films that celebrate the talents of the women who made them.

LunaFest was created in 2000. According to its Web site, lunafest.org, the makers of the Luna nutrition bar wanted to promote women filmmakers, raise awareness for women's issues and support worthy women's nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. and Canada." Since its inception, LunaFest has grown from one annual event to more than 100 each year all over the country.

The festival held here at UW-SP is in its third year, said Margaret Roche, the Women's Resource Center executive coordinator.

"We started showing LunaFest in Point because many times the media misrepresents women. LunaFest is a way to focus on the positive aspects of women in media," said Roche.

Films are chosen by the LunaFest board of advisors from over 500 submissions. "Each film is viewed and evaluated individually on its unique ability to capture the 'by...for...about women' mission," according to the Web site. Some of the films this year include "My Other Mother," "Make a Wish" and "Breaking

Boundaries."

The parent company of Luna Bars, Clif Bar Inc., "is a company that believes in making the world a better place," said Wright. Members of the Women's Resource Center passed out Luna Bars with the festival information attached as a way to get the word out to campus that the event was taking place.

Admission was \$4 with a student ID and \$6 without. All of the proceeds are donated to charity, including the Breast Cancer Fund.

"They have raised over \$150,000 for the Breast Cancer Fund and over a quarter of a million dollars for local women's organizations," said

To find other presentations of LunaFest and for more information, visit lunaf-

tance. Her whole body seems to come alive with the excitement of a sale. I figure she can smell my fear and confusion and she will jump on the chance to prey on me and my inexperienced demeanor.

"These are the plans," she says, laying a cheerful yellow folding brochure on the generic desktop. "These are the phones that we can order for you."

The service was quick, straightforward and, altogether, pretty painless. The girl rattled off information and explained all the specifics in terms that my technology-limited mind could comprehend. The apprehension that had created a little nest of knots in my stomach vanished, and I realized that I was more than capable of signing the ninemonth agreement for my own cell phone.

In a 30-minute block between classes, I set up an Alltel account at the UW-SP Telephone Services office. I lucked out and got a deal on an in-stock maroon Motorola W315. The ladies working in the office set up the phone so I could use it the minute I walked out the double doors.

With my new phone in

had, I waved good-bye and made my way across the Sundial with a satisfied smile on my face. The Telephone Service representatives made the experience of signing for my first phone plan an enjoyable one. It was simple to understand their terms, policies and set up. It only took one short stop. In the process of getting a cool new phone, I finally found complete financial independence from my parents. Not a whole lot makes you feel as accomplished as that.

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Science, Health & Tech.

Three simple steps to becoming a healthier you

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Being healthy and active is easier than you think. Healthy living can be implemented without drastically changing your daily routine or your budget.

It is important to start forming healthy habits as soon as possible, and it is even more essential while in college.

"The habits we form now will determine how we live the rest of our life," said Angela Moris, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student manager of group fitness. For college students, the benefits of living a healthy life could help improve the college experience.

"Without a doubt, the benefits are the overall outcome. You will have more energy, confidence and get more work done. Your quality of life will be higher," said Anne Hoffman, assistant director of UW-SP Health and Wellness Programs.

staying active and maintaining a nutritious diet are three things students can easily incorporate into their daily routine. The key to achieving a healthy life is remembering that little things count.

"The amount of time sleeping is number one on my list," said Hoffmann. "Students should make sure they get seven to eight hours of sleep a night, and despite what the myth says, you can not catch up on the weekend."

Studies have shown that sleep deprivation could lead to some serious health problems such as depression, chronic stress and being overweight, said Hoffmann.

The second thing students can do to remain healthy is participate in some form of exercise every day. According to the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute Web site, it is important to get at least 30 minutes total a day in some form of moderate activity.

"Just do simple thingspark your car in the farthest

the elevator, while watching TV do strength curls with cans of soup and do more walking. Walking is the greatest act that is underrated," said Hoffmann.

UW-SP Health and Wellness Programs has designed several avenues to help students get active at little or no cost. One of the most flexible and convenient programs is group fitness. Group fitness offers a variety of free 45 to 60 minute workouts including step aerobics, spin and boxercise.

Group fitness designed for the student's needs. "The schedule is set for the whole semester so pick something that fits in your schedule and go consistently,"

Another option for activity on campus is intramurals, which provide a way for a group of friends to play a sport that they enjoy.

"Any exercise that you can do with friends is excellent," said Moris. "You are more

Getting plenty of sleep, stall, take the stairs instead of committed to the exercise because you do not want to let your friends down."

> Finally, a nutritious diet is important and accessible for college students.

> "The most important thing is not to starve," said Hoffmann. "Do not eat less; eat better."

> Students should have something to eat every couple of hours, but make sure it is light and healthy. Peanut butter sandwiches, granola bars, fruits and pretzels are healthy snacks that are also easy to carry while at school.

> Eating healthy does not need to be expensive. Buy foods that you like, Hoffmann said. It gets expensive if you are throwing out vegetables because you do not like them. Also, flash-frozen vegetables are just as healthy as fresh vegetables and may be stored longer without going bad.

"I know students always complain that it is expensive to eat healthy, but I'm fascinated by those same students who spend so much more on snacks and fast food," said Hoffmann. "I think when students really sit down and add up how much they spend on junk food and pizza, they would be amazed at how much they are spending."

Alcohol is another item that students may be surprised to see how much they actually spend on it.

"Seventy-five percent of UW-SP students drink, and I don't think they realize the amount of calories alcohol has and what they take in," said Hoffmann. "Those calories all turn to fat, and I'm not saying we have to be teetotalers, but just cut back."

By maintaining a healthy lifestyle, students may be surprised at how much better their lives are, said Michelle Johnson, senior at UW-SP.

"I think it is so important to stay healthy and active," said Johnson. "There are so many diseases that can be prevented with a healthy lifestyle. You feel better, you look better and you can stay more focused throughout the day."

of the Week

Q: How do you cure hiccups?

A: Hiccups are said to be controlled by nerves in the spinal cord at the back of the neck. There are several causes for hiccups, such as eating too quickly, swallowing air, chewing gum, drinking carbonated beverages or alcohol, and even eating spicy foods. When hiccups occur, the phrenic nerve, which controls the diaphragm, is signaled and the diaphragm signals back to the hiccup cen-

Photo by www.dkimage

ter, causing hiccups to begin. Within seconds, the glottis closes off the windpipe, producing the hiccup sound we all know so well.

There are a variety of tricks people have for curing the hiccups. Some suggested techniques from healthscout.com:

Increase carbon dioxide levels in the blood by holding one's breath, by re-breathing the air exhaled into a paper bag for a few minutes, or by slowly sipping a

diaphragm against the knees

RSSTROOM READER

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Think about the last time you were using the bathroom. Were you bored out of your mind, wishing you had something interesting to read? Something like today's news headlines?

Well if your commode were equipped with the Rsstroom Reader, you could take care of your business and catch up on the latest world news. This nifty little device prints the latest RSS headlines (Really Simple Syndication-family of Web feed formats which publish repeatedly updated news information) directly onto toilet paper.

It can also interact with you toilet "biometrically" according to TechEBlog.com. When a person sits down on the toilet seat, the Rsstroom Reader weighs that person and dispenses customized headlines according to his or her weight. As the Web site OhGizmo puts it, "It'll be tabloids for 95lbs. Sandy and OhGizmo news for 195lbs. George." The Rsstroom Reader is currently only available in Taiwan, but any day now this useful and informative machine could be gracing every public toilet stall in America.





Bowman against the battle-wounded beast

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A broken antler and a wounded eye could not stop this nine-point buck from being lured into Kyle Bretl's rattling and lethal bow hunting skills. It was about 7:00 a.m. last Friday when a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student encountered an aggressive and brave buck at Sunset Lake.

Bretl and his friend were waiting patiently since 6:00 a.m. in a camouflaged ground blind, where Bretl used rattlers to entice aggressive bucks into the area. Suddenly, footsteps were heard coming over a ridge nearby. The deer slowly came closer to sniff the estrous rag previously hung in a tree by the men. Bretl was not sure this was a buck because when it lifted its head, one of the horns was dangling from its head.

"He had his antler busted and he's still coming in and looking for a fight," said Bretl. The warrior beast was within 15 yards of the men when Bretl's friend accidentally moved a little bit, causing the buck to be alarmed. Luckily, the buck ignored the human noise and came closer to the moment of his death. Bretl drew his bow, locked onto the broadside of the buck and released the deadly arrow. He knew he had struck the deer, but it ran back over the ridge.

The men tracked the blood trail over the ridge and heard the buck fall. The arrow had successfully pierced through the diaphragm and through one of the lungs. The buck had only ran 40 yards before he suffocated and collapsed with a fast death.

This buck had obviously fought recently with another male, as one of its eyes was gouged out. The competitor had busted the left antler off and proceeded to attack this buck's weak side, resulting in the wounded eye.

Battered and brave, this buck provided a lot of meat and served as Bretl's first buck ever in his nine years of bow hunting. The ninepointer had a 12- to 13-inch



Photo submitted by Kyle Bret

The beast that Bretl took down had a battered rack and a wounded eye.

spread, which will be mounted on a plaque.

Hunting: Not just a fraternity anymore

By Heather Stetz OUTDOORS REPORTER

Hunting has long been a traditional 'man's sport,' but in recent years, women hunters have made a big impact in Wisconsin. Just as women athletes have forged their own path to receive greater recognition and respect, female hunters are finding ways to shake off the stereotypes associated with hunting and are making a name for themselves in the field.

Two decades ago, women only composed about 6 percent of the total hunting population. Women who hunted faced challenges beyond having a successful hunt. They faced extreme prejudice, had a lack of respect and found it difficult to complete even the simplest tasks, such as finding a camouflage suit tailored to a woman's figure.

"When I first got involved with hunting, I couldn't find a camo suit that would fit

me. The pants never fit me right, and the jackets were always so bulky. It was such a mess," said Diane Lueck, a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and an avid outdoorswoman. "There was really nothing out there for [women]."

Today, the statistics are a little better. It is estimated that 10 percent of all hunting licenses sold in Wisconsin are issued to women. Though slight, this percentage has steadily increased since 1989. This increase can be associated with the outburst of women's outdoor groups, such as Becoming an Outdoors Woman, that teach women the skills and gives them the confidence to participate in a male-dominated sport.

Women have also made a significant impact on outdoor television shows. Television shows on the Outdoor Channel, such as Lee and Tiffany Lakosky's "Getting' Close," feature women hunters who are confident and successful and are a source of inspiration for other female hunters.

Though women may

get involved with hunting for a number of different reasons, most get involved because of a family history or tradition with the sport. Influences may come from people including their father, grandfather, brothers or significant other, which encouraged them and taught them how to develop their skills as a hunter.

Women usually hunt for the same reasons men generally do and derive the same or greater satisfaction from hunting. However, lack of positive role model, fear of looking foolish, lack of information, isolation as the only female and fear of guns are the main reasons that more women do not get initially involved with the sport.

Across the country, Wisconsin has shown to have one of the largest populations of women hunters and has been recognized as one of the premier deer hunting states in the nation. Women are making their way into the hunting scene just as they have worked their way into many other scenes throughout history.

Outdoor-Ed Ventures Tip of the Week

Enjoy some naturally cold ice cream!

Courtesy of Jess Kavanagh, Outdoor Edventures



Cold weather can be a drag for camping. You know what they say though: if life throws you lemons, just make lemonade! Well, if it is cold, or - even better - snowing, make ice cream! All you need is a Nalgene and small zip lock bag and a few simple ingredients:

- Crushed ice (snow)
- ½ cup Kosher Salt
- 1 cup half and half or whipping cream
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Mix the vanilla, cream and sugar in the zip lock bag. It's not a bad idea to double bag it to prevent a possible mess. Seal and place the entire bag into your Nalgene. Add ice, a half cup of water and half of the salt to your Nalgene and shake constantly for around 15 minutes. Periodically check the liquid and mix it around the cream. Add more ice and salt if needed.

Snow, cold no reason to pack discs up

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I'll admit, as much as I miss disc golfing, it's just not as easy to convince yourself to go when it's blustery and there are sub-freezing temperatures. And beyond that, sometimes conditions are so extreme that discing is really only recommended for experts with nothing better to do with their time. It's no fun having the wind blow your disc 50

feet off course, straight into the ground or, even worse, backwards.

But there are many days of great discing ahead of us before the discs start plunking into a foot of snow - if you're brave enough to face the wind and declining temperatures.

The first



Photo taken by author

is dress warmly and in layers. Gloves, warm socks (even multiple layers of socks) and a hat are all necessities to make it though 18 holes anytime after Thanksgiving. Wearing fleece pants under an outer pair of jeans is a great way to keep your lower body

thing you can do warm, and a healthy layer of a is dress warmly few shirts should be enough to and in layers. keep your upper half warm.

Disc golfing is one sport that really allows you to dress warmly without greatly impeding the thrower's motion; it's best to take advantage! If done correctly, the only cold you should feel is on your fingers when you take your glove off to toss. Small hunter's heat packs in gloves and shoes are really helpful. Disc golfers will quickly realize that having a cold hand and eventually numb fingers makes it really difficult to throw a cold disc. If you can keep your hands and fingers warm, you'll be able to keep most of your accuracy barring major gusts of wind.

If conditions are wet and sloshy, don't forget to bring a towel. I have a friend who carries one in wet conditions and although the rest of our group always mocked him at first, we eventually realized that it was a valuable thing to have when your discs start plugging in puddles of mud. Likewise, if there is any snow or ice on the ground, it's nice to have something besides your clothes to wipe off your discs. Bring a towel; when conditions get tough, you just never know when you're gonna need a towel.

Footwear is also a huge factor in dominating your opponents in adverse weather. Not having to worry about your feet being cold and wet means you can worry about where to place your shots off the tee.

Many courses, unfortunately, pull their baskets for the winter months until spring rolls around. It's best to check up on courses before driving long distances to golf in the winter. Although Standing Rocks has officially pulled the chains for the winter, Yulga and Mead will remain open throughout the winter season.

Hey UWSP students:
Lets see your blood and guts!
Send pics of your deer to sseam113@ uwsp.edu



Cross country takes sixth in NCAA Championships

CROSS COUNTRY

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University Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's cross country team ended a successful year after taking sixth place out of 32 teams in the Northern Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championships on Nov. 17. Women's cross country runner Hannah Dieringer also ran individually in the Championships, taking 70th with a time of 22:43. Dieringer was the eighth Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Association runner in the competition.

The five Pointers placed in the top 160 runners to accumulate 326 points in the NCAA Championships. Dominick part about competing against

Meyer led the Pointers, as he has done most of the year, with a 25:07 time that earned him a 25th spot finish. He earned All-American honors as a result (the top 35 runners in the tournament get the

"I felt very good about our performance as a team. Coach Witt told us going into the meet that, if you go where you were ranked going into the meet then you had a good day. We were ranked six and got sixth," said Meyer. "I was happy (about the All-American award), my goal was to be an All-American, and I met that goal."

Junior Corey Towle came in second for the Pointers ending in 58th, and Phil Richert came in not far behind at 65th. Junior Travis Nechuta rounded out the team standings with a 26:05 time that landed him in 153rd.

"The most important

the best runners in Div. III is getting to stack yourself up against the best and seeing what your made of," said Towle. "It was also important to finally get there and prove to other people and to ourselves that we belong with the best in the country."

Meyer agreed that the challenge of the tournament was the most beneficial aspect to take away from the cham-

"When you are racing so many good people, you have to test yourself in so many ways. After you are done you can look back and say I gave it my all and now this is what I have to work on to be a better runner," he said.

The men's team took second of 35 teams in the NCAA Regionals Nov. 10 and was tied with UW-Platteville in the second spot in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships. During the regular season, the missed the bid for the NCAA year coaching UW-SP.



The Pointers placed sixth in the NCAA Division III Championships Nov. 17.

Pointers placed within the top 10 as a team in every invitational, including the Ripon Invitational where UW-SP took the top spot.

The women runners took sixth of 37 teams in the NCAA Regional Tournament, but Championships.

In addition to the success of the Pointer men's team, United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association awarded Coach Rick Witt the Midwest Region Coach of the Year in his 30th

The double-headed monster dominates the net

MEN'S HOCKEY

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When it comes to the last line of defense on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's hockey team, Marcus Paulson and Thomas Speer dominate the net with their goal-tending skills.

"It was our plan going into the season to get a two-headed monster. With our goaltenders, we felt it could make a real dangerous team. That way a goal- before in the net, but now ie only has to think about it's like we're so competi-

head coach of the UW-SP men's hockey team.

Though neither goalie is used to sharing time, Paulson and Speer benefit and personalities. Paulson from and enjoy having a double threat in the net.

"I like it personally. It's different. I was used to starting in juniors, but this is something different, and I'm up for change," said Speer.

Paulson has been UW-SP's primary goalie for the past two years, Speer is a helpful friend but is adjusting well to the change in the Pointer game-plan.

leave it all out there on the It's nice," said Paulson. changed into more of a 1997-1998 season.

ice," said Wil Nichol, the With two games a week- family unit this season, end, each goalie plays a full game for the Pointers.

The two definitely have differences in their styles is a smaller guy than Speer and relies mostly on his quick reflexes. With a height of 6 feet, Speer uses his lanky frame to block

"I just hope it hits me most of the time," he said with a smile.

According to Paulson, and competitor. Speer says Paulson is one who is easy to talk to. Each goalie is "I've never shared time unique, but they cooperate like brothers.

The bond of the UWone night. They can just tive between him and I. SP men's hockey team has by the Pointers since the

with the help of their new coach.

"It's not individuals. He's given us the idea that we're all together as a family. If you break out of it as an individual, you break the family," said Paulson.

"It's one big family with a lot of heart," Speer adds.

The Pointers have an overall record of 5-2 so far. Paulson and Speer had incredible games back-to-back shutouts in games against Lake Forest College and Concordia plishment of two shutouts in a row hasn't been done

Both the goalies earned a shutout of their own. They credit the defense for making it easy for the goal-tenders to do their

Speer said the season is going great so far but "it's a work in progress. There are higher ranking teams, so we are the underdogs. We're not expected to do much, but we're going to do damage."

Expect many saves from the double-headed this past weekend, with monster and the rest of the Pointer men's hockey team this season.

UW-SP plays at UW-University. The accom- Stout starting at 7:30 p.m. this Friday. On Saturday, the team travels to UW-River Falls, playing at 7:00



Thomas Speers (left) and Marcus Paulson (right) have been strong in the net for the Pointers so far this season.



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NFL pick-off report: Week 13 in the world of football

Steve Apfel SPORTS REPORTER

Anyone miss me the past few weeks? I apologize. I was on the NFL Network, which means nobody could see me. But I now return to give you the Cadillac of NFL picks for all things Week 13. Let's get down to it.

Green Bay Packers vs. Dallas Cowboys

This is clearly the most hyped game of the week. Unfortunately, it bumped my spot on NFL Network, meaning that now nobody will see this game! Both teams are at 10-1 for the season. Both have gunslinger quarterbacks who are having phenomenal seasons. This game is getting billed as Super Bowl 41.75. And why not? One of these teams will likely represent the NFC in Arizona at the end of this season.

My pick is going squarely with Dallas. Why? It's simple: the Packers may be working magic with their cast of young players, but Dallas has the wisdom of experience on their side. Dallas also has two quality running backs in Julius Jones and Marion Barber III,

while Green Bay is counting on the hot, yet unproven, Ryan Grant. Take Dallas.

New York Jets vs. Miami Dolphins

This is truly a game for the ages. The Jets have two wins this season, but that upset of Pittsburgh in Week 11 wasn't fooling anyone; the Jets stink. They look downright competent compared to the Dolphins, who sit at a team record 0-11. The Jets are still playing like this season matters, while the Dolphins have wisely started building for next season. Picking this game is like having to choose between the clap or gonorrhea; either way, you're uncomfortable and have an unpleasant burning sensation. I'm taking the Jets for the sake of history. I want to see the first 0-16 season.

Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Indianapolis Colts

This game could very well decide the division for these two teams. The Colts haven't looked like the well-oiled machine we're used to in recent weeks. The Jags, on the other hand, have been pounding opponents like Aunt Sally at the Thanksgiving pie table. I just can't bring myself to bet against Indy while the

games still matter. These two will see each other again in the playoffs.

In other action this week, pick Carolina, San Diego, Detroit, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Houston, Buffalo, Cleveland, Denver, Chicago, New Orleans, Pittsburgh and New England.

Yes, I said pick the Patriots. And enjoy the last days of the good life because, should New England make it to the big game in February, Satan will emerge from the 50-yard line at halftime and such will begin 1,000 years of darkness. Mark my words.

Pointer men riding high heading into conference showdown

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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The Pointers, the second ranked Division III men's basketball team, head to Whitewater this Saturday for a crucial conference match up with the 20th ranked Warhawks.

While the Pointers were picked as the favorite to bring home what would be their 25th Wisconsin

Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship, the Warhawks were picked to finish right behind them.

Last season, the Pointers swept the Warhawks. Bryan Beamish hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to defeat UW-Whitewater in the first meeting. In the second meeting, Pete Rortvedt scored a career-high 35 points and the Warhawks missed a three at the buzzer that would have sent it into overtime.

With impressive wins this season over Carroll College (105-72), Division II Northern Michigan (7752) and Lakeland College (76-38), the team is looking to keep the momentum up heading into a tough environment at Whitewater.

With their win over Northern Michigan, the Pointers are now 7-3 against Division II opponents since the 1996-97 season.

The Pointers feature a deep rotation that has four returning starters and has seen nine players receive significant minutes. With the rotation, the team has been able to keep their legs fresh and have pulled away in games from the freethrow line.

Senior guard Steve Hicklin and junior forward Pete Rortvedt have been the scoring leaders so far this season. The two are averaging 14.3 and 19.0 points a game, respectively.

Drew Jackson and Matt Moses have added key minutes off the bench. The two lead an energetic second team which has been solid thus far adding to leads while giving critical rest to the starters.

Fast starts have been a key to early season victories. The Pointers went on a 20-2 run in their match up with Lakeland and jumped out

Senior guard Steve to a 17-1 lead on Northern klin and junior forward Michigan.

In their opening game with Carroll College, the Pointers made use of the three-point shot to pull away mid-way through the first half. Rortvedt connected on two straight three-pointers in the middle of a 10-0 run to put the Pointers on top for good.

The Pointers went on to set a WIAC record in the game hitting 18 three-point shots on just 26 attempts.

Coach Bob Semling's team has hit at least seven three-point shots in their last 30 contests.







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Katie's Curiosities: Thanksgiving at Grandma's, a drama in seven acts

Katie Adams
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

Considering that I am exhausted from a stressful "break," I shall not regale you with tales of the glorious cultural events that I attended, such as the grand re-opening of the Detroit Institute of the Arts and a lecture on "Wisconsin Talk," or of events I almost but sadly did not attend, such as the opening of "Beowulf" at the Madison Imax or the Christmas display at Greenfield Village. I will instead tell you of a cultural event that only a select few have ever had the opportunity to experience: Thanksgiving at my grandmother's Detroit home.

Scene One: The day begins like any other day, around the breakfast table. Grandma, a 90-year-old Italian woman, spends 15 minutes asking what she can get me as I butter a piece of toast. Some stewed apples, she suggests, or perhaps some honey ham? After I have assured her that I

am going to enjoy this piece of toast and a banana, she spends another 15 minutes asking me what else I am going to eat.

Scene Two: Upon the completion of breakfast, an uncle enters the kitchen (which is no wider than normal household corridor) and issues a decree: he and I will prepare dinner for Thanksgiving, so Grandma must leave the kitchen and not come back. For good measure, he also throws in that she is too old to be driving, so she should give up her keys. Being told to give up the two things she loves most does not please Grandma, and so she and the son who preaches non-stop about being respectful end up in a verbal battle of wills. I remove myself from the scene, escaping to the bathroom to pound my head on the wall and call my mother in Milwaukee, cursing her for sending me to Detroit without any backup.

Scene Three: Her keys still firmly in her grasp, Grandma struts into the kitchen to tell me that she feels like going for a drive, and that she'll be back in 20 minutes. Uncle and I are

well on our way to producing an odd assortment of a Thanksgiving meal-cranberries, yams, squash, ham, rice and sweet and sour veggies are in the fridge, simply waiting to be heated. The sausage stuffing is mixed and ready to be cooked. The spinach pies are cooking. The turkey is lying on the table, awaiting its fate. I want to de-bone it before we cook for easier carving and cleaning; Uncle wants to leave the bones in so he can use them to make soup later. Uncle wins, on the condition that I refuse to carve or clean up after turkey consumption.

Scene Four: Grandma has returned to the house and is stirring the potato water, which is boiling on the stove. Uncle is upset because she is in the kitchen. Verbal roughhousing ensues. I remove myself from the scene and retreat to the bathroom, where I use my cell phone to call reinforcements.

Scene Five: The food is coming out of the oven as the reinforcements arrive in the form of Uncle Two, his Taiwanese secretary/secret girlfriend and her brother.

Uncle Two pours us all wine and attends to Grandma. I mash the potatoes and start setting the food on the table as my uncles' cousin, aged 55 or better, arrives. He comments on how the last time he saw me I "was just a little girl" and proceeds to spend the rest of the night remarking on how I've become so "domestic" and how I'd "better watch out or I'll hook a man." The last two guests, Grandma's next door neighbor and her friend who "hasn't got anyone else in the world," arrive, and dinner

Scene Six: For the most part, I am safe during dinner mostly due to the fact that Grandma was holding down the fort with her tales of a recent colonoscopy. That is, I'm safe until someone asks me what I've been up to lately. I keep the reply short and sweet, but Grandma chimes in and tells the complete, 20 minute version of how the night before, I'd stayed at a friend's house and how he's a gay boy I met in Japan and how she just doesn't understand "how you can be sure he's gay and that

there are no sexual overtones." Grandma, thanks to Uncle Two's constant attention with the wine bottle, is drunk. She proceeds to ask how lesbians make love. I remove myself from the scene and escape to the kitchen, where I throw back a glass of wine myself.

Scene Seven: With dinner finished, we naturally seek out a deck of cards to begin several hours of penny poker. Grandma cheats, the Taiwanese have no idea what's going on, and Uncle and I spend several hands debating whether a flush beats a straight before calling my sister in Milwaukee to have her check it on the Internet. Slowly, slowly, the guests stumble home or pass out around Grandma's house. I've been kicked out of my bedroom to share sleeping quarters with the Taiwanese secretary/secret girlfriend. The attic room we are sleeping in is freezing, and all she has is a tank top, so I throw her an extra sweater, bury myself in my covers and thank heaven Thanksgiving comes just once

90FM album of the week: "Polysics or Die!!!!: Vista"

Dan Neckar Arts & Review Reporter

If there's one thing that Devo taught us in the 80s, it's that synthesizers are cool. If there's one thing that Polysics will teach you, it's that synthesizers are really, really cool.

After countless releases around the world, the Japanese new wave outfit have finally put something together for U.S. audiences with "Polysics or Die!!!!: Vista" (yes, the title has four exclamation points). "Vista" is a compilation of the group's greatest hits, along with new songs from their Japan-only releases. The album comes with an accompanying DVD featuring music videos and hyperactive live footage, which has been put together solely for American listeners.

The only word one could use to describe this album is "insanity." From the opening blips and beeps of "Electric Surfin' Go Go" to the incredibly fast-paced "Coelakanth Is Android," Polysics deliver tunes that are perfect for dancing, running around the block or inducing catastrophic seizures.

While you may not fall in love with the album's cartoon theme-song feel right away, the second or third listen will force you to dance, and subsequent listens might just kill you, in a very fun, upbeat way

The frantic 80s new wave

influence is incredibly prominent on this record, and the healthy portion of loud guitars and general mayhem provides a sound that can best be described as a digitized, Japanese version of the Ramones on methamphetamines. It's truly fantastic.

Highlights of the album include the guitar-heavy "New Wave Jacket (reform)," with its robot vocals and pop-punk catchiness, and the incredibly sped-up cover of The Knack's "My Sharona." Sped-up is actually a good

way to describe the tempo of most of the songs on this disc.

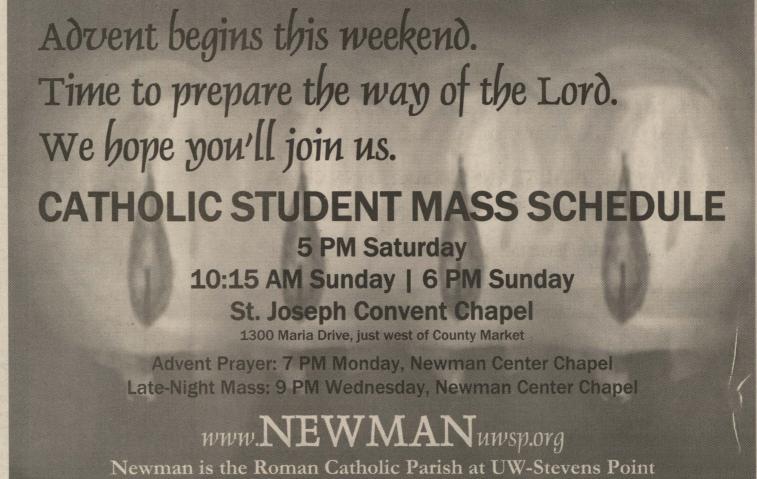
Although it's impossible to deny the fact that some of these songs sound like a game of Dance Dance Revolution, one must remember that the group has penned songs for television shows such as Cartoon Network's "Teen Titans" and the incredibly long-titled "Super Robot Monkey Team Hyperforce Go!" The album begs the question, "What will Japan give us next?"

The vocal duties are shared by male guitarist Hiro and

female keyboard commander Kayo, and come in a wide variety of languages, ranging from English to Japanese to good old-fashioned gibberish, (the fourth track is titled "Kaja Kaja Goo"). The result is basically a giant concoction of bilingual madness, wrapped in a shiny coat of pop hooks.

Aside from the pogo stick rhythms and erratic synthesizers that the album is loaded with, one of the best things about this U.S.-only collection is the bonus DVD, which contains music videos for "Electric Surfin' Go Go" and "I My Me Mine." The live footage, taken from sold-out Japanese concerts, is incredible, and is almost worth the price of the CD alone.

If you'd like something fun, something fast or a few attention-deficit friendly tracks to help you slip into that seizure you've always wanted, "Polysics or Die!!!!" is exactly what you're looking for.



Your College Survival Guide

Pat Rothfuss

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So there's an old joke that goes like this:

A man goes to the doctor. He says, "Doctor, I don't know what's wrong with me. It seems like there's nothing in the world but cruelty and misery. I can hardly make myself get out of bed in the morning. I cry at the drop of a hat. Please, I need help."

The doctor says, "I know just the thing. The great clown, Pagliacci, is in town tonight. He's a genius. You should go see him. He'll cheer you right up."

The man bursts into tears. "But doctor," he says, "I am Pagliacci."

It's not much of a joke, but that's kinda the point. I'm not feeling funny this week. I just don't have it in me. It seems like every year or so I write one depressing column. Fair warning: this is it. Get out while you can.

Sometimes it seems like writing this column is the most profoundly pointless thing I've ever done. Especially this last year. I have been really busy, and parts of my life have been quite the opposite of funny. But every week I sit down and spend another couple hours making stupid jokes when I really should be spending my time somewhere else, somewhere productive.

But then, other times, I feel like this column is

one of the few worthwhile things I do with my time. Nothing puts your life in perspective like some truly bad advice. Plus, people need to laugh. I could really use a laugh right now, and I don't know where to get it.

"Jesus," I can hear you think. "What the hell happened to get Rothfuss into this mood?"

Your guess is as good as mine, but part of it is the fact that one of my favorite professors died about a week ago. His name was Tom Nevins, and he used to teach in the theatre department here at UW-SP.

He was a cuss, and sarcastic, and funny. So funny. He was an engaging teacher and loved what he did. I only took one class with him, but it really opened my eyes. I realized that a person could be funny, sarcastic, more than slightly crazy AND be a good teacher at the same time.

I lost touch with him after he retired, then a couple months ago he got in contact because his daughter-in-law had read my book and wanted to get a copy of it signed. We got together for lunch and chatted. He was the same: honest, funny, brutally outspoken about the things that bothered him. My kind of person. My favorite kind of person.

And now he's gone. He left a copy of his collected writings for me. I know there's funny stuff in there, but I can't quite bring myself to read it yet.

When I had been in college for a couple years, I went through a time in my life when it seemed like everyone I knew was getting married. One summer I stood up in three different weddings and almost

went broke paying for presents and rental tuxedos.

A couple years after that I went through a time when everyone I knew was popping out babies. Babies everywhere. 400 babies. It's like babies suddenly became fashionable and folks were all hopping onboard the baby-train. So I had baby showers, hospital visits, that sort of thing. That was the people-have-babies time in my life.

And now? Well... I don't think I've mentioned it here in the column, but earlier this year my mom died. She was the best of us, and now she's gone. Ever since then it's kinda been like a heavy, wet towel has been laying on top of my whole life. Towel? What the fuck does that mean? What the hell am I even talking about here?

I guess it just means that I feel old, and tired, and heavy. Bad things are worse because I can't talk to her about them, and good things aren't as good because I can't share them. Now one of my favorite professors is gone too. What if this is the point in my life when people I love die? I'm not really happy with that. In fact, I would like to lodge an official complaint. You hear me, God? Nobody else cool dies for a while. If you've got to meet your quota, I have a list of not-cool people you can snuff off....

Okay Pat, this is it. Reach way down and see if you can bring some closure to this steaming mound of self-indulgent winge.

Hmmm... Take your vitamins? Yeah. That's the moral to the story. Take your vitamins everyone.

I'm serious. This time of the year sucks. The end of the semester is grueling, the holidays are coming up. A dragon is eating a little bit of the sun every day and things keep getting darker and darker....

Man, especially for you freshmen. I forgot that I was going to send out a general warning to y'all. Here it is: odds are about 50/50 that at some point during your first year of school, your life will totally fall apart. This is not unusual, nor is it the end of the world. It happened to me back in the day, and, well... let's just say that compared to *that* my current pissy mood is like a game of Candyland.

So yeah. Second moral: It's not the end of the world. Things will get better.

Sounds like good advice; I'll try to take it myself. But take your vitamins too, and get some sleep. Because no matter how much your life sucks, it sucks more if you're sick.

Here endeth the lesson.

This depressing emo-fest is brought to you by Galaxy Comics at 925 Clark Street. (544-0857) Between you and me, I don't really think he got his money's worth this week. Though now that I'm thinking about it... he's open until 7:00 p.m. That means I still have two hours to go down there and get some comics. That actually sounds like something resembling fun. I dimly remember fun. Comics and maybe some curry chicken. And coffee. You should probably read some comics too. Third moral: read comics.

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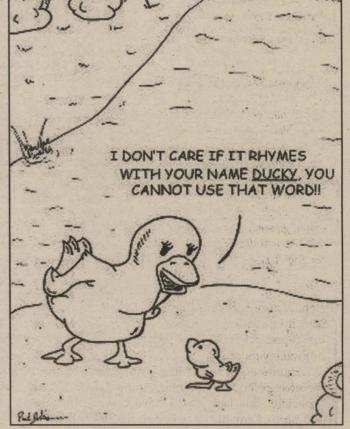
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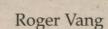
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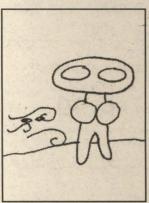




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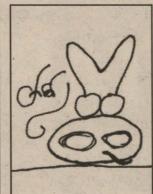


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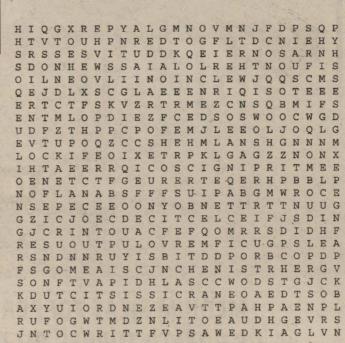
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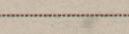
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