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Black Friday brings out die-hard shoppers in Point

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The day after Thanksgiving, now notoriously known as Black Friday, brought shoppers out of their homes in massive numbers early in the morning on Nov. 28, 2008.

The economic downturns of the past few months couldn't keep the hordes of consumers away from the infamous low prices stores were offering.

Stevens Point stores saw firsthand what this day means to people; some stores saw people show up as early as Wednesday evening to be first in line for the shopping extravaganza.

"People showed up on Wednesday night in lawn chairs at around 7:30 p.m. to be the first in line," said University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point junior and Best Buy employee Josh Deisinger.

According to Deisinger, before Best Buy even opened their doors at 5 a.m. on Friday, the storefront was already flooded with around 200 customers thirsty for deals. Best Buy put up a snow fence outside to keep the line that wrapped around all the way to the back of the building orderly.

"Once the doors opened it was just a mad frenzy," said Deisinger.

"People were trying to get in and out so they could move on to the next store."

The store saw a heavy flow of traffic all day, implementing a "20-people-at-a-time" system early in the day to keep the customer flow smooth. The store had prepared for two weeks



Photo by Sam Feld

Cars piled in at a local retail store with people waiting in line for hours to receive holiday presents and more at Black Friday sale prices.

for the Black Friday rush, but still ended up running out of one of the hottest items, the Nintendo Wii gaming system that didn't seem to slow people down.

"Some people were irritated; some just laughed," said Deisinger.

Wal-Mart also felt the effects of Black Friday preparing for the sale they call blitz months in advance. According to store manager Mike Phipps the store saw around 10,000 customers throughout the day. Even

said Phipps. "We did have an incident with a customer needing medical attention but it had nothing to do with the sale or other customers."

Many UW-SP students got out and dealt with the masses of consumers as well - some to grab good deals and others just for the tradition the day has become within their families.

"I've never actually had a 'true' Black Friday shopping experience before this year," said UW-SP student Kayla Schmidt. "It is tradition in my boyfriend's family to go Black Friday shopping though, so I thought I would give it a try, too."

Prices are the main motivators for shoppers on Black Friday, taking on the cold and waking up early. Some students weren't as convinced that becoming a part of the mad rush was worth the deals.

"Supposedly there are 'amazing' sales and prices on items that you will never see again, and yes, this may be true for some things," said UW-SP senior Kelly McAvoy. "But in reality, it seems many of the stores have items so jacked up in price, that when the sales of Black Friday do come around, the prices are lowered at a cost that is actually a 'normal' price."

It seems even though money is a main concern for many people in the current economy Black Friday has become a part of the American culture and is here to stay.

with the heavy flow of customer. Smith called the atmosphere as rather calm and described customers patient.

"It actually went really smooth,"

Chief justice approved amid controversial statements

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The judicial branch of the Student Government Association normally doesn't get the spotlight, that is, until the SGA Senate meeting of November 20. On this night, Arturo Vigueras came up for approval to become the chief justice of the judicial branch, and despite having few questions for him during question time, many controversial remarks flooded the deliberations. In fact, many comments were held off from being said until deliberations, when Vigueras would not be in the room to hear or defend himself.

"We've had several conversations that I will delight you in, more so during deliberations," said SGA President Katie Kloth at the meeting before the Senate was open to deliberations on Vigueras.

The judicial branch is there when things go wrong, to provide for a fair hearing and decisions for students on matters related to student organizations pertaining to constitutions, bylaws, regulations, rules and code of conduct-appellate review. Most of its cases are, in fact, brought against SGA itself.

It is the president's responsibility to appoint students to justice positions including the chief justice, yet Kloth spoke adamantly against Vigueras during deliberations, bringing up past incidents.

"I've been really hung up on this one all year," said Kloth. "And I am just going to be really frank with you; it would be really irresponsible of me to tell you that I think he is a good candidate, 'cause I don't. Just a couple of examples, you should know this and you have the right to know; he has been on SGA executive staff before and he was fired, last year he was almost impeached from the

judicial branch, and I just want you to know ..."

It was at this time that Kloth was called out of order by Vice President Wardle.

Students questioned these statements as Kloth herself had been fired from the SGA executive branch in her past and that Vigueras was never convicted in the impeachment hearings last year. Some student senators responded by moving to approve Vigueras, speaking out in favor of his approval despite past differences.

"I know that I personally have not had the rosier relationships with Arturo in the past," said Senator Andrew Letson. "I made this motion and I am going to vote for him because there is nobody else on this campus who is more qualified. He has been on the judicial branch longer than anyone else, knows the constitution well, and I think would be a good asset."

"I personally will be voting for

him because I think he is very qualified, and quite frankly if you are going to vote against him, I suggest you put forth the recommendation of who you want in the position, because we cannot go on without somebody in this position," said Speaker of the Senate Zach Vruwink.

Vigueras has been in SGA for over five years, serving as multicultural issues director, senator, associate justice and vice chief justice. The chief justice position is considered the spokesperson of the court and makes sure their meetings run smoothly and efficiently.

"Just personally, I don't think he is a good fit. I don't think he has the best idea of what being impartial is," said Kloth. "And you're the voting body, so I'm leaving it up to you, that's what I think, and I think its time to decide."

The Senate approved Vigueras as Chief Justice with a majority vote of 7-2-2 after the lengthy discussion.

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RHA approves budget increase Skatepark funding on hold

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Students could soon find themselves paying more for programs through Residence Hall Association and the residence halls. Throughout the last couple years, the RHA and residence hall governments have been pushing around the idea of increasing the amount given to them through their budget for programming and other needs. RHA decid-

both contribute to the significance of this legislation necessary to continue quality programming in the residence halls."

The second proposal centers on many of the same ideas but with funding being increased for RHA. This proposal would increase the RHA budget \$2 per residence hall student every two years with the first funding increase occurring in the 2011-2012 academic year.

"The critical part of the two recommendations was the section regarding 'incremental' increases, respectable to each part of the two proposals, which



Photo courtesy of RHA

Students get down with it at the RHA Welcome Back Dance. This is one of the many programs that RHA puts on every year.

ed to pass two recommendations to increase funds for themselves and for the residence hall programming to use in November.

"In the past, concerns have been brought up regarding hall budgets and program funding," said Scott Asbach, RHA president. "Hall governments have expressed interest in expanding current hall budgets to accommodate inflation, the rising price of goods and services and the overall increase in cost for quality programming."

This first of the two proposals increases funding for the residence hall programming. This change would take place for the 2009-2010 academic year and would increase their share from \$9 per residence hall student to \$11.

It also includes a plan to increase the amount by \$1 every four years following that year. This proposal explains, "the gradual increase in prices due to inflation since [the] 1990s and the current economic slump

efficiently revamped the process through an incremental rate change instead of the constant re-examination due to rising prices of goods and services by the Policies and Facilities Committee," said Asbach.

The RHA and residence hall budgets have not increased their budgets in years making it harder to offer a lot of big programs free for students.

"The last date of a budget update was February of 1990. The delegates in RHA felt that increased allocation of funds for hall governments and the Residence Hall Association was crucial and necessary," said Asbach.

Both proposals also have a clause allowing for the policies to be reviewed after a certain number of years and these increases will also be brought up during the annual budget analysis.

These proposals will be coming up for approval in Residential Living and included in their annual budget.

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A \$15,000 allocation to the Stevens Point Area Skateboard Contingency, which was originally approved by the Student Government Association Finance Committee, has been called into question after an initial oversight of an SGA bylaw was brought into discussion.

The original approval of the \$15,000 was passed by a two-thirds vote of the Finance Committee. The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting were then brought for approval before SGA.

Former SGA President Justin Glodowski spoke during the public forum before the item was brought discussed amongst the SGA Senate.

Section 2, Article 3 of the SGA financial policies and procedures states, "Funding should not be granted ... for gifts or donations."

Also examined were the University of Wisconsin System Segregated University Fees policies, which state in Section 3, Article 3, "SUF shall not be assessed or charged for ... gifts, donations, and contributions."

SGA President Katie Kloth and other members of SGA and the Finance

Committee were especially unaware of the clause in the UW-System policies.

"For the people from that committee, it was legitimate. They're not trying to pull a fast one. They literally didn't know that it existed," said Kloth. "Justin was right. The way in which the skate park committee had presented the \$15,000 can't go through that way. It was a really confusing issue."

The skate park funds allocation will be brought up again this Thursday, Dec. 4, at the SGA meeting in the Legacy Room of the Dreyfus University Center. Kloth is now encouraging the Finance Committee minutes that were brought up for approval at the last meeting to failed.

"I'm going to recommend that the minutes be failed," said Kloth. "The way it happened was in direct conflict with what we can do. We've looked into other ways that this can work. The way that it has been presented this time isn't kosher."

The Stevens Point Area Skateboard Contingency will have a chance to reapply for funding, but they will have to do it under a different course of action.

Master plan leads to OMNA

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When the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point released its master plan, local residents sprang into action forming the Old Main Neighborhood Association.

"Neighbors got together and decided they were against the master plan," said Holly Ehrhardt, UW-SP student representative on the seven-member board.

The master plan is the university's plan for renovations, additional parking, green space and aesthetic features for the next 20 years.

With the abrupt development of the plan, the community needed a way to get their views heard. Shortly after the master plan was passed, neighbors got together and came up with a mission statement and constitution.

"What we are trying to do is make it a very viable place for families to live along with students so that we can co-habitate in the same area and gain from each other rather than have the negative effects that people see," said Cindy Nebel, the secretary and treasurer of OMNA.

Possible expansion of parking lot R is one of the largest concerns for the association. The minimum requirement for new city developments is 2 percent of green space. Currently there is 7 percent of green space in this area and members of the group would like to keep it that way. They would like to incorporate a park-like area.

"We are not against the development of the university, because I love living near the university and this

university is vital to this town," said Nebel. "So we want development but we want it so that the neighborhood is also preserved and that they can enhance the neighborhood along with the university."

Parallel to this issue is the university's desire to purchase 12 houses on Briggs Street.

"They didn't like the fact the university was encroaching," said Ehrhardt, and they are "concerned the university won't upkeep the properties in the best interest of the neighborhood."

The university and the Board of Regents currently own four of the houses.

One thing the group has already had part in with the university was working to get a polling site on campus.

Ehrhardt said there were people who do not like the liberal environment of the university. These people felt that if there was a polling site on campus the students may have too much influence on the elections.

Nebel said it is important to remember students would not be the only people voting at this location.

Thomas Miller, UW-SP senior university relation specialist, is also a board member of the association.

Miller said, "I would call it a huge success. No polling site is perfect but I think the community and the campus can be proud of how the Dreyfus pulled it off as a polling site."

Ehrhardt wants students to know that this group is "a resource for students if they have any landlord issues and is all-encompassing."

More information about the association and how to get involved can be found at: <http://www.geocities.com/omna1/index.html>.

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Dear The Point Is,

What is the best colon cleanser out there on the market right now? I need to know this.

Sincerely,
The Only Person Who Asked A Question

Dear TOPWAAQ:

Thank you for your inquiry, and as promised, I shall delve into this question with the gusto of a hormonal teenager who just discovered RedTube.com. Your question was perplexing and, frankly, a bit worrisome, but I pass no judgments – at least I didn't before I actually did the grunt (best word choice?) work of answering it.

There are many reasons someone would want to cleanse their colon, the least of which being health reasons, the most of which being the ability to smuggle more and better objects. Seeing your inquiry in health terms, TOPWAAQ, I approached my good friend who is into these sorts of purification rituals, and with whom I do triathlons (Note: having done a triathlon allows a person to pluralize triathlon, because, hey, you never know, I could do another one). This gentleman, who shall not remain nameless (his name is Ken), beat me in the triathlon we competed in, so I took this to mean that he was carrying less weight in his colon or something along these lines.

And sure enough, upon inquiring, he did indeed have a colon cleanser to recommend. Not only has he used one, but he continues to use one every six months. This is, indeed, a lot of information to know about one of your friends.

There are few propositions in life greater than that of "try this," or so I thought, until Ken asked me to try the Aerobic Bulk Cleanse Colon Cleanse 10-Day Treatment product. I had hoped to simply relay his findings; this was not to be the case. Some may ask, without really truly wanting their curiosity rewarded, "What possessed you to try this ABCCC10DT product?"

To these persons, I say, "Because it was dared."

Enough. Let me tell you about Aerobic Bulk Cleanse Colon Cleanse 10-Day Treatment product.

The particulars are such about this product's odious claims:

1) It is normal to have a "full" feeling after imbibing the product's recommended dose of a "heaping tablespoon in an eight-ounce glass of water or juice."

2) The ingredients of the product include: cloves, garlic, onion, ground-up psyllium husks, hibiscus, licorice, fenugreek, hyssop and more!

3) You will notice results within one-to-two days.

What I found:

1) This is true. What is left out is that you will not want anything else in your stomach either. I gagged twice and it took me 13 minutes to drink my first dose with eight ounces of cold water with the product mixed in.

According to the company's CEO, I must love the product's taste to have it go down so easy (Note: CEO did not actually say this).

My friend does this 10-day treatment every six months, like clockwork. He is a lunatic. Knowing how this tasted after one time, the knowledge that he drinks 60 of these a year made me not trust him around my children. Luckily, I do not have any children, and never will thanks to the almost certain sterilization properties of ABCCC10DT product. Though I do have to admit, the subsequent doses went down much easier, mainly because I taught myself to black out.

2) First of all, the powder never, NEVER fully mixes into the liquid, as it is supposedly able to do. Therefore, you end up chewing a great deal of the dose. This is not pleasant. No, it is not pleasant at all.

Secondly, do you know what those ingredients taste like when they are mixed together and then "drank"?

They do not taste good. They are like Satan's gravy and they make puppies die.

I'm not even sure if some of these ingredients are real things: my spell check doesn't recognize psyllium.

There is a special circle of hell for the pseudo-scientist who combined these ingredients and then sold these ingredients with the instructions for idiots like me to ingest. And in that special circle of hell, the fire will taste like garlic and cloves and it will leave a terrible gritty film in the mouth that no amount of teeth brushing or extraction will alleviate. Also, the Eagles will be playing all the time.

3) Twelve hours after the first dose, and there were no, um, changes, but there was a, let's say, discomfort. But then, by day two, that discomfort turned into dizziness. I was very dizzy actually. I then grew to hate food. Food caused waste, and because I now knew for the first time where all the food went that I ate, there was no way in hell that I wanted the experience of day three again. Day three, that's the day, mark your calendars, clear it of appointments,



Photo by Becka Schuelke

There was once a time when such a sight as this caused no nightmares or trauma to Pointlife co-editor Eric Krszjzaniek. Then, he ventured to answer a question for the vultures known as "The Point is... readers." Please note, Krszjzaniek had never seen the toilet pictured before the paper went to press, but he absolutely loves the doily.

for day three is when the colon gives up the ghost – and everything you've ever eaten. Honestly, I didn't get past day three, because seven more days of the experience of getting rid of everything, no...no...no...NO! I wouldn't do it!

So, in retrospect, TOPWAAQ, the matters of the colon are best left to lovers and doctors. Nay! I shall not venture again to know without my colon's consent what secrets it holds; what dark, dark secrets and forgotten matters it possesses. Lo! Men and mortals with sticky canals and bloated bowels, take heed, the sickness is not as bad as the cure!

But, to answer your query, Aerobic Bulk Cleanse Colon Cleanse 10-Day Treatment product is by far the best (and only) colon cleanse product I have dared to try. I give it three-out-of-four stars, and if the doctor tells me the damage from it is not irreparable, I'll throw in that extra star. I hope this satisfies your bloodlust, you bastard.

If you have any questions you want answered about this splendid burg of Stevens Point we live in, drunk text Krszjzaniek at (715-321-0267) or e-mail Baumann at mbaum925@uwsp.edu. You must be aware that you control us, and we hope to respond to you with frank and utter disdain, as we reconvene in January for the spring semester.

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Diversity of religion reflected on this holiday season

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"Candles ring, are you listening? In the lane, there is a Prophet, it's a beautiful sight, folks bowing to the west tonight, walking in a winter wonderland."

All of you are probably amply confused as to what is being sung here, but I will clear that up by explaining the culture and traditions of three of the world's largest religions this holiday season.

The Roman Catholic Church, with 980 million followers, is the largest Christian church in the world. The Pope in Vatican City is the spiritual leader of all Roman Catholics. He administers church affairs through bishops and priests. Members accept the gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Bible, as well as the church's interpretations of these. God's grace is conveyed through the seven sacraments, especially the Eucharist, or communion, that is celebrated at mass and the regular service of worship in a church.

Islam has 840 million followers around the world. It was founded by the prophet Mohammed, who received the holy scriptures of Islam, the Koran, from Allah in 610 A.D. Islam (Arabic for "submission to God") maintains that Mohammed is the last in a long line of holy prophets, preceded by Adam, Abraham, Moses and Jesus. In addition to being devoted to the Koran, followers of Islam (Muslims) are devoted to the worship of Allah through the Five

Pillars: prayers conducted five times a day while facing Mecca either at home or in a local mosque; the giving of alms to the poor; the keeping of the fast of Ramadan during the ninth month of the Muslim year; and the making of a pilgrimage at least once to Mecca, if possible. The two main divisions of Islam are the Sunni and the Shiite; the majority of Muslims are Sunnites who believe in the separation of religious leaders from political leaders; whereas, the Shiites believe in the combination of these two realms.

Stemming from the descendants of Judah in Judea, Judaism was founded around 2000 B.C. by Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and has 18 million followers in the U.S. Judaism espouses belief in a monotheistic God, who is creator of the universe and who leads His people, the Jews, by speaking through prophets. His word is revealed in the Hebrew Bible (or Old Testament), especially in that part known as the Torah. Judaism promotes community among all people of Jewish faith, dedication to a synagogue or temple, and the importance of family life. Religious observance takes place both at home and in the temple.

Hanukkah is an annual festival for Jewish people that varies in date according to the western calendar, but according to the Jewish calendar, always falls on the 25th day of Kislev (December) and goes for eight successive days.

Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem in the year 165 B.C. When the Temple was rededicated to God,

the festivities lasted eight days. According to tradition, only a one day supply of non-desecrated olive oil could be found for the rededication, but that small quantity burned for the entire eight days. Jews commemorate this event by lighting the candles of the menorah for eight nights of Hanukkah.

Hanukkah is a festive family occasion with special foods and songs. Foods fried in oil, such as latkes (potato pancakes) and donuts commemorate the miracle of the oil.

Ramadan is during the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and is a month of fasting for adult Muslims. The month of Ramadan is particularly sacred to Muslims because the Qur'an (Koran) was first revealed to Mohammad, the final prophet of Islam, during this month. According to the Qur'an, the sacred scriptures of Islam, God required the fast of Ramadan so that believers "may cultivate piety."

Each year, this month moves ahead by approximately 11 days because the Islamic calendar is based on the cycles of the moon.

Fasting during Ramadan is the fourth of five pillars of Islam. It begins each morning and continues until sunset. Fasting consists of abstinence not only from food and drink, but also from smoking and sexual relations. All Muslims who have reached puberty and who are mentally and physically able to sustain fasting are obliged to fast during the month. People who are sick, traveling, pregnant, or nursing are exempt from fasting, but they

must later make up any missed days.

Annually Christmas is celebrated on Dec. 25, however members of the Orthodox Church usually delay their most important seasonal ceremonies until Jan. 6, when they celebrate Epiphany, a commemoration of the baptism of Jesus.

Although Christian gospel described Jesus' birth in detail, they never mention the date, so historians do not know on what date he was born. The Roman Catholic Church chose Dec. 25, as the day for the Feast of Nativity in order to give Christian meaning to the existing pagan ritual of celebrating the winter solstice.

Epiphany also traditionally commemorates the arrival of the Three Wise Men of the East in Bethlehem (near Jerusalem, Israel), where they adored the infant Jesus and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The popular song, "Twelve Days of Christmas," in fact celebrates the twelve days between the birth of Jesus and his baptism.

However, just as there are an abundance of holiday variations in the religious world, Santa Claus, the chief symbol of the secular holiday world, has many stories attached to his origins. However, regardless of the large numbers of these stories, the real person who the legend is spun from was from the country of Turkey. In all probability this person was a dark-haired, dark-skinned and dark-eyed male rather than the popular image of today's Santa as a light-skinned, blue-eyed fellow.

I wanna soak up the sun

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When people cannot go to the beach they find their way to a tanning salon instead.

Well, not all people, but those who enjoy tanning do. Many University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students tan for a multitude of reasons.

Heidi Sabo, a junior, tans to feel better about herself.

"It's so I don't look pale because then I feel sick and the warmth and light make me feel good and relax," Sabo said.

Another student who tans for the pale factor, among other reasons, is Alyson Barrett, a sophomore. Barrett has been tanning for about three months. She does it "because my complexion gets better when I tan ... and not to look like a white ghost all year," Barrett said.

Barrett's boyfriend, a freshman, is also a tanner. His reasoning is seasonal affect disorder. SAD is also known as winter depression. For two to three years now, tanning has helped to brighten his mood during the winter.

Eric Neumeier, a junior, has been going to tan for three to four years now. Neumeier described tanning as a relaxing time to strip down for a power nap in a warm environment to get a rejuvenating warm sweat. To him, having a tan is just an added bonus.

All four of these students tan at Tropic Sun primarily because there are locations in their hometown, making the city-to-city transition easier. Tropic Sun is one of the locations in town that sponsors package deals in Stevens Point, along with Hawaiian Tanning and Sunlife Tanning.

geeks' corner

Mikel Rysk
GEEK OF GUM CARE

Dear Geek Guru,

I recently went on a doctor appointment and got diagnosed with a dental condition. I was wondering why the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point offers medical coverage and not dental? Isn't all that stuff funded by the Student Government Association? So why do we have a new Dreyfus University Center that is SGA-funded and no dental care?

Sincerely, Inflicted

Dear Inflicted,

I, too, have had run-ins with the local establishment that takes care of us. I have had a couple problems with them. First, I would like them to be a little friendlier. I mean, we pay their wages, don't we? I know it's a service to us and all, but a little friendliness goes a long way. Second, and more to the point of your question, I don't know why they only offer medical assistance when dental is technically a medical thing also. Perhaps one reason why they only offer doctor assistance is because UW-SP doesn't offer a dental program. If they don't, why don't they work within the UW System and get some dentists to work with them too?

I am sorry to hear about your dental issues, but everyone has problems. I know I said I would

answer all your technical questions, but this one kind of falls into the realm of bureaucracy. I am not a bureaucrat, nor do I ever want to be. That said, I hope there are some options.

Option 1: I believe that the first option you have is to make an appointment with a local dentist. Ask around to see if there are any dentists that offer discounts to students. If there are, make an appointment.

Option 2: The next option is to get an activist group and protest the student body and get all the students some tooth care. Perhaps if everyone knows that they don't get covered dental, they will all rise up and protest with you and you will forever be known as the person who got dental.

Option 3: This one is kind of special. I would do both just in case, but have fun with it. Make a big stink about not having dental coverage, but look, at least we have this huge building that everyone loves and is just so energy-efficient and is the easiest to keep clean and tidy. Yep, that's right, you guessed it; we have the DUC.

Your Guru,
The Geek

If you have suggestions or want to ask any questions, please e-mail me at mikelrysks@yahoo.com.

If you have not voted for "The Best of Point" yet, you have until Friday, Dec. 5.

Let us know what you think is the best of the best in Stevens Point.

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Science & Outdoors

Final exam anxiety can be kept under control

Jen Barlow
SCIENCE AND OUTDOORS REPORTER

The last month of the semester has arrived and finals week begins on Dec. 15, anxiety can be seen in almost every building on campus.

Students often have multiple finals a day. Preparing for numerous exams can be a tiring experience as most students pull "all-nighters," which leaves the feeling of being run-down. There is, however, a possible solution to the problem of multiple tests. Many professors are willing to let a student take a test early if they can prove they have three or more exams on the same day.

"I can study for hours and still not feel prepared for the test," said University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student, Ashley Jankiewicz. "Sometimes I think I study too much and it becomes an overload which eventually makes me forget things."

Exam anxiety is a recurring problem for many, if not most, students. There are many techniques used by students to reduce their anxiety. Often, techniques such as rereading and rewriting notes, creating note cards, teaching others the material, studying in class sections and studying with others in the class,

result in better exam scores. Students who have sought help from other students have found the results on their tests were better than when they studied alone.



Photo courtesy by Sam Feld

Final exams can be an especially stressful time for students, but multiple sources are available to ease anxiety.

It is important to note that feeling some anxiety before an exam is considered to be normal and is actually a good thing; according to the Yerkes-Dodson Law dictionary of psychology.

A moderate level of anxiety or arousal is often best for helping one to reach their optimal level of

performance. A person who is under aroused likely does not care about the test and, therefore, will probably not do very well, just as a person who is over-aroused may not do well.

"Students who know the material well, but then put so much pressure on themselves to do well or to be perfect that they end up getting to the test site and being so distracted by their anxiety that they cannot recall the information they have learned," said Jeana Magyar-Moe, associate professor of psychology.

All professors on campus have some form of office hours during which students can show up and ask questions.

"I think professors are very good about office hours or setting up another time to meet. But really it's the students' choice," said UW-SP student, Kimberly Rosenthal.

There are many options students can choose from for study help. The Tutoring-Learning Center and the Counsel Center are two options provided by the university. The Counseling Center's services are free of charge to students and staffed by professional psychologists who are more than willing to listen. At the TLC, students can team up with peer tutors in a variety of programs tailored to fit the individual seeking help.

Important things to remember to remember concerning exams:

-Get at least 6-8 hours of sleep the night before exams.

-Eat something before you go into the test.

-As you are taking the test, make sure to read the directions and answer the questions asked.

-Watch the time.

-Skip over difficult areas and go back to them.

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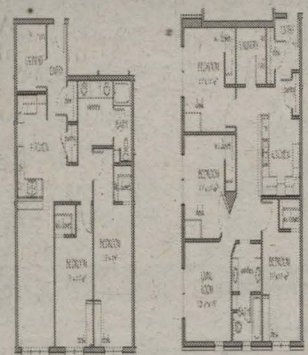
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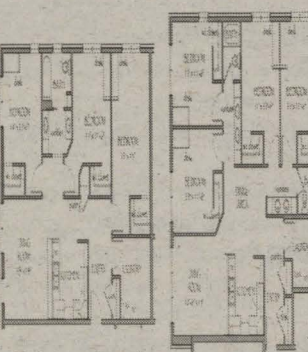
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Hunting licenses fund wildlife management

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With the nine-day Wisconsin gun deer season over, many hunters are already looking forward to next year. The sheer number of hunters in Wisconsin is astounding with total deer hunting participation reaching more than 835,000.

Twenty-three percent of those 835,000 are hunters between the ages of 12 and 25, making up a part of the college population. Even though money is a valuable commodity to college students, few mind paying the \$24 fee for a gun deer license. What most students don't know, however, is where their money goes after it leaves their wallet.

According the Wisconsin Fish and Wildlife Annual Report of 2006-07, licensing fees, combined with a state share of federal excise taxes from consumer purchases of hunting and fishing equipment and stamp sales, make up the Fish and Wildlife account. This account is the main source of funding for the fish and wildlife conservation programs the Department of Natural Resources manages in Wisconsin.

In 2006-07, the Fish and Wildlife's account amounted for \$97.4 million, with 73 percent of that money coming from hunting and fishing licenses and stamps. Of that \$97.4 million, a majority goes towards the DNR's wildlife management efforts.

With that money, the DNR conducted chronic wasting disease testing, improved access to wildlife on public and private lands, stocked wildlife for recreation and population expansion, managed and monitored wildlife populations and enhanced wildlife populations through habitat management.

Besides wildlife management and enhancement funding, hunters' licensing fees go toward their own interests and concerns. The DNR held over 1,000 wildlife interpretive presentations with 38,000 people. They also conducted 133 outdoor skills programs with more than 11,000 participants. Youth education programs were also sustained through the Fish and Wildlife's account.

If you want to find out more information about your investment to our natural resources through license sales, visit the DNR's web site at: <http://dnr.wi.gov>.

Science & Outdoors

Society of Ecological Restoration creates Karner Blue butterfly habitat

Gregg Jennings
SCIENCE AND OUTDOORS REPORTER

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Society of Ecological Restoration at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and a private citizen, Mike Oligney, are collaborating to restore habitats for the endangered Karner Blue butterfly. The most recent effort was this past Saturday at the State of Wisconsin Little Plover River Fisheries area.

Oligney grew the initial plants in his garden and currently has four 200 foot rows of lupine. Seeds were harvested from these plants and then extracted from the pods by the Society of Ecological Restoration at their meetings. Oligney's goal is to establish a corridor of lupine on his property and onto state land across the road. Oligney attended a course conducted by Dave Lentz of the DNR and became a certified Karner Blue butterfly monitor.

Oligney said the Karner Blue butterfly eggs hatch and the larvae moves up the stem to feed on the underside of the lupine leaves. It then develops into the butterfly that only lives seven days during which they mate and the female lays her eggs. This happens twice a summer according to Oligney. The Karner butterflies are poor fliers and if lupine are not nearby or there is a severe winter, the endangered species will die out. However, Oligney said they can be re-established in an area by transporting eggs on lupine plant stems.

Kildow introduced Oligney to Paul Cigan, president of the UW-SP Society of Ecological Restoration. Last fall they came up with a plan to plant lupine seed in fire lines the

UW-SP Fire Crew had dug during their annual fire training. The Society of Ecological Restoration planted the seeds and Oligney said about 98 percent of the lupine seeds probably germinated. It was so successful that it was decided to expand the project this year. The DNR had a timber sale at the site recently; the logger finished up only this past week.

Lupine prefers open, sunny, savannah-like habitats. Kildow said lupine follows disturbances. If there is a population of lupine nearby and something like logging disturbs the soil, other lupine will expand into the disturbed area. This could take years of succession, but the Society of Ecological Restoration accomplished it in one day. The Society of Ecological Restoration first removed the logging slash by hand. Then they removed leaves and organic matter down to mineral soil with McLoeds, council rakes and Pulaskis. They sowed the seed about a quarter of an inch deep and about every six to eight inches apart throughout the patches. The patches were marked by stakes in order to find the areas in the spring to monitor the success. The areas were then mapped with a GPS unit which will be turned into a map and given to Kildow.

Kildow explained that the jack pine will eventually grow back and shade out the lupine. However, the lupine seeds from the introduced plants will create a seed bank. Those seeds will remain viable until the next logging rotation, in about 50 years. When the area is opened up again the dormant lupine seeds will re-establish the Karner Blue butterfly habitat.

Paul Cigan said the site is great for university involvement by student organizations because of the visibility it gets from the public. If you want to know more about SER and their projects, contact Paul at pciga971@uwsp.edu.

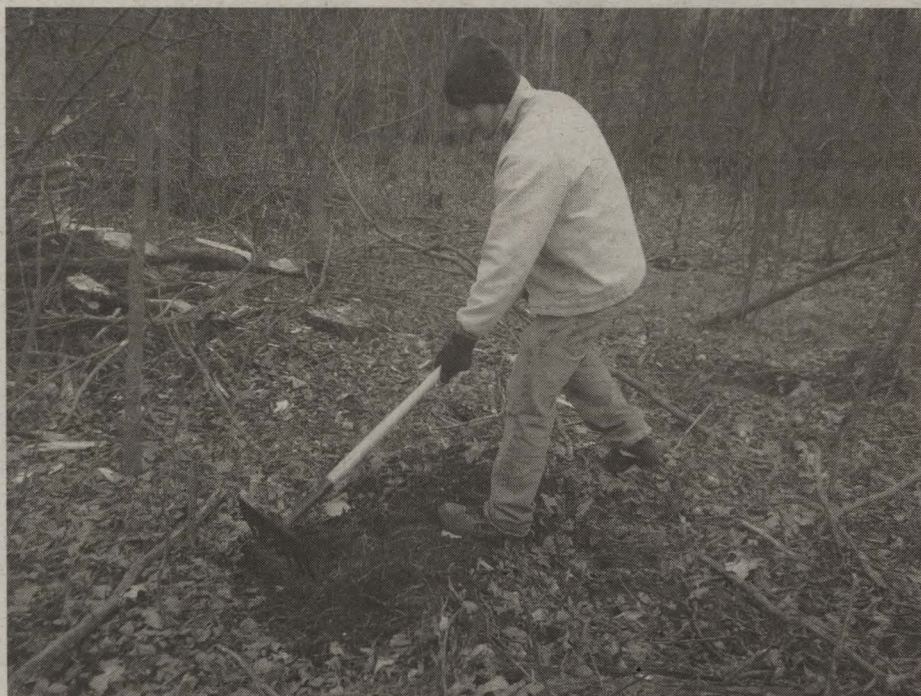


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A member of the Society of Ecological Restoration removes leaves and organic matter in their effort to create Karner Blue butterfly habitat.

Natural Resources Foundation accepting applications for 2009 conservation grants

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If your organization or club is searching for funding for small-scale conservation projects, the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin is currently accepting applications for the 2009 C.D. Besadny Conservation Grant.

The grant, named after former Department of Natural Resources Secretary "Buzz" Besadny, provides matching grants of up to \$1500 to private and public organizations and government agencies. These agencies will be awarded a grant based on their projects in conservation that promote the responsible stewardship of Wisconsin's natural resources at the local level.

The NRF will be giving funding priority in 2009 to projects aligned with the Foundation's conservation priorities. These priorities include: rare and endangered species protection, state natural area restoration and management, invasive species control and environmental education

and outreach.

In 2008, the NRF awarded over \$29,000 to 31 projects throughout the state. These projects ranged from a bluebird trail at Boscobel area schools to a prairie restoration by the Monona School District and a citizen-based water quality monitoring program run by the Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers.

The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin is a non-profit organization based in Madison. For more than 20 years, the Foundation has worked with citizens, businesses, non-profits and the government to promote the production and enjoyment of Wisconsin's public lands, waters and wildlife.

Grant applications need to be postmarked by Jan. 15, 2009. The awards will be distributed in March of 2009. People interested in applying for a Besadny Conservation Grant can obtain an application by visiting the NRF's Web site at wisconservation.org or by contacting Theresa Guida at 866-264-4096 or theresa.guida@wisconsin.gov.

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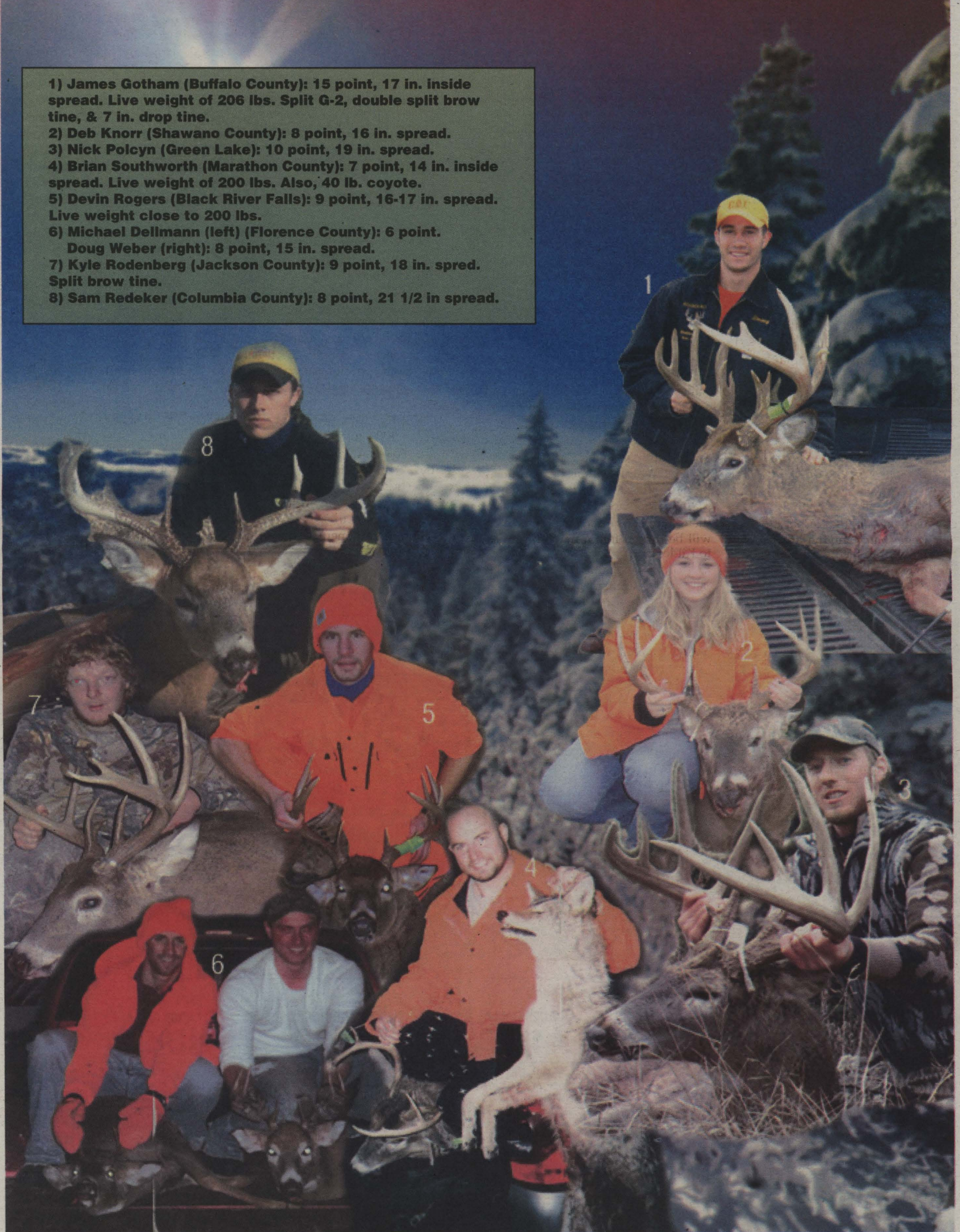
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Sports

Pointers lose footing in Sweet 16

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's soccer season came to an abrupt halt on Nov. 22, as the Eastern University of Pennsylvania defeated the Pointers 1-0. The Pointers were knocked out in the Sweet 16 round of the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Women's Soccer Championship, ending their season at an impressive 19-4 overall and an undefeated Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference record of 8-0.

The Eagles scored the only goal as Jill DiRenzo notched her twelfth goal of the season off a pass from Nicole Grindle and snuck the ball past Pointer keeper Pam Lucklow for the goal. For the remaining time it was a defensive game and neither team was able to capitalize on their offensive opportunities. Eastern stopped all five of the Pointer shots on goal to clench the Sweet 16 victory and advance to the Elite Eight.

Trying to win in the Sweet 16 while being one down almost all game is no

walk in the park for the Pointers.

"It puts you in the hole; in your mind you're trying to prevent another goal, but at the same time, you're trying to score," said Coach Sheila Miech.

Lucklow finished the game with three saves for the Pointers while Kaylee Weise, Amanda Prawat and Emily Walsh all tallied shots on goal that were stopped by Eastern University keeper Amana Draveler.

Eastern University went on to see its season end with a tough loss against Number two Messiah College the next day 2-0.

"We won some really big games by 1-0 too; we know what it's like to be on the winning side," said Miech.

The Pointers' loss in the third round of the NCAA tournament cannot mask the success of their 2008 season. The UW-SP soccer team won their twelfth WIAC Championship defeating the Blugolds of UW-Eau Claire, which earned the Pointers the league's automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Pointers also shut out opponents completely in an undefeated 8-0 WIAC season, scoring 35 goals and letting none by. That definitely says something about the tough Pointers' defense and

senior goaltender Pam Lucklow.

In addition to the team's success, senior forward Amanda Prawat became the all-time leading goal scorer in UW-SP history. She passed Marie Muhvic, who set the mark at 74 goals in 2000. Also, team members Mary Jean Cornelius, Amanda Prawat, Meghan VandenHeuvel, Emily Walsh, Katie Waterman and Kaylee Weise were named to the 2008 All-WIAC First Team, while Jenissa Koch was named to the All-Sportsmanship team.

Miech was chosen as the WIAC Coach of the Year in her twenty-second year as the Pointers' head coach. Her career overall record is 319-102-27, which includes a 115-7-7 record in WIAC play.

Looking ahead to another season, Miech will have to replace 10 seniors. Top scorers Weise and Prawat and goalie Lucklow are included in that graduating class.

"Replacing 10 players isn't easy, but I'm excited about the class coming up," said Miech.

Congratulations on the great season and good luck next year Pointers.

NFL news and notes

Steve Apfel
SPORTS COLUMNIST

I'm sure you all know the jokes by now so here's the punchline: Plaxico Burress. Honestly, what is this guy thinking? I realize that New York City is a tough town, but really? A loaded gun in a night club? Perhaps he was just being prepared in case the DJ started playing Katy Perry's "I Kissed a Girl." If that's the case Plaxico, I understand, but I don't think NYC nightclubs will be much of a problem for you in your immediate future-but maybe in 3 to 5 years. Maybe you can come back and play for the Raiders and catch passes from Michael Vick.

In other stupid player news, six players were suspended for the rest of the regular season for testing positive for a substance used as a masking agent for steroids. Among those suspended were Minnesota Vikings' Pat Williams and Kevin Williams, the heart of the team's run defense. This means that this weekend's game against Detroit might ruin the Lions' chance for a perfectly imperfect season by allowing them to run the ball all day long, and not forcing Daunte Culpepper to throw the ball. Fingers crossed this doesn't happen.



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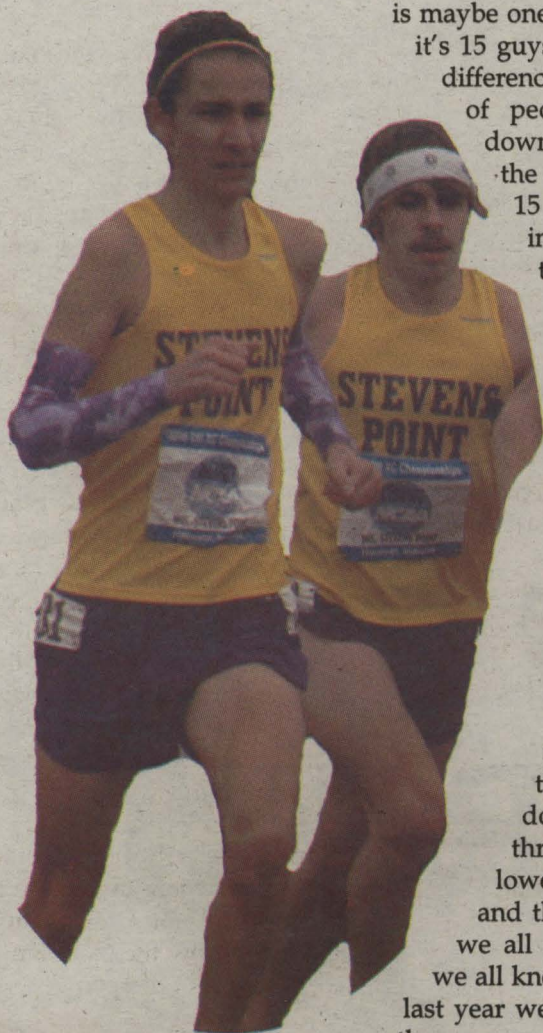
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Sports

Men's cross country secure fourth place at Nationals

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only down a few seconds, this cost the team valuable points.

"In a smaller meet, five seconds is maybe one guy; in a national meet it's 15 guys and that is the biggest difference, it is a constant stream of people. When you fall down, even if you're not on the ground very long, it's 15 to 20 guys that pass you in that short amount of time," said Witt.

Top finisher for UW-SP was senior Dominick Meyer with a time of 24:58, who finished 27th overall in the field.

"We were right where we wanted to be through five kilometers, and then most of us fell out of the spots we wanted. The hills of the course caught up to me," said Meyer. "I don't think we would have done anything different throughout the year. Our lowest team finish was fourth and that was national. I think we all stepped it up this year; we all knew that to be better from last year we had to be higher up in the races and everyone on the team did that."

The men's Pointer cross country team wrapped up one of their most successful seasons with a fourth place finish in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championships.

The team went into the tournament fifth-seeded and finished better than projected on Nov. 30, in Madison, Ind. They came up just short of third spot in a close finale.

"Our goal going in there was to get one of the NCAA trophies and they give out four, but if you're fourth you always wish you did a little better," said veteran Coach Rick Witt. "Realistically that's about where we should have been. We were the number five seed going in and we placed better than we were seeded, so I always tell people if you do better than what the seeds are then you actually had a good year."

The team had some bad breaks at Nationals. University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point senior Cory Towle was tripped about two-thirds of the way through the race; even though he was

UW-SP Junior Brian Finnel noted that not only was the team well-rounded, but Witt brought all his experience and knowledge to help the team succeed which gave them an edge over their opponents. Witt has led international U.S. track teams into Europe and New Zealand for events in the past. Dworak agrees that a big contributor to the team being the fourth best over 32 teams in the NCAA Championship is not only due to talent, hard work and determination, but inspiring leadership from the team and the coach.

"Coach always tries being modest about us being the ones doing the work, but we would have had a very hard time doing the things we did this year without him," said Dworak.

"Coach is a huge reason why we did well. He has so much knowledge and has experienced practically everything imaginable in cross country, so he gives us great tips and what to do during the race," said Finnel. "Coach prepared us great with workouts and when to rest and so forth. If it wasn't for him, we all probably would of burned out before the season was done."

Nine seniors led the team to one of the most successful seasons in UW-SP's history. The team knows that they will have to make do without the seniors next year, but sound pessimistic about it. In fact, they are looking forward to sustaining the success they've achieved this past season.

"I, myself, am not one of the more vocal guys on the team, but I believe next year, in a way, the reins are kind of being passed down to us after a majority of our leaders from this year will be gone, and it is my responsibility to make sure that we stay on track and look out for each other," said Dworak.

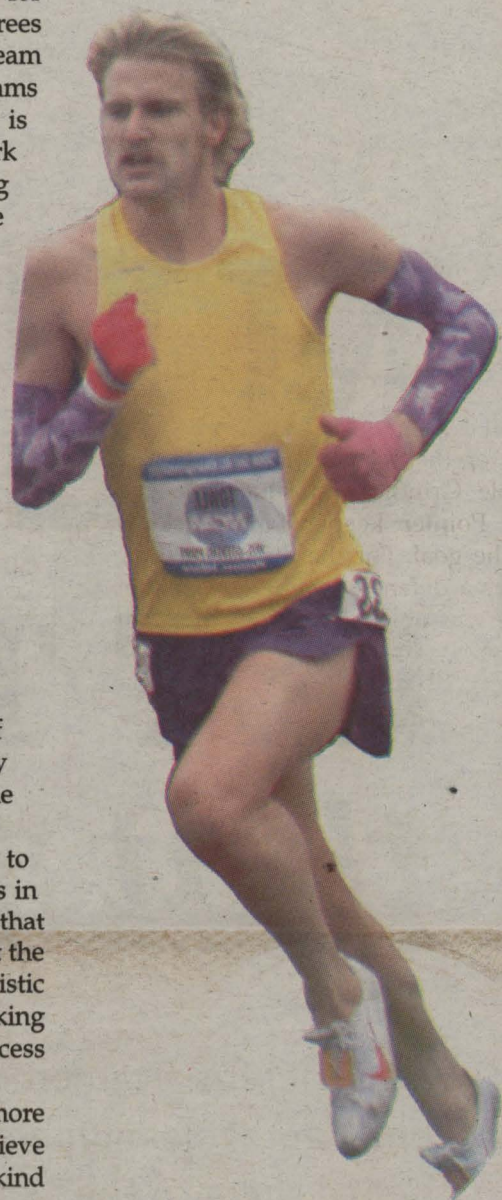
Witt knows that the team is getting hit with a significant blow. Many seniors are leaving, but the team must look forward and keep pushing itself.

"When you say you have nine seniors everyone thinks you're going to fall off the edge of the world, but we are going to have a good team next year," said Witt.

Finnel agrees that this team has a good amount of potential next year, as long as the strong leadership backed up by unmatched determination continues.

"Next year our team will take a

little bit of hit; we are graduating a good portion of the team. However, the team will still be very strong," said Finnel. "Three of the seven from the national meet will be back next year and those will probably



be our leaders. Due to the depth this year, the team will still be very solid and should be close to a top 10 team or better."

Witt coaches not only the cross-country team, but the track-and-field team and has been with the Pointers for over 30 years. The only better finish he had with his team nationally was in 2003, when they took home second place.

"As for winning the NCAA Championship next year, anything is possible. If the guys put in the summer mileage, we will be sitting in a very good position next year," said Finnel.

Senior on the Spot



Rachael Graves - Women's Hockey

Major: Physical and Health Education

Hometown: Bemidji, Minnesota

Do you have any nicknames? Gravesy, Grave Digger

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? Getting third at the Frozen Four twice.

What is your most embarrassing sports moment?

We were playing in Lake Forest and it was my turn to go out and my breezers got caught on the door. Instead of just backing up I kept pushing forward trying to get out until eventually my teammates pushed me with enough force that my breezers ripped and I fell onto the ice.

Have any game day rituals or superstitions? If I tell you my superstitions then they won't work anymore.

Who is your sports hero? Gigi Marvin

What is your sports philosophy? You can't kick someone's ass without getting shit on your boots.

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Arts & Culture

Mudshark gets dirty with grunge rock at Jimmy B's

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Jimmys B's Bar Parrot Club sounds like a place for birds, but Thursday night it was overtaken by Mudshark, a garage rock band that spewed their music to a thirsty crowd of bar-goers.

Patrons enjoyed brewed dollar taps and free pool while the band raged through Neil Young gems and Frank Zappa wonders, stopping from time to time to offer a moment for any public service announcements.

The band, which plays a mix of covers and originals, provided a crowd searching for a good time with that and more from 9 p.m. to bar close.

"We almost feel an obligation to fill a void for people who aren't looking for one particular thing," said lead singer Tim Parks.

The band kicked off the night to a slightly empty bar; apparently everyone was still studying. Their first set got off to a rocky start, as not all the pistons of the Mudshark machine were firing in sink.

After a groove-possessed original, entitled "Food Grifters," a song devoted to stealing free food from the tables of student organizations, the band kicked into a rocky version of "Cinnamon Girl" by Neil Young.

From there on out it was smooth sailing on the blues rock ship driven by "Captain Aggression" who just so happens to be addicted to speed—as in how fast an object moves, not the



Mudshark bandmembers in action.

Photo courtesy of Tim Parks

recreational drug.

"Getting all the aggression out for the week makes me relax a little more," said Parks.

The band drove the ship on through the night as the bar slowly filled until there wasn't much space to call your own and the dance floor had been taken up by writhing hips and smiling faces.

At one point, the band effortlessly took the "Ghostbusters theme" and turned it into a scummy eddying stream of aggression and funk.

The band encouraged crowd participation throughout the night, asking people to please come touch bass player Landon's rutabaga before ending of the show with what they call the Zappa Trilogy.

The trilogy is comprised of three

Frank Zappa songs, "Latex Solar Beef," "Willie the Pimp" and "Gumbo Variations."

The band brought an official end to the show with Neil Young's "Keep on Rocking in the Free World" with the crowd packed around the microphone singing along with all their vocal cords could muster.

"I like playing on the same level and having people get right up in our face singing 'Keep on Rocking in the Free World With Us,'" said Parks.

From the dark corners of a Stevens Point basement, Mudshark was given life, the progeny of rock and roll and good beer.

The band has been around for two and half years and has seen its share of members go in and out the revolving door. Mudshark presses

on with current members Tim Parks, Nate Fleming and Tom Lentz all on guitar, Landon Griskowski on bass and Ben Walker on drums.

The name Mudshark is derived from the Frank Zappa song "The Mud Shark," a song in which Zappa talks about catching a fish out a hotel window that people can bring into their hotel room and do whatever they like with.

"The name was the idea of Tom Lentz. He said we should call it like Mudshark or Uncle Meat, something like that; he's big into Frank Zappa," said Parks.

The band prides itself on a do-it-yourself work ethic, an intimate life experience and having a sound that is hard to define. People have tried coming up with titles like "Blues Shred," and "Garage Country," but none of those seem to hit the nail exactly on the head. The band finds the term scumbag rock much more fitting.

"We only call it rock and roll or scumbag rock," said Parks. "That's our thing, we are scumbags, and we call people scumbags; it's almost complimentary now."

Mudshark will take the stage again at Jimmy B's on Dec. 4, and again on Dec. 18, after which Parks will graduate from college. A dark question mark looms over the band's future and Parks seemed unsure of what the outcome would be.

"It might dissolve, it might carry on. I have no clue; it is its own entity," said Parks.

Students dance the night away at Afterimages Hindu guru

Mara Zillges

ARTS AND CULTURE REPORTER

December is here and dance majors are hard at work putting together this year's Afterimages show. There will be much to look forward to opening night, especially that the performance is taking place in the studio theater this year.

"I'm excited to work in the studio theater because it's such an intimate setting. We have the audience on three sides of us and it has been a good challenge to incorporate that into our pieces," said Brittany Vukovich, assistant director of Afterimages.

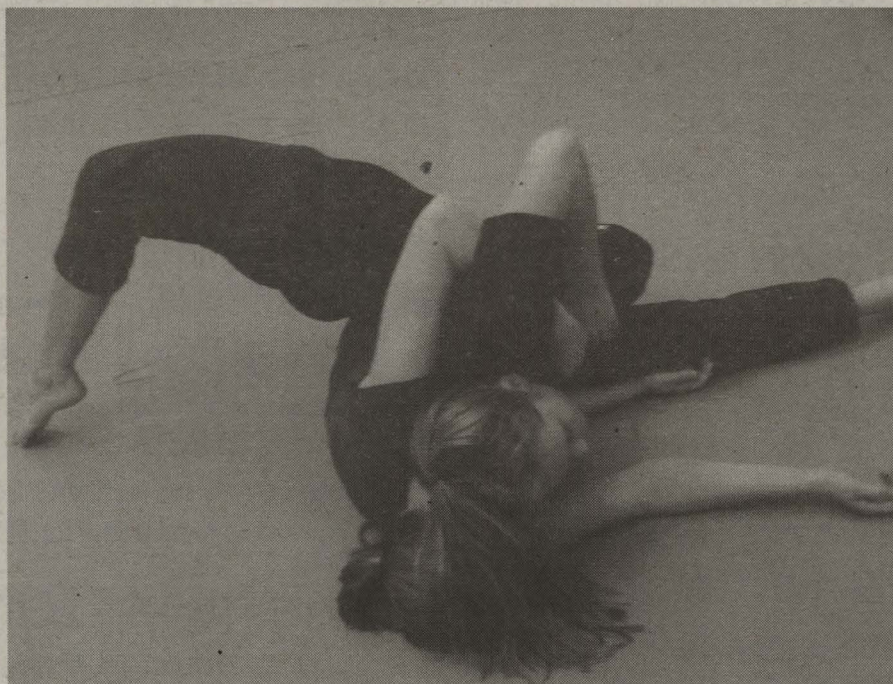
Afterimages is a student-run and choreographed show that always takes place early December. Michael Estanich is the faculty advisor for the show and acts as a mentor to the students to make sure everything runs smoothly. This year, the production team consists of senior Lindsey Fisher and juniors Amy Larson and Brittany Vukovich.

The production team makes sure all the behind-the-scenes work runs smoothly, such as publicity, show order and the program. They also

help to accommodate people's needs, said Vukovich, although that's not all. The production team has been hard at work since auditions started in the beginning of the school year.

In the first weeks of school, auditions are held by the choreographers to decide who they

want in their pieces. After weeks of practice, all the groups try out in mid-October in front of a panel of judges. The judges consist of faculty members and one dance student who is not involved in the production. The panel of judges decides which pieces will go into the show.



Students hard at work in preparation for the annual dance production, "Afterimages."

Photo courtesy of Amy Larson

finds his way to Stevens Point

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It is not every day that University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students have the opportunity to chat with a Hindu guru.

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, all UW-SP students were able to attend a presentation by a Hindu guru named Aiya, also known as Sri Chaitanyananda.

The next day students in Professor Corinne Dempsey's Asian religions class were invited to her home to take part in a dinner with Indian food and lively conversation with Aiya.

According to Aiya, he never chose to be a guru. It is just something that he was meant to do. Dempsey interjected and said, "It's a team effort."

This that there have to be people that want to follow Aiya's Hindu teachings along with his willingness to teach people in a guru/student

Arts & Culture

The soundtrack of your life decided for you

Steve Apfel
COLUMNIST

There seems to be an infinite number of "greatest albums of all time" listings in the ever-changing information world. It is nearly guaranteed that at least one album every year will be given this dubious title. However, music critic Tom Moon sidesteps this undue grandeur in favor of something just as frivolous with his book "1,000 Recordings to Hear Before You Die."

This self-righteous tome is a rather hefty nearly 1,000 pages with recordings listed alphabetically by artist and cross-referenced in no less than three indexes.

My initial interest in this book quickly waned as I leafed through the copious amounts of information and quickly realized I had absolutely no desire to listen to even half of these recordings no matter how long I have before I die.

To each their own I suppose, but my suspicions were raised when the first recording listed is Abba's "Gold." Sure, it's a fun piece of disco schlock but would I feel slighted if I didn't hear this entire album before shuffling off this mortal coil? I don't think so.

I can admit that I favor rock music and I thought maybe if I only focused on the rock selections I could salvage some respect for this book. However, the inclusion of tired selections like

Nirvana's "Nevermind" and AC/DC's "Back in Black" quickly laid that theory to rest. These albums may have been essential to my middle school existence but I can't go so far as to say they're among the best that the art form has to offer.

Moon manages to produce an intriguing concept that could make for interesting coffee shop conversations,

but I think this one is definitely more suited to paging through in the book store than paying the \$32.95 jacket price.

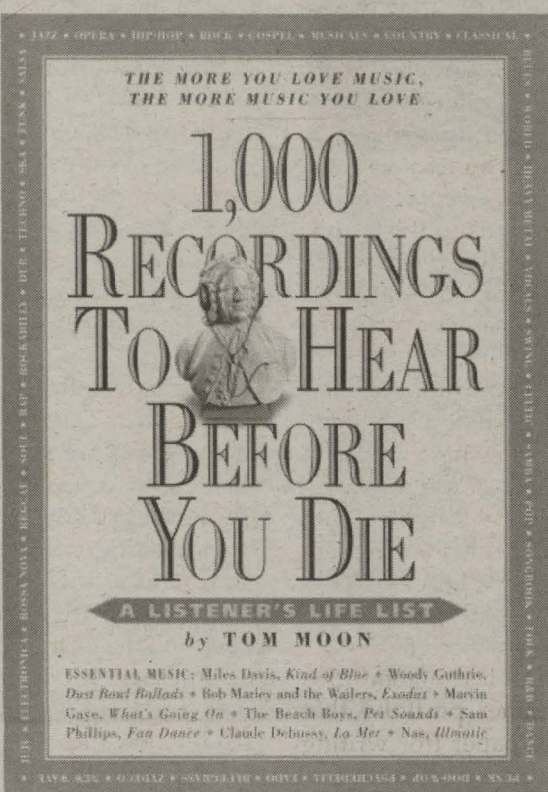


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relationship.

A Sri Lankan Tamil, Aiya now runs a temple in just outside of Rochester, New York. Dempsey visited and worked with the temple to write "The Goddess Lives in Upstate New York" Through this, she worked with and got to know Aiya.

Now every time Dempsey offers Asian Religions as a class, the students learn about Hinduism and Aiya comes to Stevens Point for a dinner with the students.

This visit was his fifth year traveling to Stevens Point and the campus.

"It's a beautiful place to end," he said.

Elizabeth Murphy, an Asian religions student that attended Aiya's Tuesday presentation and the

Wednesday dinner, said it was an "absolutely fascinating ... beginning."

Murphy went on to note that Hinduism is a dense subject, but to the class Aiya's talk served for a good overview.

She also said that having had Dempsey as a professor before, it was an easy read with an entertaining and exceptional perspective.

In her class, Dempsey relayed that Aiya always enjoys his time spent here and the dinner with the students.

Murphy enjoyed Aiya's visit as well. She wished there had been more time to talk to him about his faith and the temple.

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This year, eight works were selected, but it depends each year. Estanich said they will always select the most ready works. There are 15-21 pieces that try out and anywhere from 8-12 works will be selected each year for the final show.

Although Estanich is the faculty advisor for the Afterimages show, other faculty are often invited to practices throughout the process to give feedback to the dancers.

"It's really about the learning and creative process," said Estanich.

This year, the choreographers were faced with the challenge of performing in the studio theater. The studio theater is a thrust stage, which means there are three sides to the stage rather than just one. This makes it more challenging to choreograph because they need to include all three sides of the audience rather than just one, said Larson.

"When we first heard, many people didn't take it as a positive thing," said Larson about performing in the studio theater. But last spring the faculty held their show in the studio theater which opened up their minds to the idea.

"Now it's an honor to perform there," said Larson.

Usually Afterimages is only held one weekend, but since the performance is taking place in the studio theater, Estanich made sure there would be two weekends of

performances. The studio theater has about half the seats of the Jenkins Theater, which is where they normally perform, so Estanich wanted to be sure the same number of seats would be open.

Opening night is just around the corner and everyone seems very excited about it. Estanich said the audience will have a lot to look forward to, including a well-organized, professional experience.

"I've seen a lot of the works already, but I'm really looking forward to how the lighting and costumes and performance aspects tie in to really bring these pieces to life in the Studio Theater," said Vukovich.

With a wide variety of styles and approaches, a lot of the work is a very personal experience which the audience should be able to relate to, said Estanich.

With all the beautifully crafted dance, "It's going to be an energized and exciting night," said Estanich.

Performances will be held Dec. 5-7 and 10-12 in the Studio Theater. All the evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and the matinee performance on Dec. 7 will be held at 2 p.m. For ticketing information, contact the University Information and Ticket Center at 715-346-4242 or uwsp.edu/centers/uit/ordering.asp.

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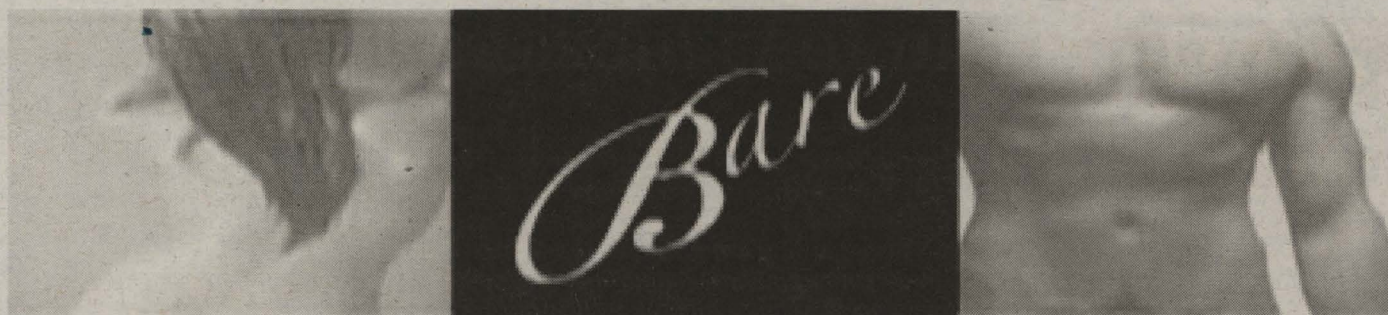
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Letters & Opinion



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Shopping smart on a budget

he or she sizes you up for the first time. Remember first impressions are important, but you are not there to sell them on your wardrobe. You are there to get the job.

The suit: A single-breasted, dark navy blue, charcoal gray or neutral color (wool or wool blend, solid or with thin pinstripes) suit is suitable for most, if not all, business occasions. The hem of the pant should break at the top of the shoes and the jacket sleeve should end at the joint between the wrist and hand.

The shirt: A well-ironed, all cotton, white, light or dark blue shirt with a button-down collar is the best choice to wear with your suit. The shirt does not have to be a solid color, but remember it must match the suit and not be overwhelming. The shirt cuff should extend a quarter to half inch below the jacket sleeve.

The tie: A silk tie with a simple stripe or repeating pattern works best. Again, you don't want it to be too busy or flashy. The background color should be neutral in color so it will not clash with the color of your suit and/or shirt. Most importantly, the end of the tie should fall to the middle of the belt buckle.

The shoes: They don't need to be new, however ground-down-at-the-heels and cracking leather do not work for any interview or any business setting. My suggestion to you is a pair of polished "wingtips" in the appropriate color (black or brown); they send a more polished signal. Oh! While I'm on footwear, do not (let me repeat that) DO NOT, wear white socks,

or those cute little black ankle socks, with dress shoes. Ok! I need to go one step further with that; dress socks (a.k.a. trouser socks) should not sag around your ankles. Socks should match your

pants and shoes and be long enough to cover your shins.

Body piercings: No one wants to stifle your individuality or make you conform to their beliefs. However, if you wear an earring, or any other visible body piercing, it is recommended that you remove them for any professional event you may be attending. Remember, this is just a suggestion. I rarely go anywhere without my diamond earrings. But, it is always safer to err on the conservative side.

Hair, etc.: If your mother has mentioned your need for a haircut, heed her warning. A haircut and a clean shave are best. However, if you have a beard/mustache/goatee, you will want to have it neatly trimmed. Oh! If you choose to wear cologne or aftershave, wear it sparingly as not to produce too strong of a scent.

The accessories: It is a good idea to purchase a leather portfolio that includes a pad of paper (for writing down your questions and notes), a folder that can hold copies of your resume (always take extras), reference page and a pen. Leave your backpack in the car.

In closing, you want to wear the best that you can afford on a new graduate's budget and still be well-dressed, while showcasing your attention to detail and eye for good fashion. A winning personality and knowledge of the company will get you the job.

Next week we'll tackle the four dress codes for your new career.

Shopping smart on a budget is not as hard as one might think, and it gets even easier when you know what you need in your closet. Hopefully you did not get measured before Thanksgiving dinner. If you did, wait until you can button the pants you're wearing and then head out shopping.

Before we tackle the last four dress codes, you need to get the job first. So let's get you set for your interview. Before you leave your apartment, you need to ask yourself these five questions: 1) Is what I'm wearing clean? 2) Is it in good shape? 3) Does this fit me correctly? 4) Does it match? 5) Do I feel comfortable? All of these need to be followed by a "yes" every time you leave your apartment.

Pre-interview research: Here is where those research skills you learned in your writing emphasis class will help you in more ways than one. The best way to prepare for the question that might be asked of you is to search the company's Web site. So it stands to reason that the best way to learn about a company's dress code is to either ask or scope out the company and if all else fails, just wear a suit. By wearing a suit it is not likely that the interviewer will tell you that you are over-dressed. Well, that is, unless you are interviewing to be a ditch digger.

Your clothes tell your story: What you wear to an interview does not have to be flashy or be a name brand. It is better that the interviewer hardly notices what you're wearing after

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Letters & Opinion

What's the point: Black and blue Friday



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The semester is almost over and yet it seems that the end could not come soon enough. Between the tests, research projects and cold weather, I am ready to lounge around and catch up on my favorite television shows while scrapbooking. (Yes, I scrapbook, and you should too!)

I officially knew the semester was near completion when I began hearing Christmas music at my retail job. When the music begins, I know that Thanksgiving is around the corner and therefore the semester is almost done. This past week, of course, was the much celebrated holiday. A holiday celebrated for the joys of eating a delicious meal, not having to sit in a classroom, and for many, the best time to go shopping.

Being in retail for the past six-and-a-half years has allowed me the fortune of witnessing some of the most outrageous acts from people desiring certain products.

Black Friday, as we call it in the industry, is perhaps the best opportunity to do a social study of human interaction. Not only do you witness the best and worst parts of an individual, you get to see it happen hundreds of times throughout the day by all of the customers you encounter.

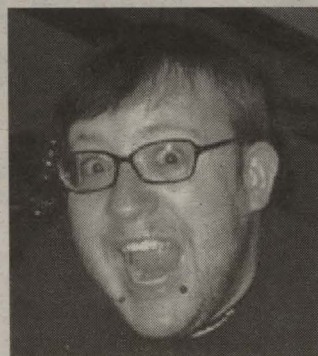
It is absolutely amazing to witness people knocking each other over to grab a \$4.49 popcorn tin. Why on Earth anyone decides to get up four hours before they normally would and stand in a line outside, with the temperature below freezing, is beyond me. For me, that has always been a "What's the point?"

This year, however, I was a bit disappointed. Yes, there were people doing all the aforementioned things, but not as many as I usually like to see. This year I did not witness anyone trip while running to the back of the store; no one knocked over the wrapping paper bin, shooting rolls fifteen feet down the aisle, and no one yelled from two aisles away demanding where an item was. But alas, customers still were able to make disturbing comments about my reindeer antlers, the rotating set I wear beginning the day after Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve.

But I digress.

With the end of the semester, and this the last issue of The Pointer for the semester, I would like to extend my congratulations to all of you for making it through this fall 2008 semester. For you freshmen, this was your first college semester, so congratulations for making it through. Now you know the ropes! Some of you have retied the ropes for roughly eight-to-ten semesters now. You are almost there and I am guessing you are focused on the finish line; just one more entire week and you will be finished with your final classes. I guess for the rest of us somewhere in the middle of this process, good luck on finals. We are almost done with one more semester as students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point!

High Five: But watch the thumb



Steve Apfel
COLUMNIST

Welcome back, my friends! Have you missed me since we last had time together? I have sure missed all of you! It feels like it's been an eternity! I have so much to tell you about! Right away I'd like to congratulate my dear friend Jacob Mathias on finding Alfonse the Wish Turkey. I'd love to tell you all about his three wishes but obviously that would cause them to come true. Far be it from me to come between a man and the fulfillment of his lifelong wish for his own pony.

With the end of the semester nearing, I'm sure you're all incredibly busy. I know I am! I have so much on my plate it feels like Thanksgiving hasn't ended! Let me fill you in on the many activities going on in my life as we wrap up the first half of this academic year. Studying for finals and completing projects is only the tip of the iceberg!

First off, this past Wednesday was editor in chief Katie Leb's birthday and it's no secret that we've been planning quite the bash for months. The fruition of those plans has raised the bar for birthday parties. I didn't know we could even fit an elephant inside the Quandt but Avra made it happen. I can't wait to see those pictures! Who knew that Katie had always wanted to ride an elephant named Phil Collins? Sometimes I swear Avra is at least half magical elf.

Once the party was over, I had to go immediately to my thrice weekly band practice. After all, the Centertainment Battle of the Bands is next Thursday and we need to be ready! The boys and I have one dynamite act in store for you! I expect

to see all of your smiling faces rocking out in support of all the best music University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students have to offer!

The biggest consumer of my time these days, however, is my training. Training for what you ask? I proudly announce to you, dear readers, that I have been invited to compete in the Wisconsin Regional Competition of the Midwest Text Message Olympiad on Dec. 19!

I'm not sure who sent in an application on my behalf, but I have an inkling that it may have been the work of magical dream elf Avra again. I had always dreamed of being able to compete but I wasn't sure my skills were up to competition standards, but on the day after Thanksgiving, I received a message from the chairwoman of the Central Wisconsin Text Messaging Order, Ms. Jenna Behling. She asked me to send her, in 300 characters or less, why I thought I should be able to compete this year. I won't reproduce my response here, but it must have stirred something in Ms. Behling. She responded nearly immediately telling me that she would be honored to have me compete on her organization's behalf.

I will be competing in the rookie maximum of three events: bulk texting, speed emoticon texting and blind texting. All categories are judged based on spelling, grammar and punctuation adjusted for any current texting trends that apply. Avra has been helping me train by waking me up every morning at seven a.m. for thumb strengthening and dexterity exercises. I am working towards becoming a master of the one-handed northeastern speed thumb developed by sport legend Kelly Kassien. It's not easy, but it will definitely give me a leg up on the competition.

Before I go to do my evening thumb exercises I will leave you with this week's contest. The standard rules apply for your responses to this question: What type of sled should I buy for upcoming winter fun?

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GOTCHA.



Freshman Kurt White reads The Pointer because he likes to know what students are doing around campus.

Good luck on finals!
Happy Holidays!
Have a great break!

From The Pointer Staff

Rabble Rousers



Joy Ratchman

Neverland



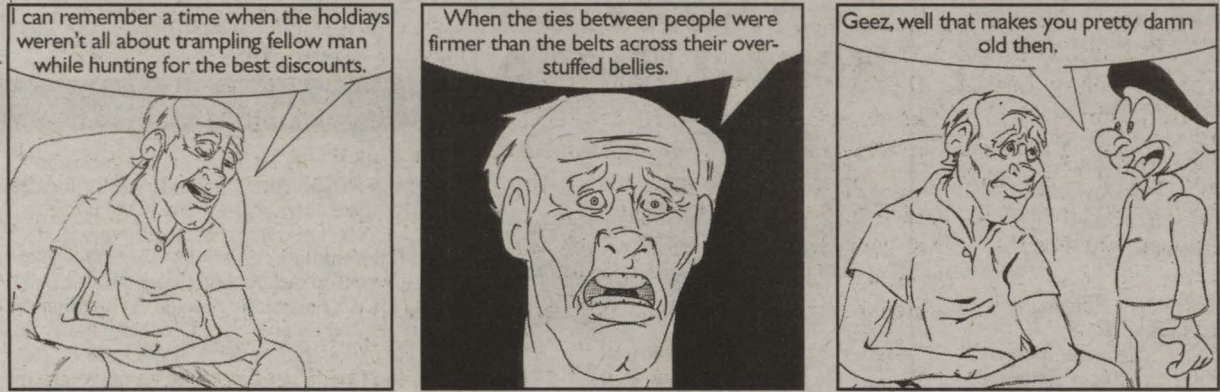
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This week's sudoku puzzle was sponsored by Cornerstone Press. Be sure to check out their 2008 publication!

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As the university transitions into a self operating food service many committees are working to make the changeover as smooth as possible.

Applications are now being accepted and reviewed by the search and screen committee for the university dining services director position. There are currently just more than 10 applications that have been submitted with hopes of more to come. Six candidates will be brought to campus at the beginning of spring semester.

If you live in the residence halls, you received a survey asking about the type of board plans you would like. Thank you to all who replied. Your opinions will be strongly taken into consideration.

For those of you who are waiting to use your credit or debit card in the food area of the Dreyfus University Center: Be patient. The program will be tested over winter break and hopefully will be up and running for spring semester.

All sub-committees are looking for your input! The following are contacts for some of the sub-committees currently meeting:

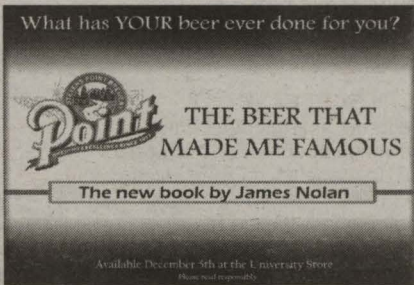
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For the finance committee, contacts are Terri Chang at tchang@uwsp.edu, or Nora Stanczyk at nstanczy@uwsp.edu.

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Co-chair of food marketing committee

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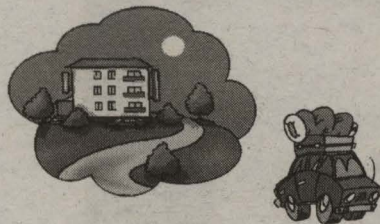
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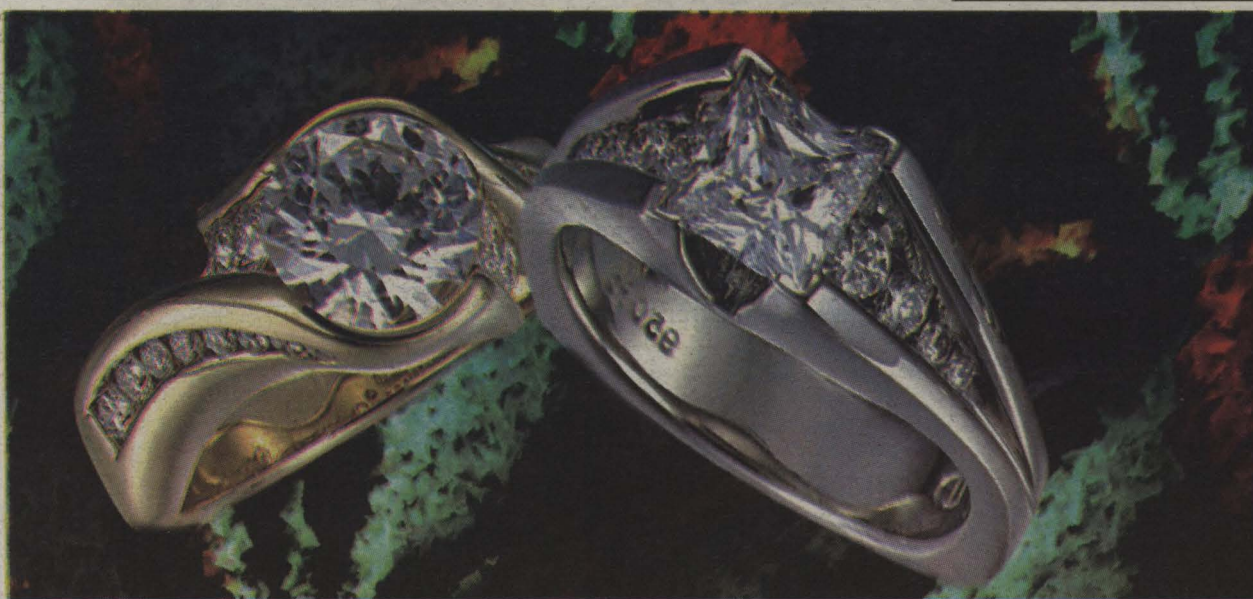
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