

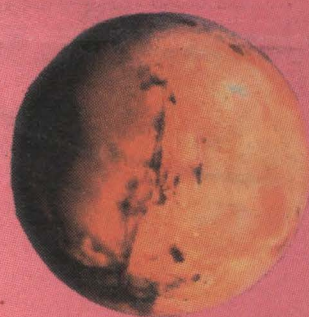


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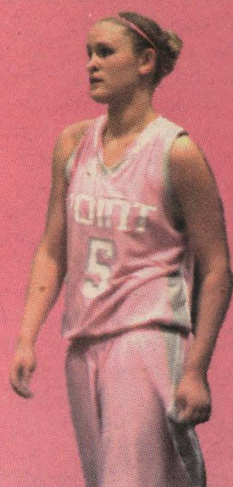
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# Soul Food Dinner

Black Student Union hosts 15th annual event for Stevens Point community

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Amid friends, family and fellow community members, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Black Student Union shared their heritage and culture.

On Feb. 10, 2008, the BSU hosted the 15th Annual Soul Food Dinner in The Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center. With more than 200 people present, the BSU presented a feast of tra-

ditional soul foods. Originally begun in the South, the soul food dinners have become a presence all over the country.

"Mostly [in] African American households they cook soul food dinners maybe on Sunday--do something after church," said BSU Co-President Ashley Ward. "It was our little way of doing something on this campus to make people more aware of where we come from and what we celebrate."

The dinner menu, chosen by the students, was comprised of main courses and side dishes of catfish, fried chicken, collard greens and cornbread, among others.

For desserts, guests had the options of peach cobbler and sweet potato pie. Many of these foods have significance to several guests.

"It reminds me of home and some of the meals that used to be more regular," said Professor C.Y. Allen. "But because of calories I don't do this all the time. It's wonderful."

All items were made by the students over the course of three days with the assistance of alumni and faculty advisors. According to Ward, as of now recipes are passed by word of mouth, but she hopes to write the recipes down, in case alumni are not available

for guidance.

Alumnus Greg Anderson came to this year's dinner to recite his own interpretation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream Speech." He also recalled the beginnings of the Soul Food Dinner and the growth of the event.

"We started off and we had Soul Food Dinner. My grandmother was the cook and that was it. And we had maybe a table full," said Anderson. "I look at it today, and I look out, and I see all the people that support this event, and it's good to know I was part of something special."

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## UW-SP scheduled to elect new representatives

**Justin Glodowski**  
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Much of the public eye lately has been aimed at what could be the biggest United States presidential election ever. Meanwhile, a campus election is just getting under-way.

The Student Government Association at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus is preparing for their annual tradition of electing a new president, vice president and group of senators. Applications have been open since the first day of the school year, but this week is the final week to be on the ballot.

Applications for presidency/vice presidency can be found on the SGA Web site or by e-mailing Amanda Meyer, the communications director. These applications are due by Friday, Feb. 15 at 5:00 p.m.

Every application requires at least 100 signatures to be accepted. Applications for the senatorial election will be made available soon as well.

SGA president and vice president are some of the most important positions on campus. These officers nominate their own staff, directing them towards issues they feel to be of importance. Responsibilities also include appointing students to important committees that could shape the future of the UW-SP campus and its

majorities and/or GDRs. For the individual who truly wants to make a big difference on campus, this may be the position for you.

"I ran for SGA vice president because I wanted to make a difference in the lives of UW-SP students by representing them and implementing change on campus to benefit them," said Adam Lehmann, current SGA vice president. "The best part about being this involved is seeing all the change that is possible through running for office. You truly get to deal with important issues on campus representing all students."

Along with the president

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## Influenza vaccine having a good year

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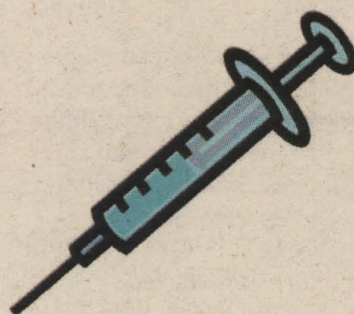
Who's there?

Orange.

Orange who?

Orange ya glad you got a flu shot this year?

Influenza viruses change from year to year, so the influenza vaccine is updated to include current viruses. This year the vaccine is a great match (70-90 percent) to the virus strain that is infecting people now. So those of you that had the shot should realize that you made a great choice in protecting your health. But it's not too late. Although we are out of stock at the UW-SP Student Health Service, you can still get a free flu shot by going to the Portage County Health Clinic- Drop in at the Ruth Gilfray Building any Tuesday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. or Friday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The address is 817 Whiting Avenue, Whiting (go south on Water Street to Whiting Avenue). And because the injectable influenza vaccine contains deactivated influenza viruses, the vaccine will not make you sick!





# CAMPUS BEAT

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



Noel Fine Arts Center  
February 6, 2008 8:56 p.m.  
Type: **TRAFFIC**

Car was broken down in Parking Lot E.

Science Building  
February 7, 2008 10:22 p.m.  
Type: **THEFT**

Male reported a missing wallet. He said it was last seen in the computer lab. Custodian found the wallet in the hallway. Male said money was missing from the wallet.

College of Professional Studies  
February 8, 2008 1:34 a.m.  
Type: **PUBLIC INTOXICATION**

Two individuals may or may not have been intoxicated. One was seen between CPS and Science buildings. Other individual was seen heading south on Isadore Street.

Unknown Location  
February 8, 2008 11:13 p.m.  
Type: **PUBLIC INTOXICATION**

Individual was observed with an open intoxicant.

Noel Fine Arts Center  
February 9, 2008 11:43 p.m.  
Type: **PUBLIC INTOXICATION**

Individual was observed with an open intoxicant.

Hansen Hall  
February 11, 2008 11:21 p.m.  
Type: **DAMAGE**

Hansen hall director reported vandalism to a bulletin board.

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Alumna Jolie Kadima De'Shawn Ewing, Nigel Wade and Uptown were among the other performances throughout the evening. Kadima gave vocal performances including the Black National Anthem while Ewing and Wade delivered poetry and spoken word.

Last year was the first year, since its conception, that the Soul Food Dinner was not held, making this year's event

even more anticipated. After all of the hard work and effort, the event was considered successful said Ward.

"I'm just really proud of everybody that helped out. I think it turned out better than I expected, considering that we didn't have it last year," said Ward.

But Ward admits she would like to see the event "grow and get bigger."



Photo by Katie Leb

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and vice president positions, senators will also be included on the SGA ballot.

Students will have the opportunity to elect students from their college. Those elected senators are the true heart of the organization; they attend committee meetings, vote on important legislation, respond to students, decide budgets and push for change that they feel is important.

"People want to be senators because they want to make a difference on campus or work on an issue they feel is important," said Speaker of the Senate Jennifer Boyd. "I wanted to become a senator in order to be more involved in what was going on around me instead of passively letting it all happen. Being a senator is a ton of fun also and I would really recommend it to anyone who wants to have their voice heard in decisions that directly affect them."

Overall, this opportunity allows for a great experience for students on getting involved and making a difference.

"Invaluable leadership experience is one of the most important gains to come from holding an office with SGA," said Meyer. "An official position brings with it a great amount of duty and responsibility, a sense of pride and accomplishment to be able to work for the student body and the ability to compromise are also formed as students work together in SGA committees to materialize their dreams for UW-SP."

Elections will be held March 7, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. through March 13, 2008 ending at 4:00 p.m. All information will be received within e-mail.

In addition to the positions on the ballot, there will be referenda for the Late Night Bus Program and United Council.

## SGA Update: Upcoming Events

### Presidential Debate!

Come get informed about individual candidates and about their views and policies! Funny clips will be shown of campaign advertisements and bloopers from your favorite Presidential candidates. UW-SP students will represent all major Presidential candidates and Canada.

When: Feb. 18, 2008  
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Where: The Encore Room in the DUC

### Sustainability Reserve Fundraiser!

The rest of this week Sustainability Committee will

spearhead a fundraiser for the Sustainability Reserve. Tables will be set up in the DUC throughout the week. Donators can put in requests for the undertaking of specific sustainable and/or renewable green projects and initiatives. The residence hall that collectively raises the most money will get a tree planted in their name!

### Celebration of Language!

Students are needed to read poetry in a variety of different languages. If you are interested in participating, please contact Laurie by Feb. 14 at 715-346-4737 or at lgrabosk@uwsp.edu.

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# Outdoor•Ed Ventures

## Tip of the Week

### Snowshoeing tips...only the important ones!

Brought to you by Jeremy Jenkins of Outdoor EdVentures

We have been lucky this winter with all the snow we have received; get out and enjoy it!

1. Get outside. Snowshoeing can take you anywhere you want. If you can walk through a certain area, you can snowshoe through it - if there's enough snow.

2. You need snow. The point of snowshoes is to "float" on the top of the snow; it's worth waiting for the deep stuff!

3. Check the weather forecast. Don't just look up at the sky.

4. Be prepared to face the weather. How you dress for snowshoeing will depend on the

weather conditions and how physical you plan on getting. For anything other than a simple snowshoe walk, bring a backpack so you can take on/off layers at will.

5. Snowshoeing is less fun with cold feet. Wear good hiking socks, some type of waterproof boot or hiking shoe, and - no matter what - bring an extra pair of socks. Snow pants or gaiters are a good idea to keep the snow out of your boots.

6. Be realistic about your fitness level.

7. Walk, don't run...yet. If you are new to snowshoes, be sure to spend some time walking around on them first!

8. Leave a note. Let people know where you are going. It's much safer to let your roommates or someone else know where you are going just in case something comes

up, and you get lost - or worse!

9. Don't leave home without these. If you are going out for an extended snowshoe adventure, put some emergency supplies in your backpack: water, high-protein snacks, extra socks, hat, gloves and a cell phone.

10. Snow is not see-through. The deeper the snow,

the more likely it is that there are obstacles lurking below the even expanse of level plain. If you don't know the terrain at all, proceed with caution or stick to the trail.

11. Take a night hike. It's worth going snowshoeing at night. It's so amazingly quiet. Even if you are a beginner, night snowshoeing is not to be missed! But, do not snowshoe at night alone.



## When it's cold outside, leave the tent at home

By Gregg Jennings  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

can be brought in and laid out so they can regain their "loft" before being slept in. If a person desires more warmth in their sleeping bag, water can be heated and poured into a water bottle. Wrap the water bottle in a towel or spare t-shirt and place it inside the sleeping bag at the feet.

Some Quincy dwellers burn a candle to warm it up inside. If a candle is used very carefully, poke a hole an inch or so in diameter at an angle through the top of the shell to allow for air circulation to reduce carbon monoxide. If it snows, the hole needs to be kept clear for continuous air circulation.

If the inside temperature gets above 32 degrees Fahrenheit, the inside will begin to melt and drip and get everything wet. If you think sleeping in 32 degree temperatures is cold think of how balmy it feels when it is -60 degrees with wind-chill outside. Sleeping in a Quincy is much warmer than sleeping in a nylon thin tent on a frigid cold night.

To build confidence, a "test" Quincy can be built in the backyard and camped in overnight. That way, if something does not go as planned, you can retreat to your warm house.

In the summer, the tent can be left behind too, and a debris hut can be constructed in its place. But that is a topic for warmer weather.

Your tent can be left at home in winter to further lighten the load for ultra-light backpacking and a Quincy can be used in its place. A Quincy is merely a mound of snow hollowed out, similar to an igloo.

It is best to start to build a Quincy with plenty of daylight or at least be sure to bring headlamps because it takes some time. Use "transformed" snow not "powder" snow. Powder snow may be great for skiing, but it will not "recrystallize," like transformed snow.

After the snow is mounded up, take lots of sticks about a foot long and push them straight into the snow perpendicular to the outside surface. Space these sticks out about a foot or two apart over the entire snow mound. Then go for a hike or ice fishing for an hour or so to allow the snow to "recrystallize," or stick together again.

Upon returning, dig a tunnel into the Quincy with a light weight shovel, a cooking pot, a bowl, a piece of bark anything to dig with. It is suggested to have this entrance on the east side of the Quincy. Most winds come from the west, and the winds would blow directly into the interior of the snow structure if the entrance were on that side. An entrance on the north side is not a good idea either. We have all heard about those cold north winds from Canada, eh?

Once in the center, start to enlarge the tunnel into a cavity or cave. Remember those sticks you stuck into the Quincy from the outside? When the digging instrument comes into contact with those sticks stop digging. Some winter campers make the cavity only big enough to house the number of people that will be using it in order to conserve body heat. Another technique to construct the Quincy is to pile everyone's gear in a mound and cover the pile with a tarp. Snow is then piled over the tarp-covered gear. After waiting the appropriate time the gear is dug out.

Sleeping pads and bags

## Peace Corps on Campus!



### Table at Natural Resources Career Fair

Thursday, February 21

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

College of Natural Resources Building  
first floor lobby

### Information Meeting and Slide Show with Speaker

Thursday, February 21

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

College of Natural Resources Building  
room 122



Think local. Act global.

For info on other campus events:  
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## Like Disc Golfing?

Sign up for the  
Snow Throw  
Massacre  
II at Yulga!

Contact Ian  
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berg@uwsp.edu for  
more info!



# Student Law Enforcement Association's 5th Annual Ice Fishing Derby at McDill Pond Saturday, Feb. 9



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Top: A member of SLEA tries to break ice to get a line in the water.

Above: A common scene on McDill Pond on Saturday: rods, minnows and "a stool."



photo by Steve Seamandel

Top: An unnamed team gathers for a group shot. This team was undecided on a firm team name, hopping between "Team Minnow," "Team Catch-no-Fish" and the ever-popular "Team Ramrod."

Above: A youngster uses waxworms to draw some fish out of thick weeds and muck.



photo by Steve Seamandel

Top: Two tip-ups marked by fluorescent boards await some action.

Above: Skip Karl shows a few of his early catches, all panfish "good for the frying pan," said Karl.



photo by Steve Seamandel

"Team Reid" prepares to drill a few more holes in hopes of gaffing a winning fish.



photo courtesy of SLEA

Don Kass was proclaimed victor of the Derby with his 7 oz. bluegill. No legal northern or bass were caught.



photo by Steve Seamandel

A late-coming group of participants lug their gear out to a lucky spot on McDill Pond.

**SLEA would like to thank everyone who came to support the Derby and their organization!**



# Darwin Day celebrates the birth of evolution

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Celebrating the father of evolutionary theory and one of the most influential figures in modern biology, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Students for Freethought sponsored Darwin Day Tuesday, Feb. 12 in the Daniel O. Trainer Natural Resources building. The special night included the celebration of the 199th birthday of Charles Darwin with birthday cake and Nova's "Intelligent Design on Trial" video.

While providing scientific evidence, Darwin proposed that all species of life have evolved over time from one or a few common ancestors through the process of natural selection. Natural selection means that certain randomly acquired traits are beneficial for survival. The theory

that evolution occurs became accepted by the scientific community and the general public in his lifetime, while his theory of natural selection came to be widely seen as the primary explanation of the process of evolution in the 1930s, and now forms the basis of modern evolutionary theory. With some modifications, Darwin's scientific discovery remains the foundation of biology because it provides a unifying logical explanation for the diversity of life.

Not only did the SFF sponsor this event because of the value of independent, critical and rational thought, but also for the importance of separating state and church. Nova's "Intelligent Design on Trial" gave its viewers a lesson in evolution and a case where the separation of state and religion conflicted.

The tension took place in the small town of Dover, Pa., where a portion of the teachers at the town school wanted to incorporate Intelligent

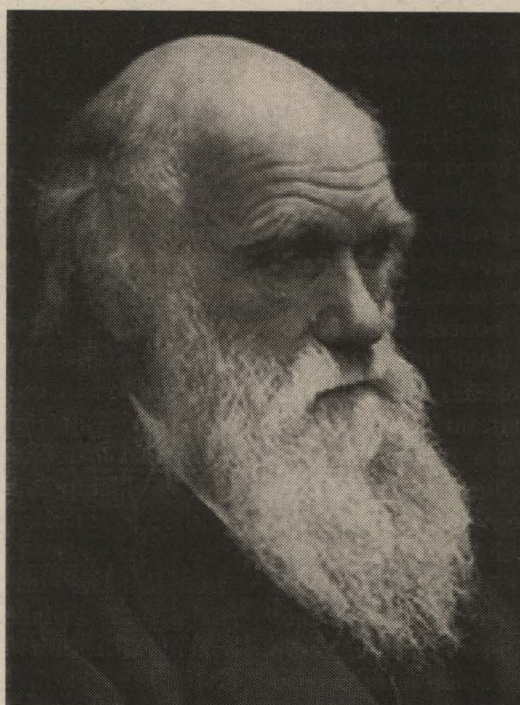


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Design into the curriculum. Intelligent Design theorizes that life is too complex to happen at random and gaps remain in Darwin's theory, so an intelligent agent must be involved.

The school anonymously

received boxes of "Of Pandas and People," an Intelligent Design perspective written by Percival Davis and Dean H. Kenyon. The court case looked at whether or not this book and Intelligent Design could be considered scientific theory. With research, the experts found the first motivation behind Intelligent Design was Creationism,

which means Intelligent Design

was religion in disguise. Teaching Creationism is a violation of the First Amendment which separates church and state. And since this idea is not science, biology or a scientific theory, it cannot be taught

in schools.

Darwin's theory of evolution is constantly being tested and revised. It has survived for over 150 years. Even sciences such as genetics have supported Darwin through the transition of biological mechanisms that give organisms their traits and comparisons of DNA.

Today, Charles Darwin's theory of evolution is the basis of evolution because it is the most logical explanation for the diversity of life. Darwin Day is an international celebration of this man's great discoveries. Thanks to the SFF, students from UW-SP had the chance to learn about Darwin and take part in this international celebration.

Students for Freethought meetings are held in the Collins Classroom Center in room 233 every Tuesday night. Feel free to attend and let your voice be heard.

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

Celebrate wellness and get free food, free workouts and free prizes at The Allen Center from Monday, Feb. 18 through Friday, Feb. 22 at the Week of Wellness.

On Monday the Student Health Promotion Office will offer free fitness assessments from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Outdoor Adventures will be offering snowshoe rentals for \$8 and ski package rentals for \$10. On Tuesday come to the DUC concourse from 11:00 to noon for free stress relief sessions and receive free hot cider and sign up to win a prize. On Wednesday come to a free group fitness challenge from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and receive free food and prizes. Sign up at the Cardio Center front desk to participate. On Thursday sign up at the Cardio Center front desk for free chair massages from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and free paraffin hand dips from 5:30-6:30 p.m. It's also Thirsty Thursday at Outdoor EdVentures, so stop by and buy a nalgene and get the second half off. Outdoor EdVentures will also be offering Dance Dance Revolution from 7:00-9:00 p.m. with free snacks! On Friday the Student Health Promotion Office will offer free stress relief sessions from 9:00-4:00 p.m. and sign up to win prizes! Check out the Allen Center and get free stuff!

To see upcoming events happening at Allen check out [go2allen.com](http://go2allen.com).

## TECH TIDBIT

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While spending your summer lying on a cool, prickly spot of grass, with the sun warming you from head to toe, have you ever wondered what life was like for the multitude of ants you flick off of your arms every five seconds? Well, wonder no more with this device.

Mostly designed for children, these virtual reality-like contraptions allow the user to visualize and experience the senses of what it's like to be an animal. If you choose the giraffe version you will receive the experience of life with 30 extra centimeters added to your height. But maybe a bird is more your style. With that particular choice the user wears a headband which allows them to sense geomagnetic fields, or the earth's natural magnetic fields which help guide them during migration. Or you can choose to be one of the smallest of creatures, an ant, wearing a VR helmet and a 50x camera in the large,

**Now you can live the life of an ant. Finally.**

blocky "feet."

This unique, yet still experimental, device is thanks to some students at London's Royal College of Art. So if you've ever wanted to have the senses of an animal other than yourself, put one of these on your Christmas list now. Who knows, by then, they might be something cool that people would actually want to buy.



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## MarsQuest

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"MarsQuest" is now showing at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point planetarium. Shows are at 2:00 p.m. on the Sundays of Feb. 17 and 24 as well as March 2 and 9. This event is free to

students, staff, faculty and the public.

Narrated by Patrick Stewart, of Star Trek fame, "MarsQuest" looks at Mars from a historical perspective as well as what its future may entail. The program includes various images from the Hubble Space Telescope, and discusses information

received from the Viking 1 and 2 missions as well as the possibility of any forthcoming Mars missions.

The planetarium is on the second floor of the Science Building. For any questions about this program or others, call (715) 346-2208.



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## Valentine's Day inspires love over the centuries

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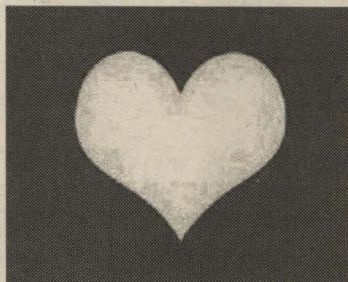
The day of love is upon us! Feb. 14 is recognized all over the world as Valentine's Day, the day to let that special someone know they are loved.

Millions of people spend their hard-earned dollars on candy, flowers and jewelry for their sweethearts every year. Hallmark estimates that 188 million cards are exchanged over the holiday, second only to the Christmas season.

The meaning of Valentine's Day was not always so superficial. The History Channel Web site reports that there are several accounts of how the Valentine tradition came to be. One story is that Valentine was a Roman priest who was prosecuted for marrying young couples in secret after the Roman emperor had marriage

banned. It was thought that young soldiers worked better if they didn't have a wife and family to worry about.

The site also states that Valentine himself may have sent the first 'valentine' to a girl he fell in love with while imprisoned.



While the truth about the origin of the celebration is unclear, "the stories certainly emphasize [Valentine's] appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and, most importantly, romantic figure," according to history.com.

Centuries later, the people of Great Britain started to celebrate Valentine's Day in the 1600s. Tokens of love and

appreciation such as handwritten notes were exchanged by all social classes. America caught on to the trend in the early 1700s, graduating to mass produced valentines in the 1840s. Today, more than \$39 million is spent on flowers and almost \$14 million on candy.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students have their own ways of celebrating this day of love. The Public Relations Student Society of America is continuing to host a fundraiser in the Dreyfus University Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., encouraging students to "buy a can of Crush for the one you're crushing on."

The University Store is hosting a Valentine's Day sale this week, offering discounts on Valentine's Day balloons and gifts, as well as red and pink apparel. Students who purchase \$15 or more in Valentine's Day presents will receive a free gift.

## Career planning 101

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POINTLIFE REPORTER

Welcome back for the spring semester at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Now that we all have had a break, we should be refreshed and ready to hit the books.

If you are like me, you have already begun to think, "What am I going to do for spring break and for summer?"

Well, before you get lost in your imagination and start to plan those days of lounging on the couch, you might want to think about a summer job or internship.

Every January, employers start their summer recruiting process. So, what can you do to prepare yourself to blow away your competition and get that dream job?

Start looking now. Your first stop should be the Career Services Center in room 134 of Old Main. Their Web site is also a helpful place to look. It can be found at [www.uwsp.edu/career](http://www.uwsp.edu/career).

The CSC is a student's one stop shop for everything they need to know to get them on

the fast track to success. They help students make the most of their time before, during and after school.

Deciding on a career is easy for some people and often harder for others. But, planning can help to make the whole process easier for all.

Planning can help you decide on your career options and help you achieve the goals you will need to set after making that big decision.

- Determine your strengths and interests. This will give you a handful of career options.

- Research the careers you are considering. The best places to do this are in the Internet and reference section of the library and the CSC.

- Informational interviews. There is no better way to actually learn about a specific career than by talking to people that work in the field and maybe even shadow them for a day.

My last suggestion is to take the initiative. Don't be reliant on your advisor, parents or friends to direct you towards a career. Remember, you're the one that has to go to work Monday through Friday, so you should at least enjoy your new career.

Best of luck!

## Student Law Enforcement focuses on wildlife advocacy and laws

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The Student Law Enforcement Association gives all its members hands-on experience in many different areas of environmental and public law enforcement. "Our goal is to provide members an opportunity to participate in activities that both showcase and protect Wisconsin's natural resources," said president Chad Wippermann.

SLEA works closely with the Department of Natural Resources and networks with other enforcement agencies to provide networking services to all of its members. "We have the advocacy of the DNR which really gets our members noticed when they apply for positions in [areas of law enforcement]," said Wippermann.

Students that are interested in becoming a conservation warden, a forest or park

ranger, deputy sheriff, police officer or even a federal agent could benefit from the activities SLEA hosts. "We run safety courses for snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicle handling, hunting, fishing and boating," said Wippermann.

Other seminars train members on using equipment or feature guest speakers in the different areas of law enforcement.

Recently the association has been working closely with the DNR to run undercover surveillance and compliance programs.

"We work closely with the DNR to keep population numbers in check," said Wippermann. Both wildlife populations and hunter populations are important to maintaining a healthy balance of resources. SLEA secretary Logan Cannon added, "We really want to attract interest in the outdoors, get kids and firsttimers involved because numbers are declining statewide."

This Saturday the asso-

ciation is hosting an ice fishing derby on McDill Pond and Sunday they will be doing a workshop for kids on how to ice fish. "We really want to get kids involved, especially those who might never get that chance otherwise," said Cannon.

Networking is a big advantage that joining any organization brings to its members. "We get the chance to talk with game wardens, build camaraderie among our members and reach out to the community. It gives our members opportunities to work on communication skills within the field," said Wippermann. "These are experiences you just can't get on your own."

If you are interested in joining, SLEA holds meetings every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in room 170 of the Daniel O. Trainer Natural Resources building, or you can stop by their office in the Dreyfus University Center, room 70J. You can also contact Chad Wippermann at [cwipp343@uwsp.edu](mailto:cwipp343@uwsp.edu).



### Your Mission:

Solve the puzzle below. When you think that you have the answer, e-mail your answers along with your mailing address to [puzzlehunt@yahoo.com](mailto:puzzlehunt@yahoo.com). The first five people to send in the correct answer will receive a free large 2-topping pizza or triple order of Toppersticks. Winners will be at the judges discretion. Answers are due Tuesday at midnight the week following publication.

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High: 20°F with a real feel of 13°F.

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Winds: NW at 8 mph

Wind Gusts: 11 mph







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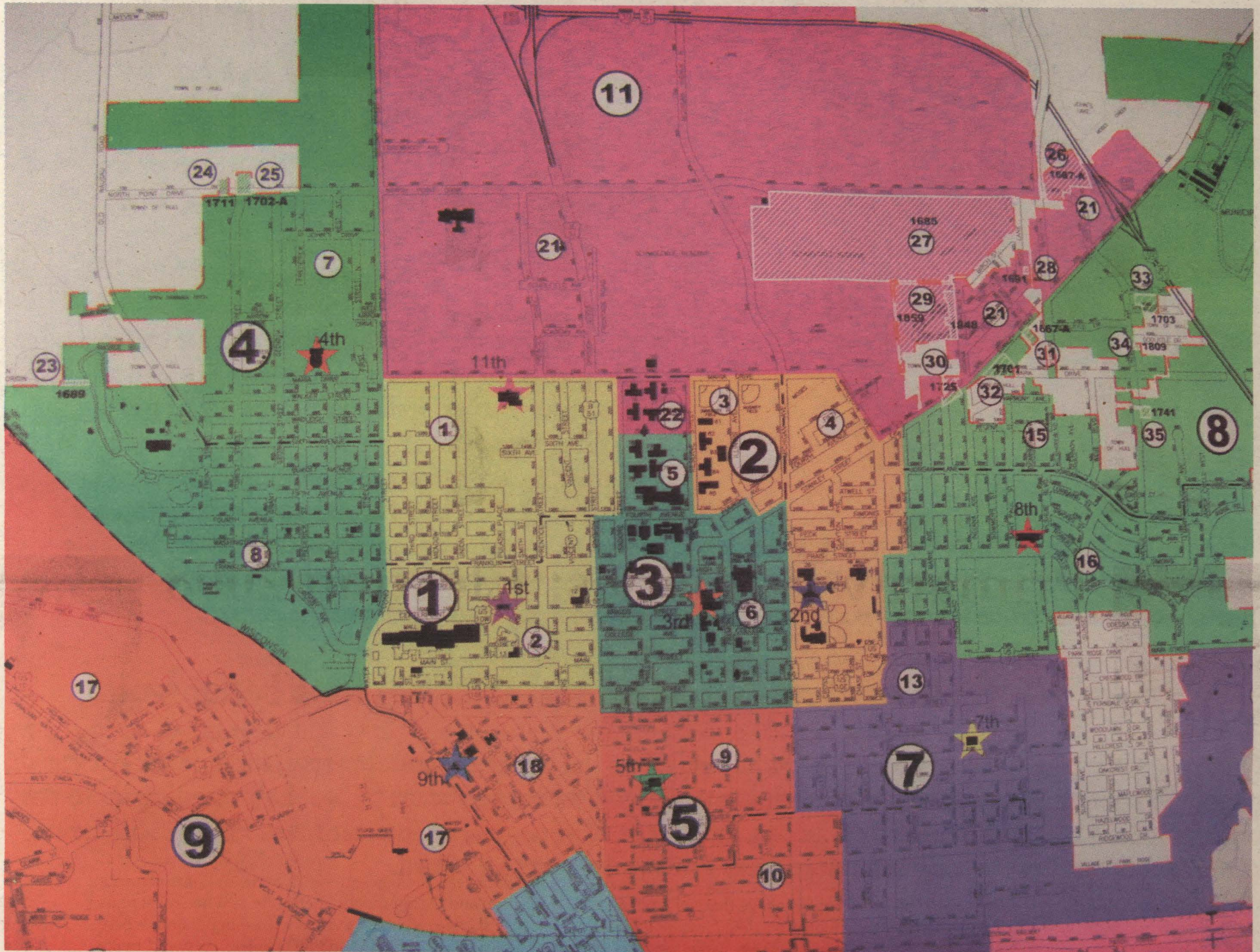
Hillary has traveled the world to stand up for the rights of poor women and children. She championed micro-loans to help women-owned business get the seed money needed to thrive, and her work decimated the infant mortality rate in sub Saharan African by getting pregnant women and their doctors basic hygiene kits and training. Back home she delivered health care coverage to millions of uninsured children in America. She's reducing the wage gap for women, protecting funding for women's sports, and family planning, and was a major force behind both the Family Medical Leave Act and the Violence Against Women Act.

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## Presidential candidates in Wisconsin



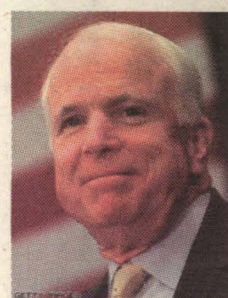
### Mike Huckabee

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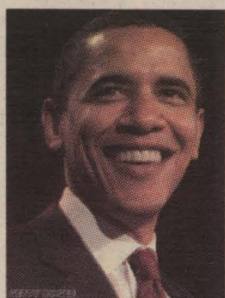
### Hillary Clinton

- No official announcements have been made about Clinton's appearance in the area.



### John McCain

- Feb. 15 at 12:00-1:00 p.m. - Oshkosh, Wis.  
The Eagle Hangar  
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### Barack Obama

- Feb. 15 at 12:00 p.m. - Oshkosh, Wis.  
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## Primarily Primaries: Election 2008



### College Republicans - Ryan Wrasse

President Kennedy said it right when he proclaimed, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." The best thing that the next president can do for our generation is to foster an environment where individuals can rise up, take responsibility for their actions and fight hard to achieve their goals and dreams.

Based on those core principles, I strongly believe that the next president will either be Sen. John McCain or Gov. Mike Huckabee. Regardless of who gets the GOP nomination, our next president will strive to promote those core principles that I feel most Americans truly believe in.

The next president will work hard to secure our borders, our liberties and our country in order to ensure that we are safe from those who wish to do us harm. The continued terror threats are real, and we will have a president who is willing to take those threats seriously - because the consequences of not doing so are too grave.

The next president will work hard to promote a pro-growth economy where jobs are created, where regulation remains low, where taxes are less burdensome and where individual entrepreneurs can prosper.

The next president will work hard to unite a polarized country by fixing a failed social security system, bolstering a troubled health care structure and continuing to keep Uncle Sam out of our wallets and out of our homes.

The next president will help those people who are down, but not penalize those who are successful. He will not falter in times of trouble and will not back down in times of despair. He will remain steadfast in his principles and will fight for what he knows is best for our country.

When we start relying on the government to fill the voids in our lives, we lose sight of our hopes and dreams. So, what will the next president do for students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point? Well, the ball is in your court. Provided these opportunities, what will you do for you?



### College Democrats - Saul Newton

Candidates are focusing more on voters between 18 and 25 this campaign than any other. In 2006, we had an estimated rise of two million more young voters than in 2002. In Wisconsin, it was the college students who turned the vote and brought the Democrats into the majority in the State Senate.

When people hear "college student" two things come to mind: higher education and lack of money. Let's face it, when most of us graduate, we will be in debt. Some of us will be in debt anywhere from \$10,000 to \$40,000. The Democrats want to help and make college more affordable and more accessible, so more Americans can get a degree.

How many of us at least know people who cannot continue, or even start, begin at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point because the financial aid fell through?

Just think, UW-SP has one of the lowest state university tuitions in Wisconsin. Sen. Clinton wants to strengthen community colleges with a \$500 million investment. She also wants to get rid of that annoying red tape in financial aid and hold college costs down through a combination of a college cost calculator, a truth in tuition disclosure and a college graduation and employment index. She also wants to create a \$3,500 college tax credit and increase the maximum Pell Grant. You can find out more at [www.hillaryclinton.com/issues](http://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues).

Sen. Obama would like to create a new American Opportunity Tax Credit, which would guarantee the first \$4,000 of a college education is free for most Americans and cover two-thirds of the cost of tuition for the average public college or university. In addition, Obama would eliminate the current federal financial aid application and allow families to apply just by checking a box on the tax form, thus getting rid of the need for a separate application and making the application process easier. For more information, go to [www.barackobama.com/issues](http://www.barackobama.com/issues).



## Sports

# Pointers contribute to "Think Pink" week with win over Blugolds

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It was a sea of magenta and pastel pinks in Berg Gym during the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point game against UW-Eau Claire on Wednesday, Feb. 13. The night was a part of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association "Think Pink" weeklong attempt to raise awareness of breast cancer.

The Pointers hit the court in pink and white outfits in the team's 57-43 conference victory over the Blugolds. The uniforms were a surprise that made the message even clearer.

"We've been excited all week," said senior Haley Houghton about the special night. "Coach didn't tell us we were getting pink jerseys until just before the game and that really gave us a good push to get out and play."

During the game volunteers sold raffle tickets for the cause, and during halftime, breast cancer survivors were

honored at center court in front of a cheering crowd.

"I just think it's a worthy cause; it's a great event," said Coach Shirley Egner. "It's a great night all around and it makes it even better when you win."

The game started with a lay-up from Pointer Chelsea Kranz who would go on to score eight points in the game. By halftime UW-SP had edged ahead of the Blugolds by four points and a 25-21 score on the board.

Running a close game into the second half a pair of 3-pointers from Laura Neuenfeldt and a trio from behind the line by Houghton, the Pointers pulled ahead with 12 minutes left in the game.

The team would maintain their lead until the final buzzer, finishing the game with a 14-point margin over the Blugolds.

"Coach told us we all needed to step up and play as a team," said Houghton, who led UW-SP with 11 points in the match-up.

Egner agreed that hustle and teamwork were essential elements in the team win.



Pointer women's basketball team posing with breast cancer survivors.

Photo by Rochelle Nechuta

"I thought they gutted it out," said Egner about the team's overall performance. "Everybody played an integral part in the success out there

tonight.

Now hopefully we can get some type of momentum and move forward."

The Pointers will have the

chance to gain that needed surge forward when they host UW-Whitewater next on Feb. 16 here at UW-SP.

## Micah's Corner: College basketball in, NBA is out

**Micah Schroeder**  
SPORTS REPORTER

As the excitement from Super Bowl XLII and the 2007 NFL season fades in the rearview mirror, many sports enthusiasts turn their attention to a different sport to help cope with the long winter nights. College basketball is getting into full swing, the NHL season is heating up and the NBA is...well...what is going on in the NBA?

This weekend New Orleans hosts the 57th NBA All-Star Game. A weekend that was once marked with high anticipation, is now no more than a place for channel-surfers to stop and watch a few dunks during commercials of their favorite Sunday evening sitcom. Not only has the game itself lost the audience's interest, but even the popular events surrounding it, such as the slam dunk contest and the 3-point shootout, have lost their luster. So, what could be leading to the decline in the NBA's popularity?

One thing we do know is that the sport is not flawed. Millions of people from 1 to 100 years of age play bas-

ketball. From pickup games at the school yard to intense national tournaments, basketball is a very popular sport. College basketball is arguably more popular and entertaining than the NBA, especially during March Madness. Just flipping between a North Carolina/Duke game and a Bucks/76ers game will show you the discrepancy between the games. On one channel, you have the painted faces, deafening cheers and unmistakable reaction from the crowd on nearly every play. On the other channel, you can hear the echo of the ball dribbling up the court, only to have a player heave up a shot which clanks off the back of the iron to the nearest giant, who patiently waits for the ball to fall in his lap. If a shot were to find its way through the nylon, you may hear a quiet clap that would barely rival those heard on the 14th green at your local country club. The difference in the atmosphere is truly amazing.

It isn't the game that is flawed; it is the way the game is presented and played. The college kids are not getting paid (although this can certainly be argued, but that's

another novel for another time) to play, and you can see their raw passion for the game in their hearts, eyes and floor burns. NBA players are getting paid and many seem to think they are entitled to fame, glory and anything else they desire. They don't serve as great role models by demanding trades, blowing off practices, fighting with the coach or holding out because being in the top .001 percent bracket of the world in yearly income isn't enough.

The NBA is like most businesses. Players and owners are yanked around by the jock strap in any direction that leads to money. This is one reason why you will see players force up shot after shot, hoping to reach their 20-points-per-game mark so they can sign their shoe deal. Owners, on the other hand, will cut payroll, raise prices, move franchises or find any other way to put salt in the wounds of the association.

Now, I am not saying that there aren't some players who hustle for the loose ball and bust their humps. Even with all the problems surrounding the NBA, there are some good players, owners and fans that are keep-

ing the NBA's head above the water. Last year's NBA Finals, which featured the Pistons and Spurs, is one example of great basketball that could be enjoyed by all fans.

But either way, it is hard to defend a league where defense and effort are considered the exception rather than the rule. Fans have high expectations when they have to crack open their son's

piggy bank just to take their families out to a game. They don't want to spend their time and money, watching players that look like they are just going through the motions. Unless the NBA changes its ways, I will continue to spend my February evenings with my head buried in a book...well, at least until spring training starts.

### UW-SP Athletes of the Week

Men's Basketball-Steve Hicklin

Women's Basketball-Laura Neuenfeldt

Men's Hockey-Thomas Speer

Women's Hockey-Sarah Phillips

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## Athletic Shorts



### Men's basketball

The men's basketball team tallied a win against UW-Superior on Feb. 9 and another win Feb. 16 against UW-Eau Claire.

In the game against the Yellowjackets, Steve Hicklin led the Pointers with a game high 18 points, while Bryan Beamish followed not far behind with 14, and Pete Rortvedt had 13 of his own.

It was a milestone game for Rortvedt, who reached 1,000 career points in the first half of the game.

UW-SP won the game 95-65 after leading throughout the match-up.

Rortvedt was the top scorer for the Pointers with 20 points and a total of five 3-pointers against the Blugolds Wednesday night. Freshman Louis Hurd went two for two in 3-pointers, while UW-SP's Matt Moses added 16 points to the scoreboard in the 89-68 win for the Pointers.

UW-SP is 18-4-0 overall and 10-3 in conference as they enter their last week of regular season play. They take on UW-Whitewater at home on Feb. 16 at 5:00 p.m.

### Wrestling

The Pointers smashed UW-Whitewater 31-12 on Feb. 8 at Berg Gym here at UW-SP after winning seven of 10 matches during their sixth dual win in a row.

Currently the team is 14-5-1 overall after their win against the Warhawks.

UW-SP started off the dual with a huge win from Chad Gregory, who pinned his opponent Sean Evans for six points. Gregory would go on to win the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference wrestling Athlete of the Week award after that win against No. 10-ranked Evans.

After UW-Whitewater notched a forfeit at 125 pounds, Pointer Jered Kern (133 lbs.) won his match with a 14-4 major decision. UW-SP's seniors made a big splash during the dual while Kyle Mueller won by technical at 149 pounds, Chris Brown won at 157 pounds, Eric Bath (184 lbs.) pinned his opponent 53 seconds in, and Craig Bollig won at 197 lbs. with a 9-0 score.

Pointer freshman Ben Engelland also added a win to the Pointers' repertoire for the Senior/Parents Night victory.

### Men's hockey

The Pointers split the last regular season home games in a loss and tie on Feb. 8 and Feb. 9.

The St. Scholastica game started off on the right foot with Pointer Pat Lee scoring on a power play six minutes into the game. That UW-SP lead would last into the third period when the Saints answered back with not one, but two goals to seal the game at 1-2 for the loss.

Seventeen seconds into the game Nic Polaski slipped the puck into the net to place UW-SP on the scoreboard first on Saturday night. Superior answered back with two goals to pull ahead by two, but Lee would make another big goal to tie the Pointers with the Yellowjackets. He scored in the third, assisted by Sean Fish and Tim Manthey.

The teams were stuck in a stalemate and both failed to utilize scoring opportunities in the overtime period. The game ended 2-2 to bring the Pointers 14-6-4 overall and 5-5-3 in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association.

## Women's hockey hits a snag with two losses

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After running 19 games without a loss this season, the Pointers were defeated by the University of Wisconsin-Superior on both Friday and Saturday night.

The team is currently 17-2-2 overall and is still atop the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association, with UW-Superior lagging behind by only three games.

"It's always tough to lose a game, especially back to back games. We didn't come out ready to play on Friday, and they capitalized on their opportunities," Coach Ann Ninnemann said about the set of games. "We were able to come out and out play them on Saturday, but struggled putting the puck in the net, while they once again capitalized on their chances to score."

Pointer Dana Carothers was the only player to score for UW-SP in the first match-

up against the Yellowjackets, with assists from Michelle Sosnowski and Nicole Grossmann.

Though the goal tied the game, UW-Superior surged ahead for their 3-1 win after a power play goal in the second period, and an empty net goal late in the third.

**"It's always tough to lose a game, especially back to back games."**

Going into the second night of play, the Pointers jumped into overtime with the Yellowjackets, only to have UW-Superior's Gina Baranzelli score the game-winning goal 3:17 in.

It was a rough game with UW-Superior leading after a power play goal in the first period. The Pointers fought to regain control of their offensive game and Kellye Nelson

gave the team a push when she tied the game with three minutes left in the third period. UW-SP could not rally that last goal and saw the game slip between their gloves in the 1-2 loss to Superior.

The Pointers will take on Lake Forest College Feb. 15 at 7:00 p.m. and on Feb. 16, the puck will drop at 2:30 p.m. These will be the last two conference match-ups of the regular season for the Pointers, and they will be played at Ice Hawks Arena located east of town off U.S. Hwy 10.

"This weekend we finish up our conference schedule, and we have to wait for a week while we play two non-conference games while everyone else finishing their schedule," said Ninnemann, about wrapping up the team's regular season. "It is very important we do our job this weekend. Lake Forest College is a very hardworking team and they never give up."

"We have to come out hard right away and play tough the whole game and bury our opportunities to score."

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## Katie's curiosities: a campus culture complaint

**Katie Adams**  
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

I have come to the conclusion that the most entertaining place on campus is the Dreyfus University Center concourse. For four hours, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, I sat at Booth six, recruiting people for the Environmental Council's 27th Annual Eagle Walk. To my left was a lone Hillary Clinton supporter at the next table. As we sat there, we were not obnoxious or even especially magnetic. We simply greeted passersby and spoke to those who slowed down or approached our booths.

The first half hour or so was quiet, but the crowd eventually trickled in, and more student organizations set up or joined booths. The lone Clinton supporter became three loud, persuasive campaigners whose energy was

simultaneously inspiring and tiring. To the right of me appeared three hippies (and I say this with the fondest regard), who began canvassing for donations for the campus sustainability reserve. Further down the line, a young man representing the Thailand Project was touting delicious homemade fudge for sale. Among such a vocal crowd, I felt like I was in a 20th century open-air market, only instead of hearing "fresh fish," and "get your meat here," my ears were barraged with cries of "are you a hillary supporter?," "do you want to donate to the sustainability fund?," and of course, "do you want to buy some fudge?"

In between, I had the pleasure of hearing such snippets of conversation such as, "...man, roll-on glue...I thought it was such a great idea, but..." and, "...she had been standing there, humping my beaded curtain for, like, five min-



Photo courtesy of Katie Adams

utes..." I even saw a "Student for Obama" throw a tantrum and toss the Clinton campaigners' papers all over the hall.

More entertaining than all of that, however, were the reactions of the students, faculty and staff walking by these lively little booths. Some glanced at each booth, quietly appraising it. Others hovered on the other side of the hall with their backs to us, peeking

furtively over their shoulders every once in a while as they waited for a friend to get out of the bathroom. A few actually slowed down or stopped at a booth to exchange a few words with the people running it (most often, the booth with the fudge). The vast majority, however, were prepared for us—they'd throw their heads down as they turned our corner, eyes on their toes and speed up to a trot to get out of that hall as quickly as possible. Sometimes we could even feel a breeze.

While this was entertaining, especially considering how foolish these folks looked in their "I don't exist, don't talk to me" stance, it was also very offensive and unprofessional. The students working the booths on the concourse are there because they feel passionately about something, whether it is politics, a sports club or a student organization. They are there working hard

for something they believe in—we've all been there. To scurry past as though you are afraid of them is an insult and, when you think of it, quite silly.

I can understand that there are times when we are all in a rush, and there are organizations whose views we may disagree with. All it takes, though, is a strategic "yes" or "no" to fend off the masses of concourse criers. A simple "yes" or "no," and you can walk on at a comfortable pace with your head held high. A quick "yes" or "no" is enough to make even the most rejected advocate feel that his time has been worthwhile.

So, when you are walking through the DUC concourse, smile at those who hurry past and give the students sitting there the time of day—don't simply become part of the entertainment.

## See student art in the Dreyfus University Center

**Mimi Johnson**  
DEPARTMENT OF ART AND DESIGN

This February is proving to be a chilly one. Need something to do to shake off the cold? Want to see some great student art? Starting on Monday, Feb. 11 in the Dreyfus University Center (DUC), Centertainment will present "The Release Project,"

and other selected works by Gretchen Anderson. This student show will run for two full weeks and work from three full years of inspirations. The artist is a Junior, and a 2-D student working toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts, with teaching intent.

"It is because of the outpouring of enlightenment and support from such an outstanding UW-SP staff that I

gladly celebrate and share this show with each of you," said Anderson.

Inquiries about purchasing works or prints may be directed to gande246@uwsp.edu.

The DUC offers six cases of space for student artwork. Interested students may contact e-mail pchun638@uwsp.edu at Centertainment for bookings.

## Video installation exhibition opens in Carlsten Gallery

**Press Release**  
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

An exhibit of multiple video installations will be shown at the Carlsten Art Gallery in the Noel Fine Arts Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point through Sunday, March 2.

The show's curators are Diana Black, assistant professor of the art and design, and senior Travis Lester, an art major from Cedarburg. The show is also featured on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and may be found by searching "Truth & Lies UW-SP."

"Truth & Lies: video as new narrative" features the work of video artist Doreen Maloney. Maloney, an associate professor of new media at the University of Kentucky, is the former president and founding member of the New Media Caucus. Her work

has been shown internationally in Naples, Buenos Aires, Paris, Istanbul, Turkey and Cuba, and nationally at the Soho Joyce Theatre, Tribeca Film Festival in New York, Teknica Radica Festival in San Diego and the ARC Gallery in Chicago. Maloney holds a bachelor's degree from Indiana University (IU) and a master's degree from UW-Madison.

Located on the second floor of the Noel Fine Arts Center, the Carlsten Gallery is free and open to the public. The Gallery's hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, go to [www.doreenmaloney.com](http://www.doreenmaloney.com) or contact Gallery Director Caren Heft at (715) 346-4797.

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## Adult art for Valentine's Day

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Adult art abounds on the internet, but beyond the typical museum nude, adult-themed gallery shows are rare in Central Wisconsin.

Gallery 402 of Wausau is currently offering "Mature Art for Mature Audiences," an Avant Garde exhibit featuring several Pop Surrealist artists. Gallery 402 will be open from 4-8 p.m. on Feb. 14-16, in the spirit of Valentines Day.



## Character crises drive the plot of "The Fifth of July"

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point theatre and dance department began its presentation of "The Fifth of July" in the studio theatre of the Noel Fine Arts Center on Friday, Feb. 8. The two-act play by Lanford Wilson depicts a generation's quiet conflicts after the era of the Flower Child and the Vietnam Conflict.

As explained by director H. Russ Brown, the title refers to "the day after the major national holiday that celebrates not just the founding of America, but its founding spirit. The 'high' is gone, and we're back to reality." The characters are a generation of lost young adults who now must "face up to responsibility, commitment, involvement, continuity and survival".

Set in Lebanon, Mo., in the summer of 1977, the play focuses on the relationships of eight different characters. Ken, played by Alex VanHandel, is an ex-teacher who lost his legs in the Vietnam War as he struggles with his new disability, and how it will effect his future. Jed, played by Eric Harper, is Ken's compassionate lover. Jed tries to get Ken back to his old self and planning for their future together.

Gwen, played by Dana

Craig, is a singer and songwriter who is about to land a record contract. Her husband, John, played by Corey Wiesner, handles the business and contract negotiations for Gwen and her hippie guitarist Weston, played by Sam Gedymin.

Tension arises between John and his former lover June, played by Christie Burgess, over their love child Shirley, played by Meagan Wells. Ken's aunt, Sally, played by Maggie Raymond, tries to keep the family together any way she can.

Brown believes that the play's themes and characters will find sympathy in contemporary audiences. "We must finally take responsibility for our individual choices and actions, draw new strength from lost dreams and regrets, finally bury all of life's 'might have beens' and recommit to the future."

"The Fifth of July" will play from Feb. 14 to 17 at the studio theatre in the NFAC. Tickets can be purchased at Information and Tickets in the lobby of the Dreyfus University Center or by calling (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens and \$12 for youth. UW-SP students with a valid ID may purchase advance tickets for \$4.50 per show. The show is recommended for teens and adults.



The cast of "The Fifth of July" poses for a photo in their 70s costumes. The play is set "after the era of the Flower Child and the Vietnam Conflict."



Photos by Ashley Schlosser

"The Fifth of July" focuses on the conflicts and interactions of its characters as they struggle to come to terms with their generation's problems, one another and their personal demons.

## UW-SP hosts design conference

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March 7 to 9, The department of art and design will host the Stevens Point is hosting the 4th Annual nowHERE Design Conference. The event will feature several workshops, lectures and alumni portfolio presentations. It will end with a casual brunch and

networking session at the Hilltop restaurant. Lectures are free and open to the public, while the workshops have associated fees.

The nowHERE guest artists include artist and illustrator Ray Fenwick and creative director and design company founder Will Staehle.

Fenwick will lead a "Confessional Typography" session. Based on the art of

such pervasive online phenomena as PostSecret and GroupHug, the workshop will focus on hand-crafted typography.

Will Staehle's workshop, "Who? What? When?" will teach students to juxtapose conflicting styles into a unified whole.

A clay animation workshop will be available for alumni and practicing designers.

For more information about the conference and registration, visit [www.nowhereconference.com](http://www.nowhereconference.com).

## "Swing Fling" benefits Jazz Studies program

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8:00 p.m. to midnight. Free swing dance lessons will be offered at 7:30 p.m.

The cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors citizens and \$6 for students. Tickets are available at University Information and Tickets in the Dreyfus University Center concourse, or by calling (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378.

Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. All proceeds will benefit the UW-SP Jazz Studies program.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Jazz Ensemble and Faculty Combo will provide music for the second annual "Swing Fling" on Saturday, Feb. 16.

Students from 90FM Radio and the Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity at the UW-SP are sponsoring the evening of music and dance at Memories of Plover Banquet Hall, 2811 Plover Springs Drive, Plover, from

## Writers' strike is at an end

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The Writers Strike is at an end. According to the Writer's Guild of America East (WGAE), both its members and members of the Writer's Guild of America West have voted to lift the union-wide strike and return to America's favorite shows. Upon receiv-

ing the results of the vote, both branches of the union lifted the strike almost instantly.

Students and professional reviewers alike are excited to return to their favorite shows.

"I can't wait for Dr. Gregory House to come back," said senior Katie Leb. "I can live my life again. Monday night, I get Horatio. Tuesday night, I get 'Cane. I'm so excited, I just can't hide it."

Sara Jensen is awaiting the return of "The Office."

"I need to get my Office fix," she said.

Although Hollywood writers are permitted to return to work, writers working under the MBA contract have yet to ratify the contract, according to the union Web site. That vote will take place on Feb. 25, 2008.



# Your College Survival Guide:

## Tragic Date Expose

Pat Rothfuss  
WITH HELP FROM SUGAR<sup>3</sup>

Welcome to Your College Survival Guide, where we celebrate the saying, "That which doesn't kill us, makes for a great story to sob quietly into our friend's shoulders the next day."

I asked readers to send in stories of the worst dates they've ever been on, and we got some whoppers. You know what I didn't get? Stories from guys.

Seriously, I didn't get a single letter from a guy. This implies to me that either:

- 1) All the men in Stevens Point can't read or write.
  - 2) All the men in these date stories think that they're the slickest players ever.
- You be the judge:

Hi Pat,

While this is not the worst date ever, I assume that it makes it into the top 100 of worst dates to happen in the universe, ever. The boy was marginally attractive, nice and was an exemplary student. So when he asked me out on a date, I figured "why not? He seems like a catch."

But for some reason, he was Hell-bent on spending the entire evening at my house. I figured that this was OK, because we could rent some videos. Cool.

We watched a DVD. Yet, he seemed oddly disinterested. Later, a mutual friend of ours informed me that he really didn't even enjoy talking to me. The exact words he used to describe me were "insipid bitch." His main priority was spending time around my dad.

Now this is bizarre, so I'll spell it out: he was not attracted to me. He was attracted to my father. He did not want to go on a date with me. He wanted to go on a date with my father.

I was insulted on more than one level. It was the suckiest date I ever had.

Oh, also. I feel it's necessary to clarify that my father did not reciprocate; he likes my mom.

Liz Leighton

Just after high school, a guy I'd a crush on for a long time asked me out. We'll call him Jeff.

On the night of the date, Jeff picked me up for movie and dinner. It was a good movie and I had wanted to see it for a while. I'm of the old tradition that if you pay \$10 to see a movie, you should be watching the movie! However, Jeff decided that it would be "cute" to throw popcorn at me and try to engage in conversation during the entire



thing. By the end of the movie, I was mildly irritated, but, being as I was on a date, I was on my best behavior.

We decided to hit the local Shari's for dinner. I was ready for some good conversation, expecting the usual funny anecdotes that come with a first date. Instead, I got regaled with the story of how he lost a testicle in an accident and how all his friends now call him "Pepsi One." I didn't have much of an appetite after that.

The rest of the evening, I was subjected to stories of all the girls he had ever slept with and how good they all said he was. The date ended soon after when I demanded that he take me home. He tried to make some smooth comment about my eagerness, but it was stifled by the patented Wendy-Taylor-Look-O-Death and the threat to change his nickname to "Pepsi Zero".

There was no second date.

Wendy Taylor

And a few highlights from some of the other stories that were sent in.

We ended up getting stoned. REALLY stoned. Then we went to watch the movie "Seven." It was possibly the least romantic experience in my young life.

He tells me how often he masturbates and when. He even admits he once penetrated an apricot and prefers to masturbate with fresh fruit, asks me what my favorite fruit is, and so on. I try not to laugh. Was he trying to be funny? I don't know. It was one of those situations where I was getting too much honesty too fast from a first date.

I haven't been able to eat an apricot since.

I spent that half hour finding out that this admirer had nothing in common with me. He was 12 years younger, wasn't spiritual, he liked monster trucks, smoked a lot of weed and raced mini remote-controlled trucks. Even worse he had no money to take me out with and even had the balls to ask me to provide the money for a date with him. He offered to give me oral sex as a pay back for taking him out.

And lastly, this year's winner. The most touching story of unrequited love that I've heard in years....

Dear Pat,

When I was a freshman, I purchased a live aquatic frog from Wal-Mart. I put him in a tank with a Beta. This frog lived four years and outlived several such tank companions.

Last year the frog died; his name was Dinky. His tank companion at the time was a male Beta named Rainie. While the frog was alive, Rainie would come down to the bottom of the tank every morning when the light was turned on and invite/attempt to herd Dinky to Rainie's bubble nest at the top of the tank. A bubble nest is something male Betas make when they want to have babies. When Dinky died, Rainie would visit the castle Dinky lived in every morning just as usual, but there was no frog there.

Finally, one day my mother was cleaning the tank, and she removed the castle and replaced it with another such decoration. Rainie swam behind the filter of the tank and refused to come out, even to eat, for two weeks. When he finally emerged, he had turned a dull gray color, a giant contrast to the former bright blue and red that he had been. He still refused to eat and died within the next week.

Do you think that my fish killed himself out of love?

Ruth

This week, by having the saddest, most tragic stories, Ruth, Wendy and Liz each get gift certificates from our generous sponsor: Stevens Point's newest kick-ass candy store: Sugar Cubed.

It's right downtown next to Arbuckles, across the street from Shopko. They have the best chocolate truffles you'll ever experience. So if you've been putting off getting a Valentine's gift for someone, or the gift that you just gave them flopped, then throw that cheap-ass Whitman sampler shit away and head down to their store. Seriously, you won't regret it.



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## A Woman's Intuition: Why Vote?

"It's my civic duty to vote for another douche-bag?" my friend asked me over the phone after I reprimanded him for his decision not to vote in the upcoming Wisconsin primaries.

Jack, my voting-shy friend, lives in Madison and had returned from a Barack Obama rally.

"He was an hour and a

half late and spoke for 20 minutes," said Jack. "He went on about change and a need for a new direction, but he didn't say what he was changing or how and every other line of his speech was a planned applause line."

Despite an overall excitement in the air from university campuses across the nation about this coming election, I

also sense a feeling of fatigue and exasperation with the political system. Yes, we are finally not faced with a choice of which rich, white male to crown leader of the free world, but as Jack said, "It's all smoke and mirrors, they are still politicians."

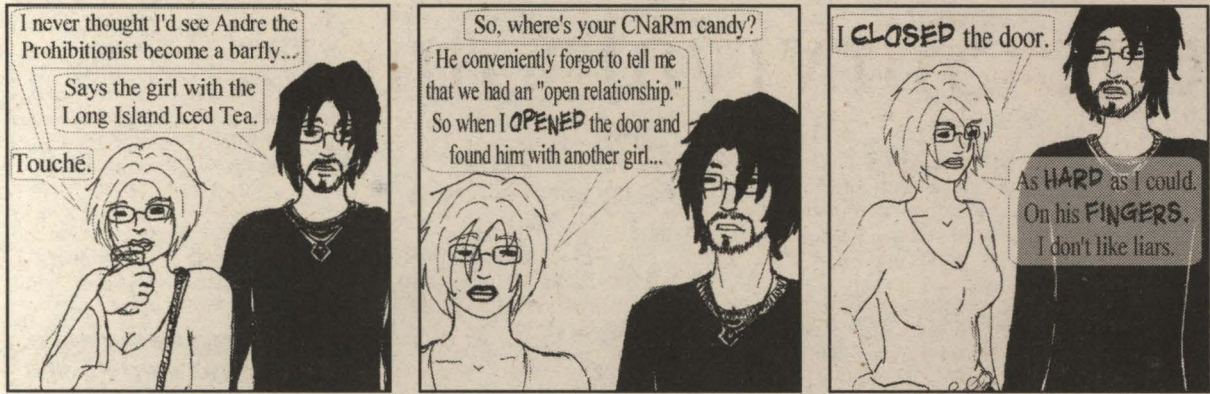
Be that as it may, not voting is the worst retaliation imaginable. If our politicians don't

hear from us, they will continue to ignore us. Politicians get and keep their jobs because of voters. Right now all the candidates are seeing ballots and boxes in their sleep, and the hands attached to those ballots are the hands of their bosses. When we speak, they have to listen and when we demand, they have to act. Vote on Tuesday!



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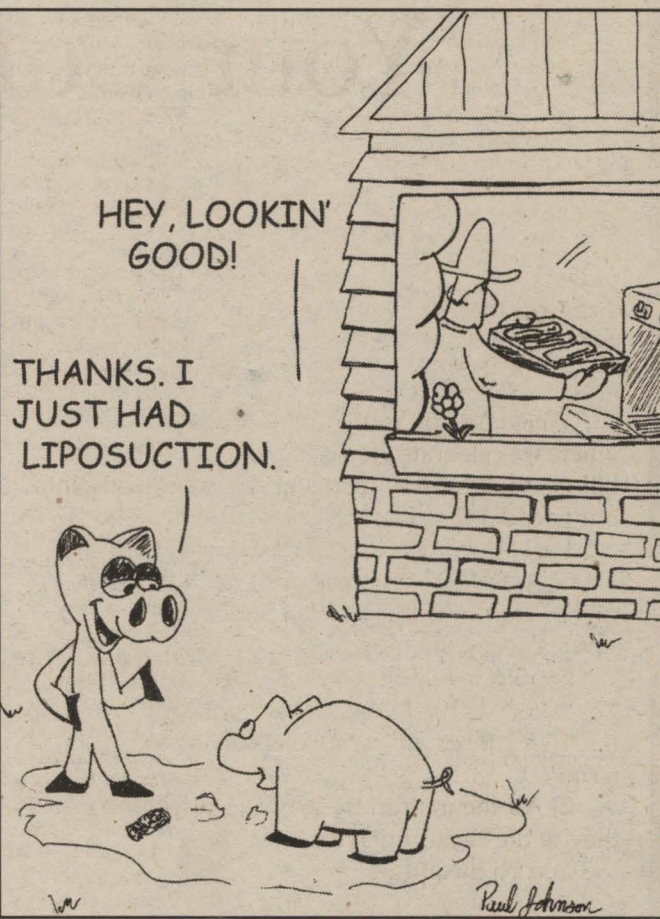
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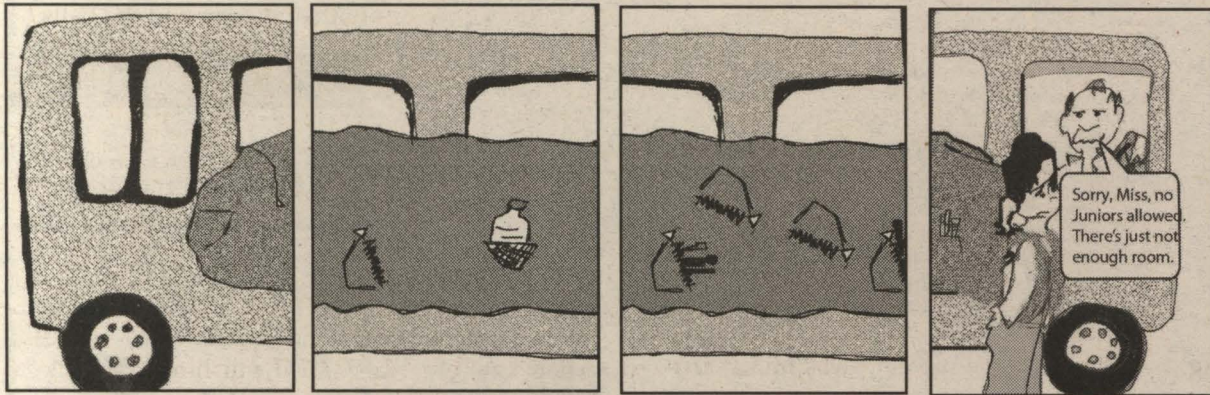
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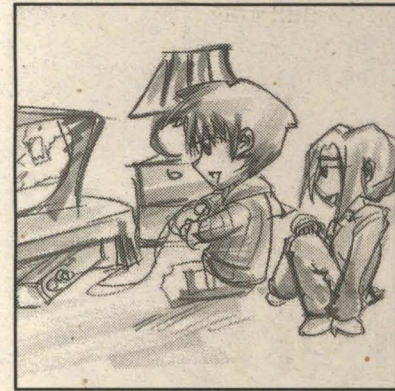
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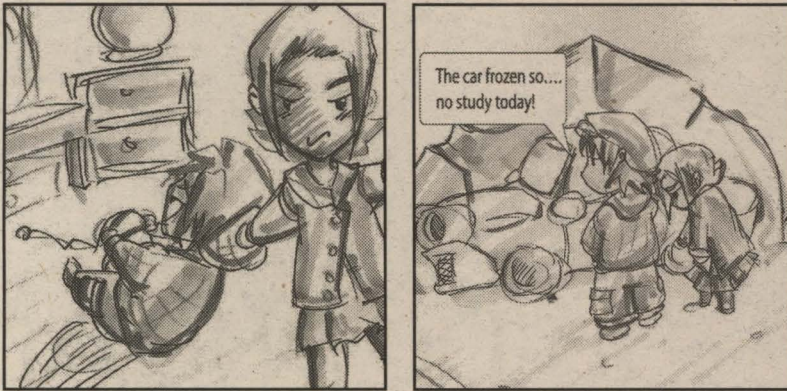
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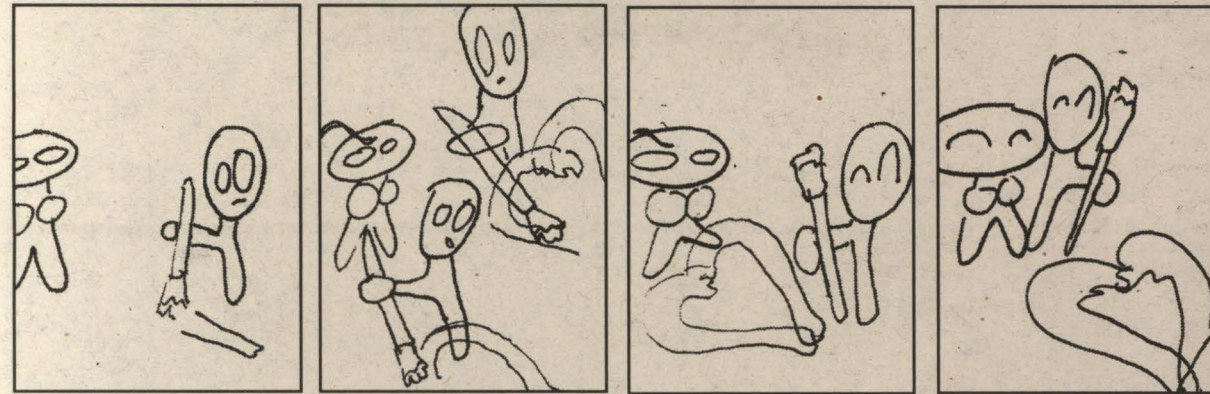
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