

State of the Economy?

Bush and Doyle addressed concern to the citizens they work for

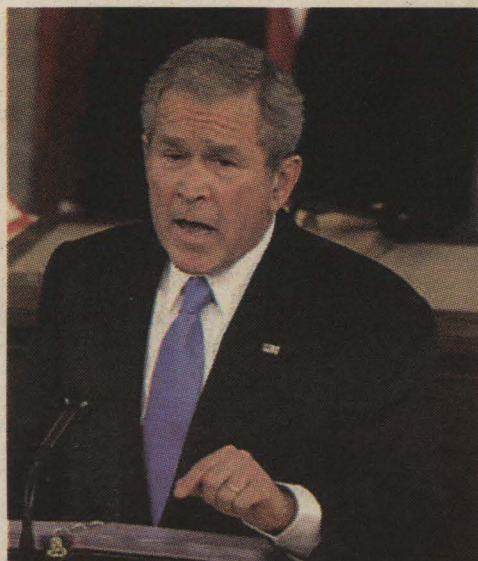
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Less than one week apart, Wisconsin citizens were given oral reports from their highest elected officials. On Wednesday, Jan. 23, Governor Jim Doyle gave his State of the State address while surrounded by members of the state legislature. Several days later, Monday, Jan. 28, President George W. Bush delivered his seventh and final State of the Union to the nation.

Both men began their speeches by addressing the state of the economy. For the past several weeks the economy has been the forefront issue for much of the nation. The Bush administration stated that economy is "undergoing a period of uncertainty," while Doyle claimed it is "in deep turmoil."

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point economics professor Kevin Neuman agreed with Bush's analysis.

"I would say that at this point we may not be in an official recession, but I would



say that we are entering an uncertain and potentially negative economic situation," said Neuman.

The effects of the "uncertainty" could result in many challenges for funding in the state of Wisconsin. Doyle addressed these issues optimistically.

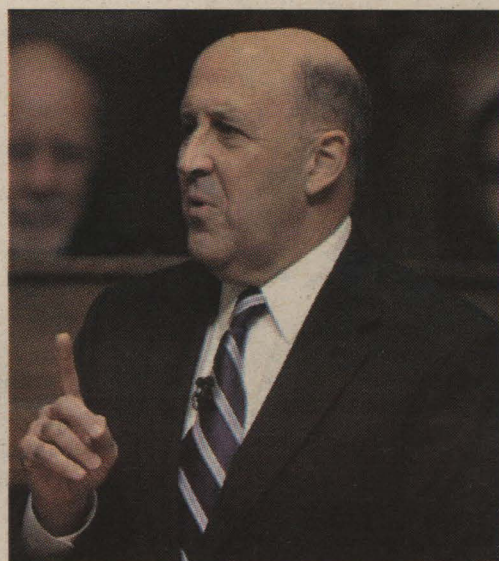
"In Wisconsin, we've taken steps to prepare for a national economic downturn. We've cut spending, cut taxes and deposited \$50 million in a rainy day

fund," stated Doyle.

However, the money that has been deposited for such a downturn is not enough, said UW-SP political science professor Ed Miller.

"He [Doyle] did mention it, which is small," said Miller. "The economy slows down. It takes jobs. Quite clearly it affects students going out into the market."

The concern for students reciprocates across the UW-SP campus. Matt Guidry is con-



cerned about what his future may hold if a recession is in it.

"As a student, who is not quite rich enough to invest in an up and coming buyer's market, job prospects look dim," said Guidry.

Bush set forth an economic stimulus plan, giving rebate checks to millions of Americans. The House of Representatives has already passed a package, while the Senate is expected to have a floor vote within a few days, after the Senate Finance

Committee passed a version of the package on Wednesday. All but one Wisconsin representative, F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. of the fifth district, voted in favor of the bill.

Even with the passage of a stimulus plan, uncertainty still remains as to whether it will in fact stimulate the economy.

"The effects are far from certain," said Neuman. "If the refund checks are not spent, there really will not be any great effect on the economy."

The impact of an economic downturn would surely affect Wisconsin citizens, but possibly less than other states.

"It's really a handful of states where the bulk of it will happen," said political science professor Dennis Riley. "But it will ripple, and we'll get hit by it."

At this point economists, politicians and citizens alike are watching the markets as if their livelihood depends on it. One thing Doyle is certain about, "In Wisconsin, we are hardworking people. And when challenges arise, we meet them head on."

New food options to enjoy at the DUC

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Of all the renovations done in the Dreyfus University Center, one of the biggest differences is in the student food court on the second floor of the building.

The food court, once a single a la carte venue, now features seven dining options for students' eating pleasure. Each dining facility offers something different from the next, giving students a bevy of choices.

The Dawg Deli is exactly that: a deli. Students can choose from subs, wraps, stacks and salads, and if they want, can turn them into a meal that includes chips or a salad and a fountain drink.

Up In Flames offers burg-

ers, fries, onion rings and breakfast sandwiches and is one of the two facilities that is open until 11:00 p.m. That way, if students need a break from studying at 9:30 p.m., they can go to the DUC and have a nice juicy burger.

The other late night option students have is The Spicy Meatball. The Meatball carries pizza and pasta options such as pizzas, eppi rolls, calzones and pasta combinations.

Students can satisfy their Asian and Mexican cravings at Buen Provecho and Jom Makan!. Each restaurant offers students the chance to explore new foods from different cultures and also gives students more options than just the everyday burgers and fries.

When students are in the mood for hot soup or a fresh

salad, they can check out Stewed & Chewed. The restaurant also offers an assortment of fresh greens, vegetables, fruits and rustic breads as well as homemade croutons.

On a cold day when students are fed up with school and homesick for a homemade meal, The Wooden Spoon offers fresh, home-style meals such as casseroles, homemade breads, pies, meatloaf, pot roast and chicken parmesan. It may not be mom's cooking, but it comes close.

All the restaurants offer organic possibilities in alternative meat, bread, rice, fruits, vegetables, sauce and cheese, to name a few. All you have to do is ask!

The hours of operation for each restaurant varies, with Stewed & Chewed, Jom

Makan!, The Wooden Spoon, and Buen Provecho open from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., the Dawg Deli open from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and The Spicy Meatball and Up in Flames open from 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

The hours of operation have brought up issues for some students.

"It's unfortunate that all the interesting, new places they publicized and raved about are only open for four hours. They're open during my classes, and close before I get there to work. I've only



Photo by Katie Leb

experienced the same old stuff up there that you can get below Debot," said Junior Christie Burgess.

Despite scheduling problems, students seem to be happy with what they've seen so far.

"I haven't really gotten to eat much there," said senior Sara Burke, "but so far I really like the variety that they are offering. The pizza fries are pretty tasty."

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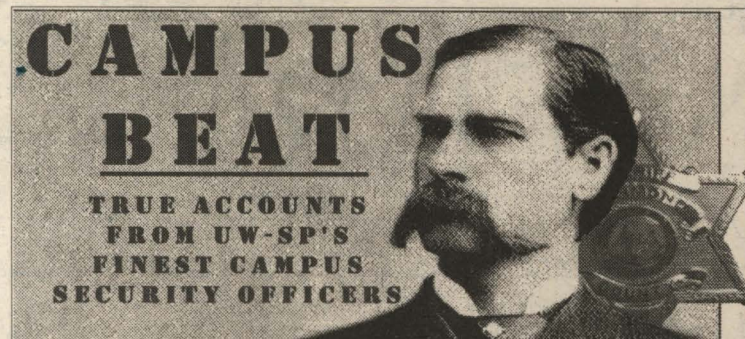
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Noel Fine Arts Center
January 25, 2008 12:36 a.m.
Type: **ORDINANCE**

Individual with open intoxicant.

Hansen Hall
January 25, 2008 12:43 a.m.
Type: **DRUG USE**

Possible use of marijuana in a room.

Knutzen Hall
January 25, 2008 2:16 a.m.
Type: **DRUG USE**

CA in Knutzen Hall reported suspicious odor on third floor.

Student Services Center
January 25, 2008 4:35 p.m.
Type: **DAMAGE**

Sign in elevator damaged.

Knutzen Hall
January 26, 2008 6:51 p.m.
Type: **NOISE**

CA from Knutzen Hall called for assistance with individuals having a party and possibly underage drinking in a room.

Hyer Hall
January 28, 2008 1:49 p.m.
Type: **THEFT**

Theft of a whiteboard from a room door in Hyer Hall.

Brave the needle, save a life or three

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Students are being asked to roll up their sleeves and brave the needle once again to help save up to three lives this winter when the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point plays host to a blood drive for the Blood Center of Wisconsin on Feb. 11 and 12.

"We are the sole supplier of blood to St. Michael's Hospital right here in Stevens Point," said Vicki Bohman of the Blood Center of Wisconsin.

Bohman explained that the need for blood is especially great during the winter months because of the increase in car crashes due to inclement weather and the cold and flu season.

"It's a challenging time of year for us," said Bohman. "Only 5 percent of people eligible to donate do donate. There is always a need for blood because it cannot be manufactured; we have to have people who are willing to donate."

To be eligible to donate you must be at least 17 years old, weigh over 110 pounds, be in good health and have a photo ID (UW-SP student IDs are acceptable).

Bohman suggests that potential donors eat a good breakfast the morning before they donate, be well rested and stay well hydrated throughout the day. This will help ensure that you sail through the donation process without any mishaps.

There are also two time slots open for platelet donations.

"Platelet donations are given to cancer patients, so it's a great chance to give back to someone with cancer," said Bohman.

The drive will be held Feb. 11 and 12 in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Students can make an appointment by calling toll free 1-888-310-7555. Walk-ins are also welcome. The process takes 45 minutes to one hour, and you get to leave feeling like a hero.

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Career Services helps students in all phases of life

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Career Specialist Mike Pagel would like to see students in his office as early as freshman year. "We can help students who know what they want to do from the start, those who are undecided and those who change their minds too," Pagel said.

Located in room 134 of Old Main, Career Services has been helping students figure out their lives since 1982.

"We help in three different areas a student must excel at in order to do well [in the job hunt]," said Pagel. "We help

determine what your skills are, we help you to know the expectations of an employer and we help create a match between the two."

Pagel stresses not letting things get out of hand before coming in to talk with them. "I think a lot of students end up not liking where they are," he said. "But they don't want to go there because they are afraid of what they might find out."

Many different programs are available to undergrads and post-graduates up to one full year after graduation for the low price of free. Even after the one-year mark stu-

dents can get help for \$20 an hour.

Students may come in to do mock interviews, get help formulating resumes and cover letters, set up internships, receive pointers on applying to graduate programs and even take assessment tests.

Workshops run roughly three times a week to help students with everything from interviews and resumes to exploring different career paths.

The staff is also specialized to deal with individual issues. Every major has a specific staff member who deals

with it allowing students to get advice from people who know the field they are advising you on.

Career Services also employs two staff members specifically trained to handle career assessment tests and dissect the results with you one-on-one.

Students planning on graduating soon should go in as early as possible and, preferably, the semester before they graduate according to Pagel.

Every job that comes to Career Services goes into Career Point. Career Point is an online database students

can create accounts for and use to search jobs.

Pagel warns students about only searching for jobs on the Internet. "It is a great tool for finding out about employers [but] nearly two thirds of jobs are never put in print," he said. "For those jobs it's who you know and what they think about you that gets you in the door."

To get lots of self-help information and check out Career Point go to the Career Services homepage at <http://www.uwsp.edu/career/>. To make an appointment with a career specialist, call 715-346-3226.



Primarily Primaries: Election 2008

Right now the main topic of conversation appears to be the state of the economy.

What does your party plan to do about the current economic state?

College Republicans - Ryan Wrasse

Due to the continued progress and success of the troop surge in Iraq, there has been a declining media interest in the war. As a result, the economy has since taken center stage - and for good reasons. For years the United States has seen strong economic growth: Fifty-two straight months of job growth (8.3 million jobs created since August of 2003), record revenues to the federal government, exports have increased and we have maintained historically low unemployment rates, just to name a few.

However, things are starting to change. An uneasy housing market, the devaluation of the dollar, wasteful government spending and an increasing stagnation of state and federal economies are beginning to worry Americans. That worry has promulgated into a barrage of questions for the 2008 White House contenders. So, what are they going to do about the economy?

Some of the issues, point-by-point:

- Make the Federal tax relief permanent.
- Work with Congress to successfully implement the recently negotiated economic stimulus package that puts more money into your wallet.
- Reign in wasteful government spending by working to drastically reduce or eliminate pork barrel projects.
- Create tax incentives for American businesses, large and small.
- The implementation of FHASecure and HOPE NOW which helps struggling homeowners to stay in their homes.
- Streamline the current tax structure or eliminate the IRS and create a flat consumption tax as proposed by Presidential candidate, Mike Huckabee.
- Continue to open up new markets overseas.
- Making it harder to increase your taxes - requiring a three-fifths majority vote in Congress as proposed by Presidential candidate, John McCain.
- Implement a zero rate on middle class savings as proposed by Presidential candidate, Mitt Romney.

(For a full evaluation of the GOP candidate's economic plans, please visit their respective Web sites.)

President Bush said it right on Tuesday when he proclaimed, "Trust people with their own money! Others have said they would personally be happy to pay higher taxes. I welcome their enthusiasm, and I am pleased to report that the IRS accepts both checks and money orders." This overall theme of putting more money back into the hands of the consumer and small businessman have, and will continue to be guiding principles for our party.

College Democrats - Saul Newton

American families are currently burdened with the rising costs of health care and energy, with no hope on the horizon. Now, to add to their worries, we are facing economic hardship that no one could have imagined eight years ago. President Bush took office following the greatest period of peace-time, economic growth in history and a record budget surplus.

Fast forward to today, and the economic security enjoyed by so many Americans under President Clinton is now a precious commodity afforded only to those with estates and trust funds. Today, the value of the American dollar is extremely low with rising unemployment and a stock market that goes between 400 point drops and gains daily.

With those problems facing us, we are now confronted with a sub-prime mortgage crisis that threatens the livelihoods of millions of Americans. In 2007, 79 percent more homes entered into foreclosure than the previous year, and estimates are pointing to two million Americans will lose their homes in the next two years. Who is feeling these difficulties the most? The middle and lower classes are. We have an economy in which the rich are getting richer, and the poor are getting poorer.

Let's not even talk about the nation's budget deficit in which, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 51 percent is caused by tax cuts proposed by President Bush, and other irresponsible spending by Republicans in Congress, as well as a war that is costing us \$12 billion per month.

President Bush is now in his last year in office, and Americans everywhere are calling for change. One would presume the Republicans candidates vying to be their party's nominee would hear the calls for new and fresh ideas. Instead, we hear from them the same tired answers from the conservative playbooks, instead of admitting the situation we are in and what can be done about it.

On the other hand, the Democrats each have a multitude of ideas ranging from Obama's "universal mortgage credit," government aid to help homeowners prevent foreclosure, and a standardized borrower score to Clinton's five-year interest rate freeze and \$5 billion to aid borrowers.

We are given a choice in the upcoming election. We can either have the same ideas that got us into this place, or we can have change. We need fresh and new solutions to this uphill battle we face. Who do you think has the best ideas for the future of this country?

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Journey through depression: a student's tale

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For as long as I can remember, I've always been a thinker. I mean a deep, over-analytical, living-in-my-head kind of a person. The less everyone else thought of something, the more it weighed on my brain. I remember being 10 years old and missing the easier times when I had nothing to worry about. Thinking back, I think my depression started around that time.

I've been struggling with depression for the majority of my life. From feeling like I didn't belong in junior high to the constant anxiety of high school, I always brought my outside problems in, blaming myself for everything that went wrong in my life. My freshman year of high school my parents brought me to a counselor so I could talk about my problems, but in my head I never thought they could help me, so they never really did.

After high school I moved away from my home town and out on my own. For the first time in my life I felt really good about myself and the things around me. I don't think I was ever fully secure, but I wasn't beating myself up mentally everyday either. I sometimes think that if I had stayed where I was I would

have continued to be a happy, confident girl, but I'll never know if that's true.

I didn't really have an issue again until about five years ago. My boyfriend at the time and I had just purchased a house, the place I was working was paying me well, and my life was going just like it should have been. But instead of being happy about it, I thought daily about killing myself.

I wasn't going out with friends, I'd barely answer the phone, and I was at the heaviest I'd ever been because I would just eat and eat. No one understood - if my life was so good, then why was I so sad? I didn't even get it. But that's what depression does to you. It grabs you when you're at your best and tears you down until you're at your worst. The good thing is, I knew what was happening and understood enough that I should go to a doctor.

The doctor put me on Zoloft, a fabulous little drug that wore my body down and exhausted me for the first couple of weeks but eventually gave me the oomph to get out and go again. I started hanging out with friends, answering phone calls, and even my sex life improved. I also started working out again and lost some weight. It was a nice change of pace.

The one thing that you

may not know about anti-depressants is that most of the time, if you don't have an extreme case of depression, the doctor will put you on pills for a short amount of time (usually about a year) and then take you off them to see how your body will react without the pills. Well, lucky for me, I seemed to do very well without them and life went on as usual.

Well, there are some people who have what is called chronic depressive disorder. These people tend to go through phases in their lives in which they become depressed. It's not something that can be predicted, but there are some things that may instigate a formally depressed person to delve back into their emotional black hole. For me, that instigator is change. I can almost predict it. If I know there is a huge change coming up, I can usually prepare myself for a couple weeks of complete wallowing in self pity and hatred for myself. It's not good, I know, I'm aware, but over the years I've learned to control it - mostly.

The last two incidences in which I couldn't control my depression happened in the last two and a half years. The first incident was in September 2005 when my boyfriend broke up with me. We'd been together for five years, we'd lived together the entire time,

happily for the most part, and to be honest, I didn't see it coming. In hind sight, I think we were comfortable more than happy, and sometimes when that's what you're used to, it's good enough, especially when you don't handle change very well.

Despite quickly understanding that it was for the best, the breakup, understandably, crushed me. I felt like a failure, that I was so worthless that I couldn't even hold on to the man I planned to spend my life with. I had to move out of my house, away from my dogs, away from the life that I'd been living for five years. Needless to say, I was extremely depressed.

Instead of going to the doctor, however, I self medicated with alcohol. For eight months, if I wasn't working or in class, I was drinking. Everyday. Every night. I lived above the bar I worked for, so there were no problems getting home - I just had to walk upstairs. There are many choices I made during this time period when I didn't use my head, and although I don't believe in regret, there are times I wish I would have thought things through better.

But I made it through. Eventually, I got my stuff together and found a new apartment, away from all the drinking, with a supportive and wonderful roommate. I was dating a new guy and life was going good for the first time in a long time. I got to breathe pretty well for about a year.

And then it came back. Suddenly and without warning, my shoulders were carrying weight that I wasn't quite sure I could understand. But I knew why. Change is my instigator, and I'd made a huge change. For seven years I

lived in Wausau, and now I was moving to Stevens Point to finish off my degree and try to save some money on gas.

But things were different for me here. The jobs I was working weren't paying me what I was used to, I felt like I knew no one (even though I do), and I was beginning to think about death again, several times daily. It was scary. I was crying constantly, making a big deal out of nothing situations, and blaming myself for every little thing, even if it had nothing to do with me. And I felt so alone. The worst thing about depression, in my experience, has always been the loneliness that I feel even if I'm surrounded by people. The fact that I'm ridiculously social makes it even more uncomfortable.

Instead of turning to the drink again, I went back to the doctor. I went to a shrink. I was committed to getting better again. I hated the way I felt when I was depressed. I hate crying and blaming people and being angry all the time, all things that come with depression. I was sick of alienating the man I love and the friends and family I adore. And finally, yes finally, I was fixing a problem that I have been truly struggling with my whole life.

It's been a few months now since I sought treatment for my problems. Everyday seems to get a little better. Yes, I'm on medication; yes, I'm seeing a shrink and a doctor. No, I'm not a freak or a weirdo or psycho. My mind is just chemically imbalanced. It doesn't make me any more or any less of a normal person. I have a disease that, unfortunately, many people don't understand. But I'm OK with that and for the first time in a very long time, I'm OK with me too.

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Healthy Chip Dip for the Superbowl

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Impress your guests with a healthy six-layer tortilla chip dip for the Superbowl this Sunday. This dip has been revamped by the Food Network, not only to be healthy, but delicious as well.



2 cloves garlic
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1(15-ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 (15-ounce) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
2 teaspoons chili powder
2 tablespoons water
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
2 cups low fat shredded cheddar cheese
2 ripe avocados, preferably Hass
1 jalapeno, stemmed, finely chopped, (with seeds for more heat)
2 cups chopped romaine lettuce
1 1/2 cups nonfat yogurt, preferably Greek
1/2 cup fresh cilantro, leaves and some stems, roughly chopped, plus more for garnish
3 ripe medium tomatoes, diced
5 scallions (white and green), thinly sliced
Baked tortilla chips, for dipping

On a cutting board, smash the garlic cloves, sprinkle with

1 teaspoon salt, and, with the flat side of a large knife, mash and smear the mixture to a coarse paste. Put the garlic, beans, chili powder, water and olive oil in the bowl of a food processor and blend until smooth. Spread in the bottom of a 2 quart casserole or gratin dish, or in individual sized dishes, as desired.

Scatter the cheese over the beans. Halve and seed the avocados, then mash with the jalapeno and another teaspoon of salt in a small bowl. Spread a layer of the avocado over the cheese, and scatter the lettuce on top.

Mix yogurt with cilantro and spread over the lettuce. Add a layer of tomatoes and scatter the scallions on top. Chill until ready to serve. Garnish with a few cilantro sprigs and serve with baked chips.

Nutrition Information:

Calories: 252
Total fat: 11 grams
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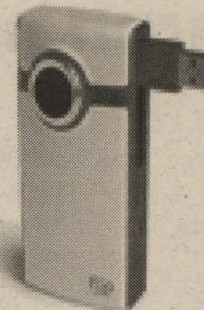
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Don't forget the Cardio Center still has free hours on Thursdays and Fridays. Come with a valid photo ID and workout for free on Thursdays from 8:00-11:00 p.m. and Fridays 5:00-10:00 p.m.

More free workouts happening at the Allen Center! A free pilates class will be offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Feb. 12. Sign up at the Cardio Center front desk today!

To find out more events happening at the Allen Center check out go2allen.com

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Ever have a funny moment happen to you or someone you know and think to yourself, "Man, I wish I had caught that on film"? Sick of lugging your weighty video camera around to document the most memorable of life's moments?

Well, my friend, rejoice. Pure Digital Technologies has unveiled the Flip Video Ultra, a video camera small enough to fit in, you guessed it, your pocket. At a measly 4.17 inches by 2.16 inches by 1.25 inches, the Flip can record up to a full 60 minutes of "America's Funniest Home Videos" worthy fodder.

Another unique feature that sets this compact camcorder apart is its built-in software. So not only can you capture life's

precious moments, but you can also edit and organize those moments to mold them to your own liking. Part of the software also includes the capability to upload your videos hassle free to internet sites like AOL and YouTube. This is also thanks to the USB arm which flips out of the side of the camera. Now the whole world can see you become the next Internet sensation. Or ridicule you for adding more useless crap to the information superhighway.

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Winter is unappealing to beach goers, golfers and the local ice cream truck driver. The cold and massive amounts of snow make indoors the delectable location for fun this time of year.

Not so in the case of Sir Arnold Lunn, who decided to turn those frosty frowns upside-down. In 1921, Lunn

39 and 90/94. Cascade packs 34 runs on 460 feet of vertical. The mountain holds its vertical to the end of runs and is packed with five terrain parks. One day passes go for \$42 and only \$5 extra for night skiing. Lessons start at \$20. By far, the most bang for your buck in the area.

Big Snow Country had consisted of four hills: Indianhead, Big Powderhorn, White Cap and Black Jack. In the past all four were in the same promotion, but recently



photo by Rick LaRoche

formally introduced Alpine and slalom skiing to the Olympic games committee. Since that day many enthusiasts have been strapping long shanks of wood to their feet in search of the highest mountains around.

Skiers should be concerned about six things when selecting their hill: snow amount, snow quality, total vertical of the hill, variance of runs, run quality and cost.

To alleviate some of your stress, here is a comprehensive guide to skiing in Wisconsin:

Here in our own backyard is Granite Peak, which offers the highest vertical in Wisconsin of 700 feet. Granite Peak also features 74 runs, though most of them feel the same (vertical on top, flattens out at the bottom, and no turns to speak of), high-speed chairlifts, several terrain parks for boarders and skiers alike. It also has a constant snow base of around 48 inches. On the downside it is rather expensive; flaunting a \$48 a day lift ticket excluding rental equipment, an extra \$28 for night skiing and prices between \$35-\$50 for lessons.

Devil's Head in southern Wisconsin carries a vertical of 500 feet and has 28 runs. Devil's Head's runs are elongated, allowing skiers to carry the vertical further. Devil's Head has a long run of 1.5 miles. Prices are \$44 a day (weekend rate) and \$25 for lessons, but after a drive to Baraboo, the cost is a wash when compared to Granite.

Anyone who has gone to Madison has driven right past Cascade Mountain. It sits at the intersection of Interstate

Indian Head and Powderhorn split off from the other two, which is fine, as they were the two worth going to anyway.

Indianhead has a vertical of 638 feet and carries 29 runs. The runs at Indianhead are a lot more open, allowing skiers to choose different paths and variations to get down the mountain on their mostly groomed runs. Powderhorn offers a bit more terrain and technicality in 33 runs on its 425 feet of vertical.

With these hills located in the upper peninsula of Michigan, they are much more susceptible to lake effect snow. Often times this results in the best snow conditions this side of the Rockies. For the full experience, www.big-snow.com offers hill hopper passes to the two hills. Prices are quite reasonable considering the superior quality compared to Wisconsin hills. Starting at one day for \$48, all the way up to four days for \$156, the hopper pass is the way to go.

Lastly is Mt. Bohemia. This beast rests in the Keweenaw Peninsula of the Upper Peninsula constantly bombarded by lake effect snow, the 900 vertical feet of Bohemia stays covered with over 70 inches all season. This hill is for advanced skiers only. While it has 71 runs, the amount is endless as only about four runs are groomed and skiers are welcome to the back country where chutes, cliffs and waist deep powder awaits. Daily rates are \$45 but be prepared to drive about six hours each way. Also, be sure to call ahead as often times severe weather can prevent them from opening.

Discers prepare for Snow Throw II at

Yulga Massacre to bring in competitors from around the state

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Come rain, snow, cold or shine, over 90 people are anticipated for this year's second annual Snow Throw Massacre at Yulga Disc Golf Course in Stevens Point on Saturday, Feb. 23. The wintry tournament is put on by the Ace Holes, the disc golf club at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"This tournament is about the fun," explained disc golf club faculty advisor Ian Goldberg. "I honestly don't know a single person that played last year that isn't doing everything they can do to come back for Snow Throw Massacre II."

Last year, participants hailed from UW-Stout, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Whitewater, UW-Madison, UW-Eau Claire, UW-Parkside and St. Cloud State, along with a few other enthusiasts from Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

"We had 92 people play

in last year's tournament, making it the largest winter tournament in the state in 2007," said Goldberg. Of the 92 participants, 34 played in the advanced bracket while 45 played in the inter-



mediate division. Last year, the second and third place finishers in the intermediate division and the third place finisher in the advanced division were Pointers.

The bottom of the sign-up sheet reads, "We relish in whatever Mother Nature might have in store for us," and players should take that with special consideration.

"Last year six inches of snow fell the night before (the tournament), on top of ice," said Goldberg. "At least 35 discs were lost in the first round. People were falling down left and right, and everyone was laughing their butts off. It's a total roll of the dice - we could have tons of snow or it could be 60 degrees out."

This year's tournament will have up to four divisions, with a cash payout for the pro division and trophies for the winners of the other three divisions.

The cost is \$25 for a basic signup (which comes with a DX disc) or \$30 (which comes with a Champion/Star disc) for basic registration before Feb. 13. The pro division prices are \$35/\$40. The tournament will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 after a player sign-up and meeting. There will also be hot food and a bonfire to keep participants warm.

If you have questions or are interested in signing up, contact Ian Goldberg at ian.goldberg@uwsp.edu or (715)346-4562.

Blizzards: not just from DQ anymore

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Wisconsin was treated to a blizzard on Tuesday, producing weather severe enough to even cancel classes on campus after 4:00 p.m. While the term "blizzard" is commonly tossed around in winter, a blizzard is not officially a blizzard until certain wind and length plateaus are achieved.

For a blizzard to achieve official status, a storm must produce 35 mile per hour winds or greater combined with visibility at less than a quarter mile. When these two things happen for longer than three hours, you have a blizzard. A Canadian blizzard is required to produce wind chills below -25 degrees Fahrenheit and last for four hours.

Since no measurable amount of snow is necessary to classify a storm as a blizzard, snow amounts can vary. A ground blizzard can also occur, in which already fallen snow is being blown by massively high wind speeds and

cold temperatures.

Extreme blizzards are known as whiteouts, where downdrafts containing blowing snow combine with falling snow, and create such a thick wall of white that one cannot distinguish the ground from the air and sky. Obviously, transportation is near impos-

sible in zero-visibility conditions produced by whiteouts.

The last major blizzard to make headlines was The Blizzard of 2006, which happened on Feb. 12-13 in the northeast and left New York City, among other eastern-sea-board cities, with a record 26.9 inches of snow.

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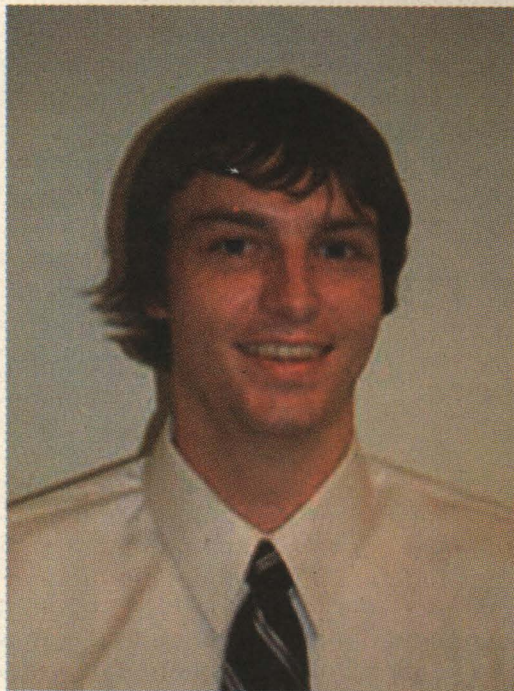
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Sports

Hoopster scores a grand

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Steve Hicklin

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Steve Hicklin played a grand game last Wednesday during the men's basketball match-up against the UW-Eau Claire. Hicklin is the 27th men's basketball player to score 1,000 points during his collegiate basketball career. It is an exciting achievement, but he is also planning on performing great deeds after his basketball career is finished.

With plans to become a middle or high school teacher with a broad field social studies and history emphasis, Hicklin says his family has influenced both his teaching and basketball interests.

Both of his parents are teachers and have been active in sports, especially when Hicklin was just a little hoopster. His father had a large role in the development of Hicklin's basketball talent because he coached for some teams Hicklin competed on. Hicklin wants to follow in his father's footsteps as a

coach to develop young basketball players himself. "I've always loved the X's and O's that go along with basketball, and I'm excited to get more into that aspect of the game once my playing days have finished," said Hicklin.

Basketball has not always come easily for Hicklin. For many athletes, the mental struggle is the hardest part of a sports career and as a freshman, Hicklin found it a challenge to keep practicing. He was reluctant to improve himself when it was not guaranteed he would get to play in games.

"You just have to tell yourself that all of the work you are doing now is helping your teammates who are playing to get better, while at the same time preparing yourself for the moment when you get your opportunity," he said about his first year of college.

Hicklin got ready for that opportunity by spending countless hours practicing his skills on his own.

"I think to become successful at whatever you are doing, sports or not, requires dedication and hard work. It's important to be honest and identify your weaknesses and try and address them," he said about those long hours he spent readying himself for his chance on the court.

Hard work and dedication paid off when Hicklin replaced an injured starter during the national tournament in 2004. With what he calls his most memorable moment, Hicklin assisted the Pointers in their national championship. He says he'll never forget celebrating the victory as the final buzzer roared.

"That celebration is why we play the game, to reach that pinnacle is something that I'll never forget, and it has driven me the past few seasons because I want to get back there and have that same feeling again with my teammates now," he said.

Hicklin has proven himself to be an exceptional athlete for the UW-SP men's basketball team. With his experience, wisdom and a thousand points behind him, future basketball players may look up to him as a strong role model.

Watch Hicklin in action during the Pointer's next home game Feb. 2 against UW-Stout at 7:00 p.m.

Pointers smash Concordia in two game series

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

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The lady Pointers smashed Concordia University in a pair of games on Jan. 25 and Jan. 26.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's victories bring the team to an 11-0-1 Northern Collegiate Hockey Association record and extends their conference lead to four wins over trailing UW-Superior.

Things are definitely sailing smoothly for the third-ranked Pointers, who have yet to experience a loss this season. UW-SP may be confident this far into the season, but Head Coach Ann Ninnemann still refuses to let the ladies get too comfortable.

"We just take one game at a time, and our focus this year has been more about ourselves," she said regarding the team's upcoming match-up with UW-Eau Claire. "We need to play our best and worry about ourselves rather than worrying about what the other team is doing."

Concordia University is struggling through its first season in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association, and the Pointers took definite advantage of the team's inexperience with 8-1 and 10-0 wins against the Falcons.

"It is great to have another team in our conference," said Ninnemann. "It is always tough for a first year team to

be really successful due to the recruiting process. I think that over a couple of years they will be able to catch up with the rest of the conference and be more competitive."

This past week the Pointers were not only concentrating on optimizing their game in the two Concordia blowouts, they were also working on the D-word.

"Our focus this past weekend was on our defense, and I told the girls the offense would come," said Ninnemann. "The offense did just come naturally for us with some success on our power play as well."

Pointers Trish Piskula and Nicole Grossmann led the Pointers with a trio of goals against the Falcons, while Kellye Nelson, Sarah Phillips, Jess Suter and Dana Carothers added pairs of their own.

Goalies Ann Hulme and Danielle Vaness split minutes in the net for the Concordia wins. Hulme accumulated 15 saves, while Vaness had nine.

Up next for the Pointers are traveling match-ups against the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds Feb. 1 and UW-River Falls on Feb. 2. Both are NCHA conference games for UW-SP.

"February is a big month for us with six conference games, and three non-conference games against tough opponents that we need to win to give us the best chance we can to make it back to the NCAA Final Four tournament," said Ninnemann about the upcoming month of Pointer play.

Senior on the Spot

Chris Brown - Wrestling

Hometown: Mishicot, WI

Do you have any nicknames?
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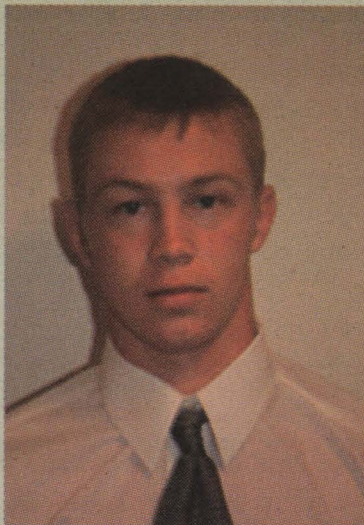
What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?
Making it to the conference finals my sophomore year.

What is your most embarrassing sports moment?
Wearing the old school throwback singlets for alumni night.

Do you have any game day rituals or superstitions?
I always have to put my right shoe on first before a match.

Who is your sports hero?
Cael Sanderson, 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist in Wrestling.

What is your sport philosophy?
Talent can only get you so far; hard work will take you to the top.



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Men's track starts on the right foot

MEN'S TRACK

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's track and field team started the beginning of the indoor season on the right foot competing at the UW-Whitewater Invitational meet last Saturday. The Pointers brought home a

total victory over 20 competing teams with 124 total points in the meet.

This year's track and field team has developed a unique sense of togetherness as they have united their personalities. It is extremely challenging to unify a team that competes in many different events and has so many personalities that go along with the array of team or solo events.

"This year there has been a lot more interaction within the group, meaning that they really pay atten-

tion and do things within the group themselves," said Coach Rick Witt. "I really think that the term 'team' fits this year, maybe more than it has in the past... I think they realize that if we're going to achieve some of the goals we would like to achieve, it's going to take all of the

pieces to do so."

Pulling together to dominate the opposition, the Pointers had quite a few event champions at their first invite. Dominating the 400-meter dash were UW-SP's Nick Ver Duin in first place with a time of 50.32, Patrick Leonard in second place and Brad Koback in

third place. Ver Duin and Leonard have both been All American Athletes three years in a row.

Witt describes the two All American Athletes as "having been through the war."

"They figured out what it takes to be really good and at the top level. They in turn have been trying to bring this along to the younger guys," Witt said about their stellar leadership qualities and willingness to share competitive mentorship.

Pointer Travis Nechuta placed first in the one mile run with a finishing time of 4:19.80. Nechuta had been out of the cross country line-up frequently in the fall as a result of injury, but demonstrates that he's back to his winning ways after the team's first showing.

The Pointer 4x400-meter relay team also finished in first place with a time of 3:22.85.

Witt believes the cross-country runners have gained a tremendous amount of meet experience and are definitely showing this in track this season.

Doing damage in field events for UW-SP were Derek Stone, jumping 1.98 meters in high jump and Mark Cufade who cleared 4.87 meters in the pole vault event.

According to Witt, the team is fairly balanced and has very few weak events. He says the long sprints and distance races have tremendous depth.

"In most of the other areas, we at least have one and maybe two guys who are pretty competitive in each of the events they'll be in too," Witt said. "A track team is like trying to put a puzzle together. Sometimes you're maybe missing a piece, so you're trying to take those other pieces and put them around and see if you can cover up the space that you're missing."

The team's goals for this season are to win the Conference Championship and finish in the top 10 at the NCAA championships.

The Pointers hit the track at the Carthage Invitational in Kenosha this Saturday starting at 11:00 a.m.

"I really think that the term 'team' fits this year, maybe more than it has in the past..."

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Katie's Curiosities: sampling local culture at the bars of Plover

Katie Adams
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Whether it is a curse or a blessing, I am a social butterfly. I like to be out and about; I love to make small talk with people I hardly know. I adore trying new things. This is why, after the first day of an 18 credit semester and with a looming 8:00 a.m. class, I found myself in a bar on the outskirts of Plover.

Some friends of mine invited me over for a game or two of cards, but having already graduated from college and accepted jobs in the real world, they needed to get to bed by a decent hour. While I was sitting in my car and waiting for it to warm up, a friend of mine and I stared at the clock. Was I really going to drop him off and head home at only 10:00 p.m.? I couldn't bear the thought. Since we were already out behind Belt's, we decided that it might be fun to play a game or two of pool at the Post Road Pub, a place neither of us had ever been to.

So we drove. But when we neared the Post Road Pub, we realized that there were a

few other bars just down the road, and we'd never been to those either, so we kept driving. And as we approached those bars, we realized there were a few more even further down the road, so we drove a little more. By and by, we ended up 12 miles out of town at a little place just off the road, a bar known as Doug's. This bar was packed. The first thing we noticed was that almost every vehicle in the parking lot was a truck. The second thing we noticed was that they were all empty and running. As we walked in, we felt incredibly out of place. Barely anyone had a jacket, despite the fact that it was pretty much the coldest night of the year. I was wearing a black pea coat—definitely too dressy for a townie bar in the middle of nowhere. I desperately needed to use the restroom, but could only see a men's room. I asked a gent where the ladies room was and was pointed to a small closet with one aged toilet and a sink with holes busted through it. When I came out, my buddy told me that the bartender, a middle aged woman, needed to see my ID before I could have my water (which came



Photo courtesy of Katie Adams

in a \$1 bottle—they apparently don't serve just a glass of tap water at Doug's). The perks of Doug's: the pool tables are set back from a lot of the smoke, and they are very well lit. Incidentally, they also hide a real ladies room—I had used the run-down closet bathroom in vain.

From Doug's we moved towards Point to a bar called Jeepers, a place with a friendly bartender (again, a middle aged woman) who knew a lot about baseball. The tap water was abundant, and the pool table was open. There were only about four people in the bar, but I still felt incredibly out of place as they all watched us play pool. Considering my

skill at pool (or lack of it), this was likely a very painful experience for them. I think I even saw a few people cringe. The only real drawback to this bar is its openness—as soon as one man lit a cigarette, the entire bar was as smoky as it would have been if 10 people were puffing.

We made a hasty retreat from all of the smoke and went next door to Sandy's. A lovely older lady tended the bar, the kind who will call you darlin' and mean it. The pool tables were set back in a separate alcove from the bar, and a video game played some surprisingly pleasing music in the background. This bar was delightful enough that we stayed for two games of pool, speculating the entire time as to whether or not the bartender was Sandy herself. When our two games were done, we decided it was time to move on.

Our last stop for the night was the one we originally had in mind, the Post Road Pub. I had high hopes for this bar—every time I drive past it I admire how quaint it looks. From the outside, it seems like my dream bar—the place where everybody

knows your name, and they're always glad you came. On the inside, though, I was incredibly disappointed. It was very smoky and kind of run-down looking. It almost reminded me of the Moose Lodge I'd visited in the fifth grade. Half of the Christmas decorations were still sitting on an 8-foot cafeteria table, and the empty glasses hadn't been bussed in ages. Worse yet, there was no place to set a drink down while playing pool! My friend was really disappointed that he didn't like the bar, although he was really excited about the junk food selection they had. The most amusing part of this bar was breathalyzer on the wall. If you stick a few quarters in and blow through a straw, you know whether you should call a cab or walk.

Overall, it was an enlightening adventure. If you are "of age," I encourage you to head out beyond the college bars on the square and explore the culture of the town, but be sure to drink soda or have a designated driver. Tip your bartenders well, and remember: as you get closer to Stevens Point, the crowds get younger, the bartenders get friendlier and the pool gets more expensive.

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Juno: unconventional and surprisingly catchy

Dan Richter
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Upon hearing a description of the film "Juno," "a teen is unsure of her future after she becomes pregnant," I wasn't sure what to think. Was it going to be a comedy following in the successful footsteps of "Knocked Up," or a sappy drama in the "Lifetime" original movie category?

It's safe to say the film has little in common with either of these. Written by first-time screenwriter (and ex-stripper) Diablo Cody, "Juno" follows the relationship, maturation and trials of high school student Juno MacGuff (Ellen Page), who loses her virginity and becomes pregnant with her best friend's (Michael Cera of "Arrested Development" and "Superbad") baby.

What separates this film from most conventional teen pregnancy stories is that Juno isn't confused or even distraught. Rather, she is confident and assured in what she wants for her baby: a loving and, more importantly, "cool" family (played by Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman) to adopt it once it is born. Also atypically, Juno's father and stepmother skip past lectures or ensuing routine melodrama. Instead, they support her with underlying eagerness.

Since its Dec. 25, 2007 wide release, "Juno" keeps finding critical fanfare, including Academy Award nominations for Best Actress for Page, Best Original Screenplay for Cody and Best Picture.

What really impressed me, though, were the performances of Cera and Garner. Cera plays father-to-be Paulie Bleaker with an awkwardly

shy, yet affable, quality that can make just about anyone fall in love with him. Garner, who is so desperate to adopt a baby and become a mother can't help but almost live vicariously through Juno throughout her entire term.

As a dramedy, the film delivers just the right amount of emotion to pull your heart-strings, but it's also peppered with enough unique one-liners to make you forget "Napoleon Dynamite" as your go-to source for comebacks and quips. "Juno" also has a noteworthy soundtrack, supplied mostly by indie bands, including Belle and Sebastian and The Moldy Peaches.

All in all, "Juno" leaves little to be desired. Good enough to win an Academy Award? Probably not, but it's a film you should see and will enjoy thoroughly nonetheless.

Student Gallery employee Roby Eddy prepares student artwork for ArtsBash. Students donate artwork for sale at the event, which also features dance and theater performances. Half of the profits will fund scholarships in the Fine Arts, while the students will receive the other half.

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Your College Survival Guide:

Good Girls Don't Lick Doorknobs....

Pat Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM GALAXY COMICS

Hello there everyone. Welcome back. I trust your holidays have left you feeling refreshed, relaxed, and laden-down with piles of precious loot extracted from your family.

I'll be honest with y'all. I was considering giving up the column this semester. I still am. I've been doing the College Survival Guide for almost ten years now, and it takes a lot of time. Part of me thinks that might be time to lay it down.

But, of course, another part of me would miss it if I stopped, and a third part would feel like I was abandoning you. Another part of me is thinking a lot about spirograph lately....

What's my point? Well, right now I'm undecided as to whether or not I continue the column. A lot of it will depend on whether or not I get some good letters mailed in over this next week. I'd like to run a couple of love-themed columns leading up to Valentine's day. So how about this: I'd like to see some good, interesting relationship questions during this next week.

If you don't have one of those, I'd like you to tell me the story of the worst dates you've ever had. If we get enough, I'll know you still want me to keep writing the column, and I'll re-print the most tragic of them and give out prizes. Sound like a deal?

For now though, a recycled column from a couple years ago. Enjoy.

Hey Pat!

I've been a faithful follower of your column for the few years I've been a student here, and quite honestly, you are the only reason I ever pick up a campus newspaper. Your wit and sarcasm are heard like those aggravating birds in Cinderella. Thanks!

Forward, to my ever-so increasing problem. I had the roommate from Hell earlier this year. I'm not talking about being just a little aggravating. No, this chick was a full-blown inconsiderate bitch. She talked behind my back, and managed to make my life a living hell for just over a semester. It was like living with a 12-year-old whose parents always took care of everything (and by everything, I mean everything imaginable; she sent her homework home for her Mom to do!). While I was busting my ass, she was constantly complaining how hard her life was.

Anyway, I ditched the witch. I moved out without so much as a word. But now I have this eternal devil on my shoulder telling me to do something to her. For some reason, my being needs that final "ha!" before I can let things go. Since I wound up sick, I thought maybe coughing or licking her doorknob would be ideal.



Flaming poo isn't really an option.

I'm not sure who else to turn to in times of revenge. Help me!

Devil's Puppet

Well DP, I showed your letter to a friend and he said, "It's funny that when she thinks of getting revenge on someone, she turns to you."

That made me think, I've had a lot of revenge-oriented letters coming in lately. What sort of a reputation do I have out there? Do you all think of me as this weird, Cinderella-bird-like god of retribution? Some terrible, dark-eyed, Dionysian force? I've always thought of myself as friendlier than that. Kinda like Baccus. But with coffee instead of beer. And sexier.

Anyway, let's move right into the matter at hand. Revenge.

If you live in the world and are even dimly aware of what's happening around you, soon you realize that the vast majority of humans are, to put it gently, vastly irritating fuckwits.

Your recent roommate troubles are a prime example of this.

While it's natural to want to throw a sack full of flaming monkey intestines through her window late at night, it's just not cool. First off, monkeys need those intestines; moreover, it's probably illegal. Secondarily, OSHA would definitely not approve. Sixthly and lastly: ick. Thirdly, it's really hard to get the things to catch fire; and, to conclude, you're a better person than that.

What you really need to ask yourself is this. "Why do I feel the need to get the last word in this relationship?" Is this payback for the misery she caused you? Or are you simply irritated that her life seems to be easier than yours?

This is important. Only by examining our motivations can we learn about ourselves and become worthwhile human beings.

You see, if it's payback you're after, then at least you're trying to uphold some sort of concept of justice. It's a flawed morality, but your heart is in the right place. On the other hand, if you're just upset that things are easy for her and you want to take a shit in her sherbet because of it... well... that means you're just being a petty bitch...

But hey, welcome to the club; we all feel that way at times. But if you want to be a high-quality person, you recognize that unpleasant impulse and try to root it out of your personality.

So while I find the thought of you out there licking doorknobs vastly amusing (and arousing in an odd, confusing sort of way) my advice is this. Don't. Let it go.

Good girls don't lick doorknobs. Plus, you don't know where her hands have been.

Every minute you spend all twisted up about this is a minute you've completely pissed away. It's gone forever out of your life. Take that time and energy and put it into someone constructive, like learning to ski... Or... I don't know, petting fluffy kittens or some shit like that. Whatever turns your crank.

The truth is, the best revenge is living well. Your ex-roommate would probably be really happy if you wasted a lot of time plotting against her. Are you going to give her that satisfaction? No. Of course you're not. Instead you're going to go and enjoy some free coffee at the Mission. And while you're there, you're going to do something productive and uplifting, like catching up with an old friend, reading a good book, or writing a sonnet about how marvelous and shapely my buttocks are.

Or whatever.

Send in your pitiful, mewling cries for help to proth@wsunix.wsu.edu. Pat will either mock or assist you, according to his whimsy.

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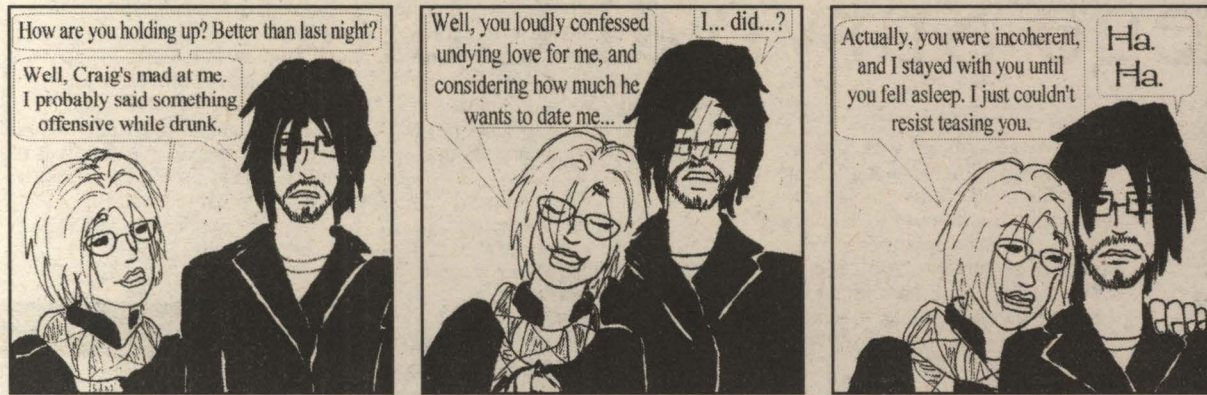
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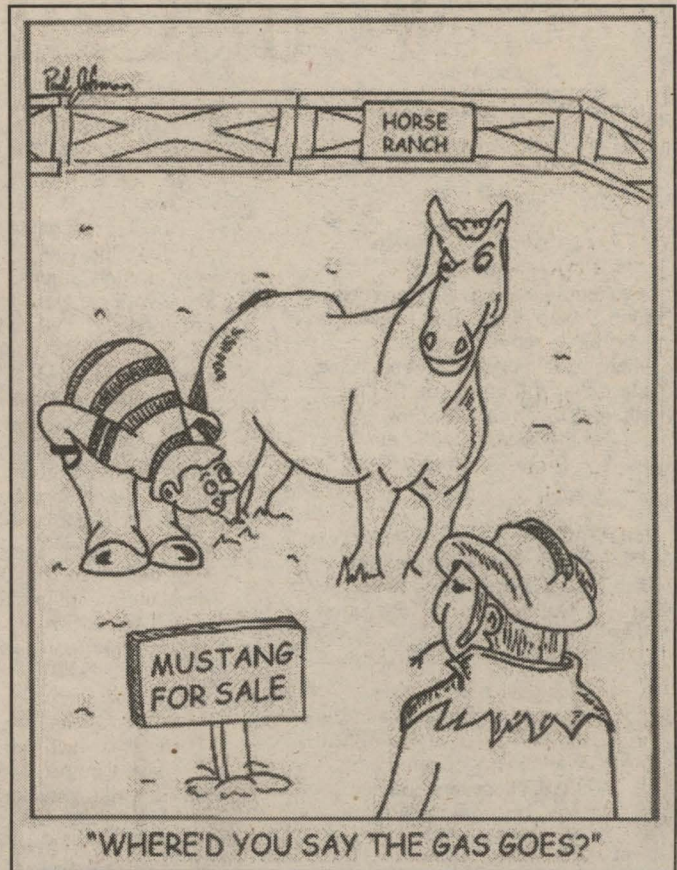
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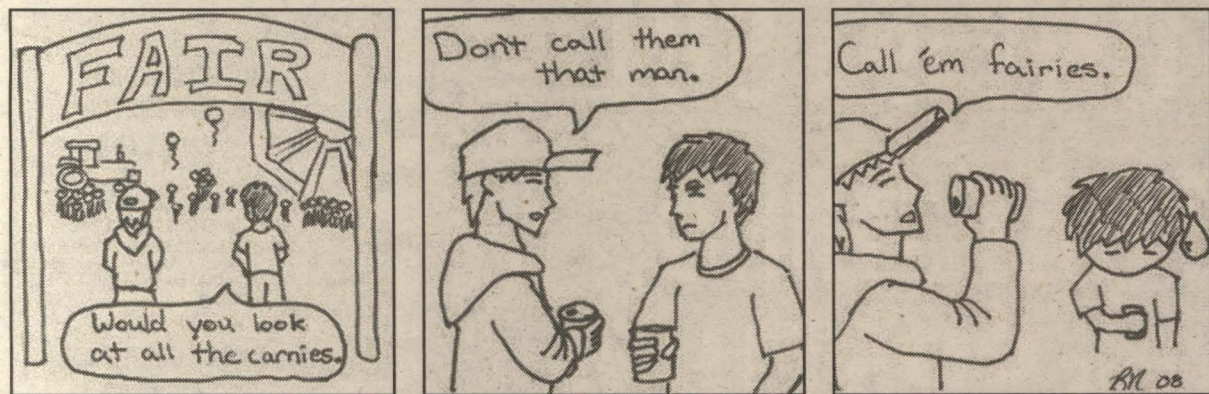


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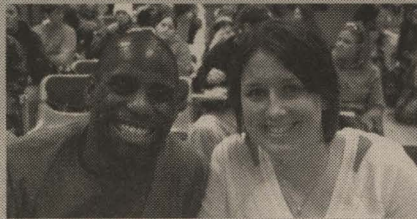
What is your opinion of UW-SP remaining open while area schools are closed due to severe weather conditions?

Holly LeClair
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"I think it's good that we stay open to continue our education, but sometimes if the weather is so bad we might as well close down, like everybody else."

Dianna Sonnenberg
Junior

"That's fine because you have the choice to come to school or not."

Rod King
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"I think it actually sucks. We are paying for our education, but we are being forced to walk out in the cold, in very bad weather. But students that get their schooling for free are not going to classes."

Ashtin Kitzerow
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"I think it is depressing. I rolled out of bed this morning and wanted to throw the covers over my head and sleep for the next week."

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