Library renovations offer new opportunities

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After a long summer, the Learning Resource Center has undergone many new renovations to benefit the students, faculty and staff that frequent there. After studying the needs of students around the nation, Dr. Kathy Davis, library director, and Dave Dumke, director of Information Technology led a collaborative effort between the LRC and IT in order to enhance the learning environments in the campus library by increasing the available technologies for users.

Library and IT staff have cooperated over the summer to help create spaces such as a newly featured teaching and learning room on the first floor. This room is a creative and interactive learning environment with moveable furnishings, a computer, large monitor, digital projector, large viewing screen and a camcorder. Faculty, staff and students can reserve this new room.

The renovations also include two presentation rooms on the fourth floor, and IT staff have also equipped the fourth floor study rooms with computers and a shared printer.

For students, this means enhanced group study environments; hordes of students will no longer have to huddle around single computers in the reference room to practice PowerPoints or other presentations. Instead, they will be able to use actual rooms designed for the obvious needs of larger four to six person groups.

In addition to group study enhancement, the LRC along with IT has also made computing work areas available on every floor of the Learning Resource Center. This includes 24 new computing stations and two new wireless lounge areas.

Also, printers are now available on most of the LRC's floors, and a special scanning copy machine in the reference room will allow users to scan materials and then send the scanned materials in e-mails. There are also two new collaborative computing areas with large screen monitors and computers and portable whiteboards are now available in the reference room, as well as preview rooms on the third floor that have been upgraded with large screen TVs and furnishings for viewing media.

Finally, the Food for Thought Café has a new large screen TV just in time for the fall election coverage or any other programs individuals would prefer to watch.

Overall, the LRC and IT are hoping these will be great improvements to the overall functionality of our campus library this year. Check out some of the new changes made for this semester and pay attention for additional updates throughout the year. Also, feel free to send any suggestions for improvements of the LRC to Kathy Davis or speak to a representative at the main desk.

Obama kick-off

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On Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2008, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students were finally given their chance to get photographed with Barack Obama on campus. No, Obama was not actually in Stevens Point, but that didn't stop students from getting a picture next to his life-size cutout at College Library.

A student enthusiastically poses with a life-size cutout of Barack Obama during the kick-off.

Obama's official kick-off for the Obama campaign on campus. Students filled The Laird Room, registering to vote, encouraging other students to vote, watching videos about Obama, and getting their photo taken with his likeness. There was also a very large dose of information and items for all to get on the Obama campaign.

Where they stand: On higher education

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Many issues are at hand in this historic presidential election, but one affects almost every student who wants to attend college and that is the cost of higher education. Millions of students are choosing not to attend college due to the rising cost.

On top of that, most students who do attend college also face student debt after graduation. In fact, the average amount of student debt after graduation is now well over $19,000. The candidates have made a few proposals when it comes to the cost of a higher education and the problems with student debt.

Barack Obama, the Democratic candidate, has proposed creating an American Opportunity Tax Credit that would "ensure that the first $4,000 of a college education is completely free for most Americans. Students who would receive this financial boost also would be required to perform a certain amount of public service every year in college.

Obama also wants to simplify the extensive financial aid application process that often keeps students from even applying for aid. He will simplify this by eliminating the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and replacing it with a simpler form with simpler calculations. He also plans to increase the Pell Grant to $5,400 and provide programs to prepare high school students for college.

Obama said in a speech, "We need to put a college education within reach of every American. That's the best investment we can make in our future."

John McCain, the Republican candidate, also has some proposals for higher education. He plans to simplify the process by which families receive tax incentives when helping to put their chil...
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show their support for Obama. We're having this kick-off and hoping to get a lot of people excited to elect Obama the next president but we also want to get them registered to vote," said College Democrat and senior at UW-SP Courtney Ryan. "We are going to be doing a lot of tabling and registering people to vote in the coming weeks. Students will be seeing us a lot."

College students and youth are often thought of as citizens that don't normally vote, and the numbers tend to agree. In most recent years, the youth voter turnout has been increasing and candidates have been aiming their campaigns more at getting students to vote and especially vote for them.

'I'm trying to motivate the student body to get out and vote because we've typically had a lower turnout," said Randy Plrum as to why he was attending.

The media has been portraying this the "year of the youth vote" and the campaigns have been showing improve the economy. McCain said in a speech as well, "I don't mandate that everyone has education; I'll mandate that it's available." The Green Party and their candidate Cynthia McKinney also have plans for higher education. Their platform goal is for a tuition-free system where all students have the chance to attend a college. According to their Web site, "Until tuition-free schooling is available to all, student loans should be available to all students attending college, and should be repayable as a proportion of future earnings rather than at a fixed rate."

Campus, SGA focus on environment

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dream through college. McCain also plans to simplify the financial aid process, but he plans to do so by consolidating the programs and making it easier to use. By cutting back on earmarks, McCain plans to invest more in research at colleges to push for American ingenuity and sustainability. There is currently a proposal for a self-designed food service plan to be instituted. This plan will push to provide locally grown and organic food for students. SGA is also pushing for "No Tray Tuesdays" in the Debot Dining Center which will do what the name implies. Research shows that people take considerably less food when they do not have a tray. This will reduce the tremendous waste that is produced at the dining center every day.

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Filmmaker gives animated presentation to UW-SP

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“Don’t let limitations -
time, money, technology, tal­
ett - be excuses,” said visiting
filmmaker Christine Ferriter
for her workshop in the Noel
Fine Arts Center on Tuesday,
Sept. 16. “Don’t dwell on what
you can’t do. Think about
what you can do with what
you have.”

Ferriter, a renowned ani­
mator and a native of Sun
Prairie, Wis., knows some­
thing of making the most out
of opportunity that presents
itself. Ferriter’s lifelong
love of the arts sprang from
humble midwestern begin­
ings and was even able to
overcome, as Ferriter tongue­
in-cheek puts it, “an elemen­
tary school art teacher that
was simply cruel and awful to
her students.”

A love of animation struck
at an early age.

“I became a Disney-phile,”
Ferriter said. “Fantasia was
re-released and I went to see
it in the theater. It amazed
me! It wasn’t a cartoon, but
it was animation and music!
It entirely changed what I
thought animation could be.”

Drawn immediately to all
works of animation “off the
beaten path,” as she puts it,
Ferriter found an outlet for her
creativity and hunger in the
form of traveling short films
and outsider film festivals that
would come to the Majestic
Theater on King Street in
Madison.

“It was also around this
time that through a “weird
serendipity,” Ferriter noticed
a Disney movie.

“I thought about her a lot
when I was making this film,”
Ferriter said. “The bed-ridden
protagonist of “Annie” longs to be
as free as the girl she sees in
her mirror.”

The deeply personal story
caused Ferriter to assess her­
self. In her own life, Ferriter
had always experienced vivid
dreams.

“I thought about her a lot
and what it must have been
like,” Ferriter said. “What did
she dream about?”

Thornberries.”

Now living in Burbank,
Calif., with her husband and
two children, Ferriter has time
to reflect on what would be
the greatest piece of advice to
anyone wishing to make it in
the film industry.

“Work collaboratively,”
Ferriter said. “The whole
industry is collaboration.”

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So you want to work
in entertainment

Advice from Christine
Ferriter on:
- Portfolios or reels:
“Don’t just illustrate your skills. You want to be memora­le, so show a point of view, personality, originality and ideas.”
- Reunions and interviews:
“Know your audience. Research the company/person you are approach­
ing. Know the kind of work they do. Why do you want to work there?”
- Be specific about the job or role you are apply­ing for, such as charac­
ter designer, background designer, production assist­
ant, storyboard artist, sound mixer, editor, 3-D modeler, etc. Why do you want that job? What can you show or say that will prove you are qualified for it? Be open to other posi­tions presented.”

Starting a job:

“Just because you have a degree, doesn’t mean you know everything. Be will­ing to start at the bottom.”

“When you get a job or a promotion, it doesn’t mean you’re ‘arrived.’ You’ve only just begun.

“Learn everything you can from people in your department and people in other departments. Observe, ask questions, and listen.”

“Communicate. Listen to what is being asked, make sense you understand. Does your work clearly communicate your ideas? Does your work clearly satisfy the assignment? Work hard. When you’ve fin­ished your work, ask what else you can do.

There is ALWAYS something to do, or do bet­ter.”
Environment and the depths of student's concerns

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus is very involved with the environment that surrounds us, as it seeks to maintain stability for the coming generations. It has organizations that deal with the environment, two of them being the Environmental Council and the Environmental Education and Naturalists Association.

The president of the Environmental Council Nate Pollesch is a senior majoring in math who became involved with the EC two years ago as a way of becoming active on campus. This small group, about five members, has been passionate about organic food, awareness of the repercussions of our actions toward to the environment and broad environmental topics that try to accommodate many people.

Pollesch said that one of his reasons for coming to UW-SP was because of the environmental awareness. He recycles and tries to use items to their fullest potential.

When asked why he recycles and why it's important to recycle, Pollesch said it was "to try to get the most out of the investments that we've made."

Cassie Bauer, a senior majoring in environmental education and interpretation is the president of the Environmental Education and Naturalists Association. Bauer joined and became president because she felt it was a good way to get involved with her major and a good way to practice skills that she's learning through classes she's taking.

As a group, the EENA believes its biggest environment mental concerns are educating and connecting people to their environment. They provide volunteer opportunities and educate them about sustainability. Bauer also recycles because she feels it's one of the small steps that she can do. "Lots of small steps can head somewhere," said Bauer. You can't control what the people around you do, but you can control your own actions.

UW-SP has a big influence on students and their recycling habits, whether the student is still attending UW-SP or has graduated.

Thea Owens, a 2006 graduate in biology, still continues her recycling habits even though she's no longer in Stevens Point. Owens went on to graduate school in Cincinnati, Ohio where recycling was less than accessible. In order to recycle, Owens had to make special trips to a recycling facility.

Owens said, "Attending UW-SP definitely influenced my daily living routines regarding recycling in a positive way, one that I have continued for the past two after I graduated from UW-SP and plan to continue throughout my life."

Etiquette and tolerance flavor life on campus

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Those that have spent much time on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus know it can be an emotional roller coaster. Decorating, tolerance and conserving attitudes are key roles in adjusting to campus life.

Courtney Lancour, a sophomore living in Neale Hall, states that personal expression in the way of posters, certain artists that she listens to via compact discs and tapestries are a few of the primary ways she uses to create a feeling of home in her residence hall.

Lancour, a self-proclaimed animal lover, was placed with a roommate who was an avid hunter and was in the nature of posting pictures of big game animals. Not being overly rankled by the pictures as they were on the opposing wall of the room, Lancour maintained an optimistic attitude. She is under the belief that residence hall life teaches you things about yourself you never knew before. Lancour also emphasized that at home she can throw things away in a corner and forget about them, but as a resident in a hall, she must be quite particular with how she maintains her possessions.

Ariel Steeber, another Neale Hall sophomore mentioned that although posters are a crucial route to expressing yourself, they also at times can create a little tension. "Last year I openly displayed a Jamaican flag and a Bob Marley poster. It drew the ire of my roommate, but a short time later we came to a compromise," said Steeber.

Steeber felt that any decoration a roommate may have is permissible with her lone concern being that it not be offensive. She believes that the size of her room and her surroundings has created, as opposed to high school, a more familial-type atmosphere. Steeber believes that it is for the most part courteous not to collect things as it may conflict with having a harmonious and clean living area.

Lindsay Olsen, a sophomore who also makes her residence on campus, finds art, pictures of family and friends as means of comfort and expression. Olsen finds that as long as her roommate's decorative tastes are aesthetically pleasing she finds no fault with them. She finds that up to this point in her college career that the size of her dwelling is not an issue. However, she does find that it is easier to throw things out as space becomes much more of a concern much sooner than living at home.

As it goes, life in the residence halls can be trying at times, but with a positive attitude, good dialogue between roommates and respect for those around you can lead the way to living in bliss.
Elk 'bugling' season in northern Wisconsin

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It's that time of year again. Reintroduced elk in northern Wisconsin have not forgotten their roots. The bulls still bugle during the rut, which is part of their annual cycle in their attempt to woo a hareem of elk cows. This majestic and eternal process peaks between Sept. 10 and 20, according to Matt McKay, Assistant Elk Biologist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. McKay graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in Madison, Wis., as an assistant to a big game biologist. After a year or so there he obtained the position he has now.

"I was in the right place at the right time," he said. "They needed someone right away and I was willing to go."

Hear the majestic bugle of the bull elk in Northern Wisconsin now. McKay also had telemetry experience when he radio tracked wolves as a student at Northland College in Ashland. He was also the Deer Project Leader at UWSP, where he gained more radio telemetry experience and experience trapping large animals, such as the whitetail deer. He has been in his current limited term employment (LTE) position for the past six years. McKay and other WDNR staff

The final quarter: shore fishing around Stevens Point

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The above statements and the following tips should help attract fish to baitfish. Think of musky fishing as you fish for any other type of fish, but be aware of the water's temperature and weather. When fishing for muskies, you need to know what the fish are eating. It's a lot easier to catch them if you can match their diet. Watershed conditions also play a role in how many muskies are caught. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources thanks you. Call McKay at (715) 634-9658, ext. 3524, with any more elk questions.

The SRA has an array of firearms for people to use, ranging from one's they would use with someone that is just beginning, to ones for more experienced shooters. When going to a practice shoot, the SRA usually goes to a shooting range in Wisconsin Rapids for a couple of hours.

"Teaching people the safe and responsible way... is the best way to make people aware of what guns can do," - Crochiere

The SRA offers some of the best musky fishing anywhere, especially from shore.

有用性... 时的鱼饵,特别是一些诱饵。这些饵料有助于吸引更多的鱼到鱼饵上。这正是钓鱼的核心。这不是一件简单的事情。你需要了解鱼的习性，以便知道应该如何投放鱼饵。这是钓鱼的科学和艺术的结合。钓鱼是一个既需要智力又需要技巧的过程。你能做到什么程度，这取决于你的努力和经验。钓鱼是一项有益身心的活动，它教会你耐心、专注和观察力。钓鱼也可以是一次与自然的交流，它让我们有机会亲近我们生活的自然环境。这正是钓鱼的魅力所在。

Firearms on campus: meet the SRA

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Have you ever been curious about firearms? Do you feel like you would want to learn more about them? Or do you have a firearms collection and enjoy going to the shooting range?

The Student Rifle Association (SRA) is a student organization at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The SRA provides a safe place for people to learn about and have experiences with firearms.

The SRA sprung from mutual interest between a number of people as most organizations do. This interest in marksmanship, target-shooting and the second amendment, among other things, has brought many friends and roughly 20 to 25 Facebook members together.

President Jeremy Crochiere a senior and member of the army reserve, thinks this club brings awareness to firearm issues and ideas, as well as brings people together. He says he's even seen cheer-
Women's soccer beats No. 12 ranked University of Chicago

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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's soccer started the year with a bang last Tuesday evening, when they advanced to a 6-1 record after defeating UW-Stout and University of Chicago in the past two conference games.

The game marked a sixth straight win for the Pointers, who capitalized on a goal from Emily Walsh in the victory.

The women's soccer team features a deep roster of talent this season, with nine returning seniors who are led by veteran coach Sheila Miech.

"I've got a lot of confidence in my players and ability this year. We have a very experienced group of leadership," said Miech, who has 20 winning seasons under her belt.

The Pointer women are currently ranked No. 23 nationally and second in WIAC standings.

Last year, the team posted a 16-5-2 record overall and a 7-1-0 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference record, finishing second to UW-Eau Claire.

The team was also an NCAA Sectional Semifinalist after winning their first game in the second overtime and the second in a 5-4 shootout.

A big loss in personnel was that of goalkeeper Meredith DeCaluwe after she graduated last year. She was replaced by Pam Luckow, who has really made a statement by shutting out all but one goal in the last five games.

"Pam has definitely paid her dues, and every game she still improves," said Miech.

Senior Kaylee Weise and Amanda Prawat led the way for the Pointers with seven goals each and four assists for Weise and three for Prawat.

Sophomore Vicki Bieschke is also making her presence felt on the field with four goals and three assists.

Looking ahead, the Pointer women will face UW-Whitewater and Wheaton within the month, both formidable opponents with Wheaton beating the Pointer women twice last year.

The last game knocked UW-SP out of the NCAA Division III tournament.

"We're going to take one game at a time while staying focused on the big picture," said Coach Miech.

It's Booty time for the Minnesota Vikings

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The Minnesota Vikings were a sexy preseason pick to represent the NFC in the Super Bowl, but as of now, they are not doing too hot. Logically, this should not be happening. The Vikings loaded up on talent in the free agent market during the offseason, bringing in big names such as wide receiver Bernard Berrian and last season's league sack leader Jared Allen.

Much of the blame for the less-than-stellar start has been placed on second year quarterback Tavaris Jackson, whose play has been Pop Warner-esque at best. Minnesota coach announced Wednesday that Jackson will be benched in favor of 15-year veteran Gus Ferotte. Yes, the Gus Ferotte backup who stunk up the field while playing in place of Marc Bulger in St. Louis last season.

Clearly the Vikings are desperate and that's why I think it must be Booty time, 2008 draft pick John David Booty that is. The 137th of the draft led USC to a Rose Bowl victory in 2007, so maybe he's a better choice than a 37-year-old career loser, Maybe.

Also, we have learned a valuable lesson about the Internet this week when Washington Redskins tight end Chris Cooley. Apparently Cooley was trying to post a picture on his Web site of the massive playbook coach Jim Zorn gave him to study before this past weekend's contest with the New Orleans Saints.

However, Cooley showed off a lot more of his skins than he planned because he was studying nude. His -ahem- "equipment" was displayed until after the game, though he claimed he didn't know he was photographed. That's why we check content before sending out into the world, kids. Not cool, Cooley. Not cool.

Prospective skate park in works for Stevens Point area

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In 2007, the City of Stevens Point Common Council approved the concept of building a skate park in Goerke Park in Stevens Point, Former University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Government Association president Ross Cohen sent a letter addressed to the Stevens Point Room Tax Committee Members informing them of a resolution passed unanimously in senate. It stressed the importance of constructing a skate park in Stevens Point.

Speaking on behalf of a student body that provides a significant portion of the city's population and contributes to the local economy, Cohen urged financial support for the construction of the park. The city eventually pledged to match funds up to $100,000 from room tax in support of the effort in the next two years.

The Stevens Point Skate Park Committee made more progress on Monday night after getting approval to move ahead with a concrete concept of a skate park to be built.

After much debate by the city council about the final location of the park, they finally came to a unanimous decision to build a concrete park at Goerke Park.

"We feel Goerke is a great central location and will work with city officials to reach a mutually agreeable location to ensure a long and successful future for the skate park," said Skate Park Committee member Jason Wendt.

The original plan for the skate park was to use a portable design to be constructed on top a concrete slab located at the intersection of Minnesota Ave and Main St. After further research into the matter, the committee decided that a concrete park would better serve the community and the kids.

"A concrete park will far outlast a "cookie cutter" wood and steel park. Given the impact our environment has on wood and steel (rust and rot), concrete will undoubtedly last longer with much less upkeep," Wendt said.

The new concrete design will be the same size as the original concept, 120 feet by 110 feet or 13,200 square feet in size. Compared to portable designs, concrete parks are considered the highest quality for skate parks. Concrete parks are quieter, safer and have more longevity. There are not many concrete parks in Wisconsin and having one will potentially bring in skaters from across the state.

Skateboarding is currently the third most popular sport in the United States, behind basketball and soccer. Towns half the size of Stevens Point have already built concrete skate parks including Lake Delton, Ludington, and Weston. The Stevens Point area has 669.95 acres of parks, according to the city of Stevens Point Web site, but none of these parks are open for skating.

"This is what kids want and they are telling us overwhelmingly," said SGA Vice President Erika Wardle.

Currently student skateboarders have no place to go. Skateboarding on campus and around Stevens Point is not allowed. UW-SP currently has a skateboard club in the works and a number of students are expressing a need for the park. The approved site of the park in Goerke would be accessible to everyone on campus.

"I think this would be a good way to connect students to the community. It would show them the community really cares about their interests," said Wardle.

Right now SGA is looking into helping to fund the skate park to get it here for the students.

There's a lot of people skatetree right here. Right now we are looking into helping to fund the skate park as students. We are collecting data to see how interested students are in doing this," said Wardle.

"I would certainly encourage anyone to come and talk to us about it, for or against it, because this is something we are looking into."

Recently an anonymous donor pledged to match $80,000 for every $15,000 donated by Dec. 31, 2008. A large donation from students could be what the skate park needs to hit the ground running.

If we could donate $15,000 next year, it would help the cause immensely, and the cost works out to roughly $2 a student," said Wardle.

A fundraiser for the park will take place Nov. 8, 2008, at the Sentry Theatre where Cohen Tea will be performing. Tickets are available at the University Information and Ticket Center for $10.

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Earthquake's impact felt in Stevens Point

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On May 12, 2008, a massive earthquake measuring a magnitude of 7.9 on the Richter scale struck the Sichuan province in China, killing almost 70,000 people and injuring almost 375,000 more. This earthquake, which was felt as far away as Shanghai, may seem like old news to most of us, but it is still fresh in the minds of at least four students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

ChuSang Wei, Meng Xue Zhao, Han Yang and Yue Wang all call the Sichuan province their home. For them, the events of May 12 are far from a distant memory. These four students spent that day in fear and worry as they watched their homes crumble. "I was trying to call home and no cell phone can connect," said Zhao. "I couldn't reach home," said Wei.

These students are suffering the most, as many schools in China collapsed, leaving many students dead inside and other students with nowhere to go. Now, months after the disaster, they speak not of tragedy but rather of pride in their nation. The stories they tell are of heroism that can only be born from tragedy.

Some of these stories are of a young boy who saved his fellow classmates from the rubble, of a mother who used her own blood to save her baby's life and of a teacher who died protecting students from falling debris.

After recent natural disasters in the United States, many people were unhappy with the government's actions and support. It's a different case in China. The Chinese government rose up and provided immense support in light of this disaster.

The four students at UW-SP have only positive things to say about their government's efforts. "I think our government is doing well," said Wang. The government also had representatives at the disaster site within two hours. The vice president of China actually worked alongside others to help clear the streets and save lives.

Along with the government support, money, food and living arrangements, psychological treatments are being provided free of charge. Medical companies are donating prosthetics to those who lost their limbs in the earthquake.

The country has seen its people unify like never before. Volunteers from all over the country are working together to repair this region of China. Young people are making sacrifices so the elderly and infants can survive. Lines of blood donors measuring over several miles have been reported.

Han Yang's father's company, among many others, donated money immediately.

Unfortunately, the people of China continue to struggle after the initial earthquake. Aftershocks continue to rock the country with earthquakes measuring up to six on the Richter scale.

"We went back to our towns and felt aftershocks every time," said Wang. These aftershocks make it difficult and unsafe for a lot of international students to return home to China.

Greensky Bluegrass make the crowd see colors

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"A banjo will get you through times of no money, but money won't get you through times of no banjo," said John Hartford, late "Newgrass" musician. Passionate musicians like John Hartford will tell you music is the throbbing heart of life—take away and you're left with nothing. This Saturday, Sept. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Dreyfus University Center for the Performing Arts, UW-Stevens Point students will have the opportunity to see Greensky Bluegrass on stage.

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Of course, style isn't everything in music; Greensky Bluegrass also writes with a serious consideration of the song that the band's producer Tim Carbone of Railroad Earth is quoted as saying, "every great album starts with great songs...songs of hope, truth, loss, and love of family and friends are all here. Songs that will make you laugh, dance and think. And songs of grace." Still need more proof of Greensky Bluegrass's talent? Check out their oldest album, "Less than Supper," the second album, "Tuesday Letter," or their latest, "Five Interstates" for yourself.

Bluegrass is "Newgrass," a term coined by John Hartford to describe a blend of establishment and modernity. Band members Michael Arlen Bont (banjo), Dave Bruzza (guitar), Paul Hoffman (mandolin), Michael Devol (bass) and Andrew Beck (dobro) all collaborate to create this unique style that fuses traditional bluegrass music with their own brand of acoustic and folk music. It's precisely this style that has taken the band from their roots in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 2000, to their rising national reputation. In 2006, they won the Telluride Bluegrass Festival Band Competition. They've also shared bills with names like Ralph Stanley, Yo-Yonder Mountain, John Mayer, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, the Hackensaw Boys, Darrell Scott, the David Grisman Quintet and more.

But despite the fact they've been likened to bands such as Hot Buttered Rum and Chatham County Line, and that they do covers like Pink Floyd's "Time," the band is principally known for their originality. With improvisational styles that lend themselves to live performances, fans eagerly await the band's upcoming tour around the U.S. According to their official Web site, www.greenskybluegrass.com, they will spend the next four months in a wide variety of states, including Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, Illinois, Missouri, Colorado, Oregon, California and Arizona.
Cinema Appreciation Club ruffles feathers with Pink Flamingo

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Imagine settling down to watch a film. The opening credits are rolling; you sink into the chair, popcorn in hand. Perhaps you're expecting a long chase scene with innovative shots, creative editing techniques or witty banter. You see instead a man raping a woman with a chicken. Yes, that's right—a man raping a woman with a chicken. If it's a difficult scene to imagine, count your blessings you weren't there. Littered with shock value scenes like this one, around ten people got up and left the Collins Classroom Center during the Cinema Appreciation Club's first showing.

Clearly, it's a pretty vulgar, offensive scene even for more hardened viewers. According to the founder and president of the Cinema Appreciation Club, Jennie Wood, it's what she wanted. "It's an interesting attack on British middle class values, and it pretty much slaughtered every value Americans had," said Smalley.

"Any way you can work it pretty much slaughtered every value Americans had," said Smalley, "and as far away from society, Smalley decided to evolve into a broader selection of films."

"I started as a horror film society," said Smalley. "It's an interesting attack on British middle class values," said Smalley, "and it pretty much slaughtered every value Americans had." He added that this film is "a cornerstone of cult films," and about as far away from mainstream film as films get—"the underground of underground." Started as a horror film society, Smalley decided to evolve into a broader spectrum, mainly resulting from poor turnout. "People are really squee-mish," said Smalley. "This is the first full semester of just showing all types of films.

Not fond of watching people getting raped by chickens but still like interesting, thoughtful provoking films? Not to worry. Smalley said he purposely made the most shocking film first. Throughout the semester, he and Treasurer Jennie Wood will alternate choosing films for the group each week. Smalley said their projected selection is diverse, ranging from foreign and art house films to films from notable American names like Woody Allen and Alfred Hitchcock.

"All have historical importance," said Smalley. "I like to think of this as a film museum.

Meetings are held every Monday at 7 p.m. in the CCC. But you may want to leave the popcorn at home.

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Letter to the Editor:

Finding the right bus and getting off at the right stop was the first challenge. Once we entered the heart of St. Paul, Minnesota, to our dismay, we found ourselves on the outer part of a cage—one adventure in itself. The four of us, Jenna Sprattler, Colleen Kieler, Katie Kloth, and Kat Clevy, had to literally hike about 2 miles around the perimeter of the city to get to the Xcel Center. Crossing highways twice and asking cops for directions posed as a hurdle to joining the anti-war march.

Confusion was massive; people lost from the unified mass, nobody including the law enforcement having a sense of direction, all intentional deterrents by the local government to put out all the stops for this protest...

After an hour of searching, we finally managed to get through a road that the cops were blocking off, thousands of people waiting for us at the Xcel Center.

We jumped in, wasting no time in finding the megaphone, yelling, "No war! No peace! U.S. out of the Middle East!"

All around us were people dressed like prisoners from Guantanamo Bay and various anti-war chants put to paper filled the air. Lots of experienced protesters had their bandanas and ski masks handy, in case of tear gas sanctions. I was in all black; unidentifiable.

The protest transcended the age groups. Mothers with daughters, fathers with sons, and people old enough to be my grandparents, each had adamant opinions about the war, by way of their presence. The people on the other side of the cage had an entirely different view of this demonstration. Many typical representatives from corporate America were present. Starbucks coffee in hand; Mmm, apparently capitalism has treated them well.

As we walked through the cage alongside all the other protestors, I couldn't help but feel the intensity that we were being herded around like a group of cattle. Those on the other side of us were in complete control of the places we could and could not go. But anyway, I left the room, and the cops,No war! No peace! U.S. out of the Middle East!

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Letters & Opinion

What’s the point?: The cycle of change

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"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Gandhi said it best. For most of 2008, we, as Americans, have been inundated with the term change. Now a lot of this has to do with the fact that in this, a presidential election year, one of the leading candidates chose this term as one of his slogans. However, his use of the word allows us to think more deeply about the meaning of change.

I had not truly thought about the term until, for some reason this past week, change slapped me in the face and said, "Hey look what I can do! I can pummel you, but I think my face is extremely red, and it kind of hurts.

When I began to think about it, I realized how change is everywhere, in everything. From the simplest ideas to the most complex of concepts, change is involved. And while usually I pass this off as part of what we call living, I began to think that maybe I should pay attention.

So this past week after the initial few change items slapped me, I thought of what was currently happening in my life and in this world and took note. Within the past seven days, I have seen the changes in seasons. When I went to Wausau, I saw trees beginning to blaze into autumn aunts. Hurricanes in the southern part of the United States reminded me that our climate change is putting fear and despair into the lives of millions. This has impacted our economy and changed, almost daily, what we stand at the pumps. We are finding more change in our pockets these days than dollar bills.

On a lighter note, Facebook changed its format and is keeping students up late at night writing angry messages to the creator of the site. I, being the dedicated Brewers fan I am, had to watch the team changes in positions in the overall Wild Card standings and watch a coach I quite liked, Ned Yost, get dismissed (It was a bad week for the Brewers.)

The examples could go on and on. There are endless numbers of change I could continue with and make a list similar to what Santa Claus does. But, seeing as how I will not receive cookies and milk, like he does, I will stop now.

Alright, so here’s the point: Change is a choice. If you want to see something change, take action. Don’t like the new Facebook, quit using it. It is probably healthier for you anyway. Don’t like the fact that Earth is heating up, become an advocate for alternative energy. Don’t like the change in your pocket, get a job so you can put dollar bills in there instead. Bills are qui­eter, lighter and spend for a better prize in the end.

But, if you do not want to change, you must still take action. If you are fighting against change, you must change to keep it the same. Really, change is a cycle that never ends. Maybe this is why the word finds itself in everything.

Mail Call!

Answering your pressing questions

Steve Apfel
COLUMNIST

Welcome back, my friends! Judging by the abundant amount of friend requests I’ve received on Facebook and my overflowing e-mail inbox, I’m not the only one who felt a bit of a Mr. Crankypants, friends. It turns me into a bit of a Mr. Crankypants, look more intelligent like I do, and pay attention.

The third most popular question was, "are you a terrific dancer?" Well, readers, I’m afraid the answer is no. I am not a terrific dancer. While I possess the grace of a swan and the agility of a cat, I am also cursed with the feet of a llama. This is not only a problem for my dancing abilities but imagine my difficulty in finding comfortable shoes. I should note however, that while I may not be the greatest dancer, I was in the running for last season’s Dancing With the Stars lineup, narrow­ly being beaten out by Adam Carolla. I still think he bribed the casting director. Let’s face it, you can put lipstick on a pig, but it is still more attractive and charming than Adam Carolla.

The second question troubling the beautiful minds of the campus was, "Who is going to play you in the inevitable movie adaptation of your amazing life?" This one has no easy answer, and I’ve been pondering for days who would best capture the essence of me on film. What individual possesses that essential blend of charisma, charm, rugged good looks and down to earth humility? The logical first choice was of course Heath Ledger (RIP), Zac Efron was suggested but as we covered in the last paragraph, I can’t stand him. I wouldn’t want audi­ences to feel cheated by hav­ing me portrayed by someone who can. It is for this same rea­

son that Christopher Walken was cut from the running. The final choice came down to one Mr. Seth Rogan who not only fills all the requirements but is also rumored to be already at work on a script for the proj­ect. The important question is not who will play me, but who will play you, dear readers? I am anxiously awaiting responses from each and every one of you.

And now for the ques­tion that was most asked by you, the readers this week. The question was, "Steve, is it true that your soul is for sale on eBay?" Wow, rumors spread so quickly around campus. The plain and sim­ple answer is no. This whole mess when a statement I made was misinterpreted and then rumors were started by unsa­tisfactory individuals, and it has really just snowballed. What I said was that eBay owns my soul because I love online shopping!

Well here I go, has provided some helpful insights into your deepest inquiries about yours truly. In closing I would just like to ask all of you for one small favor. If you should happen to see my editor, the lovely Ms. Avra Juhnke, make sure to give her a high five! She’d really love it.

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Rabble Rousers (Formerly "Resident's Evil")

I can't believe you're voting for PLANTAIN. He's Pro-Yogurt and Anti-Cake!

I supported CELERY, not BANANA. It's time to see a woman in office.

That's so sexist!

At least I'm not a goddess Pro-Cream.

Plants and Bananas are variations in the same fruit family, you know. The just taste a little different.

NOT YOU AGAIN!!!

Joy Ratchman

Lo Shim

WELL...made FABULOUS!

Bryan Novak

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Did you lose weight?

Did you gain weight?

Lo Shim

Bryan Novak

Intersections, etc. which ultimately resulted in them getting tear gassed and pepper sprayed...

Some of the above situations reminded me of the fifth year anniversary of the war in Iraq protest that Katie, Colleen and a few others attended. We laid down in streets and made human peace signs to block traffic, as well as "dropped beats not bombs" with Funk The War, a hard-core anti-war protest organization that travels around to different protests peacefully dancing instead of partaking in war in any way, abstract or literal. They were at the DNC and RNC as well and also helped organize big political band showings, like Rage Against the Machine, who came to both the DNC and RNC, and things to that likeness.

Final summation of protests attended: More people need to protest more often! With every war veteran I meet that is against the war in Iraq, or war action in general for that matter, they tell me that people need to take to the streets. Besides writing letters, getting more involved in local elections, and using direct "militant action," a lot of them tell me they are spent on ideas.

On a final note, we will be having an anti-war protest march, starting at the DUC at 3:00 pm, and heading down to Main Street by ShopKo in Stevens Point, to protest with the die-hards who protest the war in Iraq every Friday, every week.

If we can send one message to the readers of this article, it would probably be, "Decisions are made by those who show up; the moment one stops being actively involved in their local government and loses the knowledge of their rights, that is when they disappear."

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WHERE'S THE KITCHEN MANAGER? TUTOR THE PROBLEM... THE PROBLEM... THE PROBLEM... THE PROBLEM... THE PROBLEM... THE PROBLEM... THAT WAS JUST THE FIRST NIGHT...

Dustin Hauge

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Campus Fizzle

Your Campus Happenings

Students seek out opportunities to get involved during the Involvement Fair on Thursday, Sept. 11, at The Dreyfus University Center, Laird Room.

These 977 flags were used in a demonstration on campus last Thursday, Sept. 11, in remembrance of those who lost their lives seven years ago.