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In Wake of Campus Shootings, UWSP Emphasizes Active Shooter Policy

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After a mass shooting at an Umpqua Community College in Oregon led to 10 deaths and other college massacres, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is trying to raise awareness for its active shooter policy.

The policy provides students with advice on how to best ensure

their own safety in the event of an active shooter.

According to Bill Rowe, director of protective services and parking, one of the policy's biggest assets is its ability to quickly inform students of an incident.

"I think it's very important because it contains the messaging system in which we would use in the event of a catastrophic incident on campus, whether it be active shooter or some hazardous material re-

lease," he said. "Any sort of large scale incident on campus would be messaged the same way."

According to the the UW-Stevens Point risk management website, there are four ways the university informs students of an active shooter: email, text, computer pop-ups and verbal notification through fire alarm speakers.

The shooting also prompted Wisconsin legislators to consider revising current concealed carry

laws as they pertain to public universities and colleges.

A bill proposed by Rep. Jesse Kremer, R-Kewaskum, and Sen. Devin LeMahieu, R-Ootsburg, would prevent universities and colleges from banning concealed weapons in campus buildings if passed.

Currently, the UW System forbids the carrying of firearms in all campus buildings, including residence halls. Those with permits can

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Children with Cancer Get Hats to Embrace Melons

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Love Your Melon has caught on with students on campus who want to bring compassion to those struggling with cancer.

The nationwide foundation was created to show support for children who are battling cancer and teach them to love themselves despite their illnesses. For every hat sold, one hat is donated to a sick child.

Emily Peterson, senior accounting and finance major, is the captain for the Love Your Melon crew at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

According to Peterson, UWSP's crew has sold a totally of 150 hats.

"I want to make sure kids battling cancer feel like normal kids. I just love the organization and what it is all about it," Peterson said.

The crew sets a weekly goal to sell 10 hats, but Peterson said some weeks, members have sold double the amount.

"So far this school year, we have been doing a lot of different sales events for UWSP and the community in general. We have been handing out flyers and writing on sidewalks to try and get informa-

tion out there," Peterson said.

Kassi Papendorf, junior health-care administration major and group's vice-captain, said in the past, the crew has primarily marketed Love Your Melon on social media, but now members are changing their promotion.

"Now that we are going to become a campus organization, we are going to try to spread the word more on campus," Papendorf said.

Papendorf joined the crew because she is passionate about helping children.

"I think it has been awesome having all of us work together to reach one goal. We're all coming together to help kids with cancer and put a smile on their face, and that is what matters the most," Papendorf said.

Emma Meyer, junior biology major and the group's secretary, said sales have increased in the past few weeks.

Meyer and other crew members been discussing fundraising tactics, in which people would shave their heads and donate their hair to children with cancer.

"We want the whole campus to know what Love Your Melon is, and maybe they will take a stand in helping, too," Meyer said.



Photo by Lily Dettle

The Love Your Melon crew is working to help bring hats to children suffering with cancer.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Sunday, Oct. 18

A faculty member of the NFAC called Protective Services to report a possible break in, which he said would have occurred between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 19

A faculty member from the HEC called in to PS about a purple liquid seen leaking from the ceiling in front of the Strength Center. PS referred the matter to academic custodial and facility services.

A student found a "free private taxi service" card in Lot X and reported this to PS because it seemed suspicious.

A CA from Burroughs Hall called in a report about a firearm she believed was being stored in a trunk of a vehicle in Burroughs Hall.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

A professor contacted PS about using disabled firearms while conducting mock scenarios for one of their classes.

A female student informed and reported to PS that her truck had been keyed in Lot Q, although she said she was unsure of what time the incident had happened.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

A CA from Neale Hall reported smelling marijuana

Thursday, Oct. 22

PS was informed about two male individuals dressed up in full camouflage gear, who appeared to be hiding in the bushes in front of Debot, and whenever people walked past, it was reported that they would jump to scare passers-by.

Friday, Oct. 23

A faculty member from the CPS called in to PS to report a man who would sit in the hallway for long periods of time. She said this same man had been sitting in the hall consistently for the last few weeks.

A female student called PS to report that the bottom bolts of her license plate had been removed, bending the bottom of her license plate. She said she had noticed about five other cars in Lot Q with the same type of damages.

Saturday, Oct. 24

A Smith Hall CA called PS to report smelling marijuana.

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still carry outside of buildings.

Jeremiah Kaminski, junior and president of the UW-Stevens Point chapter of Wisconsin Students for Concealed Carry, thinks the legislation is a good thing.

"The proposed legislation would allow students to defend themselves in university buildings by a means that we feel comfortable with," he said.

Kaminski said allowing students to carry firearms in campus buildings could help make universities safer. Currently, students going to class have to leave any weapons they might have in their cars, opening up the possibility of theft.

Rowe said campuses are generally already safe, especially at UW-Stevens Point.

"If you compare our statistics

against like-sized municipalities, you'll find that statistically we are a very, very, very safe place to live and reside," he said. "I'm not sure adding additional weapons on campus is going to make it any safer."

Students appear split on the issue.

Alex Coombes, sophomore studying wildlife ecology, said the legislation could have a positive

impact.

"I would say it could prevent school shootings, potentially," he said.

Josh Battle, an undeclared freshman, offered a different opinion.

"It would be a bad idea simply because it's a firearm in a public area, and people could get carried away," he said.

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It's a bad idea. It has a lot more potential for problems.

—Nathan Hansen, sophomore communication major

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I don't have a strong opinion either way.

Robert Van Boogart, junior elementary education major

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To me, it's not something I would be opposed to as long as nothing happens with it.

Rodel Magtanong, sophomore computer information systems major

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I don't have that much of an opinion.

Erich Mueller, freshman wildlife ecology major



Moms, Dads, Siblings Come to Campus for Family Day

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Families were all over campus Saturday for the annual event that brings moms, dads, siblings and grandparents to Stevens Point.

The Residence Hall Association sponsored Family Day at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, giving families an opportunity to cheer at UWSP football game, rock climb in the Health Enhancement Center, watch a planetarium showing and see an illusionist.

Julie Zsido, assistant director of

Residential Living, said she believes the day gives students the opportunity to show off UWSP's campus, as well as the Stevens Point community.

"The day has been designed as a choose-your-own adventure kind of day. Depending on what the family wants to do they can pick and choose what they want to participate in," Zsido said. "I think it is that time of the semester where it is kind of high stress, and students have a lot going on. I think it's a nice for families to come and show support and give them that love from home."

Matt Curtis, senior communication major, is special events coordinator

who chose PiP Comic Illusionist to perform, which Curtis said he was looking forward to most.

"I think that family is very important. You wouldn't be where you are without your family. It's important to kind of thank them for all they have done by bringing them on campus and showing them what you are doing here," he said. "It's awesome to be able to bring them to place that you call home."

Jackie Curtis, Curti's mother, attended the event to support and spend time with her son. She said she has been to three family days at UWSP, and enjoys the welcoming nature of the event.

Jodi Sorenson, mother of freshman Jordan Sorenson, came to campus to spend the day with her daughter.

"Family Day lets us see how things are going now that she settled in a little bit. We also want to see the community more," Sorenson said.

Cindy Sanford, mother of freshman Chris Sanford, came to the event in hopes of spending time with her son and meeting other families on campus.

"We have been so impressed with the campus, the facility, the professors and the energy and excitement that is obviously contagious," Sanford said.

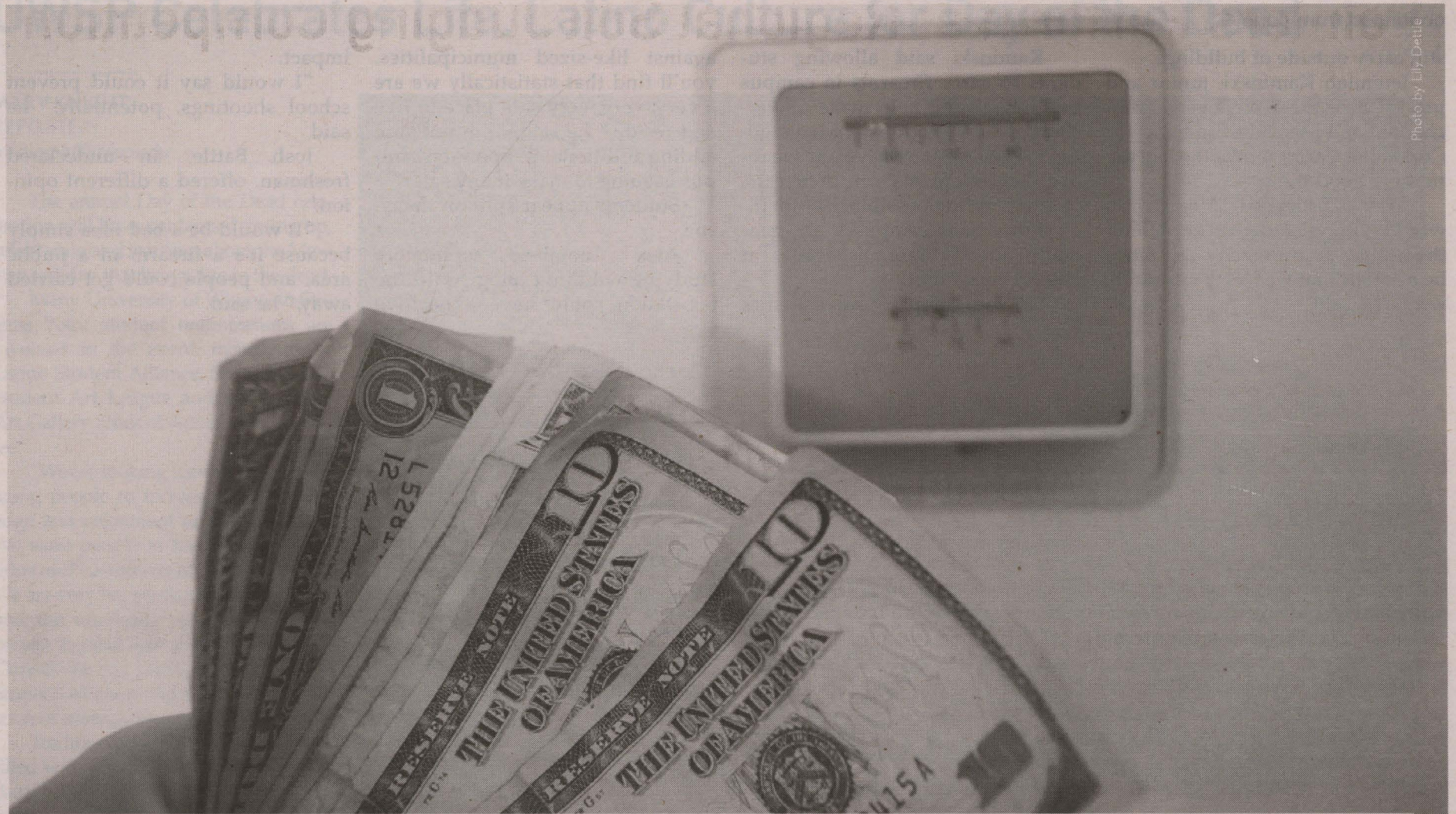


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Locals Share Energy Savings Tips for Winter

Energy and heating bills rise in winter.

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Low temperatures usually bring high energy bills in Wisconsin, and students sometimes sacrifice warmth for savings.

Those residing off-campus are often faced with old, poorly insulated buildings with drafty doors and windows that allow warm air to escape and cold air to enter.

"My bills definitely go up during the winter," said Ben Gutknecht, junior resource management major. "The windows in my apartment let a lot of cold air in, and it's pretty frustrating."

Gutknecht said he and his roommates wait as long as they can before turning on the heat for the first time to make up for the spike in costs during January and February.

"Those months are just always so cold," he said. "We all expect to pay more then, but it'd be nice if the price was a little more manageable."

Heating systems in buildings that are not weatherized use more energy to maintain a comfortable temperature, but experts said following a few simple guidelines could have a big effect on bills.

Dave Barbier, sustainability coordinator, said the most simple step toward lowering bills is to keep furnaces or heating elements from overworking by setting thermostats at 68 degrees or less.

"If you can go lower and accept the fact that you may need to use

some more blankets or wear sweat pants and a hoodie, that is probably the biggest thing you can do," Barbier said.

A programmable thermostat, Barbier said, is an effective way to regulate furnace use because it allows the user to set specific times for temperature adjustment.

Roommates, for instance, may use the device to automatically raise temperature during the morning and evening when people are a wake and moving, but lower heat during the night and daytime hours, saving energy, he said.

Modern thermostat's are rela-

good starting place for those looking for a more thorough solution to home performance.

He said air leaks around windows can be difficult to discern, but even small ones decrease efficiency.

The company uses a blower door test, where a fan mounted in a doorway pulls air out of the house, exposing any unsealed cracks. It also uses an infrared camera to locate areas where warm and cool air is escaping from a building.

A basic fix for windows, he said, can be done simply by feeling for air leaks around the frame and sealing them with consumer grade

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tively affordable, though not cheap, Barbier said. He encourages students to pursue their landlords to pay for installation of the hardware.

Barbier also suggests using weather stripping around the sides and bottom of doors. Weather stripping can be bought at a hardware store, or a cheap alternative would be to jam a towel along the base of the doorway, he said.

Jordan Kaiser of North Wind Renewable Energy said an evaluation by a professional company is a

plastic wrap.

"You can go down to the local hardware store and get some plastic window wrap. Those are always a good step," he said. "It certainly doesn't look good to have plastic over your windows all winter though."

Water pipes, heaters and air ducts are another source of inefficiency in many buildings. Kaiser said many people aren't aware of how much energy may be lost in those areas.

"People sometimes put insulation in and say 'that should be good,' but they may have miscalculated," Kaiser said. "Insulating pipes to and from the water heater is something that's so easy to do, but most people don't do it."

Barbier said insulating hot water heaters is important but noted many people heat their water too hot for showering.

"You should be able to turn that hot water all the way up, and it should be perfect," Barbier said. "Otherwise that's wasting some energy."

Gutknecht takes a few precautions to help lower his winter bills. He uses plastic wrap to seal his windows and keeps his thermostat around 67, he said. He also keeps heavy quilts around for when he is relaxing especially on cold days.

He plans to be more diligent in weatherizing his apartment this year.

"I'm gonna really make sure I seal the windows pretty good," Gutknecht said. "I think the little things really help."

Wisconsin Public Service offers a budget billing option, which allows customers to pay twelve equal, monthly payments, based on average use which is reviewed every six months. The option may be a good choice for students who rent the same house or apartment for more than a year, Barbier said.

"There's some benefit to that from a budgeting perspective, but it may be tough for some students," he said.

Pointers Perform at Regional Soil Judging Competition

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A team of students from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point had a successful weekend at the Region III Collegiate Soil Judging Competition, qualifying for the national competition in March.

Soil and waste majors Alec Dix, Levi Campion, Dalton Larson and Jacob Schuh took third place overall at the team competition hosted by Purdue University in Columbus, Indiana. Each student also placed in the top 25 out of 54 individually, with Dix taking ninth.

The team had never competed before and was challenged to identify and record layers of soil types in pre-dug pits, before making recommendations for land use. The competition represented a real-world situation for students entering fields in soil science, water resources and waste management.

Bryant Scharenbroch, assistant professor of soil and waste resources, invited students to form a team during the start of his soil profile description writing class, an eight week upper-level course required for soil and waste majors. Scharenbroch coached the team and traveled to Columbus to support the students and help judge the contest.

Larson and Schuh said they joined the team because it was a worthwhile opportunity to get more experience in their field.

"A lot of people didn't want to go because you had to miss class," Larson said. "It could open up opportunities. I think it's specifically applicable to being a certified soil

tester."

Schuh agreed.

"It's real-world stuff," Schuh said. "If you're good at this, you'll pretty much have a job coming out of school."

Pointers faced stiff competition from teams like Purdue University, University of Illinois and UW- Platteville. Working in unfamiliar soils of the region was a challenge, but their commitment to practice made a difference, they said.

Scharenbroch had students identify soils in one pit per week during his class, and even dug a pit by hand in his own backyard for the team to practice in. The group also endured early mornings to spend two full days prior to the competition working with Indiana soils.

"He goes out on the weekends and digs a pit for us," Larson said. "There's no other coach who would do that."

Schuh said they saw other teams gently poking soils and carefully moving around in their pits. The Pointers were more aggressive and got to business scraping and using their hands to feel the soil's texture, he said.

"We were just filthy," Schuh said. "They always knew which sheets were ours because they were covered in mud."

The atmosphere in the pits was competitive, but also fun and educational, they said. The team enjoyed watching other groups work and had the chance to spend time with other students after the activities.

"Every pit we were in was something we hadn't seen," Larson said. "One pit was ridiculous. It went from clay to straight beach sand."



At the Region III Soil Judging Competition, the UWSP team took third place overall. (Left to right) Levi Campion, Dalton Larson, Alec Dix and Jacob Schuh were all part of the team.

The performance earned the team a spot at the national collegiate soil judging competition in March, which is a qualifier for the international level.

Their experience at regionals will guide the Pointers' practice, which will be done mostly indoors in the campus soils lab. The team established their individual roles and noticed some shortcomings and areas for improvement. They learned using teamwork to cover all the classification requirements is important for success.

"About half way through the first pit we got a little flustered. We weren't agreeing on stuff," Schuh

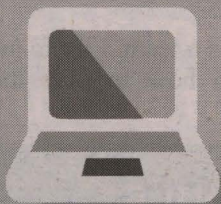
said. "We have to work on more of the details. We really focused on texturing."

The team's trip to the competition was funded by the soil and water conservation society of UWSP, and the national contest will be paid for by the College of Natural Resources.

The group is proud of their success and looks forward to competing again, having gained experience in competition. Campion, a senior, will join the team for nationals despite graduating in December.

"It'll be easier the second time around," Larson said. "We'll know what to expect."

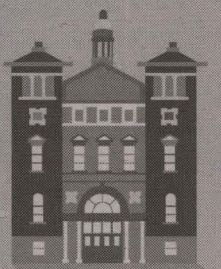
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Swimming Season Begins, Soccer Loses Again

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Soccer Falls in Overtime

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point soccer team recently fell to Viterbo University in overtime 2-1.

Down 1-0, the Pointers tied the game at the 83rd minute from a goal by senior forward Jillian Ross on senior day. In the game, UWSP was outshot 26-6 in shots and 10-3 shots on goal. Goalkeeper Kristin Churkey made eight saves in the loss.

With its standings at 3-14, UWSP next plays at UW-Lacrosse on Oct. 28.

Men's Cross Country Defeats UW-Oshkosh

Ranked eleventh in the country, the UWSP men's cross country team defeated UW-Oshkosh in a head-to-head match.

The Pointers were led by freshman Robert Lutz who finished first with a time of 27:18 and Jed Dodge who placed fourth at 27:40. Freshman Eric Zuengler finished fifth at 27:47, and freshman Max Zeitler

placed sixth at 27:48. The women's team finished third in its meet. Senior Bailey Matthys posted the Pointers best finish at fifth place with a time of 26:26. Senior Aryn DeGrave finished eighth at 26:44, and Jenny Linquist placed twelfth at 27:21.

Swimming Season Begins

The UWSP men's and women's swim teams began their seasons at a tri-dual at St. Cloud State over the weekend. The men went 1-1, and the women were 0-2.

On the men's side, sophomore Caleb Miller won the 1,000-yard freestyle at 10:21.47 and finished second in the 200-yard breaststroke at 2:17.70. Freshman Nate Somers won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:00.87, while junior Sam Jekel won the 100-yard butterfly at 51.93.

For women, senior Amanda Walker won the 1,000-yard freestyle in 10:59.30.

Walker was also part of the 400-yard freestyle relay team along with Erica Perkins, Gemma Pillsbury and Kassie Yeazel. They won with a time of 3:45.71.



Photo by Jack McLaughlin

The swim teams next compete at home on Nov. 14.

Tennis Places Fourth at WIAC Championship

UWSP women's tennis finished in a tie for fourth place at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship.

Junior Katelyn Asfeld, playing

number one singles, led the Pointers with a third-place finish helping the Pointers by winning two of three matches. Junior Emily Kleist placed fourth at number two singles, while sophomore Nicole Thorson finished sixth at third singles. Freshman Jordan Tyjeski finished fourth at fifth singles.

Girls' Golf Making Major Strides throughout Fall Season

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Falling leaves and snow flakes signal the end of golf season, a fact the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point girls golf team knows very well.

The team concluded its season with a sixth-place finish at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships, which was highlighted with a seventh-place finish by junior golfer Tiffany Boak. Boak earned her second, team All Conference honors in the WIAC after coming off a successful sophomore campaign, although she faced some different challenges coming into this season.

"This was my first year as a captain, and we had five new players, so I wanted to make sure that everybody got along and had a good time," Boak said.

Not only was the leadership role a change for Boak, but she battled an injury over the summer.

"I'm still coming off this shoulder injury from this summer, but I got a lot of help from our athletic trainers to allow me to compete and achieve my goal of placing at conference," Boak said. "Now I am going to continue to work with our trainers to try to prevent my shoulder from flaring up in the future."

UWSP competed in five events this season, which is fewer matches than

other sports.

"To be successful in the fall season, the girls have had to have practiced and competed throughout the summer, so that when we get to fall, we are just working on some mental approach things and trying to avoid injuries, which are more common than you think in golf," said coach Rory Suomi. "From around February to August, if we can get tournament experience and consistent practice from our top five, it normally equals positive results."

Suomi said he has a very brief and simple strategy to make sure his team is as well-prepared as possible on match day.

"As a team, I try to just give them tips on how to play the upcoming

course, and individually I pick out one or two things that they should focus on so that they can self-correct any issues that may pop up. The suggestions vary for each player," Suomi said.

UWSP did not have any first-place finishes, but Suomi said that does not mean the team is not successful.

"We had great team chemistry. Four out of our top five golfers had never played at the collegiate level, so I just stressed improving on course management and minimizing mistakes on holes that usually lead to high scores, but it comes back to continuing to practice and compete going into next spring through the summer," Suomi said.

SPORTS SCHEDULE				
WOMEN'S SOCCER	VOLLEYBALL	CROSS COUNTRY	MEN'S HOCKEY	WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Oct. 28, 7 p.m. at UW-La Crosse	Oct. 30, 7 p.m. vs UW-Stout Parents' Night	Oct. 31 vs WIAC Championships Winneconne	Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. at Aurora	Oct. 30, 7 p.m. vs St. Olaf,
Oct. 31, 1 p.m. at UW-River Falls	Oct. 31, 1 p.m. UW-River Falls Senior Day		Oct. 31, 7 p.m. at Lawrence	Oct. 31, 2:30 p.m. vs St. Olaf

Warhawks Hold Off Late UWSP Charge to Secure Road Win

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A fourth-quarter comeback by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point saved a game that seemed destined for a blowout, although the team came up short in a 35-27 loss to the sixth-ranked UW-Whitewater Saturday.

The Warhawks received the kick to start the game, and on the first play from scrimmage, players nearly fumbled the ball away to the Pointers. Few players were on board with a five-yard touchdown run from Jordan Ratliffe.

The Pointers were halted by an interception in Warhawks territory that resulted in a loss to starting quarterback Kyle Larson due to an injury.

Whitewater took advantage of the turnover with a 50-yard connection from Chris Nelson to Ryan Storto down to the UWSP two-yard line. Jordan Ratliffe's second rushing touchdown of the day finished off the play to put Whitewater up 14-0 in the first quarter.

Back-up quarterback Cody Nuernberg was under center. The team was faced with a three-touchdown hole early on in the second after Nelson found Marcus Hudson for a 43-yard touchdown.

Another UWSP drive was stalled when on a third and long, Nuernberg found the number one UWSP target Matt Sosinsky, who ran for an 86-yard touchdown to cut the Pointers deficit to 21-7 with four minutes left in the half.

Whitewater answered the first UWSP points on the board with another short yardage touchdown run from Jordan Ratliffe. UWSP put up a field

goal right before half that was set up by a strip sack from stand out defensive end Aaron Karlan. UWSP trailed 28-10 at the end of the half.

UWSP opened the second half with an eight-minute drive that was capped off by a short field goal, making the scores 28-13. The Pointers two edge rushers Karlan and Dan Brown pressured Nelson. The field goal points to start the half were the only of the third as UWSP and UWW entered the fourth at 28-13.

Nuernberg spent the second-half scrambling, which resulted in a deep touchdown pass to Logan Taylor in the corner of the end zone bringing the score to 28-20.

The Warhawks responded with a long drive, finished off by Ratliffe's fourth touchdown of the day from two yards out to seemingly put the game in hand for the Warhawks at 35-20, with 2:21 left in the game.

UWSP scored in just over one minute, with Nuernberg's third touchdown pass, this time to Jared Pankow, cutting the Warhawks lead to one possession once again with 1:05 left.

Then, UWSP recovered the ensuing onside kick to give the team the ball at the 40-yard line with a minute left and two timeouts. That drive was quickly put to rest with an intentional grounding call on second down that put the Pointers behind the sticks. It concluded with a Hail Mary interception from Nuernberg, giving the Warhawks a 35-27 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference road victory.

The Pointers dropped to 3-4 overall and 1-3 in conference. The team will be at home again this at 1 p.m. Saturday against UW-Lacrosse at Goerke Field.



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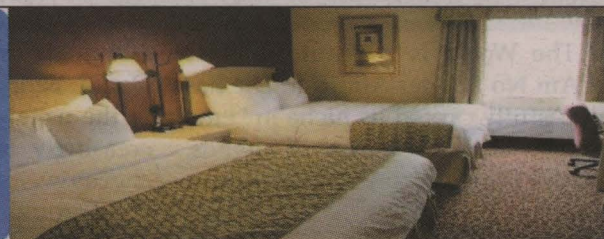
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When I was a junior in high school an adorable, absolutely hilarious Belgium girl named Graci came to study at my school. During her year in America we became

good friends so when it came time for her to go back to Belgium we promised to keep in touch.

We made a point of reaching out to one another periodically throughout the years and, with no thought as to how or when, I promised I would visit soon. Five years later, I finally had the opportunity.

I spent this past weekend tromping around Leuven and Brussels with my wonderful Belgium friend, Graci, leaving hundreds of spent chocolate wrappers in my wake.

I was also able to gaze upon Belgium's pride and glory, Manneken-Pis, which directly translates to "little peeing man" in Dutch. Yes, a statue of a little boy peeing in the center of Brussels attracts thousands of tourists each year. As impressive as this was, the food was far more appealing to me.

We all know Belgium is known for its decadent chocolates and buttery waffles, but I discovered that they also take pride in their delicious frites, which are basically crispy, greaseless French fries doused in an array of sauces ranging from curry ketchup to spicy aioli. I've had a lot of French fries in my 21 years and even though these ones pushed me out of my Heinz ketchup com-

fort zone, they turned out to be the best I've ever had.

Needless to say, my belly ached in punishment on the train ride home. During that time I thought about how thankful I was to have a Leuven local as my friend and tour guide. Without Graci, I would have been completely lost on the metro, I wouldn't have found the little peeing statue in Brussels and I definitely wouldn't have tried the strange and savory Belgian frites.

The importance of keeping connections isn't only beneficial in the working world, but in the travelling world as well. Not only did I learn about the people and culture of Belgium, but I was given a place to stay, crispy fries to eat and as much Belgium beer as I could drink.

I've come to the conclusion that foreign friends are the best hosts and I cannot wait to return the favor.



Review: 'Harmlessness' by The World Is a Beautiful Place & I Am No Longer Afraid to Die

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The World Is a Beautiful Place & I Am No Longer Afraid to Die has successfully carved its niche in "emo revival" after six years of demos, splits, EP's, experimentation and a few style changes.

"Harmlessness," the band's second studio album, shows the true progression of what used to be "just another emo band." Members have gained and lost so many musicians that at this point, the band may seem like a Frankenstein of its former self. But out of the ashes of its most recent line-up change comes an endearing, cohesive project.

"Harmlessness" opens with an acoustic track, which is uncharacteristic of the band. "You Can't Live There Forever" sets the tone for the album. It goes from a soft-singing David Bello, alone with his guitar, to the usual crescendo of synths, increasingly heavier drum beats and chorus.

Through the middle of the album this theme persists and is showcased perfectly in "January 10th, 2014."

The song follows the story of Diana, the savior of Juarez, Mexico, who acted out retribution on a bus driving serial killer. This track departs from the usual paradigm of existential and tangible sadness, and the recovery processes of the two. Even so, the album maintains its mu-

sical cohesiveness.

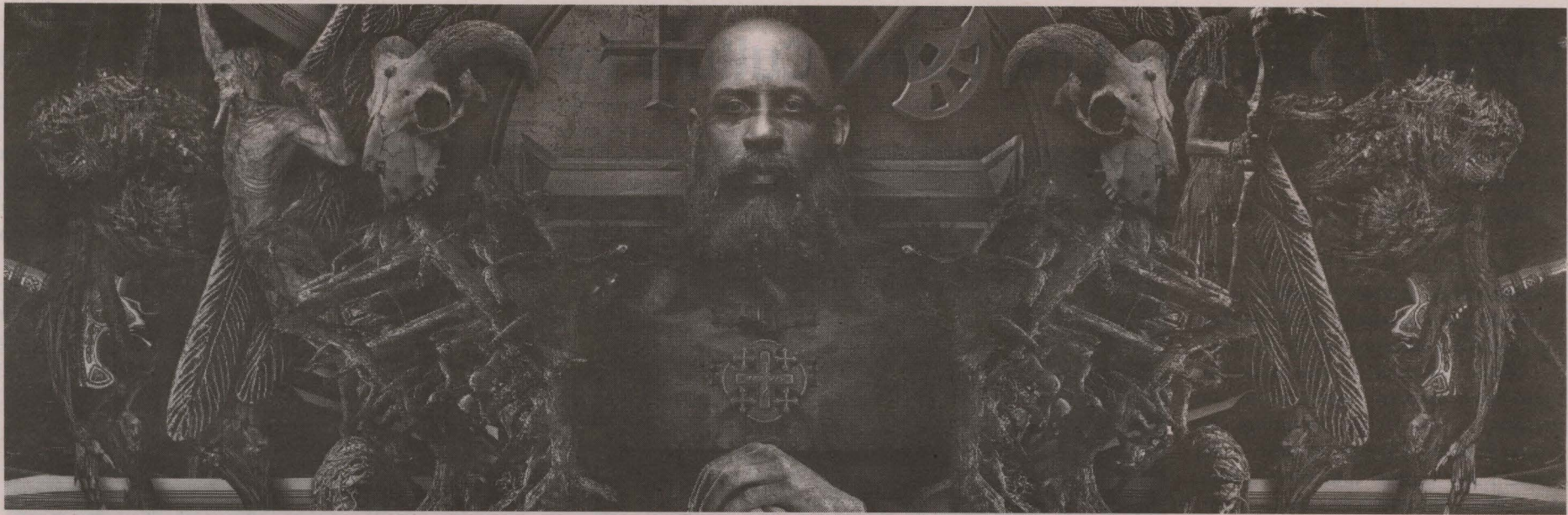
The recurring choruses and guitar/synth tunes that have been existent since the band's first EP, "Formlessness," can be heard. The chorus mentions the homecoming of an unknown character. This persistent theme incites nostalgia that progresses through not only this album, but the band's work as a whole and allows for release.

"Harmlessness" closes with not one but two heavy tracks, allowing the band to keep up with an older image. "I Can Be Afraid of Anything" and "Mount Hum" present the same kind of grandiose theatrical ending as did the last track of the band's first studio release, "Getting Sodas," and can now be added to my lists of

songs to gently weep to.

Overall, "Harmlessness" shows us that The World Is a Beautiful Place & I Am No Longer Afraid to Die is still the emo band we know and love, but now its more theatrical with 100 percent less trumpet and 100 percent more violin.

The band still maintains its charm. It's as if you're returning home after your first year of college. Your nostalgic expectations warp what it's going to be like, and you leave the experience feeling empty in some parts, full in others. Honestly, if you're looking for a strong melodrama that will give you an emotional wringing, "Harmlessness" will provide.



'The Last Witch Hunter' is Hocus Pocus Without Any Focus

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Less can definitely be more, especially in Hollywood.

It is not a coincidence that so many verbally-challenged men have become action heroes. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone, Steven Seagal and Keanu Reeves have all had tremendous action movie success while delivering their dialogue with the emotional complexity of a ham sandwich.

This is what works, though. Sim-

licity is conducive to action movie success because the genre is about raw emotion and impulse. These are the things that have made Vin Diesel successful in his "Fast & Furious" series, and these are the things that make him an utter failure in "The Last Witch Hunter."

This is a movie that has Diesel talking too much and shooting too little. The story is a silly and muddled monster mash cliché that insults the audience by taking itself as seriously as it does. I have skipped through more impressive stories in Nintendo 64 games.

"The Last Witch Hunter" is recycled Hollywood dreck in its purest form. Look no further than the rest of the casting to see how desperately the studio is attempting to recreate another cash cow franchise. You have Elijah Wood from "Lord of the Rings," Rose Leslie from "Game of Thrones" and Michael Caine who is only written into the script so he can deliver cool lines the way he did in the trailers for "The Dark Knight."

The monster hunter thing was fresh and fun, so were the first two "Blade" movies. But that was because they kept it lean and mean, and best

of all, gruesome and scary. The "Underworld" series did a decent job of that as well, but it was already a watered-down version of the concept.

"The Last Witch Hunter" is worse than watered-down, it is basically Hollywood peeing into an empty bottle of nice tequila and trying to resell it at the original price. Do your best to avoid choking down this swill. Instead, smash the bottle over the head of the person who tells you to go watch it.

"The Last Witch Hunter" is hopefully not the first of a franchise, and only manages to earn 3 "Melissa Joan Harts" out of 10.

A Rising in Advising

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As of late, on campus there are two little words that continue to loom over everything: differential tuition.

You have likely seen and heard plenty of opinions about that already, so you are going to be spared exposure to another one here.

The issue has however highlighted another problematic subject that many seem to be ignoring. One of the benefits of differential tuition is that it will potentially add new advisers to help the professors who have to take on too many students.

This is a noble goal, and it is good for everyone involved to have professors advising smaller groups of students. But is throwing money at this sit-

uation really the best way to handle it? Isn't there a more obvious way of helping this issue that would allow money to go in a more worthwhile direction?

We should be cutting back on advising, not expanding it. There should be fewer requirements for advising and a simpler way for students to navigate toward graduation on their own.

Have you really spent time thinking about how your degree progress report looks? Why does it have to be a messy, confusing eyesore of crammed text and numbers spread throughout a dozen different boxes? Everyone needs an adviser in their first year because the important information they need is presented in a way that isn't user-friendly.

Having a requirement that every student needs an adviser's permission to register should be a pretty big clue that the system is too complicated.

Redesign MyPoint to have a simplified layout that makes registering a breeze. Use color-coding to indicate which classes fit which requirements or have dialogue boxes pop up if you accidentally try to register for classes that don't fit your needs.

There is not a good reason that we need to be using a registration program that looks like it was designed on a 90's computer that is barely strong enough to run solitaire. If you streamline the process itself, fewer people will need advisers.

And speaking of people who don't need advisers, that is the other half of this equation. We can also ease the advising situation for professors by allowing students to decline the opportunity. Many students become comfortable setting their own schedules after a few semesters and then end up going to

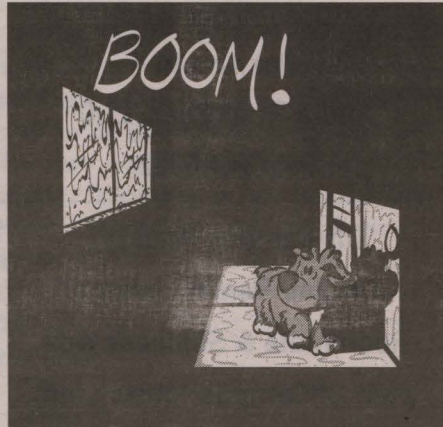
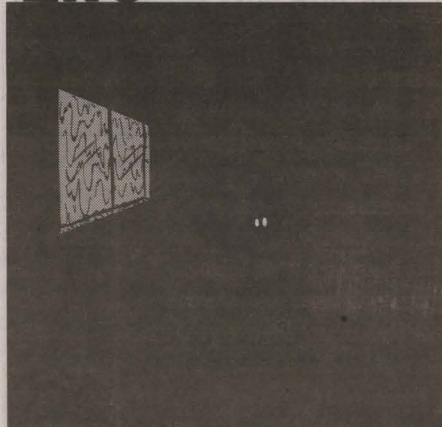
arbitrary meetings with their advisers only because it is required to register.

Why are we forcing people to waste their time and bog down the schedules of professors and students simultaneously? Lift the requirement to meet advisers after the student has completed sophomore year. Not only will it relieve stress for professors, but it will also force students to grow up and become more self-sufficient.

If the process is simplified and fewer students are forced to meet advisers, we will help the situation far more than we would by throwing money at it. We need to look past simply treating the symptom of overworked professors, and look toward curing the disease itself.

Adding more advisers is nothing but a Band-Aid.

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UWSP Celebrates Life, Latino Culture for Day of the Dead

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The annual Day of the Dead celebration will have students dressing up, celebrating and learning about the Mexican holiday that brings life to the dead.

Many University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student organizations are involved in the event, including the Latino Student Alliance, Spanish Club, Student Art League and the Carlsten Art Gallery Student Advisory Committee.

"We are looking forward to encouraging people to increase their knowledge and enjoyment of other cultures. We want people to know about traditions and customs from Latin America. We are very happy that the community and the university participate in this project to share part of our legacy," said Christel Venero, president of the Latino Student Alliance and senior natural resources management major.

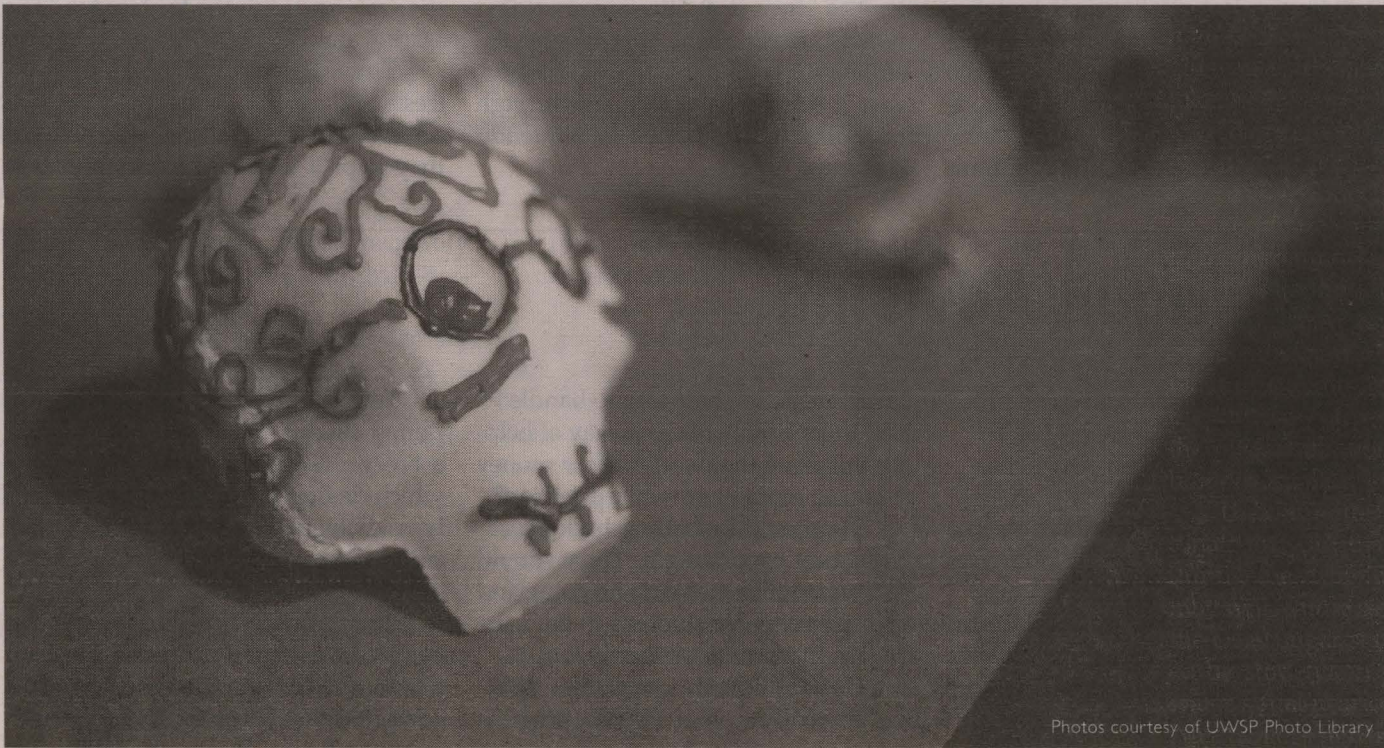
Traditionally, families create altars filled with gifts in memory of the dead during the celebration. The gifts represent the person the altar is in remembrance of. While usually food-related, gifts can also be photos, candles or other tokens.

Each student organization is creating an altar for the reception in memory of a specific person. The alliance and committee are co-creating an altar in memoriam of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, said President Tyler Moberg.


"It's really an awesome way to spread the news of this holiday and what it is about and to really increase the diversity of people who come into the NFAC. It's not your average celebration or gallery event," Moberg said.

The committee is also helping coordinate artwork that will be on display during the exhibition. The gallery exhibit will feature skulls based on Day of the Dead sugar skull decorations created by students in professor Diane Bywater's first-year course. Stevens Point Area Senior High art students will have work on display as well.

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TOP 10 ALBUMS

Oct. 26 to 31

1	The Jungle Giants "Speakerzoid"	6	Saintseneca "Such Things"
2	Gun Outfit "Dream All Over"	7	Chvrches "Every Open Eye"
3	Neon Indian "VEGA INTL. Night School"	8	Disclosure "Caracal"
4	Milo "So The Flies Don't Come"	9	Amy Blaschke "Opaline"
5	Son Little "Son Little"	10	Protomartyr "The Agent Intellect"

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What would you name your autobiography?

"The Life of Lisa Tremel"

What is your jam song?

"'Uptown Funk' by Bruno Mars"

If you could move anywhere, without language barriers, where would you move? Why?

"Paris, France. I really like the old architecture. We don't get that in the U.S. There are a lot of little cafes and young people."

What's your favorite quote?

"Don't sweat the small stuff."

If there was a day between Saturday and Sunday, what would you do with it?

"Sleep. It'd be a relaxing day to unwind from the week."

What is your Favorite TV or movie character?

"All the 'Friends' characters, especially Phoebe because she's so off the wall."

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

OCT. 28	OCT. 29	OCT. 30	OCT. 31	
<p>4 P.M.</p> <p>Performers in Pink <i>Michelsen Hall</i></p>	<p>4 P.M.</p> <p>Coffee and Culture: Let's Talk Disabilities <i>DUC, Laird Room</i></p>	<p>6-9 P.M.</p> <p>Haunted Tour of Old Main <i>Old Main</i></p>	<p>6-9 P.M.</p> <p>Fall Candlelight Hike Festival <i>Schmeekle Reserve</i></p>	<p>6 PM</p> <p>Dia De Los Muertos exhibit reception <i>NFAC</i></p>
	<p>8 P.M.</p> <p>Fix the Fox- Rumble Roots w/ Bill <i>DUC, Encore</i></p>	<p>8 P.M.</p> <p>The Mustache w/ Mobster Lobster <i>DUC, Encore</i></p>	<p>10 P.M.</p> <p>Glass Lanterns <i>DUC, Alumni Room</i></p>	
<p>Costume Sale <i>NFAC Courtyard</i></p>				

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"I am really excited to see the students and how they are participating in it. This is my first time getting to experience the Day of the Dead celebration here on campus. I think it will be a really great event," said Leslie Walfish, director of the Carlsten Art Gallery.

An event reception will be held at 6 p.m. on Oct. 29 to feature a mariachi band, traditional Mexican food from El Ranchito and other activities including Day of the Dead-themed face painting.

Previewing the reception will be a screening of the film, "La Vida y los Muertos" (Life and the Dead) at 5 p.m. The silent film is by Carolyn Kallenborn, associate professor at UW-Madison, and gives viewers a look inside the annual Day of the Dead festival in Oaxaca.

The exhibit will be on display Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 in the Carlsten Gallery located inside the Noel Fine Arts Center. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.



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