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Nominations Due for the University Staff Recognition Awards

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Some professors go above and beyond from their own workload, which is why the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point presents staff recognition awards. These awards aim to recognize faculty and staff members for their incredible work.

Students have ideas for what makes these professors so great. Some students believe that doing more than just running a class makes them an outstanding faculty member. Others appreciate if their professors reach out to them when they notice a difference in their attendance or participation in class.

Samantha Mailhiot, sophomore, said, "Jess Bowers is my favorite professor because she is approachable and very passionate about social work. She makes it known that you can go to her with any problem you have."

Mailhiot believes this ease of

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Keep Calm and Wash Your Hands



A severe flu is making its rounds this year, but one way to help prevent it is to get the influenza vaccine. Students are able to get vaccinated for free at Student Health Services, located in Delzell Hall. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

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This year's flu season is reportedly worse than the last two and the vaccine doesn't seem to be helping much.

According to ABC news, this year's flu season of 2017-18 surpassed the number of confirmed cases reported in the record breaking 2014-15 flu season. But the vaccine has yet to prove its efficacy.

Jen Sorenson, director of Student Health Services, said, "Epidemiologists try to find the right strain and everything when making a vaccine. This year they have the right strain but it's not as effective as it normally is. For whatever reason it's just not as sensitive."

Sorenson also said that this year Student Health Services at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has issued a little under 1,000 vaccines which is about the normal

amount. She explained that number really rises when people start to worry when the flu season worsens. When the H1N1 outbreak happened, the number of vaccines initially increased but decreased when people weren't concerned with it anymore.

"I only get shots when I have to," Taylor Tauber, junior and psychology major, said. "I've never gotten the flu. Even without the shot."

Sorenson said that, nationally, the numbers are high.

"But in our small campus community at least from health services, we aren't seeing large numbers yet," Sorenson said. "It could take a little while. We do anticipate rising numbers eventually."

Typical symptoms include high fever, muscle aches, cough, congestion, headache, sometimes diarrhea and vomiting, but Sorenson explained it's mostly the upper respiratory system that's affected by the flu and that if vomiting

and diarrhea persist, then it's more stomach flu than regular flu.

Sorenson explained the best way for students to prevent the flu is to wash their hands frequently, to get enough sleep, to keep their diets healthy and, if they do get sick, to stay home from class.

"Don't try to go out and do everything," Sorenson said.

Another way to help prevent getting the flu is staying up on vaccinations. Sorenson said that if students get vaccinated every year, they develop immunity to different strains.

"It builds immunities from year to year," Sorenson said.

The vaccine isn't just for the person getting it though. The vaccine can also help others that might be at higher risk of experiencing more severe symptoms due to their own health conditions.

"You are going to expose others to that illness if you don't get the vaccine. I think you need to factor that into

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CORRECTION

In the "Incentive Program Helps Alleviate Pressure of \$2.5M Debt" article in the Jan. 31 edition, Pam Dollard's name was misspelled.

The Super Bowl is Over but AMVETS Still Asks You to #PleaseStand

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The NFL denied ad space in their Super Bowl 53 program to the group American Veterans after the group declined to alter language about standing for the national anthem.

The AMVETS ad featured two soldiers in uniform holding the American flag with the hashtag "#PleaseStand." The message targets NFL players who have taken to kneeling during the national anthem over the last two seasons to raise awareness of social and racial injustice.

AMVETS, an organization that was founded in 1944 has more than 250,000 members nationwide. AMVETS exists to enhance the quality of life for all veterans, their families and survivors by reintegrating veterans and helping them find employment, as well as offering scholarships.

Brian McCarthy, NFL spokesperson, reported that the league asked AMVETS to consider changing the text to say, "Please Honor our Veterans" or "Please Stand for our Veterans." AMVETS and the NFL were unable to reach an agreement in time to meet the deadline for program production.

Robert Rohde, President of AMVETS Chapter 13 based out of Redgranite, WI, was disappointed to hear the league's decision.

"A vast majority of the veterans just don't watch NFL anymore," Rohde said. "Why should we even waste our time watching the game?"

Rohde, who spent two years overseas in the United States Air Force, expressed dismay over the treatment of veterans, "A guy protecting a football wears a helmet and makes millions of dollars. A guy protecting our country wears a helmet and doesn't even make \$1000 a month."

While the NFL denied the ad, two other major sports leagues, the NBA and the NHL accepted it for use in programs for their All-Star Games.

Devon Sindelar, senior forestry major and member of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Veterans Club, supports the player's right to kneel during the national anthem, but questions why the AMVETS add got denied.

"Why are they censoring us? What did we do?" Sindelar said.

Sindelard served in the marine corps for over five years.

"It kind of splits everyone. I think they're two really good things we should be able to get behind," Sindelar said.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Sunday, January 28

A wellness check was called in for an individual vomiting in Smith Hall.

Monday, January 29

A female called in to report a suspicious individual outside of Albertson Hall asking for a laundromat. They felt that it was unsafe to have him out there.

Wednesday, January 31

Staff member called PS stating that a student had reported a strange popping sound from the third floor of the CPS.

Thursday, February 1

An individual called to report being stuck in an elevator in Albertson Hall. The individual claimed she got into the elevator on the sixth floor it dropped rapidly to the fourth floor paused then dropped again to the second floor. When it came to a stop, the doors would not open.

A staff member called in to report that while cleaning out a room they found what they believe to be drugs.

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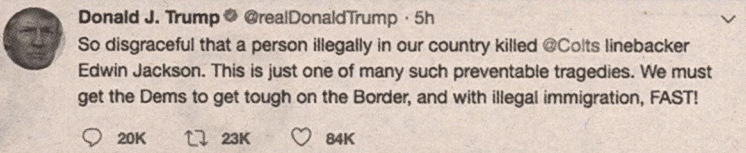
Mueller's Russia Investigation

Last week The New York Times reported that in June President Trump tried to fire Robert Mueller, the FBI agent investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election. Trump only backed down after Donald McGahn, White House counsel, threatened to quit rather than execute Trump's order.

FBI Secret Memo Released

Republicans argue that the memo reveals the FBI has an anti-Trump Bias. In regards to the memo, FBI Director Christopher Wray said, "With regard to the House Intelligence Committee's memorandum, the FBI was provided a limited opportunity to review this memo the day before the committee voted to release it. As expressed during our initial review, we have grave concerns about material omissions of fact that fundamentally impact the memo's accuracy." Trump admitted in phone calls after reading the memo that releasing the memo will help undermine Mueller's Russia investigation.

Tweet of the Week
Screen Capture from twitter.com



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your decision on whether or not you get your vaccine,” Sorenson said.

Student Health Services still has vaccines and are giving them out at no charge.

To make an appointment at Student Health Services located in Delzell Hall, call 715-

346-4646. Their hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Student Health Service

Student Health Service, which is located in Delzell Hall, is giving free flu vaccinations. Photo by Ross Vetterkind



A cold and the flu (influenza) are two different illnesses. Make sure you know the difference.

COLD	VS.	FLU
Low or none	FEVER	High
Sometimes	HEADACHES	Very common
Stuffy, Runny	NOSE	Stuffy, Runny
Very common	SNEEZING	Sometimes
Mild, Hacking	COUGH	Severe
Slight	ACHES/PAINS	Severe
Mild	FATIGUE	Can last for several weeks
Sore	THROAT	Sometimes sore
Normal, may feel sluggish	ENERGY	Extreme exhaustion
Symptoms can last 7-10 days	DURATION	Symptoms can last several weeks

An informational poster listing the differences in cold and flu symptoms. Photo by McKenzie Noltner

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communication makes it easier for students to ask for help when they feel connected to their professors.

Faculty and staff members who go above and beyond are eligible for multiple awards dedicated to showing them their deserved recognition and reassuring them of the quality work they are providing. The Outstanding Work Performance Award, University Staff Service Award and Carolyn Rolfson-Sargis Award are all three such awards.

The Outstanding Work Performance Award recognizes those who continue to take on responsibilities that help enhance the workplace.

The University Staff Service award recognizes staff members that give back to the university and get involved with campus committees and organizations.

The Carolyn Rolfson Sargis Award is an annual award that can be presented to a university staff member who has worked at least 25 years at UWSP.

The university staff recognition awards can be given to any member of the staff that has helped those within the university.

“Any professor that understands that students have lives outside the classroom allows them to be more approachable and I appreciate that in a professor,” said Mailhiot.

Carley Viissers; freshman, felt the same way and enjoys not feeling like just another ID number.

Elliot Van Oss, junior, said,

“A professor that will get to know you personally and help you through anything is what makes them a great professor.”

If there is a professor that students think should be recognized, a one-page form has to be filled out, which can be found on the UWSP website, and then submitted electronically. Just simply filling out a form can give university staff members the recognition they deserve. Nominations are due February 14, 2018.

Cape Town Will Run Out of Water in April



An aerial view of Cape Town South Africa. The city is running dangerously low on water and is estimated to run out by April 3 of this year. Photo courtesy of Pixabay

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Cape Town, the capital city of South Africa, is predicted to run out of its water reserves by mid-April of this year.

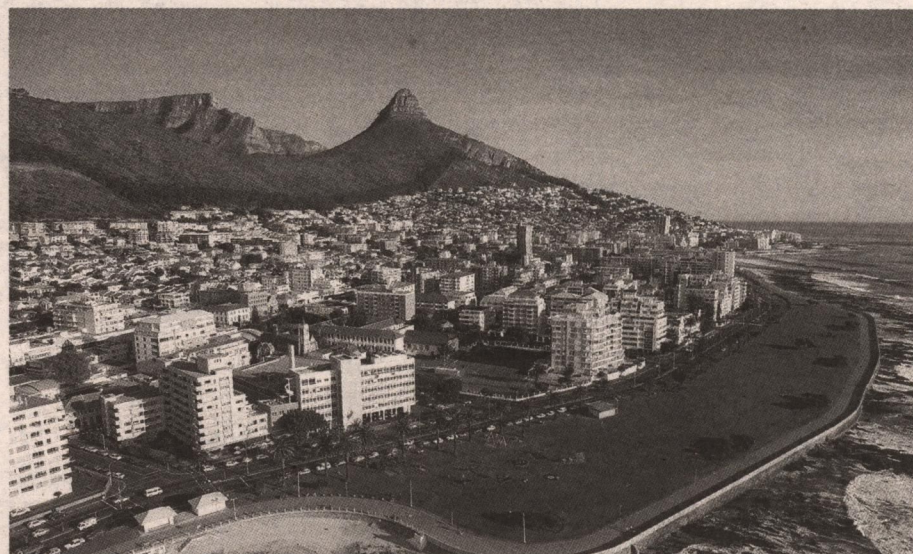
The reason for the water crisis seems to be three years of severe droughts, as well as unsustainable water use by the city's rapidly growing population.

Cape Town's attempt for water conservation proved to be ineffective, with only about half of the population reaching

a desirable target of water usage. The rest of the residents continue using water beyond the city's recommendations in the preparation for the so-called "Day Zero."

Once the water supply runs dry, the residents of Cape Town will have to go to public water points protected by armed guards, where they will only be allowed to collect just over 6.5 gallons of water per day. To compare, an average person in the U.S. uses about 60 gallons of water throughout the day.

The crisis in South Africa



Cape Town South Africa. The city has been a topic of interest since news broke that the city is soon to run out of water. Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

raises questions about water supply worldwide. Is it possible that certain parts of the U.S. where the water is scarce are under the same threat as Cape Town?

George Kraft, former professor of water resources at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, talks about past instances of water shortage in the United States.

"The closest thing to a crisis in the urban area was in Atlanta just a few years ago where their reservoirs were way down," Kraft said.

There was a debate about how much water belongs to Georgia and how much to Florida that has not been sorted out.

"They were nowhere close to Cape Town status, but they were saying that if this continued another 60 days serious conservation methods would have to be implemented" Kraft said.

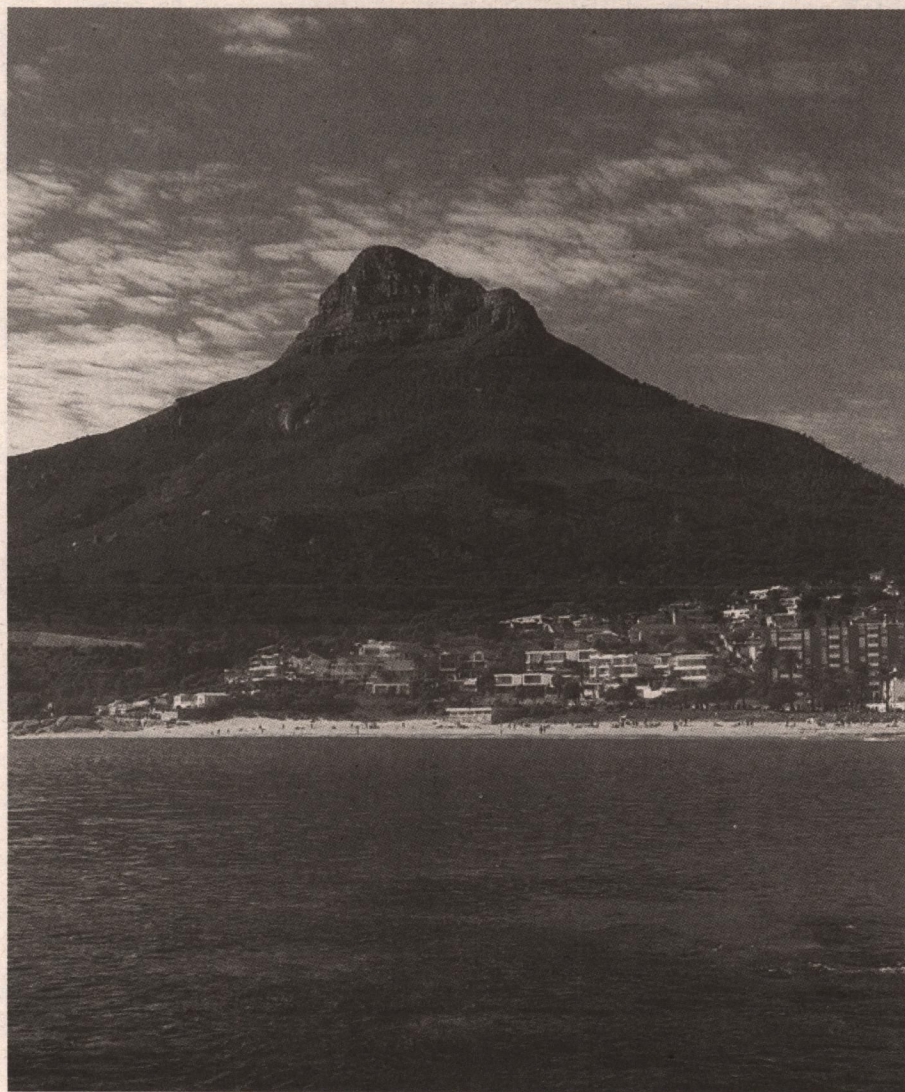
The situation in Atlanta is one of the only cases in the U.S. where an urban population was threatened with water supplies running dry. The biggest concern for water supply in the U.S. is usually agricultural livelihood in places such as California, Nebraska and Kansas.

California has been living beyond its water budget for 100 years because its infrastructure is overstretched. The droughts also seem to be coming a lot more regularly than they used to, which is attributed to climate change.

When asked whether there is a serious dialogue about diverting water from the Great Lakes to drought-prone areas, Kraft said it was highly unlikely.

"Places in Nebraska and Kansas, where agricultural production has used up all their water -- they literally don't have any more water in the aquifer--, have low-value crops, such as soy and corn. It wouldn't make any economic sense to build that kind of infrastructure there," Kraft said.

Even though currently, severe water shortage is not an acute issue in the U.S., the situation in Cape Town serves as a wake-up call to populations all over the world. Fresh, clean water is a limited resource and a more efficient use of this resource is crucial for the environmental wellness of the planet.



A view of Lions Head Beach in Cape Town South Africa. The city is estimated to run out of water by April 3 of this year, making it one of the most severe urban water crises. Photo courtesy of Max Pixel

Environmental Books and Movies to Liven Up February Blues

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Although sub-zero wind chills and icy streets may deter students from getting outside to enjoy nature, they provide the

town through toxic contamination of their drinking water. Although dramatized, it is based on real events. The film depicts a powerful, and in real life rare moment, when environmental justice trumps profit, providing an empowering message for en-

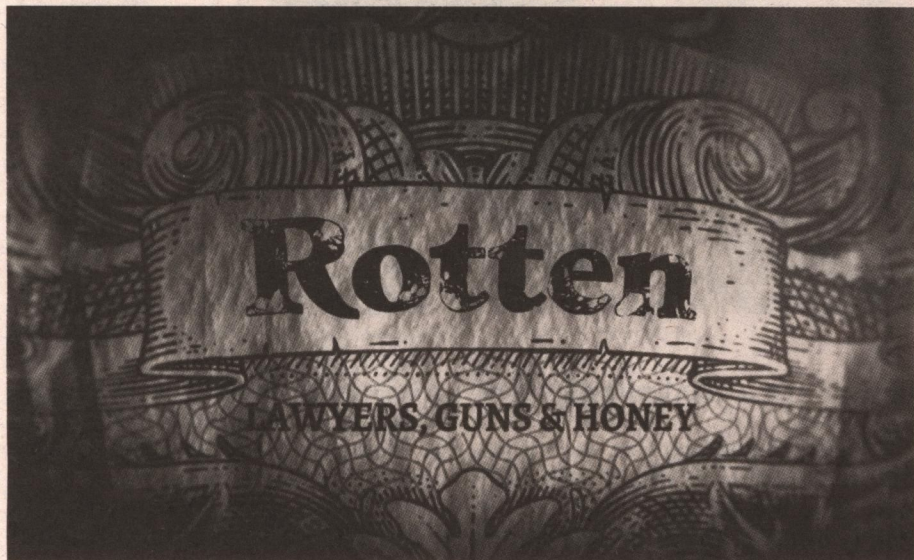
to Canada on recently-broken wild-mustangs. The film features spectacular views of the very rugged west, which offer a sharp contrast to the midwestern winter surrounding us.

While the array of environmental movies is extensive, the selection of books is nearly endless. If you need proof, just spend an afternoon browsing the campus library.

Jessycah Anderson, junior natural resource planning major, said that she has been reading

"This Changes Everything: The Capitalism of Climate Change." Anderson said the book is a great resource for understanding the history and current use of fossil fuels in America in relation to "the whole climate battle."

Although icy weather may keep everyone indoors, the vast array of environmental themed books and movies make the midwinter blues more bearable for avid outdoors-people.



"Rotten" episode one, season one. "Rotten" is a documentary available on Netflix, which discusses the global food industry. Screenshot from Netflix.com

perfect opportunity to cozy-up with a book or movie to get inspired and informed.

Mark Cook, freshman chemical engineering major, said that he has been enjoying watching "Rotten," a documentary series which arrived to Netflix this January.

"It just inspired me to eat better food and know where my food is coming from and eat local food," said Cook.

Each of the six episodes have intriguing titles such as "Garlic Breath" and "Lawyers, Guns and Honey." While they each focus on a different product, the over-arching theme is food.

Eve Kramer, junior wildlife ecology major, said that "Erin Brockovich" is her go-to environmental movie.

The film follows legal assistant Erin Brockovich, played by a spunky Julia Roberts, who exposes a company that is poisoning the residents of a small

environmentalists. Although the film is uplifting, there is some controversy over the outcome of the real-life events.

For those who are solely looking to enjoy scenery and sunshine, "180 Degrees South" is a more light-hearted documentary available on Netflix.

The film follows a group of happy-go-lucky surf-loving mountain climbers on their quest to reach Patagonia. The journey is pure adventure and has truly majestic views, accompanied by soulful feel-good folk. The film provides a pleasant escape from a cold Wisconsin night.

"Unbranded" is another Netflix documentary to watch, if not solely for images of magnificent landscapes and beautiful horses.

This documentary tells the story of a gaggle of aspiring cowboys who attempt to ride from the U.S. Mexico border



"This Changes Everything" is the fourth book written by Naomi Klein which discusses climate change and economics. Photo courtesy of Naomi Albert



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Men's Basketball Back to Winning Ways



Coach Dernbach and the team celebrate a three point shot. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

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After a rough non-conference schedule that included traveling to Las Vegas, NV., for the d3hoops.com classic, the UWSP men's basketball team is defining its season in conference play.

UWSP was picked to finish fifth in the conference by Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference head coaches and sports information directors before the season began, and now the Pointers stand atop the conference with a 9-1 record and a 15-6 overall record.

"We knew coming in that the only people betting on ourselves were us," junior forward Canon O'Heron said.

"Now that we're at the top of the conference, there's kind of more pressure on us. Teams are definitely going to come after us a little bit harder in every game, so we've got to be really well prepared," senior guard M.J. Delmore said.

Stevens Point has had to find players to step up in the absence of last year's leading scor-

er, Ethan Bublitz, who was shut down after experiencing ankle pain from a lingering injury in September of 2017.

The Pointers lost two of its first three games but responded with two separate five-game winning streaks down the stretch.

"We thought we would struggle early," head coach Bob Semling said. "It took us awhile to kind of find our way and figure out some new roles and identity."

One of the players that has found a big role in the offense has been junior guard Nate Dodge. The Army transfer has led the Pointers in seven major statistical categories including scoring (275 points), scoring average per game (13.1 points) and field goals made (91).

When asked how it felt to have this success, Dodge said, "Good, I can't complain... It's just fun playing basketball."

In addition to these feats, Dodge also broke the school record for made three-pointers with 10 against Hope College on Dec. 9.

"He came off the bench early on in the season, now he's start-

ing and it's a good punch," Delmore said.

"Whenever you're in trouble, just look for 13, he can bail you out. He makes some of the most unreal shots that I have ever seen," O'Heron said.

The team has already eclipsed last season's victory total of 14 by winning 15 games this season.

The improvement by the team can be attributed to having Semling back as its head coach after serving a suspension last season.

"He's been a part of so many great teams in Pointer history and he's got an unbelievable knowledge of the game," Dodge said.

"I think it shows that having a coach for a full season helps," Delmore said.

Semling has helped bring four national championships to the university and has been selected WIAC Coach of the Year four times during his span with the team which dates to 2006.

"I think the energy that he brings every day really helps keep our energy high," O'Heron said. "He's really motivating and inspiring every day."

Semling noted that the team is not exactly where it wants to be yet but there is time to improve and players agree.

"We're still trying to fix a few things defensively, but we're confident that we can become one of the best defensive teams in the country by the time that the year is over," O'Heron said.

"I think shooting is probably our best strength, we have a lot of great shooters and I think we're starting to come around with our defense as well too," junior Brett Tauber said.

As the post-season draws near, the team looks forward to extending its season after not being able to the prior season because of a ban.

"Now that we have an end goal here with the conference tournament and hopefully the NCAA tournament, it gives us a little bit extra motivation every single day to come out and work hard," O'Heron said.

As the team finds a balance both offensively and defensively, the group has been gaining momentum and now looks to cement its name in history as it has done so many times already.

Sports Events

Women's Hockey

Feb. 9,
at UW-Superior
7 p.m.

Feb. 10,
at UW-Superior
2 p.m.

Feb. 13,
vs. Concordia
University
7 p.m.

Men's Hockey

Feb. 9,
at UW-Stout
7 p.m.

Feb. 10,
vs. UW-Eau Claire
7 p.m.

Wrestling

Feb. 9,
WIAC Championships
12 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Feb. 7,
at UW-Platteville
7 p.m.

Feb. 10,
vs. UW-Stout
3 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Feb. 7,
vs. UW-Platteville
7 p.m.

Feb. 10,
at UW-Stout
3 p.m.

Track & Field

Feb. 10,
at Midwest Invitational
11 a.m.

Look Into Sports

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY FALLS ON SENIOR DAY

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team lost to UW-Eau Claire 2-1 on Feb. 3 as the Pointers finished the weekend with a series record of 0-3 against the Blugolds.

Senior defenseman Ellie Punnett tied the game late in the first period as she was assisted by junior defenseman Lauren Smith and freshman forward Cassie Newcomer.

The Blugolds defense held the Pointers scoreless the rest of

the way and Eau Claire's Mariah Czech scored a late third period goal on a power play to put the game on ice.

Senior goaltender Sydney Conley was credited with 28 saves in the loss and gathered a series total of 116 saves.

Stevens Point will start the front-end of an away series with UW-Superior on Friday, Feb. 9. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Current Standings

UW-River Falls	5-1-1	16-4-2
UW-Eau Claire	3-3-1	14-6-3
UW-Superior	3-3-1	14-7-1
UW-Stevens Point	1-5-1	11-9-2

MEN TAKE FIRST AT POINTER INVITE

A strong showing by men's track and field helped the team record a first-place finish at the home invitational on Feb. 3 in the Multi-Activity Center with a score of 190 points. The women finished the invite in 4th place with a score of 80.5 points.

Brent Reiersen (weight throw, 18.46 meters), Alex Egbert (800-meter run, 1:56.55), Jeremy Lee (long jump, 6.73 meters) and Tom Kohn (60-meter hurdles, 8.51) each finished first in their respec-

tive events for the Pointers.

Anna Hogan won the triple jump for the women with a distance of 11.30 meters. Emily Schlebecker (800-meter run, 2:18.83) and Hannah Mertens (200-meter dash, 25.94) took third in each of their respective events.

The Stevens Point track and field teams will head to Whitewater on Saturday, Feb. 10, for the Midwest Invitational. Events are set to begin at 11 a.m.

ROLAND LIFTS STEVENS POINT OVER RIVER FALLS WITH LAST SECOND BASKET

Senior guard Mickey Roland sealed the road victory for UWSP as she made a layup with two seconds left in regulation to defeat UW-River Falls 72-70 on Feb. 3.

Roland finished the game with a double-double (10 points and 10 rebounds) and recorded 2 assists.

The late score by Roland snapped a 9-0 run by the Falcons as the Pointers went cold the prior

4 minutes.

Fellow guard Carly Cerrato led Stevens Point in scoring with a career-high 23 points, while adding an assist, five rebounds and a steal.

The Pointers will look to bring the momentum of the win home when it takes on UW-Platteville on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

Current Standings

UW-Whitewater	8-2	18-3
UW-Oshkosh	7-3	17-3
UW-Eau Claire	7-3	15-6
UW-La Crosse	7-3	14-7
UW-River Falls	5-5	14-7
UW-Stevens Point	4-6	10-11
UW-Platteville	2-8	6-15
UW-Stout	0-10	7-14

NELSON SCORES DAGGER AS THE POINTERS EXTEND WIN STREAK TO THREE

Junior Mark Nelson showed his talent in the clutch as he lifted the men's basketball team over UW-River Falls with a layup conversion with four seconds remaining in the contest.

Nelson scored six total points and added three rebounds in the victory.

Sophomore forward Brandon Spray led the Pointers with a career-high 13 points and contributed the team's only block.

Drew Fredrickson, M.J. Del-

more and Canon O'Heron each scored 11 points, with O'Heron leading the team in rebounds (5) and Fredrickson leading the team in assists (4).

Stevens Point men's basketball has now won eight straight home games.

UWSP hits the road to take on UW-Platteville Wednesday, Feb. 7, as the team looks to extend its winning streak to four games. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

MEN'S HOCKEY ENDS WEEKEND WITH NARROW ROAD VICTORY

The men's hockey team extended its winning streak to five games with a 4-2 road win over UW-Superior on Feb. 3.

Junior forward Tanner Karty recorded two goals and an assist as he helped lead the Pointers to its triumph.

Freshman forward Colin Raver struck first for Point with a goal during the 12th minute of the first period as he was assisted by Karty and senior forward Willem Nong-Lambert.

Karty then scored later in the first period to take the lead with help from Nong-Lambert and Raver.

Sophomore forward Austin Kelly extended the Pointers lead to

two goals when he found the net in the middle of the second period. Kelly was assisted by Raver.

The Yellowjackets drew within one goal with a score late in the third period.

Stevens Point responded with an empty net goal by Karty with one second left to help seal the win.

Senior goalie Max Milosek secured 15 saves in the victory and finished the weekend with 38 saves.

Men's hockey heads to Menomonie on Friday, Feb. 9, to compete against UW-Stout in the final regular season road contest for the Pointers. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

Current Standings

UW-Stevens Point	5-0-1	17-4-2
UW-Eau Claire	4-2	14-9
UW-Stout	3-3	6-14-2
UW-Superior	2-3-1	9-12-2
UW-River Falls	0-6	6-15-2

SWIMMING AND DIVING SPLITS DUEL WITH MILWAUKEE

UWSP men's swimming and diving team grabbed another victory with a 144-118 win over UW-Milwaukee at the final regular season home contest on Feb. 2, while the women lost 170-81.

Sam Jekel, Reilly Donnellan, Brandon Richardson and Jack Englehardt formed a team that finished first for the Pointers in both the 200-yard medley relay (1:32.10) and 200-yard freestyle relay (1:22.88).

Englehardt (50-yard freestyle, 20.84 and 100-yard freestyle, 47.32),

Jekel (100-yard backstroke, 51.89 and 100-yard butterfly, 50.86) and Zach Ogurek (breaststroke, 58.84) each took first in their respective events.

Anna O'Malley picked up the lone first place finish for the women with a time of 59.11 in the 100-yard butterfly.

Both teams will have two weeks to prepare for the WIAC Championships in Brown Deer. The events run from Thursday, Feb. 15, through Saturday, Feb. 17.



Curling World Championships. Photo provided by Wikimedia Commons.

Students Weigh in on Winter Olympics Ahead of Opening Ceremony

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The 2018 Winter Olympics will commence in Pyeongchang, South Korea on Friday, Feb. 9 and will run through Sunday, Feb. 25.

The 23rd edition of the Winter Games will unite 92 countries in competition over a series of 102 events, which will be divided between 15 featured sports disciplines.

Traditional sporting events like alpine skiing, bobsleigh, cross-country skiing, curling, speed skating, figure skating, skeleton and snowboarding will be featured in the 2018 Winter Games.

Four new disciplines have also been added to the mix for 2018. According to a report from Sports Illustrated, big air snowboarding and skiing, mixed doubles curling and mass-start speed skating will be introduced to the Olympic stage in Pyeongchang.

Prior to the opening ceremony on Friday, students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point weighed in with their thoughts on the tradition. Some UWSP students enjoy watching the Winter Olympics and are looking forward to the 2018 games, while others will not be

watching.

Sophomore Daniel Rider is among the contingent who enjoy watching the competition between world-class athletes.

"I enjoy watching skiing, snowboarding and skeleton," Rider said. "For skiing and snowboarding, I like watching the racing and freestyle events."

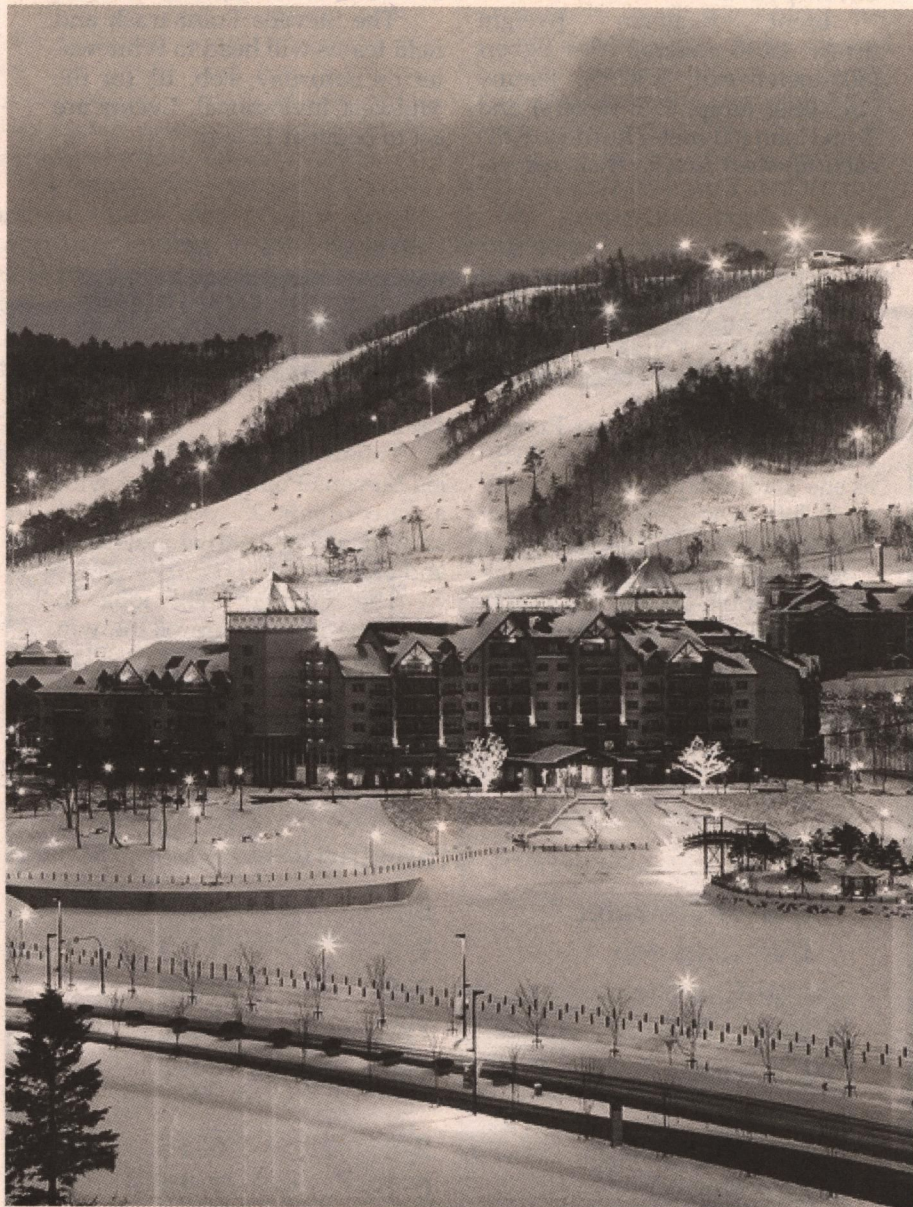
Rider's appreciation for the tradition can be attributed, in part, to the global unity it promotes as well as the motivation it provides for up-and-coming athletes.

"It gives athletes something to strive for and it brings individual countries together to cheer on our athletes," Rider said.

In contrast to Rider, junior Ian Waller and freshman Austin Brooks said that they don't watch the Winter Games. Despite their lack of interest, both students agree that the Olympics are important from a macro perspective because of its cultural significance.

"They are culturally relevant and hold tradition within so many communities," Waller said.

Brooks said, "I think that the Winter Olympics is an important tradition because it celebrates camaraderie and companionship between countries."



Pyeongchang, Korea. Photo provided by Flickr

Art for the Community and a Community for Artists



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Downtown Stevens Point is home to a unique art gallery called Q Artists Cooperative.

Typical art galleries invite artists to display their work there, and the gallery then receives a percentage of any sales the artist makes. In a cooperative, every artist is part owner.

This cooperative business style allows Q Gallery to carry out its mission statement: to create art for the community and a community for artists.

The co-op has been open for nine years, and currently has 18 members, all of which are from the local area. Each member serves on the board of directors and has an equal say in how the gallery should operate.

Mary Ellen Pollock, Q Artists Cooperative's founding member, is proud of the gallery's success.

"We have been a really successful gallery when you think about what the economic climate has been over the last nine years," Pollock said. "Through the last nine years, we've had a lot of support from the town. We sell a lot of art."

Pollock explained that there

are certain standards that need to be met in order for an artist to become part of the cooperative. One standard rule is that the gallery will not accept two artists who work in the same medium.

This rule encourages a wide variety of art to be represented in the gallery.

Pollock said there are print makers, oil painters, water colorists, furniture makers, ceramic

"It's a requirement of membership that we have to support the gallery financially and in terms of operation. So you could conceivably be a member who pays more and works less for the upkeep," Pollock said.

The gallery doesn't have any employees, instead the artists all contribute their time to keep the gallery open Tuesday through Sunday every week.

In addition to normal operat-

give workshops on whatever is their medium. We have Erin Prais-Hintz who does jewelry workshops. Kristie Cecil does painting workshops. I'm a print maker; I do print making workshops," Pollock said.

"One of our newest members [Jessie Fritsch] is an encaustic painter, that's painting with hot wax. She's planning on doing a workshop," Pollock said.

Q Artist Cooperative also welcomes help from volunteers and interns.

"We are always looking for the next intern. We have a wonderful intern right now, but for next year fall and winter we're definitely wanting to find interns," Pollock said.

Every eight weeks, all the artists gather together to switch out the art featured in the gallery, which is always followed by a celebration.

"Every time we have an opening, which is every eight weeks, we have a party... They're lovely! We have pretty food and wine and music," Pollock said.

The next opening event will be happening in March. For more information on the event, workshops or the artists can be found on their website: www.qartists.com.



Photo by Elizabeth Olsen

artists and jewelry makers, just to name a few.

There are also responsibilities the artists involved must follow through on.

ing hours, the gallery also hosts workshops. These are a great way for community members to learn directly from artists.

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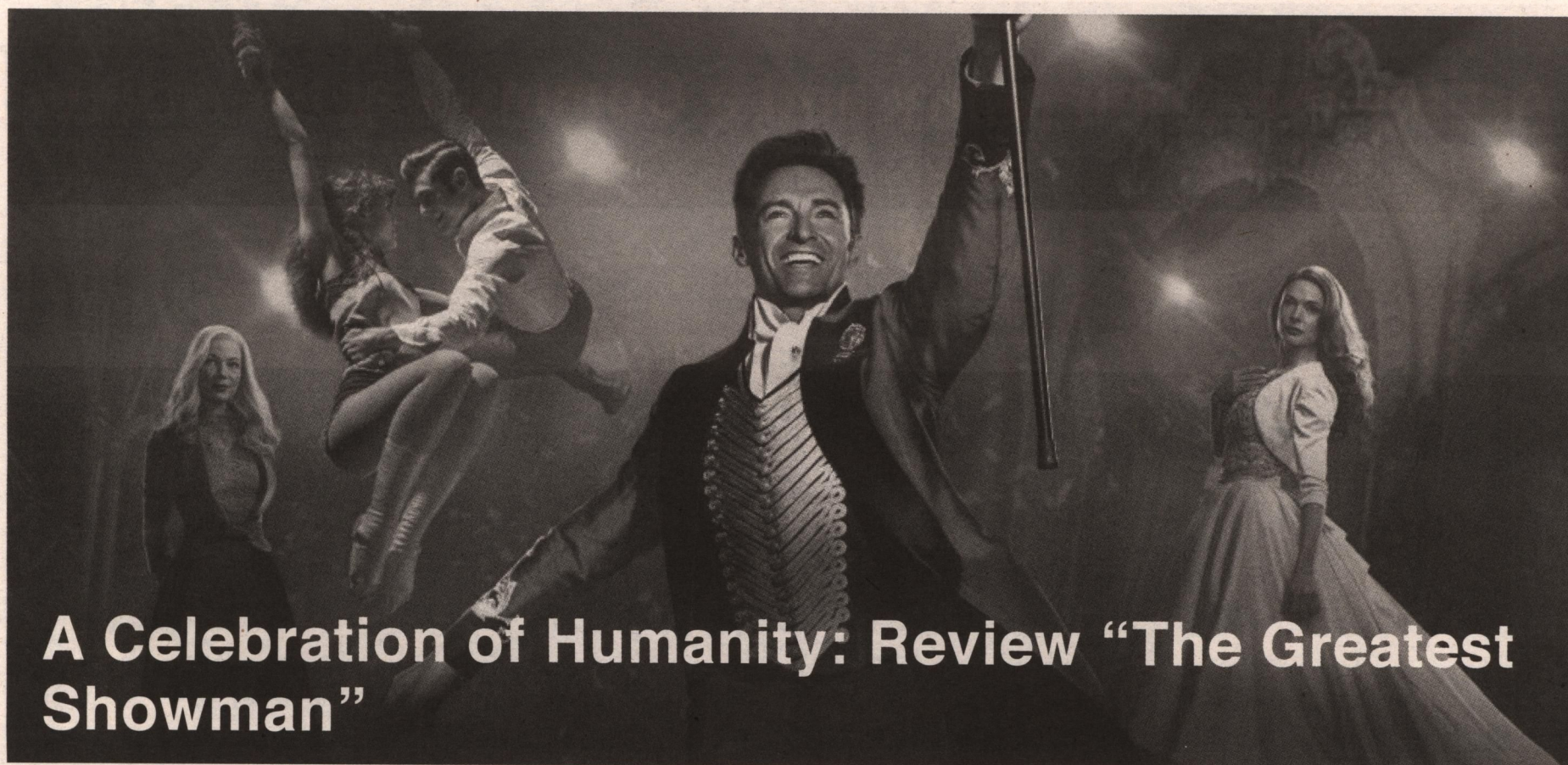
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A Celebration of Humanity: Review "The Greatest Showman"

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Chase your dreams and never stop running towards them.

"The Greatest Showman" reminds viewers of everything they love about show business and what it means to live and to dream.

The film tells the story of Phineas Taylor Barnum as his life culminates to create the greatest show on earth, the Barnum Circus.

With stars such as Hugh Jackman and Zac Efron, the cast presents faces the audience will recognize while filling out with

lesser-known but beautifully talented and diverse actors and actresses.

The story fits perfectly as a musical. Its striking and emotional numbers are paired with poignant choreography that will sweep the audience into Barnum's world of the show.

Each song brings a new wave of emotion, carrying the viewer through a journey from wonder to heartbreak to hope to pride.

"The Greatest Showman" is not so much a "movie" as it is an experience. Before the film begins, a clip plays of director Michael Gracey and Hugh Jackman thanking the audience for coming to see the film and ex-

plaining that a theater showing is how "The Greatest Showman" is meant to be seen, amid an audience and as a live experience.

The film bridges the two worlds of the show and of reality in pure cohesion. The audience is allowed to be swept away into the wonder of a new world but, through the realness of the story, cannot forget the world from which they come.

In all ways, "The Greatest Showman" breaks down expectations. It changes how audiences think of their theater experience. It challenges the prejudices that exist in the world, including intolerance of difference, racism, socio-economic divide and

the opposition that faces those who dare to dream.

Regardless of who he was before he entered the show, no one will leave the theater after seeing "The Greatest Showman" for the first time without being changed.

When you leave, your heart will be fuller, and maybe your eyes a bit damper, but you'll carry with you something you'll never quite forget. You'll remember to celebrate who you are and how others are different from you.

And you will never forget to dream with your eyes wide open.

Humans of Point

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If you could travel anywhere in the world right now, where would it be?

If I could go anywhere in the world, I would go to Santorini, Greece. I would love to stay in one of the white houses that overlooks the sea and spend all day swimming and reading.

What's the worst part about traveling?

The worst part about traveling is definitely sitting still until you get there. I always get so excited to be at my final destination that just sitting and waiting is torture!

What are you looking forward to most this semester?

I'm taking 18 credits and working, so I look forward to the precious little sleep I'll get. Oh, and I'm taking English 357: Independent Writing again. If it's anything like last time, it'll be a cultivating experience.

What's the best part about traveling?

The best part about traveling is seeing new places! Even if it's just a short road trip, I love driving through little towns that I've never seen before.

Road to the Oscars: Academy Award Nominations Announced

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The 90th Academy Awards ceremony is approaching, and film enthusiasts across the world have their eyes on Hollywood as the most critically acclaimed actors and projects from 2017 compete for recognition from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Guillermo del-Toro's triumphant return to fantasy drama, "The Shape of Water," accrued the most award nominations, 13 in total. The second most nominations went to Christopher Nolan's wartime drama "Dunkirk," which received eight nominations. Dramas are not the only

genre represented, however, as cyberpunk neo-noir film "Blade Runner 2049," sequel to the sci-fi cult classic "Blade Runner," and action-crime smash hit "Baby Driver" have also entered the arena at five and three nominations, respectively.

The race for the coveted Best Picture award is anybody's game.

Technical critics seem to be flocking to "The Shape of Water." Del Toro's film has already been awarded the year's Directors Guild of America and Producers Guild of America awards. However, the Screen Actors Guild gave their yearly award for Best Ensemble to drama nominee "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri."

According to Adam Chitwood, writer for movie-news outlet Collider, only six of the last ten yearly winners of SAG's Best Ensemble have gone on to win Best Picture at the Academy Awards despite actors making up the largest branch of voters in the Academy.

"The 2018 nominees for best picture bring a far more diverse and interesting list of films than I think the Academy has had in a while," Iain Hood, junior and communication major with an emphasis in media studies and local cinephile, said.

Hood refers to "Dunkirk" and competing wartime drama "Darkest Hour" as the academy's "bread and butter," but notes that among the top con-

tenders are coming-of-age stories ("Call Me By Your Name," "Lady Bird"), stories about coming to terms with tragedy ("Phantom Thread," "Three Billboards") and films that blend magic and fantasy with social commentary ("The Shape of Water," "Get Out").

"Get Out," former comedian Jordan Peele's directorial debut, is Hood's favorite best picture nominee.

"[Get Out] blended comedy, horror and racial issues in a perfect cocktail of atmosphere and terror," Hood said.

Viewers interested in watching the awards ceremony live can tune in to ABC on March 4 at 5:30 p.m.

DIY VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT DIRECTIONS

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and this is the perfect holiday to celebrate love, happiness and companionship. This is a great holiday to present the ones you love with gifts to express your appreciation. Well, if you are in college, you are probably working with a small budget. In this article, I have compiled easy and affordable, yet memorable Valentine's Day DIYs.

DATE NIGHT BOOKLET

Materials:

- 14 all white note cards
- Assorted decorative paper (used as dividers)
- Pens
- Scissors
- Hole Punch
- Binder Ring

Steps:

1. Design both sides of the note card.
2. On the front of the card, put one month of the year along with your chosen date night. Then decorate the back (with things such as cute notes or sayings).
3. There will be two additional note cards left over: one for the title cover and one for the end cover (you could also decorate both of these).
4. In between each note card, add some decorative paper or photographs.
5. Punch a hole into the left top corner of the note cards.
6. Insert your binder ring through the holes of the note cards.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

Wednesday
February 7

Daddy's Home

DUC Theater

7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Thursday
February 8

Bag-Dad with Hunter (Space Pop)

DUC Encore

8- 10:30 p.m.

Friday
February 9

Daddy's Home

DUC Theater

7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Saturday
February 10

Thompson Square

DUC Laird Room

7:30- 10 p.m.

Poet Ebony Stewart

DUC Encore

10- 12 p.m.

Sunday
February 11

Planetarium Show: Clouds of Fire

Blocher Planetarium, Sci Building

2- 3 p.m.

Monday
February 12

Coffee and Culture: A Look Into the Stolen People

DUC Laird Room

6- 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
February 13

Sustainable Film Series: Death By Design

DUC Theater

6:30- 8:30 p.m.



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Arts Bash 2018 was another annual success, filled with great food, drinks, art work and performances. The love and creativity soared through the building as students shared their talents with the community and their peers. Shown are various highlights from the evening filled with happy faces.

"This event was really exciting and entertaining, my favorite part was when the performers freestyled to Beyonce. I can't wait for next year!"

- McKenzie Noltner

