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UW-SP student dies in Wood **County car accident**

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Twenty-three-year-old University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student Dustin R. Proefrock, known as Tank by friends, died Sunday, May 6th as a result of injuries obtained in a single vehicle car crash near Stevens Point.

The accident took place when the Jeep Proefrock was driving failed to negotiate a curve on County P in Wood County. The vehicle left the road and entered a ditch on the north side of the road. The Jeep went airborne then rolled several times before coming to a rest at the bottom of the ditch and starting a small grass fire there. Proefrock, who had failed to wear a seat-

belt, was thrown from the vehicle.

Units from Wood County Rescue, Rudolph Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Higgins Ambulance, and Wisconsin Rapids Ambulance responded to the scene. Proefrock was immediately flown by Theda Clark helicopter to Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, where he was pronounced dead around 1 a.m. Alcohol is suspected to have been a factor in the accident.

Dustin was born January 18, 1984 in Monroe, Wis. He graduated from Brodhead High School in 2002. He was currently a senior at UW-SP majoring in broad-field social



science. He planned on graduating May 20, 2007 with a teaching degree and was pres

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Body of UW-SP student found in river

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The body of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student Dustin J. Nelson, of Marshfield, was found Saturday in the Chippewa River. The 23-year-old was last seen during the last week of April in his hometown and was reported missing by his family on April 27.

Nelson was a senior majoring in wildlife ecology with an emphasis in field biology. Prior to transferring to UW-SP, Nelson attended UW-Marshfield/Wood County where he was named on the dean's list.

In an effort to locate the missing man, teams of searchers used infrared equipment capable of detecting body heat as well as being joined by aircraft. The search started Sunday, April 29, with a team of 100 volunteers from all over the U.S. The search was conducted in the woods near the Chippewa River, southwest of Glidden.

On Wednesday, May 2, Nelson's black Chevrolet Cavalier was found near Pelican Lake in the town of Shanagolden. On Thursday, May 3, an Ashland County deputy found Nelson's canoe lodged upright against rocks after making an aerial search. The canoe was about seven miles downstream in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

The body was discovered about one mile upstream from where the canoe was found. After being recovered, the body was identified as that of Nelson, who was then pronounced dead at the scene by an assistant Ashland County

Aside from being named on the dean's list, Nelson was selected from a range of college

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UW-SP students enjoy a weekend at Rusty's Backwater Saloon

Molly Sipsma

NEWS REPORTER

On Saturday, May 5, some University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students and Stevens Point residents spent their day checking out the food and arts of Portage County's Cultural Festival at Stevens Point Area Senior not there, there is a good chance they were letting loose at Rusty's Backwater Saloon.

When looking for a great time, there is always something happening at this hidden-away restaurant and bar. Throughout the year, Stevens Point residents block off their calendars to take part in events at Rusty's. They host

High (SPASH). If they were - many, including the Special Olympics Polar Plunge in the winter and Lawn Mower Races every season.

> Saturday brought back one of Rusty's most popular events, Rusty's Backwater Bash. Each year, the first Saturday in May brings bands and brews for some end of the spring semester fun. It is an opportunity for UW-SP students to take one last beak from studying before final's week to enjoy music and have a good time.

Admission wasn't free, but that didn't affect the turnout. Hundreds of people showed up for their "Rusty's Beer Mug," which allowed them to refill as many times as they wanted for \$20. Safe rides to and from Rusty's were also taken care of. A number of busses picked up and dropped off people at the downtown square every

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Provost/Vice Chancellor finalists to visit UW-SP

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Four finalists for the positionofProvost/ViceChancellor for Academic Affairs will visit the campus within the next two weeks. The Search and Screen Committee is urging all interested faculty, staff and students to attend and participate in an open forum with each candidate. Each finalist will make a brief presentation on "The three most significant challenges facing public universities in the 21st century." A question and answer session will follow.

The names of the finalists, their scheduled interview dates and open forum times

> Nook, Mark Dean,

Undergraduate Studies at St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minn: Open forum on Tuesday, May 8, at 2 p.m. in Founders Room Old Main.

William McKinney, Dean, College of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, Slippery Rock, Pa. Open forum on Thursday, May 10, at 3 p.m. in Room 120 College of Natural Resources.

Robert Sheehan, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of Toledo, Ohio. Open forum to be deter-

Philip Castille, Dean, College of Arts & Letters at Eastern Washington University, Cheney, Wash. Open forum to be determined.



UW-SP students enjoying, what may be, one of their last weekends in Stevens Point at Rusty's Backwater Saloon

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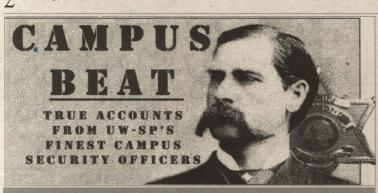
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ently working as a student teacher at Port Edwards Junior

Former Port Edwards student and friend of Proefrock ,Cindy Barton, said "Just knowing that he was helping the students out there was amazing. They all will be honored to have had a teacher like Tank."

Dustin had many interests including downhill skiing, roller blading, traveling, and most of all, people. "One of the things I will always love about Dustin was his excitement and passion for everything; it was definitely contagious!" said friend Renae Palmerton.

The mourning flag will be flown on the UW-SP campus Friday, May 11, in memory of Proefrock. The memorial service will be held at Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead, Wis. Visitation will be Friday, May 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. The service will be Saturday, May 12 starting at 2 p.m. with lunch to follow.

Additional services are scheduled to be held Thursday, May 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Edwards, Wis. from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, May 13th following the 11 a.m. church service at Community Church in Stevens Point.

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15 minutes.

Those who didn't want to celebrate with an alcoholic beverage could also kick back with a soda or a slice of pizza. There was plenty of socializing going on and a live band could be heard rain or shine under the tent.

Anyone who didn't get the chance to make it out to scenic Rusty's for the Backwater Bash can head out there this summer for more

fun in the sun. Rusty's has sand volleyball courts and even offers the option to rent a full-sized Pontoon for the day to explore the Wisconsin River.

Rusty's Backwater Saloon is located approximately five miles southwest of Stevens Point off of Highway P on West River Drive, where Mill Creek empties into the Wisconsin River. They are open from 11 a.m. to close seven days a week. For more information, check out their website at www.rustys.net.

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students for a fellowship at the Foxfire Botanical Gardens. He was also actively involved in "Art in the Garden," a program held at Foxfire. Nelson also took summer classes at UW-Marshfield/Wood County.

Flyers were circulated with Nelson's photo in an effort to find him.

The Ashland County Sheriff's Department, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and USDA Forest Service were involved in the search.

The investigation still continues, as the reason for Nelson's disappearance is

Foul play was not an issue in Nelson's death.

The mourning flag will fly Saturday, May 12 in memory of Nelson. A memorial service will also be held Saturday from 6-10 p.m. at Wildwood Station at Wildwood Park, 1800 . Central in Marshfield.

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this Mother's Day...

Anna Van Handel POINTLIFE REPORTER

It's that time of year again to tell your mother how special she is. Mother's Day is a day for celebrating motherhood and thanking mothers. It is held every year on the second Sunday in May. This year Mother's Day falls on May 13.

Mother's Day in the United States was first proclaimed around 1870 in Boston by Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day Proclamation, and Howe called for it to be observed each year nationally in

In many countries special prayer services are held in churches in honor of mothers. But the most common method of celebrating Mother's Day is to treat mothers with breakfast in bed. Children allow their mothers to sleep till late in the morning while they, along with their father, juggle in the kitchen to prepare her favorite breakfast.

Traditionally mothers receive gifts on this day. Usually children prepare a homemade card and some even make handmade gifts to show their respect and affection for their mother. Charlie Dercks, a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, recalls his favorite gift he made for his mom in school.

"I remember making a little chalk board in 2nd grade, that said I love you mom! I was so excited I couldn't wait until Sunday, so I gave it to her on Friday when I got home from school. Also the smile on her face always made me feel so good," Dercks said.

Older children typically like to buy gifts. If you're having a hard time thinking of an idea for a gift, here are some common ones: flowers, a day at the spa, a card, a book, her favorite perfume, CD, movie, breakfast in bed, yard decorations, home décor, dinner, or if your mom is hard to buy for, a gift certificate is always a perfect idea. Matt Schommer, a sophomore at UW-SP, said, "I'm going to buy my mom a flower pot for the yard. She loves flowers and loves yard decorations!"

No matter what your gift for your mother might be, mothers can sense your feelings with your gift, so it doesn't matter how expensive the gift is, as long as it is from the heart.

Don't forget your Mother Students feed their appetites for knowledge in Hungary

Josie Cowell POINTLIFE REPORTER

The five University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students studying in Szeged, Hungary, this semester have found that the old adage "Time flies when you are having fun" could not be more true. With only three weeks left in the program, everyone is left scratching their heads in awe at how quickly time has passed.

The beginning was, indeed, a little scary for everyone. Walking into a new country where you do not speak the language and trying to carry out day-to-day activities such as buying groceries and paying the rent is no mean task. Everyone has learned to never underestimate the power of body language!

Over the course of the past three months, however, everyone's Hungarian has improved, albeit only slightly. The favorite phrase among the students is still "Nem beszelek magyarul" ("I don't speak Hungarian"), but it is safe to say that everyone is saying "Beszelek egy kicsit magyarul" ("I speak a little Hungarian") more and more

One of the biggest draws about the Hungary program at UW-SP is that there is a lot more freedom to design your own trip than on many of the



UW-SP students enjoying the artwork of famous Hungarian artist Tivadar Kosztka Csontváry at a museum in Pècs.

other study abroad programs. Students were given a weeklong spring break, which allowed students to travel within Europe. Students traveled around Hungary, in the neighboring countries of Austria and the Czech Republic, and even went as far afield as Greece.

No matter where the break took them, everyone was surprised to find that they missed 'home," and were even more surprised to find that the home that they were missing was not Wisconsin but was instead

The last big expedition for the students is a long weekend in Pècs, situated in western Hungary. Pècs is the location of the oldest university in Hungary, established by King Lajos the Great in the 1300s. It is also the home of some fascinating historical and archaeological finds, including an early Roman Christian cemetery and several

national museums. The students also visited Siklòs Castle, on the outskirts of Pècs, and a winery where they had the opportunity to sample several types of Hungarian wines as well as enjoy local fare. The trip culminated in a visit to Opusztaszer National Park, which is home to a traditional Hungarian village, portraying life in Hungary at the turn of the century, and an enormous panoramic painting of the Hungarian land taking

As the trip draws to a close, everyone is both excited to come home and share all of their wonderful experiences, and also a little sad to be leaving the new friends they have made and the places that they have come to know and love. Everyone has very different and very personal memories of their time in Hungary, but all agree that this has been a wonderful and unforgettable experience.









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Washington's dentures are part of one UW-SP student's job

Aimee Freston POINTLIFE REPORTER

Robin Krueger sits down at a large square table and flips a switch which instantly lights the table with bright florescent lights. She places a slide on the table and is shocked by what she sees. The image appears to be a photograph of some dentures - ancient dentures. Krueger looks up with a sour look on her face.

"That's really gross!" she says.

Krueger, an English major, works in the slide room in the Noel Fine Arts building, which contains file cabinets full of slides of paintings, photographs, architecture and graphic design. Many times the slides' subject matter is surprising.

"We have slides of the classic Greek sculptures to modern graphic design. Sometimes, there are some interesting things that I wouldn't classify as art like a painting of a half pig half man with wings," Krueger said.

Krueger is responsible for scanning the inventory of slides into the computer to create an online database. Often, she finds a slide that does not have a title or artist name like the slide of the ancient dentures. So to solve the mystery, she begins to look through the art history books resting on a nearby shelf to see if she can locate the image. If her research in the books comes up empty, Krueger can begin to look through the multiple online databases available.

Krueger looks up from her research and smiles. The dentures belonged to George

"This is why there isn't a boring aspect to my job," Krueger said.

Professors also help with the work load. Sometimes they bring in boxes of slides that have been sitting in their office for quite some time. Krueger will research them to identify the artist, title, and year of the image.

Krueger was hired last year to help create an online database of the slides the Art Department owns. After seeing the job advertised on the Student Involvement and Employment Office Web site, she decided to apply. Krueger said her supervisor, Matthew Sackel, didn't care about qualifications since anybody could be trained. He wanted nice, fun people working there. She said she was lucky to get the

"I like art. I love Monet and Van Gogh. It's amazing to see their talent," said Krueger. "Plus, it is a great resume builder to say that I help build an online database."

Most of the time Krueger works alone, but she says she doesn't mind.

"I'm with people all the time, it's nice sometimes just to have a little me time," she said.

Occasionally, though, she might have a visitor, including the one time when the visitor turned out to be a big chocolate Lab belonging to a professor whose office is next door to the slide room.

"That was odd to see the big dog poking his head in the room," Krueger said. "Like I said, there is never a dull moment here."



UW-SP English major, Robin Krueger works in the Noel Fine Arts Center to help create an online database for all of the slides the Art Department owns.

A vagabond in Stevens Point

Amy Van Meter POINTLIFE REPORTER

Bob Dylan once sang the lyrics, "How does it feel to be on your own, with no direction home, like a complete unknown, like a rolling stone?" Amber Ripple, a senior at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, has lived that way everyday since February 2007. Ripple is a vagabond.

Ripple and I had lunch together on April 11 at Bello's, a local wine and cheese shop with bistro in the downtown Stevens Point area. For the casual observer, Ripple doesn't seem to be a vagabond; her clothes are clean and so is she. She seems just like everybody else.

She has a job, like most UW-SP students. She works as a bartender at Middletown Bar and Grille located in the area of Belt's Soft Serve and Skipp's Bowling.

goals and dreams to further herself, just like most UW-SP students have. As a philosophy major with a nutrition minor, Ripple will graduate in spring 2008 and will go on to study traditional Chinese medicine at Midwest Chinese Medical College. After that, she also plans to attend Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health in Massachusetts to get certified in yoga and Ayruveda (Indian medicine).

As we order bruschetta and paninis, I begin learning things that are not the usual prototype of average college life, such as she spent Tuesday night sleeping in the

24 hour study room in the

"I plan everything out last minute, such as where I'm spending the night," Ripple explained. "It always works out, not always the most comfortable, but I always have options."

Her nomadic days began when she and her former roommate were not seeing things eye to eye. His lifestyle and her schedule didn't mesh, so Ripple moved out. Instead of moving into an apartment, she decided to move from place to place, because she plans to travel a lot in later life.

"It was a challenge to see. if I could live like that successfully," Ripple said.

The food has arrived and I find myself eating vegetarian food, not necessarily bad, but different to a meat-andpotatoes girl like myself. These dishes seem familiar to Ripple, who is a vegetarian, and she begins to eat. To Ripple also has career me, her vagabond challenge seems successfully met.

She continues explaining to me how she lives. Her routine includes lots of eating out and frequent grocery stops due to lack of storage (especially refrigerated storage). She also explains how she has "claimed" a locker in the College of Professional Studies (CPS); all of her belongings, such as books, blanket, shampoo and towels are stored there. If she wants to shower, she finds the girls' floor of a residence hall and showers there.

Ripple even claims that becoming a vagabond has improved her studies, due

to the fact she spends many nights sleeping on-campus, whether it be dormitory study rooms or in the library.

Although Ripple claims that many good things come from being a vagabond, she also admits that some aspects of it isn't as great as some people imagine.

"It is fun, because you get to socialize and meet new people, which is what I wanted to do, but it got old really fast," Ripple said. "I'm burnt out a lot, and I live paycheck to paycheck because of eating out so much."

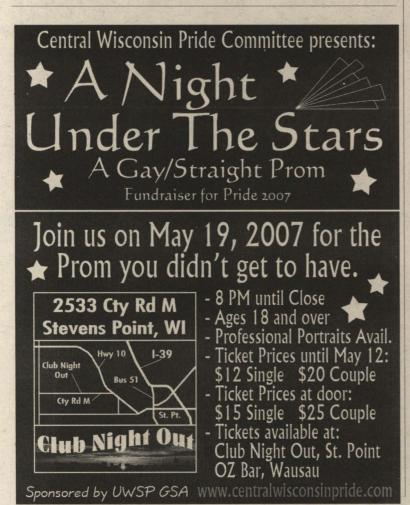
We finish up our meal, she pays the bill, and we head towards my car.

"I would recommend doing the vagabond thing in the summer, because then the weather is nicer and you don't have to worry about school," Ripple said as we drive back to campus. "The only bad thing about it is that you'll have to rely on the whims of other people."

As we pull up to the CPS building, she also tells me that she has begun an apartment hunt, meaning her vagabond days are numbered. This news brings relief to many of her concerned friends.

Bob Pedrazoli, a customer at Middletown Bar and Grille, is one of them.

"It isn't safe for her going around like that. A person shouldn't have to go around looking for a place to stay," Pedrazoli explained. "A person should have one place they can call home."



Outdoors

They are the eyes and ears of Schmeeckle Reserve

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A day on the job for University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point students Steve Sanders and Tony Austin isn't like any other job on campus.

From late afternoon to the early morning hours of the following day, Sanders and Austin walk over 10 miles through Schmeeckle Reserve observing, greeting people and enforcing the rules.

"It's a great job," said Sanders. "You get to be outside the entire time and learn important on-the-job skills through the internship."

Three years ago, Schmeeckle Reserve director Ron Zimmerman and assistant director Jim Bucholz wanted to add additional staff to keep a close watch on the reserve, while also serving as a source of information for Schmeeckle users.

With help from Robert Holsman, assistant professor of wildlife and the training advisor for student law enforcement students, an internship was created for environmental law enforcement students.

Now in its third year, the

internship provides an important stepping stone for three students who are studying to become a conservation warden.

"We are told that our job is to be the eyes and the ears of the reserve," said Austin. "We want to make sure people are having a good time, enforce rules where there are problems and be there to educate people."

One of the problems that the trail rangers commonly encounter is people illegally swimming in Lake Joanis and people walking dogs through the reserve.

"When we see people walking their dogs, most of the time we'll talk to them and they didn't realize they were doing something wrong," said Sanders.

The lake poses a serious safety risk, as the only death that has occurred at Schmeeckle was the result of a drowning. Additionally, erosion problems can also occur as a result of a high level of human activity.

"If you have all these people walking down to the shoreline, it destroys vegetation and it is counter-productive to the mission of Schmeeckle," said Holsman. "The mission of Schmeeckle is to provide an ecological laboratory for students and to act as a nature reserve."

Besides enforcing rules and regulations of the reserve, the trail rangers are there to talk to people and be a source of information and guidance to reserve users.

"It's a really neat opportunity that not only emphasizes a lot of problem-solving, but it emphasizes helping people, whether it's informing people about buckthorns and directing someone to where the bathrooms are. They act as public servants," said Holsman.

When a serious situation occurs in Schmeeckle Reserve, the trail rangers have immediate contact with protective services and with the Stevens Point police.

Since the Schmeeckle Reserve trail ranger program has started, Zimmerman has noticed a decrease in vandalism at the reserve. He has plans to continue the program for several more years.

"We are a very unique school to have rangers," said Holsman. "There are schools that have a law enforcement program and there are other schools that have a nature reserve, but this is the only one that I know that integrates both."



Photo by Drew Smalley

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point students Tony Austin (left) and Steve Sanders (right) make their rounds through Schmeeckle Reserve as trail rangers.



Photo by Drew Smalley

As Schmeeckle Reserve trail rangers, UW-SP law enforcement students get a taste of what it's like to be conservation wardens.

Have a good summer! Don't forget to use sunblock!

Outdoor-Ed Ventures Tip of the Week



Cindy Kowalchuk TRIP LEADER/TRIP LEADER

Going somewhere hot this summer? Try these tips to prevent heat related casualties. As a wilderness traveler, you are more vulnerable than normal to heat stress injuries. Heat stress can very easily also put you in a wilder-

ness survival situation. Simple precautions to prevent the risk of heat injuries include:

1. Drink frequently to replenish body fluids.

2. Add extra salt to food and water (not too much), to replace lost sodium from sweating and to help water be absorbed into the body.

3. Take frequent breaks and get into the shade or a cool area when at all possible.

4. Don't take clothing off, because clothing will become wet with sweat, promoting even more evaporation and cooling of the body.

5. Wear light-colored clothing, hats with a brim and sunglasses. This will not attract as much radiant heat from the sun.

6. Check your urine often. When urinating, observe the color of your urine. The drier you become, the darker the urine and stronger is the odor. The more dehydrated you are becoming, the greater the risk for becoming a heat injury.

Sports

Pointers baseball advances to WIAC Tournament

Baseball

Nick Gerritsen THE POINTER NGERR519@UWSP.EDU

By sweeping La Crosse in a four game set last weekend, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team ended their regular season with a 25-14 record, including a 17-6 mark in Wisconsin Athletic Intercollegiate Conference play.

The sweep secured a second place finish in the conference behind Oshkosh. On Friday, May 11 the Pointers will head to Wisconsin Rapids

to face UW-Whitewater in game two of the WIAC double elimination conference tournament.

The Pointers opened with a convincing 10-0 victory over La Crosse and followed it up with three one-run victories to end their regular season winning nine of their last 12

The Pointers used strong pitching performances to accomplish the four-game sweep. Jordan Zimmerman pitched seven shutout innings in the opener, allowing just four hits while striking out eight. The win moved Zimmerman to 6-0 on the season. Friday's second game saw starter Mike Thrun pitch seven solid innings, allowing four runs, only one earned.

On Saturday, May 5, Brandon Hemstead went 6.1 innings and allowed just three runs. Travis Kempf went the final 3.2 innings, allowing just one hit and no runs. In the finale, Garrett Nix went eight innings, surrendering just one run on four hits. Over the four game series, the Pointer's pitching staff yielded just eight runs.

Offensively, Point struggled to score runs on Sunday, after tallying 15 runs in the first two games. In fact, the all weekend. It came in the third game when Tim Schlosser went deep for the seventh time this season. Schlosser's 10th inning one out double in that game scored the winning runs, allowing Point to stay perfect against LaCrosse.

The Pointers now head to Wisconsin Rapids for the WIAC tourney. This is the tenth season that the WIAC has held a league tourney, and the third straight year it's been in Wisconsin Rapids. The Pointers come in as two-time defending tournament champions after beating Whitewater in the championship in each of the last two seasons. The Pointers have won five of the

Pointers hit just one home run first nine league tournaments, also taking home the title in 1999, 2001 and 2002.

They will face Whitewater in their first game, a team they split four games with in Stevens Point in early April. The game is scheduled for 1 p.m. The winner of that game will face the winner of the 10 a.m. Oshkosh-Stout game, with the losers of those two games squaring off in an elimination game at 4 p.m.

With a win, Point will get a break and play in the evening. Should they survive Friday's games, Point will advance to play on Saturday, with the championship taking place at 3 p.m.



Photo by Drew Smalley

The Pointer pitching staff gave up just eight runs in four games against UW-La Crosse. The Pointers have won a number of game this season with solid defense

Pointers win bid to NCAA Regionals

Softball

Rochelle Nechuta SPORTS REPORTER

The University Wisconsin-Stevens Point softball team is heading to Decorah, Iowa this week for the NCAA Division III Women's Softball Tournament, after winning a bid to the regional tourney.

Also traveling to NCAA regionals will be Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament winner UW-Eau Claire, and second place UW-Oshkosh Titans.

2 in the WIAC Tournament

and were eliminated in the quarterfinals after a loss to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

UW-SP won their first game in a solid victory against UW-La Crosse, with eight players scoring the nine runs. The game ended 9-1 and the win went to pitcher Stephanie Anderson who played all five innings and allowed only eight hits against the Eagles.

The second game was less successful for the Pointers, ending 11-7 in favor of UW-River Falls. UW-SP kept a lead until the seventh when the Falcons posted two runs to tie the game and add extra innings. At the top of the The Pointers went 2- ninth UW-RF put six runs on the board while the Pointers

could only rally two in response. The Pointers hit a record-high of seven homers in the first two games of the tournament.

UW-SP was successful in their third match-up against UW-Whitewater after tallying an impressive ten runs in the third inning, winning the game 12-7. Pointer Korryn Brooks hit her fifth homer in five straight games, and Jackie Berger had three RBI. The Pointers were eliminated after losing by only two runs against UW-O on Saturday. Pointer Mandy Jellish scored the only run for UW-SP that

This week, four Pointer players were named first-team all-conference. Jellish and pitcher Stephanie Anderson were awarded the honors, as were junior shortstop Laura Van Abel and junior catcher Brooks. Senior Jackie Berger also received honorable men-

The Pointers play the first game in the NCAA Tournament Regional Thursday, May 10 against Wartburg College from Iowa at 10 a.m. Wartburg won the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament this past weekend, and have a 27-6 record overall.

Other teams competing within the NCAA Regionals this weekend are Luther College from Iowa, Gustavus Adolphus and St. Thomas from Minnesota, Webster and Washington colleges from Missouri.

Pointer football prepares for improvement in spring practice

Football

Eric Moyer SPORTS REPORTER

When everyone is sleeping in the morning, the University of Wisconsin -Stevens Point football team is having their spring prac-

Spring practice is something that happens every spring for all football teams from Division I to Division III. Being a D3 non-scholarship school, UW-SP can only have 15 practices.

Spring practice basically consists of drills without helmets and pads. It wasn't until last year that Division III could use a football for the first time. Not being able to use a football was a huge problem. How can you truly practice without using a football?

transferred from Wisconsin. overcome the negatives and There was no ball, and it made practices much less effective," said former running back Cody Childs. "By adding the ball, we were able to implement more plays, and get a better understanding of how the offense was supposed to run."

An average day of practice for the Pointers usually consists of stretching and going into individual drills. These sometimes can get old, but it's the little things that make a team go. After that, the offense and defense come together for seven on seven pass-

ing. Finally, the offense goes against the defense without contact, which is real tough considering players are going at full speed.

Players have different perspectives on the spring football practice. Seniors have the notion of knowing that getting up at 5:45 a.m. to be at practice by 6:20 a.m. can be tiring and difficult. Knowing this is going to be their last spring practice they know how valuable it

"Getting up every morning can be tough," senior Ryan Cresson said. "But we know that it will make us better and will help us improve on our 6-4 record from last year."

Practice can be rough, but since everyone is part of the team, they know their part and have to go through it just like everyone else to accomplish the team's goals. "I remember when I Hopefully this in turn will turn them into positives for next year.

With having spring practice the UW-SP football team hopes to polish up the little things, and make a run at the conference title. Hopefully a deep run into the playoffs, which hasn't happened for a couple years.

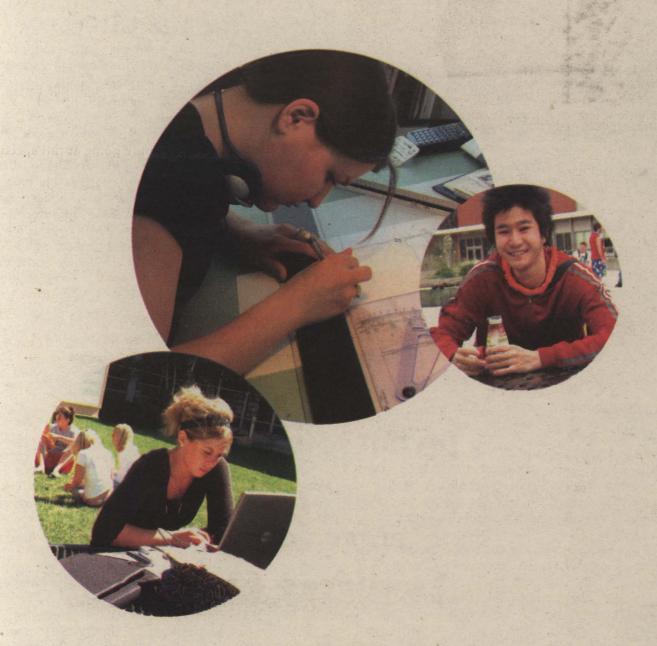
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Science, Health & Tech.

UW-SP winning race to energy independence

Jeff Peters THE POINTER JPETE256@UWSP.EDU

The University Wisconsin - Stevens Point signed an agreement with Wisconsin Public Service May 7, purchasing an additional \$8,000 per year in renewable energy from the NatureWise program and taking the lead in Gov. Jim Doyle's energy independence project, which aims to get four UW campuses running solely on renewable energy by 2011.

The agreement, purchased through the UW-SP administration, along with previous purchases made by the **UW-SP Student Government** Association, Residents Hall Association and the Residential Living office, bring the total use of renewable energy on campus up to 16.4 percent and the use in the residential halls up to 33.2 percent.

"I'm very proud to be able to say that UW-SP will be the largest purchaser of renewable energy of all the UW-campuses," said UW-SP Chancellor Linda Bunnell, before jokingly adding, "that is, until tomorrow."

The other three universities chosen by Gov. Doyle last September - UW-Green Bay, UW-Oshkosh and UW-River Falls - have had a friendly rivalry amongst them, and now, Oshkosh, the former holder of the top spot, will be playing catch-up.

"They're a little upset with us right now," said Gary Oudenhoven, account executive for Wisconsin Public Service. "They were going to advertise Wednesday that they were the largest [purchaser of renewable energy]. Oshkosh is behind probably around a percent, percent-and-a-half, so I think there's going some competition there.

The NatureWise program

began in 2002 and uses a blend of wind and biomass resources to generate electric-"It really reduces our dependence, our reliance, on traditional fossil fuel generation," said Rick Socha, WPS regional manager.

"Hopefully all the universities in the system will follow suit," said Ross Cohen, President of SGA, adding that although the NatureWise program is a useful step in the right direction, he hopes purchasing the energy isn't the main avenue to reaching energy independence.

Currently the university is looking at other small measures to save energy, like replacing old windows and light bulbs, but Cohen is hoping to turn the momentum UW-SP has generated into even bigger projects.

"I'd ultimately like to see ways to finance solar energy panels and other things we can implement on campus,"

Photo by leff Peters

The "high-ups" in the University celebrate UW-SP becoming the highest user of renewable energy in the UW System.

Cohen said.

Bunnell singled out the students, and Cohen in particular, for taking the lead on this issue. "I'm particularly

proud of the leadership that our students have taken in this respect. You really are leading the way for all the rest of us."



Get out of the computer lab!

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The year is finally winding down and soon all the sleep deprived students will begin to emerge out of their cloisters of dorm rooms and computer labs and feel the warmth of the sun on their face. But until that can happen there is finals week to get through.

As a fitness instructor, I have witnessed firsthand the decline of my class size during the last week of school and finals week. Most of the excuses are in the vain of, "I have no time" or "I need to

The irony of this phenomenon is that it is during mind (make sure you wear

these weeks that the body is most in need of a pick me up in the form of a workout.

We all know the obvious benefits of a workout, burn those calories so we can fit into our bikinis and Speedos in a few weeks, but even just 30 minutes of cardio activity can increase mental clarity and improve your mood, two things that everyone needs to happen this time

Even something as simple as getting off your butt and going for a walk in Schmeekle can work wonders for the body and the

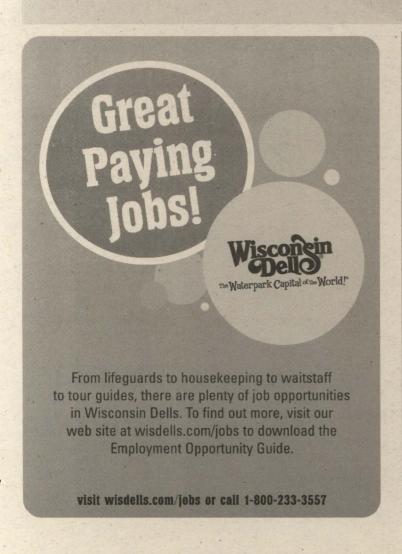
Wisconsin winter inflicted

It's also during this time that daily meals can include leftover Topperstix and Ramen. Eating right will make you feel better. Period.

When you're studying, take breaks. Marathon study sessions are not helpful and make it hard to retain information. Have a picnic at Iverson with a special someone, walk to Belts (you'll burn all the calories on a walk ... maybe), find a patch of grass and lay in the sun, go for a run or bike ride on the Green Circle trail

sunscreen to protect your anything to give yourself a break from computer screens and books.

Once you are finally free of this semester and off having many exciting adventures in the sweet summer time, remember to be safe. Use protection, sunscreen and otherwise, don't drink and drive, wait one hour after eating before swimming; all those great things that Mom told you. Good luck next week and have a fun and safe summer.



What's happening at the Allen Center for Sealth and ness Yrograms...

With finals looming next week, don't let yourself get stressed out! Make sure you come to the Allen Center and stop in at SHPO in the lower level and help them help you relieve some stress! Stress relief session not enough? Try getting a professional massage from a professional that the Allen Center has on staff. Sign up for a ses- more information on any-

the Cardio Center.

We near the end of school and, while that's exciting, the Allen Center wants to remind you to stay healthy and active this summer. And remember, just because school's over doesn't mean the Allen Center will be shut down for the summer. For summer hours and

sion at the front desk of thing Allen, please visit our website at go2allen.

> Also, big thanks to all students who utilized the Allen Center for Health and Wellness this year. Without our members we wouldn't be doing much!

> So stay safe, stay active and stay healthy this summer and we will see you back at the Allen Center in the fall!

Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide

Your College survival guide: Lesbians and Crushes.

By Pat Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM THE MISSION COFFEE BAR

For those of you who are just tuning in, last week we got the following letter.

Dear Pat-

So, I have this wonderful boyfriend -- he's cute, funny, puts up with my shit and is very committed. Sounds perfect, right? Yeah, he is. But that's a big part of the problem. I have this great guy, whom I love, but I have a crush on another guy. Now I don't know if I should ignore the other so that I don't mess up my relationship or if I should start hanging out with him so I can see how I really feel about him.

Oh yeah, and I was thinking about experimenting with girls before I settle down. But if I fool around with a girl, doesn't that give my boyfriend the right to fool around with another girl?

-Each Relationship Kindles Equal Doubt

Though a rigorous, scientific process we determined that ERKED was 21 years old, had been in her relationship for about two years and rated the sex with the nice boyfriend as "fun," giving it a 7

We also discovered that ERKED has kissed girls once or twice and has occasionally had sex dreams about members of her own gender. She also has a good sense of humor and is mildly gullible.

After gathering this info, I threw open the door for advice from you, my noble readers. Here are a few of the letters that filtered in:

Well, a few hours ago my high school ex informed me she is now a lesbian. So I say better try it now than to wait 10 years, be married, divorced, three kids, and two therapists before realizing you could be a lesbian. I know this the hard way ... she's the fourth girlfriend I've had go over to the dark side on me.

While your battered masculine self-image might feel differently, ESD, I don't really think we can equate lesbianism to the dark side of the force. Though honestly, I think that would have made for WAY more interesting movies than Lucas actually

As a girl in a lesbian relationship (my first by the way) I say, experiment. You won't regret it and the sex is AMAZING! But please, don't just take my word for it. Girls are the best kissers too, every girl I've kissed has been one of the best kisses I have ever had, and I tend to be a make-out whore.

As for your boyfriend, talk to him. Say you want to

your first round. This experience must be for you, and if he's there it will turn into him having two girls and that doesn't seem to be your point. If, after you have tested the waters, you enjoy this girl and you're comfortable with having him there, you could invite him to join.

Now the crush. If you have a real, no BS crush on this guy, he deserves a chance. But, not before you have explored this girl thing because nothing is harder on a man then beginning to date him then turning lesbian 3 weeks later. Get that out of the way, see how you feel about him, and then, if you still want to, explore your options with him.

Try getting "Mr. Perfect" in on the action. Most guys like the girl on girl on guy kind of ordeal.

In regard to the crush you have to think this: If the crush sucks, are you willing to give up "Mr. Perfect?" If not, then my advice is to keep your eyes on your man, and your mouth zipped tight, even if your mind is won-

If you're willing to give up the great guy, then he isn't that great now, is he?

While this was a fairly common piece of advice that got sent in, I have to disagree a bit with Lana here. I have a great girlfriend, and I think about other women all the time. That doesn't mean she isn't great, it just means that I've got a curious nature.

This ERKED girl sounds like a slut. And a stupid slut at that. Why f*ck up something good, just to go all sexy-time with random people?

Sigh. Just when I manage to convince myself that my readership is convinced of human beings, I get a letter like this.

Are you saying that a woman that's attracted to two men at once is a slut? If that's the case, then damn. You've just painted about every woman as a slut using a very broad brush.

A woman with a healthy libido is not a slut. A woman curious about sex with other women is not a slut.

Here's my take on things. Crushes, are crushes. They go away. You'll have lots of them, but you should stay with your man.

I'm also guessing that some people out there will suggest a threeway. I advise against it. You'd be amazed how many guys wouldn't go for that. As someone who's been in a threeway as the person outside the couple, they can go downhill REALLY fast. The girl moved on, the

experiment. But I don't recommend inviting him in on guy didn't - he's now the father of my son. What would you do if Mr. Perfect ran off with girl #2 for baby-mak-

> There are the high points of the advice that got sent in. As space is somewhat limited, I won't comment on these opinions any more than I already

> What I will do is point out something profoundly strange. Do you notice how nobody suggested that ERKED discuss any of this with her boyfriend? I didn't screen out those letters either. Not a single person wrote in to say, "talk to your boyfriend about your concerns."

> My guess is that this is why most of you end up having to ask me for relationship advice in the first place. You're bound to have problems; you look at a situation like this and think, "Hmmmm ... she either has to break up with him and experiment with women, have a threeway, or keep her mouth shut and her legs crossed until she dies."

> Good lord people, I shudder to think of what your personal lives are like.

> So that would be my good old-fashioned advice, ERKED. Talk with your guy. It might not be an easy conversation, but it beats the hell out of breaking up with him just so you can go get fricative with another girl.

> And who knows, maybe he'll surprise you by being open-minded about the whole thing. If not, at least you're being honest and you've got all your cards on the table. Trust me, that makes things much simpler in the long run.

> The Mission has pissed me off by changing their hours without telling me first, leaving me coffeeless at a vital point during my week. So instead I'm going to draw your attention to a new cool local business: Galaxy Comics, Games & More. Finally Point has a comic store again. You know how long I've waited for that?

> They've got comics, darts and more disc golf stuff than you can shake a stick at, provided you had kind of a smallish stick, and you were kinda

> You should go check it out. They're at 925 Clark St. Right across the street from the Glasshouse, where Wee Bee CD's used to be. Or you can contact them at (715) 544-0857 or galaxycomics@charterin-

> That's all I've got for this year folks. If you don't think you can survive the summer without a good dose of Rothfuss wit, you should check out the website that my publisher set up for me at patrickrothfuss.com.

Point of View: All good things must come to an end

Steve Roeland

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Even as I type this, I cannot fathom the idea behind the following statement: This is my last issue as a member of The Pointer staff.

It seems like only yesterday that I eagerly sent an e-mail to the sports editor requesting an assignment. I was given the task of covering the women's hockey team. Eventually, that led to a position as Co-Sports Editor, Sports Editor and, finally, Editor in Chief.

Three-and-a-half years at The Pointer sure makes for a lot of time spent in room 104

Center. This is time I would gression needs to be made. We through as a reporter and edinever trade away. All of the people I have met, the experiences I have been a part of and the fun that made everything worthwhile will be with me forever. Because of The Pointer, I am a better overall

This small campus newspaper has opened my eyes to the concerns of all people. It has made me realize that there are things that happen at this university that go unheard. Having a student-run newspaper like The Pointer helps those quiet voices to gain some volume.

After taking the reigns of the paper and leading it this

of the Communication Arts year, I see that even more pro- Her abilities have shown all UW-SP students. are now implementing a Web site and podcasts, things that the staff had not introduced in previous years. I would like to see future staff members continue this trend and evolve with the emerging forms of technology.

I would also like to see individuals at The Pointer be allowed to earn internship credit for the work they do. The experiences that staff members will gain by working at The Pointer will help them to advance in their careers after graduation.

Next year's staff will be led by a veteran member of The Pointer, Sara Suchy.

tor of the Science, Health and Technology section. Her attention to detail and strong work ethic will help the newspaper continue down the path of progression and improvement.

So now, with these final strokes of the keys, I end my reign as Editor in Chief of The Pointer. I am glad to have been part of the newspaper for as long as I have and I have nothing but optimism in the future for our little publication. To all of our readers, thank you for your continued support and for taking advantage of this great resource available to

And for all my fellow graduates, I leave you with one thought from T.S. Eliot: "What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."

So it begins, everyone. The end of college is just the beginning. Good luck in all you do.

Roeland, out!



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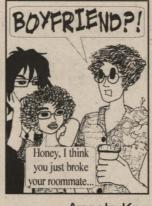
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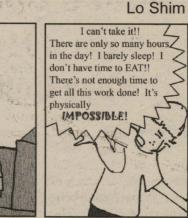




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Student's upcoming poetry book reviewed

Nelson Carvajal ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

There's a thank you line that is found in the first couple of pages in David Alan Cohen's "The Supernatural Sexual Political Comic Book Doctrine," which reads: "Thanks to the instructors who have taught me about writing/literature/life." The choice of the term "instructors" as opposed to, say, professors or teachers, I think is significantly wise on Cohen's part. The poems found in his "Doctrine" scream of an artist who has managed to escape the institutionalized boundaries set forth by post-secondary establishments and has indeed begun a dialogue with interesting peers, acquaintances and the occasional 50 year old howling in a Wisconsin coffee shop. These are instructors too, you see - on life.

Cohen, a graduate stu-

dent here at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, gives birth in his "Doctrine," a potent transcript that is at once defined and intimate while sprawling and unorganized. But that's okay. I greatly admired the exuberance and audacity of his voice. At one point, Cohen admits, "I am in opposition to virtually everything society values. I am making your life weirder at this very moment. I am enjoying it very much."

Indeed, Cohen has struck a chord with the literate readers of today who can actually point out that contemporary influential role models are people – as fellow writer Zach Galifianakiswouldsay—"with the personalities of Styrofoam coolers." Though not all of "Doctrine" is perfectly calculated cynicism and scathing humor; I found the portions regarding the grandmother especially moving.

This is the sort of literary collection that needs to be read twice. First to be pummeled with by its bold choice of diction (who could have thought that "iambic pentameter" could be so raunchy?) and then to be moved by the unseen protagonist who, in a sense, is beaten up by his own verses in each poem, only to be crudely awakened by the end. The book is implosive from start to finish, but never elusive. I found myself jumping around verses at times, as if I was a participant in a jazz jam session.

I felt liberated by Cohen's unflinching assault on sexual frustrations within the book. "You Make Me Want to Be Neutered" is probably one of the painfully funniest bitch-outs I've read in a long time. When I wasn't laughing, I found myself pensively nodding at his acute observations of present day society. Of course, there will be those individuals who say that Cohen's "Doctrine" is too Holden Caulfield-esque for its own good at times; but I'd insist to those same individuals to take a second look at their 24-hour news coverage of Paris Hilton's jail sentence, and ask themselves if they have a better shot at seeing an ad for Tag body spray than seeing any sort of coverage of the crisis in Darfur. Exactly.

Those familiar with Cohen's previous work from collections like Barney Street will also find here some of his old gems. To call "Doctrine" a sweaty orgy of culture, media and a string of bruising life events wouldn't be inappropriate. In a time where people are too lazy to go rent a movie (thanks to blessings like Netflix), too pretty to be caught reading a book that has more than nine consonants in its title, "The Supernatural



Cover art for Cohen's "The Supernatural Sexual Political Comic Book Doctrine".

Sexual Political Comic Book Doctrine" is not just a breath of fresh air - it is an at-times visceral, hugely funny and ultimately vital piece of text that sweeps you up in its storm and drops you off somewhere in the next dimension.

To obtain a copy of this book, contact the author at dcohe942@uwsp.edu.

In the limelight: **Amanda Brown**

Management

Berlin, Wis.

What led you to major in Art? I have always had art in my life. When I was young I would draw for hours, and as I got older I took as many art classes as I could. The thing was, I never really took it seriously. I saw it as a hobby or something I loved but could never possibly make a living at. I started out college as a Biology and Education Major. After three semesters I was miserable and found that I was always happy while creating art. I decided that my love for art was more important to me than my financial future, much to at ease I added Arts cinating. Management. It sweetened the deal.

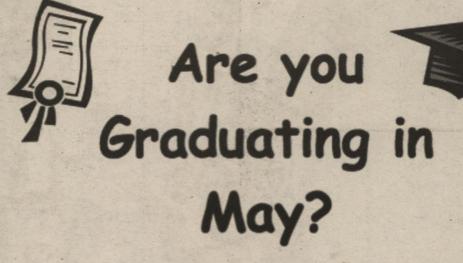
Who do you consider to be your greatest artistic role model? I can't really pick a specific person, so at the risk of sounding too general, I would have to say anyone who pushes the envelope and challenges the norm. Art is all about making people think, and as artists it's our job to find new and

Major: Art and Arts creative ways of doing that. With that in mind, Hometown: New anyone could be my role

> What do you plan to do after your graduation? My dream postgraduation scenario would be to open up a Gallery/Bed & Breakfast on Madeline Island. It's my place where I feel the most creative energy, and I love meeting new people. It would be the best of both worlds.

Who or what inspires you the most in your art? Nature, above all else. She is the worlds greatest artist. I used to be a biology major so I have a special love for life in all its glory. I especially find beauty at a cellular level. The human form is also my parents' dismay. In a thing of beauty for me. order to put their minds I find both subjects fas-

> What is your favorite part of being a UW-SP art major? I find the artist atmosphere at UW-SP to be extremely nurturing. My creativity is never squelched, simply honed. My fellow UW-SP artists never fail to inspire me and challenge me to new creative heights. I am so happy with where I am. I couldn't ask for a better opportunity to learn.



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