



## SGA senate votes down new LGBTQ director

### Openly-queer Kloth protests by fasting

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Government Association student senate voted against the addition of a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning or queer issues director to the SGA executive staff, last Thursday.

After much discussion on the senate floor and presentations of letters from the faculty/staff Gay-Straight Alliance and the student GSA, the senate voted 10-5-1. This did not satisfy the three-quarters majority vote needed to pass an amendment.

Members of SGA in favor of the addition have not taken this decision lightly. Rather, they are taking it quite personally. Senator Rod King abstained from the vote and resigned from senate after he heard the results.

"Wow, that was crap, because there are a lot of students on this campus that need this, and for them not to be able to feel like our senate would pass something so they would feel a little bit safer on this

campus. Where they are spending their hard-earned money to get their education ... with that, I hereby resign from the student senate," said King.

Katie Kloth, SGA president, who openly identified herself as queer, has declared the subtraction of solid food from her diet until this position is added to the SGA executive staff (or until she graduates).

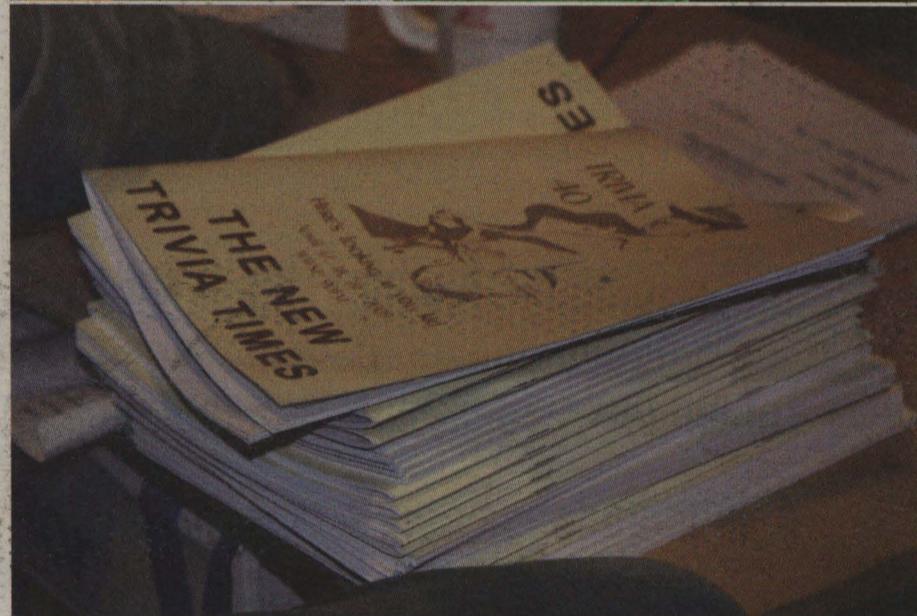
"I just want to say there has been a lot of people disenfranchised now," said Kloth.

Kloth's Facebook group, "Fast for LGBTQ Rights," says, "We believe that everyone deserves to have a safe environment; we believe that everyone is entitled to love in whichever way they choose; we believe in the a world free of hate crimes to the LGBTQA[il]lies] community; we believe in advocacy for these individuals; paid advocacy for LGBTQA individuals! Stand with us, and refuse to eat solid food until this is seen to fruition!"

There are at least seven other schools in the UW System that have

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## Trivia goes up and over the hill



Photos by Katie Leeb

The registration line for Trivia wrapped around the CAC building on Monday, April 13 (top) as "The New Trivia Times" was passed out to all teams (above).

## Forum creates open dialogue with students, Chancellor and SGA

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An open forum at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point DUC Encore, was filled with spectators eager to hear what student leaders and Chancellor Linda Bunnell had to say about a recent vote made by the Student Government Association.

Two weeks ago, SGA passed a unanimous vote of "no confidence" in Bunnell referring to a February traffic incident in Madison and an overall lack of accessibility and transparency of the Chancellor.

In her opening statement during the forum, Bunnell sincerely apologized for the traffic mishap.

"I deeply regret and believe that I made a serious mistake [in leaving the scene of the accident in Madison]," Bunnell said. "I hope others have learned by my example."

An article by the Associated Press, released April 15, revealed that Bunnell had purchased three alcoholic drinks at the Madison Club

prior to her car accident.

In the article, Bunnell said she only had time to drink one of the three beverages and that she was "not impaired" at the time of the accident.

SGA focused much of the forum on the recently received state and travel expense reports of Bunnell which were originally requested March 9.

"Very 'erroneous' and 'wasteful' dollars spent will be seen throughout the reports," said Saul Newton, SGA speaker of the senate. However, no illegal findings were found in the reports.

SGA received the reports the day of the open forum, April 15, with an \$880 service fee waived due to the "significant public interest," as stated in the UW System Administration policy, for requesting public records. However, the SGA will incur a \$29 copying fee for the less-than-100 page report.

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"Trivia 40: Here's Looking At You, Kid" is all set to take place this weekend and is shaping up to be one of the largest turnouts in the history of the contest. Registration began on Monday and the line of eager trivia players was longer than ever this year.

"That was the biggest I've ever seen," said the "face of Trivia," Jim "OZ" Oliva. "We had 217 teams register yesterday plus the 20 we got online, 6,400 players and about 900 alumni."

The online teams are going to be playing from all over the world, including a group of soldiers playing in Afghanistan.

"A soldier who is from Point told all the people in his regiment about Trivia and they got pumped on it and they've got time to play it so they set up a team," said 90FM Program Director Jarad Olson. "It's just really cool that they can take part in it."

Trivia is what happens when one trivia-crazed man, a motivated student organization and over 11,500 hungry Trivia players collide for one non-stop, insomnia-ridden weekend to take over the city of Stevens Point. Now 40 years from Trivia's start, Oz returns for another year of madness as he unleashes the indescribable energy of the beast he's kept alive all these years on the City of Stevens Point.

Trivia has come a long way since its inception and there are many differences between Trivia then and Trivia now.

"Trivia then was wild as can be because you could register at any time; all you had to do was call in and register your team on the phone and so we got this huge registration of teams between 2 and 4 in the morning," said Oz.

Now the contest is much more organized and calls for a lot more preparation starting months in advance. As soon as the 90FM staff

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## New General Education Program continues to unfold through GEPRC

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After initial approval of a procedure for the new General Education Program by the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point's faculty senate, the third step of the procedure was approved Wednesday, April 15.

The committee has been established to start from scratch and develop an entirely new program.

The third step of the General Education Policy Review Committee is to "Identify the GEP model (core, distribution, etc.); including its relationship to degree types (B.A., B.S., B.F.A., B.M., etc.)."

"That model recommends that we have a distribution model," said GEPRC co-chair Greg Summers. "It makes a recommendation about establishing a separate set of degree requirements that would be created by the university's academic affairs committee."

According to the UW-SP General Education Research Team Report, the distribution model allows students to choose their own GDR classes from various menus that are divided by category as opposed to set, specific courses as under a core model.

The proposal that was given Wednesday has three main components, the first being that the General Education Program should apply to all students.

"The gen. ed. is for all students," said GEPRC co-chair Don Guay.

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"I was called by Mr. Diemer's office of when I was personally going to have the money," said Kirk Cychosz, SGA vice president.

Greg Diemer, present at the forum, is the UW-SP vice chancellor of business affairs. He also signs off Bunnell's expenses.

Cychosz said that he was told by the UW System not to pay for the service fee, although it was not explicitly stated by Diemer's office what kind of payment they were requesting at the time.

Expense reports were also requested from the UW-SP Foundation last week and were received by SGA two days later. SGA received no fees for these reports which were at least

"Right now you have a gen. ed. for B.A., gen. ed. for B.S. On the proposal, that won't exist. Gen. eds. for everyone."

According to the GEPRC's proposal, the current model is not built around clear learning outcomes and is incoherent and difficult to assess. The new GEP will rest on a foundation of clearly stated, measurable learning outcomes.

Along with the required gen. eds. for all students, a number of classes required for each degree type and major will also be required for individual students.

"The campus has to have a conversation as to what is a B.A. degree, what is a B.S. degree," said Guay. "There is no standard definition."

In addition to the aforementioned proposals, a third, stating, "No single course should be allowed to satisfy more than one GEP requirement" was tabled until the completion of step four of the procedure. This proposal would effectively create a new GEP without "silver bullets," but with less credits.

"I think with the feedback we got from campus about that didn't feel like they were ready to make a decision about silver bullets until they actually had an idea of what the curriculum looked like," said Summers.

The GEPRC encourages students to attend their meetings. The meetings are every Thursday from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

twice the amount of the Chancellor's reports.

Some students voiced their concerns about how SGA handled the vote on the Chancellor. One called the open forum a "public mudslinging" against Bunnell. Another said it's reaching national recognition and is damaging the reputation of UW-SP.

"We weren't trying to be secretive to the students," SGA senator Sam Glenzer said. "Our objective was to figure out the means of which to best convey our decision on the Chancellor in the most powerful way possible on behalf of the students."

SGA President Katie Kloth reminded the audience that a vote of "no confidence" is an investigation and said, "If there's nothing to find, then there's nothing to hide."

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returns from winter break, they begin working on Trivia. They begin getting volunteers, making marquees, writing press releases and doing the underwriting to make sure Trivia is everything the players expect it to be, one crazy ride.

Oz starts preparing for each trivia competition as soon as the previous one ends. His preparation causes him to enjoy the media we enjoy every day in a much different way. A movie, for most, results in a few hours of stimulation; for Oz it results in three pages of notes and hopefully a few questions for the contest still months away.

Starting in January, Oz and his partner John Eckendorf begin writing the 432 questions, plus the running questions, Trivia stone clues and music snippets that run the trivia machine. He doesn't mind giving up the time a bit.

"It's almost a thing where if I didn't do it, I don't know what else I would do," said Oz. "You look around and people will say every day I go to the gym or I ride bicycle fanatically and that's their hobby; I write Trivia."

The only thing all these teams are fighting for is a chance to claim the champion's trophy as their own. There is no monetary prize, no extravagant incentive for the winners to grab and take with them—simply pride, a trophy and a whole bunch of fuzzy memories.

"One of the greatest things is when you're talking about this with someone from out of town and you're explaining the contest. They'll say to you, what does the first place team win? You say, 'a trophy,' and they say, 'What, that's it?'" said Oz.

At the end of the day, the contest is really about 90FM though it has

become its own entity. Without the dedicated staff members at 90FM with some help from Oz, there wouldn't be Trivia, and without Trivia, it's safe to say 90FM wouldn't be the largest student-run radio station in the Midwest.

"Trivia runs this station. We wouldn't be able to have crazy specialty shows, have all this good music to play if it weren't for all the recognition WWSP gets nationally for holding Trivia," said Olson.

Still, trivia means more to everyone involved than fundraised dollars or trophies to display. The energy is something no one can realize until they are there, and the friendships, the interaction between teams and the rituals that have sprung up out of this contest are what people intently wait for every year.

"The memories from year to year, getting together with friends, that's the biggest thing," said "Ah-Bin Hypnotized" team member Dan Rayburn.

Talking with participants fairly new and old it is safe to say once you take part in Trivia it becomes a part of you.

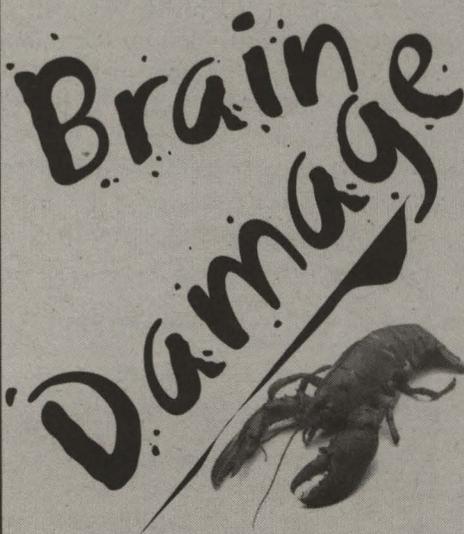
"You can say over and over the world's largest trivia contest and it falls on dead ears until someone comes in and they're working a phone shift," said Olson. "It's mass pandemonium for a split second and all within that moment you have a heart attack and then it gets figured out and right at that moment someone walks in and says, 'Hey pizza's here. What do you want?'"

The contest starts on Friday with at 6 p.m. You can listen to trivia live on 90FM, stream it live on the Internet at <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wwsp/listenlive.html> or watch the 90FM staff in action on Student Television on channel 98.



Photo by Katie Leb

Jim "Oz" Oliva stands outside the door to the 90FM office greeting everyone that lined up to take part in the world's largest Trivia contest as registration opened for the week.



Karaoke is a Japanese word that derives from the words "kara," meaning empty, and "okesutora," meaning orchestra.

One in 5,000 North Atlantic lobsters are born bright blue. They also come in yellow, red, pink and white. Lobsters can regenerate their legs, claws and antennae. In fact, they sometimes amputate their own claws and legs to free themselves from danger.

The only known poisonous bird in the world is the hooded pitohui of Papua, New Guinea. The poison is found in its skin and feathers.

Lobsters use signals to establish social relationships. They sometimes walk "hand-in-hand," the old leading the young. To escape from enemies, lobsters swim backwards by flipping their tail.

The average breast size in America is roughly equivalent to a size 34B.

# GSA changes as an organization to promote diversity adequately

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Starting Friday, the Gay-Straight Alliance will be conducting Pride Week on campus. Not every student is readily familiar with this organization. It desires to promote a message of tolerance and diversity. Before GSA engages the student body with its week of promotion, additional thoughts were garnered from the organization.

Every April, Gay Pride Week is run on campus, but other events check the GSA's calendar throughout the year.

"There is coming out day, day of silence, welcome back picnic and counter protests; for example, we counter-protested the Faithful Soldiers for Pro-choice," said Emily Haider, GSA Web weaver.

Reflecting on the main goals of the GSA, it was created to provide a social, emotional and education support group for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and ally populations on campus and in the surrounding communities. The Gay-Straight Alliance also acts as an educational student organization to provide greater awareness of the issues that concern the members themselves, the university and the surrounding communities.

This group has gradually progressed to form these beliefs as they have shaped and changed since the organization began in 1978,

which was when homosexuality was still illegal. GSA, since its inception, has gained support from most of the communities on campus. But not all organizations and individuals have joined them in the fight and discrimination has not entirely disappeared.

"Things have gotten better, but discrimination is still present on campus and off," said Haider. "There is still more work to be done to reach the point of zero discrimination."

Toward a further end of promoting equal rights the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community worked with the Student Government Association to create a director for the organization. Unfortunately, it was recently voted down. The GSA, which works with the LGBTQ community, believes that this will not weaken the resolve of the

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-Haider

group.

"This vote, if anything, will make pride week even stronger. It will encourage those to speak louder and continue to spread awareness. This vote will definitely be on the minds of the GSA members and other GSA allies," said Haider.

Pride Week's purpose will be to spread awareness by educating the community and a celebrating of open identity.

"It encourages people to be

confident in who they are no matter what," said Haider.

More information regarding the Gay-Straight Alliance can be obtained at <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/gsa/>.

**Friday 17-** Day of Silence- A day for concerned students to take a vow of silence to bring attention to the name-calling, bullying and harassment (Sponsored by GLSEN)

**Saturday 18-** Drag show- Are they male or female!? Who cares! Come enjoy this "Glitter and Feather Fabulous Extravaganza." (co-sponsored by Centertainment)

**Sunday 19-** Sexual Orientation Panel and Ice Cream Social (Co-sponsored by the Gender Equality Advocates)

**Monday 20-** "Boys Don't Cry" film

**Tuesday 21-** Safe Zone Training

**Wednesday 22-** Speaker Helena Alden presents: "Gendering Sexuality: The Ex-gay Movement of the Religious Right" (Co-sponsored by the UW-SP Sociology Department)

**Thursday 23-** "Rocky Horror Picture Show" film

**Friday 24-** ROMP! DanceNot quite prom, but special nonetheless; this is a dance for everyone!

## The battle after the war: Nation struggles with

### PTSD

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The smell of diesel takes him back to a place he does not want to remember: his convoy being ambushed in Iraq. He begins to sweat and panic, reliving the painful experience. Then reality sets in; he is holding a gas pump, not a gun.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder affects people who have been exposed to a traumatic event. It affects soldiers, students and possibly the man filling his gas tank in Stevens Point.

Dr. Michael Brandt, a veterans' affairs psychologist, spoke on Thursday, April 9 in the Dreyfus University Center Theatre to help the community better understand PTSD, its psychology, diagnosis, treatment and the effects it has on military and non-military citizens.

"PTSD is a new label for a very old issue," said Dr. Brandt, who explained that the terms "shell shock" and "going postal" were past labels for the disorder.

Dr. Brandt explained that PTSD has been around "as long as there has been war" and has resulted from disturbing events that involve intense fear, helplessness or horror.

Living with PTSD means persistently re-experiencing the traumatic events with intrusive and distressing recollections, including images, thoughts, perceptions or recurrent, upsetting dreams. Illusions, hallucinations and flashbacks also cause someone with PTSD to act or feel as though the events are reoccurring.

Dr. Brandt noted that PTSD can be effectively assessed and treated but some barriers, such as social stigmas, a lack of trust and delayed treatment can hinder a person's ability to get better.

Joining Dr. Brandt in the presentation, student veteran Jeremy Croshiere and vet center counselor Tyrone Patterson told their personal accounts with the military service in the Middle East.

Commenting on PTSD, Croshiere explained how hard it is to relate and connect with fellow students after fighting overseas. He recalled feeling "disconnected" and "detached."

Wanting fellow students to understand his experience, he explained the shocks and threats he encountered overseas, mentioning

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## Psychology Club maintains healthy membership on campus

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Networking opportunities, education and career advice help to advance the knowledge of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Psychology Club.

Currently comprised of 35 members, the club invites guest speakers from all areas of study and profession to educate the members in a broader sense of their majors and future profession.

The purpose of the Psychology Club is "to advance the knowledge of the other students and to help them learn subjects they won't learn in class, stuff the other professors know but don't have time to teach in class," said Co-President Michelle Ormond.

Career possibilities with a psychology degree, gender relations in psychology and research in the field have also been discussed.

DuWayne Behnke and Dave Lockett, from Adventure

Education, recently visited the club, explaining how the program can be applicable in all different majors.

The Psychology Club is open to all majors and minors that would like to be more involved

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-Ceplina

and learn about psychology.

Along with professional advice, the club helps its members on a personal level.

"I got to learn a lot about myself and other people," said Ormond.

"We have another meeting coming up that will talk more about cognitive psychology," said Co-President Suzanne Ceplina. "We try to have a wide range of different meetings so if people are interested in one thing they can go to that."

Upcoming for the Psychology

Club is the annual book and bake sale. Baked goods and psychology textbooks and other literature will be for sale.

On April 27, Dr. Tony Aretz, President of the College of Mt. St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio, will speak on cognitive psychology.

The club is also involved with Habitat for Humanity, peer mentoring and Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology.

The Psychology Club will host the annual psychology department picnic on May 5.



Photo courtesy of UW-SP Psychology Department

Members of the Psychology faculty serve as example of where current students can end up if they stay motivated and hungry academically.

## geeks' corner

Dear Guru,

What is this "PointCon?" I have been hearing rumors about all over campus? When is PointCon? Where is PointCon? Who can go to PointCon and who should go to PointCon? Why do so many students find a fun weekend at PointCon?

Thanks for the answers,  
Ian

Dear Ian,

Thank you for your questions. I will answer your questions as best I can. First, 'What is PointCon?' is a simple question. PointCon is a local gaming convention held every year by the members of GASP. GASP is a student organization and stands for Gamers' Alliance of Stevens Point. It is good to hear rumors, but better to ask questions

about those rumors to get to the bottom of things.

PointCon is slated to start at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 1. It runs until 11 p.m. Friday night and starts again at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, ending at 10 p.m. Saturday evening. Again starting at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 3rd, ending Sunday evening at 5 p.m. It is a whole weekend of gaming geared toward all people interested in having some fun and looking for something to do. I know admission is \$5 for the whole weekend.

PointCon is to be held this year in the Dreyfus University Center. The main room will be the Laird Room with other rooms running certain games. The Laird Room is going to be free to enter, but in order to participate in any

of the tournaments and win the prizes, you will have to pay the \$5 entrance fee.

Everyone can go to PointCon and everyone should go to PointCon. Let me explain. Everyone can go to PointCon because it is open to the general public and to the student body in general.

Everyone should go to PointCon. The explanation for this is quite simple. If you have gone to a previous PointCon (this is the 18th annual) you know how fun it is and will want to go this year's PointCon as well. If you haven't gone to a previous PointCon, you should go this year and see what it's all about, meet some new people and learn some new words. I have always found it fascinating the different word usages that take

place and it's a great way to learn how to use different words and learn some new definitions of some common words like "strength" and "constitution".

I know a lot of people have fun at PointCon, but the reasons vary to some extent. In order to find out why so many students have fun at PointCon, you should go and see for yourself.

Just remember to have fun, respect the space of others and meet some interesting people, some of them you just might know.

Just remember to game safe,  
The Guru

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how stressful it was not knowing who was "good" and who was "bad."

Patterson, who is also a veteran, even mentioned his difficulty getting used to driving a vehicle without a gun.

But PTSD doesn't only affect

the soldier, it affects their family and friends as well. Patterson touched base on this subject, mentioning that "the only thing harder than being a soldier is loving one."

Many people still remain undiagnosed for PTSD, but an

estimated 5.2 million American adults ages 18 to 54 have or are being treated for PTSD, according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

There are facilities on campus to help someone struggling with PTSD and anyone who has

questions about the disorder should contact the Health Services staff.

# Turn your trash into treasure and win cash

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A recycled art contest will be held on the north side of the Noel Fine Arts Center from April 20 through April 24 in conjunction with Earth Week and the previous RecycleMania competition.

The art contest is open to any University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point student, with the possibility of winning one of the three cash prizes and the artwork displayed in the Dreyfus University Center.

RecycleMania was a nationwide tournament with 512 universities registered. Competition began in January and ended on March 28. The UW-SP competition was held in residence halls across campus and was initiated last year.

"We're going to be doing this year after year now," said Nate Pollesch, competition organizer and Student Government Association sustainability issues director.

The purpose was to have a battle to demonstrate who could recycle the most waste.

"Our total recycling was 154,000 pounds," said Scott Asbach, Residence Hall Association president.

"The biggest thing we have to remember is we're already a recycling campus and we're very big in terms of sustainability."

Although the final weight results may seem like a large number, the RecycleMania competition could have been more successful said Pollesch.

The committee hopes to develop more objectives for future competitions and to incorporate a broader base among the UW-SP campus.

The recycled art contest was created to show that the dumpster needn't be the final resting place for waste. It also gives students the opportunity to creatively express themselves through their art.

Students will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite piece and the winner will have their piece purchased by the University Centers for \$100.

"Because RecycleMania is a campus-wide effort, one of the biggest things I've been trying to do is get lots of different people involved from all over campus," Pollesch said.

Winners of the contest will be

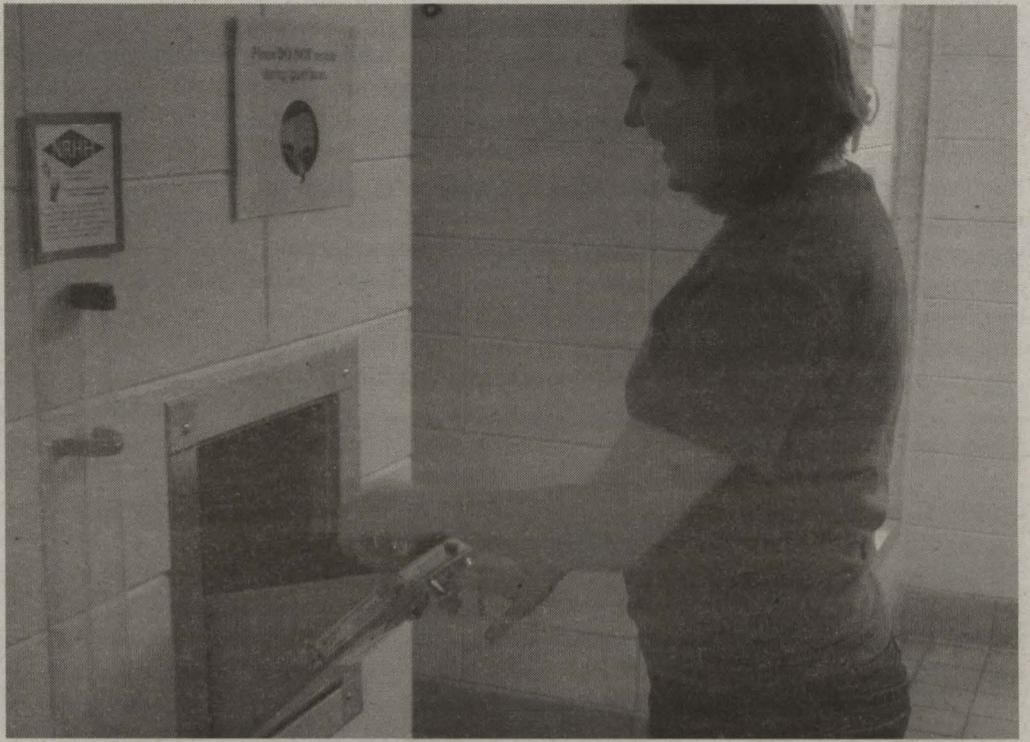


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Amanda Roswell, a sophomore at UW-SP, is shown recycling her plastic bottle during RecycleMania, a competition between over 500 universities across the country to collect the most recyclables.

announced during the Eco-Fair on April 24.

For an entry form to the recycled art contest, a list of rules and more information, contact Pollesch at npoll255@uwsp.edu or stop by the SGA office in room 052 of the DUC

during his office hours.

For involvement in next year's RecycleMania competition committee, contact Asbach at sasba131@uwsp.edu.

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## Don't get caught up in consumption

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"Consumption", according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, is "a progressive wasting away of the body." Not something that is particularly pleasant to think about; however, the planet Earth is progressively wasting away because of the never-ending increase in human consumption.

All humans need food, water and shelter to survive. The problem is too many humans are consuming more than they need. According to the Web site Footprints of Nations, the average American needs about 20 to 30 acres of land to help sustain their current lifestyle. To help paint a better picture, that's about 30 football fields!

There are many things an average American can do to reduce their consumption. The book "365 Ways to Live Green" by Diana Gow McDilda gives tips to help reduce consumption. Here are three things that even a busy college kid can do:

First, make sure the cup of coffee you are drinking every morning was shade-grown. Shade-grown coffee uses less fertilizers and pesticides and helps maintain soil quality, meaning less impact to the environment. Check the packaging of your own coffee to make sure it's shade-grown, or ask the employees of your favorite coffee shop.

Next, learn to enjoy walking. Stevens Point is not that big of a city, and most things are in walking distance. During the winter this can be tough, but in the nicer months, think twice before getting into your vehicle.

The last tip is to go organic. Try to use more organic, all-natural products in the bathroom. For example instead of buying the 6.7 oz bottle of Neutrogena Deep Clean face wash for \$7.99, buy the 6.0 oz Burt's Bees: Soap Bark and Chamomile Deep Cleansing Cream for \$8.00.

To learn more about your own personal ecological footprint, visit [www.earthday.net/ecofootprint](http://www.earthday.net/ecofootprint) and remember to always keep it clean; keep it green.

# Science & Outdoors

## National Park Service helps get the lead out

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In early March, the National Park Service released a statement that they were going to begin efforts to reduce lead in national parks. Their goal was to eliminate the use of lead ammunition and lead fishing tackle by the end of 2010. However, since the proposal, the American Sportfishing Association and a number of other

fish and wildlife management conservation groups have attacked the park service, claiming they have not asked for any input from any groups that would be affected by this change.

"The sportfishing industry is surprised and dismayed by the March 10 announcement made by the National Park Service," said ASA vice president Gordon Robertson. "Their intention to eliminate the use of lead in fishing tackle in national parks was made without prior consultation of the sportfishing industry or the millions of recreational anglers who fish within the national park system."

The ASA stated that in the normal course of events, the sportfishing and shooting industry would have been notified by NPS about this change in policy and would have been invited to discuss the decision with NPS staff. NPS rebutted the ASA with a statement only eight days later, clarifying their proposal.

The park service stated that there have been no policy changes for the

general public regarding a lead ban. They plan to begin the transition within their department to non-lead ammunition in culling operations and dispatching sick and wounded animals. In the future, they plan to look into the potential of banning lead ammunition and tackle to the general public, but this will require public involvement, comment and review.

Lead is an environmental contaminant and is banned in gasoline, children's toys and paint because of its effects on human health. Fish and wildlife are also adversely affected by lead poisoning. Loons who eat only one lead sinker can die within two weeks of ingestion. California and Arizona have recently implemented mandatory and voluntary bans on lead ammunition to facilitate the California condor recovery.

"My first thoughts are that this [lead ban] would be a great idea. Anything we can do to clean up our lakes and river systems is an awesome idea. However, from a fisherman's perspective, the only way that I can see to make some lures differently, so there would be no lead, would be to make them of a different metal that would be lighter, meaning our lures would be bulkier and not as natural," said Logan Bliss, president of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Big Dawg Fishing Club.

For now, NPS plans to implement its lead ban in their department only with the possibility of one day increasing the ban's application to the general public.

"The reduction and eventual removal of lead on park service lands will benefit humans, wildlife and ecosystems inside and outside park boundaries and continue our legacy of resource stewardship," acting NPS Director Dan Wenk said.

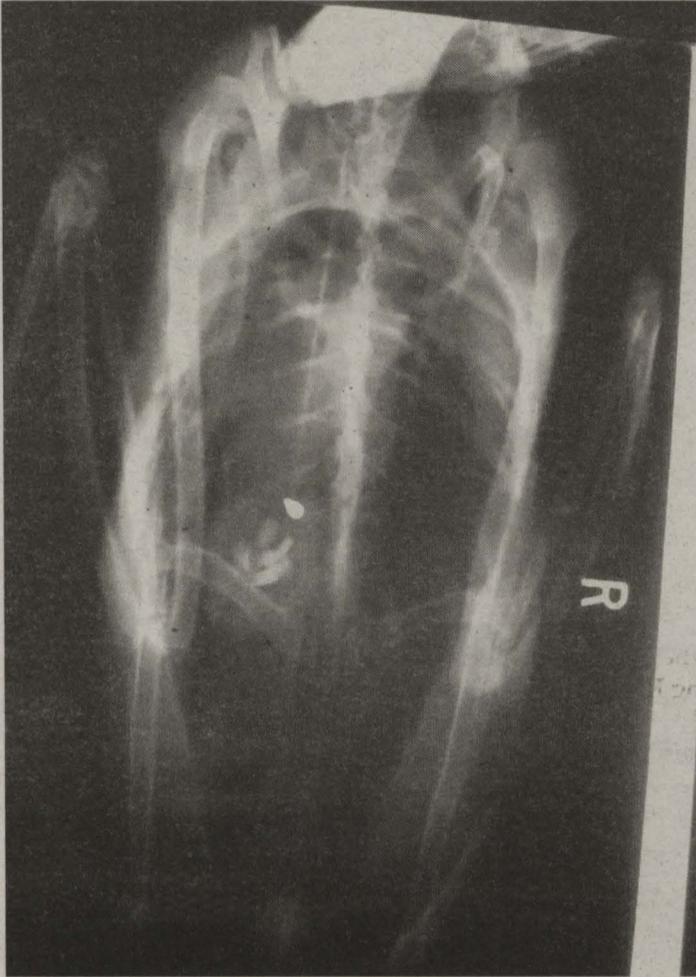


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One lead sinker ingested by a loon can kill it within two weeks. Above is an x-ray of a sinker in a loon.

## Outdoor Ed Ventures and RENTALS

**Bryce Hummel**  
SCIENCE & OUTDOORS REPORTER

It is one of the tricks the old-timers used to do: making rope from what you have around you. Rope is very useful if you go into the woods without it and suddenly need to tie up that yeti you just captured or hang your pack. The easiest way to make one, although it works only for light stuff, is just to find 3 blades of long grass and braid them. This is good for setting a snare for a mouse, but if you really want to catch that yeti there is a better way.

The first thing you need to do is find a Basswood tree. Other trees may work, but a basswood is best

because of its fibrous bark. Just look for the tree with the largest leaves you've ever seen, about the size of your face and in the shape of a heart. Take your pocket knife and make a line as long as you want the rope to be (four feet is best) down the tree. Make another line about one-quarter inch away from it and connect the two at the top and bottom. The wider the bark is, the stronger it will be, although it will tear easier and be tougher to weave in the end. Next, peel the bark from the tree by prying with your fingernail or knife into the top of the slice. As long as you don't do this very many times to the same tree, it shouldn't hurt it very much. On the backside will be a wet shiny layer that needs to be peeled free

## How to make rope: It's not as hard as you may think

from the green part.

Once you do this, the possibilities are endless. It is very strong vertically, although horizontally it is rather weak, so make sure that you don't tear it. The simplest thing to do is peel three cords like this and braid them into a nice piece of rope—a strand of three cords is not easily broken. If you know how, it would also be possible to weave it into an even stronger strand. It is said that this would be strong enough to climb with.

So there you have it—making rope like it's back in style. Just make sure that you are allowed to mess with the basswood tree that got selected as the lucky candidate and give it a try!

## Sustainability made easy

**Alesha Bales**  
SCIENCE & OUTDOORS REPORTER

Living sustainably has become a rapid trend among today's society. As students, we have heard of many different ways to become a "greener" person. We hear of things such as changing our light bulbs, buying locally grown foods, turning down our heat and using reusable grocery bags. Although it is suggested we do all of these things, there is an easy way to start that is also free and can even save you money.

Sustainable transportation has come a long way in the past couple years. Hybrid cars have become a much-advertised way to not only save money on gas, but help the environment. But for many of us, being college students, we cannot afford to buy a new car, nonetheless a pricey hybrid. There are, however, many easy things you can do to make your car a bit more sustainable. Driving below 60 mph, car pooling, using cruise control and taking unnecessary items out of your car to lighten the weight can make an impact.

When it comes to sustainable transportation, however, the best and easiest way to start is by leaving your car at home. Walking and riding your bike to school, work and other events is not only great for the environment, but also for you and your health.

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# Sports

## Pointer splits doubleheader against Blue Devils

**Chris Johnson**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team dug themselves an early 5-0 against the Blue Devils of UW-Stout on Wednesday at University Field. They fought back hard in the eighth and ninth innings, but came up short 8-6. They then came back to close the doubleheader with a 5-3 victory.

The Pointers are now 14-9 overall and 2-4 in conference.

UW-Stout got the team on the board first using some small ball. Dane Carlson hit a bases-clearing triple off starting pitcher Kyle Barry that scored three runs in the top of the second inning. A ball was squeezed by UW-SP catcher Jordan Rennie to allow Carlson home, making the score 4-0 after one-and-a-half innings.

The Pointers led off of the bottom of the second with Brad Archambeau reaching on a bunt off Blue Devil

pitcher Nate Hanson. After some groundouts, Archambeau was unable to score and UW-Stout added to the lead in the third when Tschida hit a double to bring home Ryan Stace to make the score 5-0 after two-and-a-half innings.

Archambeau said, "We battled well, but we have to battle earlier, we can't be down five runs after three innings. We had guys on base, we just have to get them to score."

Pointer Scott Williams came in relief of Barry in the fifth inning. O'Connell was hit by a pitch that left runners on first and second with one out. Carlson hit a two-run single to make it 7-0.

UW-SP got on the board in the bottom of the fifth with a lead-off double by Kyle Cummings. Kevin Thomas then hit a double play and Cummings scored to make it 7-1.

UW-SP scored again in the sixth inning after Jared Surman hit an RBI, fielder's choice. Sam Spurney



Photo by Rochelle Nechuta

Third baseman Kevin Thomas tagging out a Blue Devil at the plate.

scored, making it 7-2 heading into the seventh.

Stout added to its lead in the eighth when O'Connell drew a leadoff walk. Carlson reached first as first baseman Jeremy Richter was pulled off the bag to allow O'Connell to score to make it 8-2. UW-SP added a run in the eighth when Rennie hit an RBI single to bring Richter in.

Cummings led off the eighth getting hit by a pitch. Fritz then singled to have runners on first and second with no outs. Two fly outs later, Archambeau hit a bases-clearing triple to bring the Pointers within three runs at 8-5.

Fritz then drew another walk to leave the bases loaded for Thomas, who hit a sacrifice fly to bring the final score to 8-6.

Head coach Pat Bloom had some thoughts after the game.

"We need to grow up as a team and we need players to get the job done, we can't point fingers and we

need players to get big outs and big hits," said Bloom.

The Pointers out-hit the Blue Devils 11-9, but had three errors and left many runners on base. Barry pitched four innings, giving up six hits and five earned runs.

The second game was a whole new experience for the Pointers, who scored pairs of runs in the second and fourth innings. They built a formidable 4-1 lead over the Blue Devils.

Pointer first baseman Jon Schoch scored two runs and one RBI in the competition while Spurney, Josh Krueger and Rennie earned single runs. Pitcher Jeff Zielke threw for three innings without giving up a hit or a run.

Up next for the Pointers are two conference doubleheaders against UW-La Crosse on April 18 and 19. Both games start at noon and will be played in La Crosse.



Photo by Rochelle Nechuta

The Pointers huddling with coach Pat Bloom during the first game of the doubleheader against UW-Stout Wednesday afternoon.

## Titans bury Pointers

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's softball team yielded two losses to the UW-Oshkosh Titans in Tuesday's doubleheader with scores of 5-1 and 10-1.

This dropped the Pointers to a 13-11 record and 0-6 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Game one left a single run for the Pointers in the bottom of the fourth by Jessica Berger after a line drive hit to third base from Allie Dorn. Berger played pickle between third and home bases to make the score.

Titans' pitcher Lauren Roberts kept the Pointers at bay with nine strikeout throws. A walk was allowed for the Pointers when Roberts cuffed Dorn in the rump.

The Pointers struggled to regain runs throughout the evening.

Pointer pitcher Kayla Kastenmeier permitted seven hits and five runs by the Titans during the first four innings of action. Elyse Nelson stepped in to finish up the remainder of the game letting in two hits and two strikeouts.

The Titans tramped the Pointers with six runs in the first inning of the second game with Dorn pitching. Relief came with Nelson for two innings, which unraveled the game to two more runs and two walks. Kastenmeier stepped in for the final two innings in a standoff with two strikeouts and one walk.

The only score came from a lone homerun by Melissa Wenig.

Next up for the Pointers is another doubleheader at home against the Edgewood College Eagles. The Eagles are currently 5-5 in the Northern Athletics Conference. The game begins at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 16.

## Senior on the Spot

**Name:** Garrett Bloom  
**Major:** Health Promotion  
**Hometown:** Tomah, Wis.  
**Nickname:** Geebs  
**What's your favorite Pointer sports memory?**

Going to the World Series my freshman and sophomore years.

**What's your most embarrassing sports moment?**

Breaking major leaguer Jordan Zimmermann's jaw in practice with a line drive.

**Do you have any gameday rituals or superstitions?**

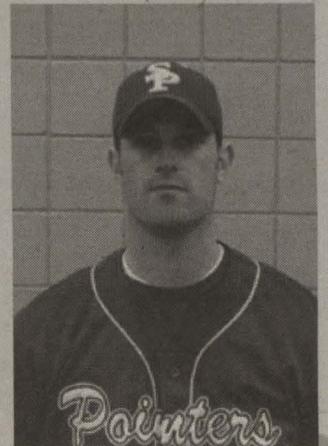
Breakfast with the team.

**Who is your sports hero?**

My dad and brother, who have taught me everything that I know about baseball.

**What is your sports philosophy?**

Leave it all on the field.



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# Sports

## UW-SP outdoor track and field squad tastes success early in spring season

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point outdoor track and field teams have started off the 2009 season with a bang, already posting several top three individual finishes in the Pointers' first outing at the Washington University Mini Meet in St. Louis. The men's team ended with 141 points for first and the women's team finished in sixth.

On the men's team, Keith Kismuke took third in the men's long jump. Timothy Thornburg finished first and Jason Lisower, second, in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Patrick Leonard, Brad Koback and Zach Scott-Keyser were first, second and third in the men's 400-meter dash in times of 49.05, 50.25 and 50.47. Adam Lang was the top UW-SP finisher in the 800-meter run, taking second with a time of 1:55.30. Ernest Edmond took first in the 200-meter dash, posting a time of 22.30 and the UW-SP men's 4x400 relay team ended second.

For the women, Allison Wolter was second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 11:41.21. Kelly Haen took fourth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:33.29.

In the second outing, the throwers of the UW-SP men's and

women's teams found their way to the UW-Oshkosh Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Invitational. Kyle Schofield dominated for a first place finish in the men's shot put with a toss of 15.8 meters in the finals. In the men's hammer throw, three Pointers tallied team points, as Jerry Prusinski finished second with a throw of 52.03 meters in the finals. Michael Schlichting and Scofield also placed in the points for Stevens Point, tossing 47.79 and 46.96 meters respectively, finishing fifth and sixth.

In the women's shot put, Tahlia Luedtke and Amy Kryzkowski finished fifteenth and twenty-third respectively with throws of 11.02 and 7.96 meters. Stephanie Fosterling finished seventeenth in the women's hammer throw with a toss of 36.47 meters and Luedtke placed seventeenth in the women's javelin.

The third outing of the year for the Pointer track and field teams was also a large success with the men placing second with 206 team points and the women placing third with 143 team points.

For the men, Noah Utecht was the top finisher for the Pointers in the javelin throw, with a toss of 53.62 meters. Cody White took home the men's triple jump top finish with a jump of 13.23 meters. Mark Cufaude was the top finisher in the men's pole vault, clearing 4.73 meters. In the

men's 5,000 meter run, Corey Towle, Dominick Meyer and Phil Richert finished one through three in the event. Cory Towle, a Subway Athlete of the Week, finished with a time of 14:44.56. Derek Stone finished first in the men's high jump, clearing 1.93 meters. Jake Koss took third in the event, clearing 1.88 meters and Mike Dellemann was first in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.01. Keith Ingram finished in the top spot in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.91. Nick Ver Duin, Ernest Edmond and Patrick Leonard placed second through fourth. In the men's long jump, Keith Dismuske finished second with a jump of 6.53 meters.

Top finishes for the Pointers included a 1-4 sweep of the 5000-meter run, as Allison Wolter led a group of four Pointers, finishing with a time of 18:36.45. Sara Kline competed for the top spot in the 100-meter hurdles, posting a time of 15:00. Elizabeth Caine

also took first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.63 and also posted first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.95. In the longer events, Claire Roberts and Kelly Haen finished second and third in the 1500-meter run with times of 4:52.00 and 4:53.26 respectively. Kathleen Folbrecht, Laura Simonis and Kristin Kuber were second through fourth in the 400-meter dash.

"We are preparing to win the conference. Indoors we lost by six points, which is nothing, so we think we have a good chance," said senior Mike Dellemann.

## UW-SP Athletes of the Week

### Baseball

Pitcher – Garrett Nix

Position player – Eric Fritz

### Softball

Position Player – Samantha Bizeau

### Track and Field

Men's Track – Ernest Edmond

Men's Field – Michael Schlichting

Women's Track – Kelly Haen

Women's Field – Bethany Utecht

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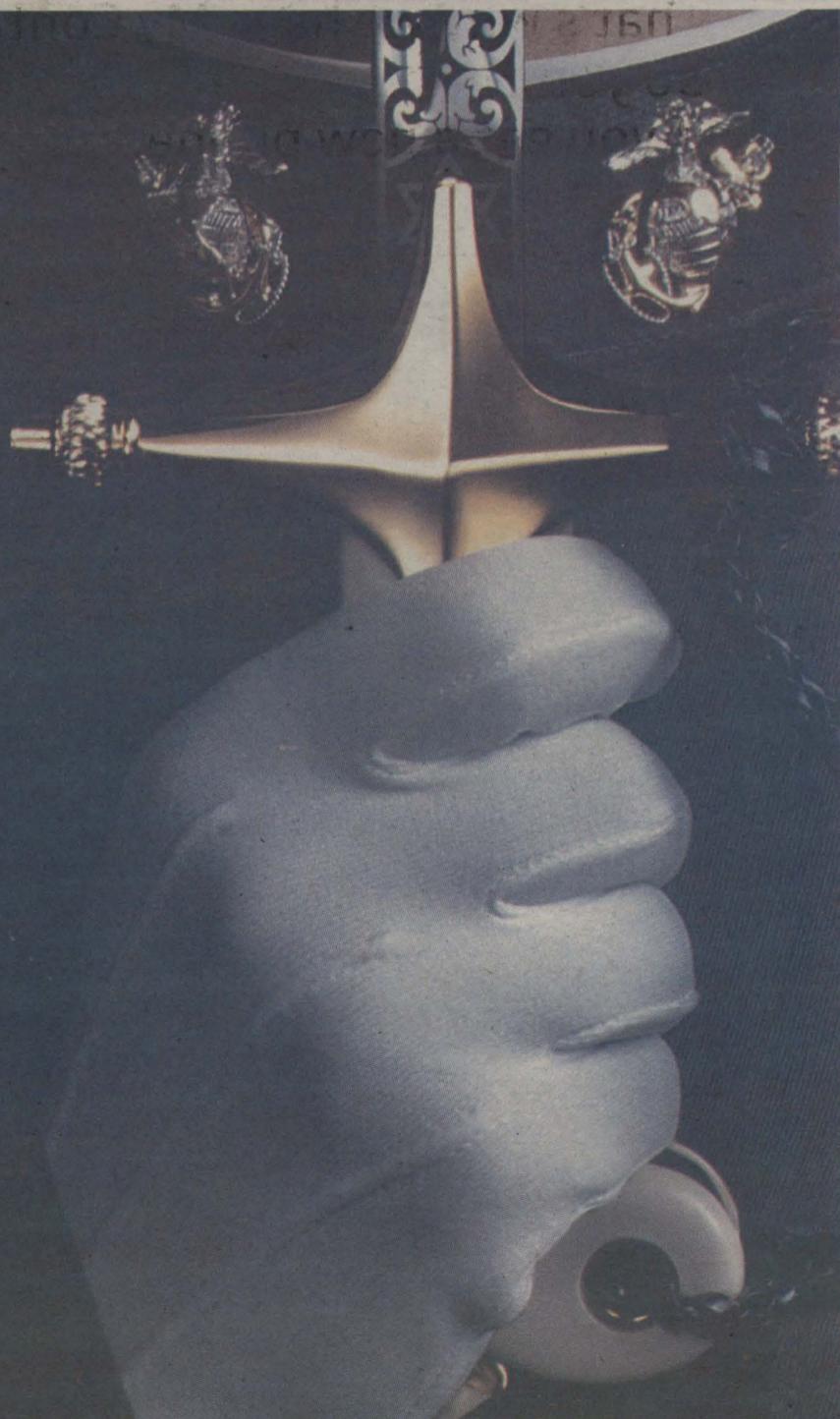
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## Arts &amp; Culture

# Earth Week Events: April 20-24

## Monday, April 20: Food and Consumption Day

Organic Pointer Plate Special at the Wooden Spoon  
 Campus garden tours and composting discussion from 1-3 p.m. (meet at the campus garden)  
 Invasive species removal from 1-4 p.m. (meet at the Schmeeckle Visitor Center)  
 King Korn movie showing at 7 p.m. in the DUC Laird Room

## Tuesday, April 21: Transportation Day

Bike repair workshop at 11 a.m. on the Allen Center lawn  
 Group bike ride at 3 p.m. (meet at DUC Ticket and Information Center)  
 Bike scavenger hunt at 5 p.m. (meet outside of the Allen Center)  
 Shoreline restoration speaker Ben Niffenegger at 5 p.m. in TNR 320  
 Speaker Julia Butterfly Hill at 7:30 p.m. in the DUC Theater

## Wednesday, April 22: Education Day

Natural resource course taught by Professor Doruska open to the public at 11 a.m. in TNR 170  
 Tree planting and free food from local businesses from 12-3 p.m. at Old Main  
 Ecological economist Brian Czech at 7 p.m. in the DUC Laird Room  
 Campus green tours all day upon request (contact Katie Stenz at ksten220@uwsp.edu)

## Thursday, April 23: Recreation Day

Native seed planting from 3-7 p.m. in Schmeeckle Reserve  
 UW-SP Dance Team performance at 3:30 p.m. in the Sundial  
 Schmeeckle trash pick-up at 4 p.m. (meet on the corner of Maria Dr. and Reserve St.)  
 Biofuels presentation by Professor Eric Singaas from 5-6 p.m. in DUC 111  
 Green Man Group theater performance at 6 p.m. in the Sundial  
 Learn to geocash from 6-8 p.m. (meet at the Schmeeckle Visitor Center)

## Friday, April 24: Green Living Day

Eco-Fair all day in the Sundial featuring a display of student organization and local business green efforts, a presentation on local recycling regulations and the campus and city master plans, signing of a sustainability pledge, and announcement of recycled art competition winners  
 Knutzen Hall Green Room Tours from 1-3 p.m. (meet in the Knutzen Hall lobby)

## Saturday, April 25

Candlelight hike and student presentation at 7 p.m. in the Schmeeckle Reserve (meet at the Visitor Center)



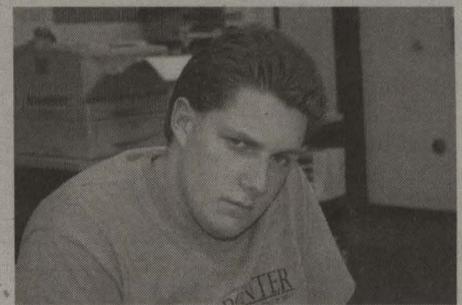
## Staff Pointer Poll: With Trivia being this weekend, what is a question you have always wanted an answer to?



**Steve:** Who put the bahmp in the bahmp-a-bahmp-a-bahmp?



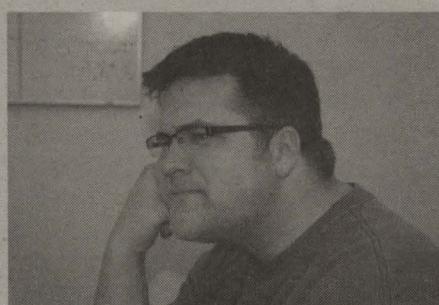
**Katie:** Have you ever heard the wolf cry to the blue-corned moon?



**Justin:** Where in the world is Carmen San Diego?



**Becca:** Have you ever imagined yourself in a world with no hypothetical situations?



**Jake:** What is the answer to life, the universe, and everything?



**Becca:** Is there ever a day when mattresses are not on sale?

## Get a whiff of the perfumery romance on campus: UW-SP theatre department presents "She Loves Me"

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Within the walls of the Studio Theater exists a quaint replica of a burlesque perfumery run by the stern, yet softhearted, Mr. Maraczek, played by James Roland Freer.

But the smell of perfume is not the only aroma in this shop; a strong, bittersweet scent of romance lingers in the musical comedy, "She Loves Me."

This charming production is the story of two perfume shop employees, Amalia Balash, played by Sadie Langemo and Georg Nowack, played by Andrew Hollenbeck, who cannot stand each other. They quarrel every day at the shop, but find comfort in their anonymous pen pal lovers, who, ironically, turn out to be each other.

This unusual romance seems dire at times, keeping the audience involved until the very last song. But do not fear; love prevails.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point reproduction, based on the Hungarian play, "The Shop Around the Corner," has also been retold in the 1998 movie, "You've Got Mail," starring Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks. However, while Meg Ryan's legs may be motivation to stay

awake during "You've Got mail," the compelling voices in "She Loves Me" will keep the audience stirring.

The score alone should bring in an

audience as the witty songs, created by the same team that composed the songs of "Fiddler on the Roof, showcase the undeniable talent of the UW-SP

theatre and dance department.

Describing the cast as "talented, hard-working and positive," Director Roger Nelson rehearsed for seven weeks and created a complete past life for each character so that their actions onstage would be believable and motivated; they were.

The 21 musical theatre and acting majors performed in the Noel Fine Arts Center April 10-12, but will recreate the show April 15-18 for the largest production thus far in the Studio Theatre. Housing a perfumery, in addition to settings that represent a romantic restaurant, street, hospital room and cozy apartment, one must see it to believe it.

But quality doesn't only survive on stage. A live four-piece orchestra composed of piano, celeste, percussion, violin and cello, makes the musical come alive. Superb lighting, special effects and elegant costuming also make this show a delight.

In the words of the director, "It's witty, intelligent, adult and romantic."



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Sadie Langemo and Andrew Hollenbeck play leads, Amalia and George, in "She Loves Me," a romantic musical staged by the department of theatre and dance at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on April 10-12 and 15-18.

## Tree-dwelling author climbs down to Stevens Point for Earth Week

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Best-selling author and renowned environmental activist Julia Butterfly Hill will be speaking on campus in an open forum this Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dreyfus University Center Theater.

Bringing Hill to campus was a collaborative effort on behalf of student organizations like the Society for Ecological Restoration, Student Government Association, the Geography Club, the Waste Management Society, the Environmental Educators and Naturalists Association and Centertainment. Individuals like Chris Diehm in the philosophy department, President of the Environmental Council and SGA Sustainability Director Nate Pollesch and geography professor Lisa Theo were also instrumental in this effort.

Environmental Council secretary and treasurer Jennifer White is also playing a large role in helping to coordinate the event and is serving as

a main communication representative to the public.

"Julia is an international figure for the environmental movement," White said. "She has traveled all over promoting her beliefs and retelling her experience. We are lucky to have such an influential figure coming to Point."

During her visit, Hill will be speaking about her book, "The Legacy of Luna," which details her plight to protect the redwood trees in California from deforestation and logging. Her efforts included a two-year tree sit in a redwood tree she named Luna. She was awarded the Courage of Conscience award in October 2002 for her act of civil disobedience.

As is evident from her book, Hill's tree-sit was a microcosmic symbol of changes that must occur on a macro level--by attaching herself bodily to one tree, she made a statement about humans' inherent connectedness to the environment as a whole and the need to protect it.

This statement resonated not only among the individuals it served to inspire, but also among prominent logging companies like Pacific Lumber, who repeatedly tried cutting the tree down. Their efforts and Hill's actions engendered both bad press for the

company and a new wave of environmentalism.

"I think that she has brought about awareness of lumber practices," White said. "While in the tree, she fought the entire time for more strict regulations on the movement. She has inspired many people not to turn a blind eye to the lumber company's blatant disregard for the law."

The scope of Hill's career as an activist has widened to include involvement with organizations like the Circle of Life foundation, which she founded in 1999 with other activists. According to White, she also works with Van Jones, an individual hired by the Obama administration to create green jobs in urban areas.

However, this demanding schedule has not mitigated Hill's passion for educating the public on the urgent priority of environmental issues.

"We can no longer deny that the earth is in trouble due in part to

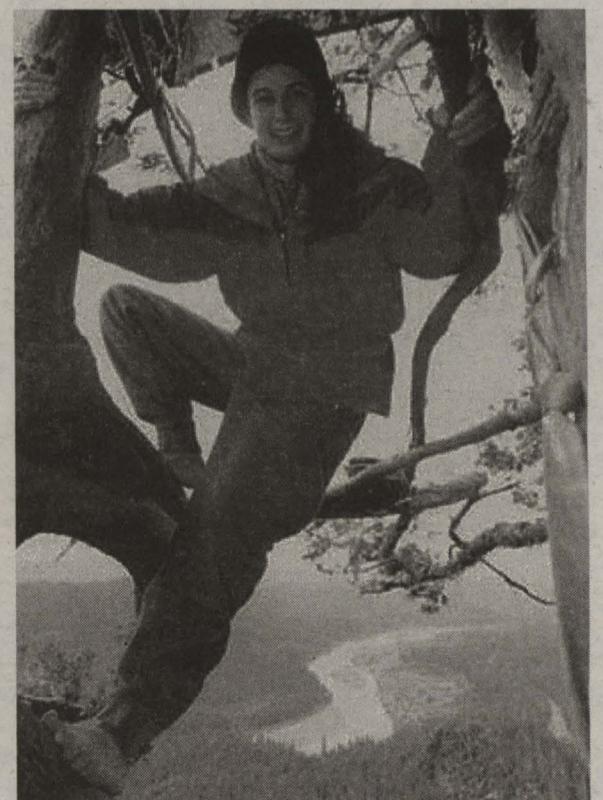


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Julia Butterfly Hill lived in this tree she named Luna for approximately two years.

massive deforestation that has helped eliminate species from this planet and in part to the often harmful practices of big business," White said. "Julia is not afraid to fight for these issues."

## Arts &amp; Culture

## Ryan reviews: The new film sensation "Slumdog Millionaire"

Ryan Farrell  
ARTS AND CULTURE REPORTER

"Slumdog Millionaire" is the story of an 18-year-old orphan from the slums of Mumbai named Jamal Malik (Dev Patel), his brother Salim (Madhur Mittal), and his one true love Latika (Freida Pinto).

The story starts out with the entire nation of India watching a gripping episode of the Indian version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" Jamal is an unimaginable one question away from winning 20 million rupees (a little more than \$400,000) but is taken into custody, beaten, tortured and interrogated for suspicion of cheating. After all, what can an uneducated slumdog from an overpopulated shantytown know? It is falsely presumed he cheated.

With that, Jamal begins to report and relive the story of his childhood via colorful flashbacks with the answers for the game show weaved into his past. Every chapter of his life seems to have been prepping him for this exact moment when he could be the second person ever to win India's "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" But we soon find out Jamal could care less about the money, but rather, wants to

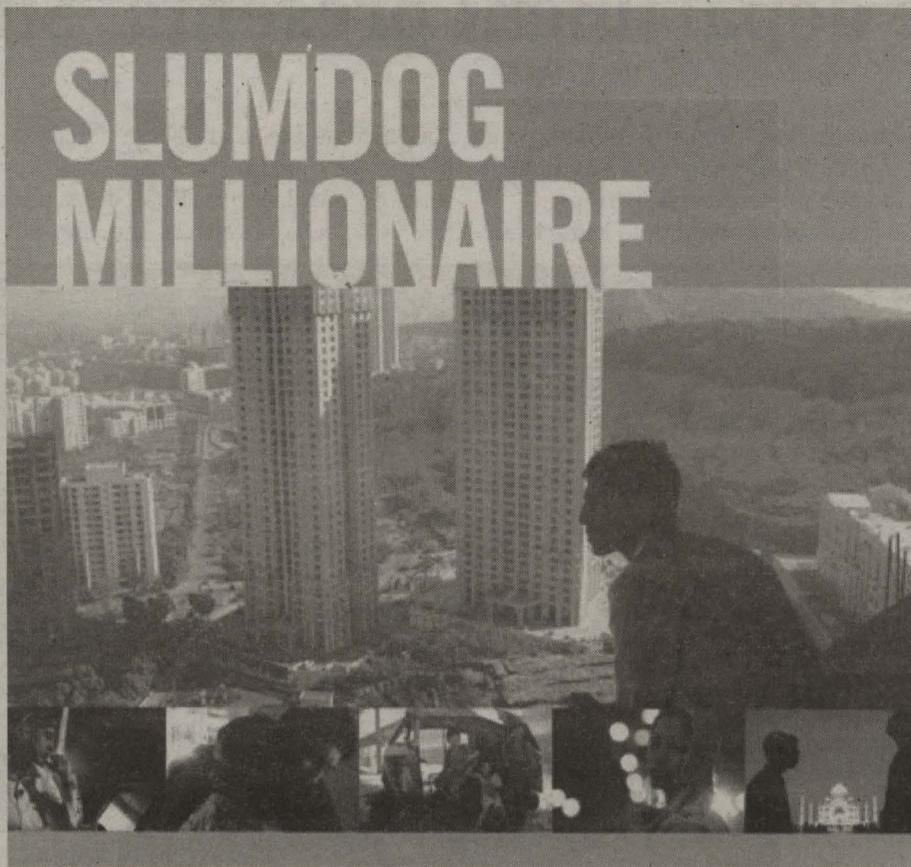


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Slumdog Millionaire is an independent film from India that received eight Oscars, including Best Picture.

use this publicity to find his long-lost love, Latika.

This independent film from India

swept away the competition at this year's Academy Awards by reaping 8 total Oscars, including Best Picture.

"Slumdog Millionaire" is a brilliant piece of movie magic that deserves every bit of attention that it received.

Don't be deceived by the previews and commercials with the happy-go-lucky dance sequence; this movie is an endless tale of sorrowful circumstances and woeful experiences with just the right amount of romantic serendipity to keep you from crying your eyes out.

"Slumdog" is an enthralling, genre-defying romantic thriller that hooks itself into you, takes you on a vicious roller coaster ride through the darkest corners of India, makes you laugh, cry and doesn't let you go until the very climactic conclusion.

The newly released DVD is well worth the buy with over a dozen deleted scenes, two commentaries, "The Making of..." documentary and a music video of the Oscar-winning song "Jai Ho." As an added bonus for the eco-conscious, the case purposely uses less plastic for a healthier environment.

However, it earns its "R" rating for violence, some profanity, and disturbing images. If you are just aching for a new movie or even if you don't want to watch a movie at all, go buy or rent "Slumdog Millionaire." You will be glad you did.

## Book recommendation of the week: "Colony" by John Tayman

"Colony," by John Tayman, is the fascinating story of a leper colony on the island of Molokai, Hawaii. Now a national park, this was a place of exile and despair for many people when little was known or understood about this disease and there was no cure. The author makes the history come alive with the personal stories of many of the people who were literally hunted down and torn from their families and communities, many of them as children, then exiled and abandoned there. Woven into these narratives is the history of government public health policy and medical research. This book reads like a thriller - I couldn't put it down.

You can find "Colony" on the 5th floor of the University Library: RA644.L3T39 2006.

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Liz Zentner  
Library Services Assistant

## Book recommendation of the week # 2: "Reckoner" by James Tate

Published in 1986, "Reckoner" is a collection of 40 poems by James Tate, one of the greatest living American poets. While Tate has published over a dozen books of poetry, "Reckoner" stands out as a classic example of his work.

Cagey and audacious, surreal and beautiful, the works in "Reckoner" offer a style of poetry that is truly unique. Poems such as "A Beer Ain't Got No Bone" and "Pigs of the Deep" paint a strange and lovely commentary on the routine of life. This book pairs exceptionally well with strong, malty beer and dark roasted coffee.

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## High Five: In trivial pursuits

**Steve Apfel**  
COLUMNIST

It feels so good to be back with all of you after my two-week sabbatical. Returning to the pages of "The Pointer" is like putting on a warm dryer-fresh pair of sexy pants. I hope you've all managed without me while I was out traversing the country, collecting research for my new project. I don't want to give too much away but I will say I met a superhero and I must bring her story to the world. Stay tuned!

I knew I had to return for this, the most hallowed of weeks at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. If trivia was a live album it would clearly be "Frampton Comes Alive!" It's just that important. I feel honored to the max just to be a part of such an event. Now don't feel bad that you weren't invited to be part of my team. I'm not participating in that way. I am an answer! Pay attention now, my zealous friends, because I am the answer to question 5 of hour 41 of Trivia 40. Just answer "Steve Danger Apfel" and you're that many more points into competition! You're quite welcome.

Truthfully dear readers, is anything more important than trivial knowledge? The answer is a resounding "certainly not." Standard education is all well and good, but being able to remember and regurgitate seemingly useless facts is what life is really all about.

Now trivial knowledge has many real-world applications outside of helping to raise money for our dear 90FM.

For example, say you are out on a first date with that adorable girl/guy from your twice-weekly history class. You've met up at Green Tea and have dispensed with the usual greetings and pleasantries, but what do you talk about next? Nobody wants to talk about school on a date. How lame! This is where your trivial knowledge comes in handy. Casually say to your lovely date, "Did you know that John Wayne's real first

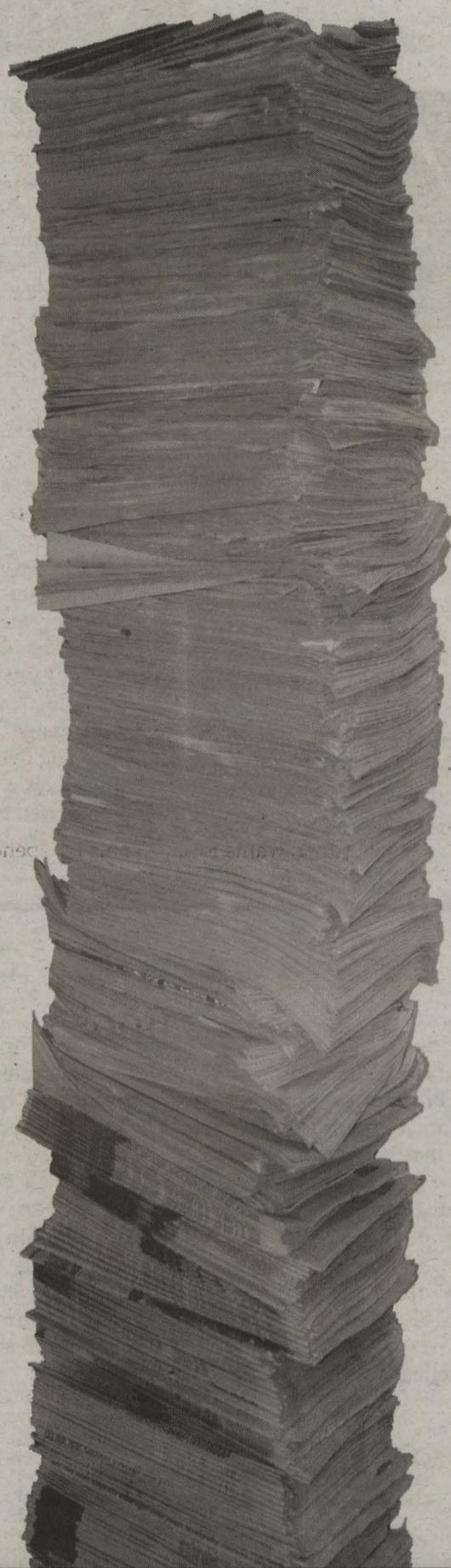
name was Marion?" or "If the plates on the back of a stegosaurus were not used for protection, what were they used for?" See if you can even finish your meal without inspiring and passionate lip lock. If you thought trivia was only cute when said by Jonathan Lipnicki in "Jerry Maguire," you thought wrong!

Research papers are unfortunately still a staple of many college courses and a bane to the existence of many students. Your paper on the effects of global warming on the baboons of Africa is a little dry and could use a bit more pizzazz? Trivia to the rescue! Drop into your text that actor Robert Guillaume, the voice of wise baboon Rafiki in Disney's "The Lion King," replaced original actor Michael Crawford in the title role of "The Phantom of the Opera" and you and your professor are having a better learning experience.

I realize that experiences of this nature sound fantastic but may not be realistically within the reach of all students. Not everyone is naturally trivially-inclined. I've got your back, my less-inclined friends. Starting this very day, April 15, 2009, will be the first meeting of the Collegiates Learning Intense Trivia student group. Students will be able to receive a crash-course in trivial facts and memory techniques. The goal is to have every interested person ready to participate in at least the later rounds of Trivia 40. Perhaps next year's winning team will be formed by these curious friends!

Finally, I'd like to thank all of you for remembering my birthday this week. The party was a complete surprise, and who knew Avra could limbo so low? On roller skates no less! And my new best friend Liz Bush can make one heck of a confetti cake, wouldn't you say? And the sci-fi theme was out of this world! Good luck to all trivia teams this weekend!

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Dear Lady V (continued from last week's column),

Since you shared some of your confusions about the opposite sex, let me share some of mine.

**Complaining about guys:** Why must you always do this? I swear we can't seem to get anything right. No matter how many times we rub your shoulders, how many times we change the oil in your car or no matter how many times we listen to you bitch about work or school, you are never satisfied. We sacrifice so much! I think we deserve a little appreciation.

**Holding grudges:** It's amazing how you girls can absolutely love someone one minute and desperately hate them the next. I've seen girls' best friends turn into worst enemies in a matter of minutes. And when you are pissed at someone, you stay that way for a long time. Guys are far more rational. We get mad, we get even and then it's done. When girls get stabbed in the back, they feel they need to stab back 50 more times. And they call us the immature sex.

**Shopping:** I don't understand the need to spend all day walking on concrete floors and wasting as much money as possible. I once had a girl tell me that she bought a \$50 pair of shoes that she never plans on wearing. She simply liked the way they looked. I am simply out of words.

**Self-image:** It frustrates me how women hate the way they look. They feel their hair is never good enough, their butts aren't cute enough, worried what they are wearing makes them

look ugly. And don't even get me started on the make-up thing. Some of you girls act like your skin is discolored or something and you're trying to hide every inch of it behind blush and eyeliner. I don't want to come across as some wimpy, sensitive guy, but you girls are gorgeous! Quit trying to change the way you look. There's nothing sexier than a girl that just woke up, hair in a mess and wearing a ratty old t-shirt.

Now I'm not advising you to just give up and let yourself go but give yourselves a break. We aren't expecting Jessica Alba to be waltzing into our lives anytime soon (although that would be awesome). We like you just the way you are. I mean, look at us. We are ugly as sin but somehow get lucky once in a while.

-ZJ

P.S.-This was not meant to offend anyone. It was written all in good fun.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter concerning the use of bicycles on and around campus. I am currently a member of a group that believes that this is a valuable asset that students don't take advantage of while going to college here at UW-SP.

We are currently trying to expand the bike rental program here at UW-SP. We feel that this is a natural resource college, so we should practice some of what we

preach. Leaving that car at home and riding a bicycle is the right thing to do. We are all trying to improve the quality of life and protect the planet we live on, so why not do your part? During Earth Week, you will have the chance to show your support. There are multiple events involving bicycle riding and safety that you can get involved in. "Ride fair" will be going on during Earth Week, so join in the fun and get healthy at the same time.

In conclusion, we believe that this is a good program for our school and for the students who attend the school. With an expanded program, we can improve the chance of incoming students to get a bicycle to ride while attending UW-SP.

-Michael Diehl

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Second year student Zach Andrist likes to keep up with the news.





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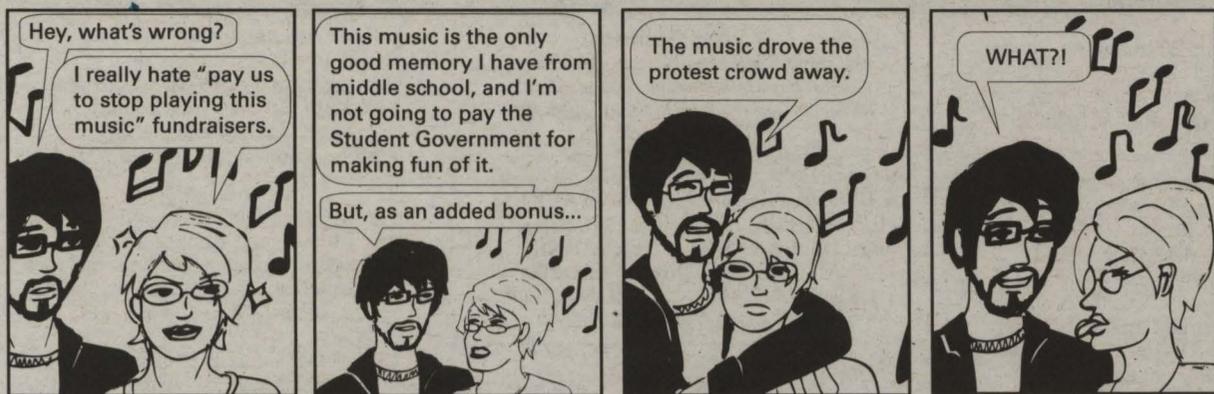


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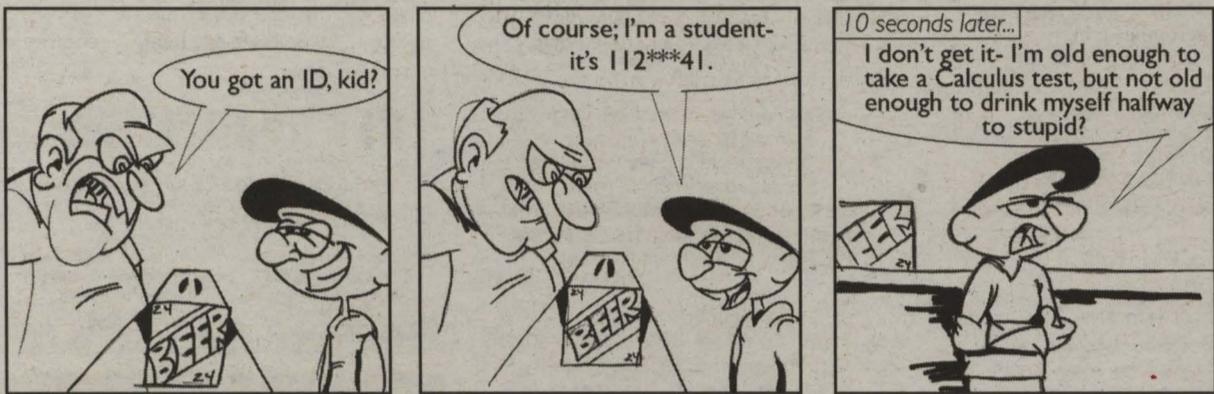
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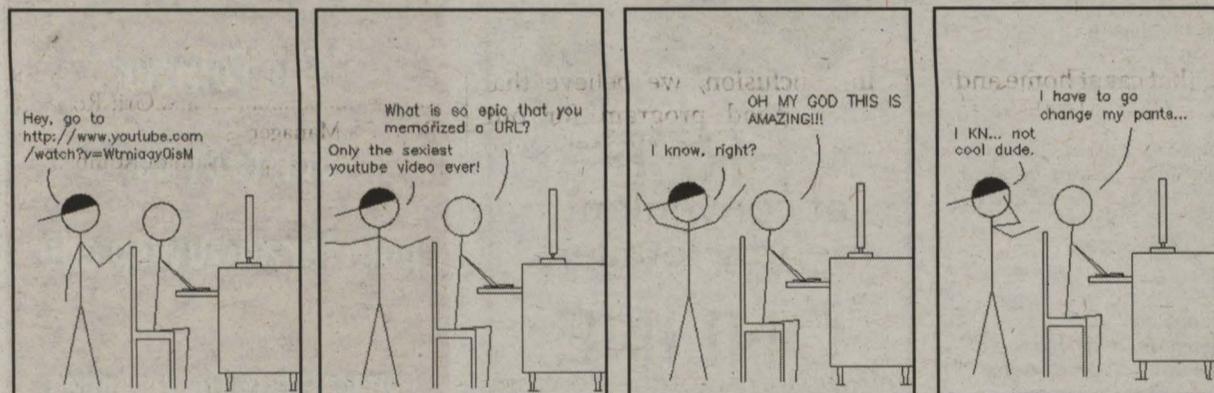
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## Vaguer Language

## John Kawa



a paid LGBTQ affairs full or part-time directors. "If UW-Stevens Point wishes to stay competitive in today's academic climate, it must make further advances in advocating the acceptance and diversity on its campus," said Julie Schneider, GSA advisor and member of the Faculty/Staff GSA, in a letter from the GSA executive board.

Another student, Eric Krszjzaniek, who has also resigned from the student senate, was against the amendment.

"If GSA has failed, then I will actively support and work with the organization to address discrimination issues on this campus, and I hereby resign from SGA to do so to the fullest extent of my abilities," Krszjzaniek said in an e-mail in response to a concerned student.

Krszjzaniek said his main concern is that this position would take away from the GSA's power. He believes the GSA should have a paid staff member for this position, not SGA.

Krszjzaniek also said in the e-mail he feels the addition of this position further emphasizes the idea of differences and dichotomies that is our basis of thinking. It emphasizes what is "normal" and what is not and that people need to stop thinking in these ways.

"There needs to be a different way as we are all a part of the same community... The ideology system is broken, and we do not fix a system by reaffirming the system," said Krszjzaniek.

He said no one student should have their full responsibility of helping this community.

"Instead, shifting the way people think should be something that we all do, every single one of us, when interacting with others on a daily basis," said Krszjzaniek.

There has been discussion among senators who are for this amendment about presenting the proposal to the senate in a different manner.

GSA and SGA are currently searching for alternatives to ensure that the LGBTQ community is represented in the future.

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## Wordle

Create as many words as you can out of these 6 letters. Spaces are provided below.

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Check back next week for the answers.

**PLAY WORDLE!**  
 Hint: One of the words is the same as last week.

### Last week's answers:

EEL LOPE POPE  
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