

Budget controversy reaches climax: A look at both sides

Side one: Students upset with the budget process

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Having postponed next year's budget approval since March, a growing number of student representatives within the Student Government Association are taking steps to improve what they consider a flawed process. Though as it stands, the SGA is working towards meeting the extended budget due date on April 9.

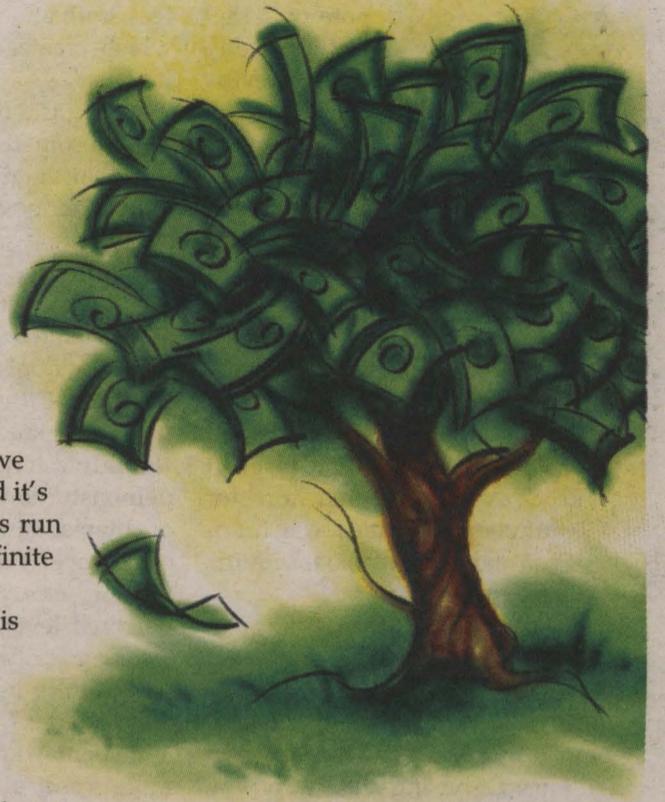
"I think right now, there are a few of us who are in complete agreeance that there needs to be more done. I'll say it right now: the budgets, they're pretty much all done," said Patrick Testin, senator of the College of Letters and Science. "There's not a whole lot we can do about it, but what we can do is to start laying down the framework for next year and for future SGA administrations and student organizations to have more say in these matters."

Michael Wilson and Dustin Klein, president and vice president-elect for next year respectively, represent the wave of the future student body discontent with the current budget process.

"The problem is that we live in a system, and by system, I mean accepted global order, in which the purpose in life is to maximize profit,"

said Wilson. "And so there's a lot of room for people to say 'Well, I could take this opportunity to put a lot of money in my pocket.' And if they can get away with it, if they don't have to go through illegal processes to do so, if they can do so with impunity, then they will try. So there's a lot of room for corruption in the system as a whole. In the UW shared governance system, we see the results of it, and it's not something that has run amuck, but it's a definite problem."

"We've allowed this to happen, and now it's our responsibility to fix this. And one thing I'd like to see done is an audit of this university," said Testin. "I think that would be a very crucial step in seeing exactly where money is going that we don't have a say in. And I think that would be very, very good for the budget process."



Segregated fees are divided into allocable and non-allocable fees.

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Side two: Offer solutions instead of complaints

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On April 7, during the Student Government Association meeting many senators voiced disconcert with their control over the way the shared governance budget is being run.

This debate has two sides because many SGA members believe that the administration is not giving the students enough control, while some of the administration is just doing what they feel is best for the general welfare of the students.

"We are working to respond as best as we can to every individual student and balance the general interests of the students. Some students may never go to Delzell, but it is more for the benefit of the entire university," said Chancellor Nook.

One of the major issues discussed was the way the administration has been spending students allocable and non-allocable fees without the input of students.

Allocable fees are those that support students (activities, entertainments, programs, etc.) while non-allocable fees are those that support long terms goals (building projects, salaries, fixed projects, etc.)

The University Centers Advisory and Policy Board provides oversight for all of the units involved within the University Centers. Some programs and activities of the Centers (Centertainment, Intramurals, community service, etc.) get some programming revenue from the annual student activity allocable fee process.

"I agree with programs such as Centertainment and Intramurals being allocable fees. Students should have input about things that are important to the welfare of the university," said Vice-Chancellor Tomlinson.

Some things such as jobs, debt and health care are essential to the university so they fall under the category of non-allocable fees because the day to day activities of the university could not sustain without them. People would not sign contracts for jobs if they were not long term or if they had to worry about students voting on if they would still be there next year.

The Student Health Advisory Committee provides oversight for programs and operations funded by the student health fees. SHAC is a non-allocable group, which acts as the liaison between the Health Center and the students.

They have expressed what students need to the Health Center. Satisfaction surveys are almost 100% from the students' experiences with the Health Center. Students are allowed to get basic medicine and checkups for free without any form of copayment. They have recently hired a psychiatrist to come in for eight hours a week to service students in need of help.

"I am currently proposing legislation to set up new UCAPB and SHAC allocable budgets. This process will allow more student involvement on the process of how money is being spent," said SGA Vice-President, Dustin Klein.

"Many students have complained about the way things are being run by the administration but they have not come up with any resolution that anything is wrong," said Nook.

Both sides have legitimate arguments and valid points but what it comes down to most is what is right for the students.

Right now the administration clearly feels that until students propose significant changes, instead of just voicing complaints, the budget process is just fine the way it is.



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Motion to approve Ketchum-Ciftci as SGA advisor fails

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Dr. Ketchum-Ciftci

With a vote of 2-18-9 last Thursday at the Dreyfus University Center Legacy Room, the student government association of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point chose to end Laura Ketchum-Ciftci's six year term as SGA advisor. Citing a conflict of interest as the key reason behind their votes, many students argued that as SGA advisor and director of the university centers, Ketchum-Ciftci may not have dispensed the best advice over the years.

"Dr. Ketchum-Ciftci is a great person to come to when you want advice or knowledge on the history of the SGA; however, she is not the kind of person that I would want to go to when I need advising on how or why I should vote on a financial process," said Dustin Klein, vice president-

elect. "The reason being that she's head of the University Centers, meaning she is directly involved in the University Centers Advisory and Policy Board budget process. Which as we know, deals with segregated fees, both allocable and non allocable, which creates a possible conflict of interest."

"It was a tough vote for all of us. It's not something that... It was not a personal vendetta, it was not trying to hurt her position in the university," said Klein.

Similarly, Michael Wilson, president-elect, agreed that having such a conflict of interest thrust upon an individual would not be fair to Ketchum-Ciftci. Wilson said: "Her telling us student leaders that they shouldn't have any oversight is a demonstration of why this conflict of interest can be detrimental to her career over the long run, and so we want to clear her of that, and on a personal level, I think she's great. I think she's obviously a nice lady, and I wouldn't mind getting to know her a little better."

There were students who were more vocal about their views, such as Jeffrey Decker, a contributor to the CounterPoint and former speaker

of the senate. "If Ketchum-Ciftci remains as advisor, anyone who thinks Dr. Nook gives a [expletive deleted] about the rules is an idiot," said Decker.

Wilson and Klein may hold views closer to Decker's than their predecessors, Scott Asbach and Nate Schultz, though disagree on many points. However, Klein pointed out an example of how a conflict of interest on Ketchum-Ciftci's part may affect the SGA's decisions.

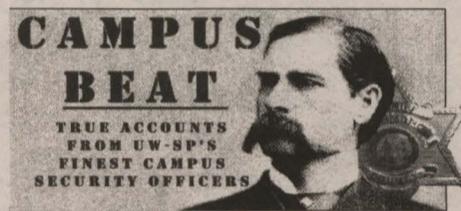
"I know Scott and Nate have really been advised by Dr. Ketchum-Ciftci in the issue of non-allocables. She actually just told them flat-out that the UACPB budget is completely non-allocable, and that's a problem, because our advisor, I don't believe has the capacity over... It's not her job," said Klein.

In an e-mail sent to SGA senators hours before the vote, Ketchum-Ciftci argued that rejecting her as the SGA advisor may not be the best choice, and proposed that having a system of dual advisors, similar to the one in place at the start of her SGA advising position, might be a better alternative.

Ketchum-Ciftci wrote, "If the concern surrounds SGA wanting to reappoint the advisor each year, I

will let you know that I personally don't think this would be in the best interest of UWSP students since the role is very much serving as historian and advisor for the group and no other shared governance group reappoints its advisor yearly. But if a second advisor was added and the roles divided between the two people a reappointment process rotated between the two every five years might work. Any change with the SGA advisor role would need to have support of Dr. Bob Tomlinson and Interim Chancellor Nook."

Currently, the vote rejecting Ketchum-Ciftci as SGA advisor will still need to be submitted to interim-Chancellor Nook, while SGA speaker of the senate Justin Glodowski begins submitting new names for possible candidates for a future SGA advisor.



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Jeffrey Decker, a student, has been cited as the catalyst for the recent shift in SGA attitudes towards many aspects of the shared governance system, including the budget process, through his contributions in the CounterPoint.

"I'm sorry to embarrass the university as a whole when only a handful of staff and administrators are crooks," said Decker. "They should have fixed things when contacted by legislators, regents and concerned students. Nook was hiding from this issue, Tomlinson was killing it, and Ketchum-Ciftci was running this corruption daily."

Though Wilson chose not to comment on specifically whom or what aspects had been corrupted, he stressed that pointing fingers would be counter-productive. Klein added that while certain detractors may hold the administration responsible, discounting student input would also be unfair.

"Basically 36.095 of Wisconsin state statute gives student the right to have voice in that process. Since that came about in 1974, different administration across different campus in this state have systematically taken away that right," said Klein.

"The coercion is certainly an issue, but because students signed it, because they were given the opportunity to have meaningful input, it's legal. Not moral, not moral at all, but it was legal."

Hoping to improve on the situation, Wilson and Klein feel that a return to an earlier system of shared governance might be the key in remedying the situation. "I feel that basically we're trying to make it so that we can go back to

what it was before 1989, where shared governance was working with each other, where shared governance was legitimately a voice of the student body that really fought for student rights," said Klein.

Though detractors from the current budget process may not have agreed with each other on certain points and methods, one of the areas in which a consensus was reached was the issue of student involvement as it pertained to gaining student rights.

"What happens in the SGA in terms of budget process affects what you pay in tuition. Not your whole tuition, but segregated fees and all that, and if we start looking at the hard numbers, if we had more students looking at the hard numbers, they'd be raising concerns themselves," said Testin.

"Student involvement was our platform. Student voice, student power, student involvement, that

Other SGA senators chime in:

"Many students believe that we are trying to take over but on the contrary, we are determined to give control back to the students. Students should decide on student programs not the administration," said SGA senator Kirk Cychosz.

"Our problem is that there is very little communication between the shared governance. Budgets are not being reported to SGA and policies are not being followed in accordance with state law," said SGA senator Seth Hoffmeister.

was what we wanted, and now it's making sure we're going through with our plans," said Klein. "If we have a full senate, I'll shave my arms and my legs."

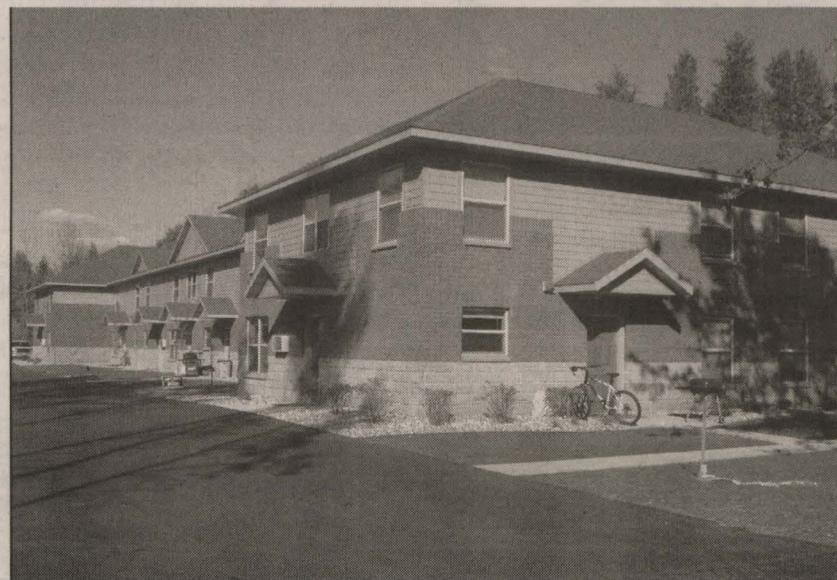
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UWSP celebrates Student Employment Week

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This week marks the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point annual Student Employment Week.

The UWSP Student Involvement and Employment Office holds events during the week, held April 5 to 9. The week is recognized at UWSP in conjunction with National Student Employment week, held each year in the first full week of April.

"It's basically a celebration of student workers and student employers to show how much we value them," said Roz Greiert, SIEO marketing and promotions coordinator and UWSP student.

SIEO kicked off the week Monday by offering free cake in the Dreyfus University Center concourse.

On Monday SIEO also awarded the "best place to work" award to five student employers on campus.

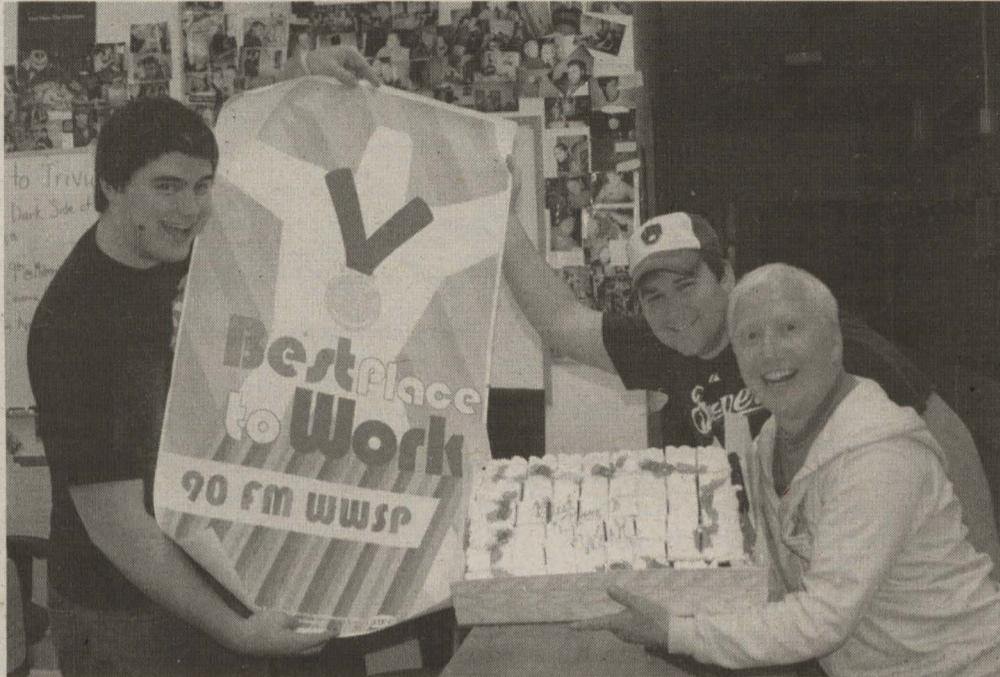
SIEO received 35 nominations for the award. The entire staff at SIEO evaluated the nominations and selected five winners.

International Programs and Schmeekle Reserve won the "best place to work" award for the second straight year. 90FM, Centertainment and Outdoor Edventures also won the award this year. This year's

winners received a large cake from SIEO and also a banner recognizing their award.

On Tuesday, students had the opportunity to find summer employment through the Summer Job Fair, held in the DUC Laird Room. SIEO also offered free cake in the Multi-Activity Center lobby.

SIEO and Dining Services held



90FM staff pose with their "Best Place To Work" banner and cake.

Photo by Ryan Urban

Sports Medicine Club hosts Spring Thaw 5K

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It's that time of the year; time for spring cleaning, Brewer's baseball games and of course the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Spring Thaw 5K run/walk.

The UWSP Sports Medicine Club will be hosting this annual event April 18, 2010. The event is open to all UWSP students and Stevens Point community residents.

Registration for UWSP students is \$12 and \$15 for non-students before April 18. Registration the day of the event is \$20 for any participant.

This will be the third running of the event.

The Spring Thaw 5K run/walk event is meant to increase awareness of type 2 diabetes, as well as help educate the public of the disease.

Type 2 Diabetes is a condition when the body either doesn't produce enough insulin or the cells' insulin targets fail to respond to the insulin secreted by the body. According to the Centers of Disease Control type 2 diabetes accounts for 90-95% of all diagnosed cases of diabetes.

All registered participants are automatically entered in a prize drawing, which occurs after the race. Prizes include Woodchucks tickets, Noah's Ark unlimited passes, Adventure 212 coupons, a Green Bay Packers signed football, Milwaukee Brewers tickets and many more prizes from local businesses and sponsors.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place men's and women's overall winners receive an Eastbay gift card. Awards given to men's and women's age group winners, as well. Age groups range from 17 and younger to 65 and up.

"Last year we had a lot of participants from the Stevens Point area, so we're expecting a good turn out from non-students. We just hope to have a decent turn out from the students," said John Rodriguez, a member of the UWSP Sports Medicine Club.

The purpose of the run was to raise money for the National Athletic Training Association Research and Education Foundation as well as bring attention to the National Athletic Training Month, which is held in March. UWSP agreed to join and the focus switched to become uniform with the other schools that had athletic training programs.

The athletic training students have been working very hard to organize the 5K run/walk and hope to continue the event in the years to come.

Registration for the event begins

a breakfast-for-dinner event at the Debot Dining Center Wednesday. The event was called Breakfast of Champions and is part of this year's Olympic-themed Student Employment Week.

Greiert explained that the event was held at Debot to make freshman and sophomore students aware of student employment.

The Olympic theme will continue this Friday when SIEO hosts Office Olympics. The event will be held in the SIEO office and features goofy fun events like Flonkerton, keyboard toss and coffee cup races from an episode of the popular television show "The Office."

Free stress relief sessions are also being offered all week by the Student Health Promotion office in room 004 of the Allen Center and in the DUC concourse on Thursday from 12-2 p.m.

Student Employment Week will conclude with a special One Spot Day at the Basement Brewhaus in the DUC featuring \$1 beers, sodas and bagels.

According to SIEO assistant director Susan LeBow, over 2,000 UWSP students work on campus. "Without them we would have problems. They make this campus work. It's truly a students' campus in that regard," she said.

Lebow added that students work in every part of campus and the number of students working on campus has increased over her 15 years with SIEO as the university continues to add services.

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## Much needed rain follows last week's warm weather

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Last week, the month of April began with high temperatures over 80 degrees. The unusually warm weather allowed University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students to enjoy their favorite outdoor activities after being stuck inside during the winter months.

According to the National Weather Channel Web site, on Wednesday, the high was 75 degrees while on Thursday the temperature reached 81 degrees, which is the highest temperature on April 1st since 1986. Friday closed out the week with a high of 74 degrees in the Stevens Point area.

The high temperatures motivated many students to start getting into the summer mindset by purchasing items used particularly for the outdoors. "I bought a soccer ball and a Frisbee to play with outside," said senior Becka Vann. "I also put together my patio set and new grill that I used for a cookout."

Yulga Park attracted many students who had been itching to disc golf. "My roommate and I went disc golfing with our new neighbors," said senior Ryan Albers. "It was nice to get away from all the schoolwork that has been crammed into these last

weeks of the semester."

Senior Dorothy Barnard said, "I did play hooky one day. I went disc golfing at Yulga, which, in other words, means that I went along with some friends just to walk around in the gorgeous weather."

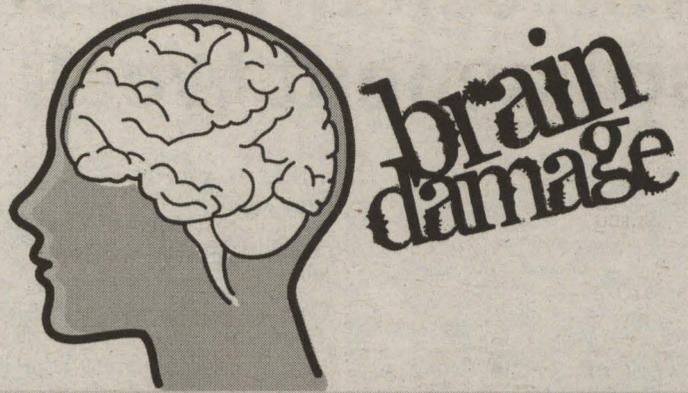
Runners were also appreciative of the high temperatures. "It was great to be able to run outside in shorts and a tank top," said sophomore Kristin Floss. "It's been so long since I have been able to run without a sweatshirt."

Other students used the weather as an excuse to take their work outside. "I went for a bike ride and took the kids I baby-sit for on a walk," said senior Caitlin Richeson.

Although students enjoyed the beautiful weather, toward the weekend temperatures began to drop and the wind picked up.

Vann said that she played a round of golf on Friday, but it was so windy and dry that it was hard to complete the course. "The rain this week was needed. The grass was dry and the ground was so hard that I could not tell how far my ball was going to bounce. It was almost like golfing in a parking lot."

From Saturday to Tuesday, temperatures continued to drop. Throughout the rest of the week they are expected to fall to as low as 26 degrees with a chance of rain and possibly even snow showers on Thursday, according to the National Weather Channel Web site.



Pamela Anderson is Canada's Centennial Baby, being the first baby born on the centennial anniversary of Canada's independence, July 1, 1967.

Donald Duck comics were once banned in Finland because he didn't wear pants.

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The 'You are here' arrow on a map is called the IDEO locator.

Just twenty seconds worth of fuel remained when Apollo 11's lunar module landed on the moon.

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at 10:30 a.m., April 18 at the outdoor track. The race will begin at 12 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at the UWSP outdoor track. Upon registration participants will receive a t-shirt, a race bag filled with goodies, and an opportunity to win many raffle prizes and door prizes.

Miguel Campos expressed his

enthusiasm for the 5K run/walk. "I'm super excited for the event, not only because I love to participate in local runs, I want to win some cool stuff," he said.

For more information on the UWSP Spring Thaw 5K run/walk you can visit the Sports Medicine Club Web site at <https://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sportsmedicineclub>.

### From "Employment" pg 3

The money students earn at their campus jobs not only helps them pay for college and living expenses but also helps the local economy. LeBow explained that the money they earn from their jobs is spent on goods and services mainly in Portage County.

LeBow feels that students have a lot to gain from student employment. "Students gain valuable skills that they can transfer to their future workplace," said LeBow.

LeBow pointed out that many students undertake considerable responsibility in work supervisory positions on campus. "Students often leave and never have the same amount of responsibility they had at a campus job," she said.

Greiert is pleased with the participation of student employers in Student Employment week. "A lot of people besides the SIEO office donated time and effort and we really appreciate all the help."

Greiert is also excited about this year's Student Employment Week because of the increased interest in the week's events. "It's cool because a lot of students love their jobs on campus," she said.

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# Over a thousand acres to discover natural resource callings

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The recognition that the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point receives for its natural resource program has much to do with the 1,400 acres of Treehaven. The summer session is a requirement for natural resource majors but a unique opportunity and privilege, according to the veterans of Women in Natural Resources.

On Monday, April 5, WiNR held an informational meeting about the secrets to surviving and succeeding at Treehaven. The greatest secret? There are none.

Treehaven was designed to introduce students to the variety of majors available for those in the College of Natural Resources. Each week of the summer session is dedicated to a specific area of study and is worth one academic credit.

Forestry 319 introduces the equipment and techniques associated with land surveying. Though it involves a lot of math, the course provides a gauge for students who have undeclared majors and a foothold for those interested in pursuing forestry.

"You'll definitely want to bring a calculator to this class and brush up on your trigonometry if you want to," said Helen Leavenworth, who was a teacher's assistant at Treehaven

last summer and is pursuing a soils science major.

Forest Measurements is another introductory course offered at Treehaven that promotes the major. Students will complete a timber cruise report, take a field trip to a timber yard or logging operation and use various equipment to measure an assigned 40-acre plot.

The Soil Conservation and Watershed Inventory Tech course or Soils 359 introduces the major by teaching students how to calculate runoff and soil loss. Field trips to a potato or dairy farm and landfill demonstrate how a soils major can be put to use in the real world.

"Soils 360 is when you actually get down in the dirt," said Leavenworth. In this course, students will learn about soil surveying and mapping within their 40-acre plot and other areas.

One of the most popular courses offered at Treehaven is Water 380. "You have a lot of equipment to play with and lots of stuff to do," said Leavenworth who went on to explain the itinerary, which includes stream and lake mapping and shocking. Students will also collect invertebrates and plants throughout the week-long course.

While making habitat assessments in Wildlife 340, students will be able to test their plant knowledge in preparation for the 1-credit plant



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UWSP students get ready to tackle a new day during the 2009 summer session.

identification test at the end of the session. Students will set and check small mammal traps in order to make the assessment.

The plant identification portion of the session is perhaps the most intimidating as it requires that students learn over 200 species of plants. The list of plants is made available to students well in advance, and those who have already attended Treehaven suggest learning the plants beforehand.

"Try to make up note cards with the scientific names and the common names...I think that's the one thing

you can really do before you get there," said Emily Fuger of WiNR.

Leavenworth encourages students to take advantage of the plant and water rooms at Treehaven which provide samples of the specimens students will need to know for the test. "It's really important to be around the plants when you're learning them and actually look at the live specimen to learn that plant," said Leavenworth.

Not all plants on the original list will be on the final plant identification test, however. As Treehaven progresses, professors will inform students of various plants that will not be on the exam.

Each student will spend the entire summer session with a crew of four or five people. While students are responsible for finding their own crew members, work ethic and compatibility are among the key factors that should be considered when choosing a crew.

Students attending Treehaven this summer will be the first to experience brand new facilities. Within the last year, the dorms have undergone construction to include a bathroom in every room, as opposed to one on every floor. Even prior to the remodeling however, students greatly benefited from the courses offered during the summer sessions.

Weekend workshops and activities and hundreds of acres to explore make Treehaven more than just a learning experience.

"I actually would like to take semesters like Treehaven," said Leavenworth who appreciated the chance to devote all her time and energy into one course at a time.

"I had a lot of fun at Treehaven and we got a lot of work done too. It was a nice little GPA booster for me," said Fuger.

UWSP students are fortunate to have Treehaven as a resource. The courses offered during are unique to the CNR and provide students with hands-on experience that gives them the direction and reassurance needed to pursue a field in natural resources.

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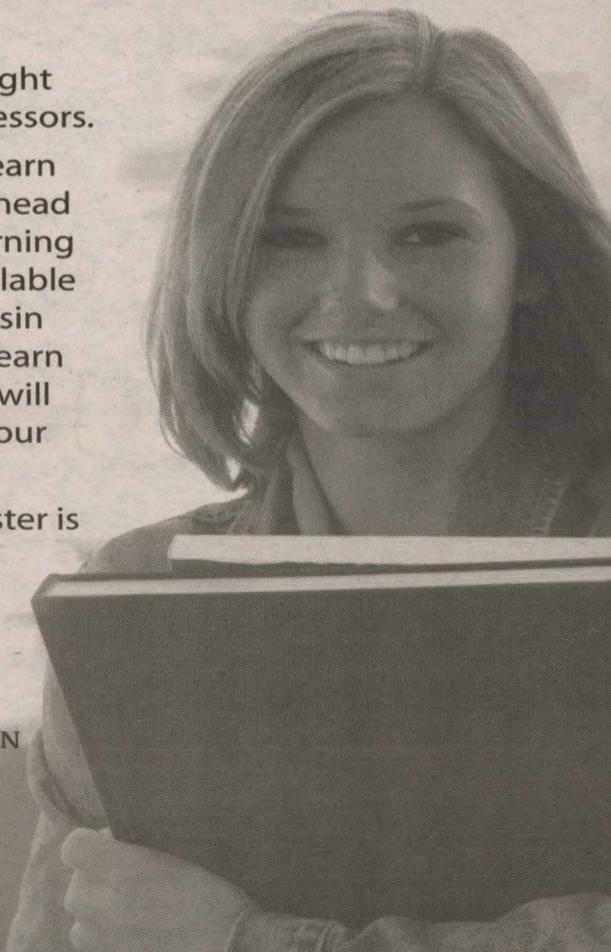
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## Sports

## Paintball club aims to add new members

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It's not uncommon for campus organizations to come and go, but hopefully they won't be gone forever. Sophomore Mike Bicanic took it into his own hands to revive a past club that is a passion to many students and is now the president of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point paintball club with co-founder and vice president Stephanie Verjinski, along with 25 members so far for the young organization of only a couple months old.

"When I came to Point, paintball was listed as a club all of last year, but I couldn't figure out what happened to it. So this year I took it into my own hands and decided to start the club up again," said Bicanic. "We're still hoping to expand and get it going so students can enjoy it."

The start of the club began interestingly with how Bicanic was able to pull the group together. William TeWinkle, secretary of the club, describes how he got involved in the organization.

"One day I was sitting in my room doing some homework and Mike was my neighbor across the hall. My door was open and he yelled over, 'Will, do you want to be the secretary of the paintball club?' At the time I didn't think it was serious so I was like, 'yeah!' But now I am glad it was serious. It's nice being the secretary



Courtesy of UWSP Paintball club

The UWSP paintball club hopes to compete in the NCPA next season.

of an awesome club," TeWinkle said.

Robert Jones, media officer of the club, has been playing paintball for ten years and competitive tournament paintball for six years.

"Being able to go out with your friends, shoot each other up and then come back later and laugh about it, that's the thing about paintball. It looks painful and aggressive, but at the end of the day, it's completely worth it," Jones said. "I guarantee that if you go out with a group of friends or an organization, you are going to be closer to each other at the end of the day than you ever were before."

There are two types of ways to

play paintball, one being in the woods and also in a tournament on fields, complete with blown up bunkers and referees. A league where most UW schools have teams and compete is the National Collegiate Paintball Association.

The NCPA is divided up by regions and at the end of the year in south central Florida, a tournament is held where they take the top teams from each region and play for an entire weekend for the right to be called national champions.

"It's a really well organized event and well organized league," said Jones. "It's got high school levels for

high school teams along with college levels and also there are a lot of college students who have gone into the professional league after college."

Also included are recreational teams for anyone who wants to get a team together and play.

"It's all a bunch of people who are all into the same things. It has been a great time so far and I'm really excited for all of the paintball matches and stuff that's coming up," TeWinkle said. "It's going to be fun."

Next semester the group hopes to expand and be able to start a tournament team for the NCPA. They will receive 15 sets of paintball equipment from the funds they received this year.

The paintball club intends to involve the entire student body in the sport.

"If any organization or club wants to go against another organization or club, we volunteer to be referee and provide all of the equipment next year and any resources they need to do it," Bicanic said. "My door is open to anybody. If anyone is interested in paintballing just contact me or anyone in the paintball club. Meetings are every week at 7 p.m. in room 378 in the DUC."

## Men's club volleyball team brings home some hardware

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This past Saturday, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's club volleyball team won the division II silver bracket championship at the national tournament in Louisville, Kent.

According to the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation Web site, there were 266 men's and women's teams participating in the tournament, with 48 teams competing in men's division II.

The tournament lasted three days with day one consisting of pool play while day two was the bracket challenge which decided what teams would be placed in the gold, silver and bronze brackets. Day three was single elimination tournament play.

On Thursday, during pool play, the men's team beat St. Olaf University but lost to John Carroll as well as the University of St. Louis. In order to make the silver bracket, the men had to win both games on Friday.

The UWSP men beat both Winona State University and Slippery Rock to reserve a spot in the silver bracket. They beat Winona in two games, both by a score 25-20, and Slippery Rock in two games, 25-21 in the first and 25-22 in the second.

"Our expectations for nationals this year were much higher than the last two years that I've been here," said Wes VonRueden, junior right side hitter and president of the men's team. "We came to the tournament ranked 17th in the nation. Our goal was to make the gold bracket, which is higher than what we were ranked. Once we got into the silver bracket, we knew that we had a chance to win."

On Saturday, the men needed to beat four teams to become the champions. They won their first match against Olivet in three games, their second match versus Western Illinois in two games, their third match against Stockton in three games and the championship match against State University of New York Brockport in three games with scores of 19-25, 27-25 and 15-10.

"I think this team definitely overachieved this year. We have a lot of raw talent," said freshman libero Casey Koenig, who was voted on the all-rookie team by the Wisconsin Volleyball Conference.

This year the team owes a lot to their new coach, Jake Luther. He kept great control during matches and really helped transform them into a great team, according to VonRueden.

"Our slow start in the tournament, combined with some bad luck cost us a shot at the gold.



Photo by Erin Berg

The men's club volleyball team in the huddle en route to winning the division II silver bracket.

We did make a great recovery after the disappointment of the first day to move on and go 6-0 over the next two days to take the division two silver flight championship," said Luther. "It was wonderful to see how the team played. They played the definition of team ball. The support for each other really brought the best out in every single one of them."

"Next year should be exciting

because we should be returning our whole starting line-up and we are only getting better," said VonRueden.

The UWSP women's team attended the national tournament for the first time in the school's history. After making the silver bracket in division II as well, they lost a close match in the first round to Western

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## Sports

## Welcoming back Tiger Woods, professional golfer

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When I was younger, I tried taking up golf. I went to my first lessons with an incomplete set of golf clubs and a dingy pair of Adidas sneakers, both held together by duct tape. I had to carry those clubs around like a bundle of sticks you pick up in the backyard; it wasn't pretty, but I wanted to golf. Eventually I would do my best to at least look the part, I got black Nike spikes and a golf bag filled with a brand new sleeve of Nike balls - which I was too afraid to use, I knew that would be the ball I'd send into a marsh - some other scuffed driving range balls, unbroken tees and granola bars. I was the real deal.

It didn't take long though, for me to realize the only real part of the game I enjoyed was putting, and even that can be a

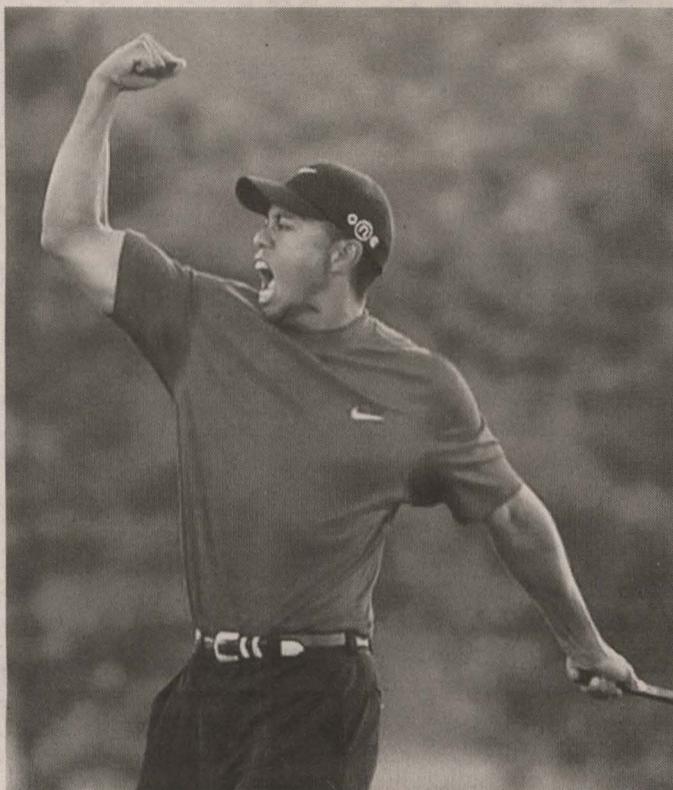
drag when it takes about nine shots to get on the green. I wasn't good, and I didn't have the patience to get better, so over time I played less and was predictably awful on the rare occasions I did play, which served to remind me why I wasn't playing in the first place. It was a vicious cycle.

I'm sure there are a vast number of people out there who can say this, but the one reason I tried this unwaveringly fickle sport is Tiger Woods. Nearly every golf memory I have revolves around him. I still remember waking up from a nap a few Easter Sundays ago just as he hit the chip at the Masters that twisted, turned and stopped at the edge of the hole, before softly dropping in. I thought I was hallucinating, a pretty normal feeling when watching Woods at his best.

There is no way I would have given golf a chance, either through playing or watching, had he not shown up. He made me like golf, rather his type of golf: the cold-bloodedness and ferocity that he brought to a sport of whispers and soft claps. I watched to see him destroy the psyches of his fellow golfers, and to see those golfers like Rocco Mediate and Y.E. Yang who apparently didn't get the memo and challenged him, and to see what happened next. He made golf more than the solitary battle against oneself that it is sometimes thought of. He made it a sport, a competition. And frankly, since he took his leave of

absence, I could not tell you the name, place or result of any tournament. If there's no Tiger, who cares? It's like watching 24 without Jack Bauer, which is just foolish to think about.

Although it seemed like a requirement to write the "Tiger Woods needs to do this and that and this and in this order" column, I tried to avoid writing about the situation altogether for as long as I could. This wasn't Tiger Woods, Juggernaut, the one that I knew. This was Tiger



Courtesy of Ap/Army Sancetta

Red Shirt. Fist Pump. This is Tiger Woods.

Woods, Broken. None of it was too much fun to think about; especially for someone who just wanted to see him play golf again.

That's why, aside from pseudo-advice columnists, today is a good day. Tiger Woods, professional golfer, is playing golf. I don't have to watch him in press conferences answering Oprah-style questions and I no longer have to write in the past-tense when talking about his career. He's out there and he's playing as he reintroduces himself to the sports world, while hopefully taking a step away from the Nancy Grace world. That is not a good world to be a part of.

No one yet knows what this reintroduction process entails for Tiger's golfing persona. He has talked about wanting to be more respectful of the game by toning his demonstrative actions down a little bit, which is fine I suppose, I'm sure he feels he has to try something.

But after that first long putt drops, or if he is in the hunt on Sunday (please let this happen), I think it will be there, that killer instinct. It is who he was, and why he became Tiger Freaking Woods in the first place; there was never anything about his golf life that needed a change. I can't imagine him without it. And I can't imagine The Masters, or golf, without him.

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Michigan.

"Our first year at nationals was a learning experience," said Katie DeWitt, vice president of the women's team. "As a new club I think we did well, but there is always room to grow and improve throughout the next couple of years."

"I encourage other students to

come out next year. If we get enough interest, I would like to have a junior varsity team," VonRueden said.

The club volleyball season has come to an end, but if anyone is interested in joining the team, look for fliers posted around campus. Open gyms will continue the rest of the semester on Mondays and Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. in the Berg gym.

## Baseball aims for consistency heading into conference play

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team is working towards getting all facets of the game working together as they prepare for Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play beginning this week.

The Pointers currently stand at 9-4 overall and head coach

Pat Bloom has seen some good signs from the early portion of the season.

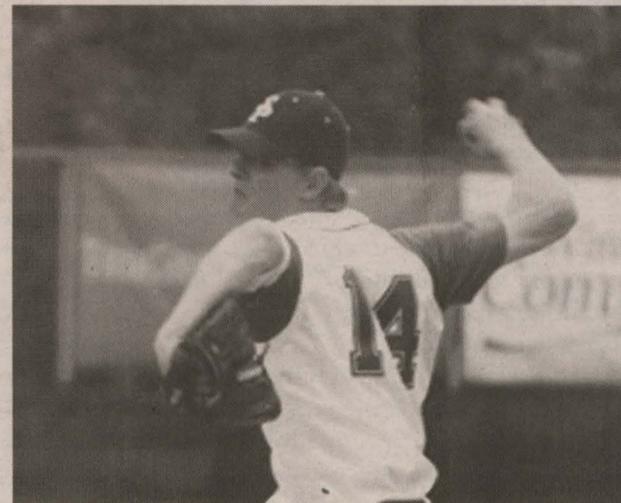
"I feel like we've had our moments where we've played decent baseball, but there have been times where we have been fairly inconsistent as well," Bloom said. "Overall we are gradually improving."

UWSP spent spring break in Florida, where according to Bloom, although rain and rescheduling forced them to play seven games in four days, the trip was a good overall experience for the team.

"We faced quality competition throughout the trip; I think we're a better team for playing the teams we did down there," Bloom said.

While Bloom characterized the team's offensive production as inconsistent so far this year, he pointed to the focus on pitching and defense as the main reasons for the team's solid beginning.

"Anytime you're playing good baseball you have to get good pitching and defense, that's where everything starts for us, that's what we hang our hat on," Bloom said. "Whether our



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Cody Koback and the Pointers will take on UW - Platteville this weekend

bats are hot or cold, we can be in any ballgame with pitching and defense."

UWSP was selected in the preseason as the favorite to win the WIAC, and while Bloom said that preseason rankings have "no bearing on our expectations," he did have some areas of focus as conference play commences.

"We need to improve on our offensive consistency and our physical and mental conditioning so we are ready to play 18 strong innings in these important conference doubleheaders," Bloom said.

In the first game of a doubleheader this past Saturday, Bloom notched his 200th career victory after defeating Ripon College, 13-3.

"I try not to get caught up in the numbers regarding my own records or achievements," Bloom said. "Every win is a great feeling for me; I have been fortunate to have a lot of great players who are great people too."

Bloom and the Pointers will host their home opener this weekend, April 10 and 11, with doubleheaders on both days at noon against UW-Platteville.

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# Arts & Culture

## UWSP opera workshop brings "Magic Flute" to the stage

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Students of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point opera workshop and the UWSP chamber orchestra will debut their performance of Mozart's "The Magic Flute" on April 9, in Michelsen Hall.

The opera, sung in English and interjected with spoken dialogue, follows Prince Tamino's tests of silence, courage and endurance. The Queen of the Night has a bad day, but Tamino and Papageno both get their girls in the end of this beloved tale.

Along with students, several staff members have diligently worked together to bring UWSP's rendition of the opera to fruition.

Professor Susan Bender is the music director for the opera and is excited about the upcoming performance.

"Bringing together all the elements of a fully staged, two hour opera with orchestral accompaniment is a very large order, but to quote a popular movie, 'if you build it, they will come,'" said Bender, "The support has been overwhelmingly positive, so I think

we're heading in a good direction with our work."

Professor Dennis Willhoit, the opera's stage director, is excited too, and has also faced a lot of unique issues in getting the performance ready including setting off the NFAC smoke alarms late at night while testing the fog machine.

"It's always sort of a rush trying to move over 30 people around on stage, but beyond that it's very exciting to watch the growth of these young singers and actors," said Willhoit.

Conductor of the orchestra, Professor Patrick Miles, is enthusiastic about "The Magic Flute." "The Magic flute" is the first time UWSP has performed an opera with orchestra accompaniment since "Cosi fan Tutti" in 1998.

"The Magic Flute' is perhaps one of the most accessible and entertaining operas in the whole repertoire," said Miles, "Even those who think they might not like opera should be pleasantly surprised by this."

Under these staff members' guidance, students of the opera workshop and chamber orchestra have been learning their parts and



Photo courtesy of UWSP OPERA workshop  
Dr. Willhoit as "Parpignol from last years production of "La Boheme."

rehearsing for months in preparation for this weekend's performances.

Jenny Hellrood, UWSP senior and a female lead in the opera, playing the part of Pamina, has quite a demanding role.

"In the course of the show Pamina is captured, molested, tied up and almost stabbed but also falls in love, makes new friends and discovers wisdom, beauty and truth," said Hellrood.

Hellrood is in the same boat as other students in the production, as they have had to call on all of their talents to make the opera perfect.

Justin Spenner, UWSP senior, plays the role of Papageno.

"He is a strange character to play. On one hand, he is the complete comic relief, and I have to be all over the place and ridiculous because of that," he said. "He also has these great arias and moments of gorgeous singing that bring out his full character. Juggling those two aspects has definitely been a struggle."

Among the many features of the opera, Bender stresses, "This opera is fun! You're able to hum the tunes when you leave." Hellrood also focuses on its entertainment value, "Overall it's a comedy, which is something I don't think people realize."

"The Magic Flute" will show on April 9 and 10 and tickets are on sale at the UWSP box office.

## The Dark Side of the Contest takes over Stevens Point next weekend

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Trivia 41: The Dark Side of the Contest will begin at 6 p.m. on April 16 and last until midnight April 18 at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point radio station 90FM.

Scott Clark, station manager for 90FM, said, "This year's theme is cool because you can do so much with the Star Wars theme." Clark suggested buying plastic light sabers to hit fellow volunteers with.

Clark said that trivia is organized

The event is the largest trivia contest in the world. The contest spans 54 hours and is open to anyone. There are eight questions asked per hour. Team contestants are able to call in and respond with an answer during the duration of two songs. Each team is only able to answer once per question.

There are two hours during the contest when only four questions are asked in which team standings are read off. The top ten teams are then awarded trophies once the contest is over and scores have been tallied.

Ryan Kroenke, promotions director for 90FM, said, "For a lot of

She said that there is still a decent chunk of her team that lives in Wisconsin. Other team members are spread as far west as Portland, Ore., as far east as Philadelphia, Pa., one player in Ireland, and two in Dubai.

The contest only continues to expand and with the ability to listen live on the station's Web site it helps the contest span globally.

"It keeps getting bigger every year. Each year we have more teams. People are starting to play online more. Last year we had soldiers in Afghanistan playing over the internet and we expect more people to be playing outside of our listening area," said Kroenke.

The contest is known not just for being the world's largest trivia contest but also for the crazy atmosphere that comes along with it.

Kroenke said, "It's fun to see how crazy and excited people get during trivia weekend. It has a very festive atmosphere. It's fun to watch people walk around like zombies after 54 sleepless hours afterwards."

Trivia officially gets started this weekend with the trivia kickoff movie. The movie remains a mystery until its first showing on Friday at midnight at Rogers Cinema on Church St. Sign up for the contest begins Monday and teams can register at the 90FM studio.

## Eliot Chang to Perform at UW-Stevens Point tonight

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The Dreyfus University Center Encore will play host tonight at 8pm to an up and coming Korean-American comedian, Eliot Chang. In conjunction with the Hmong and South-East Asian American Club, Centertainment Productions hopes that the performance leaves students not only in stitches, but more importantly, with a newfound sensibility.

"You know you get a little bit of a view into what it's like for a minority to be in this industry that for a long time was predominantly white male," said Katie Bakalarski, event coordinator for Centertainment. "You get to learn a little bit about the world around you, which is part of the reason we're in college, to learn about other cultures and other people."

Despite devoting the latter portion of his performance to a question-and-answer session on what it means to be an Asian American,

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**"For a lot of people it's like a holiday, like a yearly celebration during Trivia."**

**-Kroenke**

chaos and that it's only crazy when something goes wrong.

"One of the most nerve wracking things is that no one can see you but you know thousands of people are listening. You just have to be pretty calm and relaxed," said Clark.

people it's like a holiday, like a yearly celebration during Trivia."

Dawn Schroeder, member of trivia team Clash of the Freaks, said, "Our team only gets together twice a year because we have people spread out."



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# Letters & Opinion

## Food Swings

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This week's feature:  
**Grilled Burgers**

Hello, everyone. Long time, no talk. I haven't forgotten about you. I've just been lazy. But alas, I have gloriously returned to help you through your food fantasies and culinary blunders.

I think it's safe to say that winter is officially over; however, I know just by saying that, I have doomed us to at least one cold week in May, just in time for finals to be over. Sorry, but that's the only way this anecdote works.

In the past few weeks of sunny skies and warm days, I've walked down the fine streets of this fair city and smelled charcoal. I love the smell of charcoal. I love grills. I love grilled food. I HATE PEOPLE WHO GRILL.

How can that be? You may ask. It's quite simple. I hate people who grill because no one knows how. Every man in the world thinks they can grill. It's one of those things that is instilled into the minds of sons by their fathers who also cannot grill.

Every weekend, dad makes a big production buying steak, chicken or burgers, charcoal and lighter fluid (he will most often forget a lighter, leading to a 20 minute delay in the cooking process as we search the house only to find out that the lighter was, as it always is, in the junk drawer). Through osmosis of the mind, as you watch dad cook, you will begin to think, "I can do that." You won't do it. You won't even help. Yet, for some reason, every boy grows up to think he can grill. Trust me, they can't.

We're going to start with something very basic this week: Grilled Burgers. "What?!" you exclaim. "Anyone can do that." Wrong. Very few people can do that. You may try, but you will fail.

First off, you need charcoal.

Don't buy the on-sale charcoal at Walmart. It's garbage. You may as well carbonize your own poo and then use that to cook your food. Use Kingsford or some other wood briquette. Do the same with the lighter fluid. It costs more because it's better. That's all there is to it. You will thank me when you taste it.

Place the charcoal at the bottom of your grill in an even layer about three briquettes deep. Do not pile it up high. This will create uneven heat and therefore uneven cooking and that is definitely not good food. Liberally coat the charcoal with the lighter fluid. I know it's fun to play with fire, but there is no reason to create a bonfire with the lighter fluid. Allow the charcoal to burn until light gray and glowing orange.

Place half an onion on a grill fork and use it to grease the cooking grill. Set the grill above the coals and allow to sit for 10 minutes in order to heat properly. If you don't, your burgers will stick and be destroyed.

For the burgers, you will need:  
80/20 or higher fat content ground chuck; enough to feed your party.

- American cheese slices
- Leaf lettuce
- Tomato slices
- Red onion slices
- Dill pickle slices
- Sesame seed buns
- Kosher salt
- Black Pepper
- Thousand Island Dressing

Bring the ground chuck to room temperature (this is called tempering). Shape the meet into 1/2 pound patties of the same thickness and width. Season with salt and pepper.

Place the patties on the grill and

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## Letter to the editor

I want to take a moment to open up this letter to the editor to thank the student body for their votes cast before we left for Spring Break.

Wisconsin state statute 36.09(5) is a law that we should not take for granted. It gives us our inherent power to lead with student voice that no other state has recognized. That is why it is so crucial to vote in these student elections. I want to thank every one of the 1,300 plus students that took the time to open their email and vote in this last election.

Whether you voted for Mike and I or not, it is a start to a new future of the university's way of dealing with students. Mike and I campaigned on student power and student voice. That means that Student Government Association is going to work hard to start making it easier for YOU to get involved in the process. That means that students will be helping us lead on the issues that we campaigned on.

Eco-sustainability is a possibility with your help! Social justice is a vision we can all make real with your help! And true student involvement is the key.

All of the candidates in this race were committed to creating a new environment for students that we have never seen before; a student environment where students can be heard and not only feel empowered but actually be empowered.

Now is the time to unite as a student body. Now is the time for students to stand up and have their interests heard. Now is the time for students to let the state know that their tuition does not deserve increases. Now is the time that UWSP drops our coal plant. Now is the time that students can be empowered to take part in their global community. Now is the time for student power, for student voice!

Help us do it! Now that you've voted, stay the course and help us keep going on this momentum of student voice! - Dustin Klein, SGA Vice President Elect

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## March 18th crossword solution

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DO NOT TOUCH THEM. I REPEAT, DO NOT TOUCH THEM. As much as you may be tempted to press the burgers with your spatula or pick them up and drop them or pick or prod or in any way touch the burger, allow the burgers to sit for four minutes until you touch them. Then, pick up the burger and turn it 90 degrees. This will create those cool criss-cross marks that make restaurant burgers look so good. Allow to cook for two more minutes without touching the burgers. Patience is a virtue here.

Flip the burgers and cook for five more minutes. While cooking, place the buns on the grill and toast until golden brown. Cold buns will ruin a burger.

Place a slice of cheese on each burger. Spread the dressing on the top bun. Place the cheesed burger, lettuce, tomato, onion and pickles on the bun. Serve and enjoy.

And remember, live to eat and don't move the grilling meat.

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audiences are reminded not to expect a typical classroom experience from Chang. After all, with appearances on Comedy Central's Premium Blend and the E! channel's Chelsea Lately, Chang hardly comes off as the lecturing type. With an upcoming appearance on Showtime and a Comedy Central Presents half hour special airing later this month, it is little wonder that he has found himself a growing fan base.

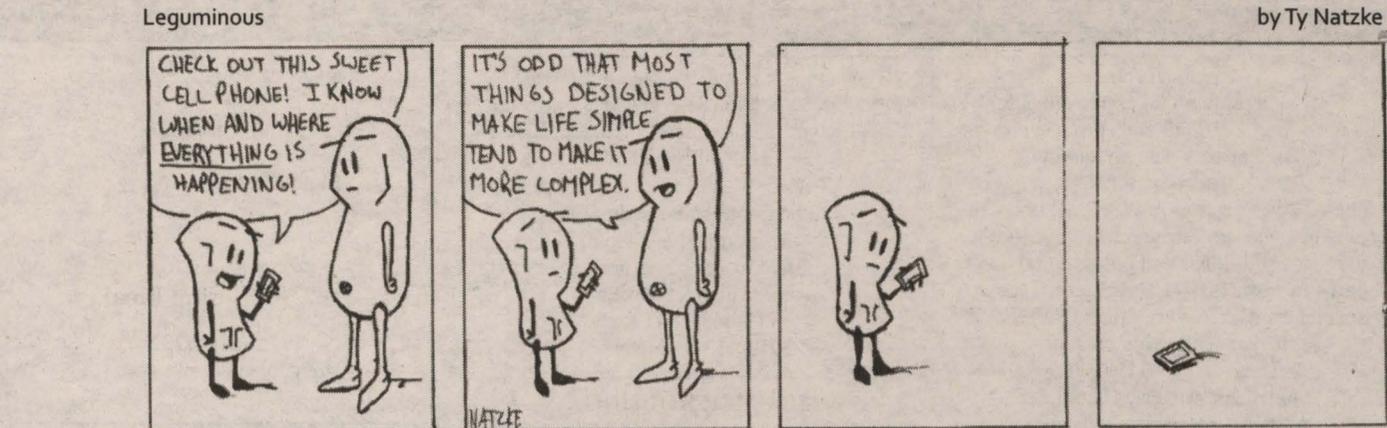
"I think it will be great mainly because he's got a lot of good humor. I know that he really promotes the uncensored Q&A," said Tate Cameron, Centertainment's administrative budget coordinator and a fan of Chang's work. "I would say it's closer to a mature comedy for the most part. He's not a 100% clean comedian like a Jeff Foxworthy type. But he's getting a little bit more popular."

Stemming, perhaps, from the role of diversity speaker that he plays on his annual national tours, Chang is also gaining recognition for his question-and-answer workshop, entitled 'Asians in the Media', which focuses on topics such as the lack of awareness of hate-crimes against Asians, the negative light that the media places upon Asians, and how students can make a difference.

"The ethnical barrier might be broken a little just because of his ethnical background," said Cameron.

Ultimately though, while the evening may touch upon a few serious topics, Bakalarski feels that the pathos of the night should not overshadow the promised lighter mood.

"He's doing his uncensored show made for college students. He's not old; he's young, too so he's going through the same experiences and he's a really funny guy," said Bakalarski. "I hope they get a lot of laughs, and first and foremost, he's a comedian, so I hope they come



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Sudoku 12x12 - Puzzle 2 of 5 - Easy

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and have a good night to relax from studying and homework and get their weekends started with some laughs, and I do hope that they learn a little bit of the world."

The performance will be held on 8 p.m. tonight at the DUC theatre at no charge to those carrying student IDs, and for \$4 for those without. For further information, please contact Katie Bakalarski at kbaka967@uwsp.edu.

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