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## Voting for SGA president and vice president underway

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On the evening of March 18, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Government Association will be announcing the new SGA president and vice president.

There are three pairs of running candidates this year: Mike Wilson and Dustin Klein, Dana Smith and Greg Hartman and Chad Haanen and Matt Muelling.

Last week's SGA presidential debate became intense towards the finish as the candidates disputed over different stances on sustainability, student issues and SGA's presence on campus. The students in attendance had ample material to help decide who they wanted to vote for after the debate.

"After hearing the debate, I decided that I'm voting for Mike and Dustin. Out of the three candidates they appeared to be the most enthusiastic and their knowledge of the SGA was very detailed," said Reid Biesterveld.

Students that wanted a change in the way SGA is run tended to lead toward Wilson and Klein. A focus on

empowering students was a major theme among this group. Several people interviewed believed that SGA needs to work on their process of the dissemination of information to the student body.

Many of the students that were interested in how SGA would deal with making the campus "greener"



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Students can vote online until the polls close on March 18.

leaned towards Haanen and Muelling. These students expressed common themes about making the campus more sustainable and repairing the disconnection in communication between the students and SGA.

"I voted for Chad because I believe that SGA needs to reach out to student organizations. It seems as if they hid information and only communicate through e-mail which is not that effective. I just recently found out that a smoking ban resolution passed," said Norman Chandler.

Some of the student body was interested in the changes of residence halls, information about SGA and faculty issues. Smith and Hartman emphasized the changes that need to be made when it came to the evaluation of our professors. One of the main focuses was that professors need to be held more accountable for the performance of their students.

"Dana received my vote because she seemed very authentic during their presentation. I felt she was capable of performing every word uttered out of her mouth," said Lawrence Bates.

Many students still have an opportunity to vote online. The polls for SGA presidential candidates close March 18.

## Vote coming on UC Referendum

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Last Friday marked a preview of next fall, when up on the Student Government Association ballot was, along with future University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's SGA candidates, an upcoming United Council referendum.

If voted into place, the referendum would begin mandatory student funding of UC's statewide lobbying works and events aimed at protecting student rights and reinforcing student priorities.

"I hope that the referendum passes so that UC can continue working actively with UWSP students and addressing specific concerns from this campus," said Kelly Schacht, the inclusivity and shared governance director of UC, who was on hand at campus since last Friday. "Hopefully lots of students will vote because they have been able to see the important role of the Student Government

Association on campus."

Schacht, who has worked with UWSP since 2009, believes it is important for UWSP to be continually involved with UC. As it is a decision that has regularly appeared on the election ballots of the past, the choice on whether to remain a part of UC is a nonbinding one, and ultimately the choice of the student body.

If voted into place, UC will impose a membership fee of \$2 on each student, which remains separate from the segregated fees charged by UWSP. However, the choice still remains with the student, and that fee can be refunded on an individual basis at the written request of each student that requests it.

"There is a Board of Regents policy that governs how the mandatory refundable fee works, and this policy requires that member campuses hold a referendum at least every two years," said Schacht.

Though UWSP's UC president Kirk Cychosz was unable to be



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United Council works to protect UW students' rights.

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## News

**ANTS helps non-traditional students feel at home at UWSP**

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The Alliance of Non-Traditional Students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has been helping non-traditional students find a home at UWSP for over 20 years.

Currently, ANTS hosts a potluck and game night once a month in an effort to get non-traditional students connected. Non-traditional students can also meet each other and find educational resources in the ANTS office, room 064 in the Dreyfus University Center.

With approximately 1,400 non-traditional students enrolled at UWSP this year, more than 10 percent of students qualify as non-traditional. Many do not even know of their non-traditional student status. Non-traditional students are people who are 24 years of age or older, have dependent children or other dependents, currently serve or have served in the military or who have delayed their enrollment into post-

secondary education for more than two years. The ANTS office is a resource that can be used by anyone who falls into one of these categories. Currently, the office has three computers and offers free printing for all non-traditional students.

ANTS officers were asked what they liked about being a part of this group. "I like talking with students. I just like to be involved, I like to make sure that people are aware that we have non-traditional students on campus," said Nicole Kraft, ANTS president.

"Being able to help other students who feel like they don't have

participating in Relay for Life, as well as holding a silent auction to raise money for non-traditional students. Last semester ANTS organized a silent auction, which resulted in the creation of three \$250 scholarships for students.

Reese Aarthun is a non-traditional student who began her college career 30 years ago. She worked at Wausau Insurance for many years as a data analyst before coming to UWSP to continue her college education and work on a second degree.

Aarthun explains, "It's not the same as it was when I got my first degree. It's not the same as it was when I was a 19-year-old freshman 30 years ago. I am impressed by the politeness of the students and the willingness to help by

a mind-set and I have to change my mind-set."

Asked if she thought non-traditional students were sometimes treated differently by traditional students, Aarthun replied, "Initially, yes. After you get into class, after you've worked on projects, after you've had several classes with them...no."

"They may think I have too many opinions, but I encourage them to give me theirs. I'm here to listen to what they have to say because I know it's a different philosophy than I have now. And I have a couple classes where it is difficult being a generation ahead, because I have different points of view that do not match theirs. But it makes us interesting."

Students can find out more about ANTS by contacting the non-traditional student office, room 064 in the DUC, or by e-mailing Nicole Kraft, ANTS president. The Alliance for Non-Traditional Students is currently looking for new officers for the 2010-2011 school year.

"We need people to start getting



The Ants Office in the lower DUC

photo by Jeremy Larsen

anywhere to go or anyone to turn to...A lot of non-traditional students, when they start back at college, they feel so overwhelmed, out of place, so we can kind of help them adjust to fitting in," said Angie Grosskruetz, ANTS vice president.

Beth Juris, ANTS secretary, said that she felt the biggest challenge for most non-traditional students was

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**— Kraft**

learning how to learn again. She also said that ANTS helps many students feel more connected.

"What I like the most about ANTS is that it gives all the non-traditional students on campus a way to connect to each other...it's being able to see someone who walks by you on campus and wave because you actually know them from the ANTS office," said Juris.

The ANTS office puts out a weekly newsletter, which is e-mailed out to all non-traditional students on campus. ANTS also provides daycare and ride-share information for students. This semester ANTS is

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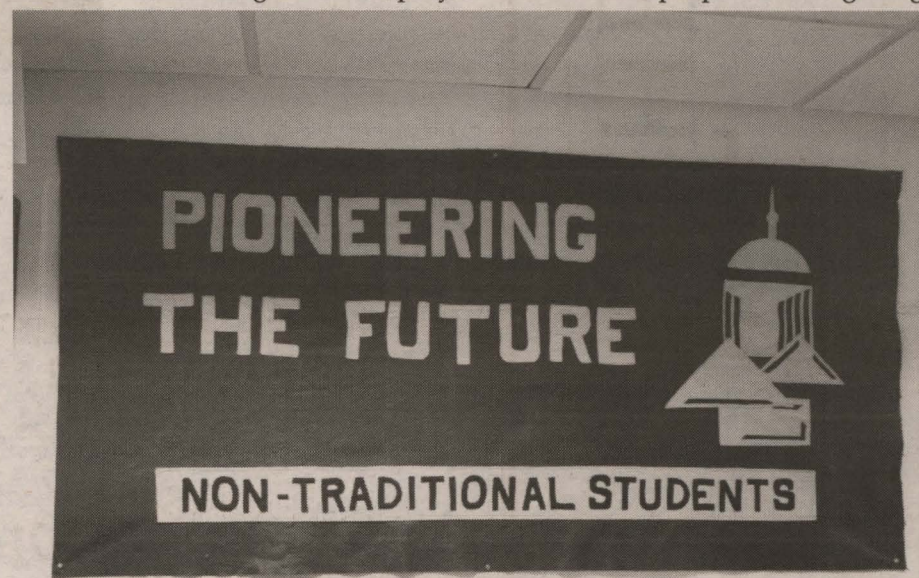


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A banner in the ANTS office displays UWSP's pride in non-traditional students

most of them."

Aarthun said that it was hard for her to stop thinking like a data analyst and to start thinking more like a student again after her transition to UWSP.

"I'm learning how to study for the different types of exams. Sometimes I think it's harder because I'm older. And then sometimes I think it's just

involved because next year Beth and I are both graduating of course, we need people that want to get involved to be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer...as part of our constitutional mandate, they need to be involved in the previous semester if they want to do that," said Kraft.

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reached for comment; he represents a group of students within UWSP who firmly believe in the ideas behind UC, and like the other members of UC, has regularly attended all of the UC events this year.

On the United Council Web site, however, Cychosz expresses his views on the UC. "I want United Council to be the strongest, most productive advocate for higher education in the state of Wisconsin," wrote Cychosz. "I also feel that the formation of a foundation for United Council is of the utmost importance."

With the results of the election being counted Thursday, it remains

unknown whether the UC referendum will go into effect. Members of UC remain optimistic that even in the time of change, this is one thing that will remain a constant.

If passed, the period would be

**"Hopefully lots of students will vote..."**

**— Schacht**

an interesting one, as students would have a hand in the transition that UC faces. Schacht feels that with the upcoming change within UC coming up, along with the 2010 elections, this will be an interesting time to get involved with UC.

"The students of United Council will elect a new board of directors at the next UC Convention, which will be held on June 4-5 at either UW-Baraboo or UW-Parkside. Any UC student is welcome to attend

the free UC convention, which will... prepare for elections for president, vice president, secretary and board members.

"Students are looking at potential structural changes to United Council to increase statewide participation.

Some of the proposed changes would create the opportunity for more contact from United Council staff and leaders, increasing the amount of campaign work possible and hopefully involving more students directly in the statewide student movement," said Schacht.



## SHAAFR laces up for 30th year

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Students and staff members of Steiner Hall are preparing for a relay-style alcohol awareness run called the Steiner Hall Alcohol Awareness Fund Run.

The overnight event will take place on campus on April 23 and 24 and is open to all University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students.

SHAAFR will be celebrating its 30th year with a special introduction from Frank O'Brien, the current UWSP Athletic Director and SHAAFR founder.

The run began in 1981 when O'Brien was the Steiner Hall Director and was looking for a way to raise awareness and money for an important cause that didn't get enough attention.

Originally, SHAAFR was run all the way from Stevens Point to Madison. Running teams would take their share of the mileage and jog along rural highways leading to the state capitol. Recently, the run has been localized, with teams running two-

mile shifts throughout Stevens Point and passing batons in a relay event. The goal is to cover 140 miles, with all proceeds being donated to the UWSP Student Health Promotion Office.

Steiner Hall community advisor and SHAAFR committee member Curtis Kadow said that many of the students who choose to consume alcohol on campus do not understand the serious consequences it can have on their health and their academic progress.

"Alcohol awareness, I think, is very important in many aspects of college. A lot of students just want to have a good time when they drink, but they often aren't aware of the problems it can lead up to or the things it can damage," said Kadow.

Hall Director Tim Schmidt said that students participate for many reasons. He said that some students run because they have had issues in their family or with their friends related to alcohol. Others enjoy raising money for the cause, and many enjoy the exercise and personal challenge of the run.

"A lot of students will stay up as late as they can running shifts

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## Hunger and Homelessness Campaign making a big difference

Crysty Schneider  
Pointer contributor

Seeing that people need help in the town you are living in is a clear indicator that volunteers are needed. Not seeing that people need help when in fact people do is when things can get worse. Kayla Crandell, the Hunger and Homelessness Campaign coordinator and her team are the students who are trying to make other University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students more aware of the people in need in the Stevens Point community.

The Hunger and Homelessness Campaign is a section of the Wisconsin Student Public Interest Research Group. Crandell and the campaign are in charge of coordinating events on campus and finding new opportunities for students to volunteer in the campus area.

"We get stuff done, but we have a good time," said Crandell. The Hunger and Homelessness Campaign just completed their first effort by collecting money for Haiti relief. The campaign collected just under \$500 to send to Oxfam International.

The Hunger and Homelessness

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## UWSP set to give back during St. Baldrick's Day

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On April 8, students of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will be participating in its first annual St. Baldrick's Day event in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center. The event is open to all UWSP students, faculty and staff.

UWSP students will transform into heroes for kids with cancer by shaving their heads in return for pledges of financial support from friends and family.

"I recently had a cancerous tumor removed from my hand, so I take this matter close to heart. If there is anything that we can do as a university to help this event, I strongly encourage we support the movement," said Cortez Edwards.

The St. Baldrick's foundation was started on March 17, 2000, and now in its 11th year has raised over \$74 million. With over 130,000 volunteers in 24 countries, the event has quickly become the world's largest volunteer-driven fundraising program for childhood cancer research.

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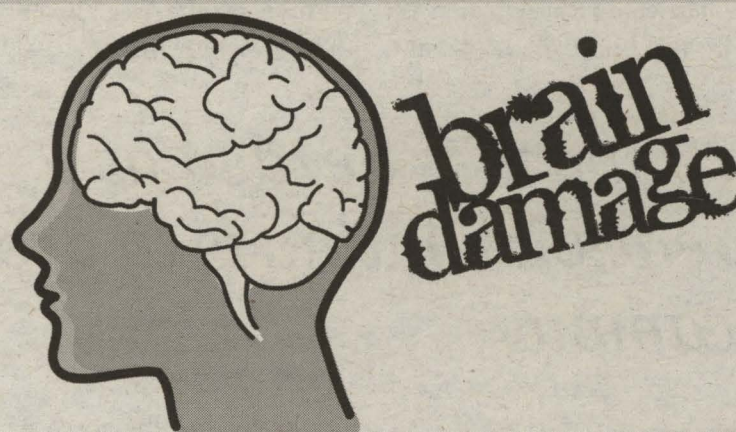
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# Wisconsin hunters see light at the end of the tunnel

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After long months of hibernation, Wisconsin hunters look forward to the fast-approaching spring turkey season.

The fourth annual youth turkey hunt kicks off the season on April 10 and 11. Youth ages 12 to 15 who have graduated from hunter's safety, have purchased a license and stamp and have a valid carcass tag are able to participate in the valuable hunting experience.

The new Mentored Hunting Program allows youth between the

hunting in a highly controlled manner."

The regular season begins on April 14 and continues through May 23.

Hunters who applied for a license in December should have received a spring turkey permit in the mail, indicating the assigned management zone and period.

Permit distribution methods are based on the preference system. Resident landowners are given first preference, followed by applicants who didn't receive a permit the previous year and all other residents.

According to the DNR small game pamphlet, additional licenses will be for sale "if the number of turkey permits exceeds the number of applicants for a specific zone and time period." As of last year, fall

permits available after the drawing," according to the DNR.

Once granted a permit, hunters can purchase their licenses at any DNR service centers, license sale location or online. The cost is \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents.

Avid hunters may consider purchasing a resident conservation patron license. For a flat rate of \$165, Wisconsin residents save on licenses, stamps, application, park admission and more. A resident junior patron license is available at a reduced cost for children ages 12-17.

To verify your permit or purchase a license online,

become a mentor or access the small game regulations visit the DNR Web site at <http://dnr.wi.gov>.



Photo courtesy of <http://dnr.wi.gov>

The annual youth hunt was a success for this hunter.

**"The mentored program removes barriers to participation, yet allows people to safely experience hunting in a highly controlled manner."**

**- DNR**

ages of 10 and 15 to participate in the two-day hunt with an adult mentor. Although participants don't need to have successfully completed a hunter education program, youth must purchase a valid license and turkey stamp.

Wisconsin's new Mentored Hunting Program was developed with safety in mind. According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, "The mentored program removes barriers to participation yet allows people to safely experience

and spring turkey regulations were incorporated into the small game regulations pamphlet.

Leftover permits will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis according to each zone's designated date. Over-the-counter permits will be available for purchase in Portage County beginning on Wednesday, March 23.

"More than 149,000 permits were issued to hunters who applied for permits by the Dec. 10 application deadline, leaving more than 76,000

## More space is needed as recreation continues to grow on campus

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On Friday, March 12, a new referendum was put into the election ballot that has many people crossing their fingers, hoping it will be passed. The election ballot sent by e-mail from the Student Government Association closes today at 4:00 p.m.

If successful, the referendum will allow a surveyor to come and assess available space the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point currently has and then assess the needs of the campus. Doing so will determine

whether or not the space meets the needs of the groups asking to use it.

"It needs to pass. It will give us basically more space because right now we have athletic, club sports, intramurals and open REC all participating and doing things in the same building, which is the HEC right now, and it's not adequate space," said Heidi Hargarten, recreational advisory board council chair.

When determining time slots, athletics are given the first choice for practice space. The second choice goes to intramurals, leaving open recreation and club sports left with the remaining time slots.

"At the moment it's not fair, and

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# Science & Outdoors

## Wildlife Society sponsors art competition

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The Wildlife Society is an organization on campus devoted to granting students experience in trapping and tracking wildlife. This organization is one of the largest on-campus and sponsors annual events for all students.

The Nature Art Show is a project that encourages participation and competition between students and the community, to produce original art pieces reflecting nature, wilderness or wildlife themes. This year's event takes place on April 4 from 4 to 10 p.m. in the lobby of the Trainer Natural Resources building.

The Nature Art Show originally began in 1994, showcasing student's

organization that works to provide undergraduate students with experience in wildlife. Students also have the opportunity to go to conclave, which offers presentations from other wildlife professionals.

A variety of projects occur

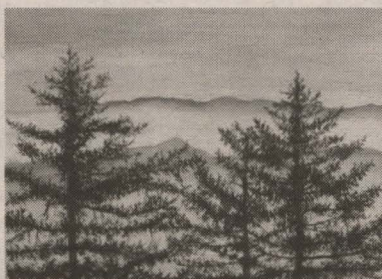


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throughout the year that provides field experience for students. Some projects include crane counts, tracking fishers and otter, trapping flying squirrels, rabbits, woodpeckers, saw-whet owls and deer. "All projects are led by other students," said Amanda

There are four categories in which any University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student can enter including painting, drawing, graphics or miscellaneous and three-dimensional. Students need to choose one of these areas and create an original piece.



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A winning entry from the 2005 Wildlife Society Art Show.

If you are interested in this competition, entry forms are available at the Student Success Center, Wildlife Society office and the Wildlife Society meetings. After filling out the form, please return them by April 1 to either the Student Success Center or the Wildlife Society office. Art work must be turned into the Student Success Center by April 8. Exceptions are made for large or fragile pieces, which can be turned in the day of the show by 8:30 a.m.

Prizes are available for each category. There is a cash prize of \$50 for best of show, and first and second places will receive between \$10 and \$25.

**"All projects are led by other students."**

**-Zalewski**

talented work in all areas of artistry. The Wildlife Society believed that this event is something important to bring to the campus since it correlates and combines both art and nature into one event.

The Wildlife Society is a student

Zalewski, Wildlife Society member.

"It encourages interdisciplinary participation from the student community to give an opportunity for those interested in producing nature related artwork," said Elena Yaunke, Wildlife Society member.

## Green Beat

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Earth Day is just around the corner. Historically, the campus community at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has been very involved with promoting and celebrating Earth Day. The enthusiasm exhibited by students, faculty and staff has been so great in fact, that Earth Day has recently been extended to Earth Week here on campus. UWSP will officially be celebrating Earth Week from April 19-23. In the past, UWSP has brought in guest speakers, shown documentaries and hosted multiple events in the spirit of this increasingly popular "holiday."

Earth Week will prove to be very much the same this year. There are many events planned

for the near future that will keep this holiday festive in 2010. More information will be made available in the upcoming weeks.

In the meantime however, there are simple things that can be done before the arrival of Earth Week to start our new year off right and prepare for the green holiday.

Here's #1: Lose the plastic water bottles.

There is a public misconception that bottled water is more pure than tap water. Perhaps this misconception is routed in marketing strategies from bottling companies claiming that their water is "spring" or "glacial" water. However, more than 25 percent of bottled water comes from municipal sites. Even big name water bottlers like Nestle, Dasani and Aquafina pump their water from public sources.

In 2007, Americans spent an estimated \$16 billion on bottled water. This number is especially shocking in light of the fact that 90 percent of the cost of bottled water is due to the plastic bottle in which the water is carried. In

2008 Americans used more than 50 billion disposable plastic water bottles and trends show that the number is increasing.

On a more local level, UWSP spends an estimated \$220 a week just to recycle plastic bottles. The percentage of bottles that actually get recycled once they leave Stevens Point is unknown. If the bottles that leave our campus follow national trends, less than 25 percent will actually get recycled.

You could help save UWSP money and positively impact our environment by carrying your own portable container and switching from bottled water to the tap water provided to us on campus.

Are there sustainability issues that are important to you? Email your Student Sustainability Coordinators Harley Altenburg at [halte954@uwsp.edu](mailto:halte954@uwsp.edu) or Katie Stenz at [ksten22@uwsp.edu](mailto:ksten22@uwsp.edu) For more information about sustainability at UWSP visit [www.uwsp.edu/sustainability](http://www.uwsp.edu/sustainability).

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it's not good because we have club sports practicing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and it's kind of ridiculous. The surveyor will probably see that we do need more recreation space," said Hargarten.

If the referendum is passed,

**"The surveyor will probably see that we do need more recreation space."**

**-Hargarten**

the surveyor will either give UWSP permission to build a new building or to build an addition onto the existing facility. The new building or add on will then be used primarily for intramurals and club sports, allowing them to have a place to practice and their own designated area. Open REC will also be sharing the building with intramurals and sports clubs.

"It will happen fairly soon if the referendum is passed," said Hargarten. "Hopefully UWSP will find a surveyor by next fall. Construction will not start for several years because the contractors will need to figure out where the building will go, and UWSP has to make sure there is enough money to plan the building."

With warmer weather, many sports will be moving outside which eliminates conflict in the Health Enhancement Center. Come next winter however, the struggle for time and space will continue among the different groups.

"I won't see the new space, but maybe incoming freshmen next year might see the new building. I hope very much that it will pass," said Hargarten.

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## Sports

## Men's basketball punches ticket to Div. III Final Four

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team earned their ticket to the NCAA Division III Final Four last weekend with a pair of tournament wins at home in the Quandt Fieldhouse.

The Pointers struck against the University of Texas-Dallas on Friday for a 74-67 win. On Saturday they finalized their Final Four status by defeating Illinois Wesleyan University 72-56.

The team will head to Salem, Virginia to play Randolph-Macon College, located in Ashland, Va., Randolph-Macon will have a much shorter commute to the game than the Pointers, but UWSP players and coaches are confident in their ability to win on the road.

"We have a team that has proven they can win big games on the road, and we've done it all year," said head coach Bob Semling.

Semling recalled the beginning of this season, when the Pointers traveled to Tacoma, Wash., to defeat highly ranked Whitworth College

and the University of Puget Sound to win the Puget Sound Tip-Off Classic tournament.

"Our guys have the ingredients to win on the road, and they do the things that are necessary to accomplish those wins. That's how we build this team," said Semling.

UWSP junior Jared Jenkins led the team in scoring against Illinois Wesleyan University on Saturday with 15 points and also collected three rebounds. Jenkins also put up 17 points on Friday.

Jenkins said that good preparation and the team's familiarity with each other gave them the confidence to win two great games in the third and fourth rounds.

"I think the last game really showed us how well we can work together as a team. I think it was one of our best offensive and defensive performances for us, put together," said Jenkins.

Jenkins also said that while the older leadership on the team has been strong, the team's younger players have made an excellent effort to boost not only the scores but their teammates as well. Jenkins mentioned Freshman Jerrel Harris as a significant contribution as a point guard.

"Even though he hasn't started, he's been that guy who brings a spark off the bench. I know he's only a freshman, but he hasn't been playing like a freshman," said Jenkins.

Jenkins said that the younger players have the right attitudes and have learned what to expect when playing college basketball on a national stage.

"The young guys know what is at stake, and that's why they choose to come here. They want to play with the fans and the atmosphere and the chance to win a national title," said Jenkins.

The Pointers will face Randolph-Macon at 7 p.m. this Friday, March 19, in Salem.



Photo courtesy of Laura Schmitt/Stevens Point Journal.

Freshman Jerrel Harris finished with 14 points in a victory over Illinois Wesleyan.

## UWSP track team succeeds at Indoor Nationals

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With a lap to go in the men's distance medley relay at the 2010 Division III Track and Field Championships, not even University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point senior Phil Richert thought that there was a chance he could catch the runner in first.

Richert, who ran the 1600-meter or final leg of the distance medley relay, received the baton in third place, well behind Trinity University, who appeared to have the race in the bag with a very comfortable lead.

Richert moved into second and focused on holding off the athletes behind him. As Richert began to kick in the final lap, he could see that he was gaining on the Trinity runner.

"Three steps before the line I pulled up next to him and was able to get my shoulders ahead of him. I knew then that I won," said Richert.

Richert raised his arms in thrilled triumph as Pointer athletes, coaches and fans broke into a frenzy of excitement as the win gave UWSP ten points. The points and momentum gained from the race helped propel UWSP to a runner-up finish at the 2010 Division III Track and Field Championships Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13 at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana.

North Central College won the meet with 52.3 points, while the Pointer men earned the runner-up trophy with 34 points, beating out conference rivals UW-Lacrosse, who placed third, and UW-Oshkosh who took fourth.

"We are very happy with the result because no matter what would have happened, second is the best we could have done," said UWSP head track and field coach Rick Witt.

Witt attributes this to the fact that the meet schedule did not permit every athlete to compete in each event that they were qualified for based on time to recover between races and that injuries also hampered some of the team's key members.

The distance medley relay team was the only national champion for UWSP, however UWSP athletes did earn all-american honors in five other events.

Senior Kyle Scofield unleashed a huge throw of 55 feet one inch in the final round of the shot put to vault from seventh to second, giving UWSP their first eight points of the meet.

Junior David Litsheim placed third in the 800 and was part of the third place 1600 meter relay team along with Nick Dax, Josh Schwinn and Adam Lang.

Senior Mike Delleman placed eighth in the 55 meter hurdles.

Richert placed sixth in the 5000 meter run in addition to helping the distance medley relay take first place.

In Witt's 32 years as UWSP's head coach, the victory is the first a distance medley team has had at nationals. Other members of the relay were Adam Lang running the 1200 meter leg, Dax on the 400 meter leg and Alex Steiner on the 800 meter leg.

Richert credited the other members of the relay for giving them a chance to win. "They did a good job, ran perfect, got me the baton in position to have a chance," he said. Richert added that the fact that Lang was running his first 1200 ever and

freshman Steiner ran a personal best on the 800 meter leg made the win all the more miraculous.

Richert felt that he could not have ended his career any better. "It was one of the most satisfying feelings in my life. I was just ecstatic; it was a perfect weekend," said Richert.

The UWSP women's team also competed in the meet, taking 27th with fifth place finishes by Claire Roberts in the mile run and the 1600 meter relay team of Elizabeth Caine, Kristin Kuber, Chelsea Czarnecki and Kathleen Folbrecht.

Witt has had teams place high at nationals before, but said, "This one was special in the fact that it was unexpected."

"We have had some good teams in the past few years but this is the first time everything went well for us at the meet," said Scofield.

"It just shows how great our team is and how deep it is. The best thing is that everyone knew that we would be pretty good this year but I don't think anyone expected this," said Lang.

Witt added that a large number of parents, friends and other team members traveled to the meet and made the success all the more fun and exciting.

Witt said that the outdoor season will present a new challenge for the team but is confident that they can continue to have success. The team will begin their outdoor season April 3, at North Central College in Naperville, Ill.

## After positive start, softball prepares for spring break

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point softball team recently finished a four game weekend series in Marquette, Mich., finishing 2-2.

One of the teams they played against was Gustavus Adolphus, who is ranked sixth in the country.

"This was a great experience for the team. We didn't hit the ball very well, but we played them fairly

**"We will continue to keep improving in the conference standings and qualify for that national tournament."**  
—Henke

tough," head coach Tom Henke said. "Those were great ball games to be in because you find out in a hurry what you have to work on individually and as a team."

UWSP also competed against the Milwaukee School of Engineering

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## Sports

## Your NCAA tournament preview spectacular

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Every year on Selection Sunday, I look over the gift from above that is the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament bracket and I realize I do not know nearly as much about college basketball as I thought I did. I cram my brain full of information until Jay Bilas is yelling at me in my dreams, until I waste enough hours to finally feel somewhat familiar with this year's tournament. Preview time!

## Midwest Region

Player to watch: Unsurprisingly, I'm going with Ohio State's Evan Turner; even if you've only seen his name on ESPN's BottomLine, it's enough to see how much of a beast he has been this season. He is also a dream-killer after what he did to Michigan in the Big Ten tournament, but this is probably a good quality to have this time of year.

Intriguing first round game: (7) Oklahoma State versus (10) Georgia Tech. Two relatively equal teams with more talent than their seeds would suggest. Something about this game makes me think of a chicken running around with its head cut off.

Future round game I would like to see: Ohio State versus Kansas. Because everyone seems to be picking Kansas, I will find a different national champion for my bracket. Although

think it should be. I will call them a "tough out," as I'm obviously feeling pretty creative right now.

## West Region

Player to watch: Wesley Johnson, Syracuse. The Orange will need their guards even more in the first two rounds, or probably just the second round, with Arinze Onuaku out for the weekend. Johnson could be the difference between Good Syracuse and Great Syracuse.

Intriguing first round game: (5) Butler versus (12) University of Texas El Paso. I know Butler is good and I know they could be a threat in later rounds of the tournament. As for UTEP? Well, I know they're located in Texas. All I keep hearing about is how they are the 12 seed most likely to advance in the first round. Hence, this intrigues me.

Future round game I would like to see: Butler versus Syracuse. Anytime you hear about Syracuse, you will most likely hear the phrase "2-3 zone" following close behind. Butler is the kind of team that could put some stress on that zone.

Lower seed to watch out for: Murray State. I looked at them immediately because for some reason I never trust Vanderbilt. Turns out the Racers had a pretty successful year, finishing at 30-4. I don't have many concrete reasons other than those, but I'm going with it.

## East Region

Players to watch: Everyone will be waiting to see how freshmen John Wall and DeMarcus Cousins handle all of the tournament firsts that will be thrown their way. This is pretty much the only bad thing I could think to write about these two.

Intriguing first round game: (6) Marquette versus (11) Washington. The Golden Eagles

always seem to be involved in close games and although the Pac-10 was largely, and rightfully, ignored this season, Washington has Quincy Pondexter. His name might sound like pocket protectors and suspenders, but that's just to lure you into a false sense of security.

Future round game I would like to see: Wisconsin versus Kentucky.



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It may be a bit of a stereotype at this point, but it's true; Wisconsin can make a pretty team like Kentucky ugly. Smart, senior guards who limit turnovers and keep transition opportunities scarce could hang around longer than the Wildcats might like.

Lower seed to watch out for: Cornell. The Big Red will be put to the test in the first round against Temple, but I will support any school that the 'Nard-Dog, Andy Bernard, calls his alma mater. Here Comes Treble!

## South Region

Player to watch: Ekpe Udoh, Baylor. I have boarded the Baylor bandwagon in large part because of Udoh. His game is exciting on both ends of the court, plus, his name is fun to say.

Intriguing first round game: (7) Richmond versus (10) St. Mary's. Again, most of these first round games are intriguing for me because I haven't really seen the teams play this season. And Richmond's nickname is the Spiders; I think that's a weird choice.

Future round game I would like to see: Baylor versus Villanova. There are plenty of good guards could be on display in one game with Scottie Reynolds, Tweety Carter, Corey Fisher and LaceDarius Dunn.

Lower seed to watch out for: Siena. This pick is popular because of Purdue's bad luck with Robbie Hummel, but Siena has been here and done this before. They advanced past the first round in the last two NCAA tournaments.

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and Simpson College, winning both games.

"That was a classic 3-1 fast pitched game, very well played," Henke said of the Simpson College game. "We had a freshman pitcher, Michelle Jones, who threw a great game for us there."

Against Marian College, UWSP had a disappointing loss to end the four game weekend tournament.

Upcoming games will be played over spring break, when the team will be flying to Florida on Saturday, March 20 to play in 10 varsity games and two junior varsity games. Two of those games will be against nationally ranked teams, DePaul University and Luther College, who will be UWSP's first opponent on Sunday, March 21.

"We're looking forward to hopefully having a great trip. One of this team's strengths is its leadership from its four great captains," Henke said. "We have a nice balance of 11 upperclassmen and 13 underclassmen so it's a nice mix of experienced college ball players being pushed by a nice talent pool of younger players. Last year we played the season with 17 members; this year we have 24."

Looking to improve on a seventh place finish, Henke is looking to build the program back up in order to win the national championship, as they did in 1998.

"It's an absolute joy to coach in the WIAC. It's arguably one of the toughest conferences in the nation," said Henke. "It's something that we are looking to improve on. We're looking to building that momentum and improving on the areas that we need to improve on this year."

With the trip to Florida on the softball team's mind, they see the upcoming 10 games as an opportunity to make the team great.

"We will continue to keep improving in the conference standings and qualify for that national tournament," Henke said. "We are very excited about it, we really are."

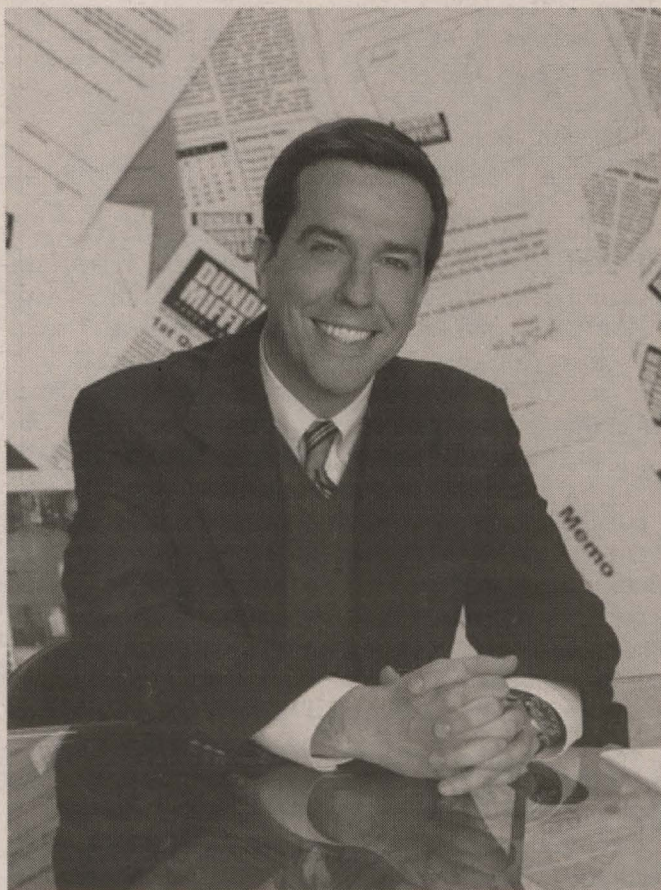


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Would you really bet against this guy's alma mater?

it pains me to say this, Turner and the Buckeyes look like the team with the best chance of defeating the Jayhawks before the Final Four.

Lower seed to watch out for: Northern Iowa. They would have to face Kansas in the second round but play the smart, staunch type of basketball that can make an NCAA tournament game closer than you



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# UWSP faces challenges in recruiting diversity

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Diversity at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has increased over the years but it may need to adjust its recruiting efforts in order to substantially improve the number of minority students on campus, said Ron Strege.

Ron, director of multicultural affairs at UWSP, said he has seen a dramatic increase in the number of minority and non-traditional students on campus since he accepted his position.

According to UWSP registration and records, of the 9,001 students enrolled for the fall 2009 semester, 585 self-identified as minorities and an additional 185 as international students.

Caucasian students made up 91.44 percent of the population with 8,231 students. The remaining 770 were divided between Asian-American, Hispanic, African-American and Native American students, respective to population.

Ron said his definition of diversity is relatively broad and that it is important to create an inclusive learning environment where a variety of voices are heard in the educational discourse.

Although ethnicity is a factor identified in the admissions process,

there are no extra points given to applicants based on ethnicity alone.

"A holistic consideration is made for the individual based on

but to create a varied, educational milieu, he said.

"It is not a form of reverse racism because white students get put on

**"A holistic condition is made for the individual based on the stories, backgrounds, and different perspectives they can bring to the classroom."**

**— Strege**

the stories, backgrounds and different perspectives they can bring to the classroom," Ron said.

For this reason, the office of multicultural affairs works with many traditionally underrepresented groups, including LGBT, non-traditional, low-income and first generation college students.

Justin Mallett is a UWSP admissions counselor and student orientation administrator. He said although each individual is diverse in their own right, people tend to judge diversity by the variety of skin color they see when they walk on campus.

He said, "The reason we target the students we attempt to recruit is that there has not been much of those ethnic groups in this area...the majority of the population has had little to no exposure to ethnicities."

The goal is not diminish the intrinsic value of a Caucasian student,

the same scale in the admissions process," Justin said.

Laurie Graboski-Bauer is the student outreach specialist at the Multicultural Resource Center on campus. Graboski Bauer said UWSP does a good job targeting Milwaukee and Chicago area schools, but increased recruitment may be needed in the tribal areas of Wisconsin.

According to Records and Registration, in the fall 2009 semester, there were only 55 Native American students enrolled. They comprise the smallest minority group.

Justin said the geographical location of UWSP may be one factor that keeps minority numbers low. He said recruiters may be overlooking a growing number of area Hispanic, African-American and Hmong students.

"Even with this influx of ethnicity into central Wisconsin, we still seem

to focus on diversity students from Milwaukee, Chicago and other large cities instead of a more focused effort into smaller cities," Justin said.

Some minority students on campus remain ambivalent about the small town environment on and around the university. Relatively small compared to other state schools, the size of UWSP offers minorities both advantages and drawbacks.

La Tese Robinson, a junior, says she feels comfortable as an African-American student at UWSP and that she finds the school to be relatively welcoming, affordable and safe.

That is not enough to keep her in Stevens Point after she graduates, however. "I think minorities feel safe here. But it's a small town. I wouldn't stay here after graduation. There's not much to do here," said La Tese.

Kenson Vang graduated from UWSP in May 2009. After graduation, Kenson accepted a position out of the area and said he now visits friends when he passes through town.

Kenson said, "It's not like they're flying confederate flags in Point or anything, but out at the bars it's like 95% Caucasian faces. I guess you'll have segregation anywhere, but why not go somewhere that you have more options?"

## Undergraduate Research Symposium offers opportunity

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The Undergraduate Research Symposium is an opportunity for students at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point to present a topic of interest in academia to an audience in a professional manner and environment. This opportunity is available to all students, whether wanting to present an interesting and beneficial topic, or work on their public speaking skills.

Held on Friday, April 30, this annual event is celebrating their 11th year of providing an excellent opportunity for growth and professionalism for UWSP students. This event is festive in nature with refreshments and social opportunities present, but it also is a serious way to showcase one's intellect.

The symposium is also quite serious and a way for students to undertake what faculty members regularly do - present at conference and publish their work - and thus contribute to the collective "knowledge-making" community that is a university," said professor Sarah Pogell member of the planning committee for the event.

Though this opportunity is very beneficial to students, it requires

work and effort in order to present the topic professionally and to the best of one's ability. Though students may not want to add more work to their workload, this event can be beneficial to one's future.

"For those students who plan to go to graduate school, participation in such symposia are quite useful and look good on applications, [as well as for] students who are looking for jobs in their field and want to show that they've presented their work in front of an audience and are therefore not afraid of public speaking. It teaches them that learning is a communal endeavor, that what they learn in college is not detached from or inapplicable to the real world. Sharing one's findings, whatever they may be, is what knowledge is all about," said Pogell.

In order to become part of this experience, students need to present their ideas to a professor of their choice. Many students pick a professor that they feel is a mentor-figure in their life. Past students have taken a paper they have already written and expanded their research. Though students aren't limited to this one way. Students can pick a completely

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## First student trivia challenge

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Though the world's largest trivia contest may call University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point home, it would only be last Friday, when WWSP 90FM held a trivia contest

**"We thought three hours would be ideal, that's a way to get a feel of what Trivia's like."**

**— Clark**

strictly for students at the Dreyfus University Center's Alumni Room.

The winning team of the first time event was led by student Mason Meuelemans, and with four teams in attendance and just under 40 players overall, the event proved to be a much more intimate one than the contests which placed UW-SP on the trivia map.

As a means to get students involved with the regular trivia contest, the student contest has begun life as a lite-version of the larger contest, with a shorter time frame.

"54 hours is a lot. That's a

commitment. We thought three hours would be ideal, that's a way to get a feel of what trivia's like," said Scott Clark, better known as DJ Albino. A senior at UWSP, Clark manages the WWSP, and was a major proponent behind students for trivia.

Given the ease of the questions, it was no coincidence that a considerably shorter time frame was in place. "They couldn't use any resources; they had to get them off the top of their head, so that's why the questions were easier."

However, this student trivia challenge proved not only to be challenging to the student teams, but to the man better known as "The Oz," Jim Oliva, who has been the trivia coordinator since 1979.

"The hardest part of it was coming up with questions that I felt were fair to an audience that was going to be between 18 and 23, and you know, and audience that grew up in a different time that I did. It's pretty well concentrated on things in the 21st century, or things in the 20th century that were so iconic, that you had to be born in a bubble, and not been allowed to watch television ever, ever, ever."

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- Across
- 1- MSNBC rival
  - 4- Sharp-edged instrument
  - 9- Endoskeletal component
  - 13- Aussie hopper
  - 14- Get hitched quick
  - 15- Sacred song
  - 16- Abominable
  - 18- Absolute
  - 19- Look happy
  - 20- Land along the sea
  - 22- Course
  - 25- Story
  - 26- Bobbin
  - 28- Alarms
  - 32- Doc bloc
  - 35- Habituate
  - 37- Dense element
  - 38- Complain unreasonably
  - 40- Narrow street
  - 42- Matron
  - 43- Roofing items
  - 45- Long stories
  - 47- Conducted
  - 48- Grunts
  - 50- Like Shirley Temple's hair
  - 52- Atomizer output
  - 54- Shore
  - 58- Filbert
  - 62- Goddess of love
  - 63- Model
  - 64- Least tough
  - 67- Containing fat
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March 18 crossword puzzle

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- Down
- 1- Collide
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  - 3- Water wheel
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  - 5- Boxer Laila
  - 6- Animal park
  - 7- Literary work
  - 8- Adjust to zero
  - 9- Concerned

- 10- Conductor Klemperer
- 11- Not e'en once
- 12- French 101 verb
- 15- Adherent of Islam
- 17- Auto pioneer
- 21- Small batteries
- 23- Director Ephron
- 24- Scores
- 27- Pale purple
- 29- Bibliography abbr.
- 30- Appoint
- 31- Dog-powered snow vehicle
- 32- After John in the NT
- 33- Common street name
- 34- He sang about Alice
- 36- Old Ethiopian emperor
- 39- Pervade
- 41- Dextrous, lively
- 44- Silently
- 46- Bondage
- 49- Nine-digit ID
- 51- Belgian river
- 53- All, musically
- 55- Inactive
- 56- Brushes
- 57- Lauder of cosmetics
- 58- LP player
- 59- Purim month
- 60- Epsilon follower
- 61- Sea swallow
- 65- Goose egg
- 66- Narc's org.

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The campaign is only for UWSP students to join, but most of their events are open to community members as well. "It's always good to get the community involved," said Crandell.

This branch of WISPIRG allows for internship positions to be filled. Miranda Zindorf is one of the students who has taken advantage of this internship opportunity. This specific internship counts for 3 credits, along with many other benefits.

"I have received benefits through networking, experiencing the volunteer work and organizing events, my leadership skills have grown and most definitely this has given me something solid to put on my résumé," said Zindorf.

Along with the credited internships, any UWSP student is welcomed and encouraged to volunteer. By volunteering with this campaign, students are not only exposed to a new group of people but are also given chances to help the community they live in.

"I volunteer because I want to help; I want to make some sort of difference even if it only affects one person," said Kailey Yaun, an active volunteer with the campaign. Yaun has been involved in multiple volunteer events, including the Haiti relief, along with "Fasting for Change" which took place last semester.

Volunteering has different effects on each individual. "Seeing the people who need help directly is a changing event," said Yaun. "Working at Salvation Army has made the appearance of homelessness seem so much closer to home."

The Stevens Point community and UWSP student body can be looking forward to more volunteer and bonding events.

"It's not for sure yet, but we would love to do an Undie Run," said Crandell. "It's been popular on many other college campuses; we just need to jump through all the hoops first to make sure we follow the rules."

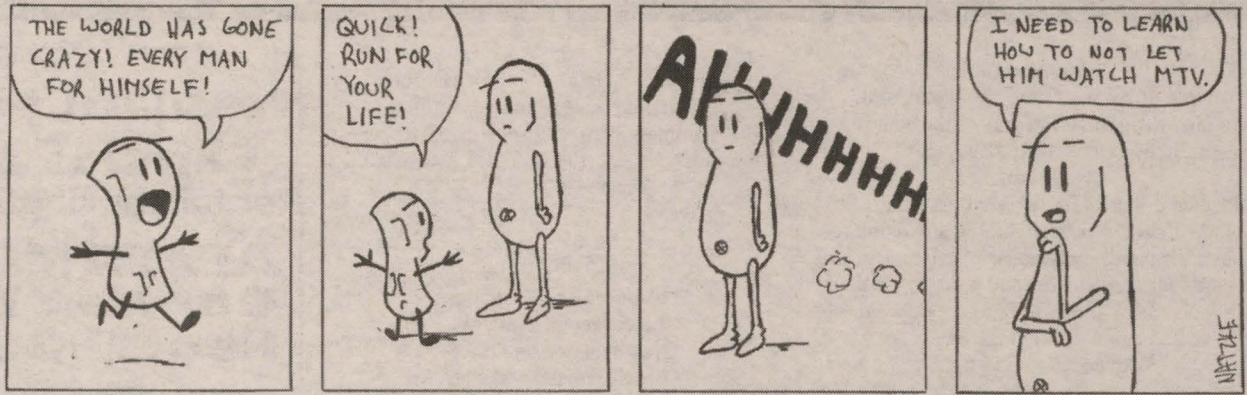
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throughout the night. These students push a 24-hour day, running six to ten miles on top of it all. I think students enjoy the challenge and appreciate that we do this," said Schmidt.

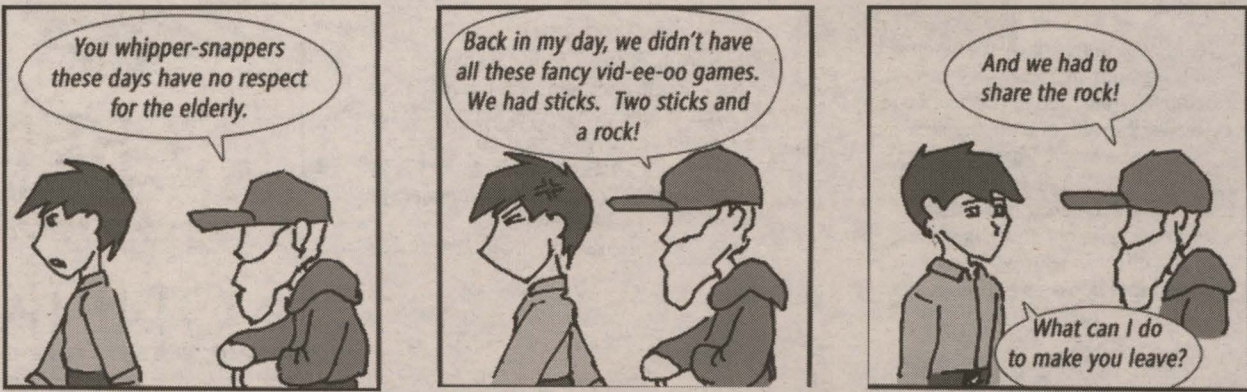
Schmidt also said that local businesses donate products and gift certificates, which are given out to runners and volunteers. He also noted that while it is important for runners to sign up, the run wouldn't be possible without volunteers to organize the event and drive vehicles to transport runners and insure safety.

UWSP students can sign up by contacting Steiner Hall staff or emailing them at shaafr@uwsp.edu. The staff asks that participants raise or pledge \$25. Participants will also enjoy free food, a free SHAAFR t-shirt and raffles.

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different topic that they want to learn more about and research the topic for the symposium. By working closely with the mentor, students continue to expand on their topic and present an abstract to the professor by Tues. March 30.

"To me, it gives the school a chance to show that the prestige of a school isn't measured only in trophies and box scores. It gives the professors and staff the chance to see that they are having a major impact on the lives of their students. It gives the students an opportunity to see that they aren't just in this for the GPA, and that real effort leads to recognition. In the end, for most, the symposium won't be a big deal. It'll be a footnote on their resume, or a stepping stone to other things, but having a chance to get out there and say, 'This is my work, and I care about it' is an amazing opportunity," said Chad Johnson, 2009 symposium participant.

From "Trivia" Pg. 10

Perhaps the greatest challenge for the student trivia challenge lay not in the trivia itself, but rather, in establishing awareness for the event. "What was tough was we had never done this before, so as we were organizing and promoting it, we were kind of adding things and promoting things because not every student listens to 90FM, which sucks! So every student that reads this article should listen to 90," said Clark.

Yet, in spite of a smaller crowd with no costumed antics in sight,

one of the benefits of having the contest held in person was for the organizers to be able to see those tortured expressions missed on a phone. "Most of the questions that I could see where people didn't know the answers, they knew the answers but they just couldn't think of them, which is good. That's always wonderful when that happens," said Oliva.



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From "St. Baldick's" pg 3

"Giving some time and hair is a small donation to aid in a great cause. When I was younger, one of my mother's best friends had cancer and I saw how it affected her," said De'Vonne Jackson.

The kickoff ceremony will commence at 11 a.m. to honor the significance of the actions the people are preparing to carry out. The head shaving will start at 11:20 a.m. and last until 3:30 p.m.

Volunteers and donors can become heroes to these children by supporting a serious cause. To become a part of the event, go online at [www.stbaldricks.org/events/UWSP2010](http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/UWSP2010) to take part in this event.

"Cancer has impacted me personally. My grandmother was very sick, suffering from skin cancer, and with treatment has been able to control it and live a better life. Also, seeing the joy from my friend's face when her mom was done overcoming leukemia was enough to make me become much more seriously involved with cancer awareness," said Jonathan Rodriguez.

Children fighting cancer lose not only their hair but precious years from their childhood. Become a hero by helping the UWSP students, faculty and staff do what they can to stop this from happening.

Happy <sup>belated</sup> St. Patty's Day



and... have a fantastic spring break