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GOVERNMENT

Election Spotlight 2010: 7th Congressional District Race

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Two of the candidates running to represent University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and the seventh district in the U.S. Congress want to bring Wisconsin values to Washington.

Democrat and current State Senator Julie Lassa says she understands how difficult it is for residents in her district to be unemployed because her father was sometimes laid off from his factory job when she was growing up. If elected, one of her main areas of focus will be to work with government resources to help stabilize the economy, she said.

"I know how important having a good economy is to having a strong middle class," said Lassa. "I don't want anyone else to have to go through that type of anxiety that I saw in my own family."

Republican farmer Daniel Mielke says that he isn't a bought-and-paid-

for politician like his opponents. If elected he will represent the average citizen by bringing new ideas and solutions to an ailing governmental system, he said.

"[Voters] want change, and they don't believe they are going to get change from the average politician," said Mielke. "They know that over the years I have always been one that has bucked that type of system."

Lassa and Mielke are running to fill the seat of Representative David Obey, a 71-year-old Democrat who has been in the House since 1969. Lassa and Mielke both have challengers in the Sept. 14 primary. These two candidates, Republican Sean Duffy and Democrat Don Raihala, were unavailable for interviews.

Student Support

Lassa wants students to know that during her time in the Wisconsin

State Senate, starting in 2003, she has worked to create partnerships between colleges, including UWSP, and local businesses so research and development can be a shared asset.

"That gives students the ability to do applied research and make the links and connections they need so that when they graduate they can go on and work for those state businesses or potentially start their own," said Lassa.



Photo by Greg Ubbelohde

State Senator Julie Lassa speaks at the this year's Democratic Party of Wisconsin Convention.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Budget controversy leads to upcoming referendum

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The battle between shared governance groups will come to a head next week as University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students will vote on how student groups will handle segregated fees.

There will be a campus-wide referendum on Sept. 13 and 14, pending student senate approval.

The Student Government Association is one of five groups that decide how segregated fees are spent. Segregated fees are the part of tuition given to campus for everything above and beyond academics. SGA deals with doling out a portion of the segregated fees to student organizations.

The University Centers Advisory

and Policy Board is another one of the five shared governance organizations that deals with doling out the entire budget of The Centers, currently, without SGA's approval.

The rift came about because SGA asserts that UCAPB is breaking the law. SGA President Mike Wilson interprets that through the UW-System policy, every university must have only one avenue to approve the spending of student money. Wilson believes that UCAPB is violating this policy by not going through SGA.

"So long as these policies are being violated, then these people are not accountable to students and should not be able to claim that they represent them when there is no real line of accountability," said Wilson.

Kathleen Gould, UCAPB chairperson, argues that Wilson is wrong. She argues that since her board deals with budgets that students are unable to change, members have the power to pass their portion of the budget without SGA's approval.

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CAMPUS

New chancellor ready to listen to UWSP

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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's new chancellor is in the mood to listen. Chancellor Bernie Patterson, who took office in July, declared that his primary responsibility as the new chancellor is to listen to university and community members.

"My immediate task is to become acquainted with the culture and tradition, as well as the strengths, desires and aspirations of this university and community," said Patterson.

Patterson said UWSP should be a place where ideas are able to take shape and grow so that faculty, staff, and students can work together toward the goal of making every student successful.

"That's what you do at a university and it makes you stronger," he said. "We will have different points of view to get to the goal, but I'm sure we can all agree to help students succeed."



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Patterson

And to those students who wish to succeed, he gives two main pieces of advice.

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NEWS

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STATE

Gov. Doyle to fight for stem cell dollars

Wisconsin's future as a driving force in stem cell research has recently been put in jeopardy, as federal funding for human embryonic stem cell research has been blocked. The decision came two weeks ago by District Court Judge Royce Lamberth and could cripple research efforts for the UW Stem Cell Center.

Governor Jim Doyle promises he will fight for Wisconsin's federal stem cell dollars by working to repeal the Dickey-Wicker amendment, which prohibits the use of embryonic stem cells for research purposes.

Since human embryonic stem cells are one of the most important resources in biomedical research, a prohibition on their use in the laboratory would be detrimental not only to future research but also to the patients who could be saved by advances in stem cell biotechnology.

Wisconsin's stem cell research is mainly publicly funded. A decrease in federal funding could result in an exodus of biotech companies from the state.

NATIONAL

Obama presents new \$50 billion infrastructure plan

On Monday, President Obama declared a plan to rebuild the nation's infrastructure by establishing a government-run bank to dole out money based on merit to projects around the country. Obama spoke in Milwaukee for the city's Labor Day Fest when he presented the idea to create a \$50 billion fund to help bolster roads, railways and runways.

The president sees this plan as not only a short-term boost to the economy, but also a long-term, sustainable stimulus.

The plan would help create or repair 4,000 miles of rail lines, 150 miles of airport runways and 150,000 miles of roads. It could also extend to include projects for water and telecommunications, as well as green energy initiatives.

This infrastructure bank would approve projects and distribute funds for six years and would be primarily paid for by increased taxes on energy companies.

NATIONAL

Petraeus denounces Florida church's "Burn a Koran" day

Terry Jones, the pastor of a small evangelical church in Gainesville, Florida, is marking this Saturday, the ninth anniversary of the September 11 attacks, as his church's "Burn a Koran Day." Jones says the event seeks to address radical Islam and its propensity to attack any defamers of its beliefs.

"We should address radical Islam and send a very clear warning that they are not to retaliate in any form," Jones said.

General David Petraeus, however, warned Jones not to follow through with the burn for fear of the sentiment that could develop with Muslims in Iraq and Afghanistan. He urged him to think about the safety of American troops overseas and the consequences that such a statement would lead to with radical Muslims.

Petraeus said, "Images of the burning of a Koran would undoubtedly be used by extremists in Afghanistan - and around the world - to inflame public opinion and incite violence."

Despite the general's warnings, Jones plans to go through with the burn this Saturday.

SGA/Students to vote on how segregated fees are handled

"I think the conflict is about, well, it's about money. It's about accountability. And one of the organizations believe they are more accountable than the other," said Gould.

The rift between Wilson and Gould grew so strong that she was fired as communications director for SGA during the summer.

Students pay \$1,189.80 a year in segregated fees for the university. That's a big issue for most students.

SGA attempted to bring the system to a new era last year with little prevail. This year they have worked with Chancellor Bernie Patterson and Vice Chancellor Bob Tomlinson to bring about a referendum.

Students will be given two options to choose from: keep shared governance the same or put UCAPB and the Student Health Advisory Committee under the umbrella of SGA.

Since the referendum is scheduled for the second week of school, Tomlinson is concerned students won't have enough information to make an informed decision.

"I'm surprised it's that quick, because it's such an important issue," said Tomlinson.

Chancellor/Says he will increase funding to university

The first, he said, is to enjoy their time at UWSP, but to also make good choices and stay safe. The second, and most important piece of advice, is also something he tells his daughter, who is working toward her law degree: keep persevering toward graduation.

"Graduating has a lot more to do with perseverance than it does with intellect," he said.

Patterson is an Oklahoma native who comes to UWSP after being provost and vice president for academic affairs at Oklahoma City University, according to the UWSP website. He also served as a dean and assistant dean at two schools in the University of Georgia System: Georgia College and State University and Valdosta State University.

He received a Ph.D. and a Master of Arts in criminology from the State University of New York at Albany, an Education Specialist degree and a Master of Science from Central Missouri State University, and a Bachelor of Science in Technology from Missouri Western State University.

Patterson believes his time working with several different academic disciplines as dean of a college of letters and sciences will serve him well as chancellor.

"Working across 30-35 disciplines

Despite these concerns, students will have the opportunity to make up their mind. However, that doesn't mean that there is a game plan for after the referendum, pass or fail.

Patterson and Tomlinson chose not to comment on what will happen after the votes are tallied.

Vice President Hans Schmid also had little to say about a post-voting plan. He did, however, elaborate on what will happen if the referendum fails.

"It's going to be involved. If the referendum doesn't pass it's going to be on SGA to decide on how things are going to work," said Schmid. "It's going to be a massive undertaking."

Wilson and Gould summed up their thoughts in different ways. Wilson believes that the budget issue surrounding UCAPB and SHAC is the first step towards change.

"It's about the very fundamental idea that this country was founded on individual liberty," said Wilson.

Gould, however, states that there are more important matters that SGA should attend to.

"There's more things to SGA than this issue that is going to be done in two weeks," said Gould.

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NEWS

STATE GOVERNMENT

Election Spotlight 2010: WI Gubernatorial Race

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This year's race for governor is proving to be a hotly contested bid. Wisconsin citizens are looking for a state leader who is able to, not only create and sustain jobs, but to balance the state budget and make sacrifices, all in the hopes of securing Wisconsin a stable and prosperous future.

However, it's often difficult for the average citizen to get a grasp on what a candidate's plan for office really is, as he or she is constantly bombarded by 30-second attack ads that generally just include vague statements. So, over the past few weeks, The Pointer talked with four of the gubernatorial candidates to better understand their positions on key issues affecting the state. They included: Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker (R), Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett (D), business-owner and former Congressman Mark Neumann (R), and publishing company owner Tim John (D).

We asked the candidates to share their plans on how to create new jobs in the state, as well as their vision for the future of Wisconsin's educational system.

Sparkling Job Growth

With Wisconsin's unemployment rate at 8.1%, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor, job creation will be a crucial task for the next governor. Democrat Tom Barrett believes the governor's office should be primarily concerned with keeping Wisconsin jobs in Wisconsin.

"People believe the governor's office is ensured to create and maintain jobs," said Barrett. "Businesses that are interested in working in the state should not be bogged down by regulatory constraints."

Barrett said that he also advocates tax cuts that are directly tied to job cre-



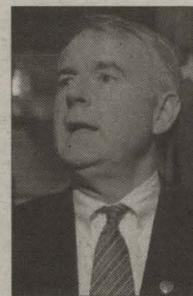
Neumann



Walker



John



Barrett

ation, which include the immediate start-up of construction projects, increases in research and development grants and public-private venture capital funds that would help entrepreneurs start businesses.

Much like Barrett, Republican Scott Walker also has a tiered plan to create jobs in the state. He refers to it as his "Six-Step Plan," and says it includes (1) lowering the employer, income, property and retirement income taxes, (2) reducing regulations on businesses, (3) comprehensive tort reform, (4) supporting charter and home schools, (5) reducing healthcare costs by revoking taxes on health savings accounts and (6) providing dependable energy and a strong infrastructure.

Republican Mark Neumann places our state's college campuses at the forefront of his plan for job creation. Neumann proposes implementing what is called a "research triangle," which would combine the resources and intellect of Wisconsin universities with the revenue and job opportunity of local businesses, as businesses would pay universities to conduct research and development for new products. Such a strategy has already proven to work in states such as North Carolina, said Neumann.

"With this research triangle, we can match the intellectual knowledge of your professors on campus to the need of businesses for new product development," said Neumann.

Democrat Tim John echoed Barrett's interest to protect entrepreneurs either directly or indirectly by

lowering their state and local fees as well as providing additional tax deductions for those starting their own business.

"The most important thing a governor can do is to give the "stamp of approval" to people starting their own businesses," said John.

Wisconsin's Education

With the combination of rising tuition rates, state budget shortfalls and a lack of good job opportunities after graduation, Wisconsin's college students are finding themselves in a dire situation. Education will no doubt be a key issue in this campaign, and each of the candidates has a plan for how to make Wisconsin's educational system the best in the country.

Mark Neumann ties together education with job creation in his plan, and he says the placement of three "research triangles" within the state would create 300,000 jobs by 2020, as business leaders would work with researchers on campuses to develop new products and create new jobs. The funding that universities would receive from these businesses would also help to reduce tuition costs.

"That money alleviates some of the strain on all of you for tuition cost increases," said Neumann.

Tim John envisions tuition costs being cut by promoting natural competition in innovation and excellence between 4-year, 2-year, and technical colleges, he said. He believes that across-the-board funding increases for public education are not sustain-

able, and that competition would lead to greater academic excellence and lower tuition costs.

"In the long term, I think this competition between schools would be a good way to hold down costs," said John. "If we create enough schools and have enough jobs, I think that would be a wonderful way to hold down costs at 4-year universities."

Scott Walker also said he would encourage greater innovation and competition between 4-year and technical schools, stating that he will demand the foundation of a bipartisan group that would allow each university to be assessed individually for its efficiency and quality.

Tom Barrett's main focus is to maintain a commitment to education. Similar to the other candidates, he supports funding research and development grants at universities in the hopes of advancing technological innovation in Wisconsin. Especially in these tough economic times, Barrett realizes that parents are concerned with the quality of education their children are receiving.

"Parents have first and foremost education on their mind," said Barrett. "Education is the ladder of success, and my commitment is to keep education."

Whichever candidate gains the governor position will experience enormous pressure to deliver on his promises for job creation as well as education. The future of Wisconsin's citizens, especially its college students, will hang in the balance.

To look further into each of the gubernatorial candidate's positions, visit these Web sites:

Tom Barrett: www.barrettforwisconsin.com

Scott Walker: www.scottwalker.org

Mark Neumann: www.markforgov.com

Tim John: www.timjohnforgovernor.com

election/Candidates emphasize environmental policy

In a bill she authored called the CORE Jobs Act, Lassa said there is \$2 million for a program that helps students and professors collaborate with local businesses exactly for those purposes.



Mielke

Mielke would help out higher education by trying to get involved at the high school level, he said. In addition to giving local school districts more say in what their children need to be taught, he would focus money and efforts toward merging as many college classes into high school as possible, he said. That way, students could come out of high school with their college degree already underway.

"We need to start streamlining the public education system so that we can eliminate some of the unnecessary courses, and put things in that can be beneficial," said Mielke.

In the system he proposes, it would cost UWSP students less to get a college degree because they would be coming into the university with part of it finished, rather than starting from scratch.

Environmental Policy

Both candidates said they respect how eco-friendly the Stevens Point area is and both want to keep moving forward with this trend.

Mielke said he would do this by simply trying to remove and keep federal regulations away from entrepreneurs and residents who work toward making the district more eco-

friendly.

"If you look at most of the things we do, we do them well until the government regulates them," he said.

He used organic farming as an example. Mielke, chairman of the Stevens Point farmers market, said the organic farming industry in the area was growing by leaps and bounds until the U.S. Department of Agriculture decided to regulate it. Now, the federal government has put restrictions on what farmers can grow. Mielke said that these restrictions are a burden to the farmers and have resulted in fewer products and less profit.

Lassa takes a different approach. She wants to use government resources to help grow Wisconsin's economy to help create eco-friendly jobs and products.

"I think it's important that we cre-

ate incentives for individuals as well as businesses to be greener through either improvements in energy efficiency, weatherization programs, or promoting clean energy usage," said Lassa.

She championed research here at UWSP, where members of the paper science and biology departments have been able to turn wood waste into gasoline. She expressed her desire to work toward expanding this technology to turn paper mills into bio-refineries, with paper merely a byproduct.

For more information about the candidates running for congress go online:

Julie Lassa: www.julielassa.com

Don Raihala: www.donforcongress.com

Sean Duffy: www.duffyforcongress.com

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SPORTS

Pointers Football Misses Top 25 By One Spot

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team was ranked within the top 25 teams nationwide in the National Association Collegiate Athletic Division III pre-season poll, but after a loss of 33-14 to Willamette University (Oregon) on Sept. 8, they slipped into 26th place.

"You know it's really not about how we're ranked. You can't get caught up in that," said Jake Swank, senior, wide receiver and back-up quarterback. "If you think you're

good just because you're ranked in the top 25, then it's gonna be a long season for you. What matters is whether we get better every week. We just want to focus on one game at a time."

News came in August when D3football.com ranked UWSP at number 16 out of 200 D3 teams nationwide. Voting is done by a collection of 25 people including sports directors, sports media and coaches from across the country.

The news marked the second time that the Pointers football received critical acclaim. The first being a No. 11 ranking from USA

Today in their off season, according to the UWSP athletic Web site.

"There's a lot of talent on the team, we've just gotta put it together," said Swank.

Last week's loss was the fault of no one person, said Swank. He attributed the loss to mistakes made by several of the Pointers team members.

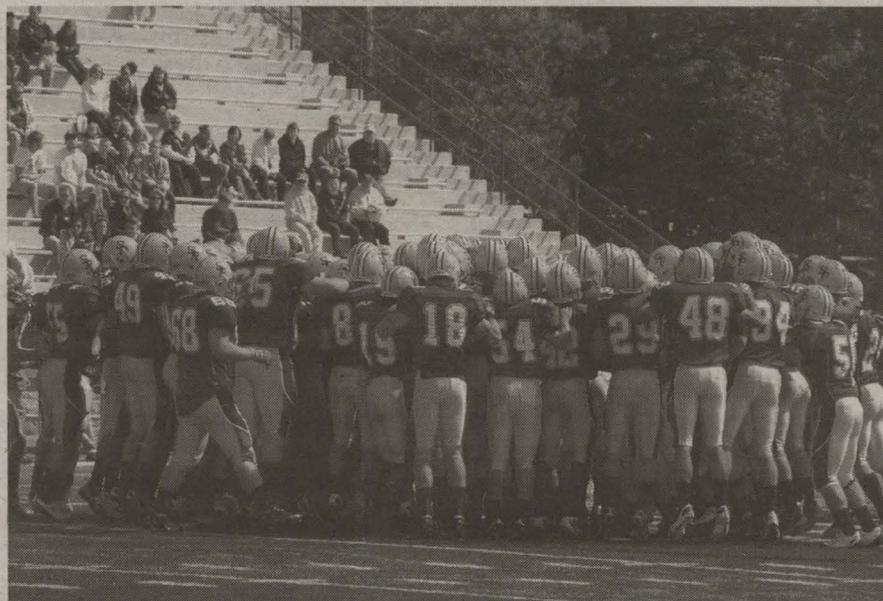
Topping the D3 list is University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with

an impressive 2009 season record of 15-0. The Pointers will face UW-Whitewater on Oct. 30 at Whitewater's home stadium.

The Pointers' next home game will be on Saturday, Sept. 18 versus Missouri S&T at 1 p.m. "Come out and support [us]. We love to have all the fans out there. We had a great crowd this past weekend and we hope to continue to get those," said Swank.



The Pointer's began their 2010 season with a 27-14 loss to Willamette. photo by Mark Kinslow



The UWSP football team dropped out of the nation's top 25 this week after their loss to Willamette this past week.

photo by Mark Kinslow

Goodbye Outdoor Ed

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Returning students will most likely notice this year that Outdoor EdVentures is closed. The reason for the closing differs from person to person, but the consensus is that an error was made in the funding process for the organization.

Greg Diekroeger, assistant director for The University Centers offered some idea of what might become of OE in an email to Kathleen Gould, University Centers Advisory and Policy Board Chair.

One of these goals is to create a realistic timeline for the re-opening of Outdoor EdVentures, which may or may not be January 2011.

Students of the Student Government Association have raised concerns about the possibility of UCAPB making an error in their budget spreadsheet that caused the loss of \$300,000. This has only fueled the battle between the two organizations.

SGA President Mike Wilson scrutinized UCAPB for the error.

"None of this would have ever happened if the Finance Committee, which is made up of students who are rigorously trained as expert scru-

tinizers in the budgeting process, had a chance to overlook these budgets, as required by UW policy."

Gould has asserted that the clos-

This has only fueled the battle between the two organizations.

ing was a simple computer error that was missed and will be fixed for the next budget process. She was clear that OE will re-open.

"From my understanding, the closing is temporary until they can analyze the wants of students and how OE can meet their needs and make OE more known throughout campus," said Gould.

One thing being left out of the discussion is what will become of the equipment

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Cross Country Outlook

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It may be early in the semester, but the cross country season is underway with both the men's and women's teams competing in meets this weekend.

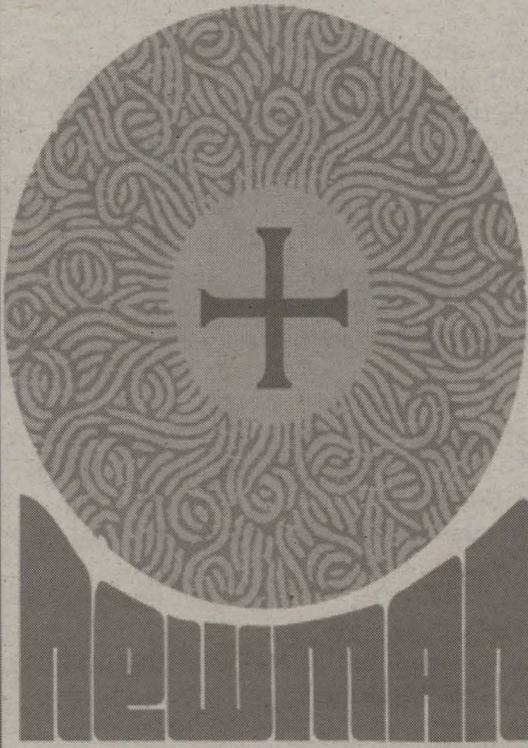
The cross country season didn't end as expected last year for either team, but with a few changes and high spirits, prospects are looking up for both teams.

A marked change this season is

the transition of Coach Megan Craig from assistant to head women's coach, where previously Coach Rick Witt was in charge of both men's and women's teams.

The women's team has had a couple of wobbly years without a specific women's coach, and now they are all looking forward to their new leadership," said Craig. "As an alumna I'm very proud to be leading

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CATHOLIC STUDENT MASS

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NEWMAN IS THE CATHOLIC PARISH AT UWSP

SPORTS

UWSP Tennis Coach Receives High State Honor

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Karlyn Jakusz never expected coaching to become her career, so it was a wonderful surprise and honor when she was named Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference women's tennis coach of the year for 2009.

Although very honored by the recognition, Jakusz said she couldn't have done it alone.

"The award is nice because it is actually a compliment to the players that played last year," said Jakusz. "It goes to a team with a lot of grit and



photo courtesy of uwsp.edu
Tennis coach Karlyn Jakusz was awarded coach of the year this past fall.

determination."

This is Jakusz's seventh year coaching the Pointers, and she has done really well since she took over the position as head coach.

"I was the assistant coach for one year to help out the old coach," said Jakusz. "I never really had an aspiration to coach; it just fell into place."

Jakusz has led the Pointers to a fourth-place finish in the WIAC championship standings and also a spot in the WIAC four-team tournament to determine which team would compete at the NCAA Division III Championship.

She said, "I enjoy watch-

ing the players compete and beat opponents that you don't expect them to beat."

The team has already started the season off strong with a 5-4 victory over Carroll University on Sept. 4 at Goerke Park.

In addition to being the head tennis coach, Jakusz is also employed as the telemanagement administrator in the UWSP Telephone Support Office.

The team has an upcoming meet on Sept. 15 at 3:30 p.m. against Lawrence University, and on Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. against University of Wisconsin-Stout. Their meets are held at Goerke Park.

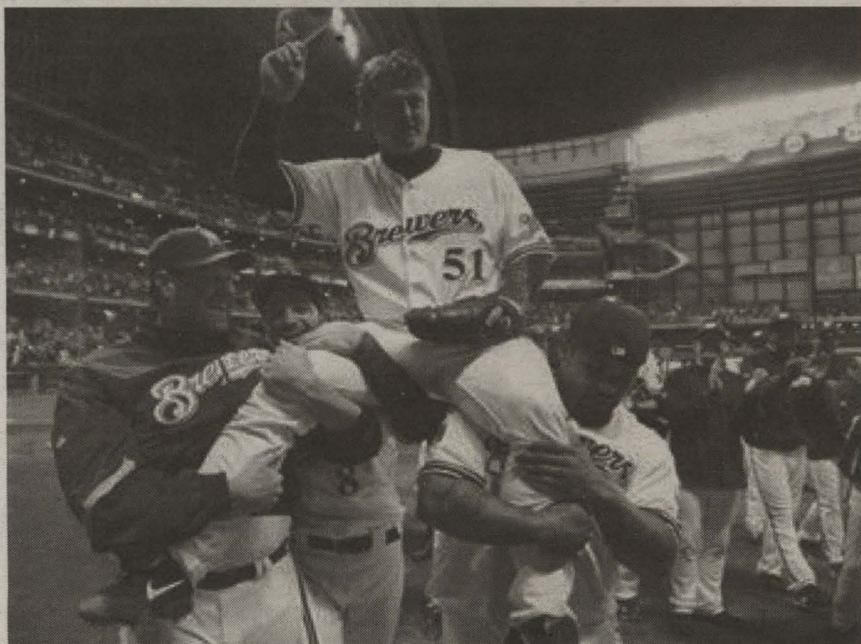


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Brewers' Trevor Hoffman hits an MLB milestone

It took Brewers' relief pitcher, Trevor Hoffman, 19 seasons to reach No. 600 in career saves yesterday against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Trevor Hoffman earned his 600 career save last night with a 4-2 victory over Puljols and the Cardinals

after taking the mound for No. 38 P Chris Narveson and the Brewers.

After being stuck on career save No. 596 for nearly three months,

Hoffman gave 33,000 ecstatic Milwaukee fans a terrific Tuesday treat. Despite a plethora of ejections on both sides of the dugout and even

in the stands, fans had something to cheer about last night.

Although the California native began his career as a short stop, it seems

his transition to pitching has awarded him a spot in the National Baseball Hall of Fame someday in the near future.

-Information from MLB.com

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Cornelius Named WIAC Women's Soccer Player of the Week

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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point senior student athlete, Mary Jean Cornelius, was named Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week.

The West Bend West High School graduate has shown some strong play since the start of the Pointers' 2010 season. Cornelius has bounced back from a season-ending injury from 2009 with a "can't stop, won't stop attitude."

Since her return to the field, she has claimed three assists since the Pointers' season opener. Perhaps most memorable was the assist she earned in Point's season opener against Gustavus Adolphus College (Minn.), in which she recorded her first assist of the season in 37 seconds of the match.

Her other two assists were equally clutch, as she assisted the only goal of the match against Heidelberg College (Ohio) and made the assist to help score the last goal of the match against Rhodes College (Tenn.). Both



photo courtesy of uwsp.edu

Mary Jean Cornelius

helped the Pointers stay undefeated and draw-less for their 2010 campaign.

You can check out the 16th ranked Pointers and WIAC Women's Soccer Player of the Week Cornelius at the Point Soccer Bowl, Friday Sept. 10 against the University of Redlands (Calif.) at 4:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

Running

OE's Temp. Closing

lined that the equipment will remain in inventory while they can decide what to purchase for the reopening of OE.

"During the time that the department is closed, we plan to complete a full inventory of the equipment to determine the current state of the equipment and to determine future equipment purchasing needs," stated Diekroeger's e-mail.

This most likely means that the equipment will be unavailable for student use during the time that OE is closed.

OE currently has not scheduled a time to reopen and will continue to be a question on SGA and UCAPB's screen.



Jeremiah Snortum ignites a fire using an Outdoor EdVentures rented firepit. Outdoor EdVenture is closed this fall semester for an assesment of the department.

photo by Samantha Feld



Men's cross country meet from the 2009 season.

photo by Caleb Rabe

Running

Running for UWSP

these ladies this year."

Coach Witt, who has been coaching cross country "forever" as he said, will focus on coaching the men's team this year.

"I'm only teaching the men's team, so I think both teams will get more attention as a result," said Witt.

Runners on both teams are excited for the season as well. Men's team member, senior Tim Thornburg, broad-field physical science major, said his teammates are his favorite part of the team. "Every season has its adventures. Our conference meets are a lot of fun and the Oshkosh Brooks Invite is always exciting with around 500 partici-

pants," he said.

Another men's team member, senior Sean Hasenstein, business administration major, said, "This is my last season, so I want to be the best I can. Last season we kind of fell apart at regionals and didn't make it to nationals, so this season it's all about redemption."

Kelly Haen, woman's team member said the key to performing big is dreaming big, and this year's team has been working so hard that they should expect to do big things.

"It's all about never giving up, being mentally strong, pushing harder for your teammates who are busting their butts in the race and reminding yourself you can do it," said Haen.

It's no secret that cross country hasn't traditionally been one of the strongest Pointer sports in terms of

fan attendance, but Coach Witt said, "I think you'd be pleasantly surprised with how exciting a meet can be. Most people are not aware of the strategy that goes into a successful race."

Coach Craig would also encourage people to come out to a meet. "If you are looking for a sport that involves toughness, extreme fitness and is very exciting, this is your sport," she said. "The races only last 20 to 30 minutes. So it's not too much of a time commitment, but it's great to see how a race unfolds in that short of an amount of time."

The men's and women's teams both have meets Saturday, Nov. 11 at Iverson Park. The men's team will be competing against their alumni and Carthage College, and the women's team will be competing against their alumni.

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The cross country team prepares for what they feel will be a successful season.

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Freshman Reach The Point Of No Return

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Freshmen of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point gathered in the Multi-Activity Center on Aug. 31 for the second annual Point of No Return, hosted by the Student Involvement and Employment Office and Residential Living.

The event, intended to bring freshmen together and introduce



PHOTO BY JACOB MATHIAS

A group of freshmen discuss afternoon activities at The Point Of No Return.

them to each other while getting them out of their comfort zone, received about 30 students, down from the 70 freshman who pre-registered. The lack of participation was attributed to the weather according to SIEO leadership coordinator, Liz Gillmore.

The event had three goals for the freshmen: getting connected, feeling confident in their abilities and getting

out of their comfort zone.

"I just wanted to get involved and meet people. It sounded pretty interesting," said Lauren Roalkvan, freshman biology and German major. "The name is a little intimidating though."

The event started with group ice-breakers including a game in which freshmen had to freeze in a ninja pose in an attempt to get them out of their comfort zone. Possible tattoo discussions comprised another ice-breaker.

"That fit really well with one of our objectives which is get connected to other students," said Gillmore.

In order to feel confident in their abilities, students also engaged in problem solving activities. Among these was a game called sticky snake in which students had to untie a rope which had been put into four knots; however, once a student had touched the rope, they couldn't let go.

"They really had to think beforehand, map out, how they're going to get all these knots undone," said Brandon Kuss, SIEO student leadership marketing coordinator.

The rocking climbing wall was opened for the participants in order to get them out of their comfort zone. Students were given basic instruction in rock climbing technique and safety and were able to take to the wall, some for the very first time.

Provost Mark Nook also spoke to the freshmen at the event.

"The biggest thing I took away



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Rock Climbing while attending The Point Of No Return, an afternoon of leadership skill-building activities. A new student climbs the rock wall.

from that is he said, 'don't get caught up on your major, get caught up on getting an education.' Which is different from getting a degree," said Kuss.

SIEO hosts many other activities for all students this month including the involvement fair, on Sept. 16, from

7-9 p.m. in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center. National Hazing Prevention Week, Greek 101 and the Fall Job Fair are also coming soon. Visit www.uwsp.edu/centers/sieo for more information on these and other SIEO programs and job listings.

Tennessee Brings Music to UW-Stevens Point

An acoustic show with a newcomer to Stevens Point is rolling onto campus Sept. 9

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Clinton Miller and Austin Kyle will be putting on a show in the Encore at 8 p.m. on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus.

Miller, who has played at the Encore a few times before, has been touring for 10 years and is looking forward to coming back and being

the opener for Kyle.

"The people at UWSP seem to be very into the arts and seem to pick up on what I'm trying to do," said Miller.

He said he would classify his music as intricate guitar with a bit of progressive rock and acoustic.

When writing all of his original songs, many things inspire him. "I'm usually inspired by movies or books

I'm reading," said Miller. "That inspires me more than bands and stuff do."

On the opposite end of Miller's experience, this will be Kyle's first time in the Stevens Point area.

Kyle, 24, has been on the campus touring circuit for about three years, and is based out of Nashville, Tenn. "[Touring college campuses] is a really great way to spread the music to people who actually want to hear it," said Kyle. "You're just coming in

different, but that is one of the most exciting parts," said Kyle. "I love coming into each show and building the show around the people."

Steve Prosenyak, who is a senior double major in music and arts management and the concerts coordinator at Centerentertainment, saw Kyle at the National Association of Campus Activities Conference in April of last year.

"Both performers are extremely talented individuals and I encourage

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Musician, Austin Kyle.

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and doing what you love to do."

He is inspired by all different types of relationships, ranging from friendships, to family, to girlfriends past. He is also inspired by other bands work, nature and art.

He looks forward to each and every show, because he can bring something new to the table.

"I'm just really, really excited and I realize the audience will be

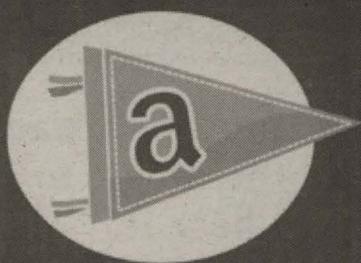
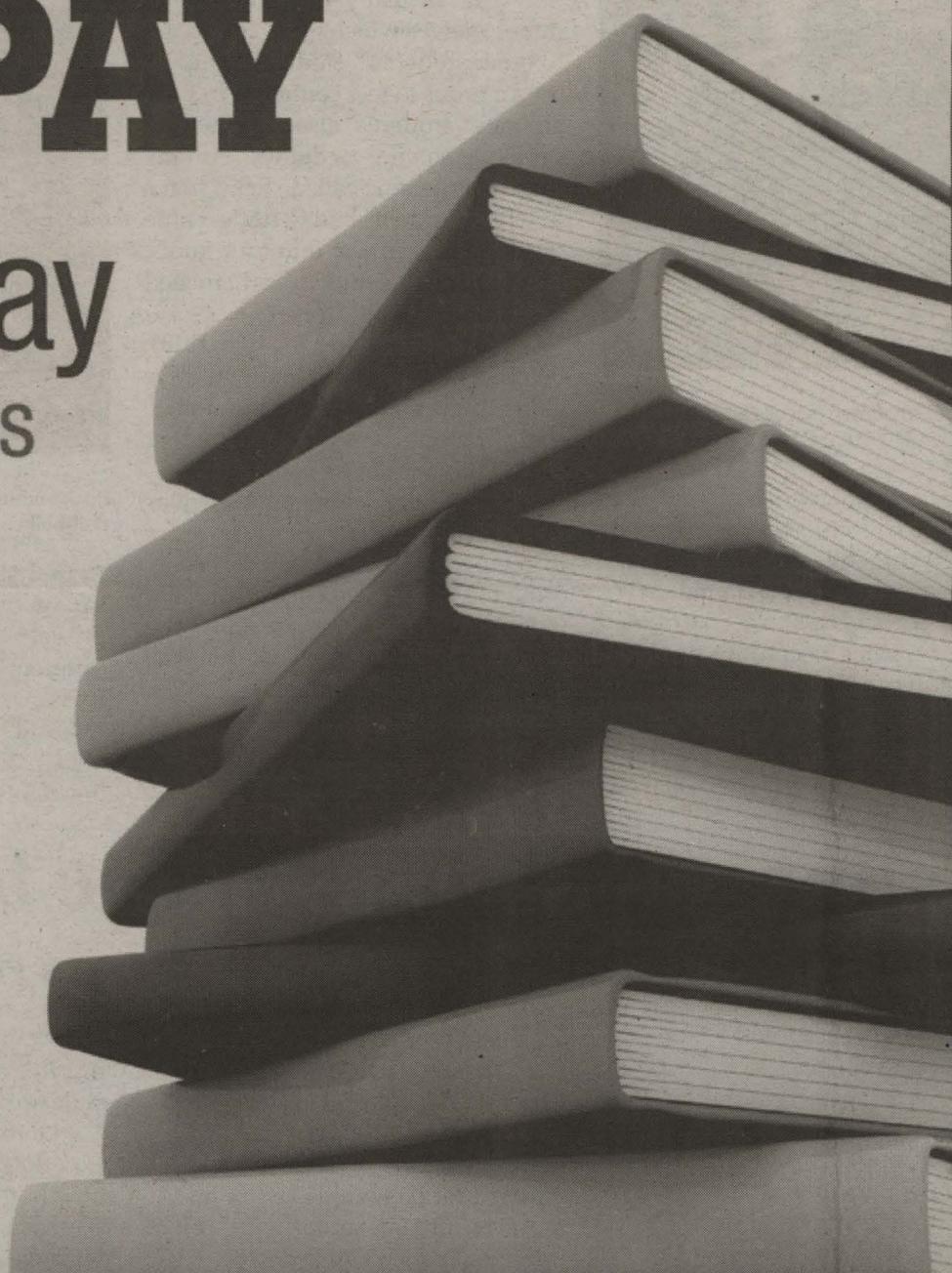
anyone to attend if available," said Prosenyak. He set this concert so early in the school year because people have just arrived and they are eager to get involved in campus activities. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. in the Encore in the Dreyfus University Center and the show starts at 8 p.m. The show is free with a UWSP student ID and \$5 without one.

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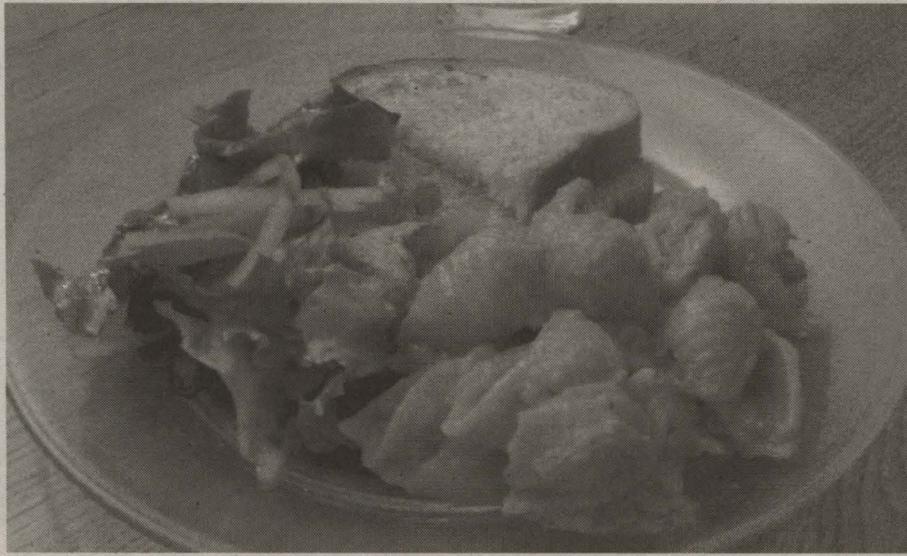
Penne a la Vodka

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Greetings and welcome to the first weekly issue of Viva! Gourmet. I hope you all enjoyed your summer break and that you're just as eager as I am to get back to school. This column will be a weekly feature of The Pointer, so I'd like to start things out by just telling you a little bit about myself.

My name is Martin Smith. I grew up in a town just outside of Milwaukee. I study both music and nutrition here, and I have passion for all things food-related. Ultimately, this column is dedicated to you, so whether you have an extensive knowledge of cooking or you don't have the slightest clue how to properly chop an onion, I sincerely hope that you will find something of interest here.

I hope, also, that these recipes might inspire you to try new things and get into the spirit of what this university is all about: exploring sustainability and giving back to nature. Included at the end of each weekly recipe are ideas that may help you to afford (in both time and money) my recipes or help you to explore the sustainable lifestyle. So, without further adieu, let's get right into it!



Martin Smith discusses how to prepare Penne a la Vodka, a sustainable and delicious dish.

The first recipe I'd like to share with you is one that has been a standard of my cooking repertoire for over six years now-- Vodka Pasta, or at least that's what my sister called it when she introduced me to it a number of years back. The proper term for this dish is "Penne a la Vodka". Sound intriguing? Here's what you need and how to make it:

½ cup onion, finely chopped
6 cloves garlic, minced
3 T. olive oil
1 32 oz. can crushed tomatoes
1 tsp. crushed dried red pepper flakes
1 lb. penne or other tubular shaped dried pasta
¾ cup heavy whipping cream
1/3 cup vodka (optional)
Salt
Ground black pepper

Heat olive oil over medium high heat in a non-stick saucepan. Add onion and garlic and saute 2-3 minutes or until onion becomes translucent and garlic become a light golden color. Add crushed red pepper flakes and saute for another minute. Add the can of crushed tomatoes and cook for 25-30 minutes, stirring intermittently or until the mixture starts to resemble a thick paste.

Meanwhile, bring water to a boil in a large pot and cook pasta to "al dente," as indicated on the back of the box. Add tomato mixture to cooked and drained pasta and toss with whipping cream and vodka over a medium-high heat. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serves 8.

Dress It Up: Garnish with chopped fresh basil. Serve with a baguette, green salad and red wine.

Dress It Down: If you don't have time or patience to cook the crushed tomatoes you can substitute 2-6 oz. cans of tomato paste. Short on cash? Vegetable oil will work in place of the olive oil, and whole milk will work instead of whipping cream. Vodka can be omitted entirely, but it won't have the same zip to it.

Other Healthful Options: Replace the pasta with the whole wheat variety. Buy fresh tomatoes and crush them yourself (local tomatoes are at the end of their season right now). Go organic with your choice of whipping cream, pasta or canned tomatoes.

Larger and More Eco-Friendly Residence Hall

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The new suite building towers over the north side of campus as students eagerly await its completion. Sophomore Bob Pekol said, "Just looking at the renovations

the dorms have.

Originally, the building was estimated to cost \$36 million to build and furnish, but due to great bids and Miron Construction Company, the building cost significantly less money than expected.

The new building, called the

quality and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts."

This means that the Suites @ 201 meet the highest green building and performance measures, perfect for a school that puts an emphasis on environmental sustainability. The students are especially excited about

this. Sophomore Kristin Eggen, an arts management major, said that this green step was, "fantastic."

Many students share this excitement about the Suites @ 201. The project will be completed July 2011 and will be ready for students the following school year.

And so, Residential Living gave them what they wanted; a five story, 82 suite-style room building that will house 323 students next fall.

they did is a huge morale booster." The \$28 million project started over three years ago.

As stated by Mike Zsido, assistant director of housing, Residential Living is "student-driven," and in 2007, they surveyed the students for what they wanted. The conclusion was that students wanted a new living environment that other universities provided, such as a suite complex.

And so, Residential Living gave them what they wanted; a five story, 82 suite-style room building that will house 323 students next fall.

Each suite is furnished with a full kitchen, a living room, four bedrooms and separate rooms for the shower, toilet and vanity. The building also has common rooms to build a community-feel much like

Suites @ 201 Reserve, is as green as they come. Miron Construction Company had many sustainability initiatives because they believe that it is, "not only good for the health and well-being of the building occupants and for the environment, but makes economical sense as well."

The building has a minimum of U.S. Green Building Council LEED Silver rating for New Construction V2.2. USGBC, according to its web site, is "an internationally recognized green building certification system, providing third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across all the metrics that matter most: energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental

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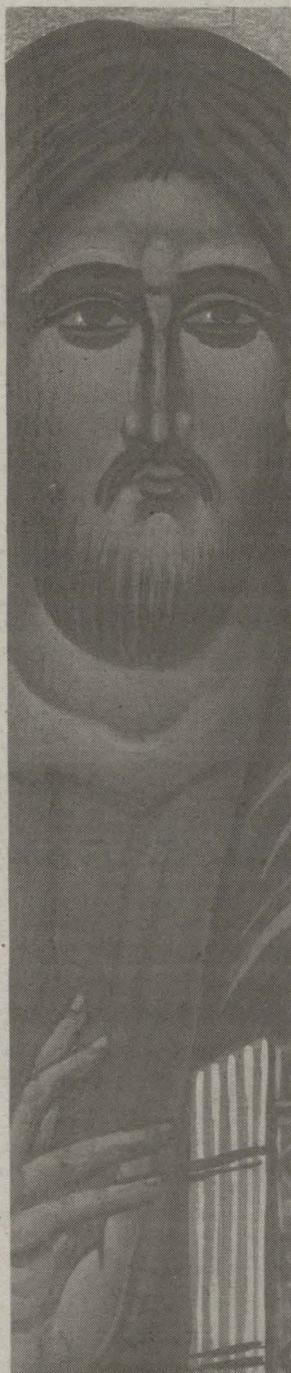
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OPINION

Social Media Will Benefit You in Future Career

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Don't get me wrong, I care deeply for my fiancé, but we don't exactly share the same views on social media and when it is and isn't an appropriate time to be on our phones.

"Patrick, come on—get off your phone," is a common phrase she sends my direction. I admit it; I am often on my phone in public doing various things. Such as sending a Tweet, checking-in to a location on Foursquare, a location-based check-in phone application, or sending off a quick email, however, I'd like to think it all serves a purpose.

I'm currently a senior, but during my sophomore year I took a trip with the UWSP chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) to Red Shoes PR in Appleton. We didn't spend a whole lot of time there, but during the course of our tour, we all got business cards from a few of the employees. After that I kept in

touch occasionally through email or Twitter—also keeping up on them as a company.

Fast-forward to spring semester of last year, and I'm desperately looking for an internship in the public relations field to add some real-world experience to my resume.

I don't want to read your updates if all you Tweet about are trips to the grocery store, the funny things your cat does, and how horrible your roommate is.

I must have applied for somewhere between 15 and 20 internships, as well as contacting lots of agencies and companies that didn't have positions listed—Red Shoes PR being one of them. I would say about half of these places responded, a

third of them asked me to apply for a position and only a few interviewed me. The position at Red Shoes PR was definitely my top choice for where I wanted to end up for the summer, and I can safely say that if it wasn't for social media, I wouldn't have even known about the position.

I have a couple of other stories like this one, in which being part of an online community has benefited my life, but social media has only been useful to me because I've actively participated with it.

Take Twitter for example. Twitter is a conversation. Simply starting an

account and posting updates about what you're doing isn't going to cut it if you really want to connect with others. Twitter is about providing a "value-add" to your followers.

Some personal Tweets are definitely enjoyable and add to your online personality, but I don't want to read your updates if all you Tweet about are trips to the grocery store, the funny things your cat does, and how horrible your roommate is. Sharing interesting content and interacting with instead of just talking at your audience is an important part of any social media interaction.

Maybe I should sometimes be more discreet about when and where I pull out my phone and maybe I don't have to Tweet about UWSP senior Harrison Loveall when he's sitting right next to me in the CAC like I did today, but I'm definitely never going to stop being part of the conversation—I have no idea where it'll take me next, but I want to find out.

Choose Clubs Not Brews

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My first year of college consisted of beer, vodka and Guita Hero. Okay, I occasionally went to class or I wouldn't be writing this. Granted, I had fun, but I'm also entering my fifth year of college, something no one really wants to do.

Other benefits from joining campus clubs include travel, networking opportunities in professional organizations and work experience.

Anyway, my first two years of college were mostly drinking, video games and the occasional porn party. I'm here to tell you that this is okay, but you should really add more to the mix. This is especially directed at freshman and sophomores who haven't quite found a foothold on campus. Put down the controller, cap the liquor bottle and leave the dorm room.

Campus clubs and organizations are a great way to get out, get involved and meet new people. I began as a reporter for this fine newspaper as a junior and can now say that my closest friends came as a result of joining the newspa-

per. Sure, I still have friends I made while doing straight vodka shots and going to Taco Bell at 3 in the morning (they are open until four in the morning on the weekends by the way), but I've gained so much more than a hangover from my newspaper friends.

Other benefits from joining campus clubs include travel, networking opportunities in professional organizations and work experience. By joining the newspaper, I've traveled to newspaper conferences where I met media professionals, met famous singers and authors and received a free spring break preview in South Padre Island, Texas. All of these experiences have made me life-long friends and unforgettable experiences. Simply by choosing to join The Pointer, limitless opportunities

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presented themselves to me.

So, if you're a jock, a bookworm, a geek, a gamer or a feminist, there is a place on campus for you. Join these organizations and meet some new people, learn a new dance or at the least, find a new drinking buddy. Have a great semester.

Why we love to hate Jersey Shore

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"All day GTL, all night fist pump, beating up the beat, bro!"

We love to hate The Jersey Shore.

We wonder why they get to party until 7 a.m., get in bar fights, flee the authorities, get awesome nicknames that define their character, and still manage to keep up with their bromances.

The show is particularly offensive to college students because it betrays the idea that one must work to be successful. As we find ourselves low crawling through the trenches of college life, we despair when we realize that one may

achieve fame and fortune through the combination of a shallow personality and high alcohol consumption.

Why should they get to sit around getting their "GTL" on while we are stuck sitting around in Wisconsin freezing our rumps off in September? I guess that's life here on the Wisco River Shore.

We all wish we could wear a "Snooki Bump", and we were slightly devastated when she stopped wearing it as much. We love pickles as much as Snooki does, and we incorporate her distinct whine into everyday practice.

In all actuality, we wish we could fist pump to a house beat and party until 7 a.m., and Jersey Shore has given us hope that maybe someday we can!

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Tre giorni Firenze

THREE DAYS IN FLORENCE

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It was 8 A.M. in Florence, and we went to bed early again. The evening before we created our own Florence restaurant, and on this morning we were ready to be, yet again, left breathless by the beauty that is Florence, Italy.

This past July, and through August, another art major and I took the trip of a lifetime and ventured to Italy. We spent an entire month basking in artistic genius, and exploring mainly the Veneteo, but were lucky enough to be able to spend three days in Florence- the art capital of Italy. We were simply mesmerized and left breathless by the art.

It was very expensive to eat in a restaurant in Florence, and we would have much rather spent our money exploring all of Florence. So nightly,

destination in our Florence adventure— Palazzo Pitti's Boboli Gardens.

The Florence we experienced at 8 a.m. while walking to the gardens was very different from the city that would appear in a few hours. In the morning Florence was very calm. There were very few people around and we could truly appreciate its beauty. The sun radiated through the beautiful buildings that lined the streets, and glistened across the Arno River as we walked across the Ponte Vecchio Bridge. Just across the Ponte



The Pontee Vecchio runs across the Arno River in Florence, Italy.

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Art history major Gina Camozzi studies a map of Florence while waiting to get into the Uffizi Gallery.

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we would make our own restaurant, which only played Lady Gaga. Our restaurant consisted of bread, cheese, prosciutto, wine and chocolate we got from a little grocery store down the street. Our total bill was eight euro and we found this meal, which we ate on our small table in our hotel called 'Hotel Unicorno', to be a success.

On our final day in Florence, we woke up in our small hotel and ate what we called the best breakfast ever, complete with a never-ending amount of coffee and pastries. After becoming adequately caffeinated, we began to walk to our final

Vecchio Bridge, the Palazzo Pitti greeted us with its sloping frontage that led up to the palace.

Behind the palace lies The Boboli Gardens, which were created in the Baroque styles of the 16th century for the Medici family, an Italian family who ruled the republic of Florence through economic power and personal

influence and made Florence the center of the Italian Renaissance.

Filled with limestone statues and fountains decorated with beautiful mosaics

imagined we were living in the 16th century and walking through the winding trails which were lined with Ginkgo trees, rose bushes and an expansive collection of Roman statues. As we made our way to the top of the gardens, we experienced the most spectacular views of

The Boboli Gardens made us truly appreciate the beauty of Florence and why it is called the art capital of Italy, and possibly the world.

decorated in the renaissance style, I feel these gardens are one of the most beautiful things in all of Florence.

As we walked through these gardens, as the Medicis once did, we

Florence. Standing on the highest point of the gardens, we gazed out into the city and let the passion of the city soak through our veins. The Boboli Gardens made us truly appreciate the beauty of Florence and why it is called the art capital of Italy, and possibly the world.

Standing on the highest point of the gardens, we gazed out into the city and let the passion of the city soak through our veins.



The moon casts its shadow on the rialto bridge, in Venice, Italy.

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