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UWSP students walk out on Walker

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The state's Capitol wasn't the only place where civil unrest was occurring in opposition to Governor Scott Walker's Budget Repair Bill, last week. On Thursday, students from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point gathered in the Sundial in support of their professors and all public employees statewide.

They were protesting what some across the state perceive to be unfair limitations on the ability of public employees to collectively bargain for wages and workplace conditions.

Well over 100 students showed up to protest on what was a foggy yet warm day, and many carried signs showing their opposition to Gov. Walker's bill. Chants of "Education Negotiation! Hey! Hey! Hey!" and "What's Disgusting? Union Busting!" filled the air as the protestors made their way from the Sundial to other buildings on campus, including Old Main.

A number of the protestors present at the event were from Stevens Point Area High School, coming to show support for their teachers, who could



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Students and community members gathered on campus last Thursday to protest Gov. Walker's Budget Repair Bill.

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Governor's budget could split UW System

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Governor Walker's biennial budget has not yet been released, but reports have begun circulating that elements of it would remove University of Wisconsin-Madison from the UW System.

UW-Madison's Chancellor, Bidy Martin, has been advocating for more flexibility in the university's budget and has been promoting her "New Badger Initiative." In response to these reports, Chancellor Martin sent out an e-mail to students at the university which says she had met with the Governor's staff and believes that the budget will split Madison from

the rest of the UW System.

The idea of splitting up the UW System has been met with widespread concern and criticism from the Board of Regents and other UW System Chancellors.

On Feb. 15, the President and Vice President of the UW Board of Regents, as well as the President of the UW System, sent a letter to Governor Walker urging him to reconsider such a proposal.

Their argument is that such a split is unnecessary and would damage all UW colleges in the state, hurt the students currently attending UW schools, as well as the citizens of the state.

Currently, all UW System schools lobby together for funding. If Madison were to split from the system, they would then compete for funding from the state. The split would also result in a separate Board of Regents for UW-Madison, which would result in duplication of administrative costs.

A letter from the leaders of the Board of Regents and the UW System said: "If changes are proposed that establish UW-Madison as a separate, self-contained institution with its own governance board separate from the Board of Regents, we would return to a two-tiered system that the state abandoned 40 years ago for good reasons. Those competing systems gave

rise to wasteful duplication, unnecessary competition, and conflicts. This resulted in higher costs to taxpayers and confusion for the State's elected leaders who had to weigh competing requests."

There are also concerns that the transfer process to Madison from other UW institutions would become difficult for students. "All 182,000 UW students ... benefit from a single, integrated system of higher education in Wisconsin. They apply for admission through a single application process that opens the door to multiple campuses.

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NEWS

The Democrats have left the building

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The Democrats have left the building. In fact, the Democrats of the Wisconsin State Senate have left the state.

In a move to deter the final vote on the passage of the Budget Repair Bill, a bill that would strip public employees' right to collectively bargain, the Democrats left caucus last week Wednesday and immediately headed for the state of Illinois.

Lena Taylor, Democrat, 4th District, wrote on her Facebook page, "Brb."

The Democrats' leaving the state makes it impossible for final passage of the bill because Wisconsin State Senate Rules require 20 senators be present for quorum on final passage of fiscal items.

Republicans in the Senate, especially Senator Alberta Darling, 8th District, have heavily criticized the move. When asked if she was angry that the Senators left the state, she only replied by saying that she was furious.

"I'm mad. They think that they can just get up and get the hell out of the state," Darling said.

Over the past week, the Democrats have been gaining support in the Capitol where thousands of protesters have gathered to put pressure on the Senate to "kill the bill." Crowds have reached as high as 70,000 people as of last Saturday, the largest protest on the Capitol in history, according to the United Council for UW Students.

However, not all protesters were supportive of unions. The Tea Party amassed a crowd from 7,000-10,000 people in support of Governor Scott Walker's bill.

The City of Madison had called in their police squads in the event of violence breaking out, but no arrests have been reported.

Each day unions paid for busses to Madison from all over the state and even other parts of the country. At the union rally, leaders touted participants from Kentucky that made the drive to join the protests.

The support rests not just with unions, but with employers of union members as well. Chancellor Bernie Patterson and the administration of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point have taken a hard-line stance on the bill.

"These reductions, especially in

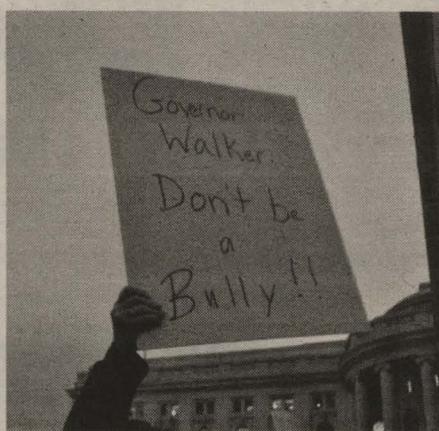


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the area of health insurance deductions, will hit the classified staff very hard," Patterson said.

The UWSP campus hosted several events including a student walk-out that had around 200 students participate.

Other events included an all night teach in and sleep in at the Dreyfus University Center and Chancellor-led forums where students have attended in large groups.

While the Assembly is able to vote this week, the Senate will hold out until the Democrats return.

You can hear arguments for and against the bill by looking up your representative on www.legis.wi.gov.

Split/ Chancellor urges legislators to keep system together

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More than ever, those students demand that we offer the opportunity for a smooth, seamless transfer from one campus to another."

UW-Stevens Point Chancellor Bernie Patterson sent his own letter to Governor Walker as well as to various state legislative members urging them to keep the UW System intact. It is his belief that the split would irreparably harm UWSP's reputation and send the university "back to the 19th century" with this plan.

It is Chancellor Patterson's belief that by integrating the system, it allows UW schools to specialize in certain fields. Much like UWSP is known for its world class Natural Resource and Education programs, other UW schools specialize in different fields, such as Platteville and their Engineering program.

"Through the collaborations we build as system partners come efficiencies and enterprise. These will wither away, though, if we are divided as competitors vying for increasingly limited resources that we do not today," said Patterson.

Governor Walker plans to release the full details of his budget to a joint session of the legislature on March 1.

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Walkout/Chancellor answers questions about Repair Bill

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see a dramatic decrease in their salaries in the near future if the Budget Repair Bill is passed.

The students also made their way up to the fourth floor of the Collins Classroom Center, where many gave their professors handshakes and thanked them for the work they've done.

At noon, an informational meeting put together by members of the UWSP faculty was held in Room D102 of the Science Building. Its main purpose was to explain the effects of the Budget Repair Bill on education and the ability of teachers statewide to collectively bargain.

Eric Yonke, the director of UWSP's International Programs, was one of the faculty members who spoke at the public forum, he explained the limitations that teachers have in engaging in public protests during class time. He said that many could face disciplinary action, such as suspension without pay.

Another UWSP faculty member who did not wish to disclose her identity commented on the bill and its implications for the state.

"It's scary, and it's frightening, and it's frightening for our whole state," she said. "And hopefully it can be resolved, and resolved calmly and quietly."

Several other faculty members in attendance spoke out about the effects the bill would have on them, and encouraged students to ask their professors about this issue.

Chancellor holds public forum

On Wednesday, February 23, 2011, Chancellor Bernie Patterson held a public forum meeting in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center. He spoke about UWSP's reaction to Gov. Walker's Budget Repair Bill and then answered questions from audience members.

Patterson said there are essentially four key categories of issues present in the current state budget crisis: (1) the potential split-off of the UW-Madison campus from the UW System, (2) the financial impact of the budget bill on campus staff and faculty, (3) the institutional budget as a whole, and (4) the rights of public employees to collectively bargain.

The chancellor also commended



Photo by Samantha Feld

Chancellor Bernie Patterson addresses a university staff member's questions regarding key points to Gov. Scott Walker's Budget Repair Bill at the open forum meeting held Wednesday on campus.

UWSP on being one of the few UW System campuses to speak out about the current budget proposal. Saying that he takes much pride in being the voice of UWSP, Patterson expressed

his reason for speaking out individually against the Governor's bill.

"It's hard for me to roll over after someone's kicked you in the teeth," Patterson said.

Commentary

Pointer staff members travel to Madison

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As the Wisconsin State Senate was going through roll call last Thursday morning, there seemed to be a lot of empty chairs in the chamber. While 17 Republicans had shown up for final passage of the Budget Repair Bill, not a single Democratic Senator was there to answer "present."

Questions began to circulate around the chamber as to where they were. It wasn't until about a half an hour later that there had been confirmed reports that they had left the state.

As word began to travel throughout the capitol that this was the case, signs of support began to erupt amongst protesters.

Outside the Senate Chamber, protesters in support of unions gathered for a sit-in to attempt blocking entrances on the third floor.

The Capitol was housing 5,000 inside and an additional 25,000 outside, most clad in red in support of the Wisconsin Education Association Council and others sporting green in support of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Large groups of firefighters were also marching throughout the building playing bagpipes and drums. The spotting of this group brought about

applause and cheers that, according to the Capitol Police, were 105.9 decibels. That's as loud as a chainsaw running next to your ear.

Democrats in the Assembly had been running between their offices, the caucus room and the chamber wearing blaze orange t-shirts in support of the crowd that had gathered in support of collective bargaining rights. Some had even gone so far as to make appearances speaking at the rallies outside the King Street entrance to the Capitol at 5 p.m.

The atmosphere around the Capitol had taken on the feel of a celebration, but yet the immediate feeling of urgency at hand could not be mistaken.

While waiting for the Governor's press conference at 5 p.m., a crowd had gathered in the hallway outside, nearly blocking access to his office. Inside, you could faintly hear their chants through two solid wood doors.

The Governor had set up his press conference on the opposite side of the room as he normally holds them. That day he set it up closest to his office doors to provide an easy escape from the press. The conference was not allowed to be streamed live to the protesters in the Rotunda. Whether this was because Walker feared the protesters' reaction to it is uncertain.

The press conference lasted ten minutes before the Governor left abruptly from the room. Many questions from the press were left unan-

swered.

After the conference, the second rally of the day was about to begin. That night the crowd enjoyed music reminiscent of the early 1900s when unions were few and far between, but growing in strength.

Just when protesters thought the crowd had reached a critical mass, firefighters marched down Wisconsin Avenue in full dress uniform. People rushed to the street to greet and cheer them on as they marched to the front of the rally.

Their leader took the podium and spoke about the predicament that they were in after their ardent support of Scott Walker during his campaign, but they had a duty to rush into a burning building first. The burning building they were describing was Wisconsin without unions.

The rally even-

tually dispersed, but the union's battle is far from over. As the evening went on, students poured into the Capitol to spend another night on the hard marble floor of the Rotunda.

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SPORTS

Pointers basketball retakes conference crown

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team has captured the WIAC Championship for a third time in the past five seasons. A win at UW-La Crosse last Saturday sealed the deal for the Pointers as they beat the Eagles 79-71.

The Pointers forced a tie against the previously first ranked UW-River Falls Falcons after an 86-70 win tied the two teams at 12-2. Both teams had to face UW-La Crosse and UW-Platteville to finish out the regular season.

The Platteville Pioneers came into Stevens Point with a chance to sweep the season series against the Pointers after they upset the Pointers earlier in the season. However, the Pointers were determined to avenge that loss and put some distance between them and River Falls.

In their final regular season game in a Pointer uniform, the seniors led the way to victory over the Pioneers. Forward Louis Hurd dropped 17 points during the game to spearhead the offensive attack. Guard Vinny Ritchay came off the bench and added 10 points of his own to go along with a team high seven boards. Forward Nick Krull led the Pointers with six assists and chipped in six points.

Much like the rest of the season,

Point's hot shooting helped propel them forward. In the second half alone, they shot 75 percent from the field, hitting on 18 of 24 shots. A glaring stat that stands out from the game was the production from the Pointers bench. Ritchay and junior center Jordan Brezinski played pivotal roles in that aspect as the Pointer reserves outscored those of Platteville, 34-3.

But what made this Senior Night even more special was that, 135 miles away, River Falls fell to La Crosse 93-78. That meant the Pointers had gained a step in the race for the championship, and would hold, at least, a share of the title at the end of the regular season.

That share would soon turn into complete ownership as the Pointers would travel to La Crosse and cement their status as WIAC champs. In what began as a back and forth game would end with the Pointers eventually outlasting the Eagles and pulling away for their final win of the regular season.

The two teams exchanged blows all through the first half, neither able to create a bigger lead than seven. At halftime the score reflected the tight battle that had taken place, as the Eagles held a 41-40 lead.

The second half proved to be much of the same for a time. For the opening-eight minutes another close dual broke out, with La Crosse gaining an advantage after senior guard Tony Mane hit a go ahead three. However

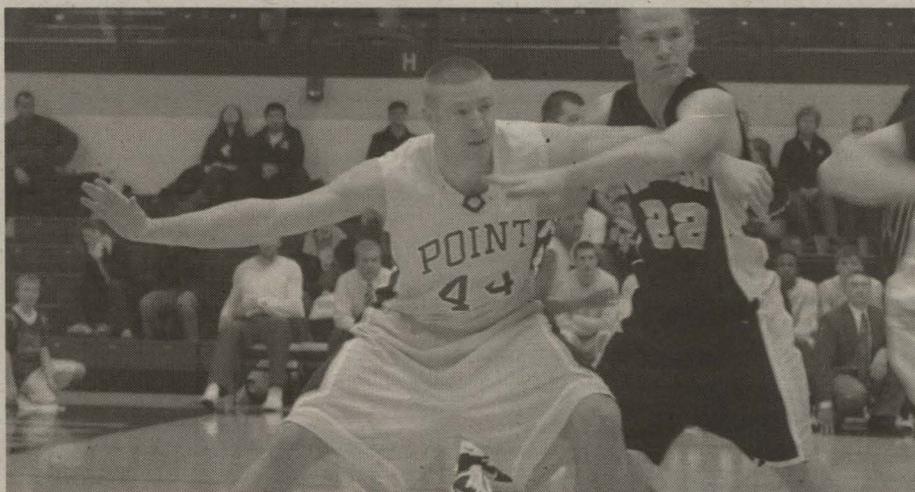


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that lead would be short lived.

The Pointers would retake the scoreboard and would not surrender a lead or tie for the remaining twelve minutes. In a game that was filled with basket trading, they kept up their offensive stats by hitting on 63 percent of their shots.

Sophomore guard Jerrel Harris would come out as the leading scorer for Point, dropping 17. Besides Harris four other Pointers ended the game in double figures; sophomore guards Tyler Tillema (14) and Devon Jackson (12), and senior forwards Lou Hurd (12) and Nick Krull (10).

In Tony Mane's final regular season game for UW-La Crosse, he set a new UW-La Crosse single season scoring record. With 32 points against the

Pointers, Mane ended the season with 633 points, surpassing the previous record of 629 that had stood since the 1976-77 season.

With the Pointers win over La Crosse and River Falls being dealt another upset after a loss to Platteville, the Pointers stood alone at the top of the WIAC.

The Pointers have already secured a first round bye for the WIAC tournament. They will tipoff tournament play at home Thursday when they face whichever team is the lowest seed remaining after the quarterfinals. They would be pitted against UW-La Crosse, UW-Platteville, or UW-Superior. With a win on Thursday the Pointers would then host the WIAC Championship game, Saturday the 26.

Men's and Women's swimmers head to championships

Both men's and women's swimming and diving team at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point dominated in the Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Championship last week. The men's team swam its way to a 12th straight win, and the UWSP women secured their second consecutive league title by a slim 25.5-point margin.

The league title for the Pointer men is their 14th in the past 15 seasons and 16th overall. The title for the women is the team's sixth and their fourth in the past six seasons.

The Pointer men finished the three-day event with a team total of 945 points, outpacing second place University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire by 306 points. The women had a much narrower margin of victory, winning by just 25.5 points over second place University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

On the final day of the championship, the Pointers secured three men's championships and three individual women's titles.

Lauren Alexander secured the conference title in the women's 1650 free with her time of 17:48.04. Luuk Dekkers captured the men's title in the 1650 free with his time of 16:18.66

Andrea Wagner secured the league crown in the 100 freestyle with her time of 51.56 and in the process set a new conference record and posted a NCAA "B" cut qualifying time.

Sam Davy secured another Pointer conference title with his swim of 45.47 in the 100 free. Kelly Kading set a new league mark with her time of 2:20.58 in the 200-meter breast stroke on her way to securing the conference championship and automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships.

The men's 400 free relay



Celebration as the UWSP Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Teams head to the championship

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team of Matt Olp, Joey Clapp, Ryan Farmer and Sam Davy posted a NCAA "B" cut time on their way a conference championship. Davy was a part of the league record-setting team in 2009.

For his three-day effort Sam Davy was named the

swimmer of the meet. Matt Olp was named the Max Sparger Scholar-Athlete. Olp was also named to the All-Sportsmanship team. On the women's side, BethAnn Abraham was awarded the Judy Kruckman Co-Scholar Athlete Award along with

UW-La Crosse's Katelyn Hartung. Abraham was also selected to the All-Sportsmanship Team.

The UWSP teams' next challenge will be the NCAA Division III Championships, which are March 23-26.

SPORTS

MVP Bieber fever at the celebrity all-star game

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Singing sensation and pre-pubescent girl idol Justin Bieber has accomplished much in his short life. He has made more money and had more opportunities by the age of sixteen than many people get in a lifetime. Opportunities like meeting his childhood hero Usher, performing at the Grammys and, most recently, playing in the Celebrity All-Star Game.

While it is true that The Biebes is possibly the biggest star in the world right now, his singing abilities didn't help him on the court. However, his entertainment value did.

Justin dropped eight points in 25 minutes of play to go along with four assists and two rebounds. These numbers may seem decent to someone who didn't see any of the game or its highlights, but upon further review you'll see they are misleading. Bieber was 3-11 from the field, his Western All-Stars statistically performed better when he was riding the pine, and he couldn't defend a cactus. But for Justin, it wasn't about offensive output or showcasing his skills. Like everyone who is ever involved in such an event, Bieber gave a standard answer when asked about the game.

"I've never really played in a league, I just kind of went out there and had some fun."

That sort of attitude is exactly why Justin walked away with the hardware after the game. You see, even though he had just eight points and a mixture of other pedestrian stats,

The Biebes had something in his corner that none of the other participants could compete with an untapped demographic.

If you were a high profile television executive whose channel was about to broadcast a basketball game filled with celebrities, who would you pursue?

Maybe you'd go after some stars that could actually ball. Former ESPN anchor Dan Patrick has one of the sweetest jump shots of anyone not in the Association. Adam Sandler is also oddly athletic and has some game. What about Woody Harrelson? He's got some mileage on him but he did prove to the world that white men can jump. Maybe even Zac Efron. He played a basketball star in "High School Musical", it's not completely farfetched that he could have a little game.

Would you be the sort of executive who would try and put the least athletic people possible on the court and see what happens? In that case, the entire male cast from "The Big Bang Theory" should be in your starting lineup. Michael Cera from Superbad also seems like a deserving candidate.

Or would you be the executive that suddenly realizes how many insane, screaming, fanatical twelve year olds there are around the world that all share one common thread? Each and every one of them is directing their screams at Justin Bieber.

Well, that's the head honcho that's getting the raise. Someone invited Bieber, Bieber accepted. He showed up with his perfectly sculpted hair, his bumblebee yellow Adidas and he played. He put up sixth grade



Pop sensation Justin Bieber won MVP at the Celebrity All-Star Game.

YMCA numbers, flashed his smile, whipped his feathered locks around a little bit, and was handed the Most Valuable Player award in a loss to the East squad.

Bieber playing wasn't why people had problems. He's one of the biggest names in the world right now, he has millions of followers, he's uber-famous; okay we get that. What people didn't understand was how a sixteen year old, first time celebrity all-star, with relatively no basketball background and numbers that were less than stellar was crowned the MVP.

Hall of Famer Scottie Pippen scored a game high 17 points to lead the way for the East's victory. Pippen also provided the defensive highlight

of the night when he blocked a Bieber shot in the third quarter.

You may be asking yourself, "shouldn't Pippen have won MVP then?"

It is true Pippen had nine more points than Bieber and flashed a little bit of defense, something Justin could only do if trampolines were allowed on the court. But Scottie didn't have the same following. As strange as it seems, Justin Bieber is more popular nowadays than Hall Of Famer and Chicago hero Scottie Pippen.

Most of Bieber's fans are not old enough to even know, let alone appreciate who Pippen is. So it didn't matter that he was completely outplayed, because The Biebes had his fanatical aces in the hole. As well as Scottie performed, there was no way he'd be able to secure enough votes to take the crown from Justin.

Not that Pippen needs an MVP trophy from a Celebrity All-Star game, he certainly has enough accolades crowding his mantle. However, it would have been the right thing to do and even Justin knows that.

"I really think Pippen should've got the MVP," Bieber admitted to TNT's Craig Sager. "It was a fan voting thing and my fans are crazy so they were going to vote for me."

Was Bieber the rightful MVP? Probably not. Did Justin hold a huge advantage when it came to fan voting? Definitely yes. Does any of it matter in the long run? Not really. But we have learned a few things from this whole ordeal. Bieber has an awkward looking jumpshot. Viewers are willing to trade athletic ability for a cute childlike smile. Scottie Pippen has unfortunately lost his luster in certain social circles around the world.

But the most important thing we learned comes to us from former Los Angeles Laker Rick Fox. When asked about his all-star teammate Fox said, "He has the softest hair."

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SPORTS

Commentary

Protesting: the new cardio routine

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When one turns on the news and sees protesters in the street standing up for what they believe in, be they Tea Partiers, teachers or Tunisians, one recognizes their commitment to their cause, but may not recognize the physical endurance that comes with it.

Maybe it's just more proof that I'm out of shape, but three days in Madison proved to be the most exercise this sports writer has gotten in a while. Maybe not though, because when one thinks of all of the hard work and dedication put into the recent rallies in response to the Budget Repair Bill, it's not hard to picture the sweat behind the spirit that's swept throughout the state.

The protests in Madison, now in their tenth day, have seen record turnouts day after day. This is significant for many reasons: politically, socially, economically, you name it. But these protests for workers' rights are providing a workout for not only the mind, but the body as well.

First off, consider that those who show up in the morning to the rallies and march down the street, around the block, up the capitol lawn, and back again. Walking all day, even at a comfortable pace, is undoubtedly more effective of a workout than a quick jaunt on the treadmill while watching "The View" before driving to work.

Throw sign wielding, chant shouting, and cold weather in with the day filled with marching, and you find yourself at the end of the day with sore legs, stiff arms, and a horse voice. It's not like running a marathon, but it's a comfortable leisurely activity that makes mall-walking look like competitive eating.

Signs are an integral part of any protest or rally. Presenting a political message in a way that is both clever and visually pleasing is the first challenge for any protester. After it is made, it must be carried around.

Carrying around a piece of paper

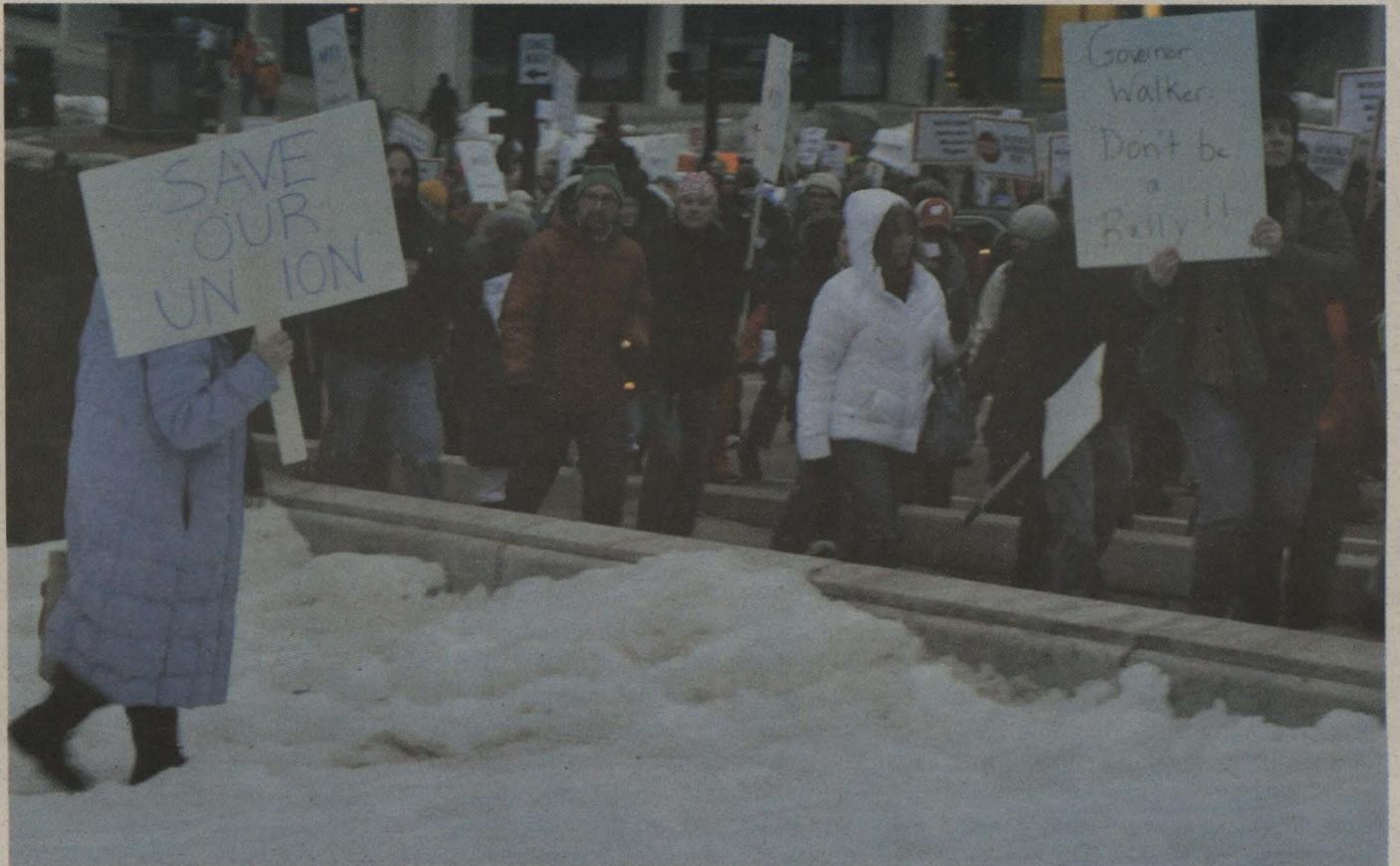


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Above: Protests of Gov. Walker's Budget Repair Bill continue this week.

on a stick hour after hour, while incomparable to power lifting, gives the arms a nice stretch, probably comparable to a vigorous session of yoga. With wind gusting between the buildings and down the streets, the wind pushing against the signs leaves the protester feeling like they just finished a rigorous round of Zumba.

On Friday, I found myself charged with the task of holding the four-foot by five-foot United Council banner MacGyvered to a wooden frame. When walking through the gusts of wind with this beast of a banner, it took two people to keep the sign from making like a cow in "Twister" and blowing away. After a few blocks of marching down State Street and a few laps around the capitol building, I felt exactly like I did after that one time in freshman high school football when they made us lift weights.

Hour after hour, day after day, being a part of these protests builds



Photo by Dan Neckar

Students protest Gov. Scott Walker's Budget Reform Bill, at 7 a.m. on Thursday morning. More University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students joined the protest at 10 a.m., when many walked silently out of classes to join the walk to city hall.

not only a spirit of unity and solidarity, but also conditions the body, slowly but surely strengthening the people of Wisconsin both as a whole and individually.

Instead of Gatorade, coffee flows freely to help the people keep going.

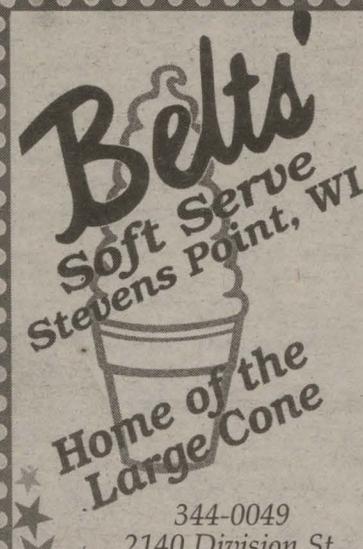
The trophy at the end of the game is not an engraved metal monument commemorating one good year, but a victory of the people that keeps with the tradition of this state and ensures that we can continue to move forward.

He doesn't know he could be attending special trainings with your student org....(*awkward*, help him please)

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UWSP pep band song hits sour note

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When students head to a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point hockey game, they expect to hear the classic pep band songs and cheers.

This past fall, a change was made in the cheer line-up that caused a controversy in the UWSP hockey world. The classic cheer "The Hey Song" was recently omitted from the songs and cheers the pep band is allowed to play during hockey games.

The cheer contains some profanities that reportedly did not sit well with some of the parents and directors in the department. This has caused frustration in the student cheering section.

Jordan Held, a senior broad field social science major and music minor, has played in the pep band for three and a half years.

"In late fall we were told not to play ["The Hey Song"]," said Held. "The pep band tries to encourage school spirit but the rowdy crowd is dwindling."

Held explains that hockey is a different kind of sport and a different

atmosphere, and that the pep band doesn't play this song at basketball games because it wouldn't be appropriate.

"Hockey has a different limit and basketball has a different limit," Held said.

It isn't just the hockey fans that are disappointed about the change. Hockey players are unhappy about the song not being played.

Steve Hamilton, a senior human geography major, has been a goalie on the hockey team for four years.

"It was kind of a surprise that the band couldn't play it because it seemed like one of our student section's trademarks along with our unique series of cheers after we score a goal," Hamilton said.

Besides the song being a trademark, Hamilton liked the meaning of the song and what it conveyed to the opposing team.

"It's a pretty cool feeling to have 600 students behind you letting the other team know what's going to happen to them," Hamilton said. "It definitely made teams know that our students were there, and ready to get



Pep band (upper left) fights for their "Hey Song."

after it."

Held is saddened that the new orders put in place are changing the feeling that students are used to at hockey games.

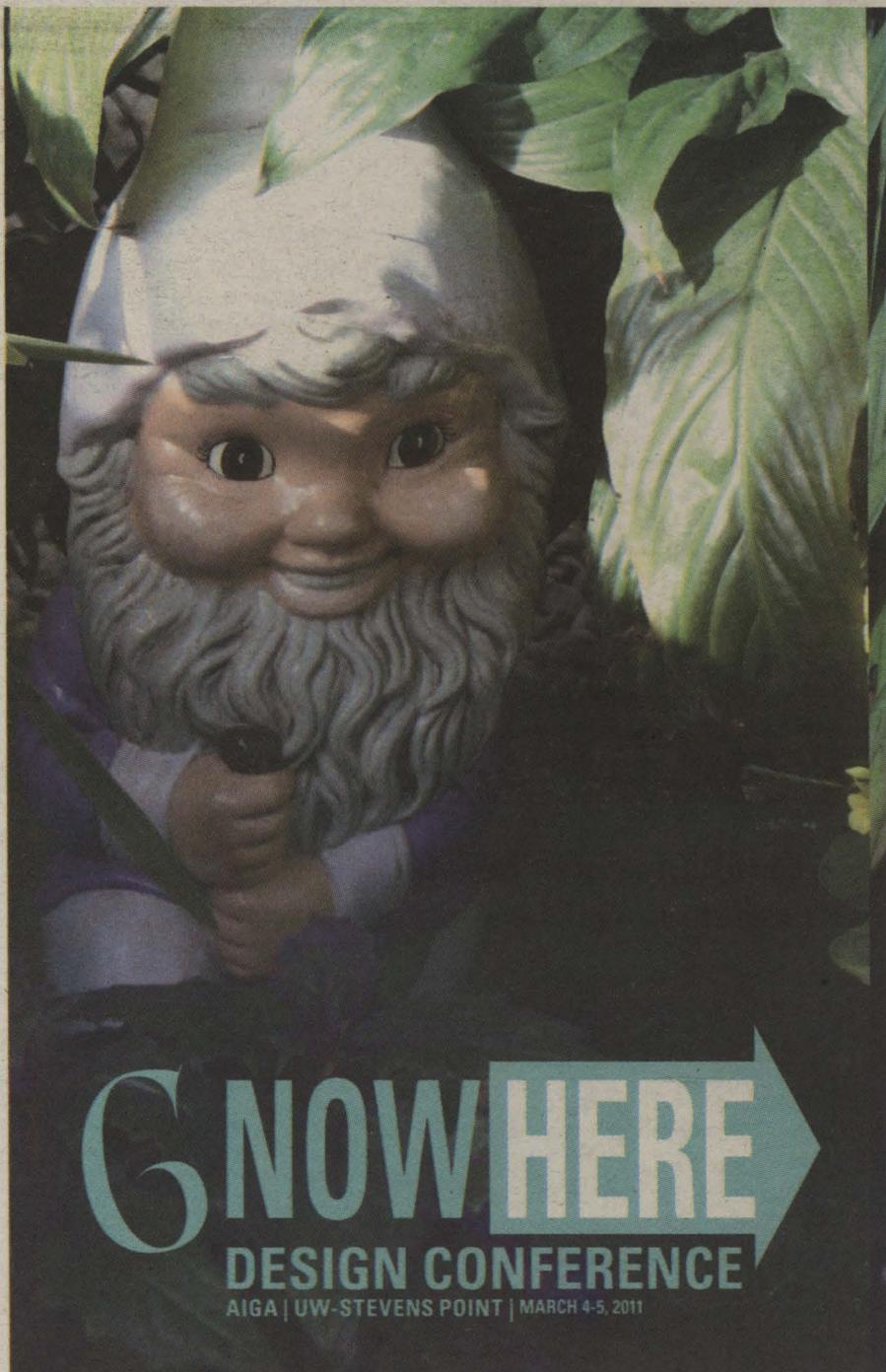
"We're always trying to encourage fun with the pep band," Held said. "It seems like they're trying to dampen our school spirit."

The hockey season is coming to an end, so the issue will be put to rest for

the time being. In the meantime, the student section will have to cheer on without one of their 'signature' cheers.

"I know we have a pretty knowledgeable and classy group of students, and this song is a way for them to get into the game and hopefully have a bit of an influence," said Hamilton.

There is no word on when a decision will be made, but the students and pep band will wait anxiously.



Poster design by Caitlin Dickman.

Poster promoting the 7th Annual NowHERE Design Conference.

GNowHERE Design Conference

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The 7th annual GnowHere Design Conference is to be held March 4-5 in the Noel Fine Arts Center.

Each year University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's chapter of the national American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) student organization coordinates the NowHere Design Conference with different Wisconsin based themes like hunting or ice fishing. This year the theme is garden gnomes, hence the "G" added to this year's title.

At each conference, acclaimed artists from all around the world are invited to give presentations and workshops for interested students and community members.

This year's conference will kick off on Friday, March 4, with a workshop on book cover illustration by Chip Kidd, who is known for his work on the cover of Cormac McCarthy's "No Country for Old Men."

Chip Kidd's workshop will be followed by a presentation from the president of Minnesota's AIGA chapter Seth Johnson who will talk about the professional world.

"Seth Johnson's presentation is going to be about life after graduation," said Prof. John Smith.

In the evening, the international designer Tnop will give a presentation of life as a successful Logo and Branding designer.

On Saturday, Tnop will give a workshop on the creative process of making symbols and logos.

Also, UWSP Alumni Laura Polkus, Tony Rochester, Mike Gehrman, and Anna Harteau will be returning to campus to share their experiences in a Q&A immediately followed by a portfolio review where students can bring their portfolios for professional critique.

The event will be wrapped up by a presentation by Chip Kidd, telling the story of his life and information on his business.

The sign up for the workshops are open on the event website www.nowhereconference.com and are open to the public. For AIGA members the professional workshops are \$15 and for non-AIGA members they are \$25.

Workshops only have a limit of 20 per time slot.

Presentations are free to attend and open to the public.

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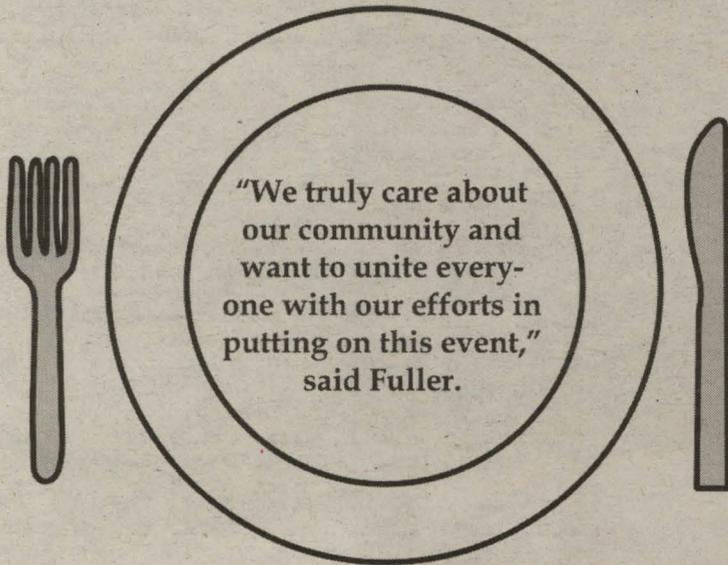
Soul comes to UWSP

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Do you like chicken, mac and cheese, collard greens, catfish, and peach cobbler? All will be on the menu for the 18th Annual Soul Food Dinner. Each year, the Black Student Union sponsors the event.

tors, will be incorporated into the introduction. The award portion of the night will honor graduating seniors as well as those who have helped make the event a success.

This is Fuller's fourth year helping out with the event. "Each year we hope to accomplish the same thing, which is to provide a positive experi-



"People can look forward to great food and lots of it, so no one will leave hungry," said senior Anthony Fuller the president of the Black Student Union and main organizer of the event.

Soul food is also known as comfort food mostly associated with southern recipes and will "make you feel full and content," said SeiQuest Williams the vice-president of BSU.

The event will include four main parts: an introduction, dinner, live entertainment, and awards. The theme of the night, African-American inven-

ence to all those that come."

The BSU hopes that the event will allow members of the community to experience something different from the norm and bridge the gap between the understanding of other cultures.

"It's an opportunity to experience food and culture that is not necessarily common to the Stevens Point area," said Williams.

This dinner is only one of the few events and activities that the Black Student Union participates in throughout the year. Other activities include Gospel Fest (coming up on April 30),

Sparticus: BS!

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commentary

Starz's new guilty pleasure, "Spartacus: Blood and Sand," may be more than most viewers bargained for. Promoted as a balls-to-the wall action series, Spartacus has pleasantly surprised many viewers with its intelligent plots and intricate characters.

The basic story line is as follows: Spartacus is betrayed by the Romans and forced into slavery after watching his wife be kidnapped to face the same harrowing fate. Spartacus then must become champion of gladiators in order to rescue the love of his life.

Now, if you're a history buff, or even just remember the exciting parts of your grade school history class, you'll know how the story inevitably ends. Spartacus eventually rises to lead a slave revolt that takes Rome more than 4 years to defeat. However, "Spartacus: Blood and Sand" is not a show about a story, but rather one about a character—Spartacus.

The show is about as gritty as you can bear. Aside from the constant, gruesome severing of limbs and bashed-in heads, there is seldom ever a happy ending for any of the characters, and even rarer is it to see something go right for Spartacus.

In fact, the best cliffhangers the writers use to keep you hooked are by setting up scenarios in which things are bound to go bad, worse or ugly,

and all you can do is tune in to the next episode to hope for the "bad!"

There really isn't much not to love about Spartacus: B and S. It's the story of a man pushed to the edge of insanity while fighting for the safety of his wife and freedom; and while the story has been told a thousand times before, Spartacus: B and S reinvents it with powerfully emotional scenes that will command tears from even the eyes of the gods themselves.

And though some critics still opt to criticize the show for its excessive amount of sex, violence, and obscene language, they fail to realize that not only is most of this content necessary to set the mood of the era, but it is also the year 2011, making most of these shallow criticisms just seem naively prudent. Not to mention I don't think the show's marketing has ever failed to forewarn its viewers of such content, as this was one of its main selling points.

Complete with an all-star cast, including Lucy Lawless ("Xena: Warrior Princess"), John Hannah ("The Mummy"), Peter Mensah ("300") and Andy Whitfield, Spartacus: B and S will itch every scratch you have.

Whether it be a weekly fix of awesome butt-kicking, or a compassionate story emphasizing the evils of the lust for sex, power and money, vs. the righteousness in the thrive for love and freedom, Spartacus: B and S certainly delivers.

The Portage County Cultural Festival, and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity and the Boys and Girls group home in Stevens Point.

"We truly care about our community and want to unite everyone with our efforts in putting on this event," said Fuller.

The dinner will be held in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center on Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the UWSP Information and Ticket Center. Tickets are \$13 for general admission and \$8.00 for a student or child under 13 years-old.

Are you looking for work?

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Getting Started

Each spring students begin the frustrating, and sometimes daunting, task of looking for summer jobs/internships. Here are some tips to help ease the process.

The first step is to search for potential jobs early. Get prepared quickly to know what kind of job you want and also where you want to work.

The Student Involvement & Employment Office (SIEO) will be holding a summer job fair on Tuesday, April 5 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the DUC Laird Room.

The job fair is for students who are looking for find part-time, full-time, and/or seasonal jobs. Employers will be not only from Stevens Point, but other areas in and out of the state.

In the meantime, job searching can be done using the CareerPoint Online System provided by the University

of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Career Services or the Quest search engine provided by the Student Involvement & Employment Office (SIEO).

"A good tip for students is to remember that there is always a job out there for them, they just have to work to find it," said SIEO Job Fair Coordinator Laura Carsello, "Many students sit and wait for a job to come to them, which often does not produce any results for them."

It is also very important, said Associate Director Lorry Walters of Career Services, for students look outside of posted job listings. A lot of the time businesses will be hiring for a few positions but not spend the money to post the jobs.

A good way to find jobs outside of traditional methods is networking; knowing people, or friends of friends, already employed in a prospective job one way.

On Thursday March 3, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room, there will be a Networking 101 seminar

for students to learn how to create and maintain connections with professionals.

First Impressions

Once a job is selected and it's time for the interview, there are a few traits that are held universally important across all job fields.

Communication skills are the first and foremost important skill employers look for in potential employees. The ability to communicate with customers, think creatively in a group, and work well with coworkers goes a long way.

"Being able to communicate and write professionally is the first thing I look for every time," said Human Resources Manager Meghan Christie of Alliance Collection Agencies, Inc.

Being involved in the community is equally important. Getting experience in student organizations, volunteer work, and school projects can make resumes jump out at employers.

"When I hire people I don't look

so much at GPAs or what their degree is, I look for people who are involved, people with leadership skills, people who relate to others well," said Target Store Team Leader Erin Matzke.

It is also very crucial to have passion for what you want to do, whether it's just a summer job or a lifelong career. Employers look for people who want to work for them, not need to work for them.

"It's all about attitude, aptitude, and heart," said Brian Chick, a UWSP CIS graduate who now works for Quad/Graphics.

Also students who want jobs need to do their research, be prepared, be confident, and be flexible if they want employers to hire them.

"I can't tell you how many times people have forgotten to shake my hand when I'm giving an interview, confidence and eye contact are really important too," Christie said.

If you want to set yourself apart from the crowd, take the initiative.

Letter to the Editor

Arab state from Tunisia to Egypt and Libya are to some degree witnessing what Eastern European countries witnessed during the breakdown of the former U.S.S.R. Yet, the Arab experience could also be fundamentally different. The differences are plenty.

The Arab history is not that of Eastern Europe, as do the outcomes of both revolutionary experiences. One significant difference is the absence of theocrats in Eastern Europe, which is not the case at all in a region where Islam-orientated groups exist. The Muslim Brotherhood movement in Egypt is an example for the norm when speaking of Muslim groups attempting to rise at the expense of popular role.

Muslim Brotherhood godfather,

Sheik Yusuf Al Karadawi, is perhaps one of the reasons why "transitional" Egypt could find itself losing the dream of building a western style democracy in which there will be little to nothing for theocrats and their theocracies.

Historically, in the midst of most revolutions, facts get intermingled with non-facts intentionally or otherwise. Under the autocracy of Hosni Mubarak, the Muslim Brotherhood was under the supervision of the powerful Egyptian intelligence agencies directed by the current Vice President Omar Suleiman, the matter that forced Al Karadawi to exile in the gulf state of Qatar.

Now, upon the return of its leader from exile, the release of its political prisoners and in this current state of

political instability and anarchy, the Muslim Brotherhood, as in all other movements in Egypt, is left alone unsupervised and unrestricted.

While the toppled Egyptian regime, with all its unknown brutality and egoism, could not for a moment control or divide the energy brought by the protestors to the famous Liberation Square in Cairo, which some suggested to keep it as a monument, yet a person like Al Karadawi easily took the platform away from the protestors. Further, his guards prevented Google Executive, an Egyptian national, Weal Gonium from speaking to a group of protestors gathering near the Liberation Square.

Worst of all, Al Karadawi began altering the goals of the revolution drastically. Recently, Al Karadawi requested that the Rafah Crossing bordering Palestine to be opened for unrestricted movement of people and goods between the two Arab nations.

While no one can object to this noble request considering the inhumane conditions Palestinians live under due to the total sanctions imposed by Israel, yet subjectively, this was not at all why the revolution was ignited in the first place. What ignited the revolution instead were pure economic, nationalistic and patriotic motives.

This well-planned strategy, by Muslim Brotherhood, of hijacking the objectives of the revolution to serve their own political and Islamic objectives represent a real danger to the new born democracy in Egypt. Part of this strategy could also include the willingness of the movement to keep the status quo of the current instable sate of affairs so as to gain more time to organize and enlarge their base nationally and regionally before any national election is conducted.

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Spicy Sweet Vegan Enchiladas

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For the past couple of months, I've been dabbling with veganism for a lot of different reasons. One of the things I've missed the most though is

Mexican food, which tends to include a lot of heavy ingredients like meat, cheese and sour cream. My cousin gave me this recipe, and I was pleasantly surprised.

The sweetness of the pineapple perfectly complements the spiciness

of the peppers. During the cooking process, the veggies soften and meld into the other ingredients. I honestly didn't even miss the meat. I also skipped the vegan sour cream. Fake dairy products freak me out.

Since we are in Wisconsin, I've also included a variation for the meat and dairy lovers out there.

Makes 8 small enchiladas

Preparation time:

20 minutes

Cooking time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

(use vegan versions):

- 8 medium sized tortillas
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 green, red, or yellow bell pepper, diced
- 1 anaheim or banana pepper, diced
- 1 jalapeño, diced
- 1 - 14 ounce can black beans, drained, rinsed
- 1 - 6 ounce can diced green chiles
- 1 cup crushed pineapple, juice drained and squeezed out
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, roughly chopped
- 1 - 1 ounce can enchilada sauce
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- salt and pepper, to taste

Directions

Preheat oven to 350

degrees Fahrenheit. Chop onion, garlic, and all three peppers. Heat olive oil in skillet and add garlic, onion, and peppers.

Saute for about 5 minutes. Peppers will still have a little crunch. Stir in black beans, green chiles, and crushed pineapple, sauteing until heated through. Finally, add fresh cilantro, and salt and pepper to taste.

To prepare enchiladas, spread a thin layer of the enchilada sauce on the bottom of a 9"x13" glass baking dish. Add a couple spoonfuls of the filling in each tortilla. If using whole-wheat tortillas, they roll better without cracking if you heat them in the microwave for about 10 seconds.

Arrange enchiladas to fit in dish. Pour the remaining sauce on top. Put in the oven and cook for 20 minutes or until heated though and lightly browned.

Serve with a sprinkling of fresh cilantro and vegan sour cream.

Wisconsin variation

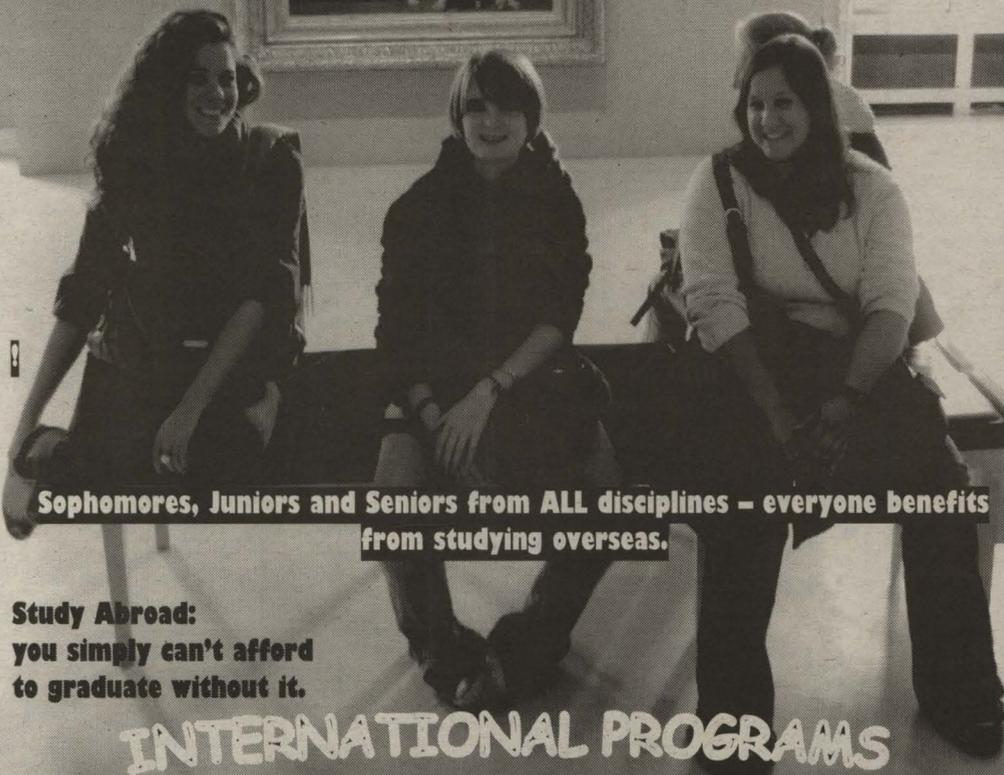
Obviously, you can just use non-vegan versions of the ingredients and real sour cream and cheese. Add some shredded chicken or pork and a healthy layer of shredded cheese on top.

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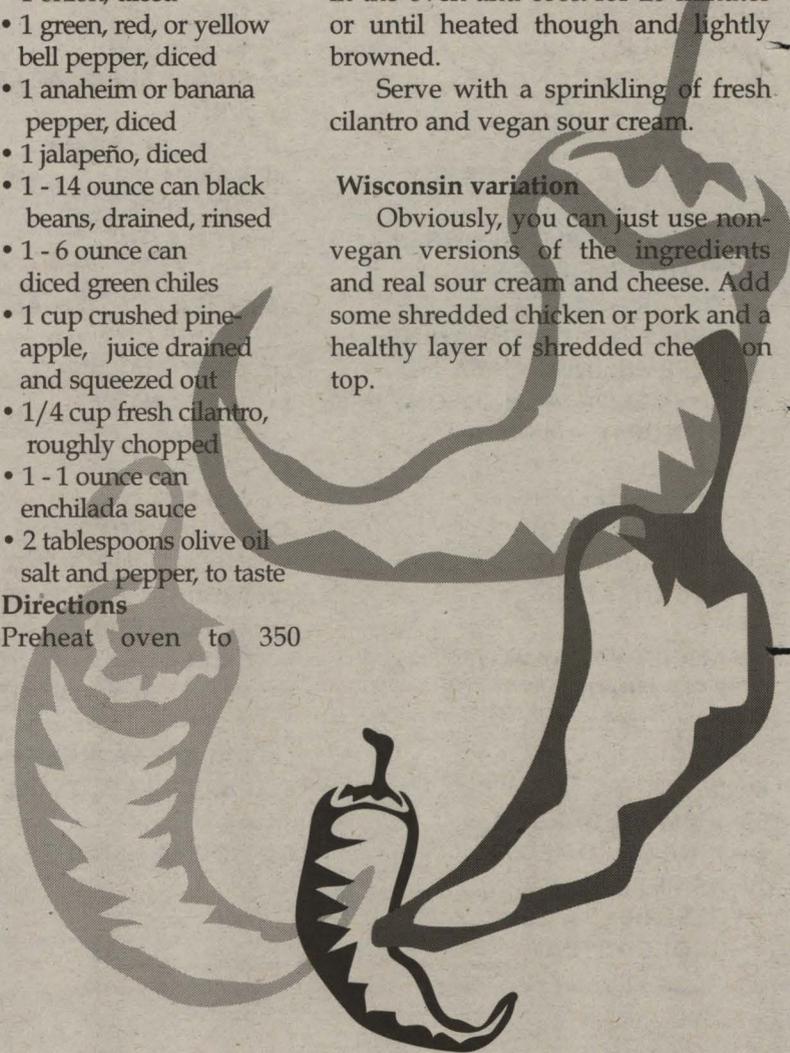
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 - 15- BURLAP
 - 16- BRIO.
 - 17- ROSEANNE, ONCE
 - 18- DELIGHT
 - 19- NEW ROCHELLE COLLEGE
 - 20- APPORTIONS
 - 22- USE LAVISHLY
 - 24- FUJI RIVAL
 - 26- BREATHE IN
 - 27- SISTER OF VENUS
 - 30- BERT'S BUDDY
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 - 33- CORNER
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 - 39- NAME GIVEN TO THE FOX
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 - 54- LEASH
 - 56- FOUL-SMELLING, POISONOUS OIL
 - 58- PERTAINING TO THE LOVE OF SENSATION
 - 62- EGG
 - 53- ANCIENT REGION OF ASIA MINOR
 - 65- BAYLOR'S CITY
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 - 47- ENABLE
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 - 50- BRING INTO BEING
 - 51- PUEBLO INDIAN VILLAGE
 - 52- TRIVIAL OBJECTION
 - 53- LEGEND MAKER
 - 55- PIERCE
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 - 60- BAKERY WORKER
 - 61- CIRCLE AT BOTTOM, POINT AT TOP
 - 64- WRITER HENTOFF

Sudoku 12x12 - Solution 1 of 5 - Easy

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Answers from the Feb. 17th issue.

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OPINION

Americans citizens are closet socialists

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President Obama introduced his budget to Congress last week, which calls for cuts totaling \$1.1 trillion over the next 10 years. Much of the cuts are from programs that directly help poor and working-class Americans. Congressional Republicans think that these cuts are not enough and have passed bills that would cut \$60 billion this year, down from their promised \$100 billion.

Both President Obama and Congressional Republicans are wrong in cutting necessary programs that help lift up the most vulnerable among us. Plainly, the economy has not recovered enough for such drastic austerity measures. It is my belief that Americans are more socialist than they think, and they would actually like MORE spending, not less.

Republicans campaigned last fall on cutting the federal budget and reducing the deficit. They gained unprecedented numbers in the House and nearly took the Senate, yet the

American public does not want to cut the budget. Stick with me here for a second.

Yes, poll after poll shows that Americans think we need to cut the deficit, but that is a loaded question. It is similar to the question asking respondents to self-identify as "conservative" "moderate" or "liberal." A majority of people will choose either conservative or moderate, yet when broken down on how they answer on specific issues, they generally take fairly liberal positions. This effect occurs when asked about cutting spending as well.

A new Pew Research Poll was released two weeks ago that confirms this hypothesis. The poll found that 49 percent thought the government should cut spending compared to 46 percent of those who thought the government should keep spending to improve the economy.

The center then asked survey respondents whether they would decrease spending, keep spending levels where they currently are, or increase spending in 18 different budget categories. Only one category out of the 18 did a majority of people

think needed to be cut: foreign aid, which occupies such a miniscule portion of the overall federal budget.

Only four categories received more than 25 percent support in favor of decreasing spending, versus every category, with the exception of foreign aid, receiving more than 25 percent support in favor of increasing spending. Three categories, education, public schools and veterans benefits, received more than 50 percent in support of more spending.

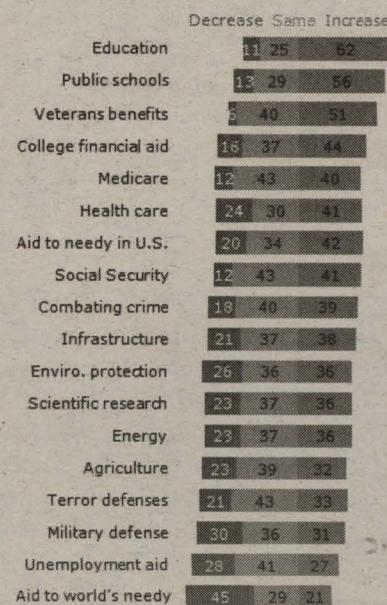
In a time when conventional wisdom says that Americans want to see spending decreases for the federal government, and when our very own state is having intense debates about our own fiscal house, it is very relevant that we look at this data to help our lawmakers make decisions that truly reflect the voice of their constituents.

Americans are also in denial about taking part in social programs. Research by Suzanna Mettier confirms that those who claim to "have not used a Government Social Program" are more likely to have partaken in various social programs. Have you taken out student loans or received

financial aid for college? Used the home mortgage interest deduction on taxes? How about veterans' benefits or the G.I. Bill? All of these are social welfare programs.

Plainly put, we are all socialists in one form or another.

Few Support Decreases in Federal Government Spending



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Doing what is necessary to keep America afloat

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While most people were looking at Madison and Gov. Scott Walker's proposed budget plan last week, the House of Representatives passed a budget bill that will save the government \$60 billion this year.

The United States is currently \$14 trillion in debt, and that number is growing by the minute. On March 4, the funding for the government is going to run out. If Obama and lawmakers fail to pass a budget, the federal government will be shut down.

This is a much needed budget cut that the House of Representatives passed as a measure to save our economy.

However, Congressional Democrats are disagreeing with the bill, thinking that the cuts are too deep. No, what's too deep is our debt. The national debt is so high that most people can't even comprehend what that number of 14 trillion really means. That \$14 trillion is not just going to disappear with Obama's proposed \$1.1 trillion cut over the next ten years. And it certainly isn't going to disappear if we keep spending.

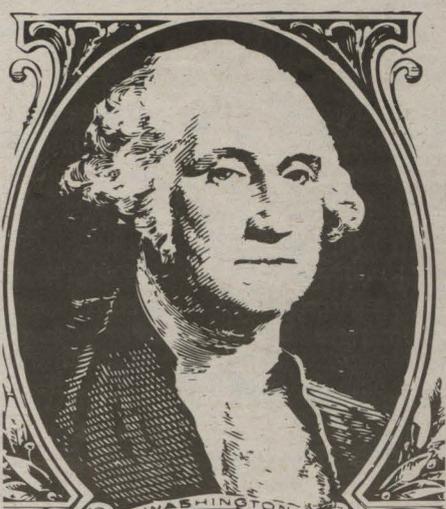
The Democrats think that we should keep spending and keep spending. Spending more money is only going backwards when we desperately need to move forward.

The bill that passed is cutting funding to a variety of social programs in order to help the government save money. Of course, the opposition is up in arms about cutting social programs. However, keeping the social programs and implementing new ones is adding to our debt.

Some Democrats of the House offered a plan for a temporary funding resolution to keep the government operating past

March 4. A temporary solution is exactly what it sounds like: temporary. We need a final solution. If the government funding doesn't shut down on March 4, then it will just shut down a few months later. We need to postpone this permanently. A temporary solution is an excuse, not a solution. It's an excuse to ignore the current debt and to be oblivious to the consequences of our spending.

The Democrats are planning on ignoring the debt that we are in, and so far they've done a great job at that and adding to our current state. Although it's never fun to cut spending, the Republicans are willing to do what is necessary to save our country, something that the Democrats are too afraid to do. The United States of America is broke. In a time of debt, tough decisions have to be made; we can't have it all.



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How's the weather?

5-day weather forecast for Stevens Point, WI
 Courtesy of www.weatherchannel.com

Thu 24	Fri 25	Sat 26	Sun 27
Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Few Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy
34° High	25° High	21° High	30° High
16° Low	8° Low	7° Low	25° Low
Chance of Precip: 10%	Chance of Precip: 10%	Chance of Snow: 30%	Chance of Precip: 20%

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