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The Sundial is slated to be renovated by next summer.

Sundial Redesign in the Works

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Students walk on it every day, passing over it while bustling to and from class. Some study on it, some picnic by it, while others nap on its grassy knoll.

The Specht, or more affectionately known as The Sundial, is a part of every student's life. It's been a meeting place for rallies, a gathering area for group studies - it's unavoidable and central to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus.

But the Specht is in dire need of repair.

"The concrete that make up the plaza has numerous cracks, spalls and trip hazards requiring the entire concrete area and sidewalk approaches to be replaced," said Director of Facility Planning Carl Rasmussen.

Plans are underway to restore and also renovate the central sundial area. Although these plans are still in the conceptualization and consensus stage of the process, the Facility Planning Department and administration feel it wise to redesign the area in the process of repairing it.

"If the campus is going to spend the hard earned capital improvement dollars, we want to be very sure to ask the right questions about what would go back if you had a chance to dig it up," said Senior Campus Designer Douglas Kozma.

Chancellor Bernie Patterson

expressed his concerns about contracting to an outside source for renovations; that the possibility of the spirit of UWSP was being captured by a foreign company.

With estimated goals of moving the project into construction by next summer, the selected landscaping company JJR is taking the painstaking

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ing steps to fulfill Patterson's requirements by spending as much time as possible gathering the input of students, faculty and administration about what they would like to see in the new sundial.

On Tuesday, Site Designer Stacey Leonard set up a kiosk in the Dreyfus University Center Concourse to give students the opportunity to give their input to the company directly.

"I think everyone was very excited about it and we got a lot of feedback," Leonard said.

JJR intends to take characteristics and personalities from each of the different schools of thought here on campus while also creating a functional gathering point for all students

to find something useful or attractive.

"We want to create a 'living room' of the campus," said Brian Peterson, JJR Associate.

Functionality is very important to the JJR team as well, whether it be a functioning sundial to bring uniqueness to the campus or a power hub to plug in laptops, the ultimate design goal is to have purpose as well as to create an icon for the university.

"We'll see what comes out of this design process with some basic guidance to protect views of the TNR building mural, allow for large group gatherings, provide some shade, provide some education opportunities and generally invite students and the public to linger," Rasmussen said.

To accomplish this, JJR understands that they need to find out what it is that the people who live here, work here and study here want. They will make several return trips to campus to gather data of popular opinion, returning to their headquarters and refining the designs, then repeating the process.

"This is a four or five month exercise, it's methodical and it involves lots of people to build consensus," Kozma said.

For more information about the company, visit their website at www.jjr-us.com or information about the project can be found in the Facility Planning website on the University Homepage.

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Proud Theater Brings LGBTQ Issues to the Stage

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The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning community in Central Wisconsin is about to get some much-anticipated time in the spotlight. Stevens Point PFLAG (Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is partnering with the Proud Theater of Madison to get the word out about their newest program, set to launch in Wausau next month.

Proud Theater, an LGBTQ theater troupe from Madison, will be making their Central Wisconsin debut. The group meets regularly to prepare for the show, and finishes the season with a collaborative stage performance. The latest performance in Madison sold out over eight hundred seats in just four performances. Actors, singers, dancers, artists, writers and more are welcome to join.

"We really have a place for absolutely everyone," assures Madison Proud Theater representative Hannah Meyers. "It's dance, it's music, it's poetry. You can even get involved behind the scenes if the spotlight isn't your thing."

Proud Theater isn't just about the show. The theater uses the arts as a way to bring youth of all backgrounds together in a safe, inclusive atmosphere. "The youth are always respected, encouraged and empowered," Meyers says of the theater's environment. Each play, song, or dance is original and is always inspired by true stories and emotions that youth in the program have experienced.

LGBTQ youth and their allies, ages 13-18, are encouraged to get involved with Proud Theater. Because of the troupe's proximity to Stevens Point, UWSP students are also welcome to attend.

Meyers explains, "If there is enough interest, I don't see why we wouldn't extend the age limit. We are really here to meet the needs of this specific area." Adults are also needed to serve as mentors for the group, which is where older college students would really be appreciated.

On-campus groups like Gender and Sexuality Alliance showed interest in the program. UWSP Freshman Alan Bustamante thinks Proud Theater is a great idea, but wishes there was a similar group for students here in Point.

"I'd like to get involved but, economically, it just wouldn't work for me to drive to Wausau for it," Bustamante said. For now, car pooling to the Wausau location was suggested as the most plausible plan.

Any youth or adults who want to find out more about Proud Theater should attend the October 1 meeting at First Unitarian Universalist church on Grant Street in Wausau. Stevens Point PFLAG also meets the third Tuesday of every month in the Prairie Room of the Portage County Library.



Photo by Samantha Feld

Dry pantry donations are available for students who are in dire need of emergency food.

The Cupboard: Where Students Serve Students

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Looking to get involved on campus this year? If volunteering is something you want to be involved in, joining The Cupboard is a great way to start. The Cupboard is a new volunteer program offered here at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a committee staffed with student volunteers who organize

food drives and fundraisers.

Leading the committee, staff advisor Shannon Williams began her search for a new volunteer program in hopes to create something that would both serve students and get students involved in volunteering.

"After learning about UWSP's financial aid statistics as well as just the anecdotal stories of broke college students, we decided this was an idea we wanted to pursue for our campus!" Williams said.

The Cupboard focuses on providing nutritious food and toiletries to any current UWSP student who needs emergency food. There are many students that receive financial aid and food assistance that often find they are struggling to afford food. This program will help those students and provide them with food so they are able to focus more on their education with one less distraction. Anyone can donate to the organization by making a personal food or money donation to help stock the

shelves.

Cari Rutledge, the student in charge of The Cupboard, recommends that students join the program because it's a great way to get involved on campus and see your work pay off. Being a new program on campus, the group is excited about welcoming new members to help with different projects and fundraisers.

"If we have students continually being involved with it, I think that it could turn into something huge," Rutledge said.

To see if The Cupboard is something you would like to get involved with, you can stop by The Cupboard's grand opening on October 6 between noon and 2 p.m. in Room 061 in the lower level of the Dreyfus University Center. The celebration will begin with a ribbon cutting and will be followed by an open house with refreshments. Don't forget to bring non-perishable items to receive a reusable tote bag.



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The Right Tools for the Job

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Cooking, like anything, involves certain tools for the job. College aged adults don't often have these kinds of tools, so it makes recipes seem a bit useless. As a construction worker or plumber might have a few basic tools for the job, I have a few recommendations as well for your time in the kitchen.

Basic kitchen utensils will form a solid foundation in the kitchen while preparing snacks, meals or even four course meals. Most of the utensils I will be recommending are available for use at the residence hall front desk, but some might want a solid set of their own for their cooking adventures (and misadventures).

First, a solid knife is invaluable. I recommend a non-serrated chef's knife; I personally prefer the standard eight-inch variety. A chef's knife is the jack-of-all-trades, master of none in the kitchen cutlery scene. While proper cutting technique can be learned, a chef's knife will be your friend through carrots and chicken alike.

In the same vein, a good paring knife is your second best kitchen buddy. It will handle the more intricate jobs where having an unwieldy eight-inch blade might just result in the loss of a digit or two. It's the mini chef's knife in the variety of work it can do.

A cutting board is a topic of hot debate. Every "foodie" has their own opinion between wood and plastic cutting boards. Most of the debate stems from how resistant each one is to bacteria. If you were cubing raw chicken, you'd want the board to be as bacteria resistant as possible. Although I'm not a scientist, I believe that if you keep your equipment as clean as possible, the less chance there is of an infection.

In my opinion, wood looks cool yet plastic is cheap. The choice is yours.

On the stove, the non-stick, heavy bottomed pan reigns supreme for most cooking related activities. A pan without a plastic handle is also an absolutely important aspect. Some recipes might suggest that you finish meat in the oven after searing the outside.

You don't want melted plastic in your oven, it will terrorize you every moment you start to preheat it, and you will never forget your failure (definitely not a personal experience, definitely not).

In the myriad of pots one can possibly own, a large pot with an included lid and handles will be key. For soups, sauces and boiling water, a large pot will be your savior. The amount of chili one of these pots can hold will tide an average black bear or college male over for at least a week - maybe more.

Baking is a whole different ball game. For most non-specific, roasting, broiling and cookie making, a cookie sheet with tin foil, for easy clean up will serve one's purpose well. Baking can get really specific; it's up to the discretion of the baker to decide what they would use - pie pans, cake pans, cupcake pans, molds and more.

The one thing to remember when purchasing kitchen utensils, cooking wares and, well, anything really, is that quality usually costs more. Research is the best way to find out where the sweet spot of value is between price and quality. Read reviews, consumer reports, and ask other peoples' opinions on what is the best bang for your buck.

Maybe you're inspired to become a chef yourself. Put in the time, do the research and outfit yourself with a few of the most essential cooking tools. So I urge you to don your apron, put on your chef's hat and get cooking!



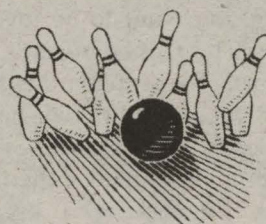
Knives, ladels and whisks are essential to a fully equipped kitchen.
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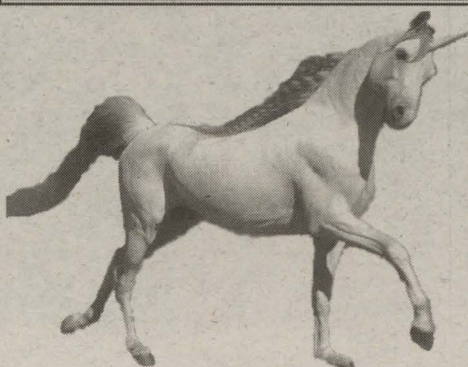


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Sports

Packers rally back against Panthers

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The Green Bay Packers were met with an unexpected challenge this past Sunday as they rode their momentum from a victory over the Saints to Carolina. The Panthers came out early and looked scary good, even without the over-hyping we had to endure from former NFL coach Jim Mora Jr.

The Packers defense looked rusty without the help of injured starters Tramon Williams and Mike Neal. Rookie quarterback Cam Newton ran The Panther's game plan to perfection early on. The Panthers were able to control the ball and minimize the Packers to only three offensive snaps in the first quarter.

The Panthers held a 13-0 lead midway through the second quarter when the momentum shifted the Packers' way. The Packers scored 23 straight points to take the lead.

Although the offense was stagnant at times, the defense was able to force multiple turnovers. Those turnovers proved to be the difference maker in the game as the Packers escaped the Panthers, 30-23.

Despite the fact he threw for over 300 yards and two touchdowns, Rodgers appeared to have cooled off since the opener. Before his final throw, an 84-yard touchdown strike to Jordy Nelson, Rodgers threw for less than 250 yards and only one touchdown.

However, we would be irresponsible fans if we expected 300 yards from Rodgers every week. So complaining about a player with a 100 quarterback rating is getting extremely picky.

Returning running back Ryan Grant looked pedestrian at best on Sunday, while second year runner James Starks is looking more like

the number one back. Starks' patient approach seems to be meshing with the offensive line more effectively. Starks is more hesitant when running which allows lanes to open up, compared to Grant's "one cut and run" style.

All-Pro safety Nick Collins will be sidelined for the remainder of the season with a neck injury sustained while trying to tackle an air-born Panther running back. Of all the injuries the Packers have had to deal with in the past year, Collins' may be the toughest to overcome.

Collins is widely considered one of the best safeties in the NFL behind Baltimore's Ed Reed and Pittsburgh's Troy Polamalu. Collins was known as the signal caller for the secondary; making sure everyone was on the right assignments. Look for one of the more underrated players on this team, Charlie Peprah, to fill in at safety as he did last year at the opposite safety spot.

Don't expect the same unfocused team this week as Green Bay heads to Chicago to take on the defending NFC North Champion Bears. Kickoff is Sunday, 3:00 P.M.

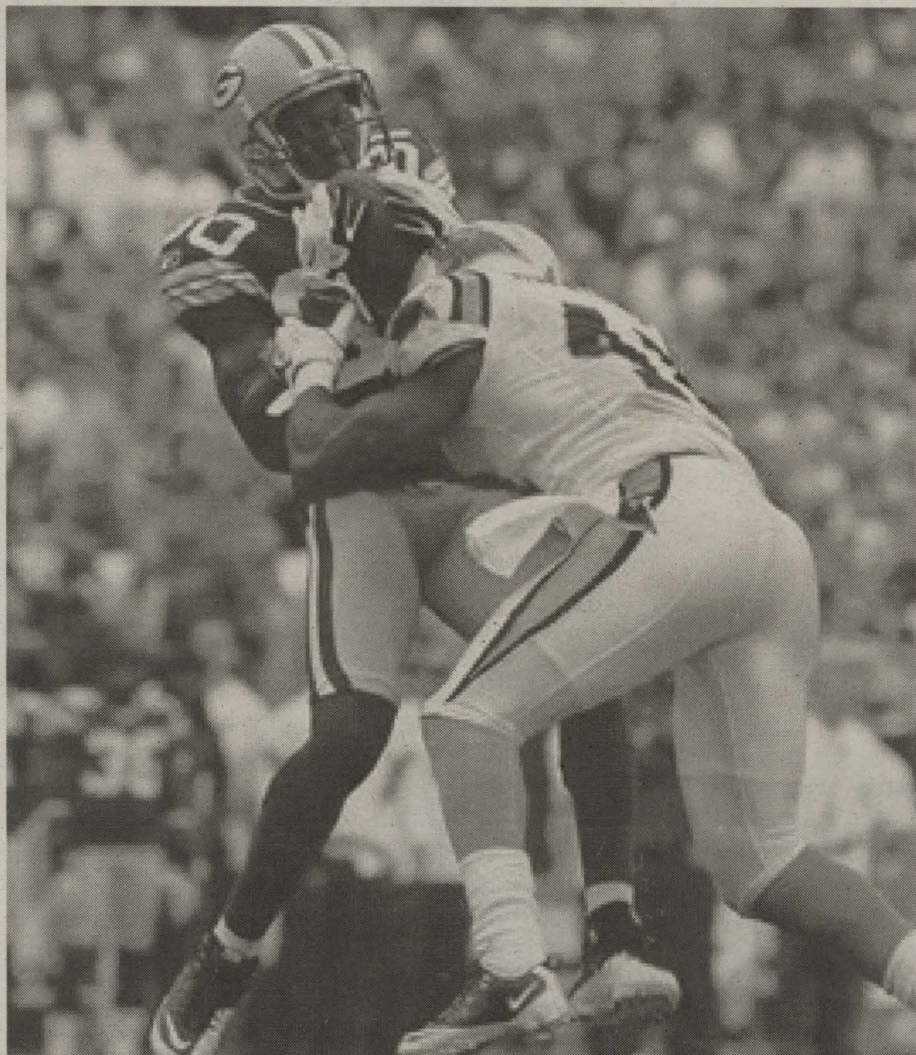


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Veteran receiver Donald Driver passed James Lofton for most receptions all-time by a Packer.

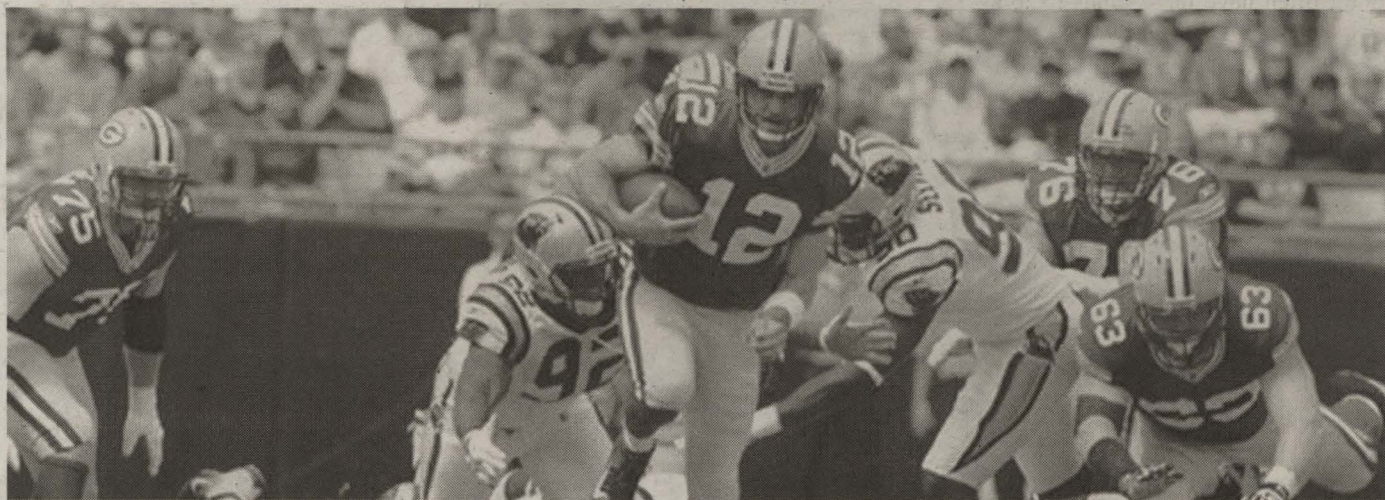


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Quarterback Aaron Rodgers evades the Carolina defense scrambling out of the pocket.

Crunch Time for Milwaukee

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At the beginning of the Major League season Brewers fans everywhere were buzzing about the upcoming season. The hopes and expectations were at an all time high, and it looked like Milwaukee finally had a winner in town.

During the offseason the Brewers were able to bolster their starting rotation and bullpen with acquisitions of Zack Greinke, Shaun Marcum and LaTroy Hawkins. Along with signings like veteran utility man Mark Kotsay and the always-entertaining outfielder Nyjer Morgan, it seemed as though Milwaukee was going to make a legitimate run at the postseason.

Legitimate would be an understatement. The Brewers trail only

the Philadelphia Phillies for the best record in the National League and, as of Wednesday, are leading rival St. Louis by five and half games in the NL Central.

After a September that looked as though it could send the Crew on a downward spiral, the team has managed to right the ship. The Cardinals have cut the Brewers lead down to a more manageable figure, however overtaking them for the NL Central lead would be a lofty task.

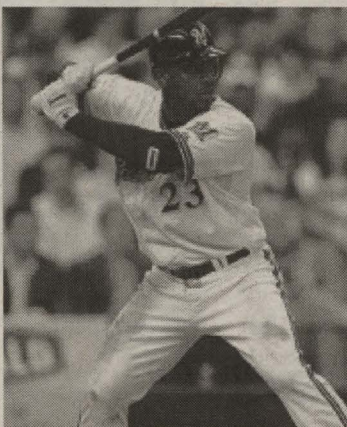


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Rickie Weeks has made his return.

St. Louis is in a better position to make a run in the Wild Card race.

The Atlanta Braves lead the Cards by just two and a half games and are still alive in the hunt for a playoff spot.

Leftfielder Ryan Braun seems fully recovered from a leg injury that plagued him around mid-season. Braun is hitting .332 this season, one point above Mets shortstop Jose Reyes, and has recorded his first 30-30 season with 31 homeruns and 31 stolen bases. Braun is also in serious contention for the National League Most

Valuable Player.

All-Star second baseman Rickie Weeks has made his return to the

starting lineup, but in a limited capacity. Manager Ron Roenicke will limit Weeks to three or four consecutive starts followed by a rest in order to prepare him for the postseason.

"It wasn't 100 percent," he said "but I'm not going to be there for a while. I'm dealing with it."

Weeks knows that his ankle will take a long time to heal completely. He also knows the season is coming down to the wire and the best chance the Brewers have of winning is with him in the lineup.

It will take more than late season drama to rattle the Brewers this season. Their pitching rotation stacks up against any in the league and their offense is potent enough to break a game wide open with one swing. If the Crew can soldier on like they have all season, a deep playoff is imminent.

sports

Intramurals: Professionally Mediocre

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There are underlying reasons why we play sports at different stages in life. When we're young we play sports because we want to hang out with our friends, make new ones and run around. The game itself is inconsequential.

You'll forget the final score ten minutes after you leave the ball park, but you'll remember how many butterflies you caught in right field while all the parents were screaming at you to pick up the ball laying at your feet.

As we get into high school, sports begin to get serious in a hurry; practices get more intense, your private parts get smellier and you have to go buy a jock strap. Suddenly your elementary school gym teacher that you thought was cool is screaming in your ear as you contemplate letting the air out of his tires after practice. But you know if you outperform the

hundreds of other kids in the same position, you could earn a scholarship to play at the next level. However, that is when reality slaps you in the face.

If God sees fit to bless you with a particularly sweet jump shot or a blazing forty time, perhaps you will earn a place in the college ranks. Unfortunately for most of us, our dreams of playing in a national championship with a perennial powerhouse will be demolished relatively soon. That's when intramurals come in.

Some students are kids that had college level talent but did not have the drive or

interest in playing. These are athletes that can out jump, out shoot, out run, and straight up out play everyone around them. You can always spot these kids amongst their teammates. They have an air of confidence surrounding them; they know they are good, and they are about to put their skills on display.

Others are has-beens looking to muster some of the old magic during their nostalgic game of five-on-five.

Why the collegiate semi-athlete joins an intramural team varies from person to person.



Photo by Rachel Hanson

Soccer is another famous Intramurals sport.

These kids have a similar domineering gaze. However, the exhibition of skills is much less impressive. They have lost a step since their senior year when they were second team all conference. But because they give 110 percent just like their junior varsity coach told them to, he will probably end up spraining his ankle during a fast break long after everyone else stopped trying. These are the kids who take winning and losing way too seriously and then snap when a teammate says, "Don't be a bitch, bro."

Then there is the recreational player. This is the athlete that may or may not have been good in school. They are out there for the love of the game and they understand that the games do not mean anything. This kid plays hard and will make a key play when nobody is expecting it, otherwise they are just as content to let things just happen around them and jump in whenever they can.

Finally, there is the "I'm playing to meet people and spend time with friends" player. These are the kids who are playing so they can, you guessed it, meet people and spend time with friends. They have never played the game that brought them to

this organization and possibly do not even have the minimalist of grasps on the rules. They are easy to spot because they are most likely the first one to either ask for a sub or trip over the free throw line. They generally laugh off a mistake such as dropping a pass that hits them right in the paws or getting smacked in the beak by a lazy fly ball to right field.

Given the right matchup, some games can be quite compelling. Once in awhile you can sit aside and watch a high scoring affair that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the very last minute. But more often than not the games are like watching a newborn horse trying to walk. It is awkward and mildly comical, yet there is a certain amount of magic to it.

No matter what kind of player you happen to be, intramurals has something to offer everybody. It does not matter if your basketball has gone flat and all your tennis balls have been cut up and stuck on the pegs of your loft. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has balls and they are ready to share them with you. So trade in your Pabst for a Powerade and put out that cigarette - it's gametime.



Photo by Rachel Hanson

Ultimate frisbee is popular because it can be played easily by all.

Cross Country takes second at Concordia Invitational

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's and women's cross country teams finished in second place at Saturdays 20th annual Concordia Invitational. This meet was a chance for many freshmen to experience their first Division III race.

"I was pleased with the fact that we got second with this group of young guys," said head coach Rick Witt.

Senior David Litsheim finished fifth with a team-best time of 26:44.5 followed closely by freshman Dennis Haak in sixth with 26:52.3.

Sophomore Scott Berry and freshman Reuben Frey finished in 11th and 12th places, respectively. Berry ran a 27:08.8 and Frey ran a close 27:09.2

"Considering how many of our top runners graduated from last year. That would be pretty neat if we as a team could make it to Nationals again," said senior Erica Claas.

"The mens and womens teams are very close.

We're all friends. We all get along. There's a really cool group dynamic."

Freshman Paige Haberkorn finished in seventh place with 24:52.4 leading the four Pointer women in the top 15 finishers.

Freshmen Kathryn Goplerud and Emilia Kenow and sophomore Molly Cobb finished 13th, 14th and 15th respectively. Goplerud finished with 25:09; Kenow ran a 25:20 and Cobb a 25:31.

Pointers cross country are set to run at the Augustana Invitational in Rock Island, WI September 23rd.

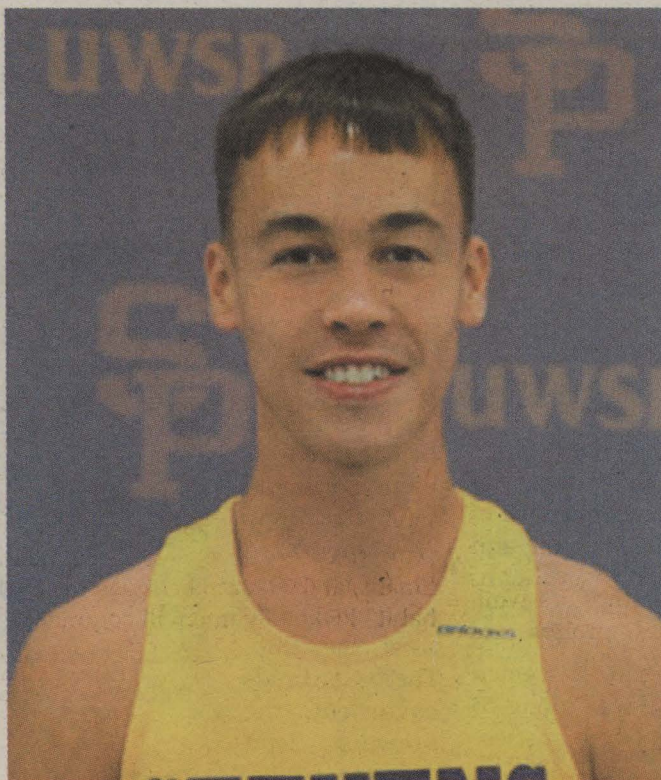


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Senior David Litsheim finished fifth with a team-best time of 26:44.5.

News

Greenhouse to be reborn as local food eating hub

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Cold, disheveled, and hollow: Sorenson's Greenhouse sits peacefully across the street from downtown Stevens Point. After years spent enduring nature's degrading forces, the building once known as Sorenson's Greenhouse is about to blossom into the Central Rivers Farmshed's "The Greenhouse Project."

The Central Rivers Farmshed is a Central Wisconsin organization working to strengthen the connection between local residents and their food. Farmshed has several initiatives including food system education, local eating, farmer capacity building, local food networks, public markets and nutrition for learning and wealth. Farmshed organizes events, resources and partnerships to enhance and support a local food economy.

"The Greenhouse Project" (TGP), according to the Farmshed's website, will metamorphose into a "model demonstration site that creates rich compost from local organic waste streams, maintains indoor and outdoor space and resources for growing plants and manages a community kitchen for demonstrating seasonal food preparation and preservation processes."

"The property had been foreclosed on, and the bank that owned it had significantly dropped the price," said Josh Stolzenburg, TGP's business development contact and Chief Executive Officer of Northwind Renewable Energy. "About 30 of us showed up to see if now was the time to turn this property into an urban agricultural center. Turns out it was."

Local author and philanthropist Patrick Rothfuss agreed to purchase Sorenson's Greenhouse after meeting with TGP organizers. "The Greenhouse Project" will be provided to the Central Rivers Farmshed with fair lease terms. This allows Farmshed to focus on site renovation and program development.

"The Greenhouse Project" will strive to generate 100 percent of its energy from renewable sources, utilizing and showcasing several renewable energy technologies.

Based roughly around the Growing Power model, TGP will collect and process organic wastes (food scraps, yard trimmings) from the surrounding community. These wastes can be processed in ways to produce multiple benefits such as heat, fish food (black soldier fly larvae) and biogas.

Along with plants being grown, there will be classes on how to eat local, prepare fresh garden produce and harvest and eat wild edibles.

Founding memberships are available to all businesses, groups and individuals that donate \$50 or more to "The Greenhouse Project" within the first year. Amazingly, these founding members will receive their benefits for life. Membership is not required, however, and annual memberships will be offered with different benefits.



Photo by Samantha Feld

A coalition of community groups is working to buy and renovate Sorenson's greenhouse, 1220 Briggs Court, and turn it into a local food and renewable energy center.

Founder benefits could include discounted or free use of space, and reduced rates on workshops, classes, plants, compost, soil and other retail products for life (varying by donor type).

Sources assured there will be plenty of volunteer opportunities for students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and the local community.

Farmshed plans to hire an executive director and a facilities manager with the help of a generous donation from Northwind Renewable Energy.

Learn more at www.farmshed.org.

Central Wisconsin Moving Planet Celebration: Moving Beyond Fossil Fuels

This coming weekend an event will be held at Jackson Elementary (1900 West Zinda Drive, Stevens Point, WI) to celebrate ways to transport ourselves without emitting CO2.

The event begins at 9:00 a.m. with bike rides. Then at 10:00 a.m. an "environmental work party" will clean up the Green Circle Trail and assemble a hoop house.

From 1:00 p.m. on electric vehicles will be on display along with a bicycle show and silent auction.

Between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. free workshops will be held. Finally, at 6:00 p.m. the "Kick the coal habit" kickball game will commence.

For more information go to www.moving-planet.org, www.farmshed.org, or www.growingpower.org.

"I want to see people's relationship with food grow; whether it's getting more hands in the dirt or cooks in the kitchen. This is a revitalization effort focused on those two lost arts!"-Layne Cozzolino

"The Greenhouse Project" will strive to generate 100 percent of its energy from renewable sources, utilizing and showcasing several renewable energy technologies.



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The Central Rivers Farmshed is an organization working to strengthen the connection between residents of the community and their local agriculture.

news

Professors leave due to budget cuts

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They stay at work late to grade our papers, they come to work early to open their offices to us, they've dedicated their lives to teaching us about the world we live in, and have spent countless hours guiding each and every one of us through our college careers. But as time progresses they are finding it more and more difficult to do the simple things in life like paying the bills, putting their own children through college and making ends meet.

"There are professors here whose kids are qualified for reduced school lunch fees," said Andrew Felt, Professor of Mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Reduced lunch fees is part of the National School Lunch Program, which aims to help children of lower income families afford lunch at school. This program is in danger of being removed from state funding.

Since the Walker budget cuts, faculty at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point have seen on average about a 10 percent reduction in their take home pay. These reductions have been enacted in an increase in the cost of faculty benefits.

"Morale is quite low. We've endured five years now of no raises what-so-ever; for the past several we've had furloughs, which is essentially same work for less pay, and now have even greater reduction in take home pay," Felt said.

For potential new employees of UWSP, the benefits in particular were a selling point, but since the Wisconsin legislature significantly reduced contributions to faculty benefits, this is no longer the case.

According to a study done in June of 2010 by the University Workforce Commission, UWSP staff make less on average than their peers at other university systems around the nation. Here, professors make 20 percent less, lecturers make 23.68 percent less, and the list goes on.

These numbers were recorded before the Walker education budget cut.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what the result of that will be. The faculty and staff are upset," Felt said. "They are professionals, but they are also people."

A high number of campus faculty members have left UWSP this year since the Walker cuts.

"This year, we have had 13 faculty retirements, 12 faculty resignations, 10 academic staff retirements, and nine academic staff resignations," Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Greg Summers said. "Not all of these are necessarily due to the budget cuts and political turmoil, but the numbers were unusually large at UWSP as well as across the state."

But the faculty is putting up a fight. Three weeks ago, the constitution for the new faculty union, also known as the UW-Stevens Point Academic Recourse Council, was

ratified. The group consists of a high early membership rate of around 30 percent of the employees on campus, and counting.

In generations past, it was the state's responsibility to pay the majority of tuition costs for students; some 60 percent of costs were paid by the state, but now the state pays less than 25 percent of tuition while the students make up the difference.

"It is in my opinion that the interest of the students and the interests of the faculty are both highly aligned. We all want high quality education

and we all want it to be affordable to students but the idea that the money must come from the students for fair wages is incorrect," said Felt. "The

system is designed to get the faculty and students at odds."

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"Every year the state has reduced its support for publicly funded higher education. People think the state pays for their education whereas they are actually paying a greater percentage than ever before," Felt said.

Concerned students may also aid in the struggle.

"I think students can make a difference for faculty by staying involved politically, regardless of their beliefs or values," Summers said.

Is UWSP losing professors?

How budget cuts are already impacting the quality of your education

Through Governor Walker's budget, the UW System lost \$250 million in state funding over the biennium.

According to the UWSP budget office, this means a budget shortfall of roughly \$8 million for our campus over the next two years.

Many professors are also parents of K-12 students in Wisconsin's public schools, which saw their funding diminished by over \$800 million in the two-year period. These cuts jeopardize the quality of their children's education, which adds to our original problem.

This is compounded by other cuts to social programs (such as Medicare, Badgercare and Medicaid, technical colleges, Family Planning and Planned Parenthood), which will further diminish standards of living for the Wisconsin middle class.

EVEN BEFORE the biennial budget was approved, it was reported that UWSP faculty and staff were among the lowest paid in the nation.

These factors combined create conditions by which perfectly qualified professors decided to take on job opportunities elsewhere, where more competitive salaries are offered.

In addition to the UW System being short-funded, almost all public employees in the state (UW professors and academic staff included) lost 12-18% of their yearly salaries when the legislature cut back subsidies for their pensions and benefits.

When qualified professors and staff leave, not only do we immediately lose strength on the university's backbone—we then have to expend our dwindling resources on finding replacements.

This year, UWSP had 25 faculty and 19 academic staff retirements and resignations.

What do you think?

Ideograph by Michael Wilson

UW-Madison students and faculty stand up for women and minorities

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A Virginia-based conservative think-tank, the Center for Equal Opportunity (CEO), released two reports last Tuesday alleging that the University of Wisconsin-Madison was using "severe discrimination" in its admissions process, "with African Americans and Latinos given preference over whites and Asians." This spurred an all-out defense for inclusivity in higher education by students, faculty and UW administrators.

The reports claim that, even though white and Asian students performed better on average in entrance tests than their African American and Latino counterparts, the latter groups were more likely to be admitted to UW-Madison. Defenders point out, the point of such affirmative action initiatives is to respond to a multiplicity of other social factors that prevent equal opportunities for traditionally underrepresented groups.

In a statement issued by UW-Madison last Tuesday, Admissions Director Adele Brumfield said, "We stand behind our process, which is continually refined and enhanced, to admit classes that are both diverse and meritorious." The statement also emphasized that holistic admissions processes at public higher education institutions are within the rule of law.

University administrators con-

voked students on Monday, Sept. 12, to inform them that CEO would be in the city's Double Tree hotel the next morning, where they would present their findings at a press conference. Immediately after that meeting, students, faculty and administrators began organizing a response to the press conference. Moreover, they

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-Wicker-Bander**

organized in support of "Affirmative Action and our admissions process on campus," said Junior and UW-Madison Student Council member Libby Wicker-Bander.

The United Council of UW Students issued a press release asking students to attend the organizing session on Monday night, stating, "United Council is proud to stand up for holistic admissions and affirmative action because we believe these processes are some of the most effective tools against the uneven playing field that has historically created obstacles for people of color and women to succeed in higher education."

By 11 a.m. the next day, 150 people had gathered outside of the Double Tree.

"Students stood outside chanting and giving personal stories until we decided it was time to go inside and share this with the president of CEO. We took over the lobby, locking arms and sitting down. Our administration then came out of the room where the press conference was being held to show its support and to let the students into the room. The rally moved into the room and the CEO president left quickly thereafter. Having taken over the room, it only made sense to hold our own press conference," Wicker-Bander said of the events.

Dan Suárez, a UW graduate student and member of the International Socialist Organization-Madison branch, termed CEO's attack on UW-Madison an effort to "promote the agenda of the American right and ruling class wherein a two-tiered system of education is created: a small, well-funded track for elites, and underfunded left-over for everyone else."

A second rally was then organized to accompany a debate scheduled for

The reasoning behind CEO's agenda can be found on their website, where, under their Bilingual Education work section, they write:

"Multiculturalists have a firm grip on both elementary and secondary schools and the universities. Their ideology of racial and ethnic difference risks balkanizing our multiracial society. Students who don't speak English are locked away in special programs that try to maintain native languages rather than teach English, often without their parents' consent. In many urban schools, African American students are fed a racist 'Afrocentric' curriculum of dubious merit."

To CEO, "colorblind public policies" mean, among other things, the elimination of "racial preference" and affirmative action programs, the replacement of bilingual and "English as a Second Language (ESL) programs with English immersion and the elimination of ethnic studies programs—because they are, in their view, 'of dubious merit.'"

"The reaction by critics was undeniably dishonest and thuggish," wrote

"We are going to come together. Working people are going to come together, community activists are going to come together, black people are going to come together with white, red, yellow people. Why? Because we are one people and we fundamentally believe in decency." -Cornel West

6 p.m. between UW Professor of Law Larry Church and CEO President Roger Clegg at Union South. More than 800 people showed up to defend holistic admissions and the broader advantages of multiculturalism in society.

Despite the crowd's chants, Mr. Clegg was able to present his case against affirmative action. "What we have to decide is whether the benefits from that kind of discrimination ... outweigh the costs," he said. "A university that has double standards is implicitly saying that it expects less of you."

Professor Church noted that Latinos and other minorities were increasing in population, making the point that multiculturalism, inescapable as it is, must be geared in a positive direction for all.

When a student asked Clegg if he would not favor affirmative action for whites when they become the minority, he responded, "I would hope, when the day comes that I am the racial minority, that I would not ask for preferential treatment. I would ask to be judged according to my abilities and the content of my character." The crowd responded to this comment with shock and vocal objection.

CEO's "Chairman" Linda Chavez in an editorial about her organization's appearance in Madison last week.

"The march drew much-needed attention to the issue of diversity on the campus. Overall the support was overwhelming," Wicker-Bander concluded.

"There was a rapid and unapologetic response from white and non-white students alike to protect what little racial and ethnic diversity we have, and to state the case that not only must we fight attacks against these policies, but we need to fight for these policies to be strengthened and extended," said Suárez, who was present at both of last Tuesday's rallies.

Dr. Cornel West, civil rights activist, author and Philosophy professor at the University of Princeton, visited Madison on September 17 to speak at Fighting Bob Fest.

"Folks can't ride your back unless it's bent, so straighten up," West reminded the crowd.

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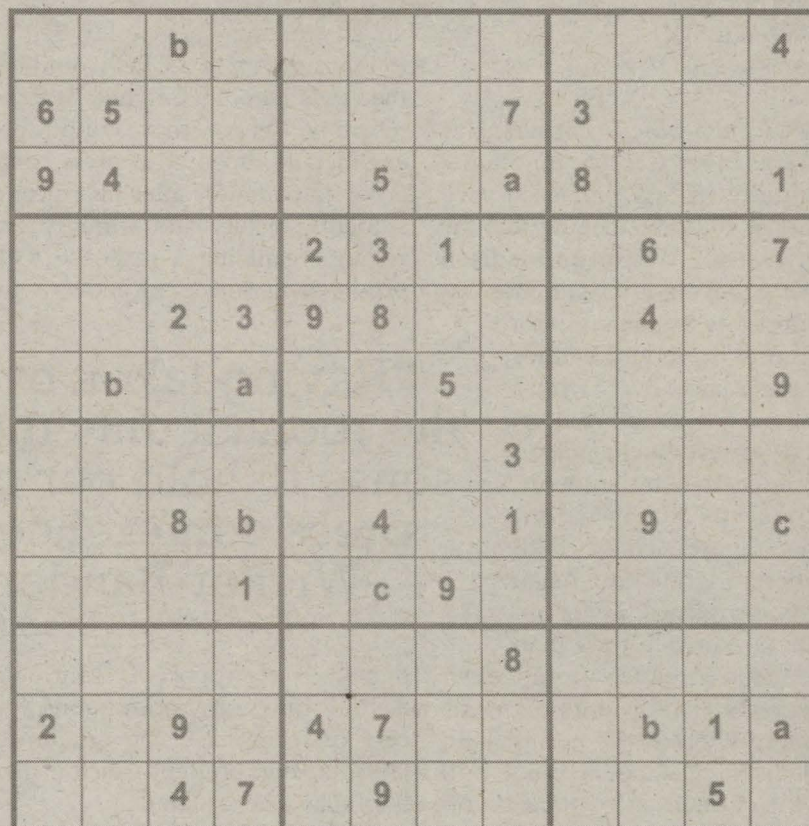
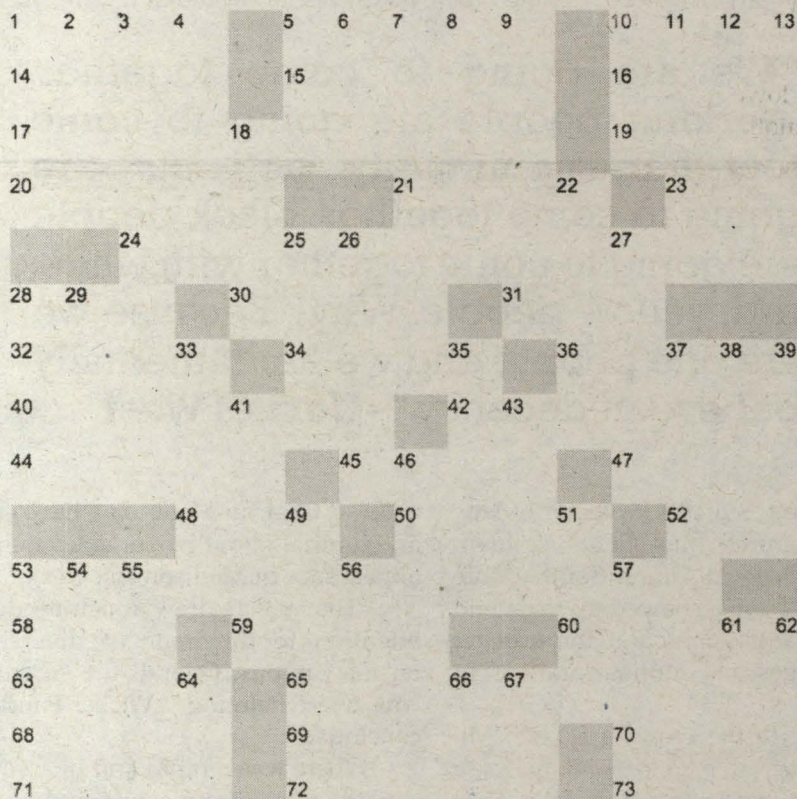
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 21. Dr. J style
 23. Baled bits
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 30. Youngest of the Bronte sisters
 31. Poor grade
 32. Rights org.
 34. Catchall abbreviation
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 42. Poisonous element that flavor a sauce in "you're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch"
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 45. Spain's longest river
 47. Editor's "keep it"
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 5. Windy City transportation gp.
 6. A.L. East team, on scoreboards
 7. L7s
 8. Gang lands?
 9. Changed direction
 10. Back at sea
 11. "Send our regards"
 12. Rapper Shakur
 13. Kind of daisy
 18. Singer of the Oscar-nominated "May It Be"
 22. Crunchy ice cream mix-in
 25. "I'll treat!"
 26. Come together
 27. Confounds
 28. Baghdad's _____ City
 29. Frozen drink brand
 33. Words said when requesting a high-five
 35. Chocolate substitute
 37. Winning
 38. Per _____
 39. Plasmic beginning
 41. Dionysian reveler
 43. Start a turn in a game of Monopoly
46. Humorous clip in a director's cut, perhaps
 49. Court worker, for short
 51. Branch
 53. Corkscrew shape
 54. Cover story
 55. Unadorned
 56. Science suffix
 57. Beach birds
 61. Actress Stone of "Crazy, Stupid, Love."
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Opinion

Davis execution puts justice system on trial

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The State of Georgia murdered Troy Davis Wednesday night, a man who was convicted of murdering a police officer in 1989. We use the term murdered instead of executed because that is exactly what the state did to Davis, as there was more than enough doubt of his guilt to not only grant a re-trial but that he was, more than likely, an innocent man. This was a deliberate, cold-blooded murder of a human being that posed no threat to anyone.

What Davis went through on Wednesday night was not only cruel but an entirely unusual punishment inflicted upon him. Davis was scheduled to be executed at 7:00pm local time when the United States Supreme Court issued a temporary reprieve, only minutes before. He then waited over four hours to hear if the Court was going to take his case, his life hanging in the balance from minute to minute.

Ultimately the Court decided not to issue a stay of execution pending review of his case, despite "persistent, pervasive doubt" of Davis' guilt, according to former FBI Director William Sessions.

On August 19, 1989, police officer Mark MacPhail was gunned down, while on duty, in the parking lot of the Savannah Greyhound bus station. The next day, Davis was arrested based on the eyewitness report of a Sylvester "Red" Coles.

The murder weapon was never recovered, and no physical evidence linking Davis to the case was ever presented. For more twenty years, however, Davis sat in the Georgia penitential system's death row.

Darrell Collins is one of the seven of the nine non-police witnesses who have recanted their original testimonies for the case. In 2002, Collins wrote an affidavit in which he retracted his account, stating that he had succumbed to police coercion, after hours of threats and screaming, by finally telling them "what they wanted to hear."

A sixteen-year-old at the time, Collins was interrogated without a lawyer or his parents present. "They would tell me things that they said had happened and I would repeat whatever they said," he confessed in his affidavit.

Perhaps worst of all, Joseph Washington, who was witness to the crime, said in a 1996 signed affidavit, "I saw Sylvester Coles—I know him by the name Red—shoot the police officer. I am positive it was Red who shot the police officer."

Three of the jurors said that they would have switched their vote given this new evidence. Ultimately the

State of Georgia will be guiltier of the killing of Davis than Davis was for the murder of MacPhail; at least we know for a fact that they killed Davis.

A global movement of nearly one million pleas for justice for Troy Davis sprung to action over the last few months, spearheaded by Amnesty International. Davis' case was also taken up by the NAACP, the ACLU,

among the forward thinking nations of the world that still use capital punishment, with the likes of Somalia, Zimbabwe, Saudi Arabia, and the Axis of Evil: North Korea, Iran, and Iraq. Amnesty International estimates that the US had the fifth highest rate of executions in the world during 2010; only China, Iran, North Korea and Yemen executed more of their

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the Pope and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, as well as known death-penalty supporters like former Republican Congressman Bob Barr. However, Georgia would rather murder a man than expose the classist and racist realities of our legal system, where the rich seldom face prison time and our prisons are disproportionately composed of low-income black and Hispanic males.

Despite the fact that similarly charged criminals who plead guilty are taken off of death row and are given a lower sentence, Davis was adamant about his innocence, which he spent the last two decades defending. He would not bargain; the stakes were too high.

When the U.S. Supreme Court finally took his appeal in 2009, Davis was ordered in court to "clearly establish his innocence," a much more difficult thing to prove than guilt in terms of legal processes and tangible evidence for either. It is because innocence is so difficult to prove that our justice system is based on the idea of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Davis was murdered with a drug called Nembutal, which is manufactured by a Danish company called Lundbeck. Nembutal is commonly used in veterinary offices to euthanize animals. Lundbeck recently issued a statement saying they will no longer sell to any prison that uses it to carry out executions and that any doses the prisons currently have should not be used in executions.

The reason Georgia has to use Nembutal is because the drug that was previously used for lethal injections, sodium thiopental, is no longer being manufactured. Georgia was able to score some sodium thiopental from a "pharmacy" in England that was being operated out of a driver's education facility, but the Drug Enforcement Agency seized it as the state had illegally imported it.

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you can establish guilt, is not protection or justice; it is cold-blooded revenge.

Over 130 death row inmates have been exonerated since 1973. Although these cases represent important legal victories for justice, they also prove the fallibility of our justice system. Defenders of capital punishment would therefore need to develop a system that proves guilt absolutely in all cases—which is impossible.

The right wing often portrays the government as incompetent, unable to do anything of value for the country. Well it seems that in states that have been historically dominated by Republicans, government has become remarkably efficient at killing people.

We must always remember that no matter how we construct our legal justice systems, no human holds the moral authority to take the life of another, regardless of the circumstances.

The bottom line is that killing another person, regardless of his guilt or innocence is wrong. How many more years before we join the civilized world and ban this cruel punishment?

ASK, TELL. DADT IS HISTORY

The military's close to 18 year old Dont Ask Dont Tell Policy, which forced thousands of Americans to keep their sexual orientation a secret, was officially repealed Tuesday.



Just as the clock struck midnight, Navy Lt. Gary Ross, and partner Dan Swezy wed as military's gay ban formally came to an end.



Randy Phillips, a 21 year old soldier, filmed this video which shows him calling his father to tell him a secret no one else in the family knows: "Dad, I'm gay." His dad assures his son, "I still love you son. It doesn't change our relationship." It's the kind of unconditional acceptance every gay service member can finally hope for.



Just a few days before the DADT repeal became official, the Marine Corps Times dedicated its September cover to this historic occasion.

Hot Chelle Rae: a Review

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On Friday night, the Laird Room blasted with the song "Tonight, Tonight" as Hot Chelle Rae played to what can only be described as a gang of girls. It was shocking to see the amount of middle schoolers and high schoolers in attendance. As someone who has heard more than their overplayed radio music, I can attest to the fact that it started to get annoying when nobody knew the lyrics to their songs besides covers and popular hits.

Hot Chelle Rae developed around 2005 when Ryan Follese and Nash Overstreet met through a mutual friend. Despite unpleasant first impressions, they got past their differences by writing and creating the band, Miracle Drug. Ian Keaggy, a longtime friend of Nash's, eventually became a member of the band by learning bass and becoming a major benefit to their creativity. Shortly after, Ryan's brother, Jamie, joined the band as the "human metronome." He overcame any doubts the band had of his age by knowing every one of their songs and playing them as if he'd been practicing with them this whole time. They decided on the term Hot Chelle Rae by using the name of a crazy fan, Chelle Rae, who pretended to help the band with "music business connections."

The problem I find with bands such as HCR, after listening to a few

of their songs, is the fact that they all start to sound the same. The lyrics show depth and meaning; however, the keys to their songs could be changed slightly to show more variation in melodies. If the audience's attention isn't enough of an incentive, give the drummer a break by changing the beat. Lead singer Ryan Follese, please stop screaming. The quality of your voice is great without shouting your feelings at us. We get it - there's a party on the rooftop. I was grateful

that the screaming did not last throughout the whole concert though. For the most part, the singing was not forced.

As far as their performance went, I was surprised that the band's sound quality is equal to their album recordings. This in itself is a rare feat these days. The

lead singer's range is something to be reckoned with. There were notes he could sing that I can't help but give him props for.

I also liked that they alternated between old cover and new songs - the best being a Katy Perry cover - "Teenage Dream." What really amazed me was the lead singer proclaiming that this performance was their favorite. Their presence was flattering, considering their past performances in Los Angeles, New York and Miami.

If you haven't had the pleasure of listening to an HCR track, listen to the song "Bleed." This was the first song they wrote as a band and it shows

depth in their writing abilities. When they performed it, I had goose bumps just from how passionate HCR is about this song.

Other than the few tweaks here and there, I really enjoyed this concert and would go again in a heartbeat. This might also have to do with the fact that Ryan Follese is nothing short of gorgeous.

Hot Chelle Rae's new album, "Whatever," will hit the stores this fall.



Noah Levine (center) with the band Hot Chelle Rae.



Students participate as Hot Chelle Rae performs in The Encore in the Dreyfus University Center. Photo courtesy of athletics.uwsp.edu



We are in our 3rd week of classes and settling in nicely. The first week was a bit frustrating because we arrived in the morning on August 30th, but orientation was not until September 2nd. Kim and I explored the surrounding area of campus and eventually found stores where we could obtain bedding, food and everyday necessities. Kim and I both joined the international society. Through the international society, a trip to Dublin and Glendalough was arranged. In Dublin, the group went to the Guinness factory and toured. After, we went to Croke Park, the stadium for the GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association). We then stayed the night at a hostel in Glendalough. No problems to report thus far.

Sincerely,
Zach

The picture is from the trip arranged up the international society. The picture is in front of the upper lake in Wicklow National Park, Glendalough. The group in the picture is only a fraction of the many friends Kim and I have made. Front row: Zach, Jamie (U.S., DePaul University), Jan (Singapore). Back row: John (France), Kim, Fabio (Italy), Albert (U.S., New York University), Perry (Greece), Maxime (France), Lauren (Greece), Patrick (U.S., Slippery Rock University), Abbie (U.S., Slippery Rock University).