

# The Pointer

## Stevens Point City Bus in jeopardy

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After the 14 Democratic state senators left the state last week in an effort to slow down the Budget Repair Bill, they have begun to widen their arguments against it. Democratic Senator and University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point alumnus, Julie Lassa, released a statement on the economic impact of the bill in her district.

"If the Governor's bill goes through, the city's transit system will have to be shut down as a result of the loss of transit funding from the federal government due to the absence of collective bargaining provisions," said Lassa.

This is because the federal government requires transit employees to get a carting amount of fringe benefits for a city to receive federal money. If the bill passes, Stevens Point transit employees may lose those required benefits and the federal money.

UWSP students pay a segregated fee into The City Bus system so that they may ride the bus for free. It's a way for many students living off campus to get to school.

Stefan Bruch, junior natural resources major, lives by the Wisconsin River and looks at the idea of losing the City Bus as a downside of the bill.

"Republicans can be so crooked sometimes. They're very corporate-



Photo by Samantha Feld

Governor Scott Walker's Budget Repair Bill could cause The Stevens Point City Bus system to lose all federal money and shut down.

oriented," Bruch said.

Students on campus also use The City Bus to go to areas around Stevens Point for errands like shopping and eating.

Joe Zompolas, freshman natural resources major, lives in a residence hall and has strong feelings on the bill as well, even though he describes

himself as a Republican.

"I'm a Republican, and I don't even like this bill," he said.

Mayor Andrew Halverson originally brought up the issue of The City Bus while he was in Madison when he went to propose resolutions and amendments for the bill.

The Democratic State Senators,

branded the "Wisconsin 14," have repeatedly said they are not coming back to Wisconsin until Republican Governor Scott Walker is willing to sit down and discuss the bill and make compromises. Neither

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## SGA passes final move on UCAPB and SHAC

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The Student Government Association passed legislation that they hope will bring an end to the debate about segregated fees at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Under the new legislation authored by Vice President Hans Schmid, the University Centers Advisory and Policy Board and the Student Health Advisory Committee will no longer have power to allocate student money. The power instead will be granted to the SGA Finance

Committee.

However, this isn't the final step for the legislation, as Interim Vice Chancellor Brad Van Den Elzen explained to the Senate at their last weekly meeting.

Van Den Elzen went on to explain that UW System Policy 35-C dictates the procedure for internal changes to student government at universities.

The next step for the legislation is approval by the Chancellor and then approval by the Board of Regents after submission by the university.

"It seems that there are policies being implemented before the proce-

cedure is completed," he said.

SGA Senators didn't all agree with Van Den Elzen's take on the issue.

Pat Testin, senator for Letters and Sciences, raised his placard to ask questions of Van Den Elzen several times throughout the meeting.

"System policy states that there is one SUFAC per university. To say that this idea is new... I would disagree," Testin said.

Van Den Elzen did explain that he agreed with the measures taken by SGA and that Chancellor Bernie Patterson also felt that the system in

place previously was also not ideal.

"I feel proposed SUFAC reorganizations actually does represent an opportunity for our university," Van Den Elzen explained.

That final step may occur after the university's budgets are due for the next fiscal year, and, according to Van Den Elzen, the Chancellor will not allow those budgets to be late this year.

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side has budged and the bill cannot be passed without a 20-member quorum. The Republicans have 19 members in the Senate, meaning one Democrat coming back into the state would allow them to have quorum.

Walker alleges that Democratic Senators are trying to come back into the state but can't until they get some result to give back to their constituents.

"Seven to nine Democratic Senators have reached out to Republican members of the Senate trying to find a way to get back into the state, but they can't find a way out of this hole they've dug," he said.

With both sides having support from various groups, issues like the City Bus await final confirmation from the Senate on whether the bill passes or fails.

The City Bus does employ Stevens Point residents and ridership has increased over the past two years dramatically as students have had access to free ridership.

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"Bernie is drawing an explicit line in the sand; budgets will be there on time this year," he said.

This would mean that budgets presented under the current segregated fee structure would have to be accepted by SGA in order to get to Regents on time.

The legislation did pass by a voice vote from the senate and now moves on to the Chancellor's office where Senate will await a response.

The Chancellor could decide to not accept the legislation, in effect killing it on the spot, or could pass it on to the Regents where it would be taken up by the board and voted on for final approval.

For now, the Chancellor is holding meetings with leaders across campus on the issue and is taking input from SGA, UCAPB, and SHAC before making his final decision.

Van Den Elzen did explain, though, that the administration believed the proposal put the segregated fee process in a better situation.

"We are at a point where we should have been for a long time, and Bernie agrees with that," he said.

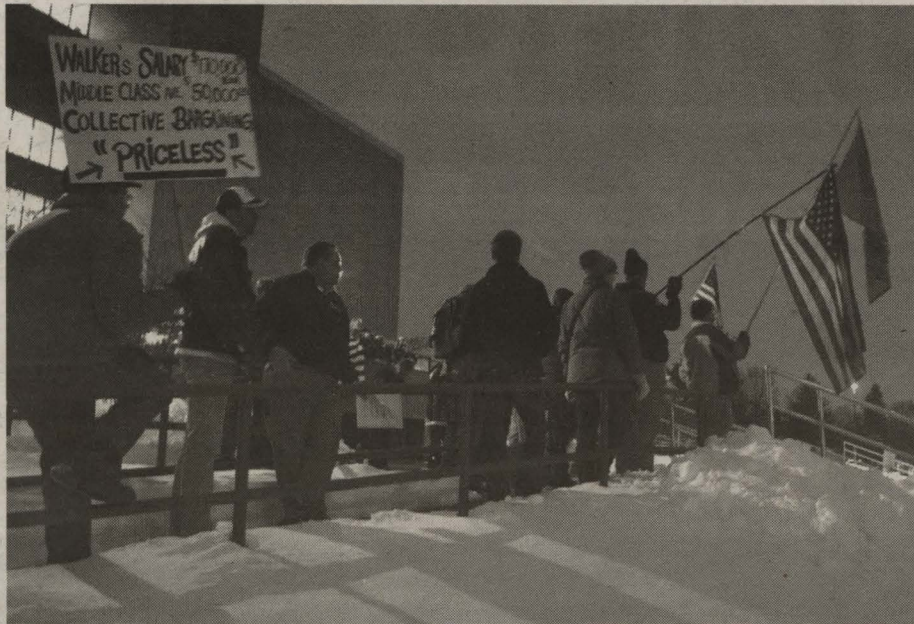


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Members of WEAC, AFSCME, and students and community members, filled the Sundial Thursday to protest Governor Scott Walker's Budget Repair Bill.

## Union supporters show solidarity in the Sundial

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Rallies in opposition to Governor Scott Walker's Budget Repair Bill showed no sign of dwindling last week as the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point held one of the largest rallies outside of Madison and Milwaukee last Thursday at the Sundial. The crowd featured a mix of college students, teachers, firefighters, police and other union supporters.

At 5 p.m., supporters started their march south towards the campus from the Ramada Inn, which was hosting a teachers' convention at the time. When the march reached the Sundial, the crowd that had gathered erupted in loud cheers and applause.

The official start to the rally began with music provided by Horseshoes and Hand Grenades. While playing a rendition of "This Land is Your Land," the PA system unexpectedly went out, but the crowd picked up without a hitch to finish the song.

A letter from Democratic Senator Julie Lassa was read that urged the crowd to keep showing opposition to the bill, not only in Madison but also throughout the state. Lassa outlined some of the aspects to the bill that not many people are aware of, such as the threat to The Stevens Point Bus System and the possible sale of state power plants without competitive bidding.

It was not only public unions that showed up in opposition to the bill. Michael Bolton from the United Steel Workers spoke to the crowd in a show of solidarity with the public-service unions.

"We are going to win this, because just like when the union was formed, our cause is just, the time is right. We are going to prove those people wrong," said Bolton.

Bolton singled out unfair trade agreements that have decimated Wisconsin's manufacturing sector.

Dave Harswick, a history teacher,

voiced his opposition to the bill as well. Harswick refuted reports from Fox News and Walker that the crowds who were organizing were from out of state.

"I'm from Green Bay, which is a long way from Nevada," said Harswick.

"Real leaders lead by compromising and sitting down, not acting like tyrannical kings," said Harswick, in reference to Walker's refusal to sit down and negotiate with Democratic lawmakers and union officials.

Seth Hoffmeister, who helped organize the event, spoke about how this bill would affect his family.

"My mom works for the schools in Eau Claire. My brother just got a job for the schools," said Hoffmeister. "After 6 years of not having health care he now has health care because he works for the schools. That is in danger of being taken away now."

Hoffmeister also voiced concern that Walker's biennial budget would contain provisions that would split UW-Madison from the UW System.

"Not only would that make Madison tuition go up, but that would also [leave it to] the rest of the UW System to foot the bill," said Hoffmeister.

The loudest cheers erupted when the crowd learned that Sen. Julie Lassa's parents were in attendance. Chants of "Thank You" were echoed in support of the senator who is currently in Illinois to avoid the number of senators needed to reach a quorum.

**Editors Note:** Seth Hoffmeister is the Sports Editor for The Pointer.

**Correction:** Due to reporter error, The Pointer misprinted the number of protesters supporting the Budget Repair Bill in "Democrats have left the building." Current estimates state between 2,000 and 3,000.

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## NEWS

## Crisis in Madison: UWSP students speak their voice

AARON OSOWSKI

As the protests in Madison against Gov. Scott Walker's Budget Repair Bill continue into their third week, The Pointer asked UWSP students what they think of the crisis and of Walker's handling of the situation.

"I only ever hear the one side of it. The group that's against it is so vocal, and I'm interested in what the other people have to say. Either they're not speaking up, or I'm not in those circles."

**JOEL STOKDÝK**  
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"It's a great movement, and there's never been change without sacrifice. I think that creative, non-violent protest is what we need to be pushing, and pushing forward."

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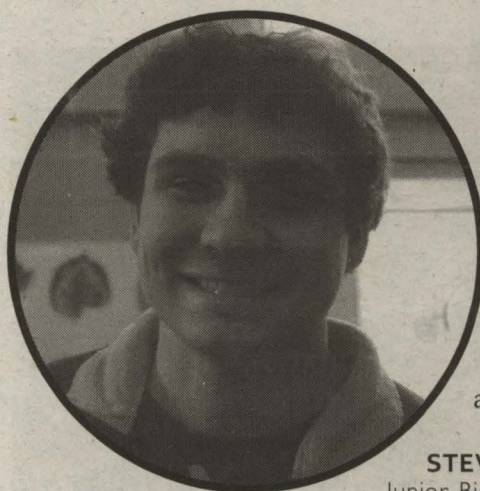


"I think what Scott Walker is doing he thinks can fix the budget, but he shouldn't have attacked collective bargaining in this bill. If he wanted to do that, he could have used real legislation instead of a fake emergency budget bill."

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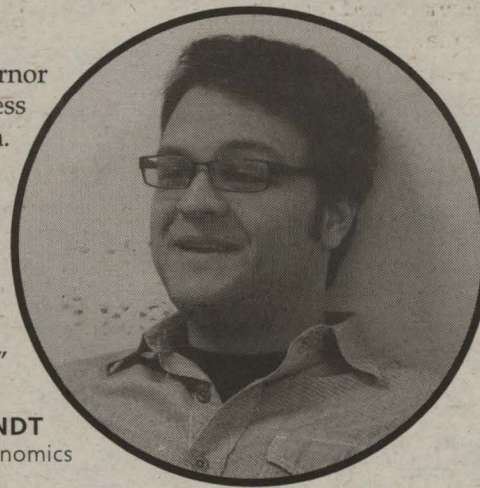
"I'd be really pissed off if the UW System dismantled because I've got research I need to do and I might need to send that research to Madison, and in that case, it's not gonna happen. It definitely jeopardizes my future."

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"I for one am sick and tired of Governor Walker's inability and unwillingness to listen to the people of Wisconsin. The people will not stand for this provocative display of tyranny! For what it's worth, I stand by the 14 Democratic Senators who fled the state. Either they flee the state, or Wisconsin's teachers will end up fleeing the state."

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"I understand that we need budget cuts and that we can't afford everything we're doing, but we don't need to just go kicking everybody in the balls, it's not the nicest way to take care of it."

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# SPORTS

## Pointers cruise in conference tournament

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Men's Basketball team dominated both of their games during the WIAC Conference Tournament en route to a tournament championship over UW-River Falls. Point secured a first round bye then went virtually untested against UW-Superior last Thursday then River Falls in the finals on Saturday. This is the third consecutive conference tournament title for the Pointers.

Superior came into Thursday's match-up on a high note, having just beaten higher seeded UW-Whitewater in the WIAC Quarterfinals. However, Point came into the game with extra rest. And the rest seemed to do them good.

With an emphatic put-back slam just before the fourteen minute mark of the first half, Scott Hoelzel put the Pointers on top. They wouldn't relinquish that lead for the rest of the game. Point handled the Yellow jackets easily from that point on.

The Pointer's defense played up to par as well. Superior's Jake Smith, the third leading scorer in the WIAC, made one field goal in forty minutes of play and had just five points on the night.

All this translated into an 84-52 home victory for Point, and a rematch against former number one UW-River Falls.

Like Point, River Falls began the tournament in the stands as they too had a first round bye. Then the two seeded Falcons beat UW-Platteville to put themselves in the championship game versus the number one seeded Pointers.

However all hope for the Falcons was soon dashed. The Pointers started hot with a 15-10 run early in the game. By the 8:18 mark of the first half, Point had opened up a 20 point lead. By halftime River Falls had only managed to chip away the Point lead to 19 as Point still commanded the game, 39-20.

The Pointers sank 11 shots from deep in the opening 20 minutes and shot 51.6 percent from the floor. Point's hot shooting has been one of

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*~Marcellino-Merwin*

The Pointers shot 53 percent from behind the arc, converting 10 of 19 attempts. The deep threat of the night was sophomore guard Jordan Giordana. Giordana came off the bench to lead Point with a career high five three pointers. Giordana finished the game with 17 points, 15 of them from downtown.

Senior forward Louis Hurd finished the night with a game high 22 points. Hurd made good on four of his six three pointers and along with fellow senior forward Nick Krull, snatched eight rebounds.

the keys to their success all season. At that point all River Falls could do was watch as the Pointers scored at will, and blew the doors off the Falcons with a 79-56 win.

Sophomore guard Jerrel Harris led the Pointers in this game with 18 points. Hurd was right on this heels as he ended his final WIAC game with a double-double, 17 points and 11 rebounds. Giordana and sophomore guard Vinny Ritchay both scored in double figures as well with 13 and 12, respectively.

The Pointers converted 15 of 26, 57.7 percent, three pointers against River Falls. Those 15 threes tied the conference tournament record for made triples in a game, set by UW-La Crosse back in 2000. The Pointer reserves outscored those of the Falcons, 35-21. Point also out rebounded River Falls, 39-29.

This victory marked the 12th win by 20 or more points at Bennet Court this season as Point bettered their record to 14-0 at home.

The tournament championship locks in an automatic bid for Point in the upcoming 61 team NCAA Division Three Tournament. According to d3hoops.com, the Pointers are projected to play the Centre College Colonels out of Danville, Kentucky. Tournament play begins March 4th.

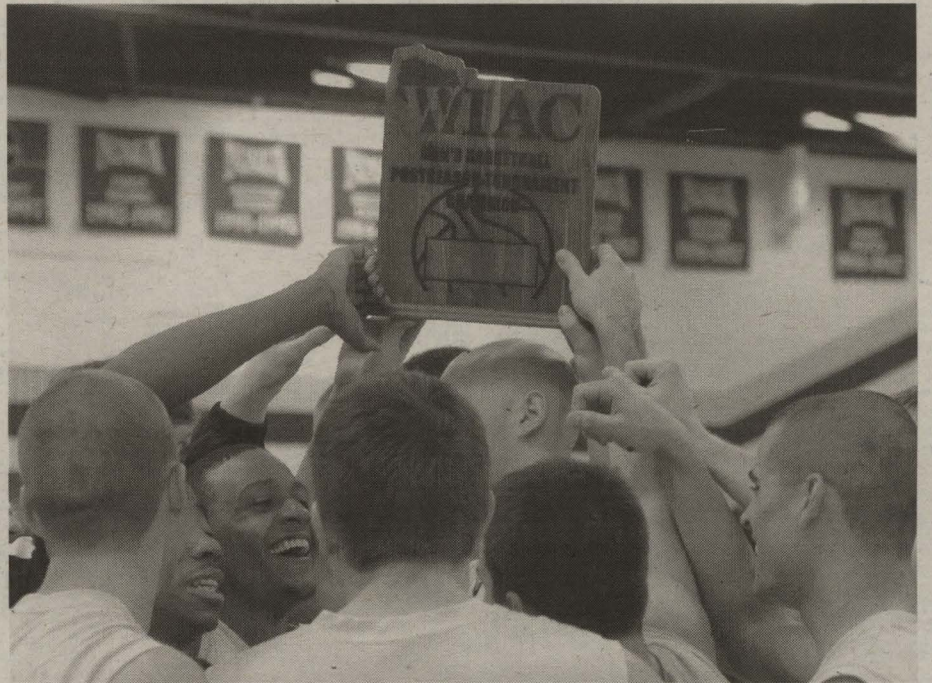


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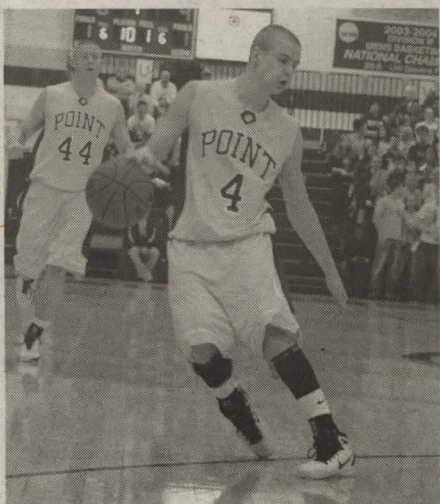


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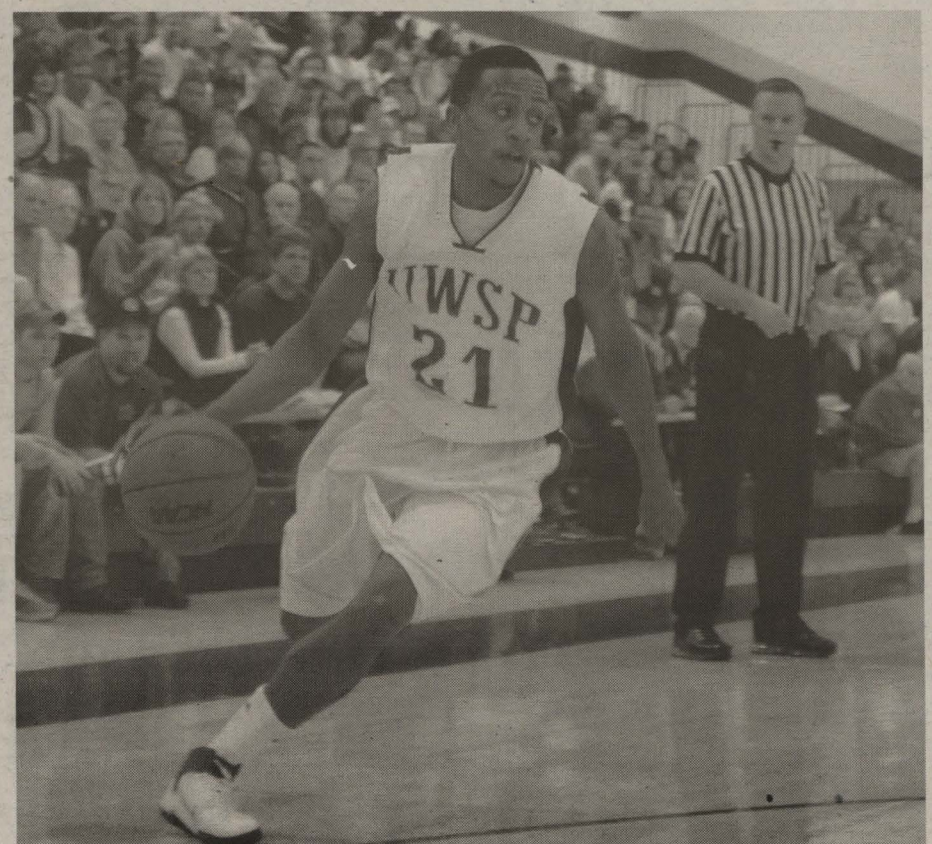


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## There are no Cinderellas

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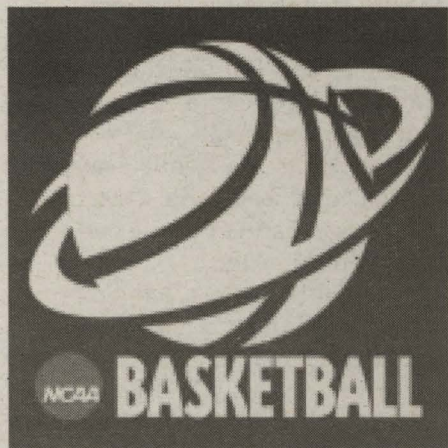


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For any fan of college basketball, there are few things as awesome to watch as a court storming. Once that final horn blows and that sea of jacked up, possibly inebriated college students begins to spill onto the floor you better be ready to follow suit.

This is exactly what happened last Saturday when unranked Virginia Tech took down number one rated

university Duke. The Hokies fought back from a late six point deficit and came out with a 64-60 win. But the defining moment of the game was when the Maroon Monsoon poured onto the court. That's not to say the action defined the Hokies themselves. As great as the win was, the storming of the court defined college basketball as a whole.

The NCAA still has powerhouses. Teams like Kansas, Ohio State, North Carolina (not to the same extent this season), and as much as I hate to say it Duke will generally be near the top of the rankings. And because of the recruiting classes these sorts of teams continuously receive, they will always be in contention. But even powerhouses can be brought down.

Gone are the UCLA teams of old, where John Wooden's Bruins would run the table every single year. In their place are a collection of solid well established contenders that will compete each season, but are not necessarily a guarantee. No team in today's NCAA is unbeatable. Any court can be stormed on any given night. And that has never been

as apparent as it has been in the past weeks.

The preseason number one was defending national champion Duke, for obvious reasons. Number two was also one of the sexy preseason picks, Tom Izzo's Michigan State Spartans. By week six, Michigan State was out of the top ten. Presently they are unranked and unsure if they will even be in the NCAA Tournament.

Ohio State replaced Duke atop the polls after the Blue Devils dropped a game against Florida State. The Buckeyes lasted four weeks at number one, boasting the last perfect record in the league. However, a trip to the Kohl Center changed that as the Badgers took down number one The Ohio State (the second time UW has had the opportunity to say that in two different sports).

Following that game, the Kansas Jayhawks took over the first spot, but only held the status for a few hours until they lost to unranked in-state rival Kansas State. Duke then reclaimed the number one ranking, only to lose it this week to the Buckeyes, again following the loss to Virginia Tech.

This latest upset serves as further proof that while college basketball may be ruled by the big names, it certainly is not dominated by them. Look

at last year's NCAA Tournament. Heavy favorite and number one seed Kansas got embarrassed in the first round by Northern Iowa. It's the Northern Iowas of the NCAA that keep every college basketball fan clinging to their seat. Remember George Mason a few years ago?

Every commentator in America is so quick to deem those programs the "Cinderella team" of the year, but nothing could be farther from the truth. While it is the college analyst's stand-by phrase for the season's uber-underdog, it now falls into the list of sport clichés. The term has outlived its relevance. Not because all teams are equally talented and there aren't any teams that are just flat out better, but because anything can happen, and anything does happen.

Of course, some players are more talented than others, but each one has earned a spot on a Division I team. That means every player obviously has skill, otherwise they would be in the stands. And because every player has skill, every player has it in him to do something incredible, which puts each player on a seemingly even field. And when anyone can do something amazing at any point in a game, it makes for a great story. But it's not a Cinderella story. Cinderella doesn't wear Nikes.

## Extreme sledding

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Winter is not over yet. I'm not sure whether the groundhog saw his shadow or not, but even though it is getting a little warmer each day, we have not seen the end of this Wisconsin winter quite yet. Lately, we've been having these nice days, and when I say nice, the thermometer creeps above 30 degrees. If you're like me, any hint of spring is enough to make me want to get outside and soak up whatever sun there is. And in being outside in the warmest days of winter, I can't think of a better thing to do than to go sledding.

As a kid, and still as a college student, sledding is perhaps one of the most fun ways to enjoy snow and gravity. While snowboarding and skiing are great ways to spend a winters day, it is more of a day trip and is costly. With paying for gas, lift tickets, and equipment, it is a

pricey hobby. Sledding, on the other hand, only requires a sled and a hill. Everyone has an old sled or two in their garage, but if not, a garbage can cover or a cafeteria tray make fine alternatives. And if you're willing to get a wet bum, you don't even need that.

The only challenge around here is geographical. Being in Central Wisconsin, it is difficult to find a large hill suitable for sliding down. There is a bunny hill near the pavilion in Schmeckle Reserve, but if you're looking for something a little bigger and still close to campus, Iverson Park is the place to go. Not only does it have sledding hills, but also has two toboggan runs that ensure you will have a good time.

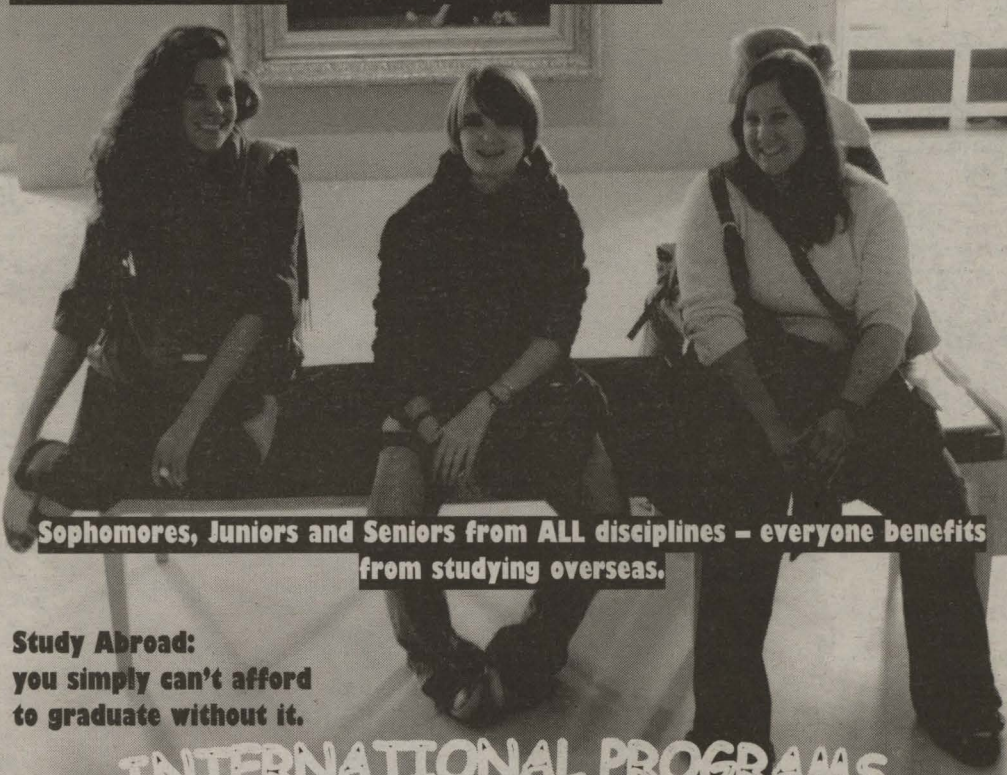
Sledding doesn't come without its risks though. I've definitely sustained many injuries in pushing the limits of winters most convenient extreme sport, but sometimes that is half the fun. Seriously though, be careful out there.

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# Judo fans have many outlets in Stevens Point

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It's not a surprise to learn that soccer is the most popular sport in the

world, but did you know that Judo is the second most popular sport? Judo is a form of martial arts that was developed in 1882 by Dr. Jigoro Kano. It combines many different elements in martial arts and has developed its

own unique style since it was created.

Judo was first introduced to the Summer Olympics in 1964, and the next year the Stevens Point Judo Club was established. Whether you are looking to compete in tournaments,

or want to learn some self-defense skills, Judo is the sport for you.

Judo emphasizes different falling techniques that seek to go with the flow of the human body and use leverage and motion to beat your opponent. Judo is often referred to as the gentle way, with its final goal being the harmonious development and eventual perfection of human character.

The emphasis of teaching proper falling techniques is useful both on and off the mat. If you find yourself in a match, a knockdown can be successfully brushed off. Off the mat, it teaches you balance, which would be more than useful in these icy Wisconsin winters.

Tyler Raddant, Judo Club President, was first introduced to the sport by fulfilling the one credit well-

**"I'm really liking Judo and I encourage everyone to give it a try."**

*~Raddant*



Photo courtesy of Judo Club

Ryan won all his matches with Ippon or the first person scoring one point in the allotted time period.



Photo courtesy of Judo Club

Ryan Franckowiak participated at Two Harbors, MN Judo tournament Saturday, winning gold in two divisions.

ness requirement. After taking Judo in Wellness 227, Raddant joined the club immediately. In addition to his passion for the sport.

"There is a really friendly sense of community with this club.... even when they throw you to the mat pretty hard," said Raddant.

It seems to be proof that even in fighting, they are on their way to Judo's final goal.

In addition to a community spirit among members, the instructors, share their expertise and foster a development of the skill and art of Judo.

Ryan Franckowiak, a member of the club and instructor in the College of Natural Resources, competed in a tournament last Saturday in Two Harbors, Minnesota and brought home the gold in the two divisions he competed in.

The Stevens Point Judo Club is affiliated with the United States Judo Association (USJA). This affiliation, provides members with expert instructors and opportunities to compete across the country. The club President puts it best by saying, "I'm really liking Judo and I encourage everyone to give it a try."

If you are interested in learning more about Judo and have yet to fulfill your one-credit Wellness requirement. Wellness 227 is next semester. If you would like to get involved with the UWSP Judo Club, they meet every Tuesday from 6:00pm-8:00pm in Room 154 in the HEC.



# POINTLIFE

## The secret life of UWSP dorm pets

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Dorm life has the tendency to become dull and uneventful, but students have found a way to beat the bore. The use of flora and fauna in the dorm room is a way to liven up the space and make it unique.

According to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Residential Living website, no pets are allowed in the dorms, with the exception of fish contained in a 10-gallon or smaller aquarium.

One person taking advantage of this exception is Emiline Buhler, sophomore biochemistry major. She took in two fish when her friend was looking to get a saltwater tank instead of a freshwater one.

"I hadn't really considered fish much prior to that," said Buhler. "I've personally always been a fan of furry, fuzzy, cuddly pets."

She now owns Leroy and Terrance, two one-year-old standard goldfish. She keeps them in a 10-gallon tank, which requires a bit more equipment than a typical fish bowl.

"I have a ten gallon tank, and while it's a lot to clean, you have to clean it



Photo by Samantha Feld

Fish are the most common, and only legal, pets allowed to live in the residence halls.

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She suggests investing in a filter system, which lessens the amount of time the water needs to be changed. While she never expected to have this

type of pet in her dorm, it has turned out to be a good choice for her.

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before a big test," Buhler said.

Another type of living thing people enjoy keeping in their rooms are different varieties of plants. Mitchell Wopat, sophomore biochemistry major with a pre-pharmacy intent, has two different species of plants in his room.

He has Devil's Ivy, which is known to filter the air and purify it, and Snake's Plant, which is a common household plant.

Both of his plants are about two feet tall and fit on his windowsill in a renovated dorm. Taking care of plants is less worrisome, but still takes work. "Keep the shades open all the time, and work watering your plant into your routine," Wopat said. "I always water them after I brush my teeth."

Having plants offers different aspects that enhance dorm life, and make it less of a drag to live there.

"It's awesome to see how much they grow, and it gives you a sense of pride for managing to keep them alive," said Wopat. "I wish I had taken a

picture of them when I first got them as little shoots."

## Lantern Festival gives campus taste of Chinese culture

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Chinese Culture Club ushered in the Year of the Rabbit this weekend with their 10th Annual Chinese Lantern Festival.

The Chinese calendar runs on a cycle of 12 years with animals repre-

senting each year, ranging from the Rat to the Boar, last year being the year of the Tiger.

Although the actual Chinese New Year's was on February 3, the UWSP Lantern Festival has other connotations as well.

In its conception over 2,000 years ago, the tradition began as a sort of "love fest." People would gather to

feast and whoever's lanterns were the brightest would be thought to have great luck in finding a mate.

Traditionally, this was one of the few occasions young women could get out of the house to meet young men. The lamps themselves, made out of wood, bamboo, paper, silk, and glass, represented lights to guide wandering spirits to judgment and rebirth.

In recent years those beliefs are less practiced and today the Chinese Lantern Festival could be considered the equivalent to the American Thanksgiving.

This year, the event opened with a buffet meal and the elegant group dance "You Collar-Zijin" sung by Yijun Wang or Shirley.

The dance was followed by a quick speech by Chancellor Bernie Patterson. He said that the Year of the Rabbit is supposed to be the year of diplomacy, something we need to see more of in these turbulent times.

"I just wanted to thank our international students for all their hard work, they always come so prepared," said Patterson.

After introductions, the club officers and advisors sang a group song called "Red Dragonfly."

Next, an artistic performance combining calligraphy and kung fu, followed by an interactive how to make a dumpling in which audience members were able to make their own.

The main bulk of the festival was



Photo by Nate Enwald

There were many traditional Chinese performances at the Chinese Culture Club's Chinese Lantern Festival. The Chinese Lantern Festival takes place on the fifteenth night after the Chinese New Year, and is thought of as the Valentines Day of China.

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# POINTLIFE

## 'Sunday in the Park with George' combines music, art

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"A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" by George Seurat is a complex painting with a style that he pioneered in challenging times.

This multifaceted painting has been translated into a musical entitled

musical theater program, is the directing the musical.

"It's about art on the surface, but ultimately it's about finding that balance between your craft and a healthy relationship," Howard said.

This musical focuses on Seurat's life while creating the painting, and the relationships and struggles that

with a life can relate to [this musical]."

As part of their preparation for the musical, the cast and crew traveled to the Art Institute of Chicago where the real painting is displayed.

Sadie Langemo, a senior musical theater major, plays Celeste #2 and Elaine in the musical.

"One of the first things that struck me was that it was so big," said Langemo. "He literally painted the painting with such precision and he

"I had to make a decision on what was going to make it sing and relatable now," said Howard. "So I made the choice to go ahead and make it contemporary."

Alex Van Handel, a senior musical theater major, plays Jules and Bob Greenberg in the musical.

"I find it exciting to play two different characters," said Van Handel. "We're used to playing one character, so when we get to play two it's double the fun." He enjoyed seeing

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knew what he wanted for every inch of the painting."

Seurat created Pointillism, which is an offshoot of the Impressionistic style of painting. He painted with tiny dots of pure colors that would blend in the viewer's eye. He only used 11 colors in "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte," and it took him two full years to complete.

The musical is not based solely on the painting itself. The first act centers around George Seurat and his struggles and relationships while creating the painting in the 1880s, and the second act is set in modern times and focuses on the life and artistic works of George's grandson.

The second act had to be tweaked a bit by Howard, because the 'modern' aspect was a bit dated, as the musical was premiered in 1984.

the different rich relationships play out within the musical.

The show is able to reach many people and has a universal message and Langemo appreciated that aspect of the musical.

"Everyone has their own idea of what the show means to them," Langemo said. "It's the relationship you have with your art and the relationship you have with other people."

The show will be performed in the Jenkins Theatre at the Noel Fine Arts Center, 1800 Portage St., at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 4-5, and Wednesday through Saturday, March 9-12. A 2 p.m. matinee will be held on Sunday, March 6.

Tickets are still available, so contact the Ticket Office in the Dreyfus University Center at 715-346-4100, or at <http://tickets.uwsp.edu>.



Photo by Samantha Feld

The musical Sunday in the Park with George, performed March 4th-6th and 9th-12th, brings the story based on the brilliant work by George Seurat to life. Painting students will be painting their contemporary rendition of Seurat's final, and unfinished, work "The Circus", before and after performances in the courtyard of the Noel Fine Arts Center.

*Sunday in the Park with George*, music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, based on the book by James Lepine. It will be performed by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point theater department this month.

Tim Howard, a professor and coordinator of the Bachelor of Fine Arts

come along with it.

Internationally acclaimed, this musical won the Pulitzer Prize in 1985 for best drama and has been nominated for 10 Tony Awards.

"It's kind of a theater cult favorite," said Howard. "Anyone who has the conflict of balancing their passion

## Women, science and nail polish

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March is Women's History Month. Among other events going on around campus, Women and Science Day was held on campus last Friday. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Continuing Education Department organized the event. The program was open to 7th and 8th grade girls and provided them with a variety of workshops to help introduce them to careers in science.

"[The event was to] open their eyes and say 'I can do anything,'" said co-organizer for the event, Linda Rice.

Women and Science Day has been put on for over twenty years. This year they welcomed over 400 girls and 40 chaperones on Friday. The day opened with the keynote speaker, Sue Hall, the Polymer Ambassador for the American Chemical Society.

The girls were able to choose out of a large variety of workshops. One of the workshops was "The Polymers of Custom Nail Polish!" with Karyn Schroeder. Schroeder gave a brief presentation of chemistry and explained the marketing process of nail pol-

ish. After Schroeder's presentation she allowed the girls to role play in groups and let them mix their own nail polishes.

Freshman elementary education major Grace Ferari volunteered as a presenter's assistant for the day. "[Schroeder] did a good job making science 'girly' and not just a simple boring 'you mix this chemical and this chemical and got this chemical,'" said Ferari.

Schroeder talked about playing with nail polish when she was a kid. "She showed how you can turn your obsession with nail polish into a career," said Ferari.

There was a large turnout of volunteers. "There was a remarkable response," said Rice. Many professionals came from all over the state to volunteer to do workshops for the day. Many Departments were also part of the event with the Continuing Education Department coordinating. The University Dining Services and janitorial services helped as well.

At the end of the day, girls that attended Women and Science Day had the opportunity to go to three

workshops. Rice hoped that the event would change their lives.

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## Monica Lenius reviews Adele's new album '21'

The #1 album on iTunes this week is (surprisingly) not Justin Bieber, despite the fact that he is the object of every little girl's obsessions. The top album is by artist Adele, who released her sophomore album "21" this week. Without the usage of auto tune, constant tabloid exposure, or distracting dance beats, this soulful Brit lets her voice stand for itself.

She has revamped her jazz style by adding variety and usage of clever wordplay. Fair warning, her songs may sound cliché at times and slightly commercialized, similar to her first album. Highly recommended songs from this album are "Set Fire to the Rain" and "Someone like You." (3.5/5 stars)





## POINTLIFE

## Point Relay for Life looking for teams

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My aunt was 32, young, healthy and working hard. Then one day she woke up to find an unusual lump on her body. Thinking it to be nothing more than a growing cyst, she put it aside from her thoughts; after all, she had plenty of other matters that needed attending to in her life.

Unfortunately, she ended up being another one of 207 thousand women diagnosed with breast cancer, and just one of the more than 1.5 million men and women total in the U.S. diagnosed with all sites of cancer each year.

"You immediately assume your life is over," my aunt said when stating her initial thoughts upon discovering she had cancer. Thankfully, she was blessed with a swift and fortunate recovery; however, many cancer patients, approximately 560 thousand each year, are not.

When asked if there was one thing that really helped her through the treatment process, she said, "Support. Oh, my God, I could never have made it without support from, I mean, not just my family, but from almost everyone that knew me even. It was incredible."

It is for this very reason that the UWSP, Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) organization is hosting its

annual, overnight fundraiser, Relay for Life on April 29, in the Health Enhancement Center (HEC).

The Relay for Life is an event that was founded by the national organization: American Cancer Society (ACS), in an effort to raise money for cancer research and to support cancer patients. It is estimated that Relay for Life has raised over 3 billion dollars to date nationally, and \$1,760 has

Next, a Luminaria ceremony is held to commemorate those that have passed or are fighting, by placing decorated, illuminating bags around the track, and then proceeding to walk a lap in silence while holding a candle in remembrance of loved ones. "It's so powerful to see all these people touched by cancer come together and share so much support," said Kaylin Monson, CAC Co-President. "It's def-

countless amount of activities that are set to take place. Such as, root beer pong, fear factor games, minute to win it themed competitions, and much more.

And to keep people walking around the track the whole night, there will be many crazy-themed laps that teams will participate in throughout the night. "It's a blast. We run all kinds of wacky themes. I think one year we even had a cross-dressing lap." Marks said when commenting on previous years' experience.

There are currently 21 teams, most with some sort of company sponsorship, and more are able to register at [relayforlife.org](http://relayforlife.org). Just simply search for local area events and follow the steps. Everyone inter-

ested in supporting the fight against cancer is welcome to attend.

Donations are also able to be granted online through the same website. All proceeds of the event will go to cancer research, and community-patient support programs such as Hope Lodges.

About 200 to 300 people are expected to participate, judging by previous years. "Everyone interested in supporting the fight against cancer is welcome to attend," said Kaylin Monson. "The main point of the relay is just to come have fun and raise money and support."

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already been raised this year in the Stevens Point area, a month before the Relay has even started.

The Relay is not solely for fundraising purposes, but also for a chance to celebrate the lives of cancer survivors, remember those who have been taken, and unite as a community to fight against the disease, and support those battling it head on.

"Celebrate, remember, fight back," that is the Relay's logo, and that is typically how the event will unfold. The Relay begins at 6:00pm with the "survivor lap." After the lap, the survivors will give speeches and receive all sorts of VIP treatments.

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At the end of the night, participants take pledges to help spread awareness and fundraise money for cancer research and prevention. "I think it is really important to show the people who really want to help fight against cancer, that awareness can only do so much, and that there is plenty of ways to raise money for research," said Chris Marks, health promotion and wellness major.

The Relay will continue until the next morning until 7:00am, but Kristen Hackbarth, Co-President of CAC, says there won't be a dull moment throughout, due to the

## Sometimes you just have to be tossed

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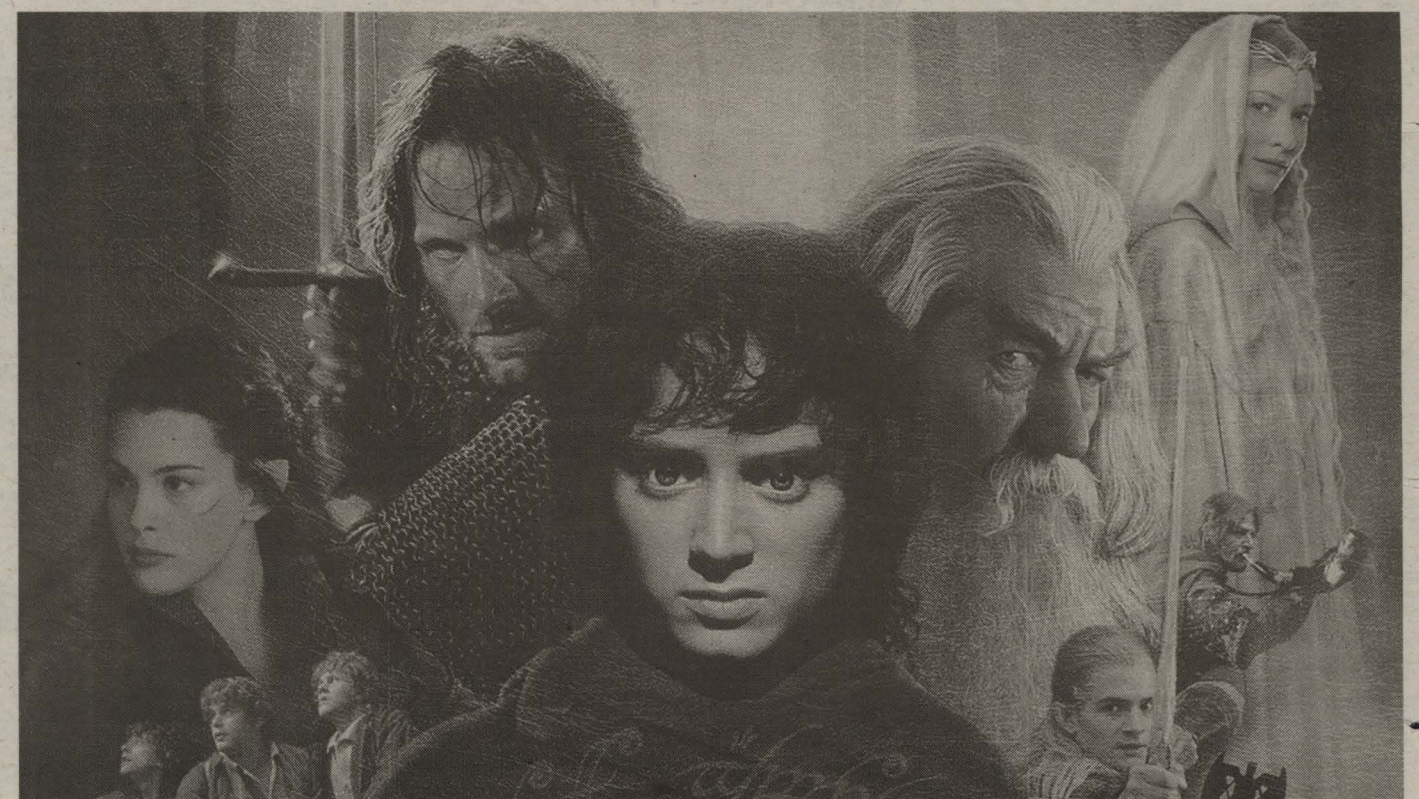
"It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to."

This quote often comes to mind when thinking about setting off to college or a new job for the first time, and it addresses the uncertainties that life always seems to throw our way.

For those of us that are nearing the end of our college careers, it motivates us when applying for those summer jobs and internships.

"Lord of the Rings" has many lessons that ring true with all generations. It tells the intimate story of Frodo Baggins and Samwise Gamgee as they go out into a dark and uncertain world to defeat evil, as we all must deal with the evil in our own lives.

As far as the post-graduation job market goes, the image of the desolate and barren wastelands of Mordor equate well to the bleak settings of the American economy. Oftentimes graduates will experience nasty orcs as



"Lord of the Rings" has many lessons it can teach us for this modern world.

coworkers and the ever watchful eye of Sauron that is your boss. However, we cannot be discouraged.

We must always have our fellowship near us. Your allies may include the small, hairy, smelly

man that works in the mailroom, or the office Cassanova with great hair, and the office drunkards.

Don't let things burden you down. You must carry your burdens to your own personal

Mount Dooks, whether it be a job interview or graduation.

Gimli can especially give us courage in going out into the world, for we all need to have that outburst of courage where we can just say, "toss me!"



Puzzles

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# OPINION

## The ongoing Republican assault on women

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The Republican Party has long been known as the Grand Old Party. It has also been informally known as a party that caters to straight, white people. However, lately the party has declared an unofficial war on women.

Grover Norquist, an influential member of the conservative movement, once stated, "I don't want to abolish government. I simply want to reduce it to the size where I can drag it into the bathroom and drown it in the bathtub." Well the government may not be drown-able at this point, but if Republicans get their way, it will be small enough to fit in every woman's uterus.

Two weeks ago, Congressional Republicans passed their budget cuts totaling \$60 billion. Among those cuts were programs that directly affect the most vulnerable Americans.

Planned Parenthood saw all their federal funding cut after a conservative hit-job by Live Action, the same people who took down ACORN, a community-based organization that was responsible for high numbers of voter registration.

Live Action released highly edited videos accusing Planned Parenthood staff members engaging in illegal activities. However, the videos showed no criminal misconduct. Planned Parenthood actually called the FBI after a series of visits by Live Action members dressed as pimps enquiring about abortions and STD treatment for underage sex workers. Yet that did not stop Representative Mike Pence (R-IN) from launching a tirade against Planned Parenthood.

Mike Pence and the House voted to defund Planned Parenthood under

the cover that the organization provides abortions to minors. No federal funds that Planned Parenthood receives goes towards providing abortions for anyone, much less underage girls. All they did, was cut money that would provide much needed services for women who cannot afford them, such as cancer screenings and birth control.

Defunding Planned Parenthood was just the first salvo from Republicans. Included in their \$60 billion cut to the federal budget was a reduction of \$758 million to Women and Infant Children. WIC is a program that provides food to pregnant women and infant children. They cannot use the funds to buy other things besides food.

It is literally a life saving program.

It takes a heartless person to defund a program that provides food to pregnant women and infant children.

Also included in Congressional Republican cuts: \$1.3 billion for Community Health Centers and \$210 million for Maternal and Child Health Block Grants. For as much as Republicans claim they value life from the moment of conception, they surely do not show it when they cut programs that are designed to make it easier for women to carry pregnancies to term.

Washington D.C. is not the only venue where Republicans have conducted their assault on women; there are currently various state legislatures that are debating or have debated laws that would include killing women who seek abortions, and abortion providers under the "justifiable homicide" statute.

So far, measures have been introduced in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. Essentially these laws would expand the "justifiable homicide" clause to define a fetus as a person.

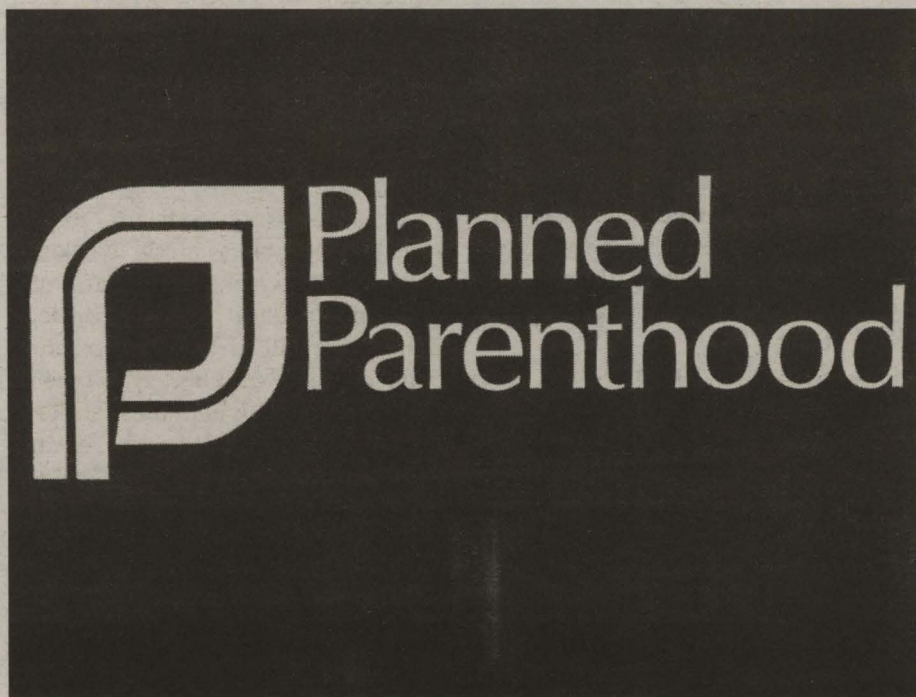


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This would allow anyone who kills someone attempting to give or have an abortion, to use "justifiable homicide" as a legal defense.

South Dakota's measure has already been withdrawn, and I highly doubt that either Iowa's or Nebraska's measure will make it onto the books, but their effect has already been achieved. Simply, these laws are designed to terrorize women who are thinking about getting an abortion, to make them think that not only could they be killed, but that they should be.

Not to be outdone, Georgia has just seen a law introduced in their state legislature that would require women to prove there was "no human involvement whatsoever in the causation" of their miscarriage or they could be charged with a felony. A quarter of pregnancies end in miscarriage, and doctors usually do not know why. Most miscarriages occur

so early in pregnancy that women are unaware that they are even pregnant. Now Georgia wants women to prove that there was no outside human influence in their miscarriage? What a horrible thing for Republicans to demand after possibly the most traumatizing experience for a woman to go through. If a woman in Georgia has a miscarriage due to inadequate nutrition that was caused by cuts to WIC, could congressional Republicans be charged with a felony then?

This past Tuesday, Governor Scott Walker introduced his biennial budget to a joint session of the state legislature. Inside the budget was a proposal that would no longer require health insurance policies to cover contraceptives for women. This proposal is just another advance in the ongoing assault on women.

Still think Republicans believe in small government?

## The Democrats are wrong

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Politics can get very ugly, especially in terms of those being attacked for their political beliefs. Prejudice of what it means to be a "Democrat" and a "Republican" is at the forefront of politics. A person should be judged not by their politics but by their character. I, as a Republican, have many (if not mostly) Democrat friends.

Instead of attacking them for their personal beliefs, I am merely going to

criticize their politics and point out some stereotypes that Democrats play out. I feel no hostility towards them or anyone whose political beliefs that I disagree with. If anything, it makes for some great debate.

Democrats are cowards. Whenever they fear any turmoil or when things might not go their way, they run away, and recently they did that quite literally. Instead of facing Governor Scott Walker, they ran away to Illinois. Talk about sore losers. They need to actually stand up for what they say they believe in instead of running away from opposition.

Democrats have to lie to get elected. They always promise to make changes in the government, but once they actually get in office, they become too scared to follow up on their promises. They also are kings of exceptions. They hate corporations; however, fight to keep regulations off of the businesses that they own. All the media is "unbiased" and "totally fair," especially MSNBC. Yet, Fox News is biased and unfair.

They're all Godless heathens except for their blind worshiping of Al Gore. When it comes to actual scientists, they turn their heads. But of course, Al Gore has proven himself as a totally logical source in the matters of science and history. After all, he invented the Internet.

And we can't talk about Democrats without talking about sex scandals,

are you sure you're not the father, John Edwards? Whether it is in the oval office or on the campaign trail, they definitely win the creative award. Their economic beliefs will be the end of America. Their Socialist and sometimes even Communist views on society will end up with total governmental control. If they succeed, America will be slaves to a government; a government that they will make dangerous and untrustworthy.

They want to just hand out money to anyone and everyone, including those who aren't even Americans. Money that we don't even have.

Republicans and Democrats have both say that they want to make the America a better place. The only difference is that the Democrats don't mean it.



## American Conservatives: anti-everything

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Republicans. In my mind, it's not a dirty word, but it's close. Lately the idea of freedom, liberty and small government has taken hold of a debate that once found itself in the center of American political thought. Now, that debate is so far to the right, we're beginning to look like we did before the 14th Amendment was even talked about.

The American Conservative has become the anti-civil rights, anti-choice, anti-union, anti-middle class, anti-healthcare, anti-anything part of the population.

If the conservative had his way, the world would be one without civil order. The world would be a place where survival of the fittest ruled. The world would be a place where people saw fit only to intervene in a troubled situation when it dealt with their own life.

This is the conservative thought: Screw the poor. They're weak. Screw the unions; they steal taxpayer's dollars because of dues. Screw the atheists, Jews, Muslims or anything other than Christian. If they don't believe in my God, they can and will burn in Hell. Screw the sick. They too, are weak and deserve no help but from that of their Creator.

I'll tell you what I think of these ideals. Screw your ideals. I stand on the side of solidarity with my union brothers and sisters. I stand on the side of love towards my fellow man when they are sick. I stand on the side of compassion when they are out of work. I stand on the side of tolerance towards others religion, including

your conservative Christian view.

I along with other liberals across this nation fight for something we believe in because we think helping people is the way to a better life and a better society. Conservatives, for centuries, have fought against every single effort that liberals have brought to this nation.

Social Security, Medicare, public education, public safety workers, highways, the weekend, 8 hour work days, child labor laws, civil rights legislation, the Bill of Rights, the foundation of our country. These were all liberal ideas when they started. Conservatives haven't fought for any of these causes. Why? Because their sole goal is to destroy the weak.

The conservative idea of America, as Ann Coulter so implies, is an America where everyone thinks alike, looks alike and acts alike. That means that Jews, Muslims, anyone in the LGBTQ crowd, anyone not white, anyone against the conservative idea, anyone who stands up to authority, anyone who has ever broken the law, anyone who makes less money than the top two percent in this nation must be eliminated by any means.

If that means that they bust their unions to suppress their vote so be it. If that means that they have to ban felons from voting, as is their right, so be it. If that means that they deny the sick health care for procedural bull crap, so be it. If that means that we take away public education because it teaches students how to take care of each other, so be it. If that means we privatize social security and let the elderly die in poverty, so be it.

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, the American Conservative wants to destroy America.

## Lantern Festival/ Culture in the Year of the Rabbit

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Photo by Nate Enwald

Students enjoy the Chinese cuisine buffet at the Chinese Lantern Festival Saturday night.

was filled with group dances, and songs such as "Friend," "The Turnip," "Support You," and a piano showcase of the "Chopin's Waltz." Volunteers from the audience got up on stage and danced along with the performers.

One of the more memorable dances came towards the end of the event.

The "Herdman" dance was choreographed by Moye Xu, who has been classically trained in Chinese ethnic dances. The costumes worn by the dancers were also notable, having been tailored in China over winter break.

The 2011 UWSP Chinese Lantern Festival was concluded at 9:30 p.m., with a fashion show sporting one of the most popular female outfits called the qipao (ch'i-pao) in its various forms, along with other diverse costumes.

Aside from food and entertainment, there was a table of hand made souvenirs for guests.

The Culture Club's next event will be on May 5th at the Portage County Cultural Festival. They will be hosting the Lantern Festival again next year. For more information visit their website at: [www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/ccf/](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/ccf/)

## Letter to the Editor

It is rather unjust to describe the popular revolt in Libya as a revolt against poor economic conditions as some might claim. Libya has a vast oil-based wealth and Libyans enjoy good living conditions if they were to be compared to the economic conditions of their Arab neighbors. Therefore, the Libyans' regime promises to raise salaries and foster further economic reforms speak to no one, and to the regime's disappointment they will not halt the momentum spreading today in Libya's streets.

Freedom, liberty, and social justice are more important than a loaf of bread as Libyans might put it. This is the philosophy of the twentieth century in which humans learn that this loaf of bread can be filled with wood ashes if watchdog institutions were absent.

Libya's president Colonel Muammar al-Gaddafi was shocked to see his people rise against him and "unwittingly" attributed the scene to simple consumption of hallucination drugs by the protestors. Moreover, in his last speech, al-Gaddafi wondered whether or not his people being envied by some envious enemies particularly the United States. Al-Gaddafi's shock can be under-

stood since he believes that when a citizen eats, drinks, sleeps, and biologically functions, then he or she must have gotten all of their inalienable rights.

Not far from Libya, political observers see that bread was not even one of the major goals for the universally admirable Egyptian revolt. Even though Egyptians lived under hard economic conditions, protestors did not go to the streets mainly to assure their daily consumption of food. To the contrary, millions of Egyptians sacrificed their daily wages for more than two weeks preferring to spend their time in protest for the sake of freedom and dignity.

A bite of food conditioned with fear and oppression is tasteless. Freedom is the main assurance for a dignified life. This is what the protests in the Arab world are telling us. Freedom, liberty, social justice, equality, law-sanctioned states are the real outlines for a real life, and any life outside that is undeclared death.

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