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News

Duffy Conducts Town Hall Meeting in Point

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Congressman Sean Duffy visited the Stevens Point area to take questions and concerns from the people he represents here in Wisconsin.

Congressman Duffy, who has made it clear he is not a member of the millionaire congressman club, has been holding what his team calls "Coffee with a Congressman" since he was elected to fulfill the promise he made during his candidacy that he would hold at least one town hall meeting in every county of the 7th congressional district.

Residents of Plover and Stevens Point gathered in the town hall meeting held at the Comfort Inn to express their concerns on varying topics from bringing troops home from war in the Middle East to taxes and the economy here closer to home.

"I was pleased that at how well the meeting went, I didn't have to step in at all," Dan Mahoney said, who moderated the town hall meeting.

One of the issues Duffy addressed was the increasing cost of higher education and how action needs to be taken to level off the rising tuition costs, but didn't give much to answer what exactly that action needs to be.

Plover resident Sandra Beach asked, "Are you prepared to tax the 1 percent?"

"Ok, let's talk about taxes," Duffy said. "You've all heard the president talk about taxing millionaires and billionaires, but that's not all he's talking about. He's also talking about taxing small business owners and the middle class."

Duffy also said that in his community the people that own the small businesses or manufacturing firms



are the same people that fall into that income bracket.

"But we do have a tax problem in this country; General electric pays zero dollars in taxes. So if you increase the tax rate like the president is talking about to 30 or 40 percent GE still pays no taxes," Duffy said. "That's the problem, we need to weed out the loopholes to make sure those people pay."

"What about the benefits for government officials?" Melva Sullivan asked Congressman Duffy.

Along with business inequalities, Duffy voted to cut the congressional budget in half last year and agrees with concerns that government payrolls are getting out of control.

Duffy also voted to cut military spending dramatically last year as well.

"Are we going to wind up cutting

so much from the [military] budget that we have ports of unused ships or are they still going to keep something for us?" Navy veteran Larry Field asked, pointing out that Congress forced the military to build fleets they didn't want then forced them to cut budgets.

"Again, there is fat to be cut but I'm concerned that we are getting to the bone," Duffy answered. "We live in a dangerous world and it's not a peaceful place, there are a lot of threats out there and we have to be sure that we are ready to meet those threats."

"We have a lot of work to do, but together we can get it done," Duffy said.

Congressman Duffy encourages people to send their concerns to his offices around the state and in Washington, D.C.



Photos by Scott Steuk
Congressman Sean Duffy addresses questions at the town hall meeting in Plover.

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news

AFL-CIO Reclaim Wisconsin Tour Begins [global community]

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The American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) launched its "Reclaim Wisconsin" tour yesterday in La Crosse. In the coming weeks the tour will make stops in several cities across the state, and will arrive at the capital on March 9. There will be a candlelight vigil that night to recognize the one year anniversary of the passing of Governor Scott Walker's collective bargaining bill. A rally will be held the next afternoon.

The tour participants will be speaking to Wisconsinites about the local effects of Gov. Walker's policies and aims to rally the 99 percent. AFL-CIO President Phil Nuenfeldt believes the tour is poignant now more than ever. "We believe the time is right to inspire a new generation to

fight for justice and prosperity for all workers," he said.

Organizations on campus are in the process of getting the word out about Reclaim Wisconsin. Gerry Zastrow, president of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point's chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), and affiliate with AFL-CIO, said that he would try to attend the events scheduled for March 9 and 10.

On March 8 of last year, the state was in the middle of debates over the budget stalemate. Fourteen Senate Democrats were still at large in Illinois, and debates had reached a stalemate. This was the epitome of high tensions, and Scott Walker became so frustrated with the situation he was quoted as saying, "Eventually, if any of them come back, this bill will pass." This is where

much of the distrust and disapproval from the people of Wisconsin comes from.

Other protest movements have also begun. On Valentine's Day, a group of protestors gathered at UW-Madison's Memorial Union Hall and marched to the Capitol Rotunda. The group gathered peacefully, sang protest songs and allowed individuals to voice their disappointment in the state government.

The Reclaim Wisconsin tour will more than likely gather much support from small-town Wisconsin families in the coming weeks. AFL-CIO proponents urge followers to mark the dates of these important events and to visit the tour locations nearest them. More information about the tour will be available once it is in full swing.

[Reclaim Wisconsin Dates & Locations]

Wed., Feb. 15: La Crosse - Copeland Park - 1130 Copeland Park Drive, 5:30 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 22: Wausau, Wausau Labor Temple - 318 S. 3rd Ave, 5:30 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 23: Eau Claire, Phoenix Park Pavilion, Riverfront Terrace, 5:30 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 27: Kaukauna, UA Local 400 - 2700 Northridge Drive, 5:30 p.m.

Mon., March 5: Racine, Monument Square - Main & 5th Street, 5:30 p.m.

Wed., March 7: Milwaukee, Serb Hall - 5101 West Oklahoma Avenue, 7:00 p.m.

Fri., March 9: Madison, Capitol - Candlelight Vigil 6:00 p.m.

Sat., March 10: Madison, Capitol, "Reclaim Wisconsin March at the Capitol" - Rally 1:00 p.m.

More Student Off-Campus Housing in the Works

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Students will have new off-campus living options in the near future, close to the university and next to Division Street commerce.

The Stevens Point Plan Commission gave the permits needed to build new residential developments to Development Partners of Neenah, who have proposed to build a 29-unit housing complex on the old Cooper Motors site next to Ella's Bar.

The building of the new student housing complex has been met with some resistance by Stevens Point and Plover landlords and rental owners.

They make the argument that filling up their rental units in this economy is hard enough as it is, but if this new apartment complex is green lit, that will further thin the student populace living off campus.

"That could be a completely valid concern, especially if living conditions are newer and if students would rather live in that apartment versus a house, but I don't know if that would be anything unusual to date," said

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Al Thompson.

Thompson also said that it's really a personal choice of the students. In his experience from all the universities he has worked for, there will always be students who prefer living on campus, away from campus, or near campus. He says that adding a new complex is not going to change that.

Occasionally, residential developers will team up with universities to build apartment complexes for student living and then lease the building to the campus to be put under their control.

Thompson also said that the developers have not contacted the university yet about working together on the project, although it is still very early to tell if they will or not.

With budgetary concerns high due to the lapses and cuts being passed by Scott Walker, the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point has toyed with the idea of increasing student enrollment, in which case the new residential building would

be beneficial. No decisions have been made on the issue.

The first phase of the \$4 million project would house about 100 students at full capacity.

Development Partners of Neenah have also stated that they plan to put in retail properties on the site as well, bringing more business to the Division Street area. Originally that was the first order of business but has been put second to the residential living.

The City of Stevens Point will be requiring the developer to make a \$75,000 security deposit to ensure that they do build retail slots on the site if given the go ahead.

Paul Belschner, the LLC agent, commented that they have every intention of developing retail buildings so long as there are businesses to fill them.

According to Mayor Andrew Halverson, the project in its entirety is projected to bring nearly \$11 million in investments into the city, along with roughly \$13 million in tax income for the city.

Environmental activists have staged a protest at a coal power plant in North Carolina. The conglomerate Duke Energy, infamous for its resistance to renewable energy and practices like mountaintop coal removal, is looking to acquire the company that owns the plant, Progress Energy, and thus become the largest utility in the country.

Despite record profits this quarter, the massive telecommunications company AT&T is looking to fire over 740 members of its unionized workforce, primarily in the southern region of the country. AT&T revenues in 2011 soared to \$126.7 billion, and its CEO racked in over \$27 million in that year alone. After ignored letters and other tactics, organizations in coalition with the Communication Workers of America Local 3204 have escalated their approach to negotiations and are now occupying the AT&T headquarters in Atlanta.

California LGBT and equal rights advocates celebrated Friday's decision by a federal appeals court, which reaffirmed that the state's ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional. With the fall of Prop 8 in California, however, comes the reminder that the LGBT community still suffers from discrimination, violence, and prison sentences due to the repression and criminalization of homosexuality across the world.

Bahraini protestors marked the one-year anniversary of the nation's introduction into the Arab Spring, which was marred by a violent crackdown, including tear gas, torture, murder, and the continued imprisonment of those exercising their freedom of conscience. A U.S.-sponsored invasion by Saudi Arabian troops assisted the regime and brutally dismantled the peace movement last year. Bahrain and Saudi Arabia are both plutocratic, authoritarian monarchies and U.S. client states.

The national branch of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) has endorsed Elizabeth Warren, head of the recently created Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and former chairperson of the Congressional Oversight Panel, as its candidate for the 2012 Massachusetts senatorial election.

Riots by over 800,000 people left dozens of buildings in Athens ablaze Sunday, after the Greek parliament's approval of the controversial austerity plan imposed by foreign lenders, the European Commission, and the International Monetary Fund. The plan includes, among other harsh measures, a 22 percent cut in the minimum wage and 150,000 government employee layoffs by 2015. Unemployment in Greece is at 21 percent and rising.

Pro-Palestinian analysts and advocates were infuriated when the LGBT organization Equality Forum invited the Israeli ambassador to the United States as the keynote speaker of their May conference in Philadelphia. Equality said it was celebrating reforms upholding LGBT civil liberties in Israel. Critics pointed to the fact that Israel's theocratic government establishes legal distinctions between the Jewish and the 20 percent of the population who are Palestinian, who are given a lesser status and limited civil liberties.

news

Struggle for Water is a 21st Century Universal

It takes roughly this much water to produce...

An automobile.....	39,090 gallons
One pair of jeans.....	1,800 gallons
A cotton t-shirt	400 gallons
One kilo of rice	800 gallons
One kilo of grain-fed beef	3,963 gallons
One barrel of beer	1,500 gallons
One to-go latte	53 gallons
An individual bottle of water	1.85 gallons
One pound of wool	101 gallons
One pound of plastic	24 gallons
One pound of steel	62,000 gallons
One pound of cement	1,360 gallons
One ten-minute shower	30-50 gallons

Graph by Michael Wilson

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COMMENTARY

Deny global warming all you want. There are over a billion people on Earth who currently do not have access to drinking water, to whom a debate over human alterations to the earth's ecosystem, and the effects of resource depletion, is futile. Simply, there are people who do not have the privilege of denying climate change.

Here is what Panama and Peru have in common with North Dakota and Wisconsin: in each of these four cases, as in dozens of others, grassroots organizations hope to impede the construction of hydroelectric plants, oil rigs, iron mines, or an oil pipeline, projects which they see as detrimental to the future of the biosphere.

Central to each of these cases is the question: do citizens have rights over land and water, or do corporations like Savia Perú, Newmont, TransCanada or Gogebic Tracomite?

Civil organizing against the Penokee mining project in the wetlands of Northern Wisconsin, despite its continuous advances in the state legislature, resemble the organized citizen actions that pressured President Obama into postponing the approval of the Keystone XL pipeline in January.

The approval of Keystone XL, which would transport tar-sand extracted oil from Canada to refineries in the Gulf of Mexico, has been delayed until 2013. However, Congressional Republicans plan to remove President Obama's oversight over the pipeline's approval by inserting it in a transportation bill that would force the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve the project within 30 days.

Over 5,000 protestors have united

to raise awareness about and protest the Conga mining project in Cajamarca, Peru, through the organization of a Gandhi-reminiscent national march. The "Water March" now approaches Lima, the capital city of Peru, where it plans to hold a National Forum on Water Justice.

A spokesperson for the March said its objectives are to put the right to water as a national priority through nonviolent mobilization. The Water March was mainly organized by the Cajamarca Environmental Defense

Every day, roughly 2 million tons of human waste are disposed of in the world's water bodies. In the developing world, 70 percent of industrial wastes are dumped into the usable water supply, upon which depend billions of people.

The UN estimates that each person needs a minimum of 20 liters of freshwater daily, which is used for basic needs such as cooking, drinking and cleaning. They also estimate that it takes 2,000 to 5,000 liters to produce one person's daily food.

"Water is the primary medium through which climate change impacts the earth's ecosystem and people." -WWAP

Front, as well as hundreds of fishermen from the province of Chimbote, who fear that biodiversity will be threatened if the oil company Savia Perú follows its plan to build an oil rig 20 miles off the coast, and if the mining company Newmont develops the Conga mine.

The March stopped in the city of Áncash, where locals summarized four main demands of the movement: intangibility of the headwaters, prohibition of using cyanide and mercury in mining, the right to consultation with the towns and the declaration of water as a constitutional right.

In Panama, the people of Ngäbe Buglé took over a highway last month in protest of a series of mining and hydroelectric projects in their region. National police have forcefully and violently removed them since then, but the indigenous group's leader Silvia Carrera, the first female in her position, vows to upkeep the struggle for the rights to clean water and land.

Most of the water in the world today, however, is not used for basic needs. Of all the freshwater in the world (only 2.5 percent of the total water in the world), humans have appropriated over 50 percent. Of that, 70 percent is used for irrigation, 22 percent for industry, and only eight percent for domestic use.

Water use has grown at twice the rate of the population increase in the last century. The number of people who live under water insecurity (with little or no access to drinking water) has also risen dramatically. Half of the world's wetlands have already been depleted.

Total water use is expected to increase by 50 percent in the developing world and by 18 percent in the developed world by 2025. At that time, it is expected that 1.8 billion people will live in regions with absolute water scarcity, and two-thirds of all humans will be under water insecurity.

According to the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), "Water resource management impacts almost all aspects of the economy, in particular, health, food production and security, domestic water supply and sanitation, energy, industry and environmental sustainability." Moreover, "Water is the primary medium through which climate change impacts the earth's ecosystem and people."

As governments across the world grapple with the question above—to promote direct private investment in their economies through projects such as the Penokee iron mine, or to protect their environmental sustainability—it might be useful to remember that "Climate variability, water resource management and economic development are intricately linked. Vulnerability to natural disasters affecting the water supply hampers economic performance and undermines poverty reduction goals," according to the WWAP.

As accessing water becomes more difficult for societies, the time available for individuals to spend on other activities—like education, economic production or political participation—is reduced. Other such "external" costs to global warming are difficult to calculate, due to the incontrovertible fact that virtually all aspects of society and ecology would be affected by reduced access to water.

Immigration, social and economic disruption, hunger, poverty, sanitation and public health issues, and other factors will be increasingly affected by climate change. These mutually multiplying concerns are already demonstrating their effects, as the instances of conflict and violence resulting specifically from water scarcity continue to rise.

Panama, Peru, Wisconsin and North Dakota are only four of the many frontlines of climate change, where organized citizens are fighting to stay afloat.

For example, the UN estimates that by 2030, climate change will have caused the decline of 20 percent of the snow and ice in the Himalayas, which provide water for much of the agriculture in Asia. It further estimates that by 2020, the yields of rain-dependent crops will be reduced by 50 percent. With a food crisis already in progress, this development will only lead to desperation and conflict.

As this happens, national as well as human security will be more and more jeopardized. Those of us leading privileged lifestyles will be forced to notice, even as we strangle each other over what's causing our demise.

The good news is that we can all do something about it. If you believe every drop matters, visit www.water-useitwisely.com for everyday water-saving tips.

Sports

Pointer Hockey Ices Blue Devils

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Four goals in the first and second period gave the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point a 9-3 win against the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Freshman forwards Andrew Kolb and Dylan Wizner scored two goals each in the win.

Senior forward Harrison Niemann got the Pointers on the board five minutes in the game, assisted by freshman defenseman Kevin Gibson and senior forward

Luke Nesper.

Less than a minute later, sophomore forward Max Bobrow set up Kolb for his first goal of the night and a 2-0 Point advantage.

Moments later sophomore forward Kyle Heck scored on a Kolb and Gibson assisted goal. Junior forward Johnny Meo gave the Pointers a 4-0 lead in the first period after being set up by Bobrow. Stout answered shortly before the end of the first period on a goal by junior defenseman Joe Beaudette.

"I think our key to being successful was everyone came ready to play. We played our systems well and we were up on the bench and most of all we were having fun," said Heck.

The second period scoring began when Wizner scored his first goal of the night midway through the period, taking the Pointer lead to 5-1. Niemann assisted Wizner's first goal, recording his second point of the night.

Blue Devils junior defenseman Jordan Tredinnick scored an unas-

sisted goal less than a minute later to close the gap momentarily.

Kolb would record his second goal on the night moments later. Freshman forward Scott Henegar and Heck recorded the assist.

"Our youth (freshman) have matured over the year. It is important to have the whole team playing their best and I think all of our freshman do exactly that," said Heck. "Everyone on the team has a role to play whether it's a big save from our goalies or a big hit from Dylan Wizner, they all contribute to the team in some way."

Junior forward Nick Kenney scored Point's next goal, set up by junior

forward Jerry Freismuth and senior forward Chad Bockman. Bockman then scored a short-handed goal to bring the Pointer lead to 8-2 after the assist by junior goalie Nick Graves.

Stout got another score before the end of the second on a power play opportunity by senior forward Brandon Gay. But a final goal in the third period by Wizner, assisted by Nesper and Niemann, gave the white out home crowd a 9-3 victory on Senior Night.

"I think our abilities over the season have really excelled. I think we have become more confident in the offensive zone after the Stout game and we need to carry that into this weekend," said Heck.

Graves recored 27 saves in his winning effort while Stout junior goalie Nick Hopper recorded 16 saves while allowing five goals. Hopper was replaced by freshman goalie Eric

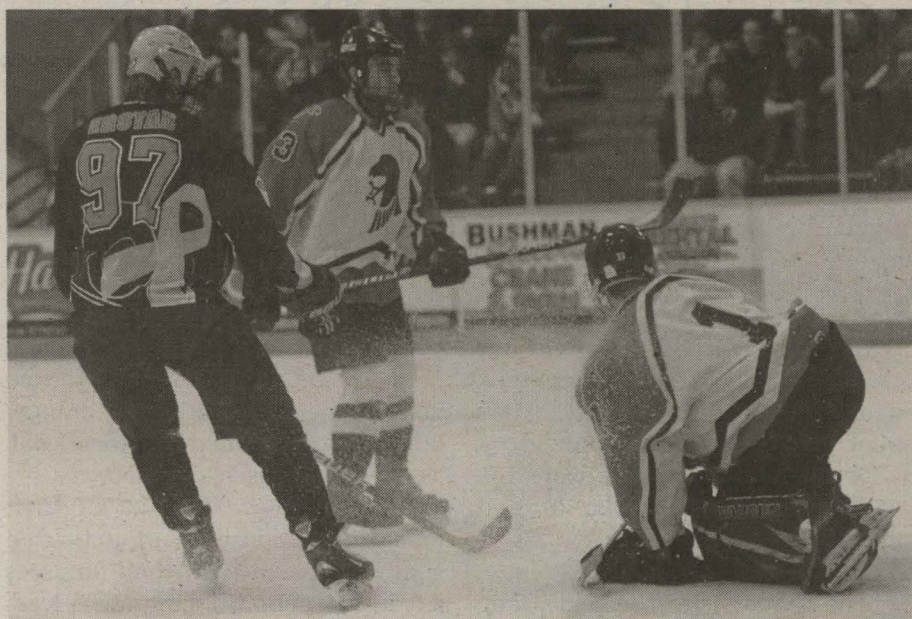


Photo by Jack McLaughlin

Andrew Kolb attempts a shot.

Wobschall who recorded seven saves and gave up four goals.

This weekend Point begins their run in the playoffs against fellow Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference member, the University of Wisconsin-Superior. The two game series will take place at K. B. Willet arena on Friday and Saturday.

"The one big thing at will help us this weekend is being at home, having our own fans at the game is a huge advantage for us, the more the fans are into the game the more we are. I think if we play our best hockey and follow the systems we will be just fine," said Heck.

The Pointers enter the tournament ranked 15 according to d3hockey.com and earned a four seed with home ice advantage in the first round. Point finished the regular season

with a 12-9-4 record, 8-6-4 in conference play. Fellow WIAC member, UW-River Falls finished ranked 11. Point split the season series with River Falls 1-1-1.

"It is great that we are ranked at the 15th spot, even though we weren't ranked at the beginning of the season we worked hard to get at the spot we are at now," said Heck.

UWSP, currently a member of the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association, will end its NCHA affiliation and compete solely as a member of the WIAC beginning in 2014. The change affects both men's and women's programs and ends what will be a 27-year relationship with UWSP.

The decision is assumed to be budget related and will involve five other conferences during the split.

Why We Need Mascots

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COMMENTARY

A good mascot provides laughs and lighthearted distraction between play. Great mascots inspire and captivate entire stadiums. They move people to the brink of tears then dry their eyes with childlike enthusiasm.

The Philly Phanatic, Bernie Brewer, the Phoenix Suns Gorilla. All these figures are heroes, legends in the sporting world. They have surpassed the role of normal mascots and taken their place as deities of the game, synonymous with the very team they represent.

How many green alien things do you know that wear a Phillies jersey? Not many.

Where do you turn your attention every time a homerun is hit in Miller Park? You look to leftfield so you can watch Bernie slide down his slide.

How often do you see a primate do flips off of a trampoline and dunk a basketball in a zoo or the wild? Maybe twice a week, or less.

Mascots are deeply ingrained in the history of the world and you may not even realize it. What was Captain America? He was a superhero, a symbol. He did things no other man could. He stood for something greater than himself. Sounds like a mascot to me.

Johnny Cash spoke for the oppressed and downtrodden. 'Man in Black' is a lyrical representation of his purpose and why he did what he did. He wasn't about personal fanfare, Cash was a team player. That's the sign of a damn good mascot.

Mascots don't even need to be living people. Mr. Met is one of baseball's historic symbols and he's an inanimate object. The Brewers have a group of the most popular mascots in the world with the Racing Sausages.

You can turn anything into a mascot, as long as people can feel its spirit.

Mascots are so pivotal in American sports that College Gameday's own Lee Corso pays homage to them each week during the college football season. As he makes his pick before each game he places the respective mascot head atop his own, basking in the omnipotence that comes with the uniform.

Wouldn't we all like to feel that loved some day? Is it not everyone's dream to reach the pinnacle of their potential and represent greatness?

Now may be that time.

A rare opportunity has arisen for any student willing to lead an army of bright young men and women. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is looking for "an outgoing person that likes to entertain and have fun" to fill the role as the legendary

Stevie Pointer.

This position is not for the weak and meager. Anyone attempting to succeed as Stevie needs to have certain qualities: heart, determination, spunk, a strong bladder, and an incessant urge to be a part of something monumental.

Being a great mascot takes time, dedication, and a lot of hard work. The Brotherhood of Mascots has no time for a lone wolf. You must become one with the team and become a symbol which represents them. You are not the main course; you are the gravy that flows across the perfectly mashed potatoes.

If anyone believes they possess the fortitude to take up the mantle of Stevie Pointer, inquire to UWSP Mascot Supervisor Mike Okay.

Remember, you don't don the suit for you, but for us all. Wear it well.

sports

Womens's Hockey Splits Weekend Series

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The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point women's hockey team played two games in Illinois this weekend against Lake Forest College. Both games went to overtime, with the Pointers winning Saturday 2-1, and losing Sunday, 4-3.

With the win Saturday the Pointers were able to snap their five game losing streak, but Sunday's loss came in heart-breaking fashion.

Saturday's action began in the first period when the Pointers took advantage of a power play, when junior forward Michelle Lunneborg netted a goal, making the score 1-0. Senior forward Erin Marvin and junior forward Brooke Hanson assisted the goal.

The Pointers' defense held strong for the rest of the first period and the entire second period.

With two minutes left in the third period the Pointers were still holding on to a one point lead, until Lake Forest junior defender Angie Chronis shot the unassisted equalizer past freshman goalie Jenna Beilke-Skoug, making the score 1-1.

Regulation time ended with a tie, and the game was sent to overtime. The Pointers didn't wait long to strike, as Lunneborg scored an unassisted goal, her second of the game, on another power play at the 2:47 mark, and the game went to Stevens Point, 2-1.

"I thought our team played well

for the whole 60 minutes on Saturday afternoon," said Pointer women's hockey coach Ann Ninnemann. "Our team defense was good throughout the whole game."

With the two goals, Lunneborg now has seven on the season. Beilke-Skoug recorded the victory, tallying 25 saves during the game.

Lake Forest's sophomore goalie Stacey Dierking logged 34 saves, but was charged with the loss.

The Pointers had a great start Sunday as sophomore forward Cassandra Salmen put Stevens Point on the board first with an unassisted goal at the 6:21 mark. One minute later Salmen scored another goal, assisted by Hansen and Marvin.

The Pointers finished off their great first period with an unassisted goal by Marvin with three minutes left in the period, taking a 3-0 lead. Stevens Point outshot Lake Forest 17-13 during the first 20 minutes.

Freshman goalie Jenna Brankin was relieved of her goalie duties after the end of the first period, and Dierking entered the game. It looked like easy sailing for the Pointers, but the Foresters mounted a comeback for the ages.

Lake Forest got on the board at 5:46 in the second period with a goal by junior forward Jenn Caldwell, assisted by senior forward Jessica Dare and senior forward Kim Herring, bringing the score to 3-1.

Six minutes later Dare scored another goal, assisted by sophomore defender Stephanie Slinde and

Chronis, bringing the score to 3-2.

The Foresters tied the score at 3-3 with less than three minutes left in the game on an unassisted goal by freshman forward Marissa Weber, sending the game to overtime.

After just three minutes into overtime Weber completed the comeback by scoring another goal on a power play, making the score 3-4. The goal was assisted by Herring and senior defender Molly Wallner.

Dierking recorded a team high 19 saves and was given the win. Beilke-Skoug tallied a career-high 39 saves, but was credited with the loss.

"We need to work on bouncing back from individual mistakes or allowing a goal," Ninnemann said. "When Lake Forest started to score in the second period on Sunday, they seemed to have caught us on our heels."

The Pointers' record stands at 10-11-2 with a conference record of 9-8-1. The Foresters' record is 13-7-2, and is 12-5-1 in conference play.

"It's now time we need to get everything in gear because playoffs are coming up and that is when we have to be at our best," Ninnemann said.

The Lady Pointers will finish up the regular season this weekend with a two game home series against Concordia University of Wisconsin. The first game will be played at 7 p.m. on Friday, and the second at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Both games will be played at Ice Hawks Arena.



Photo by Jack McLaughlin

Michelle Lunneborg prepares for a face-off against Lake Forest.

[This Week in Sports]

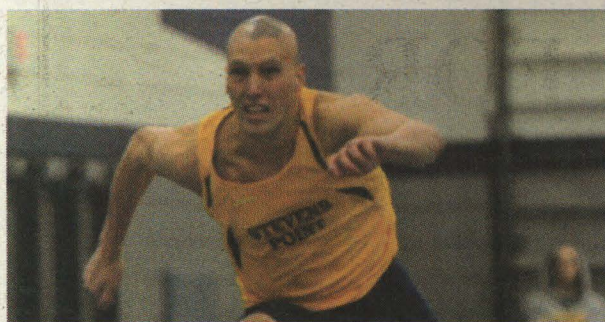


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The men's track and field team took third Friday at the UW-Whitewater Tri after racking up 147 points. Sophomore sprinter Babatunde Awosika placed first in the 200-meter with a time of 22.38. Sophomore Dan Sullivan's time of 1:53.90 was good enough for first in the 800-meter. Sophomore Scott Berry and freshman Dennis Haak finished 1-2 in the mile with times of just over 4:20.

The women's team competed in the Whitewater Quad the same day and rounded out the finishers with 104 points. Highlights included senior Erica Claas finishing first in the 5,000-meter in 19:47.49. Freshman Kelsey Laska took first in the mile with a time of 5:28.10. The team of freshmen Rika Calvin and Alesha Malueg, sophomore Hannah School, and junior Brianna Weyers won the 4x200 relay with a time of 1:50.46. The men and women return to action Saturday when they host the Pointer/Eastbay Invitational at 10:30 a.m.

The Point wrestling team fell to the nation's second ranked UW-La Crosse Eagles 27-9 Friday. Juniors Ben Strobel, 157, and Dustin Wozniak, 197, were the lone Pointers to pick up victories on the night. The team travels to Minneapolis Friday for a non-conference match against the Auggies of Augsburg College. The Pointers wrap up the season Saturday with a showdown versus UW-Eau Claire.

Pointlife

Internationally Renowned Artist Visits Campus

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On Tuesday, Feb 14 art and design students gathered in the Noel Fine Arts Center to engage with the works and listen to the advice and insights of an internationally acclaimed artist: Xu Bing. Bing's two-day visit to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point was a part of the month-long "COFAC Creates the Art Of Rewriting China."

Bing, who currently serves as the vice president of the China Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing China, is best known for installation work and his interest in calligraphy and the written word. Bing's solo exhibits of his art have been at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Washington DC, the New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, and other museums around the world.

The event was organized by senior art history student Ellen Larson with the help of others such as her advisor Professor Cortney Chaffin who started planning in the fall of 2010.

"Meeting Xu Bing was like a dream," Larson said. "He was so wonderful, so gracious. I felt like every time I had a conversation with

him, I learned more about his work as well as his thoughts on art. As a result, I felt like I grew in my understanding and appreciation of what he is doing as an artist, as well as a global citizen. His interest in fostering multi-cultural communication and global exchange regardless of one's language background is incredible."

This is the first time in the history of the Edna Carlsten Gallery that a contemporary Chinese artist has been featured in a solo-exhibition.

Growing up, Bing learned calligraphy, which is a tradition in China, and his father made him practice every day.

"It is believed that how well you write calligraphy reflects what kind of person you are," Bing said as he went through the Carlsten Art Gallery presenting his works on display there. Bing said that Chinese art and aesthetics are largely based on words, writing, and symbols.

In Bing's piece "Landscape Postcards" he used this emphasis on symbols in a new way, using words to paint the picture.

"I try to use the actual words in what I draw," Bing said. "I can get to the essence of Chinese culture."

"A lot of my works help me understand features of my culture," Bing said. "If you can understand your culture you can understand yourself and your people."



Photo by Ellen Larson

Xu Bing shares insight with Freshman Art Major Jacob Szeligowski. As a freshman, this "once in a lifetime" experience has helped me to examine my own artwork, giving me insight or perspective in the development of my art work as a student, as well as in the rest of my artistic career," Szeligowski said.

Art students got the unique opportunity to show Bing their work and gain insight from his personal critique.

"This was an experience I doubt any of them will ever forget; it was on par with having someone like Pablo Picasso or Claude Monet critique your work," Chaffin said.

During the critique session Bing stressed the importance of gaining knowledge outside of art circles to provide inspiration for artwork.

"Being able to have a critique with Xu Bing meant a lot to me," said

Graphic Design student, Stephanie Schlegel. "To be able to meet him as well have him personally look at my work and critique it and give me advice on my own art was an honor and a very humbling experience and was a truly inspiring experience."

"COFAC Creates the Art Of Rewriting China" will continue all month with a Chinese film festival and a visit this Thursday from Melissa Chiu, Director of the Asia Society Museum in New York who will be giving a public lecture at 5:00 p. m. in NFAC Room 122.

London's Like That: Observations from a Student Abroad

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COMMENTARY

Four weeks ago, I left Wisconsin behind me and sped through the night on a jet to London with the optimistic thought that, although I was travelling to an unknown place 4,000 miles from home, at least the people there would speak the same language as me. Now that I'm actually in the city of double-decker buses and endless coffee shops, however, I think I may have been mistaken...

The other day, I encountered a street sign that read, "Absolutely no fly tipping." Now, like any true Wisconsinite, I've heard of cow tipping. But I was pretty sure fly tipping was not the same thing. And if it was, it didn't sound like much of a challenge. A Google search later, I learned that there was not, in fact, a correlation between trying to turn over a four-ton bovine and a pea-sized insect. Instead, "fly tipping" refers to illegally dumping garbage, which made sense in retrospect when I remembered the sign was posted near several dumpsters.

The Brits, however, don't call it garbage. To them, it's "rubbish." One thing you might throw in the rubbish bin is the wrapper from a sandwich you ate for lunch. Instead of waiting in a line to pay for it, though, you probably waited in a "queue." I'd like to know who gave British people

the authority to put four vowels in a row. If you got that sandwich to go, I hope you didn't ask for "carry-out," because the two options here are "eat-in" or "take-away." You may then have proceeded to eat that sandwich while driving down the "motorway" back to work before grabbing your briefcase from the "boot" of the car. Sometimes I think the Brits made up these terms purely for the entertainment of seeing the looks of confusion on the faces of unsuspecting foreigners like me.

Even when I do manage to use the right British lingo, my accent still gives me away. The only thing that marks an American tourist more definitely than his or her accent is a fanny pack, and fortunately I haven't resorted to using one of those.

When I first arrived in London, I was self-conscious of my way of speaking, convinced it made me stand out like a dandelion amongst the Queen's roses. But then I started eavesdropping on the people around me and heard something that changed my attitude, something beautiful: diversity. I realized I can walk down the street and hear five different languages or accents within just as many blocks. In a city that brings together people from all over the world, no one stands out, yet no one blends in, and somehow all are accepted. London's like that.

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[a vague attempt at something delicious.]



'Nanner Bread

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When I go to the grocery store, I always buy bananas. I buy a couple pounds because, when I'm at the store, I think that I'll eat a ton of bananas. However, more often than not, I'm left with brown bananas, shriveling up in their peel. At this point there's only one thing to do with those bananas, and that's to make some banana bread.

A quick Google search of banana bread will turn up around 10 million results. For me, it's a personal passion, nay, a voyage to discover all the world has to offer in bountiful banana bread that I make every single one of these Google results into a brick of dense, warm and buttery bread.

Oh yes, banana bread must be eaten at warm temperatures at all times, topped with either a bit of butter and honey or a little ice cream. I really don't know why it tastes so darn good, but I don't question it. There's always a chance that it might

be slightly arsenic while cold, like tofu (a completely unfounded claim).

As in almost every article, I have to tell you about a memory from my youth. After a long day of riding my bicycle and playing Pokémon under trees in a very small Iowan town, my grandma could always be counted on to have some fresh banana bread and a cold glass of milk. In fact, most of those days I probably spent more time at my grandma's house eating her food than at my own.

Unfortunately, I was not able to procure my grandma's recipe in time for this article. She said something about "deep secrets" and yelled, "You know not what you do!" So I decided to stop bugging her about this one. She did tell me, though, that you could freeze already ripe bananas and thaw them later to make banana bread.

This recipe is from the Food Network and it works really well; since everyone makes every single recipe from my column, you should have all the ingredients.

TOFU POT PIE

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2 large eggs
- 3 ripe bananas
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Butter a 9 x 5 x 3 inch loaf pan.
2. Cream the sugar and butter in a

large mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

3. In a small bowl, mash the bananas with a fork. Mix in the milk and cinnamon. In another bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
4. Add the banana mixture to the creamed mixture and stir until combined. Add dry ingredients, mixing just until flour disappears.
5. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake 1 hour to 1 hour 10 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Set aside to cool on a rack for 15 minutes. Remove bread from pan, invert onto rack and cool completely before slicing.

RECIPE



Photo by Jordan Lorraine
Over-ripe bananas can be used to make banana bread or can be frozen to make bread at a later date.

Fish Collection Helps Students Thrive

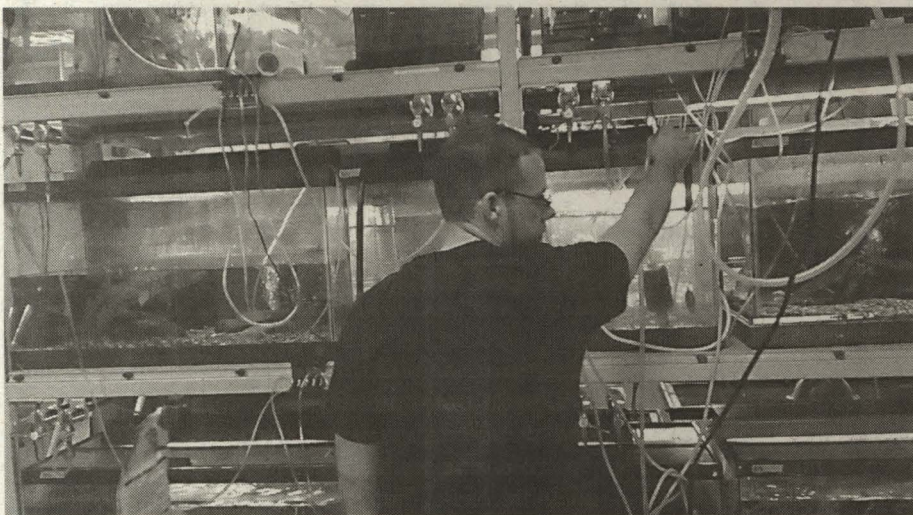


Photo by Brian Luedtke
Fish volunteer John Grosch cleans the fish tanks.

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Nestled within the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point's College of Letters and Science and located on the fourth floor of the Trainer College of Natural Resources building is the biology department fish collection. The collection consists of a fluid vertebrate (preserved) portion and a living fish, reptile and amphibian portion. Students are able to gain valuable hands-on experience with living and preserved animals in a friendly, relaxed environment.

According to Justin Sipiorski, Assistant Professor of Biology and curator of the Colleges of Letters and Science Museum of Natural History, the fish collection began with the first ichthyology specialist George Becker in the mid 1960s. Becker, with the help of his students, collected the first 8,000 lots of the collection and created the book "Fishes of Wisconsin," published in 1983. The book is a staple reference book for ichthyologists and fisheries scientists across North America.

"We've got live fishes along with live reptiles and amphibians. We've

got a fish collection that has about 20,000 lots, which is a jar of fish... essentially the collections of one species from one location on a date, which date back to basically the turn of the twentieth century," Sipiorski said.

Both the live and preserved fish collections are located adjacent to the ichthyology lab and classroom, providing invaluable learning tools for students.

"Ichthyology is literally the study of fishes," Sipiorski said. "As part of a well-balanced fisheries program ichthyology is one of the core classes and is where students are exposed to very basic notions of taxonomy, evolution, physiology, anatomy ... that sort of stuff."

Kyle Wagner, sophomore biology and chemistry major, came to UWSP specifically because of the ichthyology laboratories.

"I was originally going to go to Madison, but I decided to come here to Stevens Point just because this laboratory is so open to everybody," Wagner said. "At Madison or a bigger university you would never be able to have contact with the animals like this. This will look really good on a resume and help me get into graduate school."

Wagner is a volunteer who comes and cleans the tanks and is starting research this semester breeding sun-

fish in captivity.

"You have to get temperature right, habitat right, diet right and hopefully they end up working out, but a lot of times it is a lot more difficult in captivity than it would be in the wild," Wagner said.

The purpose of the lab is "to educate people about some of the animals that we have here, and then also get hands-on experience in being able to care for them, and you know, learn more about them," said Taylor Heck, co-manager of the live amphibian collection and wildlife and biology major.

"I like getting the experience with the animals without having to go somewhere outside of school," said Emily Fleischauer, salt water co-sub manager and biology major.

"It gives valuable experience, for not only handling these types of animals, but also because when you get manager experience you learn about teaching others or training new volunteers, and you are not only teaching them, but you are doing presentations for clubs and also the public," Heck said.

"It gives you lots of hands-on experience with live animal fish husbandry, teamwork building experiences and working with each other," said John Grosch, fish volunteer, fisheries and biology major.

Veterans Club Holds Successful Fundraiser



Photo by Zach Ruesch

Veterans Club members fish in the frigid cold to raise money for Camp American Legion.

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Despite frigid temperatures and blustery winds pushing the wind-chill below zero, the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Veterans Club held a very successful First Annual Veterans for Veterans Ice Fishing Contest Saturday on Lake DuBay.

"We raised around \$1,000 for Camp American Legion," said Patrick Seybert, who headed the planning for the event.

Camp American Legion is a resort in Tomahawk, WI, run by the American Legion that is free to Wisconsin veterans who are in need of rest and recuperation from any physical or psychological afflictions they may be suffering from.

In the first year of its existence, members of the Vets Club said they were happy with how the event turned out and that next year it should be even better.

"Around 60-70 people showed up," said Zach Reusch, Veterans Club President. "We were expecting around 125-150 but I think the inclement weather kept some people at home."

Temperatures struggled to get out of the single digits in the morning, with the wind chill making things feel like it was negative 15.

"We were fortunate enough to obtain a tent that allowed people to get out of the wind," Seybert said.

All participants ended up donating the fish they caught to The Salvation Army in Stevens Point.

"We came up with the idea last spring, with planning initiated around October," Seybert said.

"Patrick had the vision, drive and determination to make it happen," said Reusch of Seybert's role in the event. "Without him it never would have happened."

Veterans Outdoor World also helped with planning for the event. VOW is an organization that is "committed to using hunting, fishing and the outdoors as a form of therapy, camaraderie and friendship" toward veterans.

The Vets Club currently has around 70 members, with around 325 veterans currently attending UWSP, according to Ann Whip, veterans coordinator for campus.

Education Students Promote Hmong Culture

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Education students in the Student Wisconsin Education Association (StWEA) at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point are helping educate elementary schools about Hmong culture with help from the Community Learning through America's Schools (CLASS) grant.

StWEA is an organization that provides extra support for education majors by helping students find professional development. As these students network and gain experience through volunteer opportunities, the transition from being a college student to working in a school is put at ease.

Each year StWEA has a chance to write grants and receive money to provide UWSP education students with extra experiences and help improve our community and our schools. This year StWEA applied for and received the \$1,000 CLASS

grant, which was funded through the National Education Association (NEA), a nationally recognized organization for education professionals.

The CLASS grants are earned by students to perform community service projects they design and organize. The UWSP education students found their inspiration for their service project to promote Hmong culture from the increasing enrollment of diverse students in the Stevens Point Area School District.

"I have heard nothing but positive things about the grant and am sure this will be a positive addition to the Stevens Point StWEA organization," said Casey Bahr, StWEA president.

As the students are finding that books relating to the Hmong culture are lacking in Stevens Point schools, they hope to use the money they receive to buy Hmong children's books, such as "Zaj Lus: Hmong Children's Story Collection," to donate to each of the schools in the

Stevens Point School district.

Lisa Blume, the StWEA involvement coordinator, is in charge of leading the committee.

"Along with the donation, we plan to put on a read aloud of the stories to present the books to the schools. As for the schools that we can't perform the read aloud, we will create and provide for them a screen cast of the book," Blume said.

The screen cast is planned so that the students will be able to log onto the UWSP College of Professional Studies' YouTube page, www.youtube.com/uwspcps, and hear the book read in either Hmong or English.

StWEA is teaming up with the Hmong and South Eastern Asian American Club (HaSEAAC) to educate the Stevens Point and local communities on the Hmong culture. As members of both organizations will be reading these books to the students, the HaSEAAC will also bring awareness about issues and events happening in the Hmong community

as they incorporate the books into their Spring Festival, Bahr said.

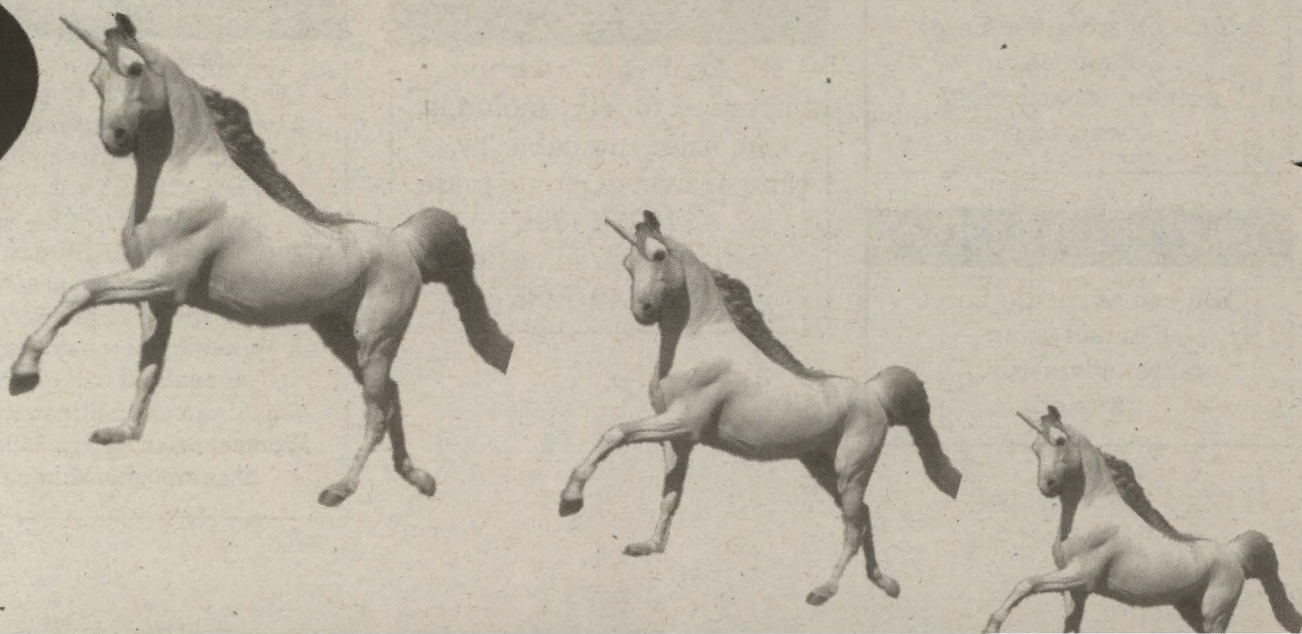
President of HaSEAAC, senior Julie Lee, plans to meet with StWEA throughout the semester to plan the program.

"StWEA approached us first semester to see if we would be interested in helping them with the project if they were to get the grant. We were more than happy to help them promote our culture through reading the Hmong books," Lee said.

HaSEAAC will help StWEA read the books to the elementary school and make the event more of an experience for the children by wearing their traditional Hmong clothing at the readings.

"Because the Hmong people have been in Stevens Point for a long time, we look forward to educating the youth on our culture so they grow up with open minds," Lee said.

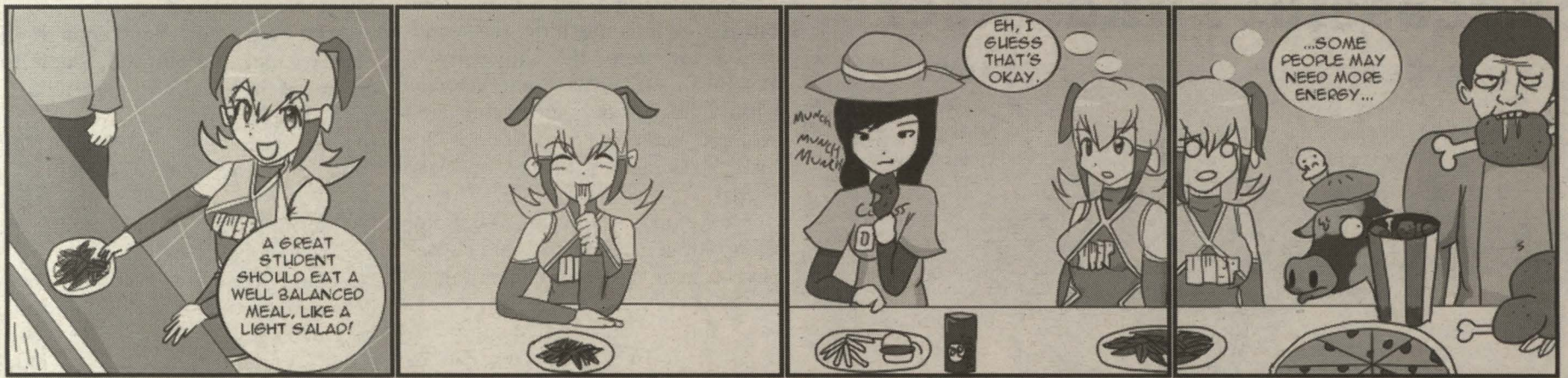
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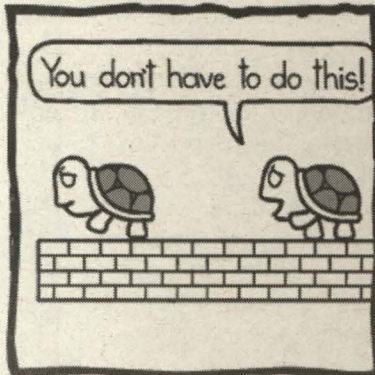
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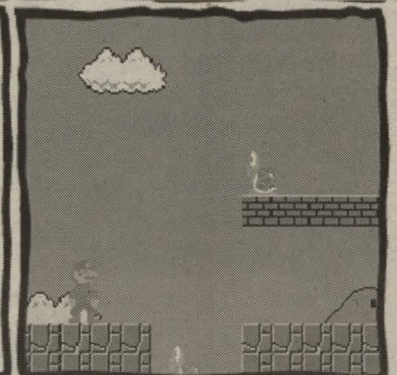
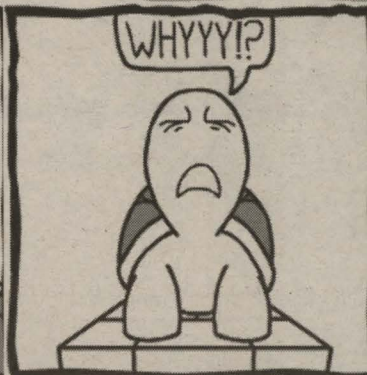
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A majestic eagle flies in downriver from the DuBay dam.

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Opinion

The Best Breakup Songs of All Time

THE POINTER STAFF

Valentine's Day was this week, which obviously means that we need a list of the Best Breakup Songs of all time.

Love Will Tear Us Apart- Joy Division

Even though it's a little bit cliché, the song is a good thing to listen to if you're feeling down or happy. Because sometimes a break up means a new beginning.

Cry Me A River- Justin Timberlake

It's kind of a classic, don't you think?

Turning Tables- Adele

Adele's voice just makes you sad, angry, and hopeful all at the same time. And plus, Adele songs have been scientifically proven to evoke tears in the listener, according to British Psychologist John Sloboda,

because they contain appoggiatura. This is an note that clashes with the melody to create a dissonant sound.

Go Your Own Way- Fleetwood Mac

Fleetwood Mac is just perfect for everything, you can jus relate it to everything. During the recording of this song, Fleetwood Mac members Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham were actually breaking up.

Seventy Time 7- Brand New

This is more about a break up between best friends, but it's brutal and honest. Jesse singer of Brand New and his best friend were in Taking Back Sunday together and had been best friends since grade school. Jesse was dating this girl and then his best friend slept with her. That's where the song came from.

Bye Bye Bye- N'sync

It's the ultimate break up ballad for junior high kids. And it's N'sync.

You're So Vain- Carly Simon

It's the ultimate slap of a song.

Since You've Been Gone- Kelly Clarkson

It's the best feel-good anger ridden break up song.

Come Back Song- Darius Rucker

Sometimes it just takes some deep and heavy "I'm-so-loney" tears to make you realize how pathetic you are for crying over a certain someone. It helps you move on.

Irreplaceable- Beyoncé

Beyoncé has the perfect power woman attitude of "I can do this!" mentality. It's a song of women empowerment. She not only has the

strength to kick him out for cheating, but also repossesses his car.

Before He Cheats- Carrie Underwood

Speaking of ruining cars because of cheating man, Carrie Underwood, keys her man's car.

Paper Wings- Rise Against

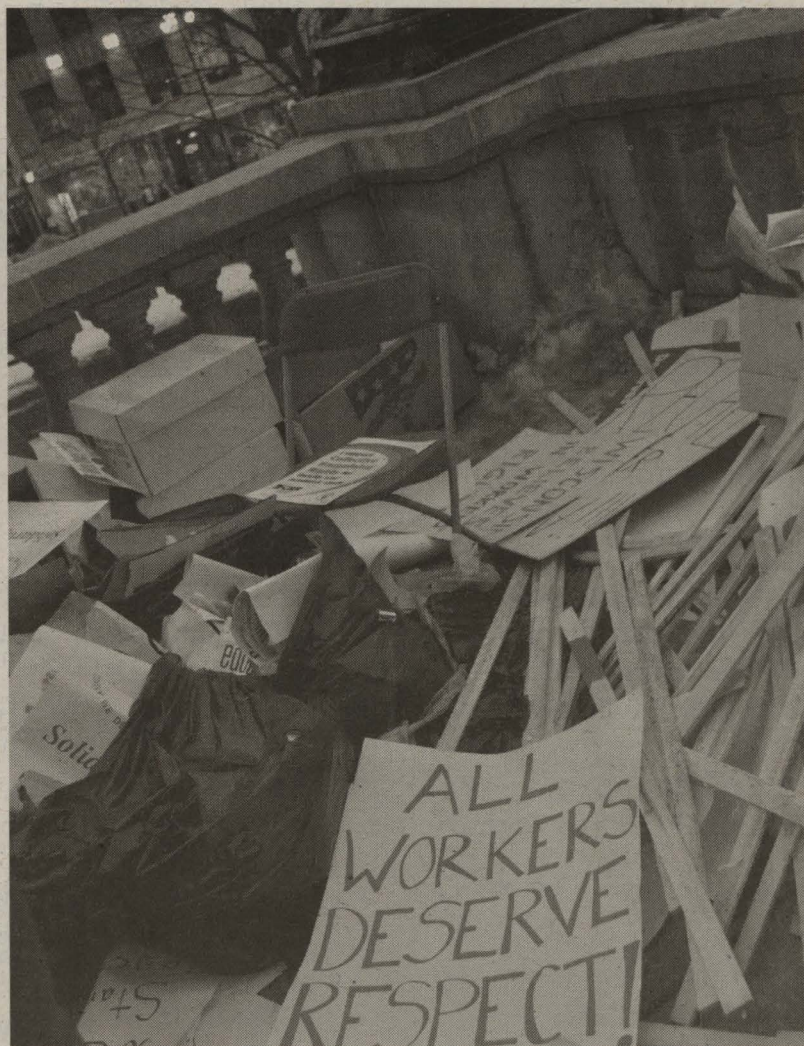
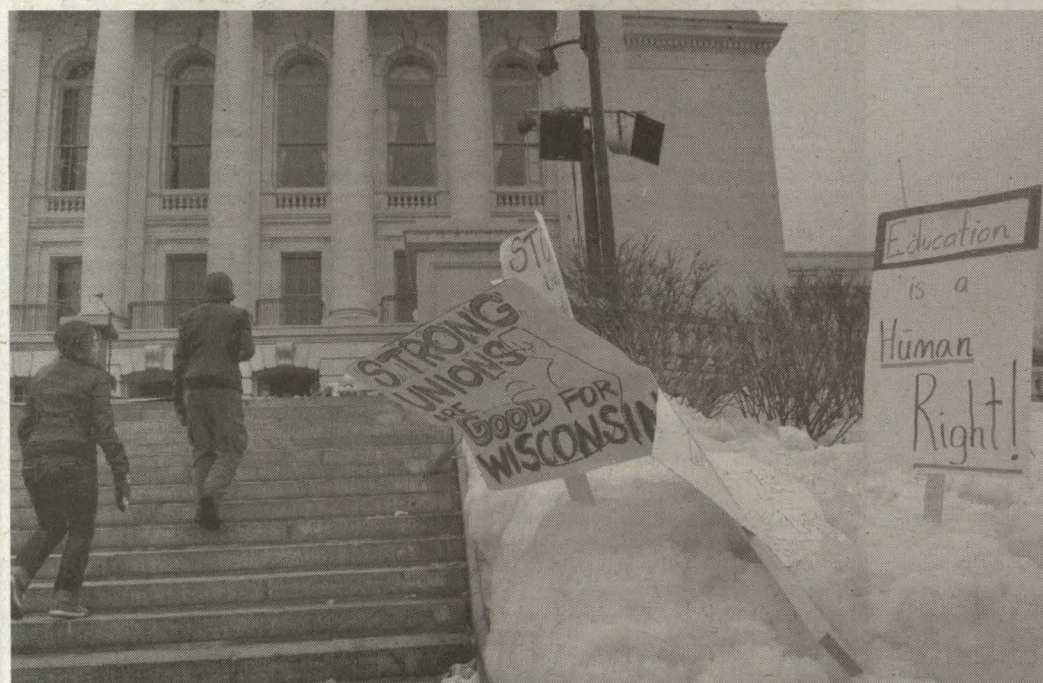
For when your significant other just has a case of wet feet.

When it Hurts so Bad- Lauryn Hill

It's an honest and real break up song. It's honest in the fact that it says that what you want in that moment is what might hurt you the most: "What you want might make you cry, what you need might pass you by." Sometimes you just pay attention to what you want instead of what you need.

Any Alanis Morissette song.

Wisconsin Capitol Occupation: One Year Later



Photos by Samantha Feld

Hundreds of protesters, led by groups such as Madison Teachers Inc. and the Teaching Assistants Association, returned to the Capitol Square Saturday afternoon to kick off the one-year anniversary of the 17-day occupation of the Wisconsin State Capitol. After announcing a bill to eliminate collective bargaining for most public employees in Wisconsin, Gov. Scott Walker continues to draw opposition, as over 1 million Wisconsinites signed petitions calling for his recall from office. These photographs are a flashback to the occupation.

A Peek into the "Other Side" of CAs

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You see them every day in the dorms. You might start out the day loving them while they decorate your hall and end the day hating them for busting up your dorm party. They're your community advisors or CAs.

After being a CA for two years, Kimmarie Giebel understands the unspoken difficulties.

"One thing that I have discovered is how hard it is to be friends with residents because there is a sense of keeping a distance," Giebel said. "If you lay down the rules and explain that sometimes I can be your friend and other times I have to be discipline as your CA, it all works out. There has to be a respect component between them and myself."

The primary concern of a CA is to provide a safe home by enforcing standards and rules for those living in the dorms while keeping residents connected through programming. However, many don't stop to think about what these CAs do in their down time.

"I usually work about 25 hours a week on an official week and probably 55ish hours unofficially... Wow! That's kind of amazing when you add it up. It makes it hard to have a personal life," said Denise Erenbach, CA in May Roach Hall. "I thought this would be a part-time job with a few duty nights and some meetings. It is so much more than that. You are constantly working on something or



Photo by Zachary Mixdorf
Hansen Hall Community Advisors Chelsea Buechel and Rachel Siebers prepare to make their rounds around the residential hall.

meeting with someone."

Going to school full-time and having this extent of a workload could seem daunting at first.

"The hardest part is balancing everything. It seems quite overwhelm-

ing at first to know you have a meeting at this time, a meeting at that time, desk shifts, bulletin boards, programs, and don't forget duty. But, once you get used to it, it is manageable," said Alyssa Hotter, Neale Hall CA.

As a part of "CA Duty" these individuals are required to complete two nights of duty and one day of duty a week. Duty includes making rounds to ensure that everything is working properly, residents are keeping quiet during quiet hours, and there are no issues within wings of floors. Anonymous sources explain that it's not always a picnic when doing rounds.

"I have many stories of puke being all over the floor, especially the bathroom," said a CA, who preferred to remain anonymous.

"I never actually found out who it was but the boy's bathroom was covered wall to wall in feces," stated another anonymous CA.

So with all of this work, why do these individuals continue to be CAs?

"Seeing how much I have grown as a person and how people I have helped have grown as a result is truly humbling. It outweighs the long hours of this job," Erpenbach said.

"I understood the time commitment because my sister was a CA, but I did not expect to grow as much as I have as a person through this job. I enjoy getting to know myself and my abilities through this job," Giebel said.

Whether the pros outweigh the cons or vice versa, one thing is for certain: these individuals make an impact on the lives of their residents. So take some time out of your day to say hello to these individuals. They don't bite--often.

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Thursday, February 16

Fall Timetable Available Online

7:00 pm-10:00 pm RHA
Firepit Event OUT Allen Fire

Friday, February 17

8:00pm-10:15pm
Centertainment Concert-Sick of Sarah, DUC Encore

Saturday, February 18

8:00pm-10:00pm Spring Gala,
DUC Encore

9:00pm-11:30pm FreezeFest-The Locals Show,
DUC Laird

Sunday, February 19

7:30pm "The Philadelphia Story,"
Central Wisconsin Area Community Theater
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Sunday Cont.

7:00pm-11:00pm Kento Anime Society Post
Valentine's Dance, Lower Debot 073

Monday, February 20

10:00am-3:00pm Blood Center Blood Drive,
DUC Laird

5:00pm-7:00pm HPHD-Community Weight Race Presentations,
DUC Alumni

Tuesday, February 21

7:00pm-8:30pm Any Swing Goes Ballroom Dancing,
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Wednesday, February 22

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