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Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology Receives Research Grant of \$499,965

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The Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology was recently awarded a federal grant of \$499,965 from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the purpose of conducting studies on the residual pieces from crops, and turning the waste into useable household chemicals.

Out of 170 grant applications; the institute was selected along with approxi-

mately 20 other organizations. The grant will span over a three year time period in which the program plans on developing waste from produce into usable chemicals. The institute, as a part of the University, carries out research with bio-fuels, and other promising areas of sustainable technology.

Executive Director of the institute, Paul Fowler stated, "We know fruits and vegetables are healthy; our goal is to show how to put the vitamins and antioxidants found in fruits and vegetables in commercial use."

Wisconsin has no shortage of fruits and vegetables or bio-waste for that matter. As a large agricultural presence in the United States, our state has a hefty job market surrounding the produce industry. The vegetable production and processing sector provides around 30,000 jobs in the state. With the research project, the Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology has the potential to bring many more jobs to the \$6 billion industry.

Central Wisconsin specifically possesses a large potato industry. This farm-

ing requires mass irrigation due to the sandy soil located here. Sandy soil does not hold water well, and by heavily irrigating the potato crops, ground water is being heavily consumed.

Despite the positives of recycling the extra plant matter for other uses; some disagree with the irrigation-intensive farming practices found near Stevens Point.

When asked about the intentions of the program, Nick Krupp, a graduate of the land use planning program said, "It could be a step in the right direction,

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Knives and Switchblades Now Legal On Campus

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Gov. Scott Walker has signed into law a bill which allows people to carry concealed switchblades and knives of all kinds without a concealed carry license.

Now students, faculty and community members will be able to carry concealed knives anywhere on campus, with the exception of university buildings.

"I feel like people should have permits and background checks before being allowed to do this. That way we can keep weapons out of the hands of those who might be mentally unstable," Felycia Noblet, junior english major, said.

Walker signed the bill on Feb. 6 while attending the annual state convention of the National Rifle Association and Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Ranges, Clubs and Educators Inc. in Weston, WI.

According to the new law, anyone who is able to legally possess a firearm is allowed to carry a knife or switchblade.

"Wisconsin citizens have the fundamental right to defend themselves and feel safe and secure in their homes

and we remain committed to protecting those rights," the governor said in his statement.

Bill Rowe, protective service and parking director, believes that as long as those who carry a concealed knife follow the established laws there will be negligible impact on students and faculty.

"It's a weapon that's regulated under the concealed carry act. I don't think it will affect safety at all," Rowe said.

Any local businesses that wish to have knives or switchblades prohibited will be required to post a 'no weapons' sign which will apply to both guns, knives and other weapons.

Juveniles will also be allowed to carry concealed knives anywhere in Wisconsin.

"I feel like you shouldn't need to carry a knife unless you feel like you're in inherent danger. I definitely don't feel like there's a need to carry weapons on campus," Jayke Meyers, sophomore public relations major, said.

In 2011, Wisconsin became the 49th state to allow its citizens to carry concealed guns. However, the manufacturing, distribution, selling and possession of switchblades has been illegal in Wisconsin for decades. Until now.

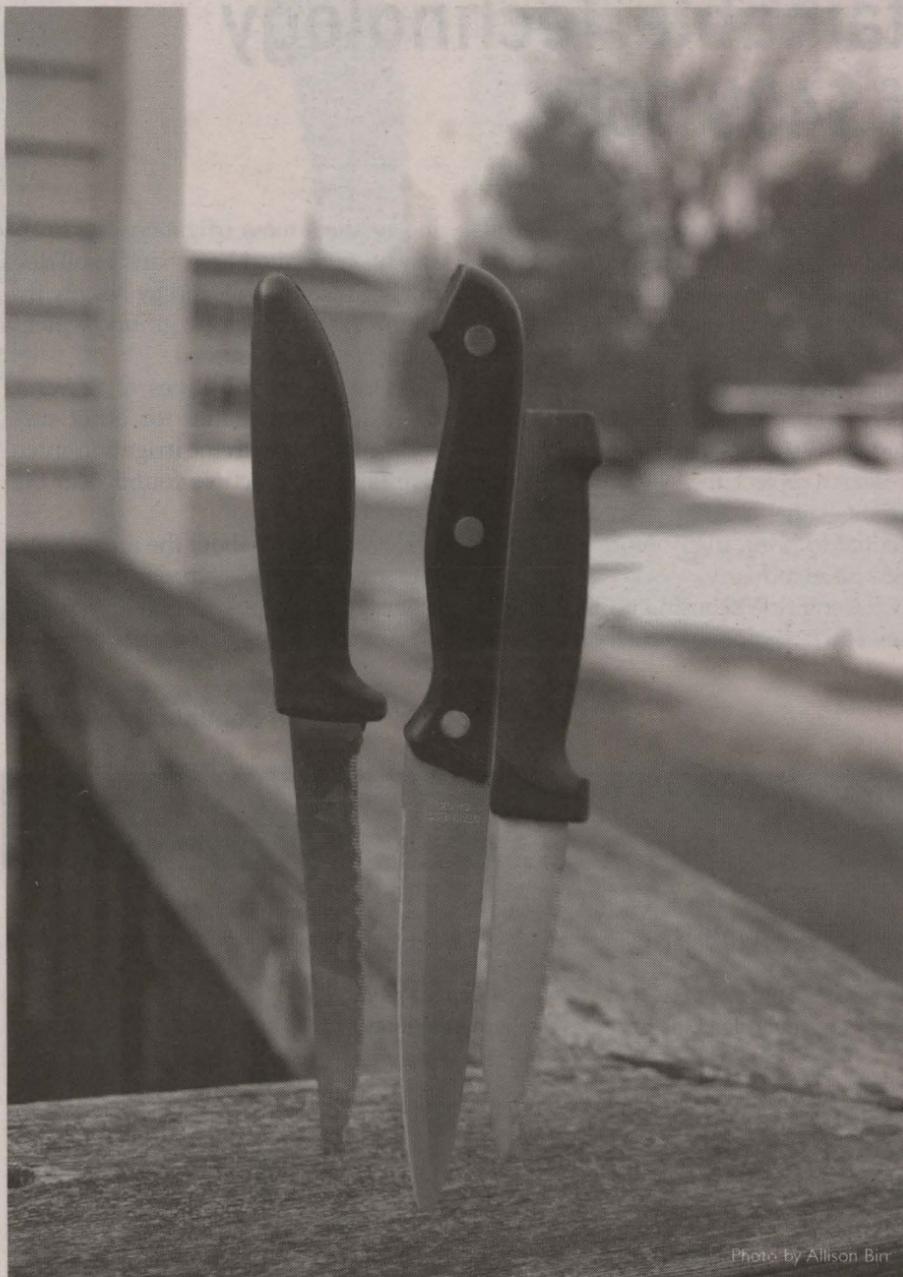


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PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Sunday, Feb. 14

At 2:01 p.m. a call came in from Hyer Hall about a vehicle that apparently broke its axle and was sitting in the middle of the road.

Monday, Feb. 15

At 9:39 a.m. a student reported a male in a vehicle that pulled up by her, asked if she was a student and then offered her a ride. The male was a heavy set 21-22 year old with a brown beard in an olive green pick up truck.

A male called at 8:21 a.m. to report many people smoking near Baldwin Hall while crossing through Parking Lot V.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

Student called at 10:46 a.m. because her roommate was in the hospital and she was wondering if there was a cab to bring her home.

A staff member called because he locked himself out of his office at 5:59 p.m. and wished to be let back in.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

At 12:06 a.m. a staff member called because a resident got into an altercation with his ex-girlfriend and was injured. He was unsure if the man needed an ambulance.

The Dean of Students called at 3:23 p.m. to request information on a particular student.

Thursday, Feb. 18

At 9:41 a.m. a 20-year-old female student had an elevated heart rate.

At 3:20 p.m. a female called PS to report that her car was hit by someone that morning in Lot F. The officer asked if she had filed a report and she stated that she just drove home.

Friday, Feb. 19

At 1:13 a.m. someone reported a man was stumbling around the sculpture room of the NFAC and looked as if he was going to pass out.

PS received a called 8:27 p.m. that a man had forgotten his white mac laptop charger in the science building. He was distressed.

Saturday, Feb. 20

A shopping cart was discovered near the DUC at 2:34 p.m. It held four beers in a Micky's box and was returned the next morning to Shopko, without the beer.

Individual called at 10:04 p.m. to report a kid in a blue sweat-shirt running around the outside of Watson Hall yelling profanities over a speaker phone. PS did not catch the individual.

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Students Voice Opinions Concerning Presidential Election

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UWSP students have varied opinions about the election for the 2016 presidency.

For many, this will be their first time participating in a presidential election.

Jillian Behling, sociology and social work major, thinks our current political system is content with young people not voting.

"We have the resources, faculty support and peers that can assist us with making an educated decision," Behling said. "Not caring is not cool."

Behling thinks many students feel indifferently about the elections and hold negativity toward the political system.

For months now, candidates have been campaigning, debating and putting out TV advertisements. Now that two primaries have taken place, we hear two names more than any of the rest: Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders.

Chanel Becker, sophomore pre-occupational therapy major, had an opinion as to why Trump is getting attention and ranked highly in national polls.

"He is stern and means what he says. People may like him because someone has to say something and he's willing to be that someone," Becker said.

She continued on to say, "Bernie is honest and more traditional for democrats and that attracts our generation. I'd like to see someone open to different cultures and is understanding of those."

Ashley Radmer, sophomore, said, "I would like to see someone who cares strongly about changing healthcare, veteran benefits, and understands the roots of American diversity."

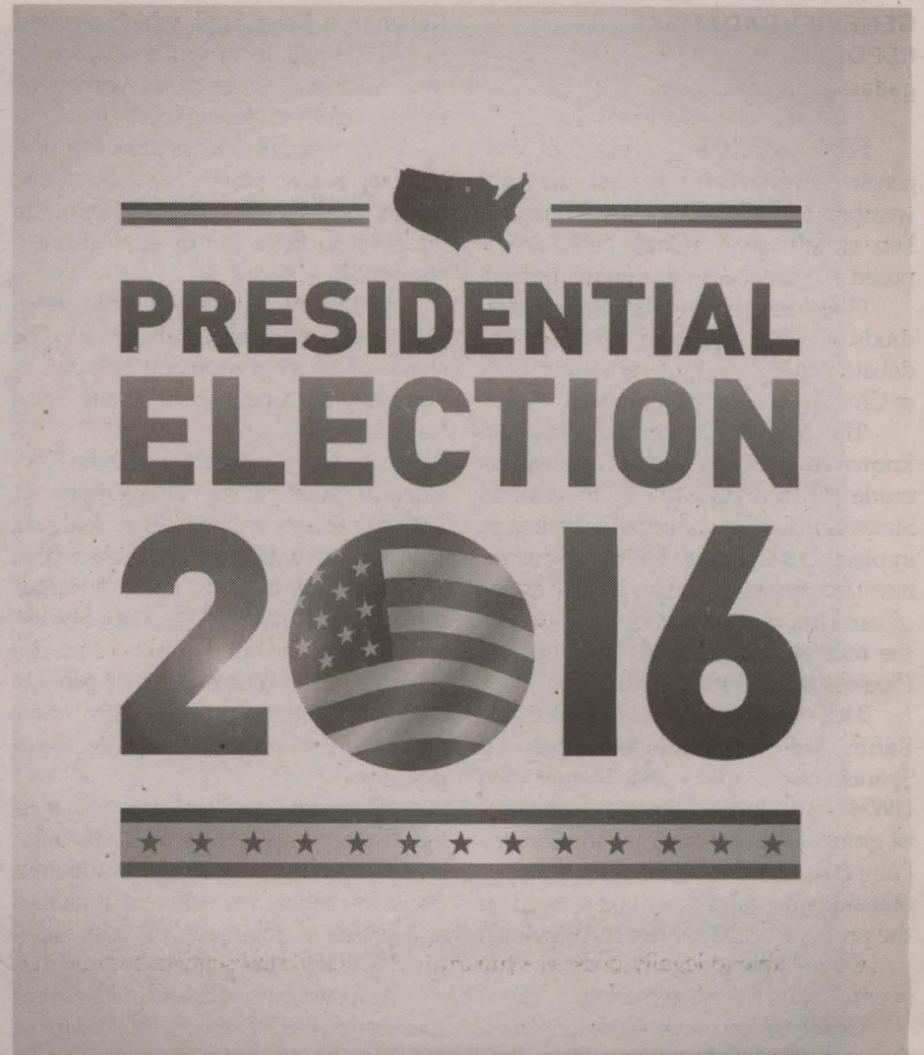
Recently, a UWSP student survey was taken to determine who students would be likely to vote for.

For the Democratic Party: Bernie Sanders is at 92.6 percent and Hillary Clinton at 7.4 percent.

For the Republican Party: Ben Carson is at 38.5 percent, Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz are tied at 23.1 percent, and Donald Trump is at 15.4 percent. Jeb Bush and John Kasich polled at zero percent.

Seventy-four percent of students said they will be voting in November and only 26 percent said they do not plan to do so.

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University Aims to Expand Gender Neutral Bathrooms

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On campus there are currently three residence halls providing students with access to gender neutral bathrooms: Smith, Steiner and Watson. Having gender neutral bathrooms on campus helps transgender or genderqueer students feel comfortable in the residence halls.

Tiffany Koeshall, Knutzen Hall director, said that all of the residence halls on campus will eventually have gender neutral bathrooms if it is what the students want.

About 1,000 students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point participated in a survey about gender neutral bathrooms.

"As administrators and a housing department, we see benefits to having all gender bathrooms, but we don't want to further promote it if students don't want it. We know that not all students identify as male or female and we want our residence halls to be welcoming to students with all different identities," Koeshall said.

The expansion of gender neutral bathrooms on campus is contingent on the results of the survey, which has yet to be analyzed. Koeshall believes that the expansion of gender neutral bathrooms on campus will make for a more inclusive environment.

"Last year we discussed what we could do to have gender inclusivity in the rest of our buildings. We have the ability to have some say in what our bathrooms are labeled as, so that's the route we went with to promote inclusivity," Koeshall said.

Brian Faust, director of residential living, said he has not heard of student opposition towards the gender neutral bathrooms that are currently on campus.

"We need to be helping out all of our students and make our residence halls feel like home for them. Providing gender neutral bathrooms is one of the opportunities that we can take to help them out. When we initially did this, all of the feedback was supportive," Faust said.

Malia Xiong, junior dietetics major, does not feel that having gender neutral bathrooms in the residence halls will affect her because she lives off campus.

"I think transgender people should feel welcome in the residence halls. The bathroom part is just a tough thing to talk about, I don't really know where I stand," Xiong said.

Xiong did admit that if she were living on campus the situation might make her uncomfortable.

"I do think that it's good that the university is trying to make people feel welcome on campus by being inclusive," Xiong said.



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Gender neutral bathrooms.

Clipper Is the New Keystone XL

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Students of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point braved the cold weather in Milwaukee last Thursday, Feb. 11, to raise awareness about a proposed oil pipeline expansion in the state.

"We were able to connect with hundreds of people gathered outside of the debate venue," said Cassie Steiner, Sierra Club- John Muir Chapter staff.

The Alberta Clipper pipeline, also known as Enbridge Line 67, transports crude oil from Canada to the United States Gulf Coast. The pipeline is already in place, but Enbridge has expressed interest in expanding the pipeline in hopes of carrying twice as much crude oil as the rejected TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline would have carried.

The rally was organized by Cailie Kafura, senior international studies and Spanish major, and Cassie Steiner with UWSP's 350 club, a climate change activist group. Eight members of the Stevens Point chapter went to the rally in hopes of making the candidates take a stand on the proposed expansion of the pipeline.

Over 40 people showed up from all over the state for the gathering.

Crude oil pipelines have long been the source of controversy since they have the potential of spilling, which has detrimental impacts on the environment. Enbridge's Canadian Company specifically holds responsibility for approximately 800 spills since 1999. Enbridge is also the company behind the

Kalamazoo River Spill, which resulted in 840,000 gallons of crude oil seeping into Michigan waterways, with \$765 million worth of cleanup costs.

"Who stopped Keystone? We did! Clipper, you're next!" was one of the chants used by the activists in bringing attention to their anti-pipeline demonstration.

As if that was not enough, the group also used a giant helium balloon in the shape of an angry-looking octopus to represent the many arms of the fossil fuel industry.

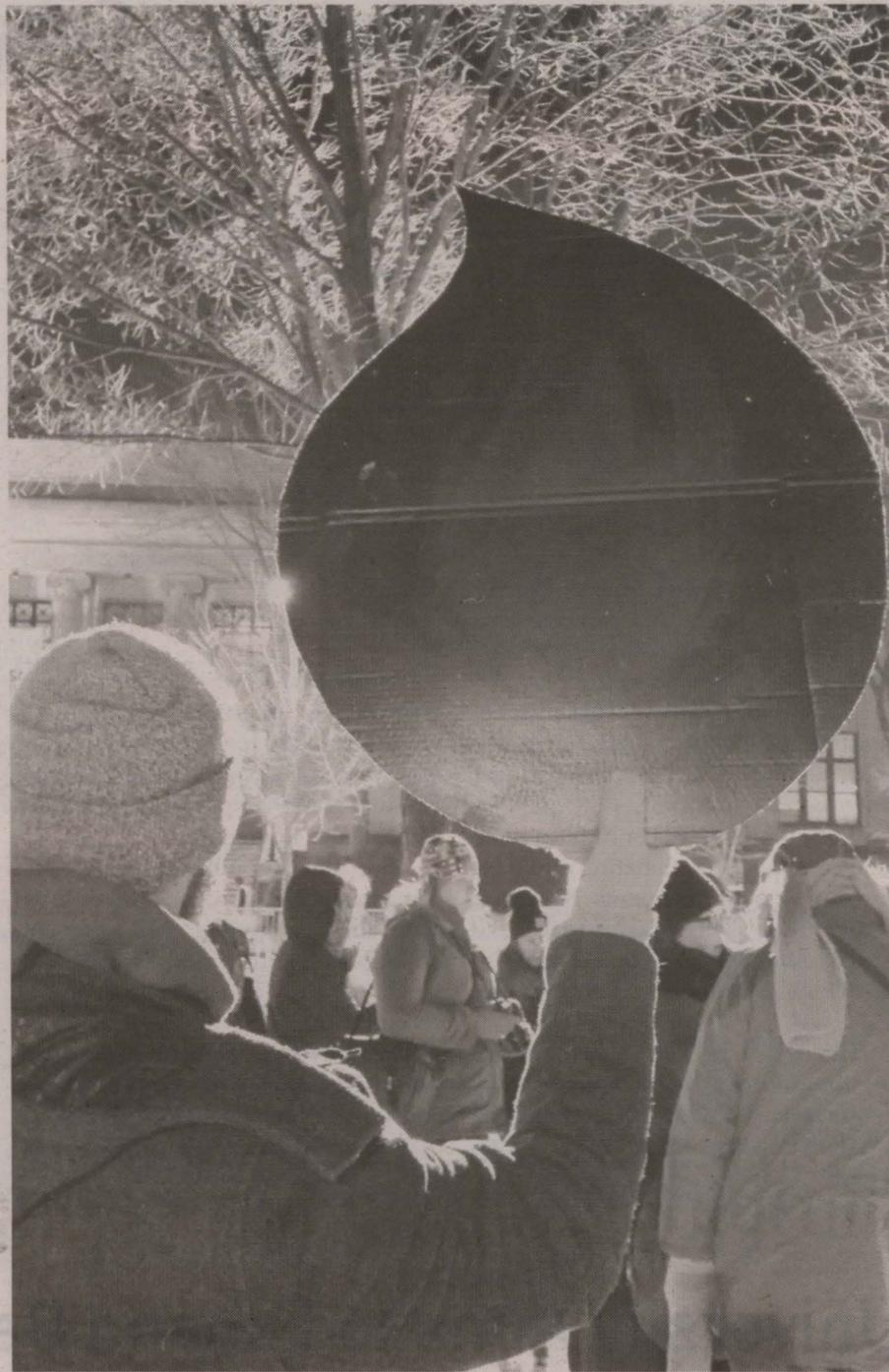
Activists out west stopped the Keystone XL pipeline from being approved with grassroots organizations. Activists in Wisconsin hope to repeat that success.

Enbridge is considered a larger threat than Keystone XL, not only because of the size but if a spill occurs, the great waters of Wisconsin that provide recreation, income and drinking water for millions of people, are vulnerable to pollution.

"Enbridge is a company that is much more intelligent than TransCanada has been because there are different decision makers for different pipelines and different segments of each pipeline," Callie Kafura said.

As a past president and avid current member of the Stevens Point chapter of 350 club, Kafura encourages those who are passionate about climate action to attend meetings, Monday nights, at 8 p.m. in Rm 116 of the CPS.

"We're only powerless if we let ourselves be," Kafura said.



Protestors at a rally against the pipeline.

Photo by Genevieve Adamski

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however, I also think it's a Band-Aid on a system that's perpetually leading down the wrong path."

The produce industry currently disposes of the roots, stems and leaves, of the desired product by spreading the waste on farm fields, or by mixing the extras into animal feed. This practice returns nutrients to the land, but not a lot of extra profit is gained by the farmers.

The nearly \$500 thousand grant awarded to WIST strives to harness agricultural waste and add it back into the economy as another source of income for fruit and vegetable growers.

Lucas Mancheski, sophomore biochemistry major, stated "We already recycle paper and plastic, but to be able to further use the waste of agriculture and get chemical compounds from nature without having to synthesize it ourselves could lead to even more advances in chemistry and recycling."

This new project with the institution could not only reduce waste, but it has the potential for creating jobs and providing natural chemicals for use in everyday household products.

The research project will begin on March 1 and Fowler said, "We are delighted to have a strong partnership with these companies and we're excited to get started."



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Jirschele Named New Head Coach for Pointer Baseball

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On July 1, 2015, Jeremy Jirschele was named head coach of the baseball team at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point by former Director of Athletics Daron Montgomery.

For the past four seasons, Jirschele was the assistant coach and helped the Pointers attain a 133-53 record. His hiring will make him the 14th coach in program history, replacing Pat Bloom who accepted the head coaching position at Washington University in St. Louis in June.

Bloom had no comment regarding Jirschele's hiring, but said he is excited for what the season may bring for the Pointers.

Before joining the Pointer staff, Jirschele served three seasons coaching baseball at Wausau West High School, two of which he was the

head coach. He proved to be an important asset for the school, leading them to two state tournament appearances.

During his tenure as assistant coach for UWSP, Jirschele helped lead the team to three NCAA Tournament appearances including a fourth place finish in the NCAA Tournament in 2013. UWSP has also won two Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament titles and finished as the NCAA West Regional runner-up in 2014 with Jirschele as the assistant.

Junior Tyler Thomka has experienced firsthand the skill set Jirschele possesses from his years as an assistant with the team.

"What excites me most about having Jirschele take over is that we as a team have a guy to look up to that has been around the game of baseball from an early age, has gone on to play college baseball, and then on to pro ball," Thomka said.

Jirschele brings a strong playing history which has included being a four-year letter winner at UW-Oshkosh. He was twice named the WIAC Position Player of the Year and was a two-time First Team American Baseball Coaches Association All-American. He also holds impressive accolades such as batting .430 over his final two college seasons, the WIAC record for doubles with 53 and his 253 hits ranks second in WIAC history. To top that off, he was named to the NCAA Division III All-Decade Team for the 2000s by D3baseball.com.

Following a stellar collegiate career, Jirschele was selected in the 30th round of the 2005 Major League Baseball amateur draft by the Kansas City Royals and would go on to play three seasons in the Royals farm system before turning to coaching.

"He kind of wants to run a pro-style atmosphere where we can enjoy the game and compete at a high

level," senior Mark Kowalke said. "He is very easy to talk to and he wants the best out of our players."

Jirschele also happens to be a part of a family that is heavily indulged in baseball. His father, Mike Jirschele, is the third base and infield coach of the Kansas City Royals who won the 2015 Major League World Series.

The younger of the Jirschele brothers, Justin Jirschele, was a three-year letter winner for UWSP baseball and went on to sign a free agent contract with the Chicago White Sox in 2012. Justin Jirschele continued playing professionally for the next three years and is currently a coach in the White Sox minor league system.

Jeremy Jirschele intends to make an impact within his first head-coaching stint as the Pointers play 10 games starting on March 17th in Auburndale, Fla.

Climbing Club Congregating for Climbing Series

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While most people are up a wall about the end of winter, the climbers of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point are prepping to climb a wall. On Feb. 27, the Wisconsin Indoor Climbing Series, a state-wide climbing competition, is being hosted at UWSP.

For the fifth year, around 30 UWSP students and almost 100 outside students from other Wisconsin schools and Winona State University will head to campus to compete in the top-rope competition. Beginner, intermediate, and expert level all compete until the finals between the top three men and top three women. Shirts, prizes and posters are offered through sponsors such as Adidas, Black Diamond, and Goal Zero.

Jarrett Roethke, senior political science major, is one of the managers of the competition and knows this opportunity allows other schools to learn more about each other and form partnerships with outdoor companies who use their brands.

The UWSP climbing group has already competed this season, traveling to Oshkosh earlier this month. The competitions create a close-knit group among the climbers. This friendship is something special to UWSP and not seen commonly among the college climbing culture.

"Our culture is more like a family," said Anthony Balynas, sopho-



Photo courtesy of UWSP Facebook Adventure/Rock Climbing Club

more wildlife ecology and biology major.

Besides creating friendships among students of UWSP, it allows them to interact with students from other schools that share the same passion. The overall feeling of the closeness and the competitiveness together create a positive feeling in the culture.

Hannah Kleitsch, a recent graduate of UWSP, is climbing this season and said, "I can't think of better

people to spend time with."

"I love the intensity it brings to my climbing," Kleitsch said.

Aside from the climbers themselves, climbing wall managers are in charge of creating around 40 unique routes for the competition. Balynas shared that he is in charge of such duties as managing sponsors, contacting sponsors, and creating the perfect climbing playlist.

"I'm stoked to be in charge of bringing a radical group of climbers

to this climbing culture," Balynas said.

Making sure the wall is in good condition, washing holds, keeping the score of each competitor, and providing food are just some of the jobs involved in this elaborate and exciting event. The competition starts at 12 p.m. and lasts until 5 p.m., and spectators are highly encouraged.

McGann Earns Career-High 35 Points in Win Over UW-Platteville

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Senior Sean McGann scored a career-high 35 points, helping the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team win their final game of the season, 72-64, over UW-Platteville. This win cemented the Pointers' spot in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship.

After a layup by McGann at the 8:41 mark in the first half, the Pointers never gave up their lead over UW-Platteville. UWSP shot just 32.4 percent in the first half, but bounced back and shot 80 percent from the floor in the second half. The Pointers scored more than half of their points in the final half, where McGann led with 21 of his 35 points.

In addition to McGann's 35 points, senior Stephen Pelkofer contributed 11 points of his own. Freshman Ethan Bublitz netted seven points and sophomore Luke Zuiker and freshman Brett Tauber both had six points.

On Saturday, UWSP traveled to La Crosse for their final WIAC matchup of the regular season against the conference leading Eagles. In the end, the Pointers were just shy of earning the win, losing 55-53.

Three Pointers scored double digits in the game, with Pelkofer knocking in 18 points. Bublitz had 14 points, McGann netted 10 points and Zuiker contributed six points.

The men's basketball team ended their season with a 14-11 overall record and a 7-7 record in the WIAC.

UWSP will return to action as the No. 6 seed in the WIAC Championship. The Pointers will take on UW-Eau Claire, the No. 3 seed, for a first-round game on Feb. 24 at Zorn Arena.

Women's Basketball Concludes Regular Season with Pair of Wins

The No. 19 women's basketball team proved victorious in their final two regular-season games against WIAC opponents.

The Pointers earned their first win, 67-54, over UW-Platteville on Wednes-

day night, sweeping the season series against the Pioneers.

Ten different Pointers contributed points in the game, with juniors Lauren Anklam and Sarah Gamillo each netting 10 points. Senior Allie Miceli added nine points of her own. Senior Joann Wolfenberg chipped in seven points and sophomore Mickey Roland had five points.

At Saturday's Senior Day game, UWSP won 70-47 against UW-La Crosse in their final WIAC regular season match-up.

Sophomore Lexi Roland had a team-high 15 points and Wolfenberg added 14 points. Mickey Roland and Miceli scored eight and seven points respectively.

The women's basketball team ended their season with a 19-6 overall record and a 10-4 WIAC record, which was third best in the conference.

The Pointers will host UW-Stout in the first round of the WIAC Championship at 7 p.m. on Feb. 23 in the Berg Gym.

Men's Hockey Moves Up to No. 4 in National Rankings

The men's hockey team has since finished their regular season schedule, but has moved up in the national rankings. Polls conducted by D3hockey.com and USCHO.com currently rank the Pointers as No. 4 in the country.

UWSP has been ranked in 52 consecutive polls from USCHO.com, as well as 49 straight polls from D3hockey.com, which are the longest stretches in program history.

The men's hockey team will be back in action in a two-game semifinal series against UW-Eau Claire in the WIAC Championship on Feb. 26 and Feb. 27 at the Hobbs Ice Center.

Women's Hockey Powers Past Concordia on Senior Day

Freshman Cara Lemirande scored a pair of goals in the first period, helping the women's hockey team earn their 3-1 victory on Senior Day over Concordia (Wis.).

Lemirande's first scoring effort of the afternoon came off an assist by senior Shauna Bollinger at the 7:39 mark

in the first period. In the final minute of the first period, Lemirande scored her second goal with an assist from freshman Lauren Smith.

Concordia made the score 2-1 in the third period, but sophomore Lexi Englund knocked in the Pointers' final goal of the game, and her first of the season, to give UWSP the win.

The Pointers outshot Concordia 45-10.

UWSP went 15-7-2 overall and finished second in the conference with a 6-3-3 WIAC record.

The women's hockey team will host UW-Superior for a pair of WIAC Championship semifinal games at 7 p.m. on Feb. 26 and Feb. 27 at the Ice Hawks Arena.

Men's Swimming and Diving Team Break Meet Records En Route to 17th WIAC Title

The men's swimming and diving team broke three WIAC meet records

second win for King and McNair. Joe Hollman won his second straight 200 IM title in 1:52.88 and Englehardt outswam teammate Donnellan by .01 second to claim the 500 free title in 20.65.

Day two saw the Pointers recording three more event wins including a new WIAC record in the 200 medley relay with the team of Brandon Richardson, McNair, Englehardt and Donnellan. Owen Gluck was runner-up in the 3-meter diving and Sean Cloghessy finished third overall.

On the final day of competition, Nate Somers set a new conference record in the 1,650 free with a time of 15:49.36 and the Pointers took home five event titles in total.

The men's swimming and diving team collected 916.5 points to win the conference title, 174 points ahead of the second place team, UW-Whitewater.



Photo by Jack McLaughlin

and claimed 12 event titles on their way to winning their 17th straight conference title this weekend in Brown Deer.

On day one of competition, the 200 freestyle relay team made up of Andrew King, Kyle McNair, Reilly Donnellan and Jack Englehardt set a new conference record with a time of 1:21.47 to win the title. This was the sixth consecutive title for the Pointers in this race and the

UWSP is awaiting news on invites to the 2016 NCAA Division III Championships set to take place March 16-19 in Greensboro, N.C.

Walker Wins Third Straight 500 Freestyle Title

At her last WIAC Championships, senior Amanda Walker earned two WIAC titles to bring her career total to

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SPORTS EVENTS

WRESTLING	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	MEN'S BASKETBALL	MEN'S HOCKEY	WOMEN'S HOCKEY	TRACK AND FIELD
Feb. 27, 9 a.m. NCAA Division III Midwest Regional Crawfordsville, Ind.	Feb. 23, 7p.m. vs. UW-Stout	Feb. 24, 7 p.m. at UW-Eau Claire	Feb. 26, 7:05 p.m. at UW-Eau Claire Feb. 27, 7:05 p.m. at UW-Eau Claire	Feb. 26, 7 p.m. vs. UW-Superior Feb. 27, 7 p.m. vs. UW-Superior	Feb. 26-27 WIAC Championships in Oshkosh

Rick Witt Returns to Coaching After Health Scare

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For 36 years, Rick Witt has brought his coaching expertise to the track and field and cross country programs at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Now, thanks to a quick recovery after a major health scare, he can continue to do just that.

This past fall, Witt suffered a heart attack and has been rehabbing since the procedure, trying to get back to full strength.

"I was very surprised when it happened because I thought my body felt good," Witt said. "I eat well, exercise, take care of my body, but I realize I maybe wasn't alright when I see how good my body feels some days now compared to then."

Witt's son, Brett, joined the UWSP track and field staff a year ago, and has taken over as head coach, continuing the Witt lineage at UWSP.

"The opportunity to work with your son at this level is fun," Rick Witt said. "I didn't have to teach him much. He has 15 years of coaching experience now, so I felt comfortable with him running the program as well as our graduate assistant, Kristin LeClair."

LeClair, in her second year as a graduate assistant, has already taken a lot of what she has observed from Witt and said she has tried to apply it to her style.

"The first thing you realize with him is his energy and connection to the players, it's infectious," LeClair said. "Between him and Brett, I try to emu-

late a lot of what they bring to the table along with what I try to."

Although Rick Witt did not think he had to teach his son much, Brett Witt said he has taken bits and pieces of his coaching philosophy with him along the way.

"The biggest thing with him is he loves the job," Brett Witt said. "He absolutely loves the interactions with the athletes, and that is something you know along with his meet strategies and whatnot is something that gets his athletes to want to perform so well for him, to see his joy when they have a good run or take a good jump."

Rick Witt checks his stopwatch during a distance race at the 2016 Point-er Quad. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen.

Those interactions are what makes the journey back easier for Rick Witt.

"I feed off the energy that the athletes and coaches bring to the table, I don't know what I would do without it because I have been around this setting almost my entire life," Rick Witt said.

While Rick Witt feeds off the energy of his staff and athletes, what he may not realize is they feed off him just as much.

"He puts in so much time and energy, which has contributed to all the success he has had. His passion and love for the sport and honesty with the athletes is something we all love," said Brittany Richard, senior distance runner. "He is going to tell you realistic expectations, and then do whatever it takes to help you achieve them."

Rick Witt has earned a number of Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year awards, has

Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen



Track and Field Coach Rick Witt cheers on some of the team's distance runners as they cross the finish line at the 2016 Point Quad.

produced 20 NCAA National Champions, as well as 170 All-Americans, but winning a national championship title as a team is the ultimate goal that keeps him around.

"Our goal as a staff, and my goal for a long time, is to win the whole thing," Rick Witt said. "We've been second before, we have had some individual champions, but I guess that's really the one thing left for me to do as a coach, win it all."

Rick Witt has come back part time this semester, and is no longer teaching. He said he is leaving his focus on some of the day-to-day operations the track & field team has to offer.

This type of commitment and dedication is what has Rick Witt

thinking anything but retirement.

"I'm not ready to be done coaching yet, I still feel good, I still love to do this, and I don't know what I would do to occupy my time if I didn't have coaching," Rick Witt said.

When that time does come, Rick Witt wants to make sure he has given everything to the program he possibly could have.

"Throughout my time here I have made a lot of great relationships, accomplished a lot of things," Rick Witt said, "I love this university, the culture it brings and how it works, so I hope this place will have me for as long as I can do this."

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seven WIAC wins in Brown Deer.

On the first day of competition, Walker collected her third 500 freestyle title with a time of 4:59.42. On the final day, she also won the 1,650 freestyle in 17:26.79. She was also runner-up in the

200 freestyle in 1:52.69.

The 400 medley relay team finished second at the championships with a time of 3:54.28. The team was made up of Emily Neinhaus, Katelyn Homeyer, Gemma Pillsbury and Walker.

The women's swimming and diving team finished fourth overall with 546 points. UW-La Crosse took home the WIAC title with 806 total points.

Walker will wait to hear back on invites to the 2016 NCAA Division III Championships on March 16-19 in Greensboro, N.C.

UWSP Track and Field Teams Win Eight Event Titles at Big Dawg Invite

The men's and women's track and field teams won eight events to secure two top-three team finishes at the Big Dawg Invite on Saturday.

The Pointer men finished first in the 11-team field with 148 points. The women's team placed third overall with 142.5 points out of seven teams.

On the men's side, junior Jerry Williams won the long jump and triple jump, posting marks of 6.72 meters and 13.67 meters, respectively. Sophomore Darin Ward was the 60-meter hurdles champion in 8.44 seconds and junior Neil Pedersen won the 3,000-meter run in 8:49.90.

The women's team recorded four event title wins—two in track events and two in field events.

Junior Jacklyn Butler posted the top time in the 60-meter hurdles for a first place finish in 9.1 seconds. The

4x400-meter relay team consisting of Leah Trempe, Kathy Derks, Autumn Nelson and Hannah Mertens crossed the finish line first in 3:55.55. Senior Kadie Flynn won the shot put with a throw of 13.75 meters and senior Shannon Burke won pole vault clearing 3.75 meters.

Both track and field teams will compete at the 2016 WIAC Indoor Championships Feb. 26-27 at the Kolf Fieldhouse at UW-Oshkosh.

Augsburg College Defeats UWSP Wrestling in Top-25 Match-Up

Three victories by individual Pointers would not be enough for No. 23 UWSP to hold the top spot against No. 7 Augsburg College at a duel meet on Friday at Si Melby Hall in Minneapolis.

Sophomores Dan Squires and Cody Nielsen and junior Logan Hermesen recorded individual wins—including Hermesen's pin against Augsburg's No. 10 Eric Hensel—but the Auggies came out with the win.

The Pointers return to action at the 2016 NCAA Division III Midwest Regional at 9 a.m. on Feb. 27 at the Knowl- ing Fieldhouse at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind.



STORIES OF AN *American Scouser*

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Anyone who knows me - even somewhat well - has witnessed my pathetic ability to make decisions. Everything from choosing which scarf matches best with an ensemble to deciding between a latte or cappuccino always ends up being a long, arduous process.

As we all know, college is full of those daunting life decisions. When they began presenting themselves to me, I had more than a little trouble deciphering my place and the best path for me.

Throughout my first year of college, I relied on others to steer me in the "right" direction. When it came to my major, jobs and extra-curricular involvements I constantly asked my friends and fam-

ily for their input to avoid my own uncertainty.

Although these conversations usually resulted in some valuable advice, they never encouraged me to fully decide on my own.

As a result, studying abroad for an entire semester was a significant feat with lots of indecisiveness involved. Not only would unfamiliar people surround me, but I would also be living in a much larger city, in a new country, on a completely different continent.

Being a third generation Pointer, Stevens Point was not exactly foreign territory, especially when your older sister lives just a ten-minute walk from your dorm. If I ever had a problem, my comfort zone was close by.

Living completely on my own in Liverpool has been an incredibly eye-opening experience, giving me many opportunities to

make decisions entirely on my own and be fully responsible for my well-being.

I have learned how to navigate the city center, use public transportation and become comfortable with being uncomfortable. Although it is intimidating at times, I am completely independent and I feel free.

Last week, my habitual uncertainty became apparent as I began planning my travels during spring break. The list of places I wanted to visit was the length of my twin-size bed, and three weeks was simply not enough time.

I obviously had some delusion I would be seeing the entirety of Europe throughout my five-month stay while studying full-time. I quickly came to the realization that would not be the case and felt anxious.

Study abroad³ What if I cannot see everything I want to see?

What if I do not get as rich of a study abroad experience as I would like because of it?

Then, I remembered that every situation depends on perspective. I reminded myself that any experience while abroad is one worth having.

True, no matter how much I travel this semester, there will always be more places to explore and experiences to have. But that means I will have to book another trip; which is fine with me.

No matter what the destination, I will always gain something each time I decide to travel during my time studying abroad.

No decision on where to go is necessarily wrong or right because I know I will learn and grow in unexpected ways. Whether or not an experience initially seems valuable, it always is.

So, look out Prague and Vienna, because I'm coming for you.

Music Review - Car Seat Headrest by Teens of Style

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Matador Records recently gained one of the shinier gems of the contemporary lo-fi scene: Car Seat Headrest, the project of Will Toledo, a young and introspective singer songwriter.

Car Seat's debut studio album, "Teens of Style," has a professionally recorded feel, but Toledo didn't stray far from his past.

"Teens of Style" maintains classic lo-fi tropes, fuzzy vocals and guitar, crashing percussion and very deluded lyrics. And yet, these characteristics do not make the album pandering to the scene.

Within this album, Toledo improved the production quality. The improvements in instrumentation and recording quality go a long way.

While more instruments are featured, namely the horns on "Times to Die" and the keyboard leads, "Teens of Style" is reminiscent of Coma Cinema's "Posthumous Release" with said instrumentation.

On the third track, "Something Soon," Toledo portrays a confessional sense. Feeling trapped by financial situation, location and neuroses, he expresses a need for escape. Mid song, all instruments drop out and leave the listener with the gripping vocal melody, repeating "I need something soon."

Track five, "Times to Die," opens with the line "All of my friends are getting married, all of my friends are right with god." This line presents the struggle of early adulthood, a theme which resonates throughout Car Seat's audience.

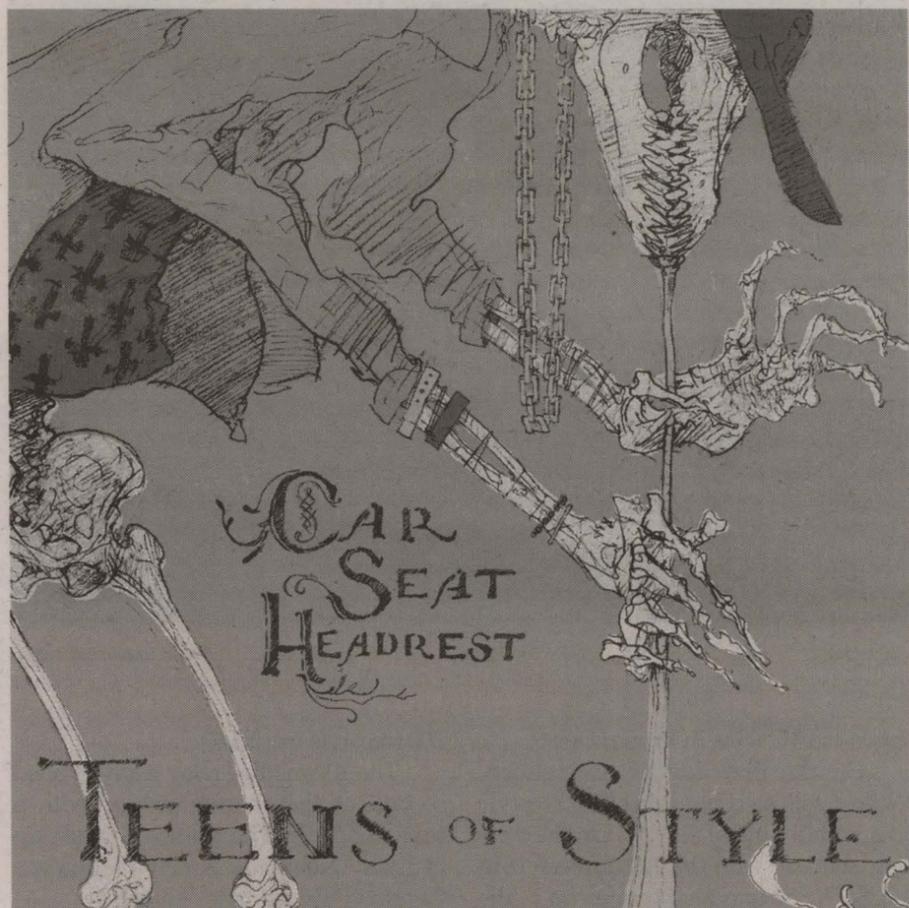
"Times to Die" turns the tables from being introspective to tracking progress by that of one's peers. As heavy as the incoming adult world can be, the track is surprisingly upbeat with a poppy sound.

This album moves around, but at times it can sound very slow like on the track "No Passion," which has a familiar tempo if you're acquainted with Car Seat Headrest's back catalog.

The album, can also be fast paced,

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'The Witch' Is a Must-See, Warts and All

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Ever since the likes of "Hocus Pocus," witches have become more of a source of laughter in cinema than of horror. With the recent release of "The Witch," things have taken a drastic turn.

There are no broomsticks or pointy hats to be found in "The Witch." This film has no interest in what you would find in a child's Halloween costume at Walmart.

This film is about deep, ancient traditions that have been lying just outside the confines of supposedly civilized society for centuries.

This notion of finding evil outside of society's boundaries is at the heart of "The Witch," and the film even turns this notion cleverly on its head. "The Witch" poses the possibility that the evil inside of our civilizations already rivals the evils we dread from out in the shadows.

The film works with the simple premise of a frontier family being mysteriously banished from their church and deciding to live out in the wild instead. They struggle with conquering the nature around them and eventually, the nature within.

There's also a witch out in the woods. Did I not mention that? There is definitely a real witch out there.

I promise this isn't just an existentialist foray into the nature of evil, it's a genuinely frightening

horror movie with one of the most chilling cinematic villains in recent memory.

"The Witch" brings evil to the screen with the same jarringly effective techniques Stanley Kubrick utilized in "The Shining." There are long stretches of cold isolation and slow-building tension until sudden instances of mind-blowing terror.

This film is a convincingly real period piece, and that realism is what makes the infrequent moments of horror so powerful. The fear presented works so well because of how alien it feels to the world we have been presented with.

This realism is the film's greatest strength, but also produces its largest flaw.

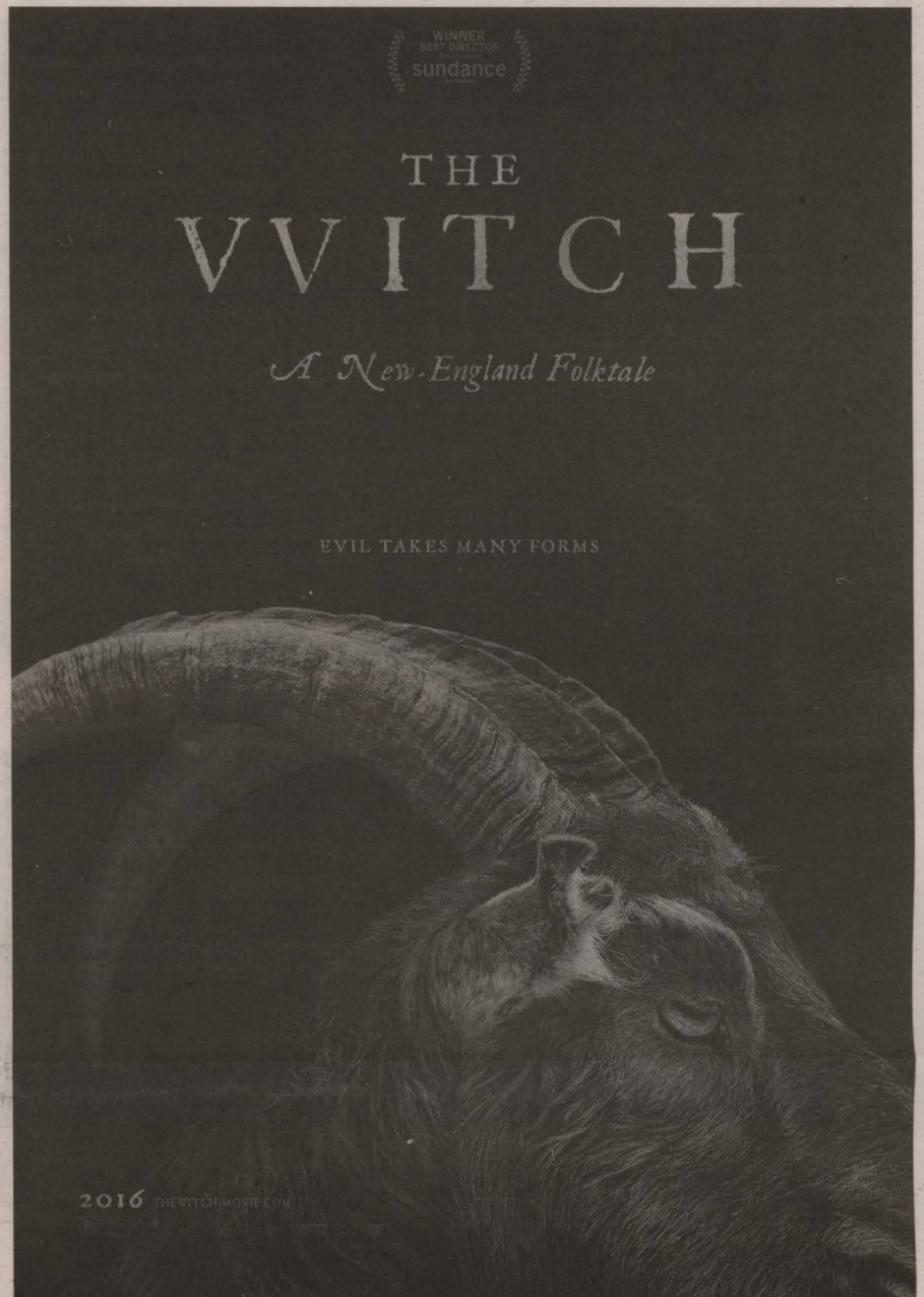
The rigid adherence to the time period produces frustratingly old-fashioned dialogue. While there is a meticulous beauty to the words, the confusion most audiences will have with it takes away more from the film than it adds.

There had to be more of a happy medium.

That being said, "The Witch" is a triumph in most other regards, and will likely be the biggest sleeper hit for horror fans this year. Many people will be frustrated with the dialogue or the slower pace, but most will be thrilled to discover such a hidden gem.

"The Witch" conjures up 8 "Melissa Joan Harts" out of 10.

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fun and very innocent sounding. The implementation of the keyboard lead on "Maud Gone" is optimistically catchy, contrasting Toledo's wails, oddly found in the background.

The optimistic tone sustains through the end of the album, which ends up sounding more and more like a mid sixties Beach Boys Album. It's content with the world, while the lyrical content may not be.

"Teens of Style," as with many other Car Seat releases, seems to be a way for Toledo to digest the world around him and regurgitate it with his own understanding.

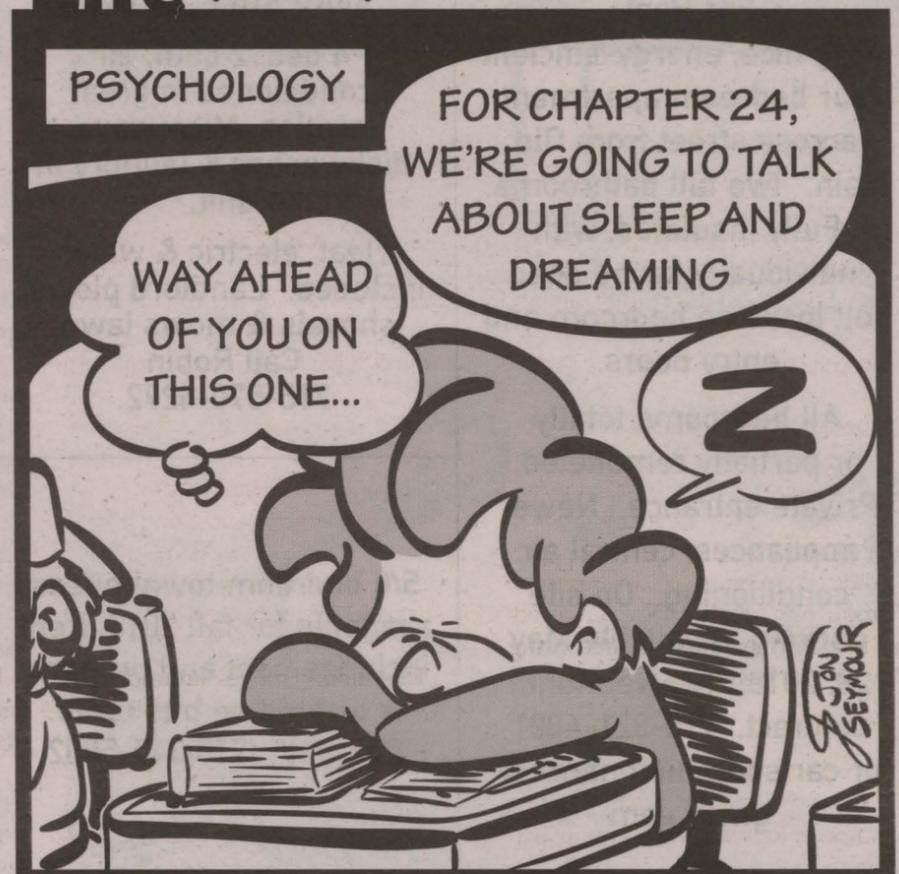
If he continues to do so with a nostalgic lo-fi feel, and doesn't let his instrumentation or lyrical content stagnate, Car Seat Headrest is on the trajectory for something big. In fact, they already have their second studio album, "Teens of Denial," set for release sometime in 2016.

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Sarah Gildenzoph is a senior English education major.

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Where is the farthest from home you have been?

"Well, I've been to Ireland."

What actor/actress would you want to play you in a movie of your life?

"Audrey Hepburn."

Who is your favorite character in Star Wars, Harry Potter or Lord of the Rings?

"Well, for Star Wars, Obi-Wan-Kenobi."

Do you doodle? What is it you normally doodle?

"Yeah, a lot. I always do this tree. I swear it was the tree of life, it was the squiggly one."

What is a memory that recently showed up on your "on this day?"

"It was actually a drawing I did- Bob Dylan, it was just a charcoal one."

LAURA LEAHY

Laura Leahy is a senior family and consumer sciences and education major.

SPOTTED AT: CPS Cafe

Where is the farthest from home you have been?

"Florida."

What actor/actress would you want to play you in a movie of your life?

"I love Reese Witherspoon."

Who is your favorite character in Star Wars, Harry Potter or Lord of the Rings?

"I've never seen Star Wars, so Hagrid."

Do you doodle? What is it you normally doodle?

"Oh yeah, I just scribble, like whatever."

What is a memory that recently showed up on your "on this day?"

"One of my friends from high school, it was her birthday so it was a picture from a long time ago."

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Point Pitches Join Umbrella A Capella Ranks

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A new organization has been established called A Capella UWSP. They are an umbrella club for a capella ensembles.

"Exactly a year ago, we decided that in spring semester 2015, we would start an a capella club. However, due to specific UWSP club regulations, this idea of a small, exclusive, all-male club was denied," said founder Robert Goszkowicz, senior math and computer information systems major.

The group went through some

changes and was formally recognized by the Student Government Association in spring 2015 as an umbrella club because it is now inclusive. Once recognized, the club took off in fall 2015.

A Capella UWSP was founded with the aim to allow members to form their own ensembles and perform at events. Currently, there is an all women's a capella ensemble called The Point Pitches and an all men's a capella ensemble named On Point.

"We wanted the organization to act as a foundation so other groups can be made. We wanted to be able to support smaller a capella groups and allow them to exist," Goszkowicz

said.

In fall 2015, the organization held an open mic night where individuals could perform and join the club. This is how the Point Pitches came to be.

Presently, they have 16 members and just finished their auditions for spring semester 2016.

"I joined Point Pitches and we have been rehearsing since the first week of the spring semester 2016. Our next auditions will most probably be in the next fall semester," freshman Morgan McElmurry said.

"It wasn't easy. We lost some girls over the winter break, but after our auditions we are now back up to 16. We're still in the conception stage

and figuring out what we want to do including our set list. However, the foundation of our group is established and the positions are allocated so we can stay running and be efficient," Lexie Zehner, founder and freshman, said.

Their debut performance will be at the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority event Gone Red on Feb. 19.

A Capella UWSP is always accepting new members who want to start their own ensemble or join an existing one. Their meetings are every first Friday of the month. Visit "The Point Pitches" and "On Point UWSP" on Facebook for more information or email acapella@uwsp.edu.



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