Wet weather doesn’t dampen spirits at Spuds and Suds Picnic

Poor weather didn’t prevent over a thousand people from enjoying the 19th annual Spuds and Suds Picnic at the Goerke Complex Saturday afternoon.

The picnic followed the UW-SP football team’s 42-13 victory against Waldorf in the 19th annual Spud Bowl.

Various potato-related events were among the available items for consumption at the event.

Brillowski enjoyed the picnic after winning some free tickets from a local radio station.

"It’s pretty neat," she said. "It’s a different perspective from a college point of view to come here when I was really little. I just remember coming out here all the time." Wolf said it seems a lot different to come to the event years later.

"It was really nice because I saw a lot of old friends I haven’t seen in a while," she said. "On campus you can walk around and not see people you know all semester, but when you come to an event like this you see them."

Brillowski was also very pleased with the outcome of the football game.

"I was actually really impressed with the Pointers," she said. "I am the supervisor of the strength center so I see them work out everyday so now I get the results. They are awesome."

Senior Leah Hein, who used to attend Luther College in Iowa, said it was really nice how the university offers events like this to the students and local residents.

"I came from a really small school where everything was a lot like this and was very community based," she said. "It was kind of nice to have that feeling at a bigger school."

Joel Kuenhold, an advisor and agriculture instructor for the Stevens Point Future Farmers of America (FFA), attended the Spud Bowl festivities as the FFA helped present the flags at the game and then host a potato trivia game table.

"We’re testing them on how many bushels per acre we can get of potatoes in Wisconsin, we’re asking them about the nutritional value of the potato," he said. "A lot of people don’t know that 3% of all the potato chips for Frito Lay are made here in Portage County within a 30-mile radius. We’re also No. 3 in the nation in potato production."

Laine Mueller, also a senior, said the picnic was just an incentive to go with the game.

"We went to the game, we love football," she said. "We come out here all the time."

Junior Elly Wolf came out to the picnic as a way to relieve stress and be with friends and said she also enjoyed the festivities.

"I work in the community with kids so I see all the little kids I work with and their families," she said. "I used to come here when I was really little and decorate spuds." Wolf said it seems a lot different to come to the event years later.

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Community, alumni invited to UW-SP Homecoming 2005

University Relations & Communications

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is gearing up to welcome both alumni and community members back to campus for the fun and activities of Homecoming 2005. The theme of the event will be "Family Fun." Two free shows will be offered at the Allen Blocher Planetarium Saturday afternoon. "Interplanetary Explorer" is aimed at grades 2-5 at 1 p.m., and "The Voyager Encounters," narrated by Star Trek's Patrick Stewart, is aimed at grade 6 to adult at 3 p.m. The planetarium is located on the second floor of the Science Building.

The 1 p.m. football game will be followed by Fifth Quarter Reception at the Wooden Spoon in the DUC at 5 p.m.

For more information on Homecoming events, see www.uwsp.edu/alumni or call (715) 346-3811. For tickets to the Pointer football game or Taste of Wisconsin, call the University Box Office at (715) 346-4100 or (800) 638-3378.

Schmeeke Reserve
September 21, 2005 10:35 p.m.
Type: INDECENT EXPOSURE
Report of approximately 25 individuals running into Schmeeke, some could have been naked.
DeBot Center
September 22, 2005 6:30 p.m.
Type: THEFT
A student reported that their bike was stolen which was later found locked in front of DeBot with a new bike lock and the owner’s original lock still connected to the bike.
Pray/Sims Hall
September 24, 2005 2:10 a.m.
Type: VANDALIZATION
Report that a group of individuals were throwing a picnic table over the fence of the practice football field.
Parking Lot V
September 25, 2005 12:27 a.m.
Type: VANDALIZATION
Report of two male individuals in lot V that were believed to be vandalizing cars in the parking lot. Woman making report described them as two white males, both about 5’9” to 5’10” in height - one with a white shirt and white backwards hat and the other with a dark shirt.
Parking Lot W
September 25, 2005 1:07 p.m.
Type: DISTURBANCE
Request that individuals playing football in the parking lot move to a field so cars are not hit with the football.
DeBot Center
September 26, 2005 3:26 p.m.
Type: THEFT
Report of a stolen bike from the rack on the east side of the DeBot Center.

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Help your neighbors first

It has been truly amazing to see the outpouring of help and concern from the students on this campus toward helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina. So many people have taken the time away from their busy lives and helped the victims of Katrina. The generosity of the students was overwhelming. The students not only helped those in need, but they also helped to lift the mood of the community.

Stoughton is not the only area in need. The Census Bureau reports that last year, the poverty rate in Wisconsin rose by 1.9 percent—one of the sharpest increases in the nation. Approximately 11 percent of Wisconsin's population is living below the poverty line, 10 percent of our population without health coverage. In spite of this increase, seven counties in the Baraboo area have had to shut down their homeless shelters. This is not because there is not a need for it—it over 500 people have used them in the past year. The director of the Homeless Haven shelter says that unless they raise $50,000 for a new building, people in need will have no place to go. Inevitably, they will have to send families to other areas with shelters, including Portage County and Stevens Point.

I felt a great remorse when I learned these facts, and promised myself not to close my eyes to the needs of people around me. Where were we for the people of Stoughton? Why is it that Stoughton is not receiving the same level of attention as the victims in Hurricane Katrina? Why is it that some people are more fortunate than others?

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Because I said so

Liz Bolton
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

You know, these last 4+ years in Stevens Point have been pretty tumultuous. There was that big terrorist attack on the WTC, President Bush got re-elected (for real this time), the Pope died, everyone freaked out about SARS and monkey pox, there was that terrible tsunami, and now, the nation has had the worst natural disaster EVER.

So, I drew the task of returning the gulf to normal. Everyone has ideas, but who had to dig the bodies of their childhood friends out from under their own houses, and the frantic mothers begging anyone who would listen to help locate their children. Then, we flipped over to FOX to see panels of pundit debating on how, just how, to stop the looting.

Well, now that the first, most severe crisis is over, the nation's most influential minds turn to the task of returning the gulf to normal. Everyone has ideas, but I have found that the best overarching theme so far has come from Sesame Street.

Yes, you heard me. When you only get 4 fuzzy channels, you learn to stop being so picky. As I was saying, I tuned on Sesame Street last week to find a hurricane had hit my favorite childhood neighborhood.

The worst hit by the storm was Big Bird. The neighborhood helped with most of the repairs, even re-painting his mailbox.

"But where's my nest?" Big Bird asked. "How am I supposed to sleep without my nest?" His friends suggested he build it himself, but the poor bird didn't know how since he had lived in it since he was an egg.

No sooner had he admitted this, L.M. Pig, the head of Pig, and Pig enterprises step in with his two pig brothers. That's right, the three little pigs. In my thinking, calling the piggy corporation "Hoggburton" or "Halla bacon" would have been too obvious, but the comparison was definitely not lost. So they promised to build a bigger and better bird-house for Big Bird. And sure enough, they came up with three houses, one of straw, one of sticks, and one of brick.

"But none of them look very sturdy or comfortable," Big Bird says.

Scorned, the pigs left in a huff and a puff, and Big Bird decides to call his Grandma for help.

Grandma Bird calms his fears and pledges to come build him a new nest. In three weeks.

"Three weeks?" Big Bird wailed. "What am I supposed to do for three weeks?"

Grandma Bird then suggested that Big Bird build his own nest after all.

"Just pick up sticks, Grandson, You'll know what to do." Big Bird hung up the phone completely confused.

"What did your Grandma say, Big Bird?" his returning friends asked.

"She said to pick up sticks, but I still don't know," Big Bird said.

"Well don't worry Big Bird, we'll help!" said all of Sesame Street. So all of the neighborhood got together and brought sticks to Big Bird, singing while they did it. And as they brought twigs to Big Bird, he started to even take charge.

"We could use some string over here, and more twigs on this side," he ordered. The episode closed with the neighborhood smiling and singing. "Tig by twig, pal by pal, that's the way that things get done."

So far, in the real world, this isn't happening. Politics, money, and power have corrupted the message that we were taught as children.

"I'm not complaining. All I am saying is that I hope everyone on campus is paying attention. Because in thirty years it will be our turn to make the decisions. And we to will be judged by our own children. We can either work with each other pal by pal, and twig by twig, or we can let our own selfish pride dictate how we live.

Memories of Nelson Hall in WW II

Dear Editor,

Because of the teacher shortage many women came to Stevens Point to renew their teacher's certification.

They resided in Nelson Hall, a dormitory for women only. We had a house mother, who inspected our rooms and locked the outside door at 9 p.m.

We ate our meals there, but we had our Sunday supper in a café on Main St.

As we didn't have cars we walked downtown to have a "hot fudge sundae." Also we walked to the farmer's market on Saturdays to buy fruit and flowers.

There was a little school on campus where we did our practice teaching. Many of the students were older because of the shortage. When the war ended many of the students were veterans who came to continue their education.

Years later while I was working at UW-Milwaukee we heard the dorms were open to both men and women only.

No, no, not our beloved Nelson Hall!! Would there be men in their skivvies running the halls?

Not to worry, it probably wasn't a dorm anymore.

Thanks for reading this and many thanks to my granddaughter, Sarah Hudak, a student, who listened to me talking about Nelson Hall so much, so she sent me a copy of The Pointer.

Sincerely,

Francis L. Stadler

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SGA Corner

Passed Resolution: Student Government Association recently passed the Resolution in opposition to HR 609 and Budget reconciliation was signed by the president, and sent to lawmakers.

HR 609 and budget reconciliation would slash $9 billion in student aid cuts at the federal level on top of the severe cuts we took from the state over the summer.

New legislation: adding an environmental issues director to SGA executive board coming up for approval on Thursday. This director would deal with sustainability and environmental issues.

Upcoming Events

Living Options Fair: Looking for a place to live off campus? Tired of all the hassles of trying to talk to landlords? Stop on in at the Living Options Fair on October 11, 2005 from 7-9 p.m. in the Laird Room.

The Living Options Fair is a chance for students to talk to landlords and ask questions about general off campus housing. There is no pressure and no lease signing. Just time for perspective tenants to discuss off campus living options for the coming year.

Whine and Cheese with SGA: Come voice your opinion on what is working on this campus and what needs to change. Give SGA feedback while getting a little appetizer. October 18, 2005 at 6 p.m. in the U.C.

The senator inbox address is SGASenators@uwsp.edu these e-mails are read by your student representatives so let us know what is on your mind!
Aaron Hull
THE POINTER

In case you (wisely) spent all of Wednesday huddled beneath your covers in bed, the cold weather than by ducking all of Wednesday huddled into the newly-improved Noel Fine Arts Center for a stroll through the Carlsten Gallery’s exhibition of art from a country that puts up with this for more months of the year than us.

“Mirror of Wood: A Century of the Woodcut Print in Finland” showcases some of the most beautiful works in the field of printmaking. The exhibit features 70 prints by 39 Finnish artists over the past century, 22 on loan from the Jyväskylä Art Museum in Finland, and 48 on loan from the artists themselves.

The exhibition is a tribute to StoraEnso “Mirror of Wood” opened Sept. 20 as part of the Noel Fine Arts Center’s grand opening. It will continue through November.

Nature inspired Finnish woodcuts decorate the gallery. On textiles and for illustrating books. In Europe, where they first appeared around the start of the 15th century, woodcuts were used for making religious pictures for distribution to pilgrims, in simple prints, and on playing cards. They were also used for illustrating books once the printing press was invented since they were inked in the same way as type.

Carlsten Gallery features international artists

The exhibition highlights the relationship between contemporary and early 20th century woodcuts, a printmaking medium which “carries the inescapable content of the material itself — evidence of the pattern of growth, a sense of the fiber and cellular structure of the wood grain,” according to Karen Kunc, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor of art, according to a Sept. 9 press release. The show was first displayed at Lincoln last fall.

Woodcuts were probably first used in ancient Egypt and Babylonia for impressing intaglio designs into unpressed bricks and by the Romans for stamping letters and symbols. The Chinese used wood blocks for stamping patterns on textiles and for illustrating books. In Europe, where they first appeared around the start of the 15th century, woodcuts were used for making religious pictures for distribution to pilgrims, in simple prints, and on playing cards. They were also used for illustrating books once the printing press was invented since they were inked in the same way as type.

The Carlsten Gallery also houses the Schneider Student Gallery, which is running its own exhibit of student art. “Evolution of Print: Tradition and Intuition”, which surveys Finnish woodcuts entered the world of fine art in 1895, with Akseli Gallen-Kallela’s engraving of “Flower of Death”, completed in the wilderness north of Helsinki. The first example of Finnish printmaking, it laid the groundwork for the particular style of woodcut art taken up by Finnish artists through the 1960s.

“Mirror of Wood” is a beautiful exhibit, blending and sharply contrasting historic prints with modern and contemporary. The archaic appeal of Armas Hursti’s “Saint Birgit” (1995), which features what at first appearance looks like an Amazon wrestling a hyena, could hardly differ more from Jaana Paulus’ “Road to Jarventausta” (2002), reminiscent of “The Scream”, or Antti Holma’s arresting and perplexing “Alice in Wonderland” (2000).

Studying abroad can be the chance of a lifetime

Rebecca Buchanan
STAFF REPORTER

Imagine sipping coffee in a French café with the Eiffel Tower as a backdrop, watching a bullfight in Spain, or hiking through the outback, and some programs even have planned tours and trips included in the cost. For example, the Australia program takes an entry tour through Fiji and exit tour to New Zealand. Spain has an entry tour to Madrid and London completes the semester with a two week plus continental tour traveling to six countries.

Students return home with memories that will last for a lifetime for students to get to travel the world, see places they have read about, experience life the way others countries know it and this usually leads students to have a greater appreciation of the United States,” said Koepke.

“I’ve always loved speaking Spanish and traveling to Spain was a great way to enhance my language abilities because I was submerged in it for an entire semester,” said Ann Borre, who graduated last spring and spent her last semester abroad in Spain. “I stayed with a host family who helped me with my speaking and also taught me about Spanish culture. Through the course of the semester I could feel myself progressing with the language and by the end of the semester I was confident about my language abilities.”

Many students shy away from this because of the cost, but there are additional financial aid awards, grants and scholarships available to those who plan to go abroad. “Pricing ranges from $3000 for a winter or summer program and up to $12,000 for a semester in Australia,” said Linda Garski, the financial coordinator for the international programs office.

Garski also said these prices include: tuition, room and board, and some programs even have planned tours and trips included in the cost.

Absolutely, the most rewarding experience of my life thus far”, said Jenna Gieskeng, a student who went abroad last spring.

Overheard

“God, Erica, I just want to move to Belize and be done with it all.”

Since 1969 the university has been sending students to countries for fall and spring semesters and, more recently, summer and winterim sessions. UW-SP also offers newer programs such as the semester in Ireland and the London Internships. International Programs is also working on Internships in Japan for fall of 2007.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point study abroad programs are educational and life-changing. All of the programs are still open to students for the spring semesters and can be applied to through October. Students interested in living abroad while in college should visit the International Programs office on campus.
Marvin's has the fix for your addiction

Hilary Bulger
THE POINTER

Marvin’s owner Fred Willisto wants students to know that at Marvin’s, “we are different, hopefully better, and we’re here to hook them up.” Marvin’s was originally designed with college students in mind and that’s the way it is today. 34 years later and at a second location, the menu features every random, delicious, and crave-satisfying food a college student could possibly want at 1:00 am, including their “world famous” garlic cheeseburger, egg rolls, burritos, cheese curds, BLT’s, pizza, and even cheesecake. And they deliver.

When I asked Willisto what his favorite thing on the menu is, he started laughing and picked up a calculator. After claiming to have eaten two garlic cheeseburgers a day since the Point Marvin’s opened, a fact that was validated by an employee, Willisto crunched the numbers and announced, “Since we’ve opened I’ve eaten probably 1100 GCB’s. I printed in the menu on purpose that they are addictive because I’ve been hooked on them since the ‘80’s. It got so bad when I moved away from Indiana that I told my friends ‘I would punch my momma in the mouth for a GCB.’” Willisto is not the only one hooked on GCB’s. Student Julie LaClair stated that her favorite menu item was the GCB for sure, because it’s absolutely scrumptious.” Scrumptious is definitely one word for the GCB, which the menu describes as, ”Two lean, quarter-pound beef patties topped with American cheese on a freshly-baked 8 inch garlic hoagie bun. Often imitated, never duplicated. WARNING: HIGHLY ADDICTIVE”.

The original Marvin’s is “an institution” in Greencastle, Indiana, home of DePauw University, and has served Jimmy Carter, Aerosmith, and John Mellencamp. Willisto laughingly told me that his personal claim to fame was delivering food to Dave Matthew’s sound man. The orange and brown booths in the Point Marvin’s are the old booths from original restaurant, so while you are eating your first (but not last) GCB, ponder the fact that soon to be President Carter may have sat in that same booth.

Stevens Point was the fortunate home of the second Marvin’s because Willisto wanted to live as close to Sugar Camp, WI and his grandfather as he could. “I did some research and Point was the best campus within half a day of Sugar Camp.” With very reasonable prices, a mere fifty cent delivery fee, and something on the menu for everyone, we should all thank our lucky stars (and Willisto’s grandfather) and as they say at Marvin’s, “get some!”

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**choices of dipping sauces**

- bbq, honey mustard, marinara, ranch, spicy buffalo sauce
Pointers collect first win of season in Spud Bowl

Steve Roeland
THE POINTER

After falling to nationally ranked opponents in the first two weeks of the season, the UW-SP football team piled up points and yardage on their way to a 42-13 win over Waldorf College (Iowa).

In the annual Spud Bowl, the Pointers accumulated 315 yards through the air and 204 yards on the ground for a total of 519 yards of offense. UW-SP struck quickly on their opening drive of the game after forcing Waldorf to punt. A 56-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Brett Borchart to running back Cody Childs on the first play from scrimmage resulted in a 7-0 Pointer lead.

Waldorf answered the early UW-SP strike with a first-play score of their own. Warrior quarterback Michael Lewis hit receiver Dan Steffen for an 80-yard pitch-and-catch. The extra point struck the right upright and the score remained 7-6.

Borchart added to the Pointer lead late in the first quarter with a 36-yard pass to Jake Dickert. It was Dickert's first career score, and he would go on to catch two more touchdown passes in the game and throw one as well. The Borchart-to-Dickert combination accounted for two more touchdowns following the 16-yard strike. The duo hooked up for scores of 20 and five yards in the second and third quarters, respectively. Dickert also displayed his passing ability in the fourth quarter, connecting with Kevin Neu for a 19-yard touchdown. The grab was Neu's first career reception.

A 46-yard run by Damon Mehlberg in the third quarter - along with six successful extra point attempts by kicker Dan Heldmann - gave the Pointers their 42-point total.

Waldorf added a score late in the game on a five-yard touchdown run by Dominique Glover. The point-after-touchdown attempt was successful and the score was solidified at 42-13.

Borchart led the Pointers' offensive assault with 296 yards and four touchdowns on 20-of-31 passing. Mehlberg led UW-SP in rushing with 10 carries for 97 yards and one score.

With the victory last Saturday, the Pointers' all-time record in Spud Bowl contests moved to a near-perfect 18-1.

UW-SP opens Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play this Saturday at UW-La Crosse at 3 p.m. The Eagles are three-time defending conference champions and were picked by WIAC sports information directors this preseason to win a fourth-consecutive title. With a conference championship this season, the Eagles would become the first school in WIAC history to collect four conference crowns in a row.

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Matt Inda
THE POINTER

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Senior on the Spot

Cory Flisakowski - Football

Career Highlights:
- Ranked 12th in Division III in kickoff returns with 27.8-yard average and was named honorable mention All-American Kick Returner in 2002.
- In 2003, he rushed for 149 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries in win at Tri-State and gained 100 yards on 23 carries the following week against Butler, becoming the first Pointer to have back-to-back 100-yard games since 1996.
- Played on Big Ten championship team at Illinois and appeared in the Sugar Bowl in 2001.

Major - Urban Forestry
Hometown - Stevens Point
Do you have any nicknames? - Flis, Thatch, Flag and Cork.
What are your plans after graduation? - Not sure yet, just taking things one step at a time right now. When you're hearing this much fun you don't really want to look ahead.
What has helped you become such an accomplished football player? - Great people around me whether it's friends, family or coaches. I feel everyone you meet has something to offer; you just have to find it.
What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - We were playing at River Falls and were down by a couple scores before we found their weakness on defense. After running the same play for three touchdowns, one of their defensive backs asked if we would stop running that play (and he was dead serious).
What is your most embarrassing moment? - I have been known to tackle orange construction barrels on the way home from a night of socializing.
What CD is in your stereo right now? - Brooks and Dunn Greatest Hits.
What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - The same.

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SPORTS REPORTER

The cross-country team was more of a cross-Midwest team this past weekend as the guys' team contended in Illinois and the women were in Minnesota.

However, being apart didn't stop each other's hopes of doing well in their respective meets. The guys ran out of the Augustana Invite in fourth place of the 33 teams as the women returned from the weekend in Illinois with sixth place of 24 teams. The meet was a mixture of Division II and III schools, some nationally ranked.

The women had two finishes in the top five of their event, despite their 162-point team loss. Jenny Mitchler claimed second overall with a time of 22:27 and Teresa Stanley was fifth with a 22:49. Ashleigh Potuznik placed 31st for the Pointers at 23:56. The winning time, and team, with only 60 points, belonged to UW-La Crosse.

"We ran about as well as we thought we could," said women's head coach Christina Peterson. "We had a very difficult week of practice so the team was running on tired legs and still did quite well." Mike Ormond led his group with a third overall finish in the event. He did so with a 24:52 time in the eight-kilometer race. Dominick Meyer placed 15th with a time of 25:14 and Travis Netchuta was 23rd with a time of 25:22.

The guys had 133 total points and watched their host team, Augustana, run off with a 59-point victory. "Our team is very young and inexperienced but at the same time talented," said men's head coach Rick Witt. "I am very happy with the progress of our team. We made a nice step forward and showed that we can be competitive with the best teams...with an opportunity to keep our string of NCAA National appearances in tact."

The UW-SP runners will be competing in the Notre Dame Invitational on Sept. 30 in South Bend, Ind.
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Tennis team serves it up to Ripon, Beloit

Matt Inda
THE POINTER

The Pointer tennis team was seeing double this weekend after competing in back-to-back meets in Ripon and home against Beloit.

The women had nearly duplicate performances as they ran away with 7-2 victories against both schools. In the two events, the Pointers managed to sweep both opponents in the doubles event as well as being victorious in four of the six singles events against both Ripon and Beloit.

Angie Brown, Emily Bouche, and Allison Popple all won their singles matches on both days. Sarah O'Melia won their singles matches on both days. Sarah O'Melia claimed a single against Beloit. All five girls won each of their matches in straight sets.

Competitive matches place Pointers one game behind WIAC leader, UW-Oshkosh

Hillary Bulger
THE POINTER

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Outdoors

Adventure Racing Club in action

Adam Eader
The Pointer

Do you enjoy outdoor sports, wind rushing past your face while coasting downhill on a road bike, the increasing tunnel vision when maneuvering through a single track, running river rapids or floating upon a lake, orienteering through unknown forests or scaling rock faces? What if I said you can be a member of a club on campus that partakes in all these activities?

The Adventure Racing Club of UW-SP promotes fitness, teamwork, friendship and fun through outdoor recreation. By working together as a team they increase their mountain and road biking, rock climbing, canoeing and kayaking, orienteering and hiking skills. While honing their outdoor skills the club pays equal attention to the second element that makes a team successful - positive social interaction between members.

"Our plan is to develop the full sense of team," said Adventure Racing Club President Matthew Goodness. Adventure racing is different from a Triathlon. In adventure racing you participate in more than three events, start and finish each event with all your team members and navigate the quickest route instead of following a specified route.

Adventure racing continues to grow in popularity from its induction in the early 1990s. It is a co-ed sport that mixes athleticism with a keen knowledge of outdoor topics. Sure you can bike 50 miles, but can you fix your tire, brakes or chain? Can you properly tend to a sprained finger or ankle and evacuate your teammate, set up top rope anchors or tie a figure eight knot? How about knowing what amount of sodium you should replace in your body? Not only do Adventure Racing Club members know the answers to these questions but they also enjoy teaching those who are willing to learn.

Last spring the club attended its first adventure race in Hudson, Wis. put on by Wild Adventure Race. The race lasted 4-6 hours and consisted of trekking, paddling, mountain biking and rappelling - all while navigating. After each event a team must make it to the checkpoint to notify officials that they have completed that event. The team to finish every event in the fastest time wins the race.

To be an active member of the Adventure Racing Club Goodness and Vice President Mark Halvorson ask that you train with other members, go to meetings and attend the club’s climbing nights.

They stress the importance of attendance: "Training with members of similar athleticism and goals helps condition our team physically and mentally. Our meetings are for members to discuss training regiments, talk with each other about problems, prepare for future events and keep each other motivated. The club climbing night will help with conditioning but mainly bring members together in a fun atmosphere and away from their studies for a little bit."

Goodness also stressed that the Adventure Racing Club is for anyone: "I'd like as many people as possible to come and join, regardless of athleticism. It is a good time to hang out with cool people."

To become a member or to find out more information about the Adventure Racing Club contact: Club President Matthew Goodness or Vice President Mark Halvorson.

2005: The year of land and water conservation

CNR Fall Colloquium Series

Stephanie Davy
The Pointer

The CNR Colloquium Series is held in room 170 of the CNR, every Wednesday, at 4 p.m. This series has been offered for many years and is conducted as a semester long conference. This year knowledgeable speakers will discuss topics on their expertise of land and water conservation. These sessions will last for only one hour and are open to university students, staff and the public.

Ron Hensler, a professor of soils and discipline coordinator for the CNR, is coordinating this year’s colloquium. Hensler believes that this series offers students the opportunity to discover a connection between their academic and career goals. Students can speak with guest speakers and discover ways to become connected with other professionals in their field of interest. According to Hensler these are good basics that aren’t offered at every campus.

"Not many students are given the chance to have a conference come to them. We’re offering that chance," said Hensler.

This year there are eight speakers for the lineup. When searching for speakers, Hensler looks for those who are knowledgeable on today’s cutting edge issues or broad issues, in a hopeful attempt to cover an interesting array of ideas.

The featured speaker for next week, Oct. 5, is Mark Rey, under secretary for Natural Resources and Environment at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For the following week Dave Jelinski P.E., director of Lands and Water Resources, will be speaking. Jelinski works for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection.

Campus Calendar of Outdoor Events

10/1 - BOW Pheasants and Clay Workshop
(Pheasant Prairie Hunt Club - Plainfield)
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Contact: Wisconsin BOW 346-4151

2nd Annual Harvest Fest (Downtown)
10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Chili Cook-off (Gus’s)
Farmer’s Market
Silent Auction
Wagon Rides
Tractor Rides to Point Brewery
3 to 7 p.m. - Polish Dinner (Public Square)
7 to 11 p.m. - Spicy Tie Band

10/5 - CNR Biology Colloquium Series (CNR Rm 170)
4 p.m. - Mark Rey - USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment
Leave No Trace: Principals of Outdoor Ethics
(Outdoor EdVentures) 7 p.m.
A beautiful view filled with good 'ole country twang

Scott Butterfield

High beams pierced through the blanket of the night, reflecting off the green rectangle on the side of the road, illuminating the long-awaited sign: WILSON, pop. 200. The mountains surrounding the road blocked out the moon, and the clouds smoothed the stars. A few minutes down the road we came upon the bar, its sparkling neon lighting up the night like a miniature Las Vegas casino STAGECOACH. Walking up the wooden steps we could already hear the music seeping through the mile-high air, leaking out the inextinguishable rhythms of bluegrass that tingled our legs and made every hair dance on its ends.

Earlier, while wasting the day in Jackson, Wyo., my friend Chuck and I meandered past a local bookstore. On a whim we went inside. Lonely Planet, a company that produces the best travel books available, had written a book on the American West. I flipped through it and found a colorful description for a bar that sounded just like our whim we went inside. Lonely Planet, a company that produces the best travel books available, had written a book on the American West. I flipped through it and found a colorful description for a bar that sounded just like our...
Outdoor EdVentures Tip of the Week

Josh Spice
OUTDOOR EDVENTURES MANAGER AND TRIP LEADER

Put a tarp, a.k.a. ground cloth, underneath your tent to prevent water from permeating the tent floor. Be sure to cut the tarp to fit four inches in from the edge of the tent. This will prevent rain and/or running water from collecting under your tent. If all hell breaks loose and Lake Wisconsin returns, put it inside your tent. Stop in at Outdoor EdVentures to learn more about this trick, along with many other tips and techniques to improve your outdoor experiences.

Emerald ash borer gets closer to Wisconsin

DNR Press Release

MADISON, Wis. - Scientists in Michigan working to contain a tiny, green beetle have confirmed that the aptly-named emerald ash borer (EAB) has made the leap from the lower peninsula of Michigan to the upper peninsula. The ash-killing insect was recently found in Brimley, Michigan to the upper peninsula. Experts believe that the infestation discovered in Brimley began two years ago, likely from emerald ash borer larvae lodged in a camper's firewood. The infestation occurred before an inspection station was established at the Mackinac Bridge and prior to restrictions being placed on the movement of ash firewood in and around the state. It's the year or more that firewood was moving around the U.P. before the Brimley discovery that concerns forest and plant pest specialists in Wisconsin who have long worried about moving and using firewood from nearby sources.

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College alcohol consumption analyzed in study

For many students, misperception is reality

Joe Pisciotto
The POINTER

So, it's the weekend—or Thursday and you're throwing back a few with your friends. You're a partying bunch, like many college folks, tending to overindulge. But is it really that bad? The problem with people are heavily drinking so much because your friends drink so much, or do you drink so much because you just think they drink that much?

It's a "buzzkill" question, no doubt. But it's something people are seriously thinking about as a new study has been released linking misperception of social norms when it comes to drinking to the consumption of alcohol on college campuses.

The largest nationwide study of college drinking to date, published in the current issue of the Journal of Studies of Alcohol, claims that perception is the best indicator of how much students will drink. In other words, students who are under the impression that their peers drink a lot tend to drink a lot themselves.

Most of the students surveyed overestimated the amount of alcohol their peers consumed. Part of the reason for this, according to the authors of the study, was that many schools were ineffective at conveying an accurate message about actual alcohol consumption by the student body.

The study surveyed more than 76,000 students from 130 colleges and universities and they do it during a three-year period.

No matter the actual norm of drinking for the school, the researchers found results that were quite consistent across the board. Most students overestimated the amount of alcohol their peers drank, and thus subjected themselves to a number of negative affects associated with too much drinking, including fighting, physical harm, unprotected sex, and forgetfulness.

Taken as a whole, the study showed that 71 percent overestimated the norm at their schools, about 14 percent had accurate perceptions, and about 15 percent underestimated the norm.

The authors of the study analyzed the data and concluded that perception of the norm plays a far greater role in alcohol consumption than the actual norm does.

Accounting for a number of variables, the data showed that perception was the No. 1 predictor of increase in alcohol consumption followed by gender. Actual norms were the third greatest predictor, paling in comparison to perceived norms.

What's more, according to the study, "the overwhelming majority of schools were either not attempting or not managing to reduce the dramatic misperceptions of campus drinking norms among their students."

Prevention information provided by less than 8 percent of schools resulted in students having lower misperceptions of campus drinking norms. In contrast, 34 percent of the schools included in the survey showed an increase in misperceptions among their students as a result of the prevention information that they provided.

By communicating accurate information about students' norms," said Michael Haines, a co-author of the study, "schools can simultaneously celebrate the health of their students and cause it to grow."

So what's the big picture here? This study seems to confirm ideas that many have always known experientially—that people are heavily influenced by how they see themselves fitting into social situations.

Must we place the burden on colleges to wake up the student body to the realities of alcohol consumption? The authors of the study suggest as much, and while their research seems to bear this out, it's easy to forget that such a suggestion is merely one solution.

Money and time will continue to be spent on problems associated with alcohol consumption on campus. As students, we need to be aware of the issue, whether individually or collectively, is up to us.

Research Corner

Komo Almasi — plant ecologist

Have you been involved in any research recently?

I just finished up some work I did out in Oregon on an estuarine seagrass (Japanese eelgrass) that is a non-native invasive plant out there.

What did you find?

I did some field work and I combined it with a mathematical model. We did simulations based on my field data that showed that the plant—unlike many invasions—does not appear to be a huge threat. Many models predict that invasions will move outward from a circle, called a "spreading front." It would start as a little circle and move outward and take over broad areas. Our model predicted that this plant would actually be very patchy; it would grow for a while and then go extinct in patches of different sizes.

That did appear to be what the plant was actually doing. We specifically wanted to know whether we could create a model that would allow the population growth rate to change over time, which we did. Most models don't do that. We also wanted to know what we could expect with this plant in the future. And it looks like it will be patchy growth. So it may not be as threatening to the community as other invasive plants. The community-level stuff has to be tested in the future, however.

Any other research on the horizon?

I'm starting two new projects—one of them is started and the other one I'm hoping to start this summer. I'm working on the grant proposals right now. That work will also be related to invasive plants and community ecology, but this time looking at how climate change will affect invasions. There's this widely held belief that climate change will increase invasions, but nobody's really tested that. So, I'm hoping to do some work at FACE (Free Atmospheric Carbon dioxide Enhancement) sites around the country. What they do is increase carbon dioxide and they have a monitor in the middle of the site that keeps the level of carbon dioxide stable. Then, you can do experiments at these sites that have to do with climate change. So far, people have mostly been looking at the physiology of plants and how photosynthesis might change, but I'm interested more in the community ecology.

Can students get involved?

I'm hoping to get at least a couple students to help me on the climate change questions. I expect that as my colleague and I delve more into the ancient ecology thing we'll be getting more students involved. And I'm going to offer a new senior seminar in the spring on that topic— to get me exploring it, and to see if there's student interest.

Last year I had six different student projects with a total of 15 students working on them for independent research. One of those students is writing a paper that we're going to try to publish. Otherwise, I usually have students do small projects and then present them at the Research Symposium. I have a lot of greenhouse projects going on, and some of them are related to restoration and population growth.

I had a bunch of ideas last year. What I did was write an e-mail and list out these different projects I was interested in and sent it out to all the biology majors and said, "if anybody's interested in any of these projects, come and see me." However, I also had students come to me and say, "I'm really interested in X. Would you work with me on this?" We usually try to work something out. So, I really believe in the value of research. And at the undergraduate level I think it could change everything. It's really important.
Professors fight back against plagiarizers

Jeff Peters
SCIENCE REPORTER

In the past it was fraternities' infamous term paper stockpiles; in the digital age it's the Internet. Cheating may be a constant, but it's clear that technology has been especially kind to one group of college students: plagiarizers. With a vast supply of term papers only a few clicks away, professors and universities are joining together to fight back with a service that automatically checks student papers for plagiarism.

Beginning in January 2003, some UW-SP professors began using turnitin.com, a Web-based plagiarism detection service, to combat the rampant cheating that occurs on college campuses.

According to a nationwide study conducted by Don McCabe of the Center for Academic Integrity, over 70 percent of college students surveyed admitted to some cheating, and half admitted to one or more instances of serious cheating on written assignments.

"There's more of a problem now than there used to be because of increased pressure on students to succeed, and because of changing attitudes," said Elizabeth Martin, assistant professor of business and economics at UW-Stevens Point.

Before Martin began using turnitin.com, she couldn't get through a semester without finding one or two cases of plagiarism, but since using their services, she said she hasn't had a single case. That's due, in part, to the way she uses the system. Rather than check over each paper herself, Martin uses turnitin.com as a teaching tool, having the students police themselves by submitting their own papers to the system and seeing their own plagiarism scores.

When a paper is submitted to turnitin.com, the Web site compares the written work against databases containing billions of Web pages, millions of published works, and tens of millions of student papers that have been submitted over the years. Turnitin.com then gives back an originality report with an overall score and an outline of any suspicious sections in the paper, each with a direct link to the original source so the professors can compare the two works for similarities.

According to the study conducted by the Center for Academic Integrity, not only has Internet plagiarism been on the rise, but 77 percent of the students surveyed believed that "cut and paste" plagiarism—-weaving sentences from different sources on the Internet into a paper without the proper citation—-is not a serious issue. That air of nonbalance is at the crux of the issue, said Martin. "Twenty-five years ago, they wouldn't have gotten the same response." Martin believes it's her job to instill in her students a sense of seriousness about cheating and help to overcome the moral deficit that's at the root of the rise in cheating.

Not everyone agrees with Martin's claim of a moral deficit, or the belief that cheating is on the rise. "Students get in a bind and look for a way to get out. That's been true for as long as there's been students," said Dr. C.R. Marshall, associate professor of business administration at UW-Stevens Point.

Cheating may be easier now, but it's not more common, said Marshall. "I used to be students just had to retype it, now they just have to reprint it. When I was in school, all the fraternities had paper banks and test banks."

Marshall is also wary about labeling students who cheat as morally deficient. "A lot of times when a student cheats, it's not because they're a bad person, it's because they feel that they have to," he said.

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Get to know the night sky up close and personal

Joe Pisciotto
THE POINT

Every Monday after the sun goes down there's something going on at the Science Building that many people don't know about. Next time you're passing by and notice that big dome on top of the building, you will be able to give a knowing nod.

Inside that dome is some valuable equipment. And during certain days and nights of the week the general public is allowed to go in and play, so to speak.

One day, you may decide to go in and see what for yourself what all this fuss is about. When you leave that dome, you'll come away a little more knowledgeable about your place in the universe. So, what exactly is hidden away in the depths of the Science Building? Well, if you've ever gone up to the fourth floor via the southwest stairway to room D402, or to the second floor above the east main entrance, you know those little gems are UW-SP's very own planetarium and observatory.

If you're not impressed, first try seeing Saturn, and much more, up close through the lens of a computer-controlled telescope. You can do that in the observatory.

Throughout the season, on Mondays at 8 p.m., the general public is invited to experience the fall night sky through two different mediums: the planetarium and the telescope.

In the planetarium, the knowledgeable staff from the Department of Physics and Astronomy guides you through a visual program that pinpoints the location of stars and constellations that dot the evening skies of Stevens Point.

Andwards, if the skies are clear, the audience is invited to see some of those objects with their own eyes in the observatory. The staff will point the telescope at objects of interest, from stars to planets and more, giving you the chance to have a look for yourself.

Never seen Saturn? Perhaps you've seen it as a speck of light with the naked eye, but through the telescope you can clearly see it as a green sphere with its magnificent rings hovering in graceful balance.

In addition to Monday, the observatory will be open for some sky gazing on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m., weather permitting.

Also, throughout the year the staff puts on a variety of different shows in the planetarium.

Currently, and through Nov. 20, the public is welcome to attend MarsQuest, a program that, according to the planetarium Web site, "offers viewers both a historical and a futuristic look at the mysterious Red Planet."

The program takes a look at the science fiction of Mars and how the Viking missions dispelled many of the misconceptions about our neighboring planet. It also explores what future missions might look like, including the possibility of humans traveling there.

As the year commences, the programming will change, and so will the configuration of the night sky.

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A living legend comes to Point

Kathryn Polomis  
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

A chance in a lifetime opportunity befell the Stevens Point community as famed Beat Generation musician, David Amram, gave a performance short of his 75th birthday, on Thursday, Sept. 22.

Amram, a spry man just short of his 75th birthday, had many flocking to see his performance. Both the seats and aisles of Noel room 221 were packed with people itching to get a taste of this Beat master.

Kicking off the stellar event was Stevens Point poet Laureate Professor William Lawlor. After reading three poetry selections, Lawlor graciously turned the stage over to the guest of honor, David Amram. To dispel any preconceived notions of “The Beat Generation,” Amram gave a quick overview of the actual beats. There were no goatees, berets, or communist plots. Instead it was just a group of individuals who were proud of their country and doing their best to try and keep the spirit of post-World War II America alive.

Draped in a slew of necklace charms, Amram entered the audience between songs by relaying tales of his time spent with famous jazz musicians and writers of the past. Having spent time with musicians Charlie Parker, Dizzie Gillespie and Miles Davis to name a few, there was never a dull moment to be found as Amram excitedly bounced back and forth between tales and songs. Words dripping with respect, Amram’s eyes gleamed most fully when retelling the memories he held of his close friend, Jack Kerouac.

A firm believer in the philosophy that it takes only one person to listen, Amram encouraged everyone to go out and paint, write, play music and stretch out their creative minds. Taking things a step further, Amram encouraged audience participation. Two lucky young individuals were chosen to come up and read prime selections from Kerouac’s work while Amram improvised a score with the abundance of instruments that accompanied him. It was a friendly memorial to the jazz poetry readings Amram and Kerouac had performed together back in the 1950s.

Bouncing back and forth between finger flutes, bongos, the piano and Native American flutes, not a gaze shifted away from the stage as Amram mystified the audience with his diverse knowledge of music. Amram invited two musicians, Jacob Eggener and Eric Ross, up on stage for an impromptu jam session. Eggener bowed his violin and Ross joyously thumped away on his base as Amram led the audience through his bilingual sing-a-long, “Meandering in Mandarin.”

The audience made no attempts to move as Amram spilled over his nine o’clock finale. Wrapping things up with a heart touching rendition of “Amazing Grace” improvisations, the audience roared with applause as the performance finally wrapped up at 9:30 p.m.

Encouraging anyone who wanted to come up and talk with him, Amram stayed even later. Fielding questions, encouraging discussion, and sometimes reminiscing, David Amram’s personality and spirit bubbled on into the night as the audience slowly filed out.

You can hear the melodic jazz of the Lights Band filling the U.C. halls every other Monday down in the Brewhaus from 7 – 10 p.m. They will also be playing at the Copper Rock in Appleton this Friday.

For more information check out the band’s Web site at: www.thelightsband.com

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**Local musicians: The Lights Band**

A Basement Brewhaus interview

Adam Eader  
THE POINTER

The Lights Band in no specific order is Tyler Ross, Wayne Salzmann, Eric Ross, and Kelvin. These guys put on high energy shows with a rock and jazz story-telling style that will keep your feet hopping all the way home. I had the opportunity to sit down and chat with the band after their show. Our interview was as enjoyable as the music.

Q: Tell me the history of the Lights Band.

Eric: We started in high school at Neenah and we are going on our fifth year together. Our first name was the Northern Lights. It came to us while we sat around talking one day and we liked the sound of it. In high school we started Waynestock, an annual concert we put on every first week in June. This is actually the first year living together in the same city since high school.

Q: What are some memorable traveling moments that stick out in your minds?

Kelvin: I remember too many to name.

Eric: While driving to our gig one day we got pulled over. We were actually singing to our music and the police were very impressed.

Wayne: I remember one time we did a gig at a school and the students didn’t like us, so we played a song just for them and they started loving us.

Q: How could you jam with one musician who would it be?

Eric: James Brown because of his intensity.

Kelvin: Rhythm Guitar for John Scofield or replace Warren Haynes in Phil and Friends.

Tyler: Gillian Welch.

Wayne: Paul Simon.

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Down the Line plays the Encore
Acoustic soul makes crowd feel good

Shelly Kuschmann
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

It's all about love and feel­­ing good. We all need to be reminded of this from time to time, and on Thursday, Sept. 22 anyone who walked into the Encore Ballroom at 8 p.m. received such a reminder. The Centerentertainment-sponsored band, Down the Line, let these two messages echo from wall to wall for an hour and a half. This was a feel good, foot tapping concert in which Down the Line let their true passion for music shine through.

Down the Line formed in Michigan, and consists of Danny Myers, Derrick Fawcett, Levi Burton, and Dave Rothkoff. When asked about the history of the band, Myers' mother, Marilou Myers, spoke passionately about it: "Danny and Levi played together in Traverse, Mich. in a din­ner theater. Later on, Danny went to college with Derrick at West Michigan University and they both eventually met Dave. The members collaborated there and have been writing music together ever since." Down the Line is a band that doesn't fit into any specific genre. They make a unique acoustic, harmonic sound fused with fresh self-written lyrics. When it comes to the band's influences, though, band member Derrick Fawcett answered that such bands as CSNY, The Beatles, The Eagles, and Fleetwood Mac formed the basis of their sound.

Shortly after speaking with Fawcett, the show began. For return­ees, the stage was a familiar setup. For those in the crowd who were experiencing Down the Line's musical talents for the first time, seeing two band­lings, a violin, two guitars, a bass gui­tar, and an African drum sitting on stage left them wondering just what was in store. The lights dimmed and the band opened with an upbeat, hand-clapping song that grabbed the attention of the crowd. The band's modern acoustic spin on the '70s classic sound was pleas­ing to the ears as well as to the eyes, making quite a few people want to get up and dance. The vocals on each song were so strong and delivered with such power they caused goose bumps. Members of the audience got so immersed in the sound that nothing mattered except the music. Only a band with a true love for what they do can accomplish such a feat.

Fawcett had this advice to offer to those pursuing a career in music: "It's all about love and feel­­ing good. We all need to take it to new levels and love what you do. Doing so should make you happy. When it becomes too much like work and not a true passion, then it's not your calling. There is a place for music in every person's life, they just have to go out and find it."

Down the Line and their passion for their feel good music are going to start touring in New York this week. For more information on the band, check out their Web site: www.downthelineband.com.

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River North Chicago Dance Company

A diverse performance in Sentry Theatre

Amanda Telischak
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

An explosion of rippling muscle takes flight with the strength and precision of a finely tuned machine. It is Jae Hoon Lim of Seoul, South Korea taking a giant leap into the air in what is called a grande jete in bal­let terms. A member of the River North Chicago Dance Company returning for his second season, Jae Hoon's articulate strength and preci­sion are examples of the ver­satility of the dancers in the River North Chicago Dance Company. The 13-member company resided in Stevens Point from Sept. 19 - 24. "As a dancer I am fortu­nate to have had the opportun­ity to take a class with the company. I watched in awe as the dancers traveled delicately across the floor in one of the brand new dance studios in the Noel Fine Arts Center, completing the most difficult movements with grace and ease. At one point company member Melanie Damiano held an arabeque balance position for several seconds, length­ening as she balanced beaut­ifully. Being in class with the company has reaffirmed my goal of dancing profes­sionally. Surrounding oneself with people possessing such dedication and experience is gratifying and memorable."

The River North Chicago Dance Company is unique in that the members are all experienced in multiple styles of dance. The company per­forms works ranging in style from ballroom to contempo­rapy, hip-hop and more. On Friday they performed vari­ous works in their concert at Sentry Theatre and proved their diversity as true. Works included choreography by Artistic Director Frank Chaves, Co-Artistic Director Emeritus Sherry Zunker, Ashley Rolanda, Julia Rhoades, and Harrison McEldowney.

Each of the dancers in the company is amazing and brings their own personality to the stage. One such com­pany member who brought an extra light of enthusiasm and enjoyment to the stage was Clayton Cross. Cross has been a member of the company for just a short time and after the perfor­mance I spoke with him. He is kind and genuine, as are all of the members of River North Chicago, including the Artistic Director, Frank Chaves and Assistant to the Artistic Director, Sara Bibik. Cross says that all of the members take five to eight dance classes per week from different instructors so that they not only stay strong technically but also receive a variety of training. He con­siders himself a starving art­ist in that he does not make much performing but it is for the love of dance that he con­tinues to do it. It is clear that they take their work seri­ously and truly love what they do.

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**PLAGIARISM**

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person, but because they're overworked, overloaded, and under a lot of pressure.

The goal of turnitin.com isn't to beat the bad students over the head, said Marshall, but rather, to teach the students, and allow them to learn.

Marshall compares plagiarism to a fence obstructing a student's path to learning. "If someone puts up a fence to block someone's learning, it's our job to find a way around that fence."

Using turnitin.com is the easy way to get his students around that fence, said Marshall. "Students aren't doing cut-and-paste anymore, so they're learning the material.

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"People will spend a lot of energy to avoid doing work, so I don't think we'll ever eliminate cheating," said Marshall.

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