Student shares experience, helps take back the night

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It’s been more than seven years and the pain has yet to subside. Seven years since her life changed.

Wednesday night was a moment for Nicole Potter to finally stand up against her attacker when she spoke at “Take Back the Night,” the 17th annual event hosted by the Women’s Resource Center (WRC) devoted to speaking out about sexual assault and rape.

Now a junior at UW-SP, Potter was sexually assaulted when she was 14 years old by a man more than twice her age.

She admitted how difficult her day was knowing she would be sharing a story, one she had never even told her mother, with a group of strangers.

“I haven’t gotten over it. I’ve been sick today, I haven’t been to bed,” she said. “I started to prepare for it then I realized that you really can’t, so whatev-

er I say is just going to come from the heart.”

Potter spoke briefly on the actual incident and then transitioned into speaking of how difficult everything after the assault was, including the court process.

“I went through a lot of stuff with the court and I just kind of want to share my anger and frustration,” she said. “Basically nothing was really done about it. It was statutory rape and he was given six months. (Actually) Nine months, but it was shorter than that with work release and good behavior so he was able to get out every single day.”

Potter said that the female district attorney that was handling her case at the time had really helped.

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Students and community members enjoy the sounds of Sloppy Joe as the band performed last weekend on campus during the Eco-Fair.

Epidemic expert holds campus talk about the flu, avian style

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Before a packed house of students and faculty last week, Dr. Edward Belongia from the Epidemiology Research Center at Marshfield Clinic gave an informative but ambiguous presentation on something that is an important and immediate concern: avian flu is a problem not without precedent.

Part of Dr. Belongia’s presentation dealt with the history of influenza viruses to give his audience some context about problems that face our present-day professionals, our government and social programs in regards to the strain H5N1, otherwise known as the Avian Flu virus.

When America entered World War I there was an influenza outbreak across the globe. In September 1918, 100 people died per day from the virus in Massachusetts.

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Students meet in Madison to speak of research projects

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Nine UW-SP undergraduate students were in our state’s capital this past Tuesday participating in the third annual “Posters in the Rotunda: A Celebration of Undergraduate Research.”

Kyle Taylor, Karen Chamberlin, Venonique Van Gheem, Shane Heinrich, Kristianne Neesen, Laura Kneebone, Amanda Burg, Rachel Koehler and Nick Legler joined students from 15 other UW campuses at the Capitol Rotunda in Madison from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to share their research and insight from individual undergraduate research projects to state elected officials, regents, government representatives and the public.

Project research varied in many different fields of study, some of which included trapping Rubidium atoms, a mock up of a multi-facility museum, examining the genetic differences of different strains of yellow perch and the benefits of eliminating unlimited access of cattle to a stream and riparian ecosystem.

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from flu pg. 1 and after only two years there were 50 million dead around the globe. Dr. Belongia argued that this particular virus had a profound impact on the country, "because nobody knew how to deal with it. They had no idea where it came from, or how it exactly was transmitted. There was no coordinated public health response and the media did not touch the issue, for it was thought that news of a deadly flu sweeping the country and the world would lower the nation's morale which needed to stay high, as always, during wartime."

Over the years advancements in medical care, antiviral drugs and vaccines have greatly improved public health. And yet these advancements do not stop the flu. It constantly mutates in one of two ways. A gradual drift in the virus occurs resulting in a minor change in the H and N proteins which make up the virus, or there is the rapid shift in which the H and N proteins change dramatically.

The Avian Flu is a rapid shift in the virus in which there is no immunity in humans. So what can we do? Dr. Belongia argues that it is inescapable that flu outbreaks will occur in the future, and we are in fact now overdue for a pandemic. What we need is preparation, information on the transmission and makeup of H5N1 is hard to come by. It has been found in wild birds and domesticated chicken from Madison pg. 1.

Each student who has been researching has had the assistance of an advisor in his or her specific field of study, most often a university professor. It is the student and advisor's interest and research determination in these various projects that create for such a showing at these types of events.

"Undergraduate researchers in the UW System participate in projects that have immediate, positive impacts, both on campus, and in local Wisconsin communities," said UW System President Kevin P. Reilly. Professor Chris Hartleb of biology at UW-SP, also is advising undergrad Rachel Koehler, and her research on genetic differences in different strains of yellow perch. Koehler attended "Posters on the Hill in Washington, D.C.," to present her research that Hartleb said she had but never got a start on until Koehler arrived.

Hartleb says that once Koehler's research is completed by her graduation, December 2006, the two of them will look to publish it in a science journal. The hundreds of Wisconsin undergraduates that share their findings each year, not only do so at this local and regional level, but also at the national level, which includes the "Posters on the Hill in Washington, D.C.,"

Each student's research is supported through grants, campus academic programs and other external funding.

"Undergraduate student research at UW-SP is alive and well and indeed growing with research benefiting not only the student, but in many instances to the state as well," said UW-SP Chancellor Linda Bunnell.

"As these undergraduate researchers move into the workforce, they will bring the investigative skills Wisconsin needs to remain competitive in a growing knowledge economy," said Reilly.

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Your College Survival Guide:
Gnome II: Return of the Gnome....

Pat Rothfuss

Does everyone remember the gnomes from last semester?

Those of you who don't, here's a quick clause: Last Halloween some folks calling themselves the Redcaps managed to get a bunch of gnomes onto the roofs of the university: on the UC, on Dezel! on the art building... They even put one on the CNR building above the big mural.

To speak plainly, it was awesome. It was the coolest thing I'd seen happen at the university for years.

But with all cool things, it quickly came to an end. The gnomes disappeared. I tried to find out more about the Redcaps, but they thought I drew too much attention to the gnomes in my columns, which led to them being taken down.

Our conversation ended with them calling me some very unkind things. I was heartbroken, of course, and they stopped responding to my e-mails.

But earlier this week I got a letter and a couple photographs delivered to the Pointer. If you want to see them in color, I suggest you check out the College Survival Guide online at myspace.com/ycsg.

The letter reads:

We, the Gnome Hunters, kidnapped last semester's mysterious gnomes to make part in our G-Nome Project. Although they are small, these little lawn ornaments put up a fight. Four of the gnomes were captured safely.

Tactically, Gnome Dezel! took a bad fall, was in critical condition, but almost fully recovered after an emergency operation. We obtained all but the largest, who safely escaped our wrath by situating himself on the CNR.

However, they refused to cooperate with the G-Nome project and are now being held hostage in dresser drawers and damp basements—never to see the light of day again.

We would like to stress that no University Administrators did this work. No custodians. No hooligans. Unlike the "Redcaps" we do not claim to be composed of only the most intelligent, attractive, cunning" people. We are the average student. We walk among you. You have probably seen our faces. We are who you would least expect.

So why did we take the gnomes? What drove us to remove these creatures from their locations on top of university buildings? Our answer is because there is nothing to do in Stevens Point and we were bored. Why did we go five months to speak about this? Simple. We were too busy.

We would like to state, we are not holding them for ransom. We just want to let those who perches where they can breathe free and look out over the campus, like the tiny beneficent gods that they are. As you said yourself, Point is boring. What's more, finals are coming, tedious and painful. Wouldn't it all be a little bit more tolerable with the gnomes around?

This is our challenge to the gnome hunters. Find good places for the gnomes. Somewhere high. Somewhere that everyone can see them. Somewhere funny. If you do this, you will gain the respect of the Redcaps and the silent gratitude of thousands of students. Perhaps we will even consider including you in some activities we have planned for the future. Point doesn't have to be boring...

This is our challenge. Display the gnomes somewhere lofty on campus and we will deft our hats in your honor. You have until Monday.

Until then, we remain,

The Redcaps.

P.S. Pat - the Redcaps would like to officially apologize for calling you a "meddling cockucker." Sorry.

Honestly, I would have preferred it if they had retracted a few of their other insults instead. "Pandering semi-humorous cog in the academic megalomaniac" springs to mind. I mean c'mon. SEMI-humorous? Them's fighting words. For all their abusive bellicosity, I'm afraid I have to side with the Redcaps on this one. The Redcaps were bored so they did something designed to amuse everyone. You, Hunters, were bored and so you did something to amuse yourselves. Plus you made things MORE boring by what you did. That's a dick maneuver no matter how you look at it.

So I guess on Monday I'll be outside looking for some gnomes. If I don't see any, I guess we'll all know that the Gnome Hunters are, in fact, just a bunch of choads.

The Mission Coffee House is still remodeling, but you have to understand... the Mission is hard core. That means they don't let a little thing like construction keep them from having fun. Friday at 8 p.m. Screenin' Red is playing a mix of landcore rock with help from White Knuckle Trip, Drayton, Inversion, and Atomic Zombie.

Thursday night, Cornerz offers some seriously blue bluegrasses. Seriously, it's more than practitioners indulge. Remember, all shows are all ages, but you can drink with valid ID. Really, it's the best of both worlds: beer and hard rockin' high school girls.

PointLife apologizes

Dear Editor,

I wrote a story for the March 16 issue of the The Pointer, entitled "Thirty Minutes to Burn: High-jacking a Honda," which gives a narrative account of test-driving a car from an area dealership. The article describes a number of illegal and, arguably, immoral, activities.

The decision to submit this story for publication in the The Pointer is a decision which I regret and which I shall not repeat.

Furthermore, I do not endorse the illegal activities described in the article, nor would I recommend that others submit accounts including such activities for publication in the Pointer.

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UW-SP joins efforts for 'TV Turnoff Week'

UW-SP Press Release

AmeriCorps VISTA at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has joined with Wisconsin Campus Compact to support "TV Turn-off Week," a nationwide effort to encourage millions of Americans to turn off their television for seven days, from Monday, April 24 through Sunday, April 30.

"TV Turn-off Week" is a nationally recognized week that encourages people to turn off their television and rediscover their communities," said Michele Dickinson, an AmeriCorps VISTA member and representative for Wisconsin Campus Compact. "The idea behind the week is not to create activities but instead to encourage people to participate in activities that already occur in their communities."

UW-SP kicked off the week with an "anti-funeral" for a television on Monday, April 24. The event was held in front of the LRC at 5 p.m., and was open to the public free of charge. Participants had the opportunity to say goodbye to television without mourning the loss. Instead those who chose to speak shared why they were excited about the week ahead. Pizza was provided for the event by Toppers and Papa John's and juice and soda was provided in part by Copp's Food Centers and County Market. The event was also included a raffle with more than $400 in prizes donated by local businesses.

To help participants find out about other local events during the week, a calendar of events has been posted on the Association for Community Task Force Web site at www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/act/tvturnoff/index.html.

The driving force behind this project is the belief that many Americans, especially children, watch too much television. According to Nielsen Media Research, average Americans watch over four hours of television per day and in one year young people spend more time in front of the TV (1,023 hours) than in school (900 hours).

Turn-off Week is a project of the TV Turn-off Network, a national nonprofit organization that encourages adults and children to watch much less television in order to promote healthier lives and communities. It is supported nationally by major organizations such as American Academy of Pediatrics, National Education Association and Reading is Fundamental. To learn more, visit the TV Turn-off Network at www.tvturnoff.org/. The reception will take place in the Carlsten Art Gallery and the lecture will be held in room 221 of the NFAC.

"An Allowance of Dream" wraps up Sunday evening, hopes to bring awareness nationwide in the future

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Joseph Quinnell gave a moving and emotional lecture accompanied by a slide show on Monday night in the Noel Fine Arts Center about his 30-day experience in Thailand this past summer.

In his lecture, Quinnell described the horrors of prostitution and the child sex-trade industry in Thailand as well as a program run by Sompop Jantraka to combat these problems. The Development Education Program for Daughters and Community is a non-profit organization that gives children who are at risk for being trafficked into the sex-trade industry a chance for full-time education as well as the opportunity for learning valuable life skills.

"It's an oasis for these children that would not have a childhood," Quinnell said. "These children are allowed to be children. They're not told to be quiet or slow down."

His trip evolved from what he thought would be a photojournalism project into a campus-wide art exhibit, "An Allowance of Dream," as well as an international program for art students.

"How everything happened," Quinnell said, "I never saw it coming."

Quinnell's ultimate goal is to bring awareness to campuses nationwide through a traveling exhibit as well as opening up the opportunity for the international program to travel to Thailand and work with the students at Jantraka's school.

Stuart Morris, assistant professor of Graphic Design, is currently working with Quinnell on the project. They meet a few times a week to discuss funding, goals and plans for the future of the project.

Mark Brueggeman, UW-SP art professor, led the international program trip to Thailand during this past winter.

"This is not just a Thai problem," he said. "All of this business of exploitation takes place everywhere. Once you're aware, it opens your eyes to the problems elsewhere, too."

Quinnell's exhibit will wrap up on Sunday, April 30 with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by a lecture at 7 p.m. The reception will take place in the Carlsten Art Gallery and the lecture will be held in room 221 of the NFAC.

"Start by doing what's necessary... then do what's possible... and suddenly you are doing the impossible." - St Francis of Assisi

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Standing Rocks disc golf is a unique sport that thrives mainly on its players. Courses are created, maintained and policed by players. "Litter, vandalism and other inappropriate behavior are the reasons that courses get pulled shut down," said Schukar. "This is something that all players should watch out for all the time," he added.

Schukar also mentioned, "We have approval for building more holes at Standing Rocks. Several holes were extremely pleased with their club’s performance. "This year's Standing Rocks Open is a fine example of the utter domination that the Stevens Point Disc Golf Club is capable of achieving," said Kerwin.

Another great Ace Hole's disc golf moment came when club member Josef Russert lived up to the Ace Hole's name and sank an ace (hole in one) on the sixth hole in the first round with an Innovative KC pro Rock. "I heard the shouts from the other side of the course and just knew it must be an ace," said a tournament participant. Russert was thrilled by his ace. "The chains were the loudest I have ever heard," he said.

Standing Rocks is known for its beautiful landscape and impressively maintained conditions. It is such a great course that thanks to Schukar and his desire to organize work days. "I have logged over 240 hours in the past six weeks and frankly am ready to take a break," said Schukar.

Schukar will not be able to take a break though, because this coming Saturday and Sunday the advanced and professional divisions compete. "There will be 175 professional and advanced players in attendance, including two-time world champion Barry Schultz, Wisconsin distance record holder Jon Drummond and many other top players. It will be great for spectators," said Schukar.

Ace Hole's club advisor Ian Goldberg said, "The 115 person field was their largest ever, and ranks the Standing Rocks Open as one of the top amateur tournaments in the world."
Senior on the Spot
Rebekah Bauer – Softball

Career Highlights:
- Earned first-team all-WIAC honors in 2005.
- Garnered second-team all-region laurels last year.
- Member of three conference title squads and two team championships teams at SPASH.

Majors: Health Promotion
Hometown: Stevens Point, Wis.

Do you have any nicknames? Bekah, Bekah B, Bauer Power.

What are your plans after graduation?
No set plans at the moment but I do plan on getting a degree in the Outdoor and Adventure Education field while incorporating my Health Promotion training in doing so.

What helps you become such an accomplished softball player?
My siblings and I were never really allowed to play outside, so we were always outside playing some kind of game or sport. The coaches and my parents really believed in my talents and kept me working harder and harder. I am a competitor in all aspects of life and I simply just love the game.

I've gotten a lot of help from people such as my coach and another who have also pushed me.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?
Winching the men's basketball team win nationals and the women come close, while our school in the winning in the Digopy's Cup was so proud of my school.

What is your biggest regret in life?
Being a senior and completely missing the fly ball but the wind. That day was Whiteout to me.

What CD is in your stereo right now?
My mix CD of Jack Johnson, Ben Harper, Art Hill, Dave and many more.

What DVR is currently on program? "King Kong."

What will you remember most about UWSP?
So many softball and sports memories, many friendships and roommates, studying at the Brehmhaus and a couple of inspiring professors.

What are the three biggest influences in your life?
My mother, my friends and mentors, and my desire to achieve great heights and to do good things.

Lack of clutch hitting, big plays hurt Pointers in season's home stretch

Robert Lucas
Sports Reporter

The Pointer softball team collided with some tough luck this past week, going 1-5 in games against La Crosse, Eau Claire and UW-Oshkosh. The losses were close, but the Pointers weren't able to get the big hit or make the big play to swing the momentum in their favor.

"We had good games but it just doesn't show it in our record," said centerfielder Mandy Jellish. "We've had some bad breaks but I think they will go our way in the conference tournament."

On Thursday, the Pointers split with UW-L, winning the first game 7-0 while losing the second 4-1. Hope Krause pitched seven strong in the first game, earning her sixth win of the year. Jellish, Jenni Van Cryder and Kristin Konieczny each collected three hits in the game. Rebekah Bauer added two more hits and scored two runs in the shutout.

Game two was where things started to go wrong for the Pointers. Jellish knocked three more hits, but the second-through-fourth hitters went a combined 1-10-2, standing every time. Where Point failed, La Crosse succeeded. The Eagles collected only two hits in the game, but took advantage of seven walks by starting pitcher Ashley Tobalsky. UW-L starter Cassie Huettl was touched up for nine hits, but was able to pitch out of some tight jams to collect her sixth win of the year. The Pointers dropped to 8-5.

On Saturday, Point traveled to Eau Claire to face the eighth ranked Blugolds. Rebekah Bauer had two hits, including a key double to help push the game into extras, but UW-EC was able to push a run past in the bottom of the eighth to win, 4-3. Point scored three runs against one of the best pitchers in all of D-III softball, but it wasn't enough to knock off the Blugolds on the road. Hope Krause pitched well, allowing only two earned in the loss.

The Pointers only real bright spot in game two was Jenny Feidt, who went 3-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored. Tobalsky gave up six runs, but only two were earned due to three errors by UW-L.

A slugfest ensued in game two as the teams totaled 22 runs on 27 hits. Becky Crane had a big day for the Yellowjackets, hitting two home runs and collecting five RBIs. Jackie Berger scored three runs for the Pointers and Zierler hit her first home run of the season. Jellish, Bauer and Van Cryder each had two hits for the Pointers, but it was not enough to overcome the Yellowjackets, who out-slugged the Pointers to win 12-10. "We know that each person has to come ready to play and win these next six conference games to get a good spot for the tournament," said Jellish.

The Pointers split a doubleheader with UW-Oshkosh on Wednesday, winning 2-0 in five innings and losing 5-3. UW-SP is now 19-14 overall and 3-9 in the WIAC.

UW-SP's last games of the year before the WIAC tournament are home this weekend versus UW-Stout and UW-River Falls.

Two of WIAC's best in baseball struggle to stalemate

Steve Roeland
THE POINTER

IN WISCONSIN, baseball is only played on Saturday, and with the winter season officially over, the Pointers were ready to take on the Warhawks. Both teams were tied atop the WIAC baseball standings, each with four games left.

The two teams that sit atop the WIAC baseball standings battled each other in four games last weekend, with neither team claiming superiority over the other.

UW-SP and UW-Whitewater split their series, with each team winning one game on Saturday and one game on Sunday. The Pointers lost the first game of the doubleheader on Saturday by a score of 5-0, but came back strong to win the second game 9-4. UW-SP started Sunday's games with an 11-9 victory, but fell to the Warhawks 8-7 in the finale.

UW-SP notched nine hits in the series opener, but was unable to push any runs across home plate. The Warhawks scored jams in the third and fourth innings, as the Pointers had two men in scoring position with one out in the conference inning and bases loaded with one out in the latter. The scoring opportunities eluded the Pointers and they finished the game empty-handed.

UW-W's leadoff hitter and left fielder Ben Prather went 3-for-5 and drove in three runs in game one. UW-SP's Stewart Larsen collected three hits in the game.

The Pointers reversed their fortunes the following day, as they won the second game, dominating the Warhawks and scoring 19 runs. Eight of the nine starting batters for UW-SP had hit games in Saturday's nightcap. Four Pointer starters had three or more RBIs in the game, driving in a total of 19 runs. Larsen continued to swing a hot bat, driving in five runs of his own. The Pointers finished with 20 hits in game two.

Josh Perkins pitched the seven-inning complete game for the Pointers, allowing four runs on seven hits and striking out six, en route to his third win of the year.

Sunday started out well for the Pointers, who took game one 11-9. UW-SP took an early lead on two-out hits in the first and second innings, but UW-W put a six-spot on the board in the bottom of the inning. Trailing for most of the game, the Pointers tied the contest at nine in the eighth inning on Tim Schlosser's lead-off home run. Schlosser also homered in the third.

Doug Corre followed the game-tying homer with a double, scoring another run on a wild pitch and scoring on an error to put UW-SP ahead for good. An insurance run in the ninth sealed the game for the Pointers.

Travis Kempf won his second game of the season for the Pointers in a 10-9 win over Ripon College. Kempf shut out UW-W for the remainder of the game. The Pointers scored nine runs in the first three innings, but UW-W tied the game on a sacrifice fly by pinch hitter Matt DeLong. Prather followed with a hit-by-pitch and scored on a double in the next at bat. The Pointers went down without much resistance in the ninth and 10-7.

The Pointers took to the diamond again on Tuesday afternoon, as Jacob O'Hallorain ranked 18th in the April 18 edition of the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper. He moved into a tie for second in the WIAC in poll voting. UW-SP stood up to the challenge and swept the Red Hawks, winning both games by scores of 18-10 and 19-3.

The Pointers are now 20-10 overall and 10-5 in the WIAC. UW-SP squares off against UW-Oshkosh this Saturday and Sunday in Oshkosh. Both days' doubleheaders begin at noon.
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To the International Programs Staff:

As a former participant of both study and internship abroad programs, I am forever indebted to you all for giving me such fantastic, life changing opportunities. Traveling to Europe was a dream of mine since childhood, and I was able to make that dream a reality with the help of International Programs. After participating in the fall 2003 trip to London, I fell in love with the city, and was ecstatic to be included in the internship program of spring 2005. Much to my own surprise, I not only fell in love with the city, but in 2003 I fell in love. My husband and I have now been married for nearly two years and plan on returning to London as soon as I earn my teaching degree here in the states. I can never say thank you enough, I can't possibly express how much gratitude I have for International Programs. What you do for students is absolutely AMAZING!!!

Sincerely,

Jean L'Engendre, Sociology Major

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NFL Draft preview: With the first pick, the Houston Texans select...

Jay Schiedermayer
SPORTS REPORTER

Well it’s that time again, time for me to make very bold predictions that go completely wrong. If anyone read my NCAA tournament predic­ tions, you know that I wasn’t even close. So now, I am giving it a shot with the first 10 picks of the NFL draft, which takes place April 29-30. I am not an expert so send all your hate mail to the sports editor, not me. Here we go:

1. Houston Texans - Reggie Bush, RB, Southern California

Bush is all around the best player in the draft and maybe in the past decade. Coming off a Heisman winning season with USC, Bush can do just about everything. Run, catch, block and - most importantly - find the end zone. The Texans have the No. 1 pick for a reason, so they need a player who can do just about anything asked of him.

2. New Orleans Saints - D’Brickashaw Ferguson, OT, Virginia

The Saints want out of the number two pick and are trying to make deals with everyone and their moms. But if they end up staying at the number two spot, they will pick the best offensive lineman in the draft: Ferguson, a monster of a man who will probably start from the day he arrives at camp. With the addition of free agent QB Drew Brees and the return of all-pro running back Deuce McAllister from injury, the Saints will need someone to protect both of them.

3. Tennessee Titans - Matt Leinart, QB, USC

The second Trojan chosen in the top three will be the former leader of the second best team from a year ago. Leinart is a smart QB with good accuracy and he knows how to win. The main reason why Leinart will succeed in Tennessee is because he is meeting up with his old offensive coordinator, Norm Chow; the man he won two National Championships with. With Steve McNair on his way out, Leinart is the future.


The Jets, like the rest of the NFL, aren't finished making deals with every­ one and their moms. But if they end up staying at the number two pick, they will choose the best pass rusher. Mario Williams is 6'6" and 292 lbs; he is the speed and power the Jets were looking for. Williams will be the perfect partner for Darrelle Revis.

5. Green Bay Packers - A.J. Hawk, OLB, Ohio State

Speed, power and finishing ability. Everything you want in an OLB comes in one player, A.J. Hawk. Even though the Packers had the seventh best defense in the NFL last year they need someone who can come up and shut down the outside run plays and cover tight ends. Hawk is that man. He has a nose for the football and knows how to make the tackle once he gets his hands on the ball carrier.

6. San Francisco 49ers - Vernon Davis, TE, Maryland

This man-child benches 400+ lbs, squats 500+ lbs, has the best hands in the draft and, oh yeah, runs a sub-4.4 40-yard dash. Not too bad for a tight end. Davis has been impressing scouts for the past year and his draft status has moved up in-off season work­ outs. He is 6'3" which makes him a big target for second year QB Alex Smith. This reliable TE will make an impact right away even though it is a stretch for me to put him this high in the draft.

7. Oakland Raiders - Vince Young, QB, Texas

The National Champion fell quite a bit after his Wonderlic test. Scouts are worried about his football IQ and his point and his knowledge of the game. After all that, you get one of the best passers in the country. Young is an amazing athlete, he makes the big plays. He was the most accurate passer in the NCAA last year and he beat USC in the National Championship. He will be a playmaker in the NFL, even if it takes a year sitting behind Aaron Brooks.

8. Buffalo Bills - Haloti Ngata, DT, Oregon

Nose tackles are supposed to tackle up room and blockers make plays everywhere now and then. Ngata will do both but he has the ability to make a play every snap of the ball. At 6'4" and almost 340 lbs, he will be the plug in the middle that the Bills lacked last year. He will take up blockers for Takeo Spikes who is returning after tearing his Achilles tend­ lon last season.

9. Detroit Lions - Michael Huff, CB, Oregon

The second Longhorn picked in the draft will play in Ford Field. After select­ ing offensive players the past five years in the first round the Lions will switch it up and select Texas’ playmak­ ing safety. Huff will fit in well with both Dré Bly and Dore'ne Holt in the Lions sec­ ondary. Although the Lions could use some help on the offensive line or at QB since Joey Harrington didn’t work out, Huff will be a good pick at number nine.

10. Arizona Cardinals - Jay Cutler, QB, Vanderbilt

Cutler is one of the best QBs not selected in the first round. If not the long-term solution in Arizona, Warner, a former Heisman winner, will be a great mentor for Cutler. Cutler won’t be in a bad situation with two young WR in Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin both catching over 100 passes in 2005.

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Presentation highlights current and future state of renewable energy on campus

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It is very easy to get pessimistic about our country's relative overconsumption of fossil fuels and the potentially devastating effects it will have for generations to come. Fortunately, the UW-SP campus has taken some steps to make this an energy efficient and renewable energy campus.

Earlier this week in the College of Natural Resources Larry Beck, Facility Services director, gave a talk sponsored by the Environmental Council regarding the use of energy on campus.

"I always get aggravated with the emphasis on renewable energy. Energy conservation will solve the same problems without the added cost," said Beck, although it is clear that he still considers renewable energy an important source of our campus energy.

As of now, heating, ventilating and air conditioning take up the most energy use on campus, followed closely by water, lighting and occupants.

"The building themselves don't use a whole lot of energy...it's what we plug into them that do," said Beck.

The university gets about 60 percent of its energy from coal purchased for heating and hot water from November to March. Most of the other 40 percent is produced from natural gas which is also used for heating and hot water along with cooking, laboratories and emergency generators.

UW-SP has taken numerous steps since the 1980s to reduce the amount of energy used on campus. In 1983 the first building automation system was installed in order to shut unused electrical appliances off. In 1993 all exit sign light-bulbs that were once powered by incandescent lights were switched to LED bulbs that operate on a fraction of the energy cost. In 1999 all the old toilets were replaced with more water-efficient ones.

Some major changes came with the expansion of the Noel Fine Arts Center. One was the installation of photovoltaic cells on the south-facing window of the NFAC. The 18 panels produce 900 watts of power to light the second floor hallway.

Another stride the campus took with renewable energy was the passage of an SGA bill that allotted $25,000 of student fees to purchase 10 percent renewable energy for campus. There's a push to get these funds matched by the administration to make 20 percent of our energy come from renewable sources as soon as next year.

Get fit movin' and groovin' at the Allen Center next week

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The chaos of finals is so close, and for some of us the real world is just weeks away. Generally, students are starting to freak out; but for one final week the Allen Center will be hosting a variety of free and healthy events to help students de-stress and make it to another summer.

Dubbed "Groovin' with Allen," May 1-5 is part membership appreciation week and part reminder of what the Allen Center offers to the student population year-round. According to Stacey Duellman, programs and promotions coordinator at the Allen Center, the week will essentially be a thank-you to those who have used the Allen Center throughout the year.

"Each department will sponsor a different day or events throughout the week," she said.

The week begins and ends with Outdoor EdVentures. On Monday from 7:30 p.m. students will have the chance to peruse the wide variety of outdoor rental equipment available to them as well as ask the staff specific questions about equipment and services.

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Seventh annual CLS research symposium to highlight UW-SP's finest

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Ever wonder about the pluralistic problems with "Pascal's wager" or about the social hierarchy in northern grasshopper mice? Probably not. But at the seventh annual research symposium you can learn surprisingly exciting things about these topics and many more from your undergraduate peers at UW-SP.

The Undergraduate Research Symposium for the Sciences and Social Sciences will be held this Saturday, April 29 in the Science building.

The event will showcase research conducted by students from numerous departments on campus including Biology, Chemistry, History, Computing and Mathematics, Sociology, Philosophy and Religion, and English.

The oral presentations will go from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the poster presentations from 10-11 a.m.

Chris Malinowski and Jennifer McMonagle will present on techniques and training in small animal surgery. Malinowski and McMonagle worked together to improve health and welfare of UW-SP animals.

Malinowski and McMonagle are proficient in small animal surgeries and can control reproduction in the captive animals. They trained with Dr. Pope, a well-respected area veterinarian who advised them as they learned and practiced small animal surgeries.

Rachel Koehler studied the genetic analysis of North American yellow perch strains, a type of fish. Koehler believed that yellow perch were common in aquaculture settings and that there are distinct northern and southern strains of perch. She collected data and analyzed the findings to conclude that the genetic differentiations do indeed exist and that there is a significant divergence between northern and southern perch.

Bradley Jordan researched the sensitivity of penicillin species to potassium sorbate. In this experiment, species of penicillin were grown on media containing potassium sorbate in order to test the sensitivity of this fungus to the compound. Jenna Gilbertson and Chris Hoffman did a market research study looking at bringing technology into the coffee shop. The analysis consisted of a pilot study to see if a coffee shop with Internet access could succeed in Stevens Point.

The poster presentations will cover a variety of topics ranging from the ecology and natural history of the mudpuppy on Adams Lake, to the possible discovery of a new species of frog, to the effects of commercial and organic milk on growth and reproduction in mice, and to parental involvement in UW-SP students' academic activities.

All of these and many more research presentations will be on display on the first floor of wings A and B in the Science building. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend this Saturday to support the students and see the hard work that went into these presentations.
Mark Zupan keeps it light and inspires at UW-SP

Mark Zupan's many humorous quotes as he gave a speech last night in the Laird room. Zupan, a 29-year-old civil engineer from Texas, has become a well-known personality thanks to his role in the documentary "Murderball," about quadriplegic rugby.

Zupan explained his injury, and talked about how many people still don't understand that being quadriplegic doesn't necessarily mean losing the use of all four limbs. His particular injury involved a fracture of the C-7 vertebra, which, since it was lower on the spinal cord (Christopher Reeve, for example, fractured his C-1) meant that Zupan retained some use in his arms and legs.

His injury occurred when Zupan was 18, after a soccer game. He had gone to a bar with friends, and at some point crawled into the bed of Chris Igoe's pickup truck. While attempting to drive home, Igoe hit a fence, and Zupan was thrown from the back of the truck into a nearby canal, which he described as about "10 yards wide." An off-duty police officer had been following Igoe, and arrested him for drunk driving. Neither had any idea that Zupan was lying in the weeds a few yards away from them.

In all, Zupan spent 14 hours in the canal, clinging onto a branch that barely allowed his mouth and nose to be free of the water. Finally a worker on his lunch break heard Zupan feebly calling for help and noticed the crown of his head poking out of the water on the other side of the canal.

After going through rehab, he returned to school in Florida, then transferred to Georgia Tech, where he became aware of quad rugby.

The event, although sponsored by a laundry list of organizations (12 total), was unfortunately sparsely attended. The cause of this low turnout was most likely the publicity for the event, which was confusing to say the least. Until the day before the event, I thought that this was going to be a screening of "Murderball," until I was informed that Zupan was actually appearing on campus. Then I figured that the documentary would be screened, followed by a talk by Zupan. However, it turned out to be just an appearance by Zupan, leaving me confused.

Beth Ford, who was in charge of promoting the event, was unavailable for comment.

Zupan said his goal has been to keep things positive, and said he was grateful to his friends who "kept it light" after his injury, not allowing him to sink into depression and self-pity. In this vein, Zupan told some "guy with no arms and no legs" jokes at the end of his speech, including the classic what do you call a guy with no arms and no legs in a pile of leaves?

Overall, Zupan's talk was a good one, and his message boils down to his being an ordinary guy just living his life to the fullest, disability or not.

For now, he's content to play rugby, "sharing stories" and making people laugh.

Lindsay Mac: Cello music with a plucky twist

When Lindsay Mac from Boston performed at Shindig for the Shelter at Stevens Point in February, she wowed everybody with her cello playing. She did something with the cello that the audience never expected; instead of playing with a bow she played it like a lead instrument, plucking it and playing it like a guitar! A very unique style, and when asked if she got that idea from someone else she replied, "Not that I know of."

Her album "Small Revolution" is a very deserving title, because it is a revolution of many different styles showing us a very versatile artist who is willing to push the envelope to the limit.

Mac was born and raised in Iowa by parents who, according to her biography, were "hard-working" but also "party-hungry." After graduating from high school she went east to Dartmouth College in New Hampshire to study music. With brief stints at the Royal College of Music in London, San Francisco Conservatory, and The Berkley College of Music she has had the privilege to play with jazz legends such as bassist Charles Haden and saxophonist Michael Brecker in Carnegie Hall at the JVC jazz festival in 2003. She also opened for K.D. Lang and Katie Curtis on national tours before she recorded what would be her debut album.

"Small Revolution" starts out with a song called "Lucy," beginning with what would become her signature sound of plucking on the cello mixed in with some traditional bow playing. Up next she does a total 180, introducing a turntable on the Bill Withers tune "Use Me" in a very different, yet engaging version that packs a lot of soul.

"Nowhere" is a very humorous number about a man that works at a gas station with a woman falling in love with a man she just met.

"Revolution," but the music contains an honest look at the hardships of touring on the road. Using a metaphor of a small sailing ship that drifted too close to home, it is a beautiful number that just features cello and voice; Lindsay Mac is at her best when it is just her and her cello. The cello sounds she creates in this number are big, and airy, giving the impression she is by herself in the middle of a dark studio.

"Drifted" is the final cut on this album and it contains an honest look at the hardships of touring on the road. Using a metaphor of a small sailing ship that drifted too close to home, it is a beautiful number that just features cello and voice; Lindsay Mac is at her best when it is just her and her cello. The cello sounds she creates in this number are big, and airy, giving the impression she is by herself in the middle of a dark studio.

"Out of Me" is one of the strongest numbers on this disc, containing a nice solid bass note from the cello and a strong beat by the drums. The turntable returns here, and the song tells a tale about a woman that is getting sick of her boyfriend's vanity so she kicks him out.

"Stumble" is the final cut on this album and it contains an honest look at the hardships of touring on the road. Using a metaphor of a small sailing ship that drifted too close to home, it is a beautiful number that just features cello and voice; Lindsay Mac is at her best when it is just her and her cello. The cello sounds she creates in this number are big, and airy, giving the impression she is by herself in the middle of a dark studio.

"Last Resort" marked another change in direction on the album, containing some nice piano playing by Tim Ray (who has also worked with Bonnie Raitt and Lyle Lovett) giving this number a nice easy jazz vibe.

"The album is called "Small Revolution," but the music within this album is big, a revolution of ideas meshing together into one, creating an unmistakable sound to a unique voice in independent music.
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heat their water.

Additionally, the swimming pool in the Health Enhancement Center is now completely heated and maintained by solar panels on the roof, and a new high efficiency boiler will be installed on campus in 2007.

Also speaking at the event was Chamomile Nusz who discussed Citizens Energy Cooperative, which is an organization that strives to bring renewable energy into private homes as well as campuses and industry in Wisconsin.

The co-op gives its members a chance to buy into renewable energy in an effort to increase the overall renewable energy usage across Wisconsin.

According to Nusz, “there are a lot of people who like the idea of renewable energy, but it’s the upfront cost which holds them back.” Renewable energy is a relatively costly endeavor and CEC is trying to offset that cost by creating the co-op.

“Right now Wisconsin spends $10 billion every year to import fossil fuel,” said Nusz. If we can find a way to use more renewable energy in Wisconsin all that money we are using to buy fossil fuels can be used for something else.

The Wisconsin senate has just passed an energy bill that will require all state buildings to run on 10 percent renewable energy by 2011 and 20 percent by 2015. It also allocates a certain amount of money out of our utilities bill to go towards renewable energy, and offers numerous incentives for homeowners to install solar panels to heat their homes.

Nusz commented that renewable energy is a growing field and will continue to grow as we use up our fossil fuels in the next couple of years and start focusing on other sources of energy.

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On Friday, Outdoor EdVentures will take the equipment outside for demos. From 1-5 p.m. bikes, kayaks and canoes will be unleashed in Schmeeckle.

“Many people aren’t aware of all the fun stuff they have at Outdoor EdVentures,” said Duellman, adding that this week also provides a perfect opportunity to try equipment out that you might never have thought of trying before.

The Cardio Center will offer free fitness assessments on Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. The assessment can help students begin to formulate an individualized plan for getting in shape and staying that way.

Wednesday is the official membership appreciation day at the Cardio Center.

“Every hour they’ll pick a prize and have a winner,” said Duellman. “Free ice cream treats for any member who comes and works out.”

After a brutal workout, members can head down and relax at Mind and Body Connections from 12-1 p.m. for paraffin hand dips and from 6-7 p.m. for a chair massage.

From 3-7 p.m. on Thursday, folks can get outside and get sweaty with an Outdoor Fitness Challenge. The challenge, sponsored by the Group Fitness Department, will take place at the South Allen recreation field and will feature a different class every half-hour including kickboxing, hula and gung, and stretching.

In addition to all these special events taking place, existing Cardio Center members can bring a friend to work out for free all week long.

Free food and prizes will be offered throughout the week as well, at nearly every event.

The Cardio Center will remain open after school adjourns for the summer, though with different hours. Outdoor EdVentures will also be open, but by appointment only.

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