Six senators walk out of meeting, organizations put in bind for cash

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Six senators, including two of the three Student Government Association’s (SGA) presidential candidates for the upcoming school term, walked out of last Thursday’s (March 2) senate meeting.

The group, which consisted of Senators Robert Forseth, Andrea Zahn, Arturo Vigueras, Rachelle Fawcett, Dan O’Meara and David Davila, cited a breach of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law for why they weren’t legally able to participate in the formal hearing.

According to the Wisconsin Statute, “It is declared to be the policy of this state that the public is entitled to the fullest and most complete information regarding the affairs of government.”

Several senators complained that the SGA did not comply with the statute.

“A lot of the issues came around when everything was posted and whether or not it was actually legal for us to hold the meeting,” Forseth said. “There are some events that were really sketchy, yesterday (March 2) we see there was an agenda posted on the window of SGA, however nobody knows when that got there, nobody wants to claim putting it up, so we don’t even know when that was posted.”

Courtney Ryan, SGA vice-president and chairperson of the senate meeting, disagreed with this sentiment and said the meeting was being held in accordance with the state law.

“We had a lot of debate about it, whether it coincided with open meetings law,” Ryan said. “(the agenda) was posted on our Web site at 11:49 a.m. (March 1), it was completely in line with Wisconsin state law,” Ryan said. “We’ve also done our research and we don’t fall under Wisconsin state statute regarding the open meetings law.”

Six senators, including two of the three SGA presidential candidates speak on campus last week alongside their running mates. Elections run from March 10-16.

Finance committee cuts organization budgets, student seg fees to increase

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The Student Government Association’s (SGA) Finance Committee met three times over the course of February to approve the 2006-07 budgets for 80 student organizations with some coming away frustrated with the results.

Michelle Marchand, President of UW-SP’s local Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group (WISPIRG), was one to voice her displeasure.

“We requested $36,000 and some change for this upcoming year, this year we’re working on $34,000,” she said. “The only increase that we are asking for is because when we pay staff people, every year just like in the real world, there’s inflation, there’s cost of living, things go up in price and when people stay on for numerous years, they might get a raise or things in general might get more expensive.”

WISPIRG was unable to garner all of the money they requested and were approved for $2,641.49, approximately seven percent of their request.

“They cut our campus organization, cut all of the advocates,” she said. “They basically left us the little bit of money for publications, a little bit of money for office supplies and tacked on some extra fund raising.”

According to SGA Budget Director Amy Clark, her office not only requests a budget to be submitted by the organization prior to the meeting, but also requires them to provide answers to eight questions regarding the structure and identity of the organization.

SGA requests to know the purpose of the organization.

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Michael Thornton reported damage to the back window on his 2003 Ford Focus located in Parking Lot Q.

Reports of a strong odor of marijuana coming from the first floor area. No smell of marijuana was detected by officer upon arrival.

University Center
March 3, 2006 1:16 p.m.
Type: SUSPICION OF DRUG USE

Caller requested to talk to an officer regarding an incident that she had with an "unenrolled student."

Neale Hall
March 5, 2006 4:06 a.m.
Type: DEGRADATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

CA of Neale Hall claimed someone urinated on his door. He also stated he know who had done it.

Parking Lot Q
March 5, 2006 4:00 p.m.
Type: VANDALISM

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tion, what kind of benefits its members receive, how many people are involved with the organization, and various other questions.

Clark said the budget office took a new approach to the process of dealing with upcoming budgets by breaking up the hearings into two separate weekends to allow for more treasurers to be present.

"The Finance Committee was able to take more time deliberating on all of the budgets as a whole," Clark said of the new process. "All told, the finance committee spent over 40 hours over the two weekends hearing presentations and questions, this is an exceptionally dedicated group of students."

WISPRG's campus organizer was to receive the bulk of the money in the request budget with a pay rate of $20.006 for the year, which is only for work done during the school term.

When asked for a more detailed reason why WISPRG had its budget cut so drastically, Marchand said that SGA did not find it financially responsible to spend student segregated fees on people that were non-students (campus organizer and advocates).

"The structure of our organization is that we have students that work on statewide and national and local issues," she said. "When we work with the help of a trained professional that works here on campus, when we get information from our advocates and associates that we work with, (these people) are research resources for us."

Marchand said that these people help prepare the organization for an upcoming campaign before the members of the organization then work with the campus organizer to coordinate a grassroots campaign to get students involved.

According to Clark, the segregated fee for students will be going up this year. The total expenditures for this past year was $1,404,065, while the expenditures will increase to $1,632,949, with this number having all of the same expenditures as last year.

"If you add in the 10 percent Renewable Energy referendum, which passed last week, then the amount increases to $1,677,949," Clark said.

Ross Cohen, the executive director of SGA, was also upset with the finance committee's decisions regarding his proposed budget for the upcoming year.

"My SGA budget did receive a lot of cuts, especially paid positions," he said. "I am disappointed about the cuts for all the organizations. I think that students pay segregated fees for a reason and that money should be used however the organizations want to use it."

According to the Finance Committee minutes posted on the SGA Web site, SGA was turned down on requests for positions of clerk of courts, chief justice, vice chief justice and multicultural director.

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Senator Vigueras was the first with open meetings law. "I thought it looks really bad. It’s making us look really disorganized," Gifford said. "Even when John (Birrenkott) got up to speak, his first thing he says is, 'Thank you for entertaining me for a little bit tonight, I'm glad it didn't go on for too long.'" They didn't even think about the budget implications or being there for the reports from the administration," Ryan said. "It doesn't speak very highly on them to walk out of a meeting."

Last week's agenda included several timely requests from student organizations looking for money such as the men's volleyball team and student society of arboriculture. The volleyball team needed $1,800 for their national tournament in Salt Lake City last weekend while the arboriculture society needed $589.35 for a speaker who presented on campus recently.

While most of the organizations were put in a bind for the money they were expecting to receive last week, Ryan said that due to the urgency of one particular request, SGA's Budget Director Amy Clark personally wrote an $1,800 check to the volleyball team for their trip due to the senate's inability to listen to the formal request. The presidential election process for students to decide who will be the next SGA president begins this week (March 10-16). The three candidates this year are Robert Forseth, Andrea Zahn and Ross Cohen. "I think the reason why Forseth did it (walked out of the meeting) is because he’s running against Ross (Cohen) in the presidential election and he wanted to make Ross look stupid," Gifford said. "Ross is the one who sends out the agenda, so he wanted the whole meeting canceled so that it can't go on."

Ryan also believes the walk-out was politically motivated. "Essentially I think it was something to make other presidential candidates look bad," he said. "I think it reflects negatively on the job either Zahn or Forseth would do if elected."

Forseth disagreed. "Some people say we weren't being good senators because we walked out, in that we weren't representing our constituents, but in light of this statute here in our constitution, I'd have to say we were representing our constituency," Forseth said. "All it takes is one person to say, 'I wanted to be at that meeting, I wasn’t aware' and then bring a lawsuit on us." If the senate had been breaking a law by holding a meeting, Ryan said the senate was proved false, each member present during the meeting could've been subject to a $25-$300 fine, according to Vigueras.

"Quite honestly, when I saw them walk out, I was thinking, 'Wow these guys are running for president,'" Gifford said. "They want to represent the students at the highest degree a student can, and their walking out of a meeting and then putting organizations in a bind like that because of that action. I think students should look at that when they are making their decision."

While he stands by his decision to walk out of the meeting, Forseth acknowledged the possibility that students may hold this against him during election week.

"Maybe, but when I actually walked out of the meeting, I did it for the students," Forseth said.

Gifford believes the voters would take notice of these actions. "They should look at that as representation of their leadership skills."

Each of the six senators who walked out of the meeting, along with Senator James Waisbrot (who walked out after quorum was called), were assessed one point to their record earlier this week for leaving the session. Under the current constitution, a senator can receive up to six points each semester for such acts as leaving a meeting or missing a meeting without a valid excuse before possibly being removed from their position.

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Panel leaves college student hungry for more

On the 21st of February, I had the opportunity to go to an open panel discussion that was titled "Keep Your Jesus out of My Laws!" where six panelists were supposed to be discussing the issue of the separation of church and state. The panelists were John Blakeman (Professor of Political Science), Pastor Graham West (from St. Paul's United Methodist Church), Pastor Tom Lindner (from the Roman Catholic Newman Center, Pu. Kahali (Students for Free Thought), Pete Kruger (Wesley Society) and Aaron Miatke (Student Impact).

What can I say about the forum? There were a few moments when I became so angry that I wished that I could rant and rave until my face turned blue, but for the most part I was bored.

When stripped down to its bare essentials, the panelists took great lengths to be so politely correct and polite that there was no real debate. The talks in schools was discussed but the only memorable comments from the panel were when Dr. John Blakeman spoke for a few minutes regarding the historical reasons for the separation of church and state and briefly mentioned the reasons for prayer being kept out of public schools, and when Pastor Graham West said, "The government can keep prayer out of schools but it cannot stop me from praying."

On one rare moment during the discussion, one of the panelists, Aaron Miatke, actually touched on the topic of the separation of church and state. Aaron Miatke justified the need for an infusion of government with religion (in his case, Christianity) by quoting the Bible, specifically the book of Romans 13:1, by saying, "Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."

When I heard this verse from the Bible and his subsequent conclusion that government and religion cannot be and should not be separated, I wanted to scream. First, if all (existing) governmental authorities have been established by God, (which I think not even the Bush Administration in all of its audacity can claim), then one must wonder, did God establish the Nazi regime that killed six million Jews? Did God establish the Stalinist North Korean regime that has used starvation as a political weapon to kill off millions of people? Did God establish the Taliban regime, which turns women either into slaves or beggars and sheltered Osama bin Laden? Lunacy!

I am writing to express my concern, as a UW-SP student, regarding the conduct of certain senators that are supposed to be representing you.

This last Thursday, there were a number of issues that were on the agenda. One of these was regarding your tuition, and the potential of switching to a different model. With this model, tuition will increase if you are taking over 15 credits.

Another issue was the potential decentralization of International Programs. There is discussion about taking the study abroad office that offers assistance to students traveling overseas, and disbanding it and spreading it around the various colleges. Doing this would almost certainly decrease the value of the program while increasing the cost, and we need to take a stance saying that students don't support this.

There were also requests for funding from a number of student organizations. This perhaps was one of the more time-sensitive issues that we discussed. There were a number of student organizations that requested money this last Sunday from the Finance Committee. Some of those included the Men's Volleyball request to attend their national tournament, Student Society of Arboriculture, Habitat for Humanity and EENA.

Men's Volleyball was granted funding by the finance committee. But in order to receive their funding, the senate was needed to approve the request. Because a number of senators walked out, we were left with not enough people to vote on the approval. An
What you really need to ask yourself is this: "Why do I feel the need to get the last word in this relationship?" Is this payback for the misery she caused you? Or are you simply irritated that her life seems to be easier than yours? This is important. Only by examining our motivations can we learn about ourselves and become worthwhile human beings.

You see, if it's payback you're after, then at least you're trying to uphold some sort of concept of justice. It's a flawed morality, but your heart is in the right place. On the other hand, if you've just upset that things are easy for her and you want to take a shit in her sherry-bottle because of it... well... that means you're just being a petty bitch...

But hey, welcome to the club; we all feel that way at times. But if you want to be a high-quality person, you recognize that unpleasant impulse and try to root it out of your personality.

So while I find the thought of you out there licking door-knobs vastly amusing (and arousing in an odd, confusing sort of way) my advice is this. Don't. Let it go.

Good girls don't lick door-knobs. Plus, you don't know where her hands have been. Every minute you spend all twisted up about this is a minute you've completely pissed away. It's gone forever out of your life. Take that time and energy and put it into something constructive, like learning to ski...

Or... I don't know, petting fluffy kittens or some shit like that. Whatever turns your crank. The truth is, the best revenge is living well. Your ex-roommate would probably be really happy if you wasted a lot of time plotting against her. Are you going to give her that satisfaction? No. Or course you're not. Instead you're going to go and enjoy some free coffee at the Mission. And while you're there, you're going to do something productive and uplifting, like catching up with an old friend, reading a good book, or writing a sonnet about how marvelous and shapely my buttocks are.

Or whatever.

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Greek Week teams up with Operation Bootstrap

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Sometimes people just need a "lift," and Operation Bootstrap can help needy families "get on their feet again."

Operation Bootstrap came to the UW-SP campus March 6-8 in an effort to raise money for struggling families in collaboration with Greek Week.

Operation Bootstrap, a volunteer and non-profit organization, began over 35 years ago to help community members who needed temporary assistance. Today, the organization offers year-round service, providing food, shelter, clothing, appliances and other items helpful for families in need. Assistance with non-traditional items such as milk, gas and prescription medication also help families make ends meet.

Jesse Radtke, coordinator of Greek Week, said, "Operation Bootstrap is part of a week long promotion of Greek Unity through various activities. Operation Bootstrap comes into the picture of Greek Week because the money and items donated for the Pennny Wars and Food Drive will go to this cause."

Radtke said everyone should support this organization. "Operation Bootstrap is a great program and I think that anyone can help in some way."

The Food Drive and Pennny Wars ran from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the UC Monday through Wednesday of this week, collecting nonperishable food items, toilet paper and clothes along with pennies, dimes, nickels, quarters and dollars to support Operation Bootstrap.

According to Radtke's research, Operation Bootstrap relies on donations and the labor of 400 volunteers to keep the organization up and running. The majority of fundraising is done mid-November through the end of January, but supplies and donations are still needed during the rest of the year. The Greek Council's help in raising money for Operation Bootstrap right now is a huge help and many needy families will benefit from students participation in this event.

"As college students, we need to realize how fortunate we are to be here (no matter how much we complain) and know that there are a lot of other people with much greater needs than we can even fathom," Radtke said. "I often stress about school and not having enough money for tuition. I just could not imagine being stressed about where my next meal will come from. Whether it is volunteering an hour or two, or sending a $5 check, everyone can make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate."

If you would like to contribute in a larger way to Operation Bootstrap, donations can be dropped off to 5000 Heffron St. Stevens Point, Wis. 54481. Checks can be mailed to 636 Janick Circle Stevens Point, Wis. 54481.

Jennifer Wilcher
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

It's the first week in March and some Irish students are just ending their first week of spring semester classes while my fellow study abroad students and I are ending our third week of classes here at the University of Limerick in Limerick, Ireland. There are many things that take time to adjust to, and it certainly helps if you don't get sick within your first week of arrival. One can get a nasty cold or flu and it can make you homesick quite easily. However, once that and the jet lag goes away, adaptation to the new environment here becomes much easier.

One of the first differences I noticed on the drive into campus from Shannon Airport was the apparent lack of stop signs or stop lights and what is called a "roundabout." I saw lots of "yield" signs, but could see none of these familiar octagon-shaped stop signs. It wasn't until I took a trip into Limerick City and the nearby town of Killaloe (pronounced kill-a-loo) that I saw any stop signs or stop lights and even then there didn't seem to be a lot. Roundabouts allow cars to turn around on a street without doing a U-turn. On a roundabout, the road itself does a U-turn so the driver does not have to.

The second big difference I noticed was the on-campus housing arrangements. On-campus housing here at the University of Limerick is set up much more like apartments than dorms. Accommodations are broken up into five villages: Killmurry, Plassey, Thomond, Dromroe and Killavilla. Each village is split up into five houses that have two, four, six or eight bedroomed apartments and each student has their own bedroom. Villages Killmurry and Plassey have two bathroom and shower per house while students in Thomond, Dromroe and Cappavilla villages enjoy bedrooms with a bathroom and shower included. All villages have a laundrette, or place to do laundry.

Some villages (Dromroe and Killavilla) have their own village shops that are similar to the C-Store on campus. All villages have a shared kitchen and living room that are fully equipped with dishes in each apartment.

Another big difference between living and going to school in Point and in Ireland is how classes are run. Classes are split into lectures and what the Irish call tutorials. One class usually has one two-hour lecture or two one-hour lectures and one or two one-hour tutorials per class. In general, you listen to the professor or lecturer talk and take notes in the lecture. You aren't supposed to ask questions or discuss anything during lecture. That is what tutorials are generally for unless the professor asks if there are any questions during the lecture itself. They don't do midterms and don't assign a lot of "homework." Most classes are graded by a paper due sometime near the end of the semester and a final exam. In spite of the differences in culture, my fellow study abroad students and I are thoroughly enjoying our semester in Ireland so far.
Venus di Psycho

By: Jen Miller

So who's Maria?

So is that why she stops his plot?

It's a bit more complicated than that. Remind me to tell you later.

Thanks.

Here you go Dr. Li. If you need me I'll be in my room.

MUSE

By: R. Tidball

Here We Are

Two Hours Later...

Hey, Everybody!!! Check this out!!

Uh...oh.

Resident's Evil

This is Andre's depressed face. When he's depressed, he's pretty much harmless.

This is Andre's devious face. If he looks like this, back away slowly and hope he doesn't notice you.

What's that face?

In other words, 'I'm not out of here!' Less talk, more missing!

Kento Anime Society

By: Roger Vang

Hey Zero you should be more careful when you're walking.

Magic Mike

By: Mike Cyphull

How to trick your vegetarian roommate:

Peanut Butter

Slim Jim

Celery

You're such a great roommate.

Sweet dude, thanks.

NEVERLAND

By: Lo Shim

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Three years, three titles; Pointers claim NCHA tournament championship on home ice again

Robert Lucas
SPORTS REPORTER

Dynasty anyone?

Despite only scoring two goals, the Pointers dominated the first two periods. UW-SP held the Foresters to 10 shots on goal in the first two periods, while peppering Lake Forest goalie Sally Bevis with 37 shots. The tempo changed in the third period, however.

Lake Forest owned an 11-3 shot advantage in the third period and cut the lead in half with an early goal by Katie Snowden. The goal broke a string of 11 straight scoreless periods. The Foresters had a late flurry but couldn’t sneak one past Point goalie Amy Statz, setting up a showdown in the finals between UW-SP and UW-S.

Point needed a goal from an unlikely source to defeat the Yellowjackets to take the title. Hanson scored her first goal of the year to break a 2-2 tie in the third period.

Point jumped to an early lead in the first when Madison Darud knocked in a rebound off a shot from Jenna Daggit. Superior knotted the game back up in the second with a goal from Erin Kegley, her 2nd of the season. Point jumped back ahead with a goal by Sonowski. The Yellowjackets answered, tying the game before Hanson scored her first goal. Darud added her second goal of the game, leading to the final 4-2 score.

The Pointers cap off their 14-game unbeaten streak into Saturday’s playoff game, where they will face UW-S. The winner will advance to the Frozen Four on March 17-18.

Baseball loses one of its most clutch performers

Steve Roeland
SPORTS REPORTER

To say that Kirby Puckett came up big in Game 6 of the 1991 World Series would be an understatement.

Puckett’s death earlier this week harkens back to the historic series that made him a larger-than-life figure.

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Steiner sets record at WIAC indoor meet; Stanley posts runner-up finish

Melissa Dyszelski
THE POINTER

The UW-Stevens Point men’s and women’s track and field teams finished fourth and sixth, respectively, in this weekend’s WIAC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Kyle Steiner set a WIAC indoor championships record in the heptathlon, earning 5,101 points, beating the previous record by 186 points. His accomplishment earned him the Men’s Field Athlete of the Meet title, as well as Stevens Point’s first champion in the 26-year history of the event. Steiner also had an NCAA provisional qualifying height in the high jump, placing third with a jump of 6 feet, 9.75 inches.

UW-La Crosse once again dominated the meet, winning its fifth straight conference championship with 191 points, while UW-SP finished fifth with 78.5 points. UW-Oshkosh came in second with 179.5 points, 13 behind UW-L.

The Pointers had runner-up finishes from Nick VerDuin in the 400-meter dash, with a time of 49.58 seconds and Adam Bauman in the 55-meter hurdles, with a time of 7.70 seconds. Bauman also anchored the third place 1600-meter relay team with a time of 3:21.81.

On the women’s side, Teresa Stanley led the women’s team with a runner-up finish in the 5000-meter run last Friday with a time of 17:29.56. Following her was Jenna Mitchler, finishing second in the 3000-meter run with a time of 10:07.74. Katie Simo placed third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.46.

UW-O won the meet with 179.50 total points, UW-SP placed sixth with 60.5 points. Individual honors were awarded as follows:

Men’s Track Athlete of the Meet: Nate Boehlke, UW-Oshkosh
Women’s Field Athlete of the Meet: Kyle Steiner, UW-Stevens Point
Men’s Coach of the Year: Mark Guthrie, UW-La Crosse
Men’s Max Sparger Scholar Athlete: Nate Olson, UW-La Crosse
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Women's swimming hopes for more Minneapolis success
Press Release
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Having already achieved plenty of success at the University of Minnesota Aquatics Center, the UW-Stevens Point women's swimming and diving team looks for more this weekend when it returns to Minneapolis and are looking forward to their first top 10 nationals meet. The NCAA Division III championships March 9-11.

The Pointers captured their first WIAC championship since 2001 last month in Minneapolis and are looking for their first top 10 nationals finish since that same year. All five of UW-SP's relays earned high seeds for the meet with the 200-yard medley relay of Liz Herder, Jennie Roskopf, Beth Bard and Kelsey Crunchstedt ranked second in the country with a time of 1:46.85, which is just two-tenths of a second behind top-seeded Kenyon (Ohio). The 200-yard freestyle relay of Jerica Crook, Bard, Crunchstedt and Caitlin Hake is seeded fourth with a time of 1:36.43. Both teams were placed in the university meet and set meet records.

In addition, the 400-yard medley relay of Herder, Roskopf, Meghan Walsh and Hake is seeded seventh. The 400-yard freestyle relay is seeded 10th and the 800-yard freestyle relay is ranked 14th.

Individually, Hake is seeded seventh in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle events. Roskopf is ranked 10th in both the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard breaststroke, while Herder is seeded 11th in the 200-yard backstroke.

The women's team has never had a relay or individual win a national title and has its best nationals finish in 2001 when it finished eighth overall. The meet runs Thursday through Saturday with prelims each morning and finals in the evening.

Krull named to All-WIAC men's basketball squad
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Junior forward Jon Krull led UW-Stevens Point's selections to the all-WIAC men's basketball squad as a first-team selection.

Senior forward Brian Bauer and freshman guard Pete Rortvedt were honorable mention performers for the Pointers, who placed third in the league while posting a 17-10 overall record and 11-5 conference mark.

A Marshall native, Krull ranked third in the conference in scoring at 15.7 points per game. He was also sixth in the league in assists with 3.26 per game and fifth in steals with 1.41 per game. Krull also led the Pointers with 5.1 rebounds per game.

Krull was the best in the conference at getting to the free-throw line, making more charity shots than any other league player attempted. He ranked seventh in the league at 82.4 percent, making 168 of 204 attempts.

A Minoqua native and Lakeland High School graduate, Rortvedt was the only freshman among the top 30 scorers in the WIAC, ranking 30th with 12.3 points per game. He also had 71 three-pointers, marking the third-highest single-season total in school history.

Rortvedt made a school record 16 three-pointers, marking 350 three-pointers, marking 82.4 percent, making 168 of 204 attempts.

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A running life is a very good life

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This last Saturday, I participated in the annual Point Bock Run with some of my ultimate frisbee teammates, friends and fellow runners. As those of you who stepped outside on Saturday probably noticed, it was the perfect day for a run in March. Regardless of the weather, no snow or rainstorm could have disrupted the friendly aura that hovered among the event. With the combined efforts of over 800 runners and spectators, the race turned out to be very successful.

The Point Bock Run, sponsored in large part by the Point Brewery, is a five-mile race that takes place on the first Saturday of March. It has annually occurred off and on since 1981, and once again many runners made their presence known. I'm not sure whether I was more entertained by the multiple male racers sporting dresses and wigs or passing by a runner chasing after a point beer can attached to the hook on his fishing pole. Nor am I sure whether I was more inspired by the wheelchair racers or the top place finishers.

The course began at the Point Brewery, heading west along River View Avenue, turning north on West River Drive (following along the Wisconsin River), and then turning around to retrace the course back to the Point Brewery. 

Runners begin the five-mile course at this year’s Point Bock Run. Photo by Eva Heide

The starting gun was fired at noon and sent the mass of runners off into the warm afternoon. At first the mob of runners felt like a swarm. After the course’s first block, runners began speeding up and slowing down, resembling more of a single file line. The clapping and cheering spectators lined up along the course motivated and helped me find my pace. I ran my first mile in six minutes and 38 seconds.

My friend and teammate Joe and I met up after the first mile and ran together. We both ran at a similar pace and supported each other. Our goal was to run each mile under seven minutes. It is important to set goals when running, otherwise the chance to run short of your potential becomes easier.

We ran the race’s longest stretch, across the River View Avenue bridge, being passed by honking and waving drivers. The Wisconsin River flowed underneath our feet, with its view encouraging us to push ourselves harder.

Our second mile marker came when we turned onto the community to give UWSP students a more

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Interview with Outdoor EdVentures
Student Manager Josh Spice

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So you may have known that our campus is environmentally conscious, but did you know that our campus is also actively outdoors conscious? Are you aware that you can participate in outdoor activities without paying an arm and a leg? Outdoor EdVentures provides students with reasonably priced rentals and programs designed to educate participants about our environment and the proper ways of recreating responsibly in it. Outdoor EdVentures offers rentals such as canoes, cross-country skis, tents and many more. Almost anything you might need to help you participate in an outdoor sport or hobby can be found there.

Student manager Josh Spice, senior Wildlife Ecology and Management major, is more than willing to help with any aspect concerning the outdoors. He loves to teach both inexperienced and experienced students new outdoor skills, especially by taking them out for a little field experience.

"The greatest benefit of working and being involved with OE is seeing the students I've taught pass on those skills and passions for the outdoors," said Spice. Spice enjoys seeing people's lives change through the outdoor experiences they receive. Outdoor EdVentures does not only teach students skills, but it has also taught Spice some new skills. Through Outdoor EdVentures, Spice has learned how to snowshoe, rock-climb and repel.

"Each of these activities will benefit me in my job after school," he said. "So you see? Outdoor EdVentures isn't just about fun, but it's also about learning outdoor skills, life skills and personal skills. Are you a beginner and want to try something fairly easy and non-committal? "Try canoe camping. It's a great experience, with a low learning curve," said Spice.

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Diagnosing depression starts with knowing the signs

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UW-SP Counseling Center Interim

Everyone feels a little sad or blue some of the time. Students may become upset from the Learning Resources Center (LRC) closing on Monday. The best part? No need to throw down any cash; student fees already cover the cost of rental.

"We hope to expand it," said Colleen Andrews, student technology services coordinator for IT. "There's been many times when all of the laptops are checked out."

Most recently added to the IT toolbox, and something that has drawn attention from other universities around the country, is remote access to computer lab computers, called Remote Computer Lab. Students and faculty can gain access to any of the high tech software on standard PC lab computers, in addition to H: drives, from the comfort of their own home or dorm.

"You just log into a lab computer," said Andrews. Once logged in, the computer will open up a window that exactly replicates the desktop of a dedicated computer housed in a campus computer lab. Printing directly to lab printers can't be done remotely, however.

Also new, in response to foreign student interest, live chat is currently allowed in CCC 305 computer lab (the foreign language lab) from 4-8 p.m. Students can bring headsets and talk with someone through the Internet using a program called NetMeeting.

For those interested in listening to music legally, the library has recently subscribed to a music database called Napster so that professors have the ability to have their students listen to particular songs.

The database covers the gamut from Jazz to Folk and World music, with the majority of songs being Classical. Students can stream music from any UW-SP network computer. According to Andrews, this program might be a precursor to future musical database endeavors that give students legal access to many more songs or video options. The university is looking into possibilities.

As the University Center (UC) gets prepared for construction, computers and kiosks are being moved to the LRC. Room 108 in the LRC will house the kiosks and will be the new food room after the UC closes down. And LRC room 110, the 24-hour lab, continues to get more computers added in preparation for the closing of the UC computers.

"The reference room computer section has expanded also," said Andrews. "It has a much smaller subset of software just for doing reference work."

What's old?

An extensive list would take up too much space, but there are some essentials to know about.

Students can download Symantec AntiVirus software to their own computers for free. In fact, in order to gain access to the university network it is essential that students protect their computers from malicious attacks.

Also, the university has a contract with Microsoft that gives students the opportunity to buy PC and Mac software at a discount. Windows XP is currently available for $81, along with a number of other programs including Office, Acrobat and Quark.

What good is software without a working computer? Computers and hardware are available at special discounted rates to UW-SP students from Gateway.

For students with laptops, wireless Internet access continues to increase on campus. As long as the computer has a wireless network card students can do anything they would normally do from their home computer (as long as it's legal) while lounging around in many buildings on campus.

"We are working on putting wireless in the basements of the residence halls," said Andrews. "We can't put it in the rooms quite yet because of wireless technologies (such as cordless phones and microwaves) interfere with wireless."

Also, now that construction is finished, the old section of the Fine Arts building should have wireless by the fall.

Once the computer is up and running with all this fancy stuff it's easy to forget that students have a vast array of library resources available online. A few clicks of the mouse can open up a storehouse of journal, magazine and newspaper articles that the UW-SP library subscribes to.

Finally, there's the Help Desk for all those people who are having a problem making the sometimes frustrating computing stuff work correctly. Students can access the Help Desk online if they're having trouble, or talk to a real person over the phone or in person.

What's the horizon?

"We are looking at outfitting some rooms in the CAC building to be 'new media centers,'" said Andrews. "We are working on getting funding from the university. It would be a place where you can edit video and audio, and make animations."

E-portfolios are also being made available to a wider student population, said Andrews. These Web-based portfolios allow students to create a database of all their coursework to be used in the academic setting as well as for personal and professional use.

For more information about computer options or to get help now stop by the Help Desk at LRC 023, call 346-HELP or visit IT online at http://www.uwsp.edu/it.

It's Thursday! Are you thirsty? Come celebrate Thirsty Thursdays with Outdoor EdVentures. Every Thursday, if you buy one Nalgene, you can buy a second for half price. And if you've worn your hat, you can get a free refill on your hat. Outdoor EdVentures is open from 3-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 12-4 p.m. on Friday. For more information, visit the www.uwspoe.com.
UW-SP professor and students help feed the world

Organic gardens provide sustenance for impoverished communities

Sara Suchy
Science Reporter

We have all heard the saying "give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." A program being run by the GEM division of the College of Natural Resources in conjunction with Marquette University College of Nursing is doing just that.

Students and faculty are helping HIV/AIDS patients in Africa combat the malnutrition which plagues most of their country by teaching them how to plant and sustain small organic gardens within their communities through a USAID funded project called "Dietetics and Small Garden Systems to Support Antiretroviral Treatment for Families Impacted by HIV/AIDS in Kenya."

Dr. Mai Phillips, a senior scientist within the forestry division of the CNR, recently returned from a trip to Kenya where she was teaching these small, impoverished communities the basic techniques for maintaining small organic gardens, which can provide the nutrition these people need for treatments of HIV to be effective.

"The cocktail of drugs the patients are on (antiretroviral treatments) is not effective if [the patients] are malnourished," said Phillips. "We teach them how to plant their own small gardens which can provide them with the nutrients they need so they can start [and continue] their treatment."

The number of people infected with AIDS in Africa is substantial. According to the World Health Organization, in 2005 3.1 million people in sub-Saharan Africa were diagnosed with AIDS and an estimated 2.4 million died from the disease or complications related to it.

What most people don’t know is that people infected with HIV can usually live normal, healthy lives if the proper medication, such as antiretroviral treatments, is administered. It is very expensive, but it can be done.

"We help [AIDS patients] help themselves," said Phillips. The gardens they learn to plant are tailor-made for individual families based on their nutritional needs. The gardens are completely organic and use pure compost and mulch, so a lot of water is unnecessary. Natural crop rotation is also used, and the gardens are small enough for the families to maintain quite easily.

"The issue in this case is diabetes," said Phillips. "The same system is implemented here as in Kenya, but the gardens are designed to cater to the nutritional needs of those with diabetes. We try to work within their cultural traditions of gardening," said Phillips. "They tell us what they want as far as heirloom varieties."

In addition to being trained to help community members set up and maintain several varieties of gardens, these clinical workers also teach members how to make organic compost and mulch for the garden and help them recognize common diseases and pests. Volunteers are there as a resource for the community members.

"Since every garden is different for every family it is common that the clinical workers network gardens within the community. If one family is in need of corn for example, they find the families whose gardens have corn."

A similar program is being run with Native American communities in the Bad River and Rat Cliff areas in northern Wisconsin.

"The Medford area also has a small garden program up and running that caters to the needs of families, heavy students working with her on these projects. Rhea Trotman is working with the Native American communities and Doris Onesmus is working in Kenya."

"We have been keeping track of the programs' effectiveness and this system really is working," said Phillips. "It's a very gratifying project."

For more information on this program and others like it visit the GEM website at http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/GEM/index.htm.
Middleworld and Deafen make beautiful noise

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If you weren’t at the Encore last Thursday, then you missed out. Of what? A great rock show featuring two great bands, Middleworld and Deafen.

Middleworld, hailing from Madison, is definitely more than just a group of guys playing music. They have been together for the past 9 years, and sound ridiculously good live. Their sound, which has elements of Tool and Incubus, features winding melodic guitar lines and complex percussion, with singer Carson’s vocals over the whole mix.

Middleworld definitely stole the show. Their energetic stage presence didn’t match the size of the crowd of maybe 30 or so, but that made the show that much better. Their twin guitar ambience and driving rhythms provided a great base for singer Carson, whose voice kept things melodic, giving each note and word its due.

I had the opportunity recently to listen to Middleworld’s full-length CD, “Defiance vs. Circumstance.” According to their Web site, the band spent two years recording this album, and it shows. The recording is mixed well, and the songs have an ambient energy that really pulls the album together. I was impressed after hearing the album how good the band sounded live, since their songs are so complete.

Unfortunately, Middleworld will be breaking up at the end of April 2006, according to their MySpace Web site. They certainly gave no signs that this was affecting their performance at all, however, and played just like a band that is ready to forge on.

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If you are interested in seeing either of these bands live, Deafen’s next local show will be March 30, and Middleworld will be back in Stevens Point on March 31 for a show.

Both concerts will be at the Mission Coffee House.

"ASH RA TEMPEL:" A relic with staying power

Aaron Schulz
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Ash Ra Tempel, a band from Egypt, right? One would think so after hearing the name, or at least Schulze already had one album under his belt playing drums on Tangerine Dream’s very first album “Electronic Meditation.” Having left after touring with Dream Schulze became fast friends with Gottching and agreed to play drums, thus Ash Ra Tempel was born.

Before they went into the studio, they played some live shows in Berlin. Playing their own brand of crazed heavy rock, with jams often lasting half an hour both sets with no song-breaks. Ash Ra Tempel’s first album simply titled “Ash Ra Tempel” was recorded, as Gottching said in an interview, “with a very live feel in mind.” “We recorded it in just three days with no overdubs.”

The album itself only contains two songs. Two side-long instrumental epics that showcased the bands heavy side. Side one contains the over 19 minute long “Amboss,” while side two reflects their softer, ambient side with the 25 plus minute “Traummaschine.” “Amboss” (anvil in English) starts out very quietly with Schulze’s cymbals vibrating, giving a sense of foreboding. Gottching’s guitar comes in after this with a very low menacing sound that casts an eerie spell. This eeriness continues for the next couple of minutes but the listener gets the sense something more is coming. And that something comes when the guitars and drums get louder, and there is a moment when everything goes out of control with all three musicians going in different directions. Schulze drums like a demon, Enke keeps time (although you don’t hear much with everything else going on) and Gottching makes his guitar sound like a whooshing roller coaster. Things settle down around the six minute mark, when a nice jam starts up and dominates the rest of the song (Gottching’s soloing is excellent here). Schulze settles into a groove and runs with it, with Enke being the perfect foil for both of them. Towards the end there are some very tripped-out guitar effects from Gottching by himself (reminding me very much of one of his idols, the late Jimi Hendrix). When the song ends, there is no fade out; it just stops. “Traummaschine” (Dream Machine) is a slower more meditative song. It takes about seven minutes before anything of real significance happens. This song also builds up but it does not have the heaviness of “Amboss.”

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I have met people that don’t care for this album because it is an album of extremes. “Amboss” in particular is not easy to listen to. One friend in particular when I played it to him didn’t like it because of its intensity. Others I have played it to love it just for its energy.

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after all.

Aaron Miatke used that
single verse in the book of
Romans to claim that govern-
ment and religion cannot be
separated. But if that is the
case, then what about this
bodhersome verse also from
the Bible, the book of Luke:

20: 25:

"And he (Jesus) said unto them,
"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be
Caesar’s, and unto God the things which be God’s."

Now I’m no religious
scholar, but if you’ll allow me,
here’s my humble take on it. I
personally think that this was
Jesus’ way of telling his disci-
lopers that Caesar and God
were different entities, that
they had the responsibility
and the duty to serve Caesar
and God separately.

Am I interpreting this
verse to serve my political
agenda? Perhaps I am. So
what does this prove to me
personally? It proves that
people who claim to speak for
God pick and choose which-
ever verse from the Bible
that suits their political or social
agenda; at least some people
seem to understand God per-
factly. For example, after the
September 11 attacks, Jerry
Falwell said:

"I really believe that the
pagans, and the abortionists,
and the feminists, and the gay
and the lesbians who are actively
trying to make that an alterna-
tive lifestyle, the ACLU, People
for the American Way — all of
them who have tried to secularize

America — I point the finger in
their face and say, "You helped
this happen."

Or who could forget New
Orleans’ Mayor Ray Nagin’s
famous words after New
Orleans was hit by hurricanes
Katrina and Rita:

"Surely God will at
least at some point let him
show his face and get it over
with."

God’s action seems to have
moved to New Orleans’ Mayor
Ray Nagin’s face and put stress
on this country. Surely he doesn’t
approve of us being in Iraq under
false pretenses. But surely he
is upset at black America also.

We’re not taking care of our-
selves.

With people like Jerry
Falwell, Pat Robertson and
Ray Nagin running around this
country claiming that they speak for
God, I wonder just how much longer will
Americans have to endure such vitriolic nonsense before they
finally admit that perhaps
religion and politics shouldn’t
mix after all?

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react to hearing something so
personal, but everyone has
been extremely receptive."

Constructed by Eve Ensler, this
work has been translated into
over 24 different languag-
es and has been performed all
over the world and it has now
graced the UWSP campus
once again.

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ber, David Willis said, "I am
a first-time viewer I must say
that I was very surprised. I had
an idea of what it was going to be like, but it really showed me
something new."

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movement known as V-Day to
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