Empty Bowls to help feed local families in need

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As the days start to get shorter and the air takes on the distinct chill of fall, many University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students are thinking about pulling out their jackets and stocking up on soup and coffee. But for many Portage County residents, this is the start of the hardest time of the year, and some are thinking about how they are going to keep from going hungry.

According to the Portage County Hunger Prevention Partnership, 11 percent of Wisconsin families live below the poverty line and will have difficulty putting food on the table this winter.

That's where events like Empty Bowls step in.

The 5th annual Empty Bowls fundraiser will be held Saturday, October 14 at Stevens Point Area Senior High School from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For $10, guests can purchase a handmade ceramic bowl and fill it with their choice of soup, bread and cookies donated by area restaurants. The soup offerings will vary from familiar favorites such as chili and chicken noodle to more unique offerings, such as carrot ginger.

Over 1,000 different bowls will be available for guests to choose from. UW-SP ceramics students, local professional artists, and community volunteers such as The Boys and Girls Club and the Lincoln Center all helped to create and decorate the bowls that will be sold.

In addition to the meal, there will be raffle prizes from local businesses and entertainment throughout the afternoon. All of the proceeds from the fundraiser will be given to the Portage County Hunger Prevention Partnership, who will then distribute it to area charities for use in food aid programs. Funding from past Empty Bowls events has been used to implement a summer lunch program at the Boys and Girls Club and help Operation Bootstrap provide food to needy families.

"It is amazing to me the number of people, groups, organizations, and businesses that support this event on an annual basis," said Michele Dickinson, UW-SP service learning coordinator and Empty Bowls committee member. "The amount of community support and generosity is what makes this event happen and get bigger every year."

"We have 1,000 bowls donated and/or painted by community members, $3500 worth of donated raffle prizes, about $7,000 in business sponsorship, over 150 donated cookies, over 120 gallons of donated soup, 75 donated t-shirts, donated bread, beverages, entertainment, web space, media coverage and over 40 volunteers that will help us on the day of the event," said Dickinson.

Empty Bowls was first started in Michigan in 1990 by a high school art teacher and his students. The idea was to let the guests keep the bowl to remind them about all of the people that go hungry each day. Since then, Empty Bowls events are held all over the world to remind people about hunger and poverty.

Empty Bowls events are held worldwide and have raised over $1 million to aid in eliminating hunger. "The Empty Bowls project is so valuable in that it enables the Hunger Prevention Partnership to spread awareness and also raise money to do something about food security in the county," said Dickinson.

For more information about Empty Bowls visit their website at www.emptybowlsportageco.com or contact Lauri Rockman at 715-545-5350.

"What happened to me could happen to anyone"
Wrongfully accused man spends 10 years in prison for murder of woman

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Ray Krone was a U.S. Air Force veteran, a U.S. postal worker, an avid athlete, a loved family member and upstanding citizen of Phoenix, Ariz., until December 28 when he woke up and found himself a suspect for a murder he did not commit. A few short weeks later he was convicted and sentenced to death by lethal injection for that murder.

Krone was on campus last Thursday, October 7 to talk with University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students about the 10 years he spent in jail, two of them on death row, and to urge students to vote against two of them on death row, and to vote against the death penalty in Wisconsin.

Krone became a suspect because a friend of the victim told police that she [the victim] had had a crush on Krone. "The police kept asking me how long I had been dating her, and never dated her, they were simply acquaintances. She was a waitress at the bar where I had played in a volleyball league. "They wanted to take me downtown, so I cooperated, I knew I had done nothing wrong, so I thought I had nothing to worry about...I was wrong," said Krone.

At the police station Krone was fingerprinted, photographed, had blood and hair samples taken, and even a cast of his teeth. Ultimately, it would be the cast of his teeth which would provide the prosecution their evidence against him.

They paid a 'bite mark expert' $68,000 to say that the bite marks found on the victim matched mine," said Krone.

"When Krone met with the public defender who was assigned his case, he assumed he would not have to hire a hot-shot lawyer because he was innocent. She told him that he could be expected to be found guilty. She was right, because six months later, Krone was sentenced to death. None of Krone's DNA was found on the victim; no eyewitnesses testified against him, the only evidence against him was the testimony of the bite mark expert.

"I was bound up in chains like Houdini, and thrown in a six-by-eight cell. I got to see Death Row pg.2"
From Death Row pg. 1
outside three times a week for two hours," said Krone.
During his two years on death row, Krone struggled with depression and had the
time to do a whole lot of soul searching.
"My family supported me the whole time. I only had to tell them I was innocent once," said
Krone.
Two years after being charged, it was found that Krone did not receive a fair
trial the first time around, so he was granted a new trial.
"I was off death row," said Krone, "I thought the truth was finally going to come out." His
family helped him raise money to hire a good lawyer.
During this trial, DNA was
taken from the saliva in the bite marks that Krone alleg­
edly left on the victim. The
same bite marks which sent him to death row had no trace
of Krone's DNA, but Krone
was still found guilty again and sentenced to 25 to life for
murder and 21 more for
kidnapping.
Krone found himself back
in jail once again.
"At that point I truly thought I was going to die in
jail," said Krone. But again, Krone's luck changed and a
reporter for the Arizona
Reporter wrote an article about
Krone's case, an article which
saved his life because his DNA
was finally tested against the DNA
found on the victim's under­
wear. His DNA did not match, but another man's did.
Shortly after, Krone found himself a free man after 10
years, three months and eight
days in prison.
Since his release, Krone has
become a motivational speaker
and an advocate for the abol­
ition of the death penalty in the
United States.
"What happened to me could happen to anyone," said
Krone. "The man who convict­
ed me didn't want to admit he made a mistake and he was
happy to let me die so he wouldn't look bad," said
Krone explained that it was an injustice to have a penalty so
severe in this country because there will always be flaws in
the justice system and people will be put to death for crimes
they did not commit like he almost was.
"So far, 123 people have been exonerated from death row, but 1,000 people have been
executed, and they can do this to anyone," said Krone.
"Some people in the justice system truly believe that they don't make mistakes. That
is a very dangerous mindset, that is the kind of mindset that will kill innocent people," said
Krone.
"New York just spent $100 million on bringing back the death penalty and they have
two people on death row," said Krone. That money could be
much better spent somewhere else.
"The death penalty is now a political issue in this
country when it should be a moral issue. We have an obligation to be
educated about it. The state of Wisconsin has not had the death penalty since 1853 and is
now considering bringing it back," said Krone.
"When they execute some­
one they say they are doing it
on behalf of the people of the state, I don't want that blood on
my hands," said Krone.

SGA Weekly Update!
November 7 is coming up very quickly, and that means it's time to
vote! If you aren't registered in Stevens Point yet, just look for the
tables around campus or contact ajani810@uwsp.edu. Registrations
must be postmarked by OCTOBER 18, which means that you have
less than a week to get them in!
SGA encourages everyone to get informed about the contents on
the ballot and vote according to your own views! The only way to
make the politicians listen to students is to vote on November 7!

Upcoming Events

Renewable Energy 101 Workshop - October 14 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
in CPS 116
This workshop will introduce renewable energy
technologies and discuss how

to bring renewable energy into the wider world.

JUST THE FACTS!! Constitution Amendment Forum – October 18
from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. in NFAC 221
This is an open forum to give information on the differ­
ent sides of the Marriage and Civil Union Constitutional
Amendment.

Living Options Fair – Monday, October 30 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
in NFAC balcony and courtyard
Looking to move off campus? This fair is a great
opportunity to talk to local
landlords and city officials about renting a place to live.

Senate meetings are at 6 p.m. in the Founder's Room of Old Main
Meetings are open to students and faculty!
Website: http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sga/
Students study in Mexico over summer

Emily Bouche
POINTER REPORTER

As we packed our bags in early June, we had no idea what the next two months would hold. We crammed as much as we could into our bags, said our goodbyes to family and friends, and made our way to the airport. After introducing ourselves to the strangers with whom we would embark upon this journey, we boarded the plane for Mexico City.

Upon arrival, we were greeted with the sights and sounds of one of the largest cities in the world. People were walking about everywhere, and the whistles of the police could be heard from every street corner, and political campaign signs were plastered against every building. For the next week, "home" was the Majestic zócalo, smack dab in the middle of the city.

During our stay in the Distrito Federal, we toured the city had to offer. Among our favorite attractions was Teotihuacan, ancient sun and moon platforms that we had knocked on the family’s door informing them that they were coming to an end as the plane took off and we headed toward Chicago.

As we loaded our suitcases into the car, we took off and we headed toward Chicago.

As the start of vacation grew closer, we became very antsy to hop in a vehicle and head to the coast. When that day arrived, we all did just that; the destination of choice: Puerto Escondido. Many traveled eastward down the coast to Puerto Angel, Mazunte, and Huatulco to soak up some more sun.

After a week of rest and relaxation, we headed back to Oaxaca to finish up our studies and enjoy our last three weeks in the city that had found a place in our hearts. We made every effort on our "to-do" list and live in the moment.

As our time in Oaxaca came to an end, we spent our last pesos on gifts for the families and friends who were eagerly awaiting our safe arrivals in the States. We began the painstaking process of saying goodbye to the friends we had made during our two-month journey. We defined some laws of mathematics as we proceeded to pack the items we brought from home, along with the many souvenirs we had purchased, into the same bags we originally brought.

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We Deliver!

After being back in the States for a month, I’ve had time to think about my experiences in Mexico. I’ve realized how much we take for granted and how much we don’t appreciate. We worry too much about the small stuff in life and are never content with where we are, always living in the past or waiting for the future. I will always look back on my summer in Mexico with fondness, remembering all the memories that were made. I will take the knowledge I gained and bring it to the classroom and pass it on to other people. So I tell you, remember the past, prepare for the future, but live right now. Make what you can with what you have.

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Find help at the Tutoring and Learning Center

Nick Gerritsen
TUES, WED 9:30-11:30 A.M., THURS, FRI 10-12 P.M.
(TLC 207, 715-344-2356)

For years, the university has offered help to any students struggling with their academics. Unfortunately, many students don’t take advantage of that help. The Tutoring and Learning Center (TLC) is a service provided by the university for little or no cost to its students. The TLC is also the first Writing Lab founded by a university in the country.

The center consists of both professors and students who are available to help University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students on their academics five days a week. Some of the most frequent programs of the TLC are its reading and writing tutorials. In these programs, students are assisted by trained tutors who provide help with various issues. The sessions last thirty minutes and are quite relaxed as tutors go to the pace of the student in need of help. Students may come back to the program multiple times throughout the semester.

One of the benefits of this program is that the tutors are students themselves. Although they have undergone training as tutors and are recommended by a faculty member, the tutors are not authority figures, which provides a laid-back atmosphere that might not occur under the supervision of professors. Students are usually assigned to a certain tutor who specializes in the subject in which they need assistance. However, if a student becomes comfortable with a certain tutor, they can continue seeing that same tutor, granted there are no conflicts in their schedules.

Nelson Carvajal has been tutoring in the TLC since January of 2005. He is one of about a hundred tutors in the center, and is also one of about twenty of the program’s Master Tutors. He explains that the satisfaction of the tutor-student relationship goes both ways.

“Students have complimented on the help and on the significant difference it has made on their grades,” Carvajal says. But the impact varies from student to student. “I could have helped someone who was having a hard time citing sources and I could just see the relief they would get from understanding how to do it. Then there are more impactful instances, such as one of the English as a Second Language (ESL) students I had. On our last session in the semester, she cried while thanking me for taking the time to help her understand writing in what was, to her, a completely different language – English. I can’t put a price to that kind of feeling. It’s overwhelming.

Student tutors are very knowledgeable and are able to help you understand reading assignments in your various courses. They also provide peer-to-peer assistance for those struggling with writing papers for classes. Before you head to the TLC thinking that they will write your paper for you, understand that they won’t. However, the assistance and insight they provide will help you perform more effectively in your studies.

For those still getting used to college life, the TLC can also be useful. Tim Krause, a member of the TLC staff, is available to discuss some of the tougher issues college life provides, such as reading and writing strategies so that students get in the habit of doing quality work. He also helps students practice time management techniques so that they can get their work done on time while still having time to enjoy all the amenities Stevens Point has to offer.

Another helpful service provided by the TLC is a program called the Computer Guide Program. This service basically provides a private, 45 minute crash course in various computer programs such as Word, Outlook, PowerPoint, Excel, FrontPage, and Desire2Learn.

Anyone struggling to achieve the academic success they wish to reach can stop by the TLC or make an appointment to come in on Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Friday from 9 a.m. until noon. Tell them Nelson sent you.

Jazzfest: 24 years and going strong

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Need something to do on Friday? Look no further than the 24th annual University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Jazz Festival brought to you by our local radio station, 90fm WWSP. WWSP is a student run organization that is known for being the largest in the Midwest. JazzFest is their biggest event each year.

This year features 60 hours of nonstop listening with jazz from all different eras and artists. This year’s Jazz Fest is taking place from 6 p.m. on Friday, October 13 to 6 a.m. on Monday, October 16. The festival will feature 20 CDs throughout the weekend and also buttons, Frisbees and other promotional items will be given to their hard listeners.

Also, this year’s event will feature the talents of Connie Evingson and The Clearwater Hot Club at a live performance on Saturday night at 8 p.m. The doors open at 7:30 p.m. and it all takes place in Michelson Hall of the Noel Fine Arts Building.

90fm Public Relations Director Michelle Law has high hopes for Jazz Fest this year.

“This is a great event for student to outreach to the community and have a fun filled weekend,” said Law. “I know I’m pumped.”

Recently there was controversy about the Stevens Point Jazz Festival that took place in September, as many people questioned whether that was the same as the UW-SP Jazz Fest or not.

“This is not the same as the Stevens Point Jazz Festival,” Law said. “We don’t have money problems. We are trying to draw in people from all over Stevens Point and the county.”

Tickets for the performances are available in advance at Kindred Spirit Books and Book Cellar in Stevens Point for $10. Admission at the door is $12 for the general audience and $5 with a UW-SP I.D.

Falling behind yet?

Katie Leb
THE POINTER 10/12/06

For the past month it has been possible for many students to attend class and pass the time doing random things, while professors stand in front of the room lecturing on whatever it is they lecture on. But, the time has come for tests to be taken and the curve to be set. There is nothing more obvious than a test score to tell a professor which students took the time to actually crack a book open and study for the exam. The bell has rung, fell students, and it is time to study.

To be fully honest, it is not time to panic yet. However, the more procrastination a student does, the harder it will be come deer hunting season. With a strong population of hunters on campus, having to sit at home studying on Thanksgiving weekend is not a viable option. Even for those who are daring, there have been almost three months of lectures into the last holiday weekend before finals is almost as bad as taking part in the morning-after Thanksgiving madness sales.

While there are many different options and methods of studying, a few suggestions may help those needing a kick start to begin and to continue.

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National Alcohol Awareness Week is just around the corner! From October 16-20, the Student Health Promotion Office will be sponsoring several activities and giving away numerous prizes for students on the UW-SP campus. On Thursday, October 19, from 3:00-5:00 p.m., join SHPO Health Advocates at the Root Beer Keg Party! Free root beer and ice cream will be available for all students outside of the Allen Center with ID.

Throughout the week, students are also encouraged to complete the e-CHUG questionnaire, available at www.uwsp.edu/suchy. Check out the various programs and information bulletin boards around campus this week to learn more about UW-SP students' alcohol use!

A most excellent adventure

Roger Bullis and Jim Gifford both retired last spring, but students will still find them walking the corridors of the Science building and teaching many of their old classes as adjunct faculty.

That's because, along with the sudden departure of Andrew Gribble, the Web and Digital Media Development (WDMD) department is facing a unique situation—trying to be a leading voice in the growing field of web design and digital media while simultaneously having their ambitions held in check with only one tenure-track professor, Anthony Ellertson, and an inability to secure additional full-time faculty because of a campus-wide hiring freeze.

The uncertainty has built up around WDMD, but there is a lot of evidence of a calmibalistic nature in the department. The gloom is not scary enough, scientists think they have uncovered new evidence of a cannibalistic dinosaur. The fossils of the Majungatholus atopus, a 30-foot-long meat-eating dinosaur that lived in Madagascar 65-70 million years ago, show evidence of the dinosaur's teeth marks in the bones of the same species. Creepy!

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The globe has changed immeasurably since its conception. For instance, did you know the west coast of England or Australia, Germany, Poland, Ireland, and so many other continents? There was a time working along the Mississippi River and never managed to successfully complete a trip.

And while we're on tugboats, don't let scientists talk to us all at once, and so it just means that they're getting more focus now, but it's not picking on WDMD. It really is a reflection of the reality of three vacancies at a single time.

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“X-Fit program offers more ways for students to get in shape”

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The endless parade of homework, papers, and projects leaves most students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point too busy or just plain burnt out to fit in their recommended 30 minutes of cardiovascular activity daily. To accommodate students' busy schedules, the personal trainers at the Cardio Center have developed a new program called X-fit for its members.

"X-fit is a circuit training program designed to give our members a quick, efficient 30-minute work out," said Rico Rodriguez, the head personal trainer at the Cardio Center. The X-fit program uses the new Freemotion weights at the Cardio Center, which uses functional integration training, meaning they help strengthen muscles using movement used every day. "Instead of just doing a regular bench press, you're doing real life movements with weights to train the muscles that you use every day." see X-Fit pg. 16

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Pointers shoot 343 twice, placed fourth in WIAC tournament

Press Release
UW-SP ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point totaled a 343 team score for the second straight day to finish fourth overall at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference women's golf championships on Sunday in Watertown.

The Pointers' 366 team total trailed meet champion UW-Eau Claire by 26 strokes. UW-Oshkosh was second with a 668 and UW-Whitewater was third with a 674. The Bluebirds earned an automatic berth to the NCAA Division III championships by virtue of the team title. It is the fourth consecutive year UW-SP has placed fourth at the conference meet.

Susie Lewis shot an 84 for the second straight day to place seventh individually with a 168 total. Sarah Mosher matched her 86 from the first day and was 11th overall with a 172, while Katie Kautz shot a 90 and was 12th overall with a 176 total.

Golf

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Football

Pointers come up short in game against UW-Whitewater

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team came into Whitewater confident it could give second-ranked Warhawks all they could handle. While the defense played well early to keep the Pointers in the game, the offense was unable to get anything started. UW-Whitewater's 31-13 victory Saturday snapped a two-game winning streak for the Pointers and dropped their record to 2-3 overall and 0-2 in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play.

Point was able to hold Whitewater's offense in check early on, forcing two three-and-outs on the Warhawk's first two possessions. Late in the first quarter, Whitewater got onto the scoreboard first with a 1-yard touchdown run by running back Travis Reuland. The score would be the first of three 1-yard touchdowns for Reuland.

The Pointers had a chance to answer following a 75-yard kickoff return by Eric Reible that gave them a 1-yard touchdown. However, late in the game, Venden did lead two touchdown scoring drives to finally end the shutout. Venden finished the game completing 9 of 15 passes for 172 yards and two touchdowns. His impressive fourth quarter effort provided 171 of the team's 218 total yards in the final quarter alone.

Defensively, Brandon Czys performed well, collecting a game high 15 tackles. The punting game, which received plenty of work, was also a positive. Punter Luke Frisch posted a 46.2 yard average, good for the third highest single game average in school history.

The afternoon got even worse for the offense when a second quarter injury chased senior quarterback Brian Borchart out of the game. While in the game, Borchart completed four of six passes, but for only 20 yards. Junior quarterback Nick Venden came in to replace Borchart, but also struggled. However, they found themselves down 31-0.

Running back Cody Childs, who came into the game leading the conference in rushing, was held to a miniscule 47 yards through the first three quarters. By the time the offense was able to put up any points, they found themselves down 31-0.

In the last minutes of the game, the defense put together one last drive to finally end the shutout. Venden finished the game completing 9 of 15 passes for 172 yards and two touchdowns. His impressive fourth quarter effort provided 171 of the team's 218 total yards in the final quarter alone.

Defensively, Brandon Czys performed well, collecting a game high 15 tackles. The punting game, which received plenty of work, was also a positive. Punter Luke Frisch posted a 46.2 yard average, good for the third highest single game average in school history.

Next week the Pointers will head to UW-River Falls. The game will be the final of four consecutive road games. A win would complete an impressive 3-1 record, but also would set the team's record at 3-3, very respectable considering they've played five out of six games on the road, three of which were against teams ranked in the top ten nationally.
Spectacular week for women's soccer team

Soccer

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's soccer team found themselves a little down after last week's defeat at Eau Claire.

"We knew coming into the game that we had something to prove because of the loss at Eau Claire," Amanda Prawat said.

They didn't let the tough loss force them to lose their focus, rebounding with a pair of big conference wins against UW-La Crosse and UW-Superior. The victory now puts the Pointers at 7-2-2 and 3-1-1 in conference.

Wednesday's home game against La Crosse featured a well-fought battle that saw the Pointers get on top first with a goal by sophomore Kaylee Waterman. The goal was started with a nice assist by Katie Weise. Three minutes later, the Eagles answered to tie the game 1-1.

Late in the first half, the Pointers regained their lead when Liz Kidd fed Prawat for a shot that found the back of the net. Midway through the second half, Kidd scored a goal of her own on an impressive long distance shot off a corner kick.

"This was probably one of the best games we've played all season," Prawat said.

Prawat was able to get the lead thanks to yet another game of out-shooting their opponent. UW-SF was able to get shots off on a consistent basis, finishing the game with a 21-8 advantage in shots.

"I feel that we dominated a majority of the game and out-shot them by a lot," Prawat said. "We had so many opportunities to score in the first half that we just couldn't finish. But we did capitalize on our best opportunities."

La Crosse added a late goal in the closing minute of the game, but the effort was too little, too late. Stevens Point escaped with an important 3-2 victory.

Volleyball goes one and one on the weekend

Volleyball

Press Release
UW-SP ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Callie Kunde collected her seventh triple-double of the season as the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point volleyball team improved to 3-1 in conference play with a three-game sweep at UW-Superior on Friday.

Kunde had 11 kills, 23 assists and 13 digs in the Pointers' 30-20, 30-18, 30-25 victory that gave them their most league victories since a 5-3 mark in 1998.

Beth Richter and Gina Guell each added 10 kills and Lori Marten had 17 digs as UW-SP improved to 19-7 overall. The Pointers play at fifth-ranked UW-Eau Claire on Saturday.

Saturday the UW-SP team traveled to Superior looking to continue their good play. They did so successfully, dominating UW-Superior on their way to a 5-0 victory. Weise led the effort, tallying two goals and one assist. Weise, along with Prawat and Anna Van Stippen, scored first half goals as the Pointers built a 3-0 halftime lead.

Point dominated Superior in every facet of the game. They outscored Superior 5-0 thanks in large part to dominating offensive and defensive efforts. The five goals were scored on 23 shot attempts. Defensively, Point refused to allow the Yellowjackets any offensive opportunities all day.

The shutout was the fourth of the year for Point, thanks to lead the Pointers offensive and defensive games. Those two alone have surrendered 19-14 advantage.

The Pointers now have a week to prepare for a pair of weekend home games on Saturday and Sunday when they play UW-River Falls and Gustavus Adolphus.

"These games are really crucial for us because we need to keep winning to keep our hopes alive," Weise added. "We lost to River Falls last year and we are going to try to come back and redeem ourselves this year."

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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point had just eight hitting errors the entire match, but fifth-ranked UW-Eau Claire used an outstanding defensive performance to sweep the Pointers in a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference volleyball match on Saturday in Eau Claire.

The Blugolds had digs on 58 of the Pointers' 106 hitting attempts and picked up a 30-22, 30-21, 30-23 victory. Gina Guell led the Pointers with six kills, while Jill Wittmann had 13 assists. Callie Kunde totaled 12 assists and nine digs for UW-SP, which is now 19-8 overall and 3-2 in the WIAC.

Career Highlights

Major - Communicative Disorders.
Home town - Clinton, Wis.
Do you have any nicknames? - Bugger.
What are your plans after graduation? - I am planning on getting married in June and then going to grad school at the U of MN.
What has helped you become such an accomplished athlete? - When you love something, it's easy to work hard at it. I guess just putting in lots and lots of miles and having a positive attitude everywhere I go.
What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - Team bonding...we have so much fun together.
What is your most embarrassing moment? - I definitely...it's too long of a story.
What CD is in your stereo right now? - Derek Webb
What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - None.
What will you remember most about UW-SP? - There is so much, but in 50 years when I look back at the college years, I will probably remember the amazing friendships that have been built over these past four years.
What are the three biggest influences in your life? - Jameson Douglas Nass, my mom, and Jesus.
Fall fire season in full swing

UW-SP Fire Crew turns up the heat in landscape management

Anne Frie
The Pointer
April 15, 2006

Members of the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point Fire Crew have fired up this month as the fall fire season heats up throughout central Wisconsin.

Starting last week, members of the UW-SP Fire Crew have had the opportunity to learn about fire behavior and fire science through prescribed burning and wildland firefighting.

"Right now we have about seven prescribed burns lined up," said Assistant Fire Crew Leader Mike Mattmiller. "Everyone is pretty excited to do these burns. It's a great experience, and if you are considering going into the field of natural resource management, it's a critical skill to have," he added.

As dangerous as it sounds, using fire to manage landscapes is a common practice for many state natural resource agencies. Prescribed burns are carefully planned and controlled to manage for natural landscapes such as prairie, oak savanna, wetlands and oak woodlands. Fires are only conducted under ideal weather conditions.

In order to participate in a prescribed burn, Fire Crew members must be certified in basic wildland fire fighting and fire safety. The wildfire course is taught in the fall, as a two-credit class, or over the course of three days in the Spring, as a non-credit training course.

"Very few universities around the country have an organization like ours." - James Cook, UW-SP Fire Crew Advisor

Additionally, all members must pass a physical fitness step-test and must demonstrate deploying an emergency fire shelter within seconds.

This year the Crew includes approximately 70 members, a significant increase from last year's membership.

"Very few universities around the country have an organization like ours," said James Cook, professor of Forestry at UW-SP. "Our Fire Crew was one of the first in the country," he added.

The UW-SP Fire Crew became an official organization in 1986. In 1988, Cook became the faculty advisor.

Since it first started, the Fire Crew has worked with various agencies from around the state including the Wisconsin DNR, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Forest Service.

"When I was first active as the advisor of Fire Crew, the Fire Crew certainly wasn't as active as it is now," said Cook. "Today they are widely known in the region, and even in neighboring states, and they are a valuable resource for the Wisconsin DNR as a means for fire suppression. We've had a great mutual relationship between the university and the state department of natural resources."

Fire Crew meetings are held every Thursday at 6 p.m. in room 170 in the College of Natural Resources. On October 19, a smoker jumper from Missoula, Mont., will be speaking at the meeting.

Are you ready for a fire?

Tim Kluck
Fire Crew Member

Did you know home fires are the single most common disaster across the nation? In the United States, a home fire is reported every 79 seconds, and someone dies from a home fire every 135 minutes.

In 2005, the American Red Cross responded to more than 77,000 disasters in communities across the country and 92 percent of these were fire related.

Home fires are not selective and can affect anyone. However, children and the elderly pose a greater risk.

Children under the age of five account for 14 percent of home fire deaths, twice the risk factor of the national average.

As we observe Fire Prevention Week, the American Red Cross urges families to be prepared for fire emergencies. Red Cross chapters are committed to responding to your home fire emergency and also to teaching people the skills needed to keep families safe in our communities.

To prepare for such an emergency, answer the following question, "Are You Ready for a Fire?" Make sure your home is fire-safe.

Fire Prevention Week pays tribute to disastrous Peshtigo Fire

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As the nation observes Fire Prevention Week, take a moment to reflect on what happened 135 years ago, when two disastrous fires erupted on the same day in the Midwest.

On October 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire broke out in the city, killing more than 250 people, leaving 100,000 homeless, destroying more than 17,400 structures and burning more than 2,000 acres. The fire continued through the night and into the next day.

News of the great fire spread rapidly, making newspaper headlines around the nation the next morning. But people failed to notice a far worse fire that broke loose to the north on the very same day.

In northeast Wisconsin, the Peshtigo Fire swept through farm fields and forests, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people and scorching 1.2 million acres. The Peshtigo Fire was the most devastating fire in American history, but didn't receive media attention until much later.

In 1920, the nation observed its first National Fire Prevention Day, set aside by President Woodrow Wilson in honor of these two horrific fires. Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls.

The lessons learned from these fires forever changed the way firefighters and public officials practice fire safety and sustainable forestry measures today.
Brothers and sisters in arms: IKES host WiNR at trap shoot

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Tracy Mohr felt a wave of excitement pass through her as she prepared to shoot a shotgun for the first time in her life. She was told the gun wouldn't kick very hard, but she couldn't help but feel a little nervous as she tried to hold her gun steady.

Nodding to her peer instructor that she was ready, a fluorescent orange target quickly shot out in front of her. Mohr zeroed-in on the frisbee-shaped target and pulled the trigger.

Mohr was one of several members from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Women in Natural Resources (WiNR) group who learned to shoot a gun for the first time at the Izaak Walton League in Stevens Point on Tuesday, October 10.

Over 20 members of the UW-SP Bill Cook Student Chapter of the Izaak Walton League (the "IKES") attended the event to help mentor first-time shooters on gun handling and loading, and about the sport of trap shooting.

"I actually shot the target! It was very exciting," said Mohr, a freshman at UW-SP. "I don't enjoy shooting animals, so this was a good way for me to learn how to enjoy the sport of shooting without harming animals."

WiNR, a student organization in the College of Natural Resources that encourages awareness and participation of women in natural resource careers, has participated in the event for three years.

"This event is a really great opportunity for the girls to receive one-on-one training on how to shoot a gun," said Madeline Turnquist, student president of WiNR.

The Izaak Walton League of America is one of the oldest conservation organizations in the United States, and believes in a commonsense approach to solving local, regional, and national conservation issues.

"Part of what the IKES do is to also help educate others through outreach," said Sheena Gill, a UW-SP student and I.KE member of two years.

"Last year I learned for the first time how to shoot and I'm back because it's fun. Also, it can be pretty intimidating for all these girls to shoot with the guys at first."

Several I.KE members noted many of the new shooters did surprisingly well, particularly after getting used to holding a gun.

"It always surprises me how well some of the girls do each time we have this event," said Sam Redeker, a UW-SP student and member of the I.KE Walton League. "It's always great to see the excitement on their faces when they shoot for the first time, or the surprised look they have when they feel the kick of their gun."

For $5, WiNR members were able to use a variety of guns and ammunition provided by the IKES. No prior experience was necessary and no gun safety course was needed to shoot at the range.

"I'm very satisfied with the way the student body handles this event. They do a good job of using safety precautions," said Ronald MacDonald, director of the I.KE Walton League trap range. "An event like this helps others to appreciate this clean sport that you can enjoy it even if you are anti-hunting."

Next week, the IKES invite student members from the UW-SP Student Law Enforcement Association in a trap shooting competition.

"Next week will be a lot of fun," said Luke Fara, president of the student chapter of the Izaak Walton League. "It's a fun competition that usually involves a little arguing at the end on who won, but it's all in good fun."

When making your menu for your camping trips, try to pick meals that are easy to clean up after. For suppers, one-pot meals are a wonderful thing.

First, cook your rice, pasta or potatoes, and then add your dehydrated vegetables, meat and/or seasonings to finish it off. Be careful not to use too much water, or else you will be doing some draining.

To learn more about this tip, along with many other tricks and techniques for improving your wilderness experiences, stop by Outdoor EdVentures, located in the lower level of the Allen Center.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Saturday, October 14
Renewable Energy Workshop - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in CPS 116

Sunday, October 15
Naturalist Program: The Sweets on Syrup - 2 p.m. at Schneeckle Reserve Visitor Center

Monday, October 16
Waste Management Society - 5:30 p.m. in CNR 271
Student Law Enforcement Association meeting - 6 p.m. in CNR 170
Herpetology Society - 6 p.m. in CNR 354
Women in Natural Resources meeting - 6 p.m. in CNR 320

Tuesday, October 17
American Water Resources Association - 5 p.m. in CNR 240
The Wildlife Society meeting - 5:30 p.m. in CNR 170
Waste Management Society Meeting - 5:30 p.m. in CNR 271
Sustainable Agriculture in Communities Society meeting - 7 p.m. in CNS 316
Environmental Educators and Naturalists Association meeting - 7 p.m. in CNR 122

Wednesday, October 18
Roots & Shoots meeting - 5 p.m. in LRC Food for Thought Café (room subject to change)

Friday, October 20
Kettle Moraine Backpacking Trip - Oct. 20-22 trip provided by Outdoor EdVentures (reserve your spot before mandatory meeting)

Saturday, October 21
Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids
Renewable Energy Workshop - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in LRC Food for Thought Café

If your outdoor-based club or organization would like to submit meeting times and/or events, please contact Outdoor Editor Anne Frie at afrie1404@uwsp.edu

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Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide:
Kicking Habits, Loving Animals, and Pulling Hair

By Pat Rothfuss
WITH HELP FROM THE MISSION COFFEE BAR

A couple days ago I got the following letter...

Dear Pat,

I have a bad habit. A very bad habit. A very very bad habit. How would one go about getting rid of said bad habit? Long story of what it is, how I got into it (...). Anyway. Again, how can I rid myself of a bad habit?

All the best and my love,

Butts Are Dangerous.

This is a good example of about half the letters I get. Can you see what the problem is? Look hard...

Well, yes. Her acronym is kind of lame, but that's not what I was getting at. Look again.

That's right. It doesn't have any real information in it.

Now BAD would obviously like some help. But I can't give advice if I don't have any information to work with...

The moral of the story? Don't be coy. When you write in, give me the details...

Luckily, BAD responded to my follow-up e-mail and supplied me with the following:

Ever since I was in 4th grade, I've pulled out my hair.

Literally.

Including eyelashes, eyebrows... anyway, do you know of a way to grow back hair really fast, and how to stop this habit? Can you see what the problem is? Look hard...

Mail and supplied me with the following:

Get. Can you see what the problem is? Look hard...

BAD.

No. There isn't an easy way to make hair grow back fast. If there was, hair treatment companies wouldn't be balking desperate midlife-crisis men out of about 7 billion dollars a year.

Speaking of natural baldness, allow me to digress for a moment here...

First, why are human males the only ones to get bald? As a child of nature, I've always found it odd that this is generally considered bad. It's not like we could stop evolution if we wanted. But nothing beats actually getting a professional opinion.

And why don't other animals go bald? I mean, my thick patch of head-fur must be serving some important evolutionary function, right?

Our advice for kicking more general-type habits is easier. Here's my brief outline...

1) Realize you've got a bad habit.
2) Decide you really, really want to stop.
3) Do some goddamn research.
4) Get some people to help you.

The first three are fairly self-explanatory. The fourth one is where the real fun begins. If your research leads in the direction that you have something along the lines of an Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, you need to go get some professional help.

If you realize your habit is just that, a habit, getting a friend or two to help you quit can make a big difference.

For example, one of my friends used to rub her eyes. Not just an 'I'm so sleepy' sort of rub. Whenever she got stressed she rubbed and rubbed...

Then her eyes would start to itch, so she would rub, rub, and rub...

It had been going on for so long that she didn't realize she was doing it, until her eyes started to hurt, or someone pointed out what she was doing. She asked me for help, so the next time we were hanging around and I saw her starting to rub her eyes, I reached over and flicked her ear, hard. She was shocked, but I explained myself, and she let it go.

Then we hung out and watched a movie. I spotted her going for her eyes two more times, which led to two more ear flicks.

Then came the breakthrough, she lifted her hands a little, then stopped and looked at me nervously. 'That sucks,' she said. 'It's all negative reinforcement. That's not psychologically sound. Plus, you're a dick.'

'It was just phase one,' I explained. 'Phase two is positive reinforcement. Now, whenever you feel yourself wanting to rub your eyes, stop yourself. Then lean over here and I'll give you a kiss as a reward.'

She snorted. 'You wish!'

'Trust me,' I said. 'This is for science, Baby.'

The story has a happy ending, of course. She stopped rubbing her eyes in less than ten minutes. The downside is that now, unfortunately, the poor thing is addicted to my sweet, sweet lovin' which I provide on a weekly basis for very reasonable rates.

Face it, you have serious problems.

Ask Pat Rothfuss for help at prdefis@uwsum.wsu.edu.

Point of View: New stores equal new jobs for students at Crossroads Commons

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It started with Kohl's, Lowe's, Best Buy and a Wal-Mart Superstore. Soon, it will include a TJ. Maxx, an MC Sporting goods store and a Petco.

Plover's Crossroad Commons, Portage County's largest shopping venue, is growing, and with expansion comes more diverse stores, restaurants and places of interest.

Just these past few weeks, Starbucks, Cousins Subs and Hudson's Classic Grill opened their doors to new customers. And today, a newly designed McDonald's will begin to serve Big Macs and Happy Meals to hungry shoppers at the Commons.

While this sounds all well and good to residents of Portage County, students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point should be excited to hear of new stores coming to the area. Aside from adding to the shopping landscape, the new stores will likely bring in job opportunities for students looking to make some money.

Getting to Crossroads Commons can be a problem for students who lack transportation. However, Plover and Stevens Point agreed to a deal, allowing the Stevens Point bus system to run a route to the shopping center. This new route brings new stores to your doorstep.
New director shines brightly through "Everything is Illuminated"

Maggie Marie Gall Hanson
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

The movie "Everything is Illuminated" is based on the novel by Jonathan Safran Foer. It is the story of a Jewish-American named Jonathan (played by Elijah Wood) who takes a trip to the Ukraine to visit the village where his grandfather grew up before WWII. He is a "collector," but not of stamps or coins or any kind of normal memorabilia. Instead he collects artifacts from his family. Notes, money, false teeth, old toys, retainers, and even a used condom make up his "most extensive collection of family heirlooms ever to grace one wall." He carries little plastic bags with him everywhere and - puts them into to be saved for his family. The narrator is not the "collector" himself, but Alex, a twenty-something Ukrainian whose family owns a travel agency. Alex becomes Jonathan's guide and translator, and his interesting grasp of English is one of the best things about both the movie and the book. During the trip to the Ukraine, Jonathan's family story intersects with that of Alex's family. They become a part of each other for life as they both come to understand what learning about their past can tell them about their future. One of the best quotes from the movie goes, "Everything is illuminated in the light of the past. It is always along the side of us, on the inside, looking out."

"I'm so relieved to see Wood as something other than Frodo, that I think I would love him as any character right now. Wood's performance is highly magnified by the huge glasses his character wears. I read somewhere that he was chosen for the role of Frodo in "The Lord of the Rings" because of the expressiveness of his eyes. The costuming in "Everything is Illuminated" highlights his eyes and adds believability to his character. Even though Wood and the other actors in the film give great performances, Sammy Davis Jr., the narrator's dog, steals the show. Don't ask questions about the name, just watch the movie.

If you're looking for something other than the usual fodder like "X-Men: The Last Stand" or "Mission: Impossible III," I would highly recommend this DVD. The extras are pretty purdy, but the deleted scenes include really bizarre instances of dog fantasies and little people in lingerie, so don't skip them. If that last line doesn't hook you, I don't know what will. I believe this movie a try for a truly "illuminating" experience.

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In the Limelight:
Steve Schmidt

Major: Bachelor of Arts in Drama
Hometown: Appleton, Wis.

What led you to major in Theatre?
I got into theatre when I was in high school and I loved it. I felt so comfortable on stage.

Who do you consider to be your greatest theatrical role model?
Johnny Depp & Charlize Theron. Both of these actors are so talented, two of the best in Hollywood I believe. Either one of them can play any character and do an amazing job at it. I haven't been disappointed with any role I've seen either of them in, even if I didn't like the movie.

What do you plan to do after you graduate?
I'm thinking about moving to LA and doing film, otherwise I'm also considering London or Minneapolis to perform on stage.

What has been your most memorable moment
as a UW-SP Theatre major?
Aida was an amazing experience. It was a great show, with a very talented cast - plus being a minster was great because the choreography was so well done.

Who or what inspires you the most in your acting?
I actually look up to my roommate, Marie Martinez, who is also one of my best friends, a lot. She's very passionate and hard working when it comes to theatre and acting just seems so natural with her. She's able to reach her emotions and be in the moment - she is a very strong presence on stage.

What is your favorite part of being a UW-SP Theatre major?
The department is amazing. People are very close, and the professors are so personable and so great at their craft. I like that I know all my professors and can talk to them on a daily basis.

What's in your CD player?
My CD player is occupied by a techno mix dance CD... I like anything I can dance to so usually I listen to pop, R&B, Hip Hop or techno.

Do you have a favorite quote?
"Risk, fail, risk again" - it's one that we hear quite often in our theatre classes, and it is so fitting for many different things.
Josh Wussow
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

It's that time of year again. Film studios save their best releases for the end of the year, hoping to keep their respective opuses fresh in the minds of the Oscar judges.

At this critical time comes "The Departed," the latest crime epic from legendary director Martin Scorsese. Billed as one of the best pictures to be released this year, "The Departed" centers around two competing factions in the heart of Boston. The Irish mob, headed by Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson), faces off with the organized crime division of the Massachusetts State Police. Nicholson has managed to place his adopted son, Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon), into one of the top divisions of the state police and uses him to keep one step ahead of the law.

His opposite number is Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio), a man forced as a child to live a dual life by spending the week with his mother in a nice suburban community and the weekends with his father in a low-rent, inner-city neighborhood.

After Costigan graduates from state trooper training, the police, hoping to tap into his skills of adaptation, deploy him as their next undercover operative inside Nicholson's organization. The conflict between these two "rats" makes for one of the best cat-and-mouse games in recent memory.

Scorsese has managed once again to craft an all-star cast of Hollywood's finest. "The Departed" features Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin, Malkovich, Wahlberg, and Anthony Anderson. All shine through with confident, believable portrayals of real people under pressure. Nicholson, playing the villain as only he can give his most charismatic and unforgettable performance in years, while Damon and DiCaprio demonstrate remarkable depth of character.

The soundtrack, as the public has come to expect from a Scorsese film, is appropriate, poignant, and playful. The editing, though not possessing the svelte, silky quality of "Goodfellas" or "Casino," brilliantly reflects the clipped, harsh, and rapid view of the characters' worlds.

So where does "The Departed" fit among Scorsese's crime classics? Its lack of a central narrator and its freewheeling plot, along with its somber, and its violent, unforgiving attitude may cause others to shy away. For fans of well-crafted intellectual thrillers, however, it doesn't get any better than this. "The Departed" demands that the viewers focus on the information the sound and screen provide, lest they become lost in the rollercoaster ride of deception and discovery. For those who can hold on, it becomes an adventure that won't soon be forgotten.

Piercy, a 70-year-old Detroit native, started school at the University of Michigan and finished her academic career with an M.A. from Northwestern. She won the Hopwood Award for poetry and fiction in 1957, and published her first book of poems in 1968.

During her rise to fame, she has been a key player in many of the major political battles of our time, including the anti-Vietnam War and Women's movements. Most recently, Sheen has taken up the cause of resistance to the war in Iraq, according to the UW-SP news release. Piercy will be speaking about her latest work, "Sex Wars," which is a novel about the lives of the best cat-and-mouse games in recent memory. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Victoria Woodhull, Anthony Comstock and a female Russian Jewish immigrant, four late nineteenth-century Americans who lived in and around New York City.

This presentation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

"Sex Wars" author to visit campus

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It's that time of year again. Film studios save their best releases for the end of the year, hoping to keep their respective opuses fresh in the minds of the Oscar judges.

At this critical time comes "The Departed," the latest crime epic from legendary director Martin Scorsese. Billed as one of the best pictures to be released this year, "The Departed" centers around two competing factions in the heart of Boston. The Irish mob, headed by Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson), faces off with the organized crime division of the Massachusetts State Police. Nicholson has managed to place his adopted son, Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon), into one of the top divisions of the state police and uses him to keep one step ahead of the law.

His opposite number is Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio), a man forced as a child to live a dual life by spending the week with his mother in a nice suburban community and the weekends with his father in a low-rent, inner-city neighborhood.

After Costigan graduates from state trooper training, the police, hoping to tap into his skills of adaptation, deploy him as their next undercover operative inside Nicholson's organization. The conflict between these two "rats" makes for one of the best cat-and-mouse games in recent memory.

Scorsese has managed once again to craft an all-star cast of Hollywood's finest. "The Departed" features Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin, Malkovich, Wahlberg, and Anthony Anderson. All shine through with confident, believable portrayals of real people under pressure. Nicholson, playing the villain as only he can give his most charismatic and unforgettable performance in years, while Damon and DiCaprio demonstrate remarkable depth of character.

The soundtrack, as the public has come to expect from a Scorsese film, is appropriate, poignant, and playful. The editing, though not possessing the svelte, silky quality of "Goodfellas" or "Casino," brilliantly reflects the clipped, harsh, and rapid view of the characters' worlds.

So where does "The Departed" fit among Scorsese's crime classics? Its lack of a central narrator and its freewheeling plot, along with its somber, and its violent, unforgiving attitude may cause others to shy away. For fans of well-crafted intellectual thrillers, however, it doesn't get any better than this. "The Departed" demands that the viewers focus on the information the sound and screen provide, lest they become lost in the rollercoaster ride of deception and discovery. For those who can hold on, it becomes an adventure that won't soon be forgotten.
Resident's Evil
By: Joy Ratchman

You Better Be!

I want somebody to live, but no one wants to love me!

Neverland
By: Lo Shim

This test is gonna be Wow, murder! The dawn of you look up to the really Reform? That's tired! I'm saved condensed to SO questions!

Muse
By: Ryan Tidball

I'm confident—last night I re-read my entire copy of The Da Vinci Code. I even watched the movie afterwards.

Count James
By: Jason Loeffler

...I'm not...Good Luck.

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by Drew Smalley

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Sandra Kaminski
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Joe Bertsch
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said Rodriguez.

Even though the 30 minutes is primarily spent on weights, Rodriguez explained that participants do get a great cardio workout in the process.

"The class is very high paced, you're constantly moving from station to station so it really is a great cardio workout," said Rodriguez.

The classes are supervised by a certified personal trainer employed by the Cardio Center. The trainers pick three machines to rotate through the circuit, then take a one-to-two minute rest. Participants can go through the circuit up to three times. The class limit is usually eight and is on a first-come first-serve basis. The classes are held every Monday through Thursday from room to 1 p.m. The Freemotion machines are reserved just for the class at these times.

You do not need to be seeing a personal trainer to participate in the program, but Rodriguez explained that it is a great way to work into the training program, as well as a great way to learn how to use the Freemotion machines.

"A lot of people are freaked out by the Freemotion machines. This is a great way to get used to working with them," said Rodriguez.

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