Volunteers put their hearts into building homes for others

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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students and community residents rolled up their sleeves this past weekend to volunteer in a home-building project to help those left homeless by Hurricane Katrina last year. The UW-SP chapter of Habitat for Humanity partnered with the Central Wisconsin chapter to participate in Habitat's "Home in a Box" project. The project has volunteers build homes in 16-foot sections, and the sections are then transported to the southern regions affected by last year's hurricanes. The home that UW-SP students worked on is one of 10 that will be sent to Hattiesburg, Miss. All of the materials for the home, which totaled about $70,000 to build, were paid for by a donation from Saudi Arabia to Habitat for Humanity International. The Central Wisconsin chapter of Habitat for Humanity has been working on the home throughout the month of September, and this past weekend the students were able to pitch in.

On Saturday, September 23, the UW-SP Women's Basketball team will load the completed frames of the house into a truck headed for Mississippi where the home will be assembled by local volunteers.

"We feel it is important for our student athletes to give back to the community," said head basketball coach Shirley Egner. "By working with Habitat we are able to help others in need and we benefit from the experience by developing problem solving solutions, working with tools that we usually

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Spud Bowl fans enjoy Spuds and Suds post-game picnic

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Saturday, September 16, 2006 marked the 20th anniversary of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's annual Spud Bowl, which was followed by the annual Spuds and Suds Picnic. Although football fans may have left the game disappointed, an unlimited baked potato bar, brats, and potato cake were waiting at the picnic to console them.

First celebrated in 1987, the Spud Bowl was sponsored by the Communitiversity, an agri-business group that was part of the Portage County business council. The Spuds and Suds picnic was to follow the game, and fans could purchase tickets either before or after the game outside the gates. Since all of the food for the picnic was donated by local farmers, proceeds went toward a scholarship fund for students who come from agricultural backgrounds. The events planned for the first Spdbowl and picnic have become a tradition that has continued throughout the years and has provided $74,000 in scholarship money for students over the last 20 years.

As fans endured the football game, Chartwells and other volunteers put the finishing touches on the all-you-can-eat baked potato buffet. Chartwells director Jerry Wilson anticipated a crowd of 800 to 1,000 people for the picnic, and even spoke of an improvement this year. "We're using bigger potatoes this year, 90-count bakers instead of 90-count."

Certainly the Spud Bowl is a great way to commemorate the Pointers' first football game. After all, it is

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don’t work with and building team cohesion. Habitat is something our team enjoys doing."

Over 400 homes have been completed as part of the project with Habitat affiliates in states across the country participating.

"I don’t think people have forgotten that others in the hurricane area still need help, but I think we haven’t heard as much about how we can still make a difference," said Rhonda Sprague, Habitat volunteer and associate Communication professor at UW-SP. "I was really happy that our chapter could take such an active role in helping without needing to travel south. Our volunteers got to make a difference right here in their own backyard.

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according to Chancellor Linda Bunnell, "one of UW-SP’s most well-known traditions." What is even better than coming together to watch our team battle it out on home turf is celebrating afterward, regardless of victory or defeat. As it is said “It’s not winning or losing that counts, but how many potatoes you can eat after the game.”

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ities. However, the committee did find the team responsible for all violations of the Alcoholic Beverage Policy for Student Organizations under several sections, including use of alcohol and supplying underage drinkers.

"The sanctions that were assigned to these violations were placing the Dance Team group, separate from the larger Athletic Entertainment student organization, under a six-month probation period beginning from that date," said Laura Ketchum-Ciftci, Associate Dean of Student Organizations. "I was really happy that our chapter could take such an active role in helping without needing to travel south. Our volunteers got to make a difference right here in their own backyard.

A female reported her black Pontiac Grand Am was struck while parked in front of the building sometime between 8 p.m. on September 15 and 8:20 a.m. on September 16.

Lot P September 19, 2006 1:29 p.m.

Type: VANDALISM

A side mirror was found lying on the ground next to a red Pontiac Grand Am in parking Lot P.

George Stien

September 19, 2006 6:22 p.m.

Type: THEFT

An individual reported that their cell phone had been stolen.

Once the "Home in a Box" project is finished, work will resume on the local build site at Third and Franklin Streets in Stevens Point. Students that are interested in volunteering their time are encouraged to join, regardless of experience. "If you don’t know what a hammer is, you can still join our organization and make a difference," said UW-SP chapter President Jason Bertrand. "We have a huge diversity of students who build on the houses, and all of them are successful."

For more information on how to get involved students can e-mail Bertrand at bertrand@uwsp.edu or attend the first informational meetings of the year Monday, September 18th or Wednesday, September 20th at 7 p.m. in the basement of Pray-Sims Hall.

Because of the team’s decision to suspend themselves, all participants in the organization have been suspended for the rest of the year. The Dance Team had been able to continue with their plans to compete in the Collegiate Porn division and in the Jazz division. They are participating in the UPA AmeriCup Nationals. The team is once again the dance informative presentation of the UW-SP students at UW-SP. "I was really happy that our chapter could take such an active role in helping without needing to travel south. Our volunteers got to make a difference right here in their own backyard."

The dance team is once again allowed to dance at Pointer football games.

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Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide:  
HIPPIES GALORE!

By Pat Rothfuss  
WITH HELP FROM THE MISSION COFFEE BAR.

Two letters relating to hippies this week, so let's get right to it.

So my friend and I have a debate, can you be both a punk and a hippy at the same time? He says no way. Punks are the antithesis of hippies. I say it can totally be done you just have to be angry at the world and have a deposition toward safety pins, tattoos and piercings to be a punk, you don't have to nihilistic and therefore not care about things like the environment.

signed punk rock hippy

Wow, PRH. After reading your letter the thing puzzling me isn't, "Can a person be both a hippie and a punk at the same time?" It's, "How can this person operate a computer with enough proficiency to successfully send email?"

I mean, sweet baby Jesus... Were you raised by wolves? Illiterate wolves? Or perhaps a pack of wild dogs with severe cognitive dysfunction? What is "a deposition toward safety pins?" I had to look at the word "environmet" for a full minute before I could guess what you meant.

Hell, at the end of the letter, I felt sorry for you because you were singled. I thought your vast confusion was perhaps due to a morphine drip you were using to dull the pain of your terrible burns. Then I realized you weren't "singed" you were "signed." Though honestly, at this point I'm just guessing.

Here's what your letter should look like:

Dear Pat,

So, my friend and I are having an argument. We want to know if it's possible to be a punk and a hippie at the same time.

He says, "no way." He thinks punks are the antithesis of hippies. I say it totally can be done. To be a punk you just have to be angry at the world and have a predisposition toward safety pins, tattoos, and piercings. You don't have to nihilistic and therefore not care about things like the environment.

Signed,

Punk Rock Hippie

P.S. I love you and want to have your babies.

Ahhh... That's better. This is a letter I can answer.

The trouble is that there are a lot of different aspects of the punk/hippie scene. For some people it's just a fashion statement, for others it's a philosophical stance. Let's break it down a little...

In terms of appearance, hippies tend to go natural. That means long hair, scruffiness, body odor, and homemade clothes. Other hippie favorites include bare feet, hemp jewelry, and a vast, greasy cloud of patchouli reek that follows them around like a biblical plague.

Punks, on the other hand, tend to have high-maintenance coiffure: Mohawks, shaved heads, or died hair. Their clothes are much more commercial, band t-shirts (both ironic and non-ironic), army boots, and leather jackets with spikes.

As you can see, trying to combine these fashions probably isn't going to work. The best compromise would be a deer-leather jacket with the spikes blunted off by ironic piece symbols. Or you could have a tie-dye Mohawk.

In terms of drugs, hippies like pot, acid, and 'shrooms. Punks like mescaline and PCP. Again, there isn't much room for productive overlapping here. The only potential compromises I can think of is organic milk with knives in it.

Hippies have drum circles. Punks have mosh pits. Hippies want you to give peace a chance. Punks want you to rage against the machine.

I have to weigh in on the side of your friend, PRH. While not mutually exclusive, hippie and punk just don't work well together. Sure they're both dissatisfied with the establishment, but who isn't these days?

Dear Pat,

I am an avid marijuana smoker, and I have an inclination that my professor smokes as well. It's more than apparent that he did SOME kinds of drugs in his life, and possibly still does.

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A Fair Wisconsin Votes No

Dear Editor,

You may have noticed messages regarding an “amend­ment” or “ban” chalked on the walkways of campus or written on fliers. The Gay-Straight Alliance is behind these messages. GSA is dedicating the first few months of the semester to our campaign to defeat a proposed amendment to our state’s constitution which says, verbatim:

“Only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state. A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized in this state.”

That first sentence merely clarifies what is already the legal status of marriage in Wisconsin. Our constitution already says that marriage is between a “husband and wife,” which has never been interpreted as anything other than “man and woman.” Essentially, the first part of the amendment does nothing – whether or not the amendment passes, same-sex marriage in Wisconsin will not be legal.

It’s the second sentence in this amendment that will truly do Wisconsin harm. It intentionally uses vague language when it states that anything substantially similar to marriage will be outlawed in our state. This could mean that civil unions would never become a reality in Wisconsin, or even domestic partner­ship benefits that are already being received by Wisconsinites – both straight and gay - could be stripped away. In other states, language such as this has resulted in the loss of insurance benefits for thousands, led courts to dismiss domestic abuse cases involving unmarried couples, and put child custodial agreements, as well as adoption rights, in jeopardy. It is not in clarifying the status of same-sex marriage that Wisconsin would make a drastic change, but rather in it’s prohibition of anything “substantially similar.”

That is why the Gay-Straight Alliance has partnered with Fair Wisconsin (http://www.fairwisconsin.com) in a campaign against the amendment. We refuse to stand back while discrimination is written into our constitution and hope that you feel the same way. If you’d like to get involved with our campaign against the amendment, please attend our weekly volunteer meetings on Tuesdays at 8:15pm in CCC 207 or stop by our office in Nelson 209 Monday-Thursday, 11:00am-1:00pm. This is a historic and important opportunity. Your involvement will help make Wisconsin the first state to defeat an amendment such as this.

From,
Aidan Arnold, GSA Co-President

Point Of View:
Rise in crime could turn away prospective Pointers

Here is a fact that should grab the attention of everyone who reads it: Stevens Point is ranked eighth in the state in violent crimes.

An even more startling tidbit of information is that Stevens Point was already ranked 10th following 2004, ahead of cities like Appleton and Janesville.

The ranking, issued by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, sheds light on the apparent issue of violent crime in the city. The DOJ’s 2005 findings detail 342 violent crimes committed and reported to the Stevens Point Police Department. These crimes are classified as category No. 1, which include homi­cides and instap.ces.

College students are to blame for many of these crimes, as Capt. Jim Dowling of the SPPD told the Stevens Point Journal that a majority of aggravat­ed assaults were committed by 17- to 25-year-olds. Dowling also pointed out that most of the crimes are committed by members of the city who are responsible for a “significant number” of these crimes.

Frankly, these numbers frightened me. I sometimes have to walk and ride my bike late at night around campus, especially after long nights at The Pointer. Knowing that violent crime is a problem in Stevens Point, my transportation methods have an added risk to them.

However, Dowling said that a good number of the crimes occurred around the bars and clubs downtown. So I can be more at ease when I am away from the Square. But what about when I do go downtown? Should I carry some sort of self-defense tool with me?

The greatest impact that this news may have is on potential UW-Stevens Point students. Parents of prospective students could see that Oshkosh, ranked safer than Stevens Point by HomeSurfer.com in 2004, is a more suitable community for their child to live in.

The SPPD’s response to the rise in crime is acquiring an additional patrol officer and moving a current patrol officer to a detective position. That being said, many of the 342 violent crimes committed in Stevens Point in 2005 could have been prevented by one more officer on patrol.

Even Capt. Dowling has his reservations, telling WSAW-TV in Wausau that “there’s no guarantee violent crime will go down just because of that extra person.”

These “reassuring” words from a law enforce­ment officer lead me to believe that violent crime in Stevens Point may not decline. UW-SP may lose pro­spective students and it appears that very little can be done to reverse this cycle. Students, parents and residents of Stevens Point should be aware of these startling statistics. The figures may play a major role in all of our daily lives.
Thirty Minutes to Burn

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"Thirty Minutes to Burn" is taking a leave of absence this week as special guest, Jack Bauer, doesn't partake in anything that takes less or more than 24 hours to accomplish. The events that took place during this 24 hour time period were scheduled to air on the final season of 24, but eventually got cut due to a lack of terrorist actions, huge plot twists, and Kim's incompetent boyfriends.

The following events take place in real time.

08:00:00-Jack calls up the Counter Terrorist Unit (CTU) in Los Angeles to send him a black SUV with tinted windows to complete this mission, but I alert him that my Buick is a few feet away in two-hour parking and that we can just ride in that. He scans the area before agreeing and attempting to enter on the passenger side of my Buick, but he notices the door handle has been broken off, so he rolls under the car before opening the door on a freezing cold day, but he just gazes an intimidating stare, so I get into the car without saying another word.

On the ride to Waupaca (we're going to the Fox Fire golf course), I sit in silence thinking of ways to immobilize myself with the likes of George Mason while Jack drives, searches through a database of suspected threats to the United States, and continually watches the opening clip from "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" when Tuco, while in a bathtub, kills a hesitant man after stating, "If you're going to shoot, shoot; don't talk." I assume it's for inspiration (for Tuco that is).

09:16:57-We arrive at the clubhouse and run, slightly crouched, while Jack carries a PP7 like the one that James Bond starts with in nearly every mission of "Goldeneye 007." Once we are safely inside and at the counter, the local golf "pro" says to Jack, "Give me the name" to confirm the reservation. Jack doesn't answer; instead he calls Chloe and tells her to call a lawyer because his copyrighted dialogue was just infringed upon. I confirm the reservation with a slight hand motion, as Jack waves Curtis and his team towards our golf cart to install a GPS, machine gun, and a hook to hold Jack's man purse (which is full of extra bullets, clips, and silencers).

On the first tee, I grab a Super Fly Nike ball from my bag so I can shoot under 100. I offer Jack a Nike Distance ball and he shoots me in the leg and grabs a used Pinnacle from his bullet-proof bag, because Jack Bauer already has the golf game of Jack Bauer and is in no need of artificial hope.

After we finish a few holes, Jack tells me a story about the time he golfed at Cedar Ridge, a course in Utah that was overrun by prairie dogs. The course owners weren't allowed to get rid of the animal's homes because they were endangered in the state. Jack said that he helped the Paiute Tribe (the people who own the course) by moving the prairie dog off the list of endangered animals and onto the list of extinct animals.

Since Jack seems to be opening up a bit about his life, I decide to ask him a few questions, like how he was able to maintain such perfection in execution while being tired and how they were able to tape the stealth sections since he is 99.9%, excuse me, 100% invisible at those times. He answered the first question with, "Shut up," and for the second he told me that the camera men have him lasso the sun and pull it to within feet of the set, so they are able to see a glimpse of him during his times of stealth.

After I finish and Jack defeats the golf course, I ask him if he wants to head over to the batting cages to practice for the upcoming intramurals softball tournament. He glances at me, then checks his watch, and finally looks at the batting cage building as it explodes into 4,857,690 pieces. As Jack secures his vest and checks to see if he has a full clip, he states that "soft" was not a word that Jack Bauer knew and that it was time to head back to Stevens Point.

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Go to www.cheapwebsteplugging.com to see scenes from next week's episode of 24 Hours to Burn.

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Life as a graduate student at UW-SP

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"Less classes, more work," This is the life of a student at UW-SP. "My brother went to graduate when compared to UW-SP professors have made completely different college life in the second go-round. Some graduate students, including Hanlin, come back to school years after they have completed their Bachelor's degrees, so the adjustment from the undergraduate program is that much more difficult.

Hanlin said that he had trouble re-adapting to a life with school in it after three years in the workplace, but UW-SP professors have made the change easier with welcoming personalities. "My brother went to Minnesota and not a single professor remembered his name (from his undergraduate days), yet three years after I graduated, the head of the English Department still remembered who I was," stated Hanlin.

Hanlin noted the intimacy of a smaller school as one of the primary reasons he came back to UW-SP for his master's. But not all graduate students must readjust to the school life, but they do all need to prepare themselves for a larger workload.

At UW-SP, graduates are often mixed with undergraduates in 300 and 500 level courses. Graduates are told to meet with professors at the beginning of a new semester to discuss the extra workload that they must complete on top of the regular material assigned. For example, in Music 308, Music in Film, graduates must give a solo presentation on a particular film's score, while graduates in English 353/553, Creative Writing-Poetry, must write five additional treatments approximately two pages in length, comparing ideas, language, and structure between multiple poems. The work load is definitely heavier than that of an undergraduate's, but graduates also get to set their own schedules and focus on one area of study.

"You define your own course of study," said Hanlin. "Graduate students aren't always placed with undergraduates in classes though, as some courses are offered to graduates only. Hanlin prefers these courses as they eliminate students who aren't all that interested and are just there due to degree requirements. "Most of the grad students are teachers, so there is a level of professionalism that isn't found in undergraduate classes," said Hanlin.

"Less classes, more work," is a statement any student considering going to graduate school should remember. Students can create their own schedules, with no worries of general degree requirements or other nuisances, to maintain a strong focus in their area of study, but they must be prepared to do the additional work that goes along with being a graduate student.

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Prolific breeding sustains mourning dove population through two-month hunting season

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Four million to five millionmourning doves flew back home to Wisconsin this past spring, according to surveys by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As quickly as they returned, the doves began building nests.

Mourning doves are one of the most abundant and widely distributed birds in Wisconsin. Their nesting season runs from April to September.

These birds have a unique reproduction cycle: they always lay two eggs. "They can actually lay multiple clutches, about two to five sets in a year," said Kent Van Horn, migratory game bird ecologist for the Department of Natural Resources.

And while most seed-eating birds feed their nestlings insects, mourning doves feed their young milk, which is produced in their crop and enriched with fat and protein.

In addition to a high reproductive rate, mourning doves have a high mortality rate. The DNR reports six out of 10 birds do not survive from one year to the next. Disease, accidents, hunting and weather extremes are the primary causes of death.

Now in its fourth season, Wisconsin is one of 39 states that has a mourning dove hunting season, which runs from September 1 to October 30. The Wisconsin DNR reports approximately 15,000 to 20,000 dove hunters are expected to participate.

"Mourning doves are very fast fliers, which makes it an exciting game species to hunt," said Matt Schuler, a University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point student. "Not only are they fun to hunt, but they also are very good to eat," Schuler added.

Since the first hunting season was initiated four seasons ago, many Wisconsin residents question the impact hunting has had on the number of doves in the state. According to Van Horn, hunting has had little effect on the state's mourning dove population.

"From 1996 to 2005, DNR survey data showed a 6 percent statistically significant increase in dove population," he said. "From 2003 to 2004, there was a 7 percent increase in numbers. Our indications over a 10-year trend are that, if anything, the population is going slightly up."

Waterfowl hunters warned to watch out for trumpeter swans and whooping cranes

Wis. Department of Natural Resources
DNR Press Release

The unintentional shooting of a swan or crane exceeding $2,000, the intentional shooting of a swan can exceed $5,000 in fines and restitution costs. Additionally, hunters found guilty of shooting a swan can lose their hunting privileges for up to three years.

A successful restoration effort that started in 1987 has resulted to close to 100 pairs of endangered trumpeter swans nesting in Wisconsin this year. Department of Natural Resources wildlife officials estimate the total population of free-flying swans in the state is now more than 500.

Adult trumpeter swans are the largest waterfowl species in North America, standing up to 4 feet tall, weighing between 20 and 30 pounds and supporting a 7-foot wingspan. Juvenile trumpeter swans have a grayish plumage. Although younger swans are larger than Canada geese, they sometimes look like geese when flying at higher elevations.

Since the swan reintroduction program began, more than 30 Wisconsin swans have been shot accidentally or intentionally in the Midwest.

Cranes are currently using wetlands along the lower Wisconsin River, more than 25 state wildlife areas, Horicon Marsh and numerous private wetlands as they migrate. Additionally, 63 endangered whooping cranes are now in Wisconsin. Both of these species will soon begin a fall migration south.

Whooping cranes have a snow white plumage with black wing tips. They can reach 5 feet in height, weigh up to 17 pounds and support a 7- to 8-foot wing span.

For more information, visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at www.dnr.wi.gov/organizational-governance/
Don't be fooled: poison plants’ leaves turn color, too

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While recreating outdoors, keep in mind the saying “leaflets of three, let it be; berries of white, keep out of sight.”

Although poison oak is relatively rare in Wisconsin, poison ivy and poison sumac are common throughout the state.

As autumn paints beautiful fall colors on trees, poison plant leaves also change color. Poison ivy, for example, is commonly found in Schmeeckle Reserve. The plant’s distinct summer colorations of dark, glossy-green leaves turn scarlet in the fall. Contact with this plant can give you a painful rash for weeks.

Because poison ivy often does not have a consistent leaf shape, despite its “leaves of three,” one way to identify this plant is by its fruit. The fruits of poison ivy are grape-like clusters of tiny seeds with an off-white or pale yellow rind. In the fall, the rind dries out and eventually flakes off. The “poison” of these plants is a toxic oil called urushiol. When urushiol touches skin, it starts to degrade into a noxious material. The body recognizes this as a foreign agent, stimulating the immune system to form a rash to push out the toxin.

To stop the spread of the rash, soap and water is effective as long as you scrub as much as a surgeon does before performing a surgery.

“If you’re going to use soap and water, really work hard at washing yourself,” said Mark Christensen, associate professor at Oregon State University College of Pharmacy. “It will work, but it takes a lot of effort.”

Depending on the severity and duration of the skin inflammation, use lotion with anti-histamine contents. If you encounter high levels of urushiol, you might need to use an anti-histamine to reduce the itching. Hydrocortisone ointments will treat the rash, but it is always best to see your doctor.

Urushiol stays on clothing and other items for years. Remember not only to wash your clothes, but wash your gun barrel, fishing rods and boots.

“The biggest thing we see is people catching it from their boots or their hunting dogs,” Christensen said. “Dogs don’t react to urushiol - they carry it on their fur coat. Make certain to wash your dog.”

Keep your eye out for the toxic plants’ yellow-green flowers and greenish white berries.

For more information or tips on how to recognize these plants, visit www.dnr.wi.gov or www.poison-ivy.org.

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You may have heard the story of Peter Piper picking a peck of pickled peppers. But here in Stevens Point, the warm-seasoned peppers have all been picked, and Piper is instead, picking a peck of ripe, juicy pomes.

A meager attempt at alliteration, yes, but the botanist word, “pomes,” is a decent literary replacement for what really is important - apples.

Johnny Appleseed never stepped foot onto Wisconsin soil to plant his famous apple trees in the early 1800s, but over time, a high demand for apples eventually transported apple seeds to the state. Today, there are apple orchards scattered across Wisconsin.

But how far away is the closest apple orchard to the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point campus?

According to Marcia Janowski, owner of Casey’s Orchard in Stevens Point, students don’t have to look very far. Although Casey’s Orchard is the only apple orchard in Portage County, its Stevens Point address means students won’t have to drive far to find tasty apples.

Janowski’s husband, Casey, after whom the orchard is named, planted the orchard in 1968. Since the initial planting, the orchard now has over 500 apple trees, which grow 28 different varieties of apples.

Even more remarkable, the 500 trees are picked by only two men - Janowski and his son.

“We’ve been pretty busy so far this season,” said Marcia Janowski. “With the construction on Hwy 10, you can tell there’s a little bit of a difference in attendance compared to last year. But we’ll be here until Thanksgiving, as long as our signs are up.”

Along with selling bags and pecks of fresh apples (one peck of apples weighs about 10 pounds), Casey’s Orchard also sells apple cider, apple chutney, caramel apples, apple butter, honey, jams and jellies, pumpkins and even apple syrup.

The Wisconsin Apple Growers Association reports apples are one of the few fruits that can be found fresh any time of the year, all over the country. This probably accounts for why the average U.S. consumer eats about 65 apples (or 22 pounds) per person annually.

Hundreds of apple festivals are celebrated nationwide. In Wisconsin, Bayfield, Edgerton and the village of Gays Mills all have annual apple festivals.

Although Casey’s Orchard does not allow people to pick apples directly off the trees, there is an upcoming event sponsored by a local student organization that will allow members to do so.

On September 30, the Sustainable Agriculture in Communities Society (the organization that founded the campus garden) is heading to Bayfield, Wis., to harvest excess apples from orchards in the Bayfield area.

“We will plan on picking apples as well as pressing some to make apple cider with a bike-powered press,” said Paul Huber, president of the student group. “We plan on leaving in the evening on Friday or early on Saturday. We’re going to bring back all the apples we collect to do some more pressing and we plan to sell what we make at a harvest party around Halloween time,” Huber added.

For more information about SACS, e-mail Paul Huber at phube397@uwsp.edu. For a place to buy fresh apples and more, visit Casey’s Orchard located at 2829 Burbank Road in Stevens Point. The apple stand is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m., except on Fridays and Saturdays, when it closes at 6 p.m.

Marcia Janowski, owner of Casey’s Apple Orchard, hand selects apples to fill a peck of apples.
New chemistry professor offers new opportunities for students

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The Chemistry department welcomes a new professor to its faculty. Dr. Michael Zach has returned to The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, where he received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry in 1997, after several years in the research field to share with students his expertise in nanotechnology.

Zach started at Stevens Point back in 1983 after he graduated from high school. "I had a hard time adjusting to the college life and didn’t know what I wanted to do," said Zach.

After a year he dropped out of college and held a number of odd jobs before he went to a technical school for jewelry design and repair.

This career path led him to Florence, Italy where he was an apprentice to a monk making jewelry and sculpture. After a year and a half in Florence, Zach returned to the US where he made jewelry for art fairs and eventually opened a jewelry store.

After several years in the jewelry business, Zach found himself back in the science field where his expertise in jewelry proved very useful. "In nanotechnology research you are faced with problems that have no easy solutions because there has been no precedent or existing tools are cost prohibitive," explained Zach. "I use my creativity and tools from jewelry making and apply them to solving problems in the laboratory."

As an undergraduate student at UW-SP in chemistry, Zach became very interested in environmental issues. "I realized from my GDR economics classes that companies do not want to pollute, but there are really no economically viable alternatives to things like copper mines, for example," said Zach.

He further explained that, "we may be against mining and other environmentally degrading operations, but as consumers, when we turn our car key every morning, we expect the car to run and that requires materials like copper and oil. If in our research, scientists can develop creative alternatives like robust conductive polymers to replace copper for some applications or better materials to extract energy, we would do more to save the environment than all the protesting, testing and monitoring because we would have 6 billion consumers behind us."

One of Zach’s goals is to use fundamental research for finding new technologies that may ultimately replace some of the worst technologies upon which we depend. "When I was in grad school, I developed a way of making metal wires so small that if you twisted a million of them together it still wouldn’t be any thicker than a single thread of a spider’s web. Can we now use that technology as building blocks of the future?"

Zach’s most recent research post has been at Argonne National Laboratory’s Materials Science Division as the 2004 Glenn Seaborg Postdoctoral Fellow. Zach also has several nationally recognized projects under his belt. He and a colleague at Argonne developed a nanostructured hydrogen sensor which was named one of the top 100 most technologically significant products introduced into the marketplace over the past year by R & D Magazine.

He has also held research appointments with the NASA/Ames Research Center.

As a Chemistry professor at UW-SP, he holds a guest faculty appointment with Argonne so he may use National Laboratory facilities along with his students. "This is very exciting for my students because we can access the world-class instruments and experts for which Argonne is known," said Zach.

His affiliation may also lead to internships and potential jobs for his students.

"My over all goal is to teach students so they can apply the fundamentals of chemistry to whatever field they study to make them better biologists, nurses, business owners, scientists and citizens," said Zach.
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La Crosse too much for Pointers to handle

Nick Gerritsen
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September 21, 2006

After a disappointing season opener in Texas, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team was primed to make the home opener and 20th annual Spud Bowl a memorable one. Unfortunately, La Crosse had other ideas.

The Pointers made way too many mistakes early in the game, a trend that would continue throughout the first half. Three first quarter turnovers put them in an early hole which proved too big to get out of against a team as good as La Crosse.

The Pointers found themselves down 6-0 before the crowd could even get settled into their seats when sophomore Jack Marx and junior Luke Gunderson fumbled a reverse attempt on the opening kickoff, setting up a quick first and goal for the Eagles. On the opening series of the game, Point lost senior defensive linemen Peter Prusinski to an injury, allowing La Crosse to pound the ball on the ground all afternoon. The Eagles scooped the Pointers for 133 rushing yards on 39 carries, many of those coming in the second half in an attempt to chew up the clock.

Senior running back Cody Childs ended the afternoon's scoring when he reached the end zone in the fourth quarter from two yards out. After being slowed early by La Crosse, Childs played well for UW-SP, finishing the day with 76 yards on 18 carries and a touchdown.

Quarterback Borchart's day didn't go quite as well. Although he did run the ball effectively (6 carries, 51 yards), he couldn't get the passing game started against a talented Eagle defense. Borchart struggled to find open receivers, completing just 15 of 31 passes for 164 yards and two interceptions.

Next week the Pointers head to Iowa in search of their first win of the season when they take on Waldorf. To earn that first victory however, they will need to get off to a better start. In each of their first two games, the Pointers found themselves facing big deficits early.

"We need to put together four good quarters," Miech said. "You can't expect to compete against national competition when you put yourself in early holes."

The game is the first of four consecutive road games for Stevens Point. They won't play another home game until Oct. 21 when they take on University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on homecoming weekend.

Senior on the Spot

Volleyball - Lori Marten

Career Highlights

Major - Chemistry
Hometown - Pittsville.

Do you have any nicknames? - Lor, Lor-Bomb, L-train, Martinez, Judy, Toetie, Toets, and Lori Ann (that's for you Kate).

What are your plans after graduation? - Figure out what I am going to do with the rest of my life.

What has helped you become such an accomplished athlete? - My family.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - Watching my brother win the national title.

What's your most embarrassing moment? - I don't really have one or at least one that I want to make public knowledge. You can ask Jill though, I know she has a lot!

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Does an i-Pod count?

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - Seinfeld, Season 4.

What will you remember most about UW-SP? - The feeling I get when I step out onto the court.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - Family, friends, and my mom.

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Fantasy football: from rags to figurative riches

Stephen Kaiser
THE POINTER
September 21, 2006

When I first started playing fantasy football four years ago, I had no clue what I was getting myself into. Really, I drew the chance to have the first overall pick of the draft. I could have picked any player in the game. There were the stud running backs Priest Holmes, LaDainian Tomlinson, and Shaun Alexander. And then there was the god of all quarterbacks in Peyton Manning. But like I said, I had no clue what I was getting myself into. With the first overall pick I chose Jeremy Shockey.

Jeremy flippin' Shockey! Why Jeremy Shockey, you ask? Because Priest Holmes, LaDainian Tomlinson, have picked any player in the game. Peyton Manning. But like I said, I was my go-to man in "Madden fantasy football four years ago, I had no clue what I was getting myself into. The combination of bitterness and grief on my roommate's face after losing to me by six points this week was priceless. It was probably the same look I had on my face after I realized the error I made picking Shockey with the first overall pick. That, my friends, is what fantasy football is all about.

Dieringer leads third place finishes at Whitewater

UW-SP Athletic Department
PRESS RELEASE

Hannah Dieringer was third overall in the 5,000-meter run to lead the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point individual performances as both Pointers men's and women's teams placed third at the Division III challenge Saturday in Whitewater.

Dieringer posted a 5,000-meter time of 16:36 and Alison Wolter was 12th overall in 21:29. The men's team had 65 team points. University of Wisconsin-Platteville won the five-team meet with 30 points and University of Wisconsin-Whitewater totaled 60 points.

Pointers cruise to victory over Lawrence

UW-SP Athletic Department
PRESS RELEASE

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point held Lawrence without a shot in the first half and cruised past the Vikings for a 50-24 women's soccer victory on Saturday at the Pointer Soccer Bowl.

The Pointers held a 30-2 advantage in shots for the match and got a pair of goals from sophomore Kaylee Weise, who totaled five goals over the past three days after scoring two goals last weekend. The Pointers are now 4-1-1 overall for the season.

Amanda Prawat scored the first goal of the match at the 22:10 mark with an assist from Kimmy Wiep, Weise netted her first goal 15 minutes later to give UW-SP a 2-0 lead. UW-La Crosse finished the game on a three-goal outburst in the final minutes with goals from Bernadette Seabaugh, Jenny Seabaugh, and Kaylee Weise.

Pointers beat Morris twice at UW-La Crosse Invite

UW-SP Athletic Department
PRESS RELEASE

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point picked up a win over Minnesota-Morris for the second straight day to earn a split of two matches and place third at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Volleyball Invitational on Saturday.

The Pointers nearly rallied for a comeback win over Wartburg in the opening match, dropping the first two sets but bouncing back before suffering a 30-19, 30-16, 16-30, 23-30, 15-13 loss. UW-SP then swept the next two matches in four games for the second straight day with a 30-20, 30-13, 27-30, 30-25 win.

Maus

Shelly Maus had 14 kills and eight blocks in the victory, while Callie Kunde had 11 kills and 20 assists. Jill Wittmann totaled 21 assists in the win.

In the opening match, Kunde had 26 assists and Lori Marten totaled 24 digs. Amanda Mix added 12 kills and 20 digs, while Katie O'Brien posted eight kills.

On Friday, the Pointers lost their opener to UW-LC 31-29, 30-22, 30-20 with Maus totaling 16 kills and Kunde collecting 25 assists. Marten added 12 digs. UW-SP came back to beat Minnesota-Morris 30-19, 30-23, 25-30, 30-23 behind 19 kills and nine blocks from Maus. Kunde amassed nine kills and 23 assists and Mix had 19 digs and four blocks.

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Award - winning documentary film chronicling the incredible life and therapy of Dr. Max Gerson, M.D. - founder of the most powerful, yet censored, therapy in modern medical history as it has consistently cured a majority of degenerative diseases including "terminal" cancer.

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Los Hombres Calientes (LHC), a diverse collective of musicians, will descend upon the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point this October, bringing with them a variety of musical flavors from around the world. The final product offered up by Los Hombres at their performances is an exciting fusion of the smooth tastes of traditional jazz, the spicy kick of New Orleans soul, the earthy flavors of South African drum beats and the distinctive zest of Latin American salsa.

Though the group includes many musicians, the main components of Los Hombres are Irvin Mayfield and Bill Summers. In recent years Mayfield has emerged as one of New Orleans' finest trumpeters, even creating a non-profit jazz orchestra to help raise money to rebuild the city. Summers is an experienced percussion veteran, performing at one time or another with the likes of Herbie Hancock and Quincy Jones. Together, the experiences, cultural backgrounds and musical interests of these two artists create some of the most original, diverse jazz coming out of the Crescent City today.

Los Hombres also strives to send a message of unity through their music, spreading to listeners the idea that we are all one people with our separate ancestries all leading back to one, unique source. Recently, the group's fifth CD was released, entitled "Volume 5." In fact, each of their compact discs has been titled as a volume. When asked why, Mayfield replied "It's truly research, that's why we call them volumes. Once we have recorded 20 volumes, people will see how all of this music is connected."

During the recording of their latest CD, Los Hombres traveled to destinations such as Haiti, South Africa, Trinidad and Cuba to research musical roots and to lay down tracks. This is not an uncommon trait for LHC, as they view their music as an examination and culmination of the music of the world.

Los Hombres Calientes is highly anticipated as the first act in this year's UW-SP Performing Arts Series. They are scheduled to take the stage on October 1, 2006 in the Sentry Theatre (which is closer than most students think). Tickets can be bought through the UW-SP ticket office. Remaining tickets on the day of the performance are available to students free of charge with a UW-SP student ID.

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Mayda del Valle spouts, in other words, poetry

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Is it poetry or is it rap? Rap Is poetry, argues famous slam poet Mayda del Valle. She is a star in the world of spoken word, a type of performance poetry that is as much acting and persona as it is poetry. The small crowd that gathered in the Def Dot Tent last Saturday got a taste of rap, hip-hop, and much more from Ms. del Valle's performance.

Mayda del Valle is a petite woman, with short black hair, feisty brown eyes and a stage presence that makes you feel both uncomfortable and at home. Star of HBO's Def Poetry, del Valle grew up in a multicultural neighborhood on the south side of Chicago. Today, she appears as herself in the book of honor to her poetry. Her ancestry, background, hometown, and pride in her heritage weave through her poetry to make her performance a unique cultural experience. Her performance at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point was flavorful and inspiring, drawing on the influences of her Puerto Rican ancestry, the elements of hip-hop, and experiences of life and love. She began with a poem titled "Descendency," in order to "call her ancestors" into the space. Although she sported a tough exterior, the Chicago native showed the audience a softer side with a love poem that asked her man to "Seduce me." "...spoken word seeks to break down the barriers between the audience and the performer to create a shared experience." del Valle said, "I've been writing poetry for as long as I can remember." Indeed, this video carries a weighted message for the world that should be heeded—a message that is particularly terrifying for all of humanity, and everything that calls the world as we know it, home.

First, it is important to understand the logical origins of such a potentially catastrophic problem. Much of the problem is due to the way we manage, or fail to manage, natural resources.

Because of an unprecedented boost in population in the last few decades, there has been an increase in demand for these natural resources. As the population fights over the right to use oil to fuel their oversized means of transport, the world's gas, coal for electricity, the CO2 emissions rise as well. Inversely to the CO2 emissions, also known as greenhouse gases, the temperature rises as the gas is trapped between insulating layers of the atmosphere.

As Winston Churchill once said, we are entering a "period of consequences" due to our negligence, action and lack of responsibility towards the earth. All scientific evidence points to the fact that global warming is no longer speculation—it is truth. The last fourteen years have been the hottest on record ever, and this warming is visible through photos of previously snow-covered regions of the world, including the Italian Alps, Mount Kilimanjaro, Patagonia, and especially Antarctica, where entire ice shelves are caving into an ever-heating ocean.

The relocation of precipitation, yet another side effect of global warming, creates drought in other places such as Darfur, where Lake Chad has completely disappeared. As Gore stated in "An Inconvenient Truth," the warming climate displayed to the watching world. Heating oceans can also lead to melting in places such as Greenland, meaning the overall ocean levels would rise, drowning other coastal regions as well. Displaced people, ravaged economies, and obliterated homes are all part of this reality.

If this outcome is not daunting enough by itself, a warming climate may also trigger an increase in infectious diseases, as we have observed through SARS and the West Nile virus in recent years. As Gore astutely states, perhaps there are "other threats besides terrorists" that we should be facing.

Essentially, this problem of global warming is not merely a problem for the earth. It is a problem for all of its inhabitants, for all of us who would like to introduce the earth as a place of beauty rather than anthropogenic ruin to our children one day. The acts that we commit to the earth are reciprocal, and if we choose to mend our past mistakes, which through technology and "political will" we have every capability to do, we just may have a home for the next few years. However, to follow our current destructive path and further disengage ourselves from the earth would be worse than ignorant—rather, it would be suicidal.

Currently, the United States is only one of two countries that have not ratified the Kyoto Treaty. We are also statistically the largest contributor of greenhouse gases in the world. Change is not merely a choice; it is a looming dead line that will determine our fate. However, a change in our society means a change in our individual lifestyles. That means each of us doing our part to drive less, use more fuel efficient cars, buy locally grown foods, recycle, and conserve more electricity...maybe turn off the air conditioning.

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What about your girlfriend?

I just hit this girl last year when

I was touring the campus, and I

was thinking about transferring.

I hope I run into her again.

Do you have a girlfriend?

She hit me in the spleen.

I think I'm in love.


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Do you have a girlfriend?

Hey, wanna watch some TV?

No, thanks. I'm off to take a

showering cold and

submerge myself in a deluge of

childhood memories.

I'm hoping if I scrub hard

enough, the humanity will


Count James
By: Jason Loeffler

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