Women's Resource Center fighting for resources

Katie Leb
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After going through the appeals process with the finance committee and Senate of the Student Government Association, the Women’s Resource Center must wait a few more days to see if they will receive their requested funding. The WRC is undergoing an appeals process to fund their volunteer coordinator position for the upcoming academic year on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus. The denial by the finance committee prompted the appeal to Senate, who is responsible for approving each budget, through the approval of the finance committee’s minutes.

On Thursday, April 17, the Senate voted to table the issue for another week for the purpose of deliberation. "Next week we'll be able to come and really look at them from a more informed perspective," said Speaker of the Senate Jenn Boyd. "Senate should be able to do the research and not just do this flippancy."

The WRC has been denied funding after appealing to the finance committee that they had made an administrative error. This error was thought to be made by believing there was an overlap in the positions of outreach coordinator and volunteer coordinator. Positions were cut due to "duplicate services."

"I don't think the finance committee truly understood the scope of both the positions," said WRC Executive Coordinator Margie Roche. "They do very different work and already work far more hours than they are paid for, and we still aren't able to provide all the services of the "Vagina Monologues" and Take Back the Night. The volunteer coordinator for WRC also staffs the WRC whenever another employee is unable to be present and providing services to individuals seeking help.

"The WRC already runs on [the] bare minimum, and I personally find it suspicious that such an established and publicly functioning student organization was denied funding," said Fawcett. "I am grossly disappointed in my Student Senate for this issue, and it leads me to be very concerned about other choices they are making on behalf of students at this university."

Not funding the position would have a dramatic effect on the other coordinators said Outreach Coordinator Clarissa McCann. "It would be near impossible for me and the other coordinator to give this campus all the programming and services that we have been for years without the volunteer coordinator," said McCann. "It is a lot of work and this job is life consuming and has me running around everyday." The next Senate meeting will take place on Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Legacy Room. The public is welcome to attend.

What is the climate of our campus?

Justin Glodowski
NEWS REPORTER

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Research symposium to be held this Saturday at UW-SP

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The College of Letters and Science will present their 9th Annual Undergraduate research symposium this Saturday, April 26 starting at 8:45 a.m. The symposium is a platform for undergraduate students to show off their research within the College of Letters and Science.

The symposium will be divided into both poster and oral presentations on a wide range of topics within the humanities and sciences presented entirely by undergraduate students. Students will typically work on their project anywhere from a few months to a year or more. Each student is assigned a faculty mentor to help them with their research.

"Participating in research is a wonderful experience for the students not only in their undergraduate education but as part of their training for grad school," said Professor Craig Wendorf, associate professor of psychology.

The event will start at 8:45 a.m. in the Dean's welcome room 121A of the Science Building. The poster presentations will be on display throughout the symposium, and the oral presentations will take place from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
Students have exciting adventures in New Zealand

Abigail Ruppert and Kelly Fitzgerald
POINTLIFE REPORTERS

On the other side of the world, where summer is winter and winter is summer, our group of 11 students and one professor have been experiencing adventures we only dreamed of before the trip. The nickname of "Adventure Capital of the World" truly fits.

Everyone's adventure has been their own including experiences from figuring out bus routes, hiking into mountains, climbing and bungee jumping.

In the week we spent touring the South Island before starting classes at Canterbury University, we saw the great diversity of possibilities New Zealand had to offer. In just that one week we went from the plains and farmlands of Canterbury up into the mountains of Arthur's Pass to the beaches and rainforests of the West Coast.

Along the way, we visited a glacier, encountered the rare and endangered yellow-eyed penguins and were spectators to the toga parties representing the start of the semester for Otago University.

Our adventures didn't stop once "real" classes started. We began our formal classes at the same time as the Kiwis and some of us took part in the beginning of semester orientation, or "O week," activities, including music, food and of course lots of Kiwi students to get to know.

Every weekend was a new adventure with most of us leaving Christchurch to explore the country. We went back to some of our favorite spots from the tour and also explored new places. Some of us spent our weekends tramping through the mountains or surfing at the beach.

The group poses in front of a glacier in the "Adventure Capital of the World."
Grillin’ time: meat n’ mash

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It’s finally spring time, which means it’s time to break out the briquettes and scrape off the grill. Grilling can be a really easy and delicious way to cook your food when it’s nice out, but many people feel intimidated by the open fire.

What you’ll need:
- Brats (1-2 links per person, my brat of choice is Johnsonville)
- Potatoes (1 potato per person)
- 1 large onion
- ½ pound bacon (optional)
- Your favorite spice
- Beer (if you’re of legal age)

First off, make sure your brats are thawed. Grilling anything that’s frozen makes the process lengthier and more difficult, especially brats since the casing of the sausage rips easily when they’re frozen and placed on a searing hot grill. But first, the potatoes.

After thoroughly washing and cutting them to a uniform size, as many people feel intimidated by the open fire.

You’re the bacon type. Toss some Italian seasoning or garlic powder over the potatoes, garnish the top with a few slivers of butter and wrap the mixture completely in foil.

After you have the potatoes sealed in foil, put it on the grill. They will take roughly 30 to 45 minutes over a hot flame; the foil prevents burning as long as you turn the potatoes every 10 to 15 minutes.

Brats don’t demand as much preparation, but do require more attention on the grill. After your potatoes have been on the grill for about 15 minutes, add the links. A common mistake is to burn the brats on the outside and leave them raw on the inside; the best way to combat this error is to keep the brats away from direct flame. If you’re cooking on a gas grill, it helps to turn down the flame a bit (medium should do the trick), or move the brats to the side without the super-hot orange coals with a charcoal grill.

The best way to avoid burning your brats is to simply keep a watchful eye on them. If flames start shooting up from grease, move the brats to another part of the fire until the fire subsides; flames will burn the outside and tear the casings.

After about 10 to 15 minutes, your brats should be done; they should have an internal temp of 180 degrees. When you take them off the grill, they’re good to eat as is, although a pressed Wisconsin tradition is to soak the brats in beer and onions after they’re done grilling. Many grill-See Grill on pg. 5
Every fall and spring the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point fire crew and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources offers training in basic forest firefighting. The instructor is Brad Kildow, Forest Ranger at Whiting, and the training begins in a classroom setting. The training is given so the DNR has a ready source of qualified forest firefighters and so the students have another set of skills for the natural resources job market.

Many students complete the 40 hour basic Forest Firefighter Type I course over the fall semester or for an intense couple of weeks and weekends in the spring.

The courses taught are L-180 (Human Factors on the Fireline), S-130 (Firefighter), and S-190 (Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior). An online short course has to be completed independently, the I-100 (Incident Command System) course.

About halfway through the course, the students are run through an "indoor" training session that takes place outdoors. A number of stations are set up around the Sundial or the Drefuss University Center. The stations are staffed by students that have completed the course in previous years, some having a season or two of forest firefighting experience. The novice firefighters learn about the various tools and water pumps used for forest firefighting. One of these tools is the classic Pulaski, a hoe with an axe on the back of it. Other firefighting tools are the giant fly swatter, McLeod, Combi tool, shovel, bladder bags and backpack water pumps.

A few weeks later the students will also soak them before the grilling process, but I find that flare-ups increase dramatically since there is so much fluid in the brats, ultimately making pre-soaked brats a little tougher to keep from burning. All you need is about two or three bottles of beer and about a quarter of a chopped onion; keep the pot on a low burner and soak the brats in the warm beer for about 10 minutes. The type of beer really doesn’t matter; I usually go for the cheap stuff as the taste isn't drastically altered unless you use a very dark or flavorful beer.

Your potatoes should also be done by this point, so remove them from the grill and carefully open the foil. If they're still not tender, you can either rewarm them in foil for more time on the grill, or put them in a bowl and finish them in the microwave.

The UW-SP Fire Crew is the largest and most active student fire crew in the nation. Certified Crew members are outfitted the same as national fire crews with Nomex clothing (fire resistant), hardhats, fire tools, fire shelter and "web gear." Web gear is a backpack for carrying fire fighting equipment and personal gear. All forest firefighters are required to carry a fire shelter with them at all times on a forest fire. The fire shelter looks like a round top "tent" made of what looks like aluminum foil, a fire and heat resistant material. It is used to attempt to save the lives of forest firefighters should they be overrun by a fire unexpectedly.

Because of the extensive training and experience the members get they are able to land summer forest firefighter positions throughout the United States. Some students even obtain permanent firefighter positions upon graduating from college and at least one former UW-SP Fire Crew member became a smokejumper. For more information about the UW-SP Fire Crew or how to get involved go to http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/fire.
**Student organization releases creative publication**

**Ashley Schlosser**

**THE POINTER**

**ARTS AND CULTURE**

Barney Street," University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's student-run literary magazine, will be released April 24. The publication allows UW-SP students to submit poetry, prose, essays, short fiction, and nonfiction, as well as black and white artwork, for consideration. The "Barney Street" organization accepts submissions until the end of the fall semester each year.

"This year's release marks the 30th anniversary of "Barney Street." The publication was named for a road that once bisected the campus. According to rumor, this street was a hangout for the local street was a hangout for the local students," the organization's history, which appears on its Website and many of its books, describes the name's origin.

"In July 1962, the City of Stevens Point, Wis. issued a Resolution of Discontinuance for a road named Barney Street and all adjacent properties. The tiny street bisected the campus between 4th and Franklin, and was named after Barney Kostuchowski. An article in 1975 issue of The Pointer records the dedication of the Gilbert W. Faust Lecture Hall, part of the Science Building addition built on what was once Barney Street. The College of Professional Studies, the Learning Resource Center and the College of Natural Resources now stand on part of the 1962 land purchase. Barney Street existed for only 15 years. Barney Street, the literary publication, first emerged on the UW-SP campus in 1978. Its title is retained in honor of this road."

Students on the "Barney Street" staff are responsible for gathering the submissions, choosing pieces for publication, layout, and copyediting. They also coordinate a yearly release party. The organization currently consists of 15 active members. This diverse group includes students of all four academic years with varying majors and publishing experience.

"The group is open to anyone who is interested, regardless of major. "We're lucky enough to have a fabulous group of editors this year who took on a lot of responsibilities and made our job so much easier. We have a few seniors leaving at the end of this year, so we could really use some new faces next year!" said the co-president and co-editor in chief, Kate Worzala.

The April 24 release party will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Carlsten Art Gallery on the second floor of the Noel Fine Arts Center. The event includes a reading, which will begin at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments and free copies of the book and food will be available for anyone who attends the party. For the rest of the semester, the organization will offer other opportunities to obtain a copy of the book.

"After the release party, we plan to have a booth in the UC to concourse and give out copies of this year's book, these copies will also be free, but good-will donations are highly encouraged. Copies of the book will also be placed in the university library and the McNair/Craft Tutoring-Learning Center," said Worzala.

Those who wish to join the organization next year or submit their work to "Barney Street" can find more information at www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/univwriters/barney_street.htm. Submissions may be set to barneyst@uwsp.edu.

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**On DVD with Dan Richter**

**"Angel" the collector's edition**

Dan Richter

**ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER**

In "Angel," the popular spin-off of "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer," a 24-year-old vampire searches for his past and redemption while battling vampires, demons, lawyers and other forces of evil in Los Angeles. The five-season series was recently released on DVD in a complete collector's set.

On "Buffy," we learned that for 150 years Angel (David Boreanaz of TV's "Bones") was a scourge on the world, and one of the most cruel and heartless beings to ever have walked the planet. However, after killing a gypsy in the late 19th century, Angel was cursed with a soul, forced to relive the pain he caused and atone for his sins for all of eternity. After meeting Buffy (Sarah Michelle Gellar in the California town of Sunnydale, the two fought side by side but quickly fell madly in love. Realizing that they could never be together (the Slayer and a vampire she is supposed to kill), Angel leaves town to save Buffy from heartache (and get his own soul!).

"Angel" premiered on the WB network back in 1998, but it took a while to catch on. Even though two other "Buffy" cast members joined Boreanaz on the big move to the new show, Angel had a different voice, a different tune altogether than his parent show. Instead of long, overarching storylines, "Angel" featured much more focused, smaller story arcs. Of this week's episodes, including a Hollywood actress who stalks Angel, hoping he would turn her into a vampire so she will never age and a Nazi-gh breed of demons who wish to rid the world of humans and half-blood demons. It wasn't until later in the series, when "Angel" finally found its footing and fan base, that the show became more serialized.

For fans of "Buffy," "Angel" will be an instant favorite, as it heavily expands on the stories and mythology set up and explored by "Buffy." Fans will also be pleased to see more than 10 crossovers between the two shows over five seasons, five of which are in the first season alone. The crossovers intertwine the shows and demonstrate that while Angel and Buffy may be out of contact, they are still very much a part of each other's lives.

For this very reason, however, newcomers may find the show hard to follow at first view, or without watching "Buffy" simultaneously. With continued viewing (and maybe the help of an episode guide), one can catch on to the history and mythology quickly and become an instant fan.

"Angel" is just one example of the power and genius of creator Joss Whedon, who also created "Buffy" and the science fiction series "Firefly." Whedon's vampire-based series create innovative and expansive worlds that make it easy for one to give in to the night and get lost in their gothic settings.

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**Coming Soon From Centertainment Productions**

**Courtsey of Avra Juhanke**

**THE POINTER**

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**Hubbard Street 2 Dance Chicago**

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Thanks to support from Sentry's Invitation to the Arts program, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago will perform at the stage of Sentry Theater on Wednesday, April 30. Hubbard Street 2, also known as H2, is a group of dancers 17 to 25 years old. They perform programs put together by aspiring new choreographers. H2 performs nationally and internationally, reaching an audience of more than 35,000 at schools, community centers and theaters.

H2 is part of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago's education program. Choreographer Louis Conte founded this parent company in 1977. Hubbard Street Dance Chicago is now celebrating its 30th anniversary and has become one of the most renowned dance companies in the world. H2 was founded in 1997 to be a training ground for young professional dancers and choreographers. The program also serves as a resource for new dancers of HSDC's main company.

Since its inception, H2 has been honored with invitations to perform at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Joyce Soho and North Carolina School of the Arts. The company's first international appearance, in Johannesburg, South Africa, has been followed by multiple appearances in Germany as well as performances in Luxembourg and Switzerland.

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Points sweep Pioneers

Athletic Conference
The first doubleheaders were moved back a day due to inclement weather. However, that didn’t stop the Pointers from taking two on Sunday.

Game one featured a low scoring battle where the Pioneers kept the Pointer offense off-balance by throwing five pitchers.

Although the offense struggled early, scoring only three runs in the first seven innings, Brad Frank came up big with a three run home run in the bottom of the eighth to break a 3-3 tie.

Travis Kempf was sold on the mound for the Pointers, giving up just three runs on five hits while striking out four in six innings.

Scott Williams earned his second win of the season, as he threw two scoreless innings and surrendered only one hit.

In game two of Sunday’s doubleheader, Pointe left no doubt about the outcome.

They scored six runs in the second and seven in the third on their way to a 13-0 victory.

Justin Bushong went 3-for-4 with five RBIs in the victory. Brandon Scheidler added a home run in the win.

On Monday morning, freshman pitcher Joel Delorit scattered eight hits and gave up four runs while striking out eight in six and two-thirds innings of work.

The offense gave him all the support he needed as they scored 14 runs on 12 hits while taking advantage of six walks and four Pioneer errors.

Several players chipped in on offense for the Pointers as eight different players scored at least one run in the contest.

In game two, the Pointers wasted no time taking the lead as they scored three runs in the first in en route to a 10-4 lead.

The Pioneers answered with five runs of their own in the top of the sixth, but that wasn’t enough as the Pointers held on by the final score of 11-7.

Starting pitcher Mike Thrun gave up just one hit in four innings of work. Stevens Point ended up using six pitchers in the victory.

Although the defense struggled by yielding five errors, the Pointers offense made up for the defensive blunders. Stewart Larsen led the way at the plate, going 2-for-3 with two runs scored and four RBIs.

The Pointers travel to Oshkosh again this Wednesday for a doubleheader against the No. 16 ranked Titans.

Tennis splits last matches of season

Tennis racquets are at rest at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point after the Pointers’ spring season has come to an end.

After splitting the last day of matches on April 19, the Pointers came away from the La Crosse trip with a 9-0 victory over Edgewood College and a 2-7 loss against UW-La Crosse. The team closed the 2007-2008 season with a 10-9 overall season that spoke loudly for the emerging tennis program.

“This spring we were not really competing for any type of award or trying to attain any goal or make it to a championship type thing,” said Head Coach Karlyn Jakusz. “In the spring season we were playing basically for experience.”

In the fall the team placed fifth out of seven teams in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships in Madison, just missing the fourth place finish that would usher them into the spring race for the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

Jakusz believes that next year will be the year the team competes for the solitary WIAC slot into the NCAA Championships. The youngsters returning next season have gained a tremendous amount of experience on the court this season and recruiting options are looking very attractive for autumn competition.

“We’re losing two of our top six, but we look pretty good for the fall,” said Jakusz.

Only two seniors will be packing up and moving out of the line-up this spring, leaving a roster full of capable players who will come out eager to win or at least place in one of the top four qualifying spots in the WIAC Championships next year.

“We got to play our freshmen this spring,” said Jakusz. “It’s really good to get them some experience playing some of the harder teams in our conference, so they know what to expect this fall.”
Intramurals: rewarding experience

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SPORTS REPORTER

With winter finally behind us, it’s time to get outside and enjoy the outdoors. What better way to do that than getting involved in intramurals. But the chance to run in the sun isn’t the only reason students should participate in intramurals. Students like Reed Dahms play basketball at UW-Manitowoc, also enjoy the opportunity to keep involved with sports and the environment.

First and foremost it keeps students in some kind of athletic and healthy shape." Pivonka said. "And by being active and letting your mind off of your school work, it actually helps you do better with your academics."

So even though the school year is almost over, intramurals are a great way to expand your base of friends on campus, divert your attention from school for a while and to keep the "Freshman 15" off your body.

Talent not for sale
Moving on to players who are willingly leaving their teams, Jared Allen left the Kansas City Chiefs for the greener pastures of Minnesota. Who? Jared Allen. Come on, you know! Jared Allen! He only led the league in sacks last season! The Chiefs are clearly trying to distance themselves from the small amounts of talent they had last year. It might contaminate them and then they might start winning. Oh the horror! Yes, much better to let the talent sign with other teams for record sums of money so you can get those all important draft picks. You’ll need to stock up on talent just to get rid of next off-season!

Talent not for sale
Larry Fitzgerald, Anquan Boldin, Chad Johnson and Roy Williams have something in common besides being high caliber wide receivers in the NFL. They’re also all high caliber wide receivers that are on teams that insist that they will not trade them, come hell, high water, plague of locusts or whatever. I believe the Cardinals are keeping Boldin; they already did major contract refiguring to keep Fitzgerald this off-season. I’m also inclined to believe that the Lions are probably keeping Williams; talent isn’t exactly in large supply in Detroit. The Bengals remain adamant about keeping Johnson no matter how much he whines; I think they’re doing it just to spite him. Which in itself is kind of funny.

Well, friends, that’s all for this week. Tune in next week for (groan) draft coverage.

UW-SP Athletes of the week

Baseball Pitcher - Jeff Zielke
Baseball Position - Brad Frank

Softball Pitcher - Kayla Kastenmeier
Softball Position - Danielle Ashbeck

Men’s Track Events - Keith Ingram
Men’s Field Events - Jerry Prusinski

Women’s Track Events - Ashley Woest
Women’s Field Events - Tahilia Luedtke

Tennis Singles - Rachel Benn
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Cool summer Jobs!
Dealing with mental illness

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On Tuesday, April 22 Sociology and Social Work organizations from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point invited Emily Fiedler and Terry Ryan to speak to students and community members about the National Alliance on Mental Illness and their personal experiences living with mental illnesses.

NAMI is the nation’s largest grassroots organization for people with mental illness and their families. Founded in 1979, NAMI has affiliates in every state and in more than 1,100 local communities across the country. "NAMI is dedicated to the eradication of mental illnesses and to the improvement of the quality of life for persons of all ages who are affected by mental illnesses," according to the mission of NAMI. NAMI members and friends work to fulfill the mission by providing support, education and advocacy.

The presentation was called "In Our Own Voices: Dealing with Mental Illness" and included stages of "dark days, acceptance, treatment, coping, and hopes and dreams.

Fiedler originally grew up in Custer, Wis. and has bipolar disorder. She attended nursing school in Oshkosh and married after graduation. After 19 years of marriage, it ended in divorce because of domestic violence. She worked as a registered nurse in many states and also became a real estate broker. During Fiedler’s dark days, she lost all hope for the future and tried to commit suicide twice after becoming single and poor. "My life was never in control after my first breakdown at age 38. I consider myself lucky I lasted that long," said Fiedler.

The first step in Fiedler’s acceptance stage was "realizing the things I’ve done to others and forgiveness of others for things that had been done to me," said Fiedler. As a victim, she had to change her way of relating to people. "I accept myself daily no matter what kind of day I have," she said.

From being on certain antipsychotic medications, she developed permanent damage to her neuromuscular system, known as tardive dyskinesia. This resulted in involuntary movements of her feet. She has gone through many hard times with violence, paranoia, homelessness and bad medications, but she currently sees a psychologist, works as a foster grandparent at a school system and writes poetry.

Ryan was born and raised in Middleton, Wis. His depression started when he was 17 years old, which led to clinical depression. Ryan stopped getting up in the morning and became hopeless and suicidal. On average, he slept 15 hours a day off and on for about 10 years. He swallowed a bottle of pills and ended up in the hospital. After therapy and medication, Ryan has been able to function and work fulltime. By eating right, exercising and having supportive friends, Ryan is successful at work and school, where he is working on his Bachelor’s degree.

"I have to own my illness. When people talk about a diagnosis, we are taught to say he has schizophrenia, he has bipolar disorder, so the illness doesn’t completely define the person," said Ryan. "Mental illnesses are a biological disorder of the brain. It’s not a weakness," he continued.

"Taking antidepressants is not a magical pill that’ll just take everything away. It wasn’t something I wanted to hear at that point, but that’s the way it was," Ryan joked around with his listeners. "I’ve learned that my mental illness is contagious, so if you’re in the same room as me, be careful."

For more information, visit www.nami.org.

Final Earth Week events

Thursday, April 24
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., T-shirt, coffee mug and book swap
Dreyfus University Center, Alumni Room

Friday, April 25
10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Eco Fair, east side of the TNR Building
There will be information booths, music and food.
Music will include a drum circle beginning at 10:30 a.m. with other bands to follow later in the day.

Defusing bombs via Wii remote

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The ever popular Wii allows its users to experience the same movements they would as if they were really participating in activities like tennis, bowling or baseball. While the Wii remote makes it possible for a person to simulate reality, these gadgets are getting practical, real world use as well.

The United States military have begun using the Wii remote to control bomb-defusing robots. Packbot searches the area for bombs and landmines, dismantling any it comes across. This allows soldiers to keep a safe distance from possible explosions which could occur while defusing the bombs or landmines.

Previously, soldiers have controlled the robots with joystick controllers, much like the ones used with gaming systems such as Xbox. However, some experts felt that wasn’t the most practical or efficient way to conduct bomb-defusing operations. One engineer noted that “90 percent of the operator’s workload goes into driving the robot rather than keeping an eye on the sensor data.”

With the Wii, as it is often referred to, robot operators are better able to control the mechanical being. They can focus more on the data collected and reported by the robot rather than on steering it. Engineers have also made adjustments to the Wiimote by making it buzz instead of vibrate when it comes across “something of interest.”


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Shaking the Great Plains

A 5.2-magnitude earthquake that struck early Friday was centered in southeastern Illinois. It was felt as far as Minneapolis, and nearly 400 miles to the southeast.

After the 5.2 magnitude earthquake felt across parts of the Midwest on April 18, scientists say another could follow. Tremors are still being felt in the quake’s path, from Kansas to Georgia. The earthquake occurred on the New Madrid fault, just north of Mt Carmel, Ill. For years, geologists have been wondering when a quake would occur in the area though not known as an earthquake zone, several have been felt in the region, many of which were deadly. Scientists are predicting two scenarios: the earthquake relieved stress on the faults, making things calmer for the next few decades; or else it’s just a trigger for further quakes to take place along nearby faults, which could be the same size or bigger as the recent tremor.

However, nothing is conclusive as there is still a considerable amount of debate on the Midwest’s earthquake possibilities.
Las Vegas is, quite literally, a city with no soul. I really don’t mean to sound cynical, but it’s true. It’s a city that is built upon the assumption that the people that populate it have no problem throwing away their money. It sounds ridiculous to you and me of course. We rational people would never be lured into the trap that casinos lay for us in the form of scantily clad women serving us drinks while we throw down more and more money holding on to the faint but resilient hope that the next pull, the next roll, the next hand will make us rich, or at least allow us to break even.

As I walked around the strip one night, I stood in awe of the amazing buildings that lay before me: a replica of the Eiffel Tower outside the Paris hotel, a huge bronze lion guarding the doors of the MGM Grand, Lady Liberty welcoming her visitors, or more specifically, her visitor’s money. The most impressive to me was the massive pyramid and sphinx I saw from the plane.

But a thought occurred to me as I marveled at a giant pirate ship outside the Treasure Island hotel; these casinos could not be as large and grand as they are if people took more money out of Vegas than they put in. It is a city that is literally built on the dashed dreams and lost money of the scores of pilgrims who come there to strike it rich.

Well, how’s that for cynical? Of course, that’s not to say I didn’t have a good time. I love sharing a tiny room at the Motel 6 with four lovely guys from UW-SP’s own 90 FM radio station. Those guys are troopers! Trivia ended at midnight on Sunday night and they were on a plane to Sin City by 11:00 am on Monday morning.

It’s a very exciting time for us at the Pointer. We have just launched a brand new edition of The Pointer online. We’ve had a number of people working very, very hard on this project, and we can’t wait to show it off to you. Check it out online at http://pointeronline.uwsp.edu/ and come to our launch party on April 29. It’ll be a mouse-clicking good time!
Resident’s Evil

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