United Council comes to UW-SP; future participation called into question

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While many students left campus for the weekend, students from around the state came pouring into the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to represent their respective universities at the United Council of UW Students' last General Assembly of the year. Along with this gathering of students came a gathering of ideas regarding what United Council should be working on and the future of the organization as a whole.

According to the United Council's Web site, "United Council of UW Students is one of the nation's oldest, largest and most effective statewide student associations, representing more than 110,000 students on 21 UW campuses."

United Council is a grassroots organization focused on campaigns chosen and acted upon by students at these General Assemblies. Access and affordability of education are the main focuses of their grassroots campaigns. Students at UW-SP pay approximately $2 per semester to maintain membership in United Council and keep it running.

"United Council really works hard for the students. They've gotten a lot of victories this year, including a tuition freeze for the two-year colleges," said UW-SP student Melissa Pinney. "They really speak out for the minority, which is often underrepresented."

UW-SP remains one of the few four-year colleges with a membership in United Council as this past March's referendum. In the past month, many universities have been choosing to leave United Council, through student referendum, due to differing opinions as to what United Council should be working on and other issues.

Students from UW-La Crosse and UW-Oshkosh have most recently chosen to leave a few other universities are soon to be coming up for referendum. United Council's budget is supported by $2 that every student that belongs to a UW that is still in membership pays every semester, so it is drastically affected when campuses leave.

Even some UW-SP students are beginning to feel

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Students fight cancer while having fun

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NEWS REPORTER

Hundreds of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students and members of the surrounding community gathered on Friday, April 25 with a common goal in mind: to help in the fight to cure cancer.

The event, Relay for Life, was hosted by the UW-SP chapter of Colleges Against Cancer with help from the American Cancer Society.

Beginning Friday night and continuing through Saturday morning, the Stevens Point Area Senior High School field house was filled with teams participating in a continuous fund-raising walk. Relay for Life also included many activities to honor survivors, show support for those fighting and remember those who have been lost.

The evening began with opening ceremonies and the first lap by cancer survivors. "When you come to a Relay and participate in the opening ceremony and survivors' lap and see the look on everyone's faces, you know you've made a difference. It is truly the most touching event I've ever been a part of," said Jen Erickson, head of Community Relations for the ACS of Wood and Portage Counties. "You know that your presence, your actions, your fund-raising and your spirit are truly going to benefit others."

Other ceremonies included the Luminaria, where bags with candles were lit around the track in remembrance of those lost, and a Fight Back ceremony where participants told how they were going to do their part to find a cure for cancer.

"We come to Relay to raise all this money for cancer research, but for the other 364 days a year, most of us do not do anything to fight cancer," said Kim Beckman, co-president of Colleges Against Cancer. "The Fight Back ceremony was a way to inform.

Members of Colleges Against Cancer take a group photo before the night's events began.

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Nothing Rusty about this Bash

Sara Suchy
THE POINTER

Despite the frigid snow storm that came as an unwelcome surprise to the T-shirt and shorts clad University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students who were convinced they could put away their parkas for the winter, spring seems to have finally hit this college town. Even if the weather doesn't show it, the fact that Rusty's Backwater Bash is this weekend should be a pretty good indication.

Rusty's Backwater Bash, sponsored and hosted by Rusty's Backwater Saloon, has become an event to mark the end of another school year and celebrate the beginning of summer.

This year's event is on Saturday, May 3, and will feature live music from The Greg Waters Band and Mark Little. As always, there will be a shuttle bus to transport event goers from downtown to Rusty's.
SGA Update: April 28 - May 2

Come out to the Last Lecture Series with Professor Dennis Riley! Dr. Riley has been a Professor for 39 years, 30 of which have been at UW-SP. The lecture is titled "Always Look a Gift Cliche in the Mouth: You Might Just Want to Keep It," and is the first installment of the Last Lecture Series.

When: May 6, 2008
Where: The DUC Theater
Time: 7:30 p.m.

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frustration with being a member of United Council. "United Council isn't worth students' money," said Robert Forseth, UW-SP delegate to United Council. "Every year UW-SP students throw approximately $40,000, plus whatever it is costing for us to attend General Assemblies and United Council events, at United Council for a unit­ed UW voice. However, the voice isn't there. The Board of Regents put more value in the input of the Associated Students of Madison than they do United Council."

Although there were many discussions about the future of United Council, there was not any discussion on the floor of the General Assembly. During the General Assembly, students voted for new leadership of the organization through the annual election procedures.

UW-SP student, Amanda Meyer, was elected to the United Council Board of Directors which helps to run the organization. UW-Milwaukee student, Josh Mann, and UW­Madison student, Dakota Kaiser, were elected to president and vice president of United Council respectively.

Students also voted unanimously to host the Women's Leadership Conference at UW­SP in November.

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people on how they can prevent cancer in their lives and help others become aware of ways to prevent cancer."

Throughout the night there were many activities to keep participants awake, including a scavenger hunt, root beer pong, the game "Dance Dance Revolution" and a scavenger hunt. For more information on Relay For Life, visit the website at www.cancer.org.

Relay For Life has been a successful fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and has been a benefit to many people who in some way have been touched by cancer. "Relays bring together individuals, families, businesses and communities for one common cause: to bring hope to those who are facing cancer and to bring hope that a cure will be found," said Erickson. For more information on how you can do visit the website www.cancer.org.
Organic café on UW-SP campus: a good idea in theory

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It is no secret that college students love their coffee, perhaps even need it with their daily activities. Whether it is for studying, the long hours class and the obligatory romp in the local bars every weekend, it's safe to say that coffee could be considered a sixth food group for the 20-something crowd.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus has numerous coffee options on campus which provide students their coveted caffeine, but the recently opened Homegrown Café on the Dreyfus University Center has brought with it the reopening of the popular basement Brewhaus, a popular mecca for students to relax, study, nap and socialize.

The café sits in the standard menu of lattes, capuccinos, mochas and of course, regular coffee.

For the more socially conscious caffeine addicts, the Homegrown Café, which is a new addition to the Dreyfus University Center, was created through student demand for more sustainable food options on campus. All the food and beverages in the Homegrown Café is 100 percent organic.

Shawn Connelly, former chair of the University Center Advisory Policy Board, explained the Homegrown Café was originally meant to be a standard convenience store type venue located in the DUC.

There were a number of students who wanted to see a food venue that sold 100 percent local and organic food,” said Connelly. That venue manifested itself in the form of the Homegrown Café. Its menu, in addition to coffee drinks, includes a variety of smoothies, fruit, organic juices, muffins, doughnuts and chips among other items.

But with organic food and beverages comes extra costs, and now the Homegrown Café is faced with the harsh reality that college students may not be able to afford their products.

"It's hard to go to the [Homegrown] café," said Kallie Johnson, a senior at UW-SP, "I usually make my own coffee that I get from the coop-in-town, as it’s still organic, but a lot less expensive. But their prices are ridiculous; I just can’t afford it.

"There’s a brand of java in the Homegrown Café that costs four dollars," said Johnson, a senior at UW-SP, "I mean, that’s just magical juice or something organic.

"For that price, I could go to Partners on Wednesday and get four bottles of beer," said Johnson.

So exactly how much more expensive are the Homegrown Café products in comparison to their main-stream counterpart, the Brewhaus? A 12 ounce cup of regular coffee at the Homegrown Café will set a student back $1.39 while a 12 ounce cup of regular coffee at the Brewhaus costs $1.25. Not a huge difference, but the prices really split in the late drinks category. A 12 ounce capuccino at the Brewhaus costs $2.50 without any syrup added. The same drink at the Homegrown Café costs $2.93. An espresso at the Brewhaus costs $1.25 while a few smoothies at the Homegrown Café costs $4.19.

The Homegrown Café also offers smoothies for students that cost $4.19. The smoothies however are not made with actual fruit, but rather with a pre-made organic mix. A real fruit smoothie costs $3.50 at Emmy J's downtown.

"The Homegrown Café has lost money since it has opened," said Connelly. "I think what happened is there were a handful of students who pushed the idea of a totally organic coffee venue and got it to happen, but when it comes down to it, the majority of the students on this campus are not willing to pay extra for organic food when they can walk down the hall and get cheaper food. College costs just don’t have that all much money to spend." Connelly’s sentiments were echoed by several students on campus.

"I’ll be socially conscious when I can afford to be," said Kelly. "My checking account just doesn’t allow me to be 100 percent organic, right now.

"I’d love to be more sustainable, but I just can’t afford it," said Sara Jensen. "I try to be sustainable in other ways, I always recycle."

The Homegrown Café also faces second guessing from students. When questioned about their prices in comparison to the Brewhaus, which has been a staple on the UW-SP campus for several years. The Brewhaus, along with serving coffee and tea products, serves beer and soda as well as a limited menu of snack food, or "brain food" as some students affectionately called it. It also has pool tables, deep couches and $1 bottles of beer on Thursday nights, making the premier campus hangout.

You really can’t beat the atmosphere of the Brewhaus, said Danielle Schmidt, a junior at UW-SP and employee of the Basement Brewhaus.

As far as sustainability goes, the Brewhaus can also throw its hat into the socially conscious ring.

"We do offer fair trade coffee here, so students can choose to be socially conscious with out having to spend a whole lot more money," said Schmidt.

The Homegrown Café has taught the university that students like the idea of sustainability, but can not financially support it.

There is a lot of room for growth," said Connolly. "We already offer a lot more organic options in the DUC, and we’re always looking for more ways to bring more organic and local foods to our campus. We just need to be aware of our student’s financial situations and other options that they can afford."

Semester in France offers many food adventures

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After spending three more months in France, the 11 students studying abroad have a lot to look back on. First and foremost was the entry into Paris. Five days of getting an up-close-and-personal experience in the country’s capital was a wonderful and educational way of starting off the semester’s journey, Marcia Parker’s expertise of the City of Lights proved to be excellent—something the girls could not have done without as she led them confidently through the streets of Paris to a number of restaurants and a cabaret show. She also provided much-needed advice and encouragement as the group tried out their language abilities.

Next, the students moved to the University of Caen-Basse Normandy, which provides numerous excursions for those who would like to see the beautiful Normandy area. The students got to Mt. Saint Michel, D-Day beaches, Honfleur, Giverny and Rouen are just a few of the sights offered and, for UW-SP students, are included in the semester’s tuition. By participating in these small voyages, the group got the chance to view vastly different landscapes of Normandy while traveling at a significantly reduced rate.

Professors at the university try to give their job each week to see the students succeed. This along with the motivation of the members of the Caen community provides students with numerous positive results. The students have witnessed their level of French improve and we are in just a few short months and now feel confident within the Caen community.

While the semester has gone by in a heartbeat, the 11 students in France have many fond memories to look back on. Many fond memories

Need a job? Shadow in your field

Tammy Homan
Pointline Reporter

Time and time again, students hear from professors and directors of public relations at the Weidert Group, was a very helpful person to follow. She marveled at the ways she could ask questions. Don’t be shy. These professionals are open books and want to share their wealth of experience. They have allowed you to come into their world; make the most of it and ask as many questions as you can.

Also, be prepared to get in on the action. If asked for your input and you have an idea, don’t be shy. Shara your thoughts shows you are paying attention to the interest ed in what’s happening, and can think actively. When you are not participating or asking questions, you can’t expect everything that you are learning. A lot is going to happen fast and it’s up to you to leave your head spinning. Crazy advised to talk with friends afterwards just to recap what you learned from Dr. Shara and how you can find what you found interesting.

Job shadows are also a great time for the infamous ‘net work’ networking. Let the people you meet know what you are looking for so they can keep their eyes open for job or internship opportunities. Leave your contact information with them so they can pass it along. Keep in touch after the job shadow. Most places are open to answer any questions you have about the industry, interviews, etc.

Cruz and Karen Buckowski, public relations specialists, gave me a lot of great pointers to take into the meetings they had planned for me to tell me everything they knew and here is some of the advice they gave me:

• When you go to interview, stand out by dressing the part. That means suits for men and women. Try to make your outfit ‘pop’ so they remember you by adding a bright tie or scarf.

• Tap into your network— we hear this all the time, from everyone I take it from those who’ve been out in the job field: it’s not all what you know, it’s who you know. Ask friends, coworkers, classmates, etc.

• Never stop networking. Send out your resume, make sure you take it from those who’ve been out in the job field: it’s not all what you know, it’s who you know. Ask friends, coworkers, classmates, etc.

• Keep your portfolio updated and organize it before an interview. Put the stuff that is most relevant to the job description in the front.
**Be campfire safe on fishing opening weekend**

**Outdoors**

**Gregg Jennings**

*Outdoors Reporter*

Brad Kildow, the Whiting Forest Ranger of Press Release

the Department of Natural Resources, would like to remind people they need to be careful with their campfires while engaging in outdoor activities. This is especially important around the upcoming fishing opening weekend because unattended campfires are the number one cause of forest fires during this time.

Debris fires are the number one cause of forest fires at any other time. If a group lets their campfire escape or grow out of control, they are responsible for all costs for fire suppression and lost homes and property. This can run into hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars of damages.

Forest fires caused by campfires on fishing’s opening weekend are much more likely because unattended campfires are usually built along stream banks and other out-of-the-way places. Debris fires are easier to find because they are usually started in backyards. The DNR fire towers will most likely be staffed during that time looking for “smokes.” The fishing opener usually occurs at the peak of the Wisconsin forest fire season.

“A person is not required to have a burning permit for a fire used for warming the body or cooking food, by state statutes,” said Kildow.

However, someone needs to be monitoring the fire at all times, generally an adult. Before starting a campfire, it is recommended to circle the fire with rocks to contain it or to build the fire in a shallow, sloped pit. If the pit technique is used, clear the vegetation away from the pit several feet all the way around, which helps prevent the fire from creeping unnoticed through the grass, shrubs or other plants. Retain the material removed for rehabilitating the campfire area later.

Kildow said to have firefighting tools on hand before the fire is lit. Have a bucket for water, with water in it, near the campfire in easy reach. Having water in a bucket before fire escapes is obviously important in preventing fire from spreading. Suggested firefighting tools to have on hand are a shovel, a hoe, garden rake or something similar.

The fire needs to be completely out when not attended. Kildow said the four steps to putting out a campfire are first to drown the fire; secondly to stir it thoroughly; third to drown it again; and fourth to feel the coals to make sure they are cold.

Kildow said most people forget to do the fourth step. The person tending the fire does not have to grab the coals with their hands to see if they are still hot. They can “feel” the coals for heat by bringing their hand close to the drowned coals. It is best to use the back of the hand to feel for heat because it is more sensitive than the palm side of the hand.

Have fun out there fishing, but be campfire safe.

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**Walleye bag limits adjusted for Ceded Territory lakes**

**Press Release**

**WISCONSIN DNR**

Daily walleye bag limits have been revised on 412 lakes in the Wisconsin Ceded Territory in response to harvest declarations made by six bands of Chippewa in Wisconsin, the state Department of Natural Resources has announced. These bag limits are effective between May 3, 2008 and March 1, 2009, inclusive.

There will be a three-wall-eye bag limit for sport anglers on 88 lakes, a two-fish daily bag limit on 324 lakes, and one lake will have a daily bag limit of one walleye.

The number of lakes that spawning fish have actually been harvesting annually has been in the range of 150 to 170. The DNR will review tribal harvest following the spring spawning season and, where necessary, increase bag limits on lakes lightly or not speared.

The adjusted bag limits are available in portable document format on the regulations page of the DNR Fishing Wisconsin Web site and are being published as an insert to the 2008-2009 Guide to Wisconsin Hook and Line Fishing Regulations.

Lakes not listed are subject to the regulations printed in the pamphlet. The statewide daily bag limit for walleyes on many Wisconsin lakes remains at five fish per day, but anglers should check the regulations for special size and bag limits that are in effect on specific waters.

Most Chippewa tribal harvests have been in the range of 150 to 250 walleyes per day. An administrative rule passed by the state Natural Resources Board in 1998 allows the department to adjust initial bag limits annually to reflect actual spring spawning harvests and projected summer harvests.

Lakes declared by the Lac du Flambeau Band have a daily bag limit of three walleye for sport anglers. The DNR and the Lac du Flambeau Band have an agreement giving the Band authority to sell tribal licenses for off-reservation lakes in the Wisconsin Ceded Territory. An administrative rule passed by the state Natural Resources Board in 1998 allows the department to adjust initial bag limits annually to reflect actual spring spawning harvests and projected summer harvests.

As part of a 1983 federal Appellate Court decision honoring statewide in return for making declarations at a level that allows a three-wall-eye per day recreational angler bag limit. This year, the Lac du Flambeau Band may be spearfishing on some segments of larger rivers on a one-year experimental basis.

As part of a 1983 federal Appellate Court decision, Wisconsin Chippewa treaty rights, a description of the management and monitoring system used to ensure the long term viability of fisheries in the Ceded Territory and to see data collected as part of that monitoring system, including walleye population estimates and creel survey summaries for all game fish, see the DNR Bureau of Fisheries Management Internet pages regarding the joint tribal and recreational fishery in the Wisconsin Ceded Territory.

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*Photo courtesy of Brad Kildow*

Don’t be the victim of a campfire burn! Be sure to perform the four-step test to ensure your campfire is out cold. Drown, stir, redrown and feel to make sure it’s cold and out for good.

**Illustration of Walleye by Virgil Beck**

Crazy winter and spring weather continued this week with a barrage of snow and cold weather. Forecasts for this weekend’s fishing opener on May 3 call for scattered clouds with highs in the lower 60s and lows in the 30s. Don’t forget to renew your fishing licenses!
Check yourself for ticks to avoid Lyme Disease

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Hope for a true spring is lingering somewhere within this crude and spontaneous weather. This means the tick season will be here soon. More disgusting and scary than the chance of Lyme disease being transferred through that crude and spontaneous tick. Not all ticks carry the Lyme disease pathogen, but it is better to be safe than sorry.

Dr. Diane Caporale, a professor of molecular biology and genetics at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has studied the evolution and spread of tick-borne diseases (particularly Lyme Disease) since 1990.

Caporale has been working with her Biology 319: (particularly Lyme Disease) students in her class collected 140 ticks in an hour! And the infection rate was greater than 20 percent,” Caporale has alarmingly found.

“This disease is caused by a spirochete (spiral-shaped) bacterium that is harbored by the blacklegged (deer) tick in this area. If the bacterium is injected into a person (takes 36 to 72 hours of feeding time by the tick), you’ll feel flu-like symptoms, aches and pains in the joints, fever, chills, tiredness,” said Caporale. “About 50 percent of the people get a large bull’s eye looking rash at the site of the tick bite. If not treated with antibiotics (typically doxycycline), it can get into your bloodstream and cause permanent damage to your joints, causing arthritis (especially in your knees). It can also cause heart problems. If it enters your nervous system, it can cause loss of short-term memory and numbness in the face,” said Caporale.

To avoid getting bitten, wear pants with socks on the outside to prevent ticks from getting onto your skin. A permethrin spray containing some deet can also be applied to clothes as a tick repellent. It can be bought online.

Also, check yourself at night and the following morning for ticks. “If you find one, then use a tweezers to pull it off. If you know it could have only been on you for 24 hours or less, you should not contract the disease, but check for symptoms anyway. The nymphs are so small, people really don’t feel them or see them by a casual glance. They can look like a freckle, but if you feel a bump, then check more closely,” recommends Caporale.

Lyme disease is treatable if recognized in a timely manner. Besides identifying the bull’s eye rash, the disease causes a person to feel like he or she has the flu. If this occurs, a doctor should be seen immediately.

“Unfortunately, the L.D. test looks for antibodies against the bacterium from your blood, but it may take two to three weeks to produce enough antibodies for the Lyme test. So, many a time false negatives result,” Caporale said. “So if symptoms occur after the negative test, visit your doctor again.

Unfortunately, Lyme Disease may be on the rise.

“Research students and I have found particular strains of this bacterium in Schmeeckle for the first time this past year. This means that the ticks are spreading this disease across the state, and I believe infection rates will only continue to rise,” concluded Caporale.

Hot springs found on Mars?

This picture, taken of divets on Mars, has given scientists reason to believe that life on Mars once existed. These divets appear to be, according to scientists, evidence of once lush hot springs, which bubbled above Mars’ surface. The scientists think the springs are fairly recent, as in being only tens of millions of years old instead of billions, which is young in terms of planet years.

Free Hours at The Cardio Center

Thursdays 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.
Fridays 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

All you need is your student or staff ID.
On April 25 to 26, students and community members joined together for a night of fun activities. Throughout the night, cancer survivors were celebrated and those lost were remembered. The proceeds raised will be used in research for the fight against cancer.

Photos by Katie Leb
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Hypocritical Liberals

Tuesday May 6th at 7pm in the Alumni Room (DUC 350)

Kate Obenschain will be speaking on the topic of “How Hypocritical Liberals Can’t Win.” She is the former chairman of the Virginia state GOP and a frequent guest on fox news. One of the featured women in “Great American Conservative Women,” Kate is never afraid to speak her mind about the failures of feminism and the changing role of women in public policy.

Sponsored By YAF and the UWSP College Republicans
Free Admission
The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Women's Choir, Concert Choir and Choral Union will join together for concerts on Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 4 at 3:00 p.m.

The concerts are part of the Music Department Scholarship Series and will be held in Michelsen Hall at the Noel Fine Arts Center. The performances will be conducted by Lucinda Thayer, professor of music and director of choral activities and will feature student solos, a duet, a quartet and a quintet. The Women's Choir will perform works from Irving Fine's "Three Choral Settings" and We the Living. The Concert Choir will perform works from Franz Schubert's "Lebenslust," Robert Schumann's "Zigeunerleben," a song from "A Nation of Cowslips" by Dominick Argento, "O My Love's Like a Red, Red, Rose" by Rene Clausen and "Duerno Negrieto" by Atahualpa Yupanqui. Tickets are $6 for the public, $3 for senior citizens, and free for students and the day of the concert for students with a UW-SP ID. Tickets are available at University Information and Ticket Desk in the Dreyfus University Center, or by calling (800) 838-3578. Tickets may also be purchased at the door if seats are available.

Today's "Baby," a theater and dance performance

Press Release
University Relations and Communication

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Theater and Dance Department will stage "Baby," a musical about the universal experience of having a child on May 2 to 4 and 7 to 10.

Written by Sybille Pearl, "Baby" debuted on Broadway in the 1980s and was nominated for several Tony Awards. The story explores the lives and relationships of three couples on a university campus. Each has an experience with childbirth. One young couple are college students, a 30-something couple have trouble conceiving and a set of middle-aged parents whose last child is graduating from college find themselves right back where they started.

"This show really speaks to people, young and old," said director Dan Richter, assistant professor of theater and dance and coordinator of the musical theatre program. "The show has great humanity in that theme itself is beautiful universally. It brings people together."

While the story has a romantic mood, the musical score has a pop feel. In staging the show for UW-SP, Howard updated the play by changing references and the color palette of the set and costumes to reflect the culture of 2008. He added vignettes of everyday happenings on a college campus, such as the hustle and bustle of final week, in order to add life and realism to the stage, cover the many scene changes and make the show more flowing and cinematic. He has also added an aspect of intimacy by bringing the stage closer to the audience.

"Students are excited about this show and have a really good feeling about it," Howard said. "I've encouraged them to bring themselves into it, and it's been a collaborative process."

Performances of "Baby" will be held in the Jenkins Theater in the Noel Fine Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. A matinee performance will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 4. Tickets are $17 for adults, $16 for senior citizens and $12 for youth. UW-SP students with a valid ID may purchase advance tickets for $4.50 per show or get in free the day of the show if seats are still available.

Tickets may be purchased at the University Information and Ticket Desk in the Dreyfus University Center concourse, by calling (800) 838-3578 or online at www.uwsp.edu/centers/uit/ordering.asp.
By Patrick Rothfuss  
WITH HELP FROM THE AFTERNOON COFFEE HOUSE  

But!  Where were you last week!  I picked up The Pointer and you weren’t there!! How am I supposed to get through the week Advice!!!!!!

Missings backpack  

Saturday, May 3  
Buses start at 12:15  
Pickup on west side of Blue Cross  
Blue Shield Building on Water Street  
$4 round trip bus ride  
$22 entrance to Rusty’s  

Music by  
The Greg Waters Band and  
Mark Little  

*Please take advantage of busses to avoid traffic problems and parking congestion  
call Rusty’s for more info: 341-2490  
or e-mail: rusty@rustys.net  

Rusty’s Backwater Bash!  

"I’m too surprised to reply,"  
he assumes I’m confused, and  
explains himself.  
"You usually have your bag over your shoul-der. You’ve got this vagabond student look."  

Letter to the Editor  

Dear Editor,  
When reading the student MOD on Wednesday, I came across an event titled "Why Hypocritical Liberals Can’t Win."  
I like to think of myself as a fair and open-minded person who respects other peoples’ right to voice their opinions, but I find that title quite distasteful. I’d be much more interested in attending an event by a group that declares "Why We Will Win" or "Why We Can’t Lose." The College Republicans’ statement leads me to believe that there is nothing good about their party because they have to insult liberals in their event titles in order to make Republicans seem appealing.  

If they’re really that passionate about their cause, the College Republicans should try to win over potential opponents over by emphasizing their supposed qualifications” over their opponents’ "flaws" and addressing potential opponents respectfully rather than insulting them.  

Joy Ratchman
We like your sense of humor.
Submit your comics to the POINTER!
We're looking for artists for next year too!
Contact Joy at jratc567@uwsp.edu for more info.
If you have any questions about the May 18th, 2008 Commencement program, visit the Commencement web page!

http://www.uwsp.edu/special/commencement

Fill out your RSVP cards (electronically).

Purchase caps, gowns, and tassels or rent hoods at the University Store May 5-16, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
or until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Order mail May 5-9 at 346-3431.

Questions?
Contact University Relations and Communications at 346-3548.