Celebrities bring election focus to campus

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College Democrats and Students for Barack Obama at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point brought two pieces of the West coast to central Wisconsin on Oct. 1, when actor Adam Brody and actress and model Joy Bryant visited campus. Both Hollywood actors were at UW-SP to advocate voting for Democratic candidate Barack Obama in the upcoming presidential election.

The actors were scheduled to appear at UW-SP at 11:30 a.m., but hopeful students were in line long before it began. "One of my girlfriends got in line at about 10 a.m. She was waiting an hour and a half to get in," said junior Casi Burrows. "In line, I was waiting about 45 minutes to get in."

Inside The Encore, the nearly 300 attendees waited an additional hour. The actors had another appearance earlier in the morning at UW-Oshkosh. Some people became restless, but the time was used by College Democrats to pump up the crowd.

College Democrats President Zach Vrwink explained the importance of voting for Obama. "We cannot afford four more years of the same," said Vrwink. "Students the time has come. Yes we can. We are the change we seek. Yes we can."

Welcome by the electrified crowd, Brody and Bryant waited no time to explain their purpose for going around not only Wisconsin universities, but also the nation to help elect Obama.

"Joy and I are both here to get the word [out] about Barack Obama. This is the biggest crossroads in our country," said Brody. "This is two diverging paths. We can either get back on track or keep sliding the way it's been sliding."

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Hundreds of students pack The Encore to see Adam Brody and Joy Bryant rally students to vote for Obama.

"Wow, this is the kind of the person who I want to be my president, to lead me," said Bryant. "If he ever ran for president, which he’s probably not gonna, That I would do whatever that I could possibly do to help get him elected."

Both Bryant and Brody are now using their celebrity status to tour the country to help Obama get elected. This has stirred up many arguments in the media as to whether they should be using their status to influence voters. "I think it is as fair as a talk show, as fair as Bill O’Reilly. You have to be famous to get in some capacity to get ears to hear you," said Brody. "I feel like it is an obligation. The stakes are so high. I think that argument is kind of silly."

By the roar of the audience members whenever the two celebrities spoke, it appeared that no one was opposed to having celebrities visiting, though other controversy was found.

Though the event focused on support for Obama, students who planned to vote for Republican candidate John McCain were also present at the rally, which caused some unrest for Democratic supporters who attended the event.

"It kind of bothered me that a lot of the people standing in line were Republicans that do not even support Barack Obama. They are completely McCain supporters and were just there for the fact there was a celebrity in Stevens Point," said Burrows, "and that is not what it was for. It wasn’t just a celebrity appearance."

"Overall, the event was a success," said Sam Braaten, Event and Membership Director for College Democrats. "It went amazing. We were hoping to get 50 to 100 and we got three times that," said Braaten. People seemed really enthusiastic to see someone that famous to come to our campus."

Future of economy in hands of United States Congress

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On almost every news outlet, the economy seems to be in turmoil. The stock market is taking a beating, dropping approximately 777-points on Monday. The housing market is having its own share of problems with almost 10 percent of mortgages going into foreclosure. Banks are failing, businesses are closing and the overall outlook of the economy isn’t looking that great. The real problems can often be hard to tell amongst all the talk of how to fix the problems and the economics terms.

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These losses are affecting banks and companies across the United States and the world. In the United States, credit has been basically frozen to businesses and could cause enormous financial problems to those that need them to survive. "These losses and the threat of future loan losses have made many financial institutions less willing to loan money to each other. Our economy cannot operate smoothly unless credit is freely flowing among financial institutions," said Cray.

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Self-op food pending decision

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The University of Wisconsin Stevens Point is taking action now to prepare for the expiration of the current food contract with Chartwells come Aug. 20, 2009.

A request for proposal committee comprised of faculty, staff and students devised a proposition for the vice chancellor of student affairs, Bob Tomlinson.

"The longer we wait, the harder it will become," said Laura Ketchum-Ciftci, director of the University Centers.

The proposal is recommending the UW-SP food service become self-operating. This means the university

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Students put hair on the line for breast cancer

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When University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Senior Jessica Kavanagh first heard the news that her grandmother had been diagnosed with breast cancer, she felt helpless. She was thousands of miles away from her grandmother, who resides in Montana, too far to be by her side as she began dealing with the reality. Instead of giving up, she decided that she would do what she could for her grandmother’s sake, but also for her own family’s struggle. “My family felt helpless and saddened by the fact that we couldn’t be by her side as she went through treatment,” said Kavanagh.

She told her family began searching for ways they could help in the area after they received the news. They soon found out about the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, which was taking place in Minneapolis in May 2008. “My mother, aunt and I participated in the Race for the Cure on Mother’s Day in Minneapolis this spring, and it opened my eyes to how many people’s lives are touched by breast cancer,” said Kavanagh.

Over 40,000 people walked that day, many of them wearing names of loved ones on their shirts. Some shirts were in celebration of breast cancer survivors; many were in memory of someone that had passed on. As she walked, Kavanagh felt an urgent need to raise awareness and funds to contribute to ongoing breast cancer research, not just for her grandmother’s sake, but also for the sake of the thousands of families affected by breast cancer every year.

That’s when Kavanagh decided to take more action. She decided to participate in the Breast Cancer 3-Day taking place in Minneapolis Sept. 19 through 21, 2008. Breast Cancer 3-day is an event where thousands of men and women come together and raise money for Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund.

“My goal was to raise $2,500 for the cause before participating in the 3-day walk in September,” said Kavanagh.

Struggling at first to receive donations, Kavanagh was able to find family members and local businesses to support her cause. She was able to raise a substantial amount, but was left with roughly $1,000 yet to find. But Kavanagh pressed on and completed the 3-day, 60-mile walk confident she could get the remainder of the donations in the month afterward.

After the walk, Kavanagh began to worry that maybe she wouldn’t be able to reach her goal. That’s when she turned to her best friend Rachel Kuhl for help with the stress and together they came up with the idea Head Shavin’ for the Cure.

“Jess was stressing out about raising the rest of the money so we were trying to come up with ideas that would really draw attention and raise a large amount of money in a short period of time,” said Kuhl.

The girls put up a booth in the Dreyfus University Center trying to bring awareness and collect donations. They sent out e-mails and made calls. They started a Facebook group and handed out flyers at local businesses to let people know what they were doing and what was on the line for them, their beautiful heads of hair. The work seems to have paid off, as the girls are only $200 away from their goal and finally having shaved scalps.

“Jess was a little worried about the idea of shaving my head,” said Kavanagh, “but then I remembered how my grandmother had felt embarrassed and nervous when she was going through chemo, and had no choice but to shave her head. I figured this would be another way to support her.”

The girls will be teaming up with the Women’s Resource Center at their Candelight Vigil for Breast Cancer on Oct. 5th, and shaving their heads in celebration of meeting their goal. The girls will have a booth this Friday, Oct. 3, at the Green Tea concert on campus to collect the last few dollars they need. Donations can be made directly at the booth and online.

Protesters defend their positions throughout campus

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Shouts, chants, Biblical passages and oversized pictures of fetuses dominated the space between the Science Building and the College of Professional Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Thursday, Sept. 25.

The cause of the commotion began as a silent anti-abortion protest collaborated by the Faithful Soldiers, an evangelical school based in Milwaukee, Wis., and the Missionaries to the Preborn, a pro-life group also out of Milwaukee.

Jason Storms, the founder of the Faithful Soldiers, fueled both groups by shouting sermons to the crowd, instead of remaining silent as the Soldiers had originally planned to do.

“I thought you were for diversity,” said Storms. He said later, “You don’t want to accept the facts.”

Storms and the other Soldiers continued to protest amid many students asking him to stop.

Storms and other members of the Faithful Soldiers chose to voice their opinions raucously, other members of the group were much more civil.

“We’re here to educate on the truth of abortion,” said Candace Knapschafer, a member of the Faithful Soldiers. “We’re not forcing people to change their minds.”

Groups of UW-SP students responded to the protest by carrying banners and signs with messages about gay rights, pro-choice and religion. After much shouting, the protest turned from not only pro-life and pro-choice arguments, but also gay rights. This was because of a newly displayed banner, which said, “Homosexuality is a sin. Repent and be born again.”

The cast of the upcoming theatre presentation of the musical “Hair” also joined the protesting by singing “Age of Aquarius,” a song from the musical that expresses tolerance and freedom of ideas.

Along with the shouts and songs, there was much debate whether or not the two visiting protesters were allowed to be on campus.

“It’s against University policy,” said Student Government Association President Katie Kloth. “State law states that they can be on public property. University policy states that if you’re going to be on the property, you need a student sponsor or permit.”

While campus security did show up, the visiting protesters were allowed to stay on campus.

Protesters battle for prime position on campus sidewalks.

The $700 billion bailout plan could pay tuition for 225,818 students to attend UW-SP for a semester.

Despite weighing 3,000 to 5,000 pounds, hippos can run up to 30 miles per hour.

A man’s beard grows fastest when he anticipates sex.

99 percent of the pumpkins sold in the US end up as jack-o-lanterns.

During WWII, because a lot of players were called to duty, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles combined to become The Steagles.

The Ottoman Empire once had seven emperors in seven months. They died of (in order): bu.ming, a horse.

Roses may be red, but violets are indeed violet.
President Kloth proposes end to Thursday night classes

Justin Glodowski
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Imagine a Thursday evening free to do whatever you wanted, no classes to be held of all across the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus. That is what Thursday evening would be like if it was Student Government Association President Katie Kloth, is pushing around is currently at 6 p.m. every Thursday. The current public forum normally consists of two or three concerned students who are affected by policies on the agenda.

Kloth is also concerned about student senators who cannot make the meeting due to conflicts, especially those in ROTC which has classes during the beginning of senate meetings.

"There are presently not any written proposals brought forth to SGA Senate or Faculty Senate, but the top is still being talked about and research is currently being worked on.

"It turns out that on Thursday nights about 800 students are taking classes. That means approximately 8,200 or about 90 percent of students are already free during that time period, and able to participate in governance," said Chris Sadler, Faculty Senate Chair. "Cancelling classes to allow access to the other 10 percent and disrupting class offerings, lab space and the overall grid of when classes are offered for that extra 800 students is something that probably wouldn't work, in my estimation, receive little support.

"There has yet to be public discussions on how this would affect non-traditional students who may only be able to make evening classes or how this would affect the overall problems with students attempting to get into classes that they need to graduate. There have also not been any ideas proposed for moving the time and day of SGA meetings to a more accessible one.

"Before we make any arbitrary decisions, we really need to research this one," said Speaker of the Senate, Zach Vruwink.

With so many students currently available to attend SGA, it is a wonder why many do not attend the meetings. Some students expressed their frustration with the idea of the proposal getting them to attend SGA meetings.

"[The proposal] is the dumbest thing I've ever heard. While SGA is very important, we're here for an education," said senior Jennifer Boyd.

"I don't think students would go to SGA meetings on Thursdays," said senior Alisha Netzfeldt. "They'd probably be too busy with 'other functions.'"

Where they stand: Conflicts in the Middle East, Iraq

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This week we turn our eyes to an issue that has been up and down throughout the past five years: the Iraq War. Many argue about why the United States ended up in Iraq or how the United States public could have been lied to, but when the new president steps into office, they will have to handle the Iraq war from their current standpoint.

Approximately 4,169 United States armed forces have died while in Iraq and almost 100,000 Iraqi civilians have died since the United States invaded. The Congressional Research Service even estimated the cost of the Iraq War to be almost $200 million a day.

Republican John McCain focuses on the need for victory in Iraq. He believes that the United States must remain in Iraq until they are stable and able to govern themselves fully. He reminds citizens of the possible dangers of leaving Iraq if a civil war were to break out in the middle east, Iran were to invade Iraq, or even another 9/11 were to occur on United States soil. McCain supports committing more troops to Iraq and continuing the counterinsurgency strategy started by General Patreus.

McCain stated on CNN's Larry King, "[Obama] wants to set a date for withdrawal that means chaos. That means genocide. That means undoing all the success we've achieved and Al Qaeda tells the world they defeated the United States of America. I won't let that happen."

Democrat Barack Obama has also supported a withdrawal and has provided more specifics with how he would accomplish it. If elected, he would provide a responsible, phased departure in which one or two brigades would be removed from Iraq every month, extending the war until 2010. He supports a small contingent of soldiers remaining in Iraq for counter-terrorism missions as well as continued training and support to the Iraqi forces to help them protect themselves. Obama plans to support Iraq diplomatically as president, helping them with their political differences and working with the neighboring countries in the Middle East to work towards peace.

Independence and Ecology Ralph Nader has also stated he supports a responsible withdrawal within the first six months of him being in office. He would work with the United Nations to send in peacekeepers to help with the stabilization of Iraq and the region.

Green Cynthia McKinney has proposed ending all wars, eliminating war funding, and removing United States military troops from areas all across the world. She has also proposed the end of government organizations plotting regime changes in other countries.

Libertarian Bob Barr has stated he supports a withdrawal from Iraq as soon as possible stating that the war was a mistake. If elected, he would plan a detachment from Iraq without an announcement of timetables to prevent it from being received by adversaries. He would withdraw both militarily and economically from Iraq.

Barr stated in a speech, "A continued U.S. presence in Iraq emboldens both insurgents and terrorists and discourages the Iraqi government from taking control of promoting peace and prosperity in Iraq.

With so many candidates, there are many strategies on what to do with Iraq. Voting for who will be President of the United States in November will without a doubt have an impact on the future of Iraq and its people."
Students receive needed assistance from AIG

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Starting anew, it is difficult to form a foundation of consistency when having to co-exist with the daily stressors of college life. While many students rely on infrequent communication with Mom and Dad, nine students at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point have the support of more than 600 American International Group Travel Guard employees to help them navigate the constant variability that comes with being a college student.

The Noel Compass Scholarship Program, which was founded by John and Patty Noel in 1996, rewards academic achievement, leadership and citizenship among students of color in Wisconsin's communities with an academic scholarship to UW-SP and a paid internship at AIG Travel Guard.

To reward AIG for its generosity it is suggested that the Noel Compass scholars work at their internship 10 to 15 hours per week during the school year. This allows for flexibility with their school schedule and extracurricular activities. During the summer months, the scholars work full-time and many choose to take summer courses.

"The students selected to participate in the program have already proven themselves to be role models in their own communities," said Megan Sedahl of AIG. "In the Noel Compass Scholarship Program they are brought under the wing of Sam Dinga, the full-time program director, board members, AIG Travel Guard managers and peer mentors. This provides a complete support system for the scholars both in and out of the workplace."

With Noel Compass scholars have taken the skills they learned as a scholar and gone on to work in jobs all over the country. AIG feels especially lucky to have two of their former scholars presently working at the company for their Informational Technology Helpdesk and accounting departments.

It should be noted that students are not typically thrust into a position of leadership for an activity, despite strong leadership skills in high school. Instead there is a careful introduction to leadership roles and full staff training like any AIG Travel Guard employee.

Sedahl believes that employees at AIG Travel Guard are very receptive to the students serving the internships. The Noel Compass scholars are fully integrated into the AIG Travel Guard culture. They work side-by-side with everyone else and are really respected and valued for their hard work.

This is only one example of the many synergistic relationships that help shape Stevens Point via its many local businesses and UW-SP.

Obedience or independence: Whatever is a student to do?

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Upon entering college, most young adults get their first taste of independence and adulthood, but their actions may not be entirely self-motivated. While many students are looking to step out and do their own thing, some may be held back by parental wishes and guidelines that they may or may not abide by.

"According to a study published in the Journal of College Student Development, "In general, parents significantly underestimated the use of alcohol and other drugs by their sons and daughters."

The study showed that almost half of the parents surveyed believed that their children wouldn't consume drugs or alcohol during their first year at the university, while 36 percent of students claim that they drink at least weekly or more often.

While this may be true in some cases, some students do choose to adhere to the preconceived wishes of their parents. Devin Woodruff, a senior at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, chose to try and obey her parents' wishes upon entering her first year at the university. "My dad didn't want me to drink. He disapproved of it," said Woodruff. "I was terrified of getting caught and letting my dad down. I would drink but I wasn't in Stevens Point. I didn't drink at house parties."

Other students at UW-SP choose to take a different route in their recreational affairs. These students aren't defying their parents, but rather they are trying to adhere to a different philosophy preached to them. "My parents said, 'Don't drink more than you study,'" said junior, Ryan Bachorz.

Other students had similar parental guidance. "They just want me to be responsible about it," said junior, Richard Harding. "They told me to try not to do it."

While students may receive guidance and advice from their parents involving drugs and alcohol, many of them are likely to branch out on their own after discovering their newfound freedoms. Universities are currently implementing parental orientation alongside students to help educate about the realities of college student alcohol use and repercussions.

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Three years and $5,000 dollars later, Chivers is still searching for the truth. When speaking with Chivers you find he doesn’t half-commit to his endeavors and has engaged himself in hunting for the truth about ghosts. He has designed his own process and personally purchased all his own equipment and, no, a Proton Pack is not on the list. Most interestingly, he owns a Geiger counter, which measures radiation levels, and a night vision scope, both of which were purchased from military surplus. The whole investigation process takes about an hour.

Before each investigation there is in depth research to be done, which he mainly performs himself. Before he can investigate a site he must know who owns the grounds, and what the history of the site is. He also researches the weather and the phase of the moon the night of the investigation to make sure he is investigating at peak times.

“If there are peak times in the phases of the moon to ghost hunt,” said Chivers. “There are also peak times of the night, particularly 2 a.m. to 5 a.m.”

Chivers uses science to explain what he finds during the investigation process he created. This process however, cannot be completed by Chivers alone and he is always looking for the right kind of people to take with him on his adventures.

“You have to have an open mind,” Chivers said. “If I didn’t have an open mind I wouldn’t be ghost hunting; it would be irrational.”

An open mind is a key trait when accepting new truth, and the people who tag along with Chivers at any moment need to be ready to accept it.

Once Chivers and his team have completely investigated a site they sit down and evaluate what happened and make a final decision about the truth of the paranormal allegations strictly on the basis of science.

“We define our work scientifically with empirics; we don’t use any other mediums such as psychics or Ouija boards,” Chivers said. He seeks truth using what people know to be truth, science, to make his case.

“Based on experience, I can say 95 percent of the places I’ve been to were not haunted,” Chivers said. This has not deterred Chivers at all as he continues to actively pursue his goal. But, I had to ask, why continue to do this if you’ve continually found evidence to the contrary of the existence of a paranormal state?

Chivers adjusted his body language and sat forward in his chair, his eyes lit up and he began to speak as if he were speaking to every skeptic to ever challenge him on the subject.

“If ghosts were to truly exist it would give credence to religious beliefs, plausibility to some sort of afterlife, redefine science and for those reasons, change how we view our place in the world,” Chivers said. “The ‘why’ questions drive me to ghost hunt. I don’t think ghost hunting is ever out of reach the way we define it with empirics. One of humanities greatest feats and passions is to discover. Not so long ago we were filled with ideas of a flat earth and geocentric theory; for thousands of years those ideas guided how people lived until they were proven false and now we live in accordance with the truth.”

Simple curiosity doesn’t drive...
Running for the team

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Cross country is viewed as a very individualized sport, but according to University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's and women's cross country head coach Rick Witt, cross country can be more of a team sport than people realize.

The team is only as good as the last runner's place in a meet when compared to the competing teams' runners. This just held true for the UW-SP women's cross country team in their last meet at the Beloit Invitational on Sept. 27, 2008.

Coach Witt said that because UW-SP's fifth female runner outran the biggest competition on the other team by so much, UW-SP gained more points to boost their standings in the regular season schedule on Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in their pocket.

The women's golf team finished the regular season schedule on Sunday with a two-day combined total of 637 points, which earned the first place at total dominance.

Sophomore Michelle Pascavis was named WIAC Player of the Week for the first time this season and junior Jessica Urban was named after leading the team last weekend.

Urban had 154 points after the two-day competition, which put her into second place behind University of St. Thomas' Laura Heck.

Now the team narrows its focus to the 2008 WIAC Women's Golf Championship, which will be held Oct. 3 through 5 at the Northern Bay Resort Golf and Marina. The tournament is hosted by UW-Eau Claire and will include 54 holes for the first time ever.

Interbartolo is confident in the team's ability to withstand the toils of extended play in the tournament. The Pointers play full courses on Fridays before tournaments and are used to playing three days in a row. They have also gone a step further than the other teams they'll face.

"The girls worked extremely hard on their physical condition and we're one of the few teams that spend as much time in the weight room and on the track as we do on the golf course, so I'm excited about it," he said.

As reigning champion of the tournament in 2007, the Pointers are expected to defend their title in order to make their way to the national tournament next spring.

To the victor goes the spoils and to the champion of the WIAC Championship goes an automatic bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championships in May. That is what the Pointers have been aiming for. Last spring they traveled to Waterloo, Iowa, for the national tournament and ended with a score of 320 points. They placed 12th out of 29 teams and look to go back this year.

"We're in a great position right now to go ahead and challenge for our conference championship," said Interbartolo. "Obviously there's so much on the line with the winner of our championship earning an automatic bid to our national tournament."

The cross country teams have been making waves so far this season.
Women's soccer shuts out Eagles

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With hat tricks from Kaylee Weise and Amanda Prawat, the Pointer women's soccer team dominated the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Eagles 7-0 on Wednesday night at UW-Stevens Point.

The Pointers scored the only goal in the first half and the Eagles kept up the pace until halftime. The next 45 minutes witnessed an onslaught of Pointer goals that were produced by aggressiveness and old-fashioned hustle.

"I think we threw numbers forward and I think it made a difference," said Coach Sheila Miech. "We had a tough loss against Wheaton. We know we didn't play our best and when you've got an experienced team. We have nine seniors out there you expect a lot."

Weise, the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference soccer Athlete of the Week for Sept. 23, was happy with the conference win that brought the team to a 3-0 WIAC record.

"We stepped it up a notch. We lost on Saturday so we knew we had to come back and bounce back with a win and we accomplished it," said Weise. "It's good for us because Eau Claire only beat them 2-0 so if it comes down to it we'll win the tie as of now."

The Pointers lost to Wheaton, Ill. last Saturday in their second non-conference defeat this season. Though the game did not affect their WIAC standings, it certainly made an impression on the team.

One of those seniors, goalie Pam Luckow, played the entire game between the pipes and earned a shutout after capturing two saves. Senior forward Jennisa Koch added her first goal when her shot rolled off Eagle goalie Brittni Buechel's fingertips with two minutes left.

"I give La Crosse a lot of credit; they came out hard in the first half, played us hard and we just continued to dominate in the second half and it showed," Miech said.

The Pointers host their next game against UW-Platteville on Saturday afternoon. It is parents' day for the team and Miech said the team will have a little extra incentive to strut their stuff in their fourth WIAC match-up of the season.

"We're undefeated in conference but it's only the third game so there is a long way to go yet," said Miech.

"We take it one game at a time."

Panne, the UW-LaCrosse game on Wednesday night at UW-Platteville on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 4 p.m.

The Pointers are undefeated in the WIAC conference and take on UW-Platteville on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 4 p.m.

Davis and the darkness

Steve Apfel
COLUMNIST

On Tuesday, Lane Kiffin became the latest in a long line of former Oakland Raiders coaches only four games into the season. Yes, the Raiders are off to another 0-4 start. Yes, Kiffin had a very public feud with most everyone in the Raiders organization. But something was telling me there was more to this firing. Then I saw a picture of Raiders' president and general manager Al Davis and it dawned on me. Al Davis is with the Empire.

"Let's be honest here. Just look at him! Those beady little eyes and saggy skin, his ruthless takeover of the Raiders' organization and his firing of anybody who disagrees with him. Sound familiar? Picture him in a hooded robe. How about now? Does the name Emperor Palpatine mean anything to you? Al Davis is trying to destroy the Jedi Order!"

I hear what you're saying. You're trying to tell me that he's just a crazy old man on a power trip in the business world. And all I can say is, tell that to the hordes of Jedi children that Al Davis has had slaughtered! Tell that to Anakin Skywalker who was turned to the dark side by Davis and eventually became Darth Vader.

If I was Darren McFadden, I'd try to get out of Oakland fast before a light saber duel in a lava pit left me hideously disfigured in need of robotic parts.

Basically, Lane Kiffin is now free to join the Rebel Alliance and fight to rid the world of the evil of Al Davis. I hear Chewbacca and Han Solo are already enlisting in next year's draft.

Senior on the Spot

Luke Frisch - Football

Name: Luke Frisch
Major: Broadfield Social Science
Hometown: Nekoosa...a.k.a. Smellville
Do you have any nicknames? Stoogie, FriTCH, Bullfrog, Alfalfa
What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?
When Beau Luce forgot his shoulder pads at Stout and had to wear XXXI, linenman pads. Too funny
What is your most embarrassing sports moment? I was embarrassed for Beau.
Have any game-day rituals or superstitions? I feed McDonalds to the homeless man that lives in the Schmeeke Reserve bathroom.
Who is your sports hero? Kirby Puckett.
What is your sport philosophy? Don't bite off more than you can chew.

Athletes of the Week

UW-SP

Women's Soccer:
Offense- Leah Larson
Defense- Pam Luckow

Volleyball: Jennifer Rueter

Men's Cross Country: John Pliska
Women's Cross Country: Kelly Haen
Women's Golf: Jessica Urban

Football:
Offense-Jared Beckwith
Special Team-Brandon Stroik
Defense- Brian Bailey

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Students given opportunity to learn about mushrooms

Dr. Terese Barta held a mushroom identification workshop Sept. 20 and 21. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point had 11 students from various majors including biology, microbiology, and forest management attended.

Half a day was spent in the classroom learning the basic identification skills, followed by two days of collecting and identifying mushrooms.

Dr. Barta said she had taught a more in-depth mushroom course for many years. During that time she noticed the students were mostly interested in identifying mushrooms.

This was the first time she offered the mushroom course as a weekend workshop. Friday afternoon, Dr. Barta used a PowerPoint presentation as a visual aid in her instructions. Historically, the British had phobias about mushrooms and mostly avoided them. Asians, on the other hand, were on the other end of the spectrum. They saw all food as medicinal.

The use of mushrooms and plants was being lost, so Dr. Barta decided to teach courses in mushroom identification to fill that niche.

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Dr. Barta described the mushroom rooms as a fleshy fruiting body of certain fungi. She also said they are eukaryotic (have rigid cell walls), heterotrophic (ooze down to absorb nutrients) and produce billions of spores that are carried by the wind.

The toadstool image of a mushroom is what most people and mycologists see as mushrooms. However, slime molds and those that look like brains are examples that are lumped together as a group. Mushrooms contribute to plant and human health and are used as dyes, food and medicine. Mushrooms are also used to break down the lignin in wood fibers into pulp instead of using chemicals. Then the pulp is made into paper.

The students were introduced to the many different phyla of mushrooms, but the focus was only on two of them: basidiomycota and ascomycota.

Saturday and Sunday the class spent the mornings searching for and collecting mushrooms in the Reserve and Standing Rock County Park, respectively. There were yellow, lavender, streaked, shelf-like and shaggy varieties.

Picking a mushroom causes little harm to the overall organism. It does about as much damage as picking an apple from a tree.

After lunch both days the class met at the microbiology lab in the Trainer Natural Resources building to identify the mushrooms. There are many things to look at when identifying mushrooms. A person needs to look very closely at all the details including the size, the cap shape, habitat, gill pores or teeth, margin of the cap, scales if it has them, how the gills are attached, gill spacing and spore color and size.

Spores may need to be observed under a microscope. Other tests may need to be conducted to narrow a species down even further using the Melzer's reaction or the iron sulfate tests. With Dr. Barta's help, the budding mycologists identified their specimens and entered the information into their journals, complete with sketches and notes.

Dr. Barta taught about shiitake, oyster, portobella and wild shaggy mane mushrooms for the students to taste. If you would like to know more about mushrooms or want to know when the next mushroom identification workshop will be, contact Dr. Barta at tbarta@uwsp.edu.

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Schmeeckle offers many opportunities for students

The multiple hiking trails, abundant wildlife and visitor’s center are what constitute the 275 acres that make up the Schmeeckle Reserve and two-thirds of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point campus.

The Schmeeckle Reserve was created to protect and restore native ecological communities, serve as an outdoor classroom for students and teachers and provide recreational opportunities to all visitors.

The Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center is located along Northpoint Drive and is the starting point for visitors to the reserve. The center provides multiple services and information resources for visitors to the reserve.

The center houses an information desk which provides visitors with basic information about trail conditions, upcoming public events and wildlife sightings in the reserve.

The Visitor Center also has a gift shop. The shop includes outdoor themed literature, stuffed animals, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and artistry from local artists. Local artists provide the gift shop with pottery, jewelry, woodwork, paintings and photographs.

Multiple interactive exhibits help to educate visitors about the reserve and the wildlife. The Visitor Center has a museum and other informational exhibits that range from topics of Native Americans, wolves and hunting.

The center provides the public with many educational public programs. Upcoming programs include “Constellations” at 7 p.m. Oct. 13, “Fall Migration” at 7 p.m. Oct. 15, “Fall Colors” at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 16, “Leave No Trace” at 5:15 p.m. Oct. 20, and the annual Halloween party at 7 p.m. on Oct. 25.

The Visitor Center also houses a meeting room that can be used for university classes or as a gathering place for large groups. The room is provided at no charge for non-profit and government groups.

Along with the visitors center, the reserve itself provides recreation and relaxation for its visitors. The reserve is crisscrossed with almost five miles of trails and connects directly to the Green Circle trail that loops around Stevens Point. The headquarters of the Green Circle trail are also located within the Visitor Center.

The trails are open for walking, jogging, hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing. To help preserve the area, motorized vehicles are not allowed in the reserve.

The Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day of the week.
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Food, friendship and peace at "A World of Change" 21st Annual Festival of India

The public is invited to Stevens Point Area Senior High from 3 to 9 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 4, to enjoy, food, friendship and peace at "A World of Change: 21st Annual Festival of India."

Tickets are $8 for students with an ID and can be purchased at six locations: the Stevens Point Co-op, Kindred Spirit Books, Point Motel, Econo Lodge, AmericInn hotel in Plover and Days Inn in Wausau. Alternatively, tickets can also be purchased online at www.uwsp.edu/multicultural/SHAMA/.

All proceeds from the tickets go towards the festival’s sponsor, Shama, Inc. Shama, which means "flame of a lamp," is a non-profit organization that primarily aims to empower low income Indian women and their families through scholarships and social programs. According to the Web site, each letter in Shama also represents ways in which the organization hopes to spread light to some of the most poverty-stricken and destitute areas in India. S, for example, stands for scholarships, H for home industry, A for activism, M for medical and AIDS awareness and A for America-India alliances.

"We are committed to eradicate world hunger and dire poverty by programs aimed at education and self-empowerment of poor communities... through our joint grass root efforts," said UW-SPI’s South Asia Society co-advisor, Jyoti Chander.

One of Shama, Inc.'s most successful initiatives is Shama Women Empowered by Living Loans, or ShamaWELL. This program donates interest-free micro-loans to Indian women to enable self-employment. When a woman repays the loan, the money is given to a different woman to enable her to become self-employed, thereby building healthy, connected communities.

"Our Micro-loan WELL program has made difference in the lives of hundreds of women so far and is growing," said Chander.

Two other programs that have enjoyed enormous success include ShamaKids and Women on Wheels. ShamaKids matches sponsors with children. The sponsor donates money for a child’s medical examinations, tutoring, meals and school supplies. This program has already benefited 300 children from low income families that would not have otherwise been able to afford an education.

Women on Wheels trains low income women of New Delhi in machine repair and taxi driving. The ultimate goal is to start the first women’s garage in New Delhi.

The people at Shama Inc., according to the Web site, "fully believe that the Indian woman is strong, perseverant and very capable of responsibly leading and supporting the family. We work to help women develop a voice we consider essential in their political, personal and physical rights."

The festival is also a celebration of the 139th anniversary of Mohandas K. Gandhi’s birthday. In commemoration, Professors Arthur Herman and James Missey will give a workshop entitled, "M.K. Gandhi on justice and non-violence: Some Gandhian solutions to 21st century problems." Other features and events at the festival that celebrate this influential social leader include an essay contest, open readings and a film screening.

Other workshops include how to wear a sari and other Indian clothing, folk dancing, yoga, Indian cooking, henna painting and much, much more. A free pre-stage performance will be held as well, followed by several feature stage performances.

The menu includes tandoori chicken tikka, channa massala, navratan korma (mixed vegetables with Indian cheese), basmati rice biryani, naan (flat bread), raita (cucumber salad), chutney and achar, mango ice cream and assorted beverages.

For more information on this cultural experience, go to www.uwsp.edu/multicultural/SHAMA/.

Other upcoming Arts and Culture Events:

Thursday, Oct. 2:
Indian taco sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., DUC. Sponsored by American Indian and Engineering Society.

Pasiflora with Russell Pederson, 8 p.m., The Encore. Sponsored by Centertainment Productions.

Friday, Oct. 3:
Green Tea Celtic music, 8 p.m., The Encore. Sponsored by Centertainment Productions.

Dozynki Polish Festival, downtown Stevens Point.

Saturday, Oct. 4:
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Chef on the Square, downtown Stevens Point square.

The Breakfast, 8 a.m. The Encore. Sponsored by Centertainment Productions.

Wednesday, Oct. 8
Poetry Slam, 8 p.m. The Encore. Sponsored by SGA.
Add some swing to your step at Any Swing Goes

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Swing dancing brings students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point together.
A few years ago dance aficionados created the student organization Any Swing Goes. Since then, students have carried on this passion to learn the fundamentals of swing dancing, mambo, tango, the waltz and more.

Alex Raabe, this year’s president and an instructor, said that it’s a good social network for UW-SP students. Raabe said he has almost four years of dance experience in swing, salsa, tango, hustle and more.

“I always teach, whether in class or in the real world,” he said.

Amber Wuttke, the organization’s secretary and an instructor, has years of dance experience as well, from musicals, ballet intensives and dance classes.

Wuttke got involved in Any Swing Goes her freshman year. Now as a senior, she enjoys giving more students the opportunity to learn simple social dances for free.

Any Swing Goes is not limited to dance majors. Raabe is a psychology major, Wuttke a theater major and the diversity continues.

The people involved in this organization connect and learn from each other as they are learning things themselves.

No matter what the background or previous experience in dance Raabe said “People are connecting, while they’re learning.”

Raabe also encourages people to talk to new people and pair up newer dancers with more experienced ones.

“All in all, there seem to be many parallels between these two genres. I think true fans of these bands would find this reasonable.”

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“People get excited when they learn the steps,” said Wuttke.

Practices are at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the South Laird room of the DUC, and 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays in studio B of the Allen Center.

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The economy. It is always a key voting issue, but this election year, the need for a sea change in policy is more crucial than ever. Furthermore, it is essential that college students continue to have access to low interest loans as well as affordable tuition in order to have a skilled workforce to fill the high-tech jobs that will take our economy forward.

In the past four years, we have seen the results of deregulation on every kind of business. Today, it is essential that we begin to decide what interest rates can be charged on student loans. Thankfully, and in no small way this is a credit to those who made their voices heard on this issue the interest rates on student loans in Wisconsin hover around 6 percent.

Real world issues for young people include health insurance

After a summer of carefree fun, it’s time for the class of 2008 to get back to work. Or, at least, to start looking for work. But with hard economic times, many young people, even those who have been out of school for a while, are finding that getting a job is hard work.

Many often times on the minds of the young and seemingly invincible who are searching for employment is health insurance. Yet, no matter how important everything else may seem, there is no question that health insurance should be a top priority.

What actually happens after the excitement of graduation when young people include if many of them join the ranks of America’s uninsured. If you factor in medical debt before he or she even hits the workforce to fill the high-tech jobs that will take our economy forward.

Reducing the number of young uninsured Americans has become a priority in the halls of Congress, on the presidential campaign trail and in state legislatures. Over the past few years, a number of states have extended the age that dependents can remain on their parents’ health plans as a way to address this issue. At UnitedHealthcare’s Golden Rule Insurance Company, for example, we allow dependents to stay on their parents’ plans until they reach 26 years of age in all the markets we serve.

Another solution to address the gaps in coverage for recent graduates is short-term health insurance. Short-term health insurance offers one to six months of coverage, and can be a lower cost alternative for new graduates, as well as workers between jobs and seniors with just a few months before Medicare eligibility.

Short-term health insurance is designed to be an easily understood plan with a quick, simplified application process. There’s also the flexibility to drop the plan at any time without penalty, which is important when your life is in a period of transition and change. The reality today is that no one can afford to be without health insurance coverage, and there are choices in the marketplace. Certainly, the last thing a recent graduate with limited income needs is to be saddled with medical debt before he or she even has a chance to get on solid financial ground.

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Letters & Opinion

High Five: Steve does the crazy dance

A phenomenon that is called speed dating really made me realize the different types of people that are out there. Metrossexuals, freaks, geeks, just your all-around putzes and maybe one nice guy. I know after a while everyone I dated started to act the same, enjoy the same movies, even prefer the same positions in bed.

Speed dating is a great chance to meet new people in the area. Once in a while, there is even speed dating on campus. That’s a great idea. Speed dating on campus is a great solution to the monopoly. I find the deeper I get into my major, a lot of the guys are gay, which limits the chances of a quick slap and tickle.

I started finding the same types of people only because I was looking at all the same places. And because of the sticky places we have here in Point someone is less likely to find a soul mate in the nasty local haunts. What has me feeling so acrimonious? You want to know what really makes me this irate? What on earth could come of this conversation, including broad get-to-know-you questions, and vomit as much information about ourselves as we could. Is it realistic to make a decision on if I want to see him again? Will he even mark yes to me?

Oops. We do this all the time: on the square, in church, sleeping in class. They are called first impressions. Is speed dating really all that crazy?

I personally think it can be kinky. No, not Pam Anderson or even Ron Jeremy freaky. I love meeting someone new that sparks an interest and make up dirty fantasies in my mind. Who knows what could come of this night? Speed dating is a lot safer than bringing home some random from the bar. You aren’t even obligated to sleep with these guys. Score! Well, unless you want to...

Seriously, while on the dating scene, everyone should try this at least once. Or twice. You never know who will excite you down there. Who can pass up a chance to talk about themselves with someone who hopefully has no idea your last relationship involved something your mother doesn’t even want to know about? And just pray you don’t run into anything with him either. Well if you do, he doesn’t have to know.

Think of it this way: you can meet a bunch of new people for free or pay for six months of e-Harmony.

So watch out! The people over at the KC hall even said we did such a good job cleaning up after ourselves that we just can’t congest our security deposit back, but they said to come back anytime! Great job everybody!

You’ll have to excuse me this week, my dear friends. I’m afraid I’m in a bit of a mood. I had prepared to tell you all about the exciting things that happened to me in the past week, but I was still in KC hall... I’m up to it. I can’t talk about exciting things, but I’m looking forward to telling you all the White Sox are in the playoffs, not when I’m this tired up. All I can do is sit here with my angry music coming through my headphones. I don’t think you’ll want to listen to it. I’m listening to my N.W.A. I get pretty intense.

What has me feeling so acrimonious? You want to know what really makes me this irate? What on earth could come of this conversation, including broad get-to-know-you questions, and vomit as much information about ourselves as we could. Is it realistic to make a judgment call about someone I have just met for three minutes, let alone, talk about it to my friends? Or was I just in a terrible mood? I’ll tell you what mainly makes my blood boil!

Here I sit in the computer lab in the LRC as I do several times every week. I’m minding my own business, trying to tell all of you about my week and I just can’t get through it. There is crunching. Loud crunching.

Apparently the young lady two computers down can’t read the signs posted all over the lab saying that food and drink are not allowed. Or maybe she has the audacity to think that the signs don’t apply to her and her baby carrots. Well friend, I just can’t. I’ve got news for you. Produce doesn’t exempt you from the rules! And don’t try to tell me that I’m only hearing the sound of you “crunching numbers.” I thought of that joke already, but thanks to your incessant munching, I can’t even enjoy comedy gold such as that.

I bet this goes much farther than your bovine-esque smacking. I’m getting the distinct feeling that you’ve been sullying my world for some time now. This morning when I was crossing Portage Street, I bet you were the one driving in those trousers. I’ve tried to run over, weren’t you? You fiend!

I can’t even stand how evil you are with your crunching. I’m sorry friends, but the rudeness of this student has driven me to ignore you this week. I’m sure this one bad apple can’t spoil the whole bunch of students though. I’ll make it up to you next week. And as for you, my crunching nemesis, I hope you take the time to learn some manners.

Desperate? Maybe. Crazy? No!

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Your SGA: What’s happenin’

The University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point Student Government Association is gearing up for the 2008 presidential election in Nov.! SGA has been working hard to register every student on campus, which is the goal of SGA’s Get Out The Vote campaign. There will be plenty of opportunities to get registered as there will be people going around with clipboards, stopping by student organization meetings, and tabling in the DUC concourse up until Oct. 15, make a decision on if I want to see him again? Will he even mark yes to me?

On Friday, Oct. 3, there will be a large sustainability fair from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the DUC called “UW-SP - Purple, Gold and Green.” Event activities will include keynote speaker Chris Paine, director of “Who Killed the Electric Car?”, a mock “green room” display, compost TEA machine demonstrations, campus green tours, local vendors, free food and prizes (including a bike give-away) and much more! For more information, contact Eric Berg at erberg@wisc.edu.

To the Editor:

Thank you for featuring the article titled “General Education Proposal Draft Released” by Jacob Mathias in The Pointer (Sept. 25, 2008). The article is informative and well-written. I believe that a liberal education is a privilege and of utmost importance in the university of the early twenty-first century. To offer some perspective, I was an undergraduate at Ohio State in the early 1960s, earning a Bachelor of Science in music education. In addition to education and music, I studied general degree requirements in three areas – humanities, social science, and natural science. Thus I got to study philosophy, art history, English literature, zoology, astronomy, sociology and psychology. I learned critical thinking in my sociology and English composition classes. I feel that these subjects greatly added to my quality of education, and highly recommend a similar approach for the General Education Program at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

For example, music subjects that could add significantly to one’s education would include computer applications in music, music theory, music history and music performance. My daughter, Sulina, is a senior majoring in biology at UW-Madison. She has taken several music courses and enjoyed them immensely. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

-Georg H. Larrick, D.M.A.
UW-SP Retired Assistant Professor of Music
Rabble Rousers (Formerly "Resident's Evil")

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Roach Dustin Hauge

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For instance, I got the new bugs.

Simulator going on the simulator.

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This is the best job, ever.

Bryan Novak

NEVERLAND

Avoid, I try not and were making fun of your face.

Haven’t changed my hairstyle since my mom cut my hair around a halloween to the second grade. She did for six updates.

That’s great! The end of you.

Oh, and by the way... do you promised you should definitely give a.

Lo Shim

ROACH

I hate to be the one to say your cushion of comfort and ignorance, but-

-you people are being governed by lies and distraction!

Ooh, look a red herring!

Dustin Hauge

MADISON, MILWAUKEE, STOUT AND PLATTEVILLE have had this type of food service operation for quite some time. Stout and Platteville are closer to UW-SP in size and can be utilized by the administration as a model for UW-SP. This would also provide an opportunity for a consortium of buyers. If a self-operating food service were chosen, prices of the food for students would not change. Students would also account for 70 to 80 percent of the work hours each week.

“We aren’t profit driven,” said Birrenkott. At least breaking even or having a little bit of cushion for equipment and maintenance is ideal for the RFP committee. This option would also create a large amount of jobs available to UW-SP students.” UWSP would have to solicit proposals from various food companies to provide food service on campus to begin next August if the self-operating option is not chosen.

“The contract ends no matter what we do,” Birrenkott said. “It is lot of work either way.”

In the University of Wisconsin system, four other schools have a self-operating food service.

Without contracts with Chartwells, all food services would become internal.

“Nothing has been decided yet,” said assistant to the vice chancellor of student affairs, John Birrenkott and member of the RFP committee. Birrenkott predicts the decision should be made in the next couple weeks.

“If this is voted down again, it could cause economic havoc far worse than what happened on Monday. Nobody knows though what will happen,” said Miller.

On Wednesday night, the Senate voted 74-24 in favor of the bailout plan including additional incentives in hope that the House passes it on Friday.

Wisconsin Senator Herb Kohl voted in favor of the bailout.

“The bailout plan is far from perfect, but failure to act would be disastrous. We cannot allow this crisis to worsen and bring down the country’s economy and ordinary Americans whose jobs, savings, homes, college funds and the like are on the line,” said Kohl in a statement. “As we move forward, we must put stronger regulations and oversight in place so we avoid a similar crisis in the future.”

The other Wisconsin Senator, Russ Feingold, voted against the proposal.

“I will oppose the Wall Street bailout plan because though well-intentioned, and certainly much improved over the administration’s original proposal, it remains deeply flawed,” said Feingold in a statement. “It doesn’t do enough to address the root cause of the credit market collapse, namely the housing crisis. Taxpayers deserve a plan that puts their concerns ahead of those who got us into this mess.”

Students at UW-SP don’t always see eye-to-eye with the issues brought up and proposed by Congress.

“When the government is willing to rescue me from drowning in my student loan debt, that will be the day when I support a government bailout plan,” said Courtney Ryan, senior.
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Do celebrity endorsements affect how you vote?

"Yes, if I respect them and look up to them, then I will want to vote for who they support." – Kelly Erdman, Freshman, Undecided

"No, because I am not a lemming and can make up my own mind." – Andrew Letson, Junior, Political Science

"No, but I think it’s interesting what their opinions are." – Kristen Ross, Senior, Music Education

"They play a critical role in elections, because it gets students fired up and energized to get out the vote." – Zachary Vruwink, Junior, Political Science

"A celebrity will influence my vote as much as how hard I work will affect who I vote for." – Holly Ehrhardt, Senior, Public Administration

"I support Ron Paul." – Ham E. Sandwich, Sophomore, Wildlife Management

"Woof. The degradation of the political landscape into a battlefield of celebrity and hero worship only works to hurt and trivialize the integrity and ideals of democracy. Woof." – McKenzie Pointer, Live Mascot

"I’m afraid of Chuck Norris, therefore I heart Huckabee." – Courtney Ryan, Senior, International Studies