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MAC gets facelift while students away for summer

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Returning to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point this fall, you may have noticed that the Multi-Activity Center has a different color and look to it.

In fact, the whole MAC was renovated during the summer. From the lights to the walls to the brand new reception area, there are a whole lot of changes that occurred, even more so than just the new flooring.

"The only things still there are the walls and the climbing walls," said Fred Hebert, associate dean of the school of health, exercise science and athletics.

This MAC is a 54,000 square foot facility that houses a climbing wall, tennis courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts and an entire track and field set-up consisting most notably of a 200-meter track.

This facility was paid for originally by students and was opened in 1990. After 18 years of wear and tear, the netting was ripped and torn, the floor clicked when students ran across it as it was thinning and the basketball nets needed repairs.

UW-SP last hosted a national track



Photo by Becka Schuelke

Students try out the new \$1.3 million surface of the Multi-Activity Center that has been worked on since the academic year ended, last May.

championship in 2002 when the MAC was rather new, but this was not seen as possible any time soon without the renovations. With the new renovations, especially high-quality track surface, this is now seen as a feasible future goal.

"We do want to bring in a national indoor track and field championship," said Hebert. "This new surface

is the same surface as what was used in the Beijing Olympics. We're one of two places in the United States that has this surface."

Students may have noticed that some of the renovations have not been completely finished though. Due to some problems with the pole vaulting area's location and covering, changes have had to be made for

safety reasons.

Also, there have been concerns raised about the new flooring being made of four different types of surfaces in different areas for different uses. This has had an effect on what could be offered as far as intramurals and other activities in the MAC.

"[The new MAC flooring] has worked well for volleyball and for basketball, but due to some issues with the pole vaulting area indoor soccer had to be cancelled," said Ed Richmond, coordinator of Campus Activities and Recreation.

The MAC is not currently being used for any intramurals that go across the multiple surfaces of the new flooring, such as indoor soccer, but Richmond believes things will be fine when they do.

"There are still issues to be resolved but I think it has the potential to be a great facility," said Richmond.

Students have had a chance to experience most of the new MAC atmosphere.

"The MAC looks really nice," said Andrew Letson, senior. "The color scheme makes it look very professional and the new floor is great too."

The MAC will have its official opening ceremony and events in mid-November.

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WHERE THEY STAND 2008 Congress edition

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A lot of focus is often put on those running for president, but the president isn't the only elected official that can have an impact on our lives. For those voting in this area, there is a race for the District 7 House of Representatives between Dave Obey and Dan Mielke. Members of Congress are important as the new president cannot accomplish many of his or her campaign promises without the votes of these individuals.

Democrat Obey is the incumbent candidate and has served the Seventh District for the past 38 years. The issues on the table for Obey are many. He plans a lot of change for education, pushing for increases in financial aid, providing after-school programs for schools and ensuring teachers have adequate training and working environments. He also wants to improve healthcare in the U.S. by pushing for a Patient's Bill

of Rights to ensure that patients and doctors are given the say in medical situations. He also wants to fight against drug companies to make drugs more affordable for citizens.

The economy is an issue in the eyes of all Americans right now. Obey wants to protect worker pensions and investments from corporate corruptions. He wants to end tax breaks for corporations that fail to protect their workers from greed and abuse, cutting wages, benefits and jobs, especially in Wisconsin. He also was a supporter of the bailout bill after realizing something must be done on the matter.

"Sometimes in life, if we're responsible, we have to clean up not just the messes that we've created but the messes that others have created as well," said Obey in a statement after he voted 'yes' on the bailout. "This is one of those times. This package will not prevent a severe recession. We're going to see that. But it can buy us more

time to make more basic changes that will stand this country in good stead over the long haul."

Republican Mielke is the challenger in this district. He sees Obey being in office for the past 38 years as a major hindrance for the Seventh District. One of Mielke's main issues is that of energy. He proposes being as sustainable as possible, pushing for research on renewable energies and using those renewable sources that we already know of such as wind, solar, geothermal, hydrogen and others. He believes that many of our current problems stem from our constant competition for more oil.

He wants to fight adamantly to prevent businesses from leaving the United States to help the economy. He also wants to protect those jobs that are still in the U.S. by preventing illegal immigration. As far as the economic bailout, Mielke has made

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News

Students, landlords came together for SGA housing fair

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Students and landlords came together when the Student Government Association held its bi-annual Living Options Fair Oct. 20 in The Laird Room at the Dreyfus University Center.

Students who attended benefited by meeting potential landlords face to face, shopping around at different places and not wasting their time trying to contact place after place.

"Not only is it a benefit for landlords, it's a benefit for the students because it gives them a really good opportunity to come here and be able to compare prices and locations," said Bethany Mapes, SGA student life

issues director.

Among some of the students who took advantage of this unique event was Katrina Lockett.

"I've been off-campus for a while; it's nice to have this," said Lockett. "It's hard to look online; a lot of people's Web sites aren't always up-to-date with all their information, so this is a more direct way to talk to them."

Mark Korger has been renting to University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students for 26 years, and even graduated from UW-SP. He thinks the fair is a win-win situation.

"It brings landlords all together in a one-day affair, so students can at one time look at a lot of different options for their university stay," said Korger.

The reason the event has been so

successful is the convenience of it.

"It's centrally located, and you can actually talk to landlords instead of having to go online," said Lockett. "I got some good information, and I'm glad I came."

Another thing the fair provided that phone calls and emails do not, is face-to-face, personable greetings that could help create a more welcoming relationship.

"It's also a good opportunity to meet their landlords and make relations before they go ahead and move in," said Mapes. "I've always been a huge advocate of the fair because it is a great opportunity that students might not be able to do themselves on their own time."

There were over 30 different landlords that attended the event, so the options for students were vast and

diverse.

"Generally in years past we've been able to fill our houses just based on this one night. So we'll get enough appointments to basically fill up," said Korger.

SGA often works to provide students who are moving out for the first time essential information that could save them time, money and headaches.

"We'll give them [the students] information on what to be looking for; if they're looking for a house, making sure they are getting good deals and making sure they know their rights," said Mapes.

SGA can be contacted for more information on how to find off-campus housing or for tips on how to live off-campus by emailing sgaexecs@uwsp.edu.

Surprise! University Centers leaps over the hill (with cake)

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As the University Centers celebrates its fiftieth birthday next year, a planning committee is well underway to bring the campus a memorable celebration to take place March 23 to 28, 2009. Currently the committee has not released any information about the birthday festivities.

"I would hate to reveal anything too far in advance to ruin the excitement and generate some buzz around the activities. So, let's just say that there is lots of fun things and we are definitely geared towards students helping to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary," said Greg Diekroeger, the chair of the fiftieth anniversary committee.

Diekroeger, the assistant director of Campus Activities and Recreation, oversees many departments within the University Centers.

These include Centertainment Productions, Performing Arts Series, The Basement Brewhaus and any group, organization or department on campus that is interested in putting on any type of entertainment event.

All of these organizations will take part in the birthday events, and after the grand reopening festivities of last semester it is hard to know what to expect.

"While the grand reopening really focused on showcasing some of the new spaces or the renovated space in the building, we're definitely going to focus more on the history of the building and how we got to where we are the last 50 years," said Diekroeger.

The grand reopening committee considered combining the two celebrations, but Diekroeger said the students on the committee felt strongly about having two separate occasions because of the different significance of each.

"We wanted to have separate events because a birthday is something to celebrate all year, and the grand reopening series of events is for when a building first opens," said

Emily Groves, student member of the grand reopening committee.

This is a special moment to many who have been a part of the University Centers environment as student, faculty and administration over the past fifty years.

"Fifty years of anything is a mile-



Photo by Justin Glodowski

The glass UW-SP logo remains in the University Center despite being in part of the building that was destroyed. It remains a symbol of its great history.

stone and I know a lot of the academic departments celebrate their anniversaries as they should because of today's constant changing landscape of higher education," said Diekroeger. "We've been able to provide excellent services to students for the past 50 years and still remain relevant to their overall education at the university, [which] is significant. So we need to celebrate that."

The Centers, as described by Diekroeger, is a place you can do things you can't do anywhere on campus.

There are places to eat, learn about health-related issues, be entertained, get messy, sweaty and loud.

Groves said she is looking forward to eating birthday cake.

"I would assume if it's a birthday there would be cake," said Groves.



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Habitat house pushes for energy efficiency in Point

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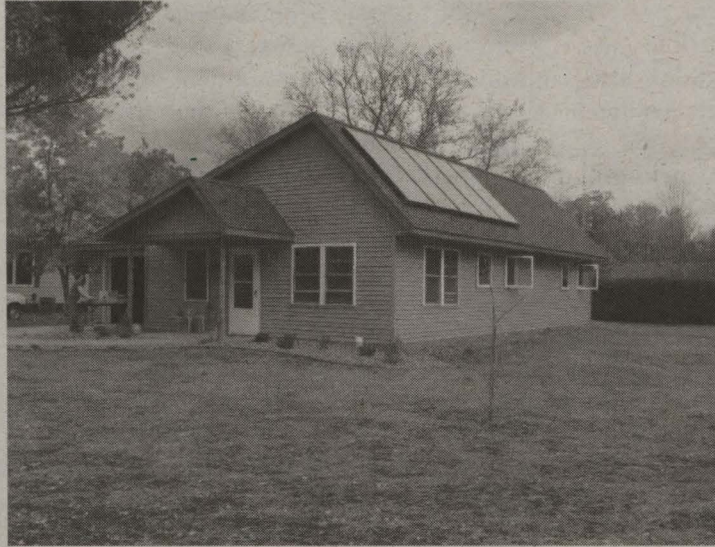
This past Friday Oct. 17, students from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point helped to dedicate the first ever energy efficient Habitat for Humanity home in Portage County.

The Public Relations Student Society of America organized this dedication for the Portage County Habitat for Humanity to celebrate their going "green." This is the nineteenth Habitat house built in Portage County.

"It's always a big deal when we move a family into their new home, but this one was especially nice because of the 'green' elements involved," said Rhonda Sprague, associate professor of communication and representative of Habitat for Humanity of Portage County.

This energy-efficient home consisted of many components. The

home was built with double-thick walls and the attic was insulated twice for retaining heat in the winter. Solar-



powered heat and hot water systems were also installed. Radiant floor heating and a backup high efficiency furnace were also installed.

These energy-saving components could not have been done without large financial contributions.

"We received a very large grant from Delta Dental to make it possible to include the solar equipment, otherwise the cost for our partner family's mortgage would have been far

too high," said Sprague.

Students from UW-SP were often seen on the building site, lending a helping hand.

"During the build, we had students volunteering almost every week," said Sprague. "Our most consistent involvement came from students in two positive psychology classes, but we received help from a lot of student groups in addition to those classes."

Students that took part in the building of this house were touched by the experience.

"Being able to be a part of working on the house was a great experience, knowing that I was helping a family make their dream of owning a home come true," said Megan Gramse, student volunteer.

For those looking to help out with future projects, make donations or if you know a family that may need the help of Habitat for Humanity, call 715-345-2726 or visit the Web site at centralwisconsinhabitat.org.

Photo courtesy of Emily Groves

The new energy-efficient Habitat for Humanity home takes in some rays through its brand new solar panels on Friday Oct. 17 during the dedication ceremony put on by the Public Relations Student Society of America.

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many statements about it, expressing his concerns with the bill and the situation that the economy is in.

"What we are seeing is the result of Congress messing with the free market. In the '90s there was a huge

push to help people to buy their own homes. Congress partnered with Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae to remove those hurdles that prevented people from getting loans," said Mielke on his website in response to the bailout proposal. "Today Congress is faced with trying to undo what they themselves caused. Fannie

Mae and Freddie Mac were led astray by Congress and we, the taxpayers, will suffer for it."

However you vote in the coming

weeks, remember that every vote on the ballot makes a difference towards the way the country will function.

Brain Damage

47 percent of new UW-SP freshmen are first-generation college students.

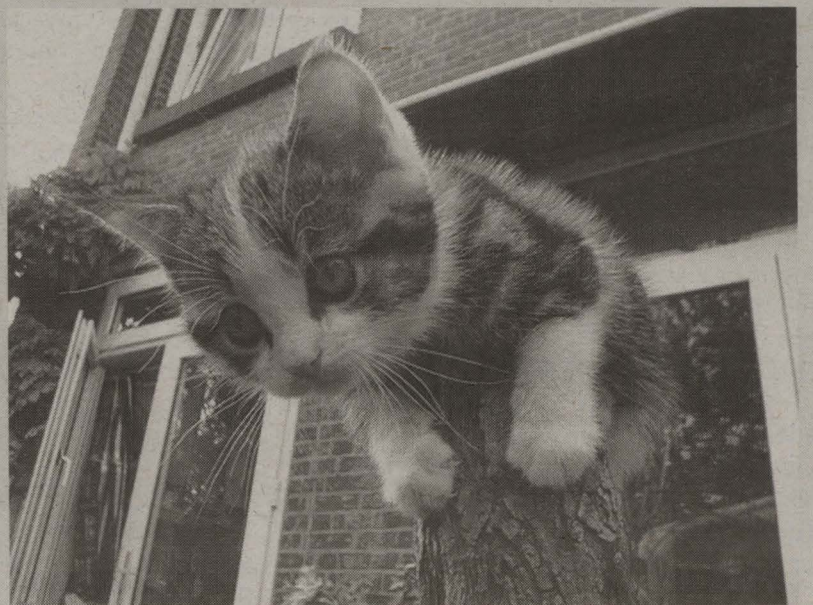
75 percent of new UW-SP freshmen attend college because they want to make a difference in the world.

The first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.

The peanut is neither a pea, nor a nut. Discuss amongst yourselves.

Armadillos, opossums and sloths spend about 80% of their lives sleeping.

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Pointlife

Phi Sigma Chi changes perceptions of Greek life

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"Toga! Toga! Toga!" That's what you'd expect to hear at a frat house. Well, you'll be surprised to learn that is hardly the case with Phi Sigma Chi.

"I was concerned with the stigma of fraternities when I joined. Right from the start, my apprehensions were dispelled. As a member, I have met some of the best friends I have within the fraternity. I truly feel honored to call fellow members my brothers," said Rob Berrones, a senior at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point.

Despite all the negative press that fraternities get, Phi Sigma Chi prides itself on high academic standards. Their fraternity has the second-highest grade point average for on-campus fraternities. They also participate in various philanthropic ventures. Sigma Chi is a close-knit social organization with members that are best friends with each other. This semester they are also sponsoring a responsible alcohol seminar for Inter-Greek Council. This event will also be open to the public, as they feel consuming alcohol responsibly is a campus-wide priority, not just a Greek priority.

Although it is oftentimes a belief that a fraternity is matched up, currently Phi Sigma Chi does not have a sister sorority.

"We do feel it is important to maintain good relationships with all other Greeks, and this semester we are actively trying to coordinate social events with other Greeks on campus," Berrones said.

This is helped summarily by The Inter-Greek Council, which interacts with each respective sorority and fraternity by having a meeting every Tuesday. IGC aims to unify the Greek community on campus with ongoing social activities to help members of each organization succeed.

Volunteer opportunities abound, with Phi Sigma Chi participation in: the Salvation Army, United Way Make-a-Difference Day, Adopt-a-Highway, Special Olympics Polar Plunge and Operation Bootstrap. This year, Phi Sigma Chi expanded their volunteer reach by including themselves in the Empty Bowls program. Currently, Sigma Chi is planning a food drive slated for the holidays. Organizations are in need of supplies due to the economy, and how better to show how thankful they are than by giving back.

"It has made me a better person and a more active member of the community. I've had a blast," said

Ryan Polenski, a junior at UW-SP.

The organization finds that brotherhood is the foundation of Phi Sigma Chi. They firmly believe that the relationships formed within the organization lay the groundwork for relationships for the rest of their lives. Their members are held to the highest standards. Philanthropic and volunteer works are mandatory. Academics are key, and they provide tutoring and support for every member.

Closed initiation meetings are always looked at with some secrecy and bewilderment from outsiders. Sigma Chi holds initiation meetings in high esteem as they create and recognize accomplishment and a sense of belonging. The initiations let members, both new and old, feel a sense of exclusivity and camaraderie. It solidifies the bonds of brotherhood.

Sigma Chi acknowledges there is one thing that separates them from other fraternities, and that is diversity. Their fraternity encompasses wildlife management, web and digital media, soils, political science, business majors and athletes. This is one of their best assets, as they believe it is not what you know, it is who you know. You learn what you know from who you know.

The organization does not point to celebrities as examples of achievement as they are the only local fraternity on campus. This means they have absolute control over finances and day-to-day operations. Their dues are a fraction of national fraternities. They were the first student organization on campus.

Originally starting as Phi Lambda Phi, a literary fraternity, through the years they have been recognized as Phi Sigma Epsilon and Phi Sigma Kappa. On Nov. 8, 1998, the organization split from the national chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa to form Phi Sigma Chi. Therefore, Homecoming coincided with their 10-year anniversary. In celebration of this momentous event, Phi Sigma Chi created a Homecoming float that was in the Homecoming parade the morning of Saturday, Oct. 11. Sigma Chi also sponsored the All-Greek Social that transpired Homecoming week. They also held an alumni meeting and reunion on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008.

Those interested in acquiring rush information for Phi Sigma Chi, contact Jason Mann via e-mail, jmann734@uwsp.edu.

Planes, trains and automobiles ... perhaps not

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When John Coletta was looking to set down roots in Stevens Point with his family, money wasn't the only factor. The great debate was settling down on an open country plot or on a confined city block. When it came time to make the decision, distance mattered most. In order to eliminate the need for two cars, Coletta and his family settled in town. The car hasn't seen much daily use since.

For 18 years, Professor John Coletta has been riding his bike to work. On days that he feels like getting more exercise, he exercises his right to walk. But he isn't alone. A recent study of staff at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point shows that staff members are above the national and local average for the number of people commuting to work by bicycle or walking, further extending the tradition of keeping green in Stevens Point.

"My wife and I briefly entertained living out in the country. We realized it made no ecological sense; it makes even less sense once you have kids," said Coletta.

The recently released study by

Policy and Planning shows that 25 percent of UW-SP staffers ride their bike or walk to work compared with 8 percent of people from around Portage County. A total of 72 percent of employees have a commute distance of 10 miles or less, 26 percent of who are within two miles of campus, so it seems those within walking distance tend to do so. The one-in-four UW-SP faculty and staff members that walk or bike to work puts them miles ahead of the national average, which is 1-in-25 Americans. The average American has 1.1 cars right now, as well.

"I don't want to pay to work," said Coletta. "If I drove my car I'd have to pay; my wife and I only have one car between the two of us."

Of those who don't walk or bike, only 5 percent carpool and 67 percent drive alone to work. No one reported taking public transportation to work. Of polled individuals, 42 percent of employees said they would be likely to use public busing if a route was readily available to them. The lack of accessibility to public transportation could be a reason so many people rely on cars to get not only around town, but across the state.

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When Amanda Buffington's friends go out to the bars on the weekends, the junior at University Wisconsin-Stevens Point sometimes feels a bit unsocial.

"Most of my friends are over 21 and they'll go to the bars while I sit home... all alone," the Brewhaus employee said. "They all go out and the temptation to go out is so great, and have fun with your friends."

Many students at UW-SP contemplate the same question Buffington considers, and there is talk about changing the drinking age back to 18.

"It wouldn't affect me because I made that personal choice not to drink, but some people say, 'OK, let's legalize it, because then it would make it less fun,' a Community Advisor who wishes to remain anonymous at Knutzen Hall said.

Buffington understands the peer pressures that go into drinking, as well, and most students at one point or another get that universal college feeling.

"I get mocked by my friends, and I'm 20 for not going

to the bars, it's horrible people will do almost anything to get into bars," said Buffington.

The CA believes that the drinking age should stay the way it is because if students become intoxicated they are more likely to be disrespectful and disruptive, especially around the halls.

"At the beginning of the school year it's a lot worse than during finals, because people are studying more. The first few weeks of school are rough," said the CA.

Sarah Bisbee, a floor receptionist at Neale Hall disagrees with the CA from Knutzen.

"It would be a lot less hassle. It seems like everyone is working so hard to keep the law at 21, but really it's not that much of an effort to change it," said Bisbee.

Buffington understands both sides, and respects the law remaining in effect, but would also consent in some respects that the drinking age should be lowered.

"If you're 18 and old enough

to go to war and die for your country, why can't you have a drink?" said Buffington. "People do abuse their right to being able to drink. Some people get so sloshed."

Bisbee thinks that if a person is underage, they are going to drink, whether or not it's legal.

"Students are going to do it anyway, so it may as well be legal. It's not going to stop them," said Bisbee.

Although the drinking age is a unanimous concern, binge drinking sometimes is overlooked by the general population as a problem with college students.

"People now do more binge drinking from the 18 to 21-year-old age because there are house parties everywhere," said Buffington. "You're never going to be able to stop underage drinking, especially in a college town."

The CA from Knutzen agrees that this type of activity isn't just unhealthy, but could potentially be life-threatening.

"It makes me mad sometimes

because it's like you have someone pass out in the bathroom and you call protective services, but [the student receives] no ticket," the CA said.

All CA's are supposed to document all disruptive behavior. Even if they smell alcohol on a student, it is supposed to be documented. Then the hall director looks it over and decides if the student should take a class or face other consequences.

If the law does change from 21 to 18, there will be definite differences around all college campuses, forcing administrations everywhere to adapt new rules.

"I think if that happens it will be just an excess of [drinking] especially in the residence halls. This is an academic setting and it always plays that role. I think [the law] is fine the way it is," said the CA.

Compared to other countries, America has some of the most strict laws related drinking.

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"There used to be a Greyhound bus that came through here for a half a century, now it's not here anymore," said Coletta. "If I have to take my wife with brain cancer down to the hospital in Madison, I can't take public transportation."

UW-Stevens Point has a long-standing reputation for being ahead of the curve when it comes to going green. UW-SP's residence halls are powered 53 percent by green energy and have become models of energy efficiency for the rest of the UW system. This is no secret, and staff mem-

bers know it when they come here and many come to contribute.

"We have an environmental tradition; some faculty come here with that in mind," said Coletta.

The statistics aren't mind-boggling though. 75 percent of staff members still drive to work. In a community where being environmentally conscious has recently been put to the forefront with its eco-municipality designation, the statistics are a promising start.

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Science & Outdoors

Buffers, wetlands and internships, oh my!

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Eleven years ago in Wisconsin, the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Conservation Reserve Program was in need of assistance in its direction. It was during this time that Pheasants Forever stepped in and proposed a partnership with the NRCS to develop an internship program that would allow students to assist landowners in improving their CRP lands. This partnership was quickly established and has been very successful in revitalizing and improving the CRP.

The NRCS is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that works with landowners, individuals and local governments to help them with voluntary conservation efforts. The CRP was established in 1985 and encourages farmers to voluntarily implement conservation techniques

on their land.

Wisconsin is the only state that offers this partner internship between the NRCS and Pheasants Forever.

The interns were brought in to maintain contact through letters, phone calls and farm visits to assist landowners in creating productive lands. The interns work in various county offices throughout the state of Wisconsin, mentored by soil and district conservationists. Interns help farmers with establishing buffers, turning farmland into wetlands and planting native trees and plants on their once-farmed lands.

Organizations, such as the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, provide funding for this program, which Pheasants Forever matches. WLWCA receives about \$2,000 through a grant for the internship from Senator Herb Kohl. Pheasants Forever matches those funds, which gives the student intern a \$4,000 scholarship if they work the required 500 hours at their

field office.

In order for a student to be considered for a Pheasants Forever/NRCS internship, he must be a natural resources major. Majors that have previously been accepted into the program include soil science, wildlife management and land use planning, although any natural resources or even agriculture major is accepted for the internship. The application and interview process is through WLWCA.

"Often schools offer class credits for this internship if the students write a paper or create a project of some sort about their experience," Jeff Gaska, president of Wisconsin Pheasants Forever said.

After the classroom ends and the students graduate into the working world, they often find very successful careers due to their experience with the NRCS and Pheasants Forever.

"Two of the district conservationists working for the NRCS were past

interns," says Gaska. "Often times, Pheasants Forever will hire past interns because they have experience working with our organization. It's a win-win for both the students and Pheasants Forever."

Derek Schmitt, a soil and land management major at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, is one of the three interns that participated in last summer's internship. He has been able to set up and start a CRP mid-management project and has done field checks following the 2008 flood season that left many landowners with flooded fields.

"This internship," Schmitt said, "has given me the field practice and real-world knowledge that is a must-have on my road to achievement in my future goals."

For more information on the Pheasants Forever/NRCS internship in Wisconsin, contact Gaska at 920-927-3579.

Disc golf courses feeling the sting of vandalism around area

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Disc golfers beware when reaching the sixteenth basket at Yulga Disc Golf Course. Vandals have struck the course once again, this time spray painting the basket to the dismay of local disc golf enthusiasts looking to go home without spray paint on their discs. This is the latest in a long history of vandalism to local courses, according to Ian Goldberg, faculty advisor for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Disc Golf Club.

According to Goldberg, signs and baskets have been vandalized with writing. Several sign posts have been broken or ripped out of the ground. Boulders and trees have been tagged with spray paint. Bottles have been broken on tee pads and against baskets, and trash cans have been overturned.

Vandalism has been wreaking havoc for workers trying to maintain the courses for good play at all three of the local courses, Mead, Yulga and Standing Rocks.

Local disc golf enthusiast Randy Schukar takes care of much of the maintenance on the three courses but it's not the broken signs or tee pads that bother him most, it's the litter.

"Litter on the course is really out of hand," said Schukar. "So many people have no ethic about dropping trash as soon as they are done with it. I think that this is a common problem throughout society. I see so much trash all over, not just the disc golf course."

Beyond random acts of vandalism and littering, thefts have also been a problem for the three courses. Signs from the Standing Rocks parking lot and tee pads have been reported stolen. Baskets have also been stolen

from Yulga and Standing Rocks.

Over the summer, the basket on the thirteenth hole went missing at Standing Rocks. Replacing a new basket costs about \$500 with an anchor, a huge cost considering baskets, tee pads and signs are all paid for by local disc golfers.

"We work hard to raise the money, and when something like the thefts and destruction occur, we have to replace those items rather than focusing on building new holes," said Goldberg.

This is true even at Standing Rocks, which is a pay course, Goldberg explained. The fees the county collects are not used to buy hardware for the course. But why take the time and the effort to steal a basket from your local course anyway?

"With the thieving a contributing factor is that there is a market for used baskets, plus the chance that they are being sold as scrap," said Goldberg.

With the disc golf season coming to a close soon, golfers and community members are encouraged to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity on the courses to prevent anything else from happening. With the items that have been stolen, all area disc golfers should keep an eye out for any used baskets appearing in someone's yard.

"We do permanently mark all of the baskets, so we can tell which ones are ours after a quick inspection," said Goldberg.

The Stevens Point Area Flying Disc Association has announced a reward for information on the stolen baskets. Anyone witnessing vandalism or theft is encouraged to contact the police immediately. Schukar still has hope that there are still more moral players than deviant ones.

"I've tried to instill a sense of

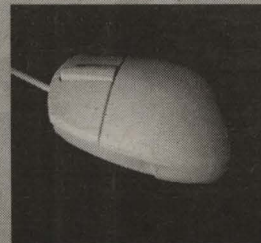
pride and ownership in the players who help to build and maintain the courses so that they have a

stake in it all and hopefully they will help to watch out for deviant behavior," said Schukar.

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Science & Outdoors

Nature's color changers: a visual phenomena during fall

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Michael Hughes, a senior environmental education major, dressed as a scarecrow to teach about the color change in leaves.

"How do leaves change color? Why don't we go discover; let's find out," Hughes said.

On Oct. 16, about 30 people went for a half mile walk in the Schmeeckle Nature Reserve to learn about how and why the leaves change colors. Hughes, the guide on the walk, began by telling two myths about the color changing of leaves.

The first was that the older Native Americans would tell a story about the spirit hunters in the sky, who killed the great bear. The bear's blood spattered and made the red leaves. The hunters then cooked the bear in a pot and his fat splattered out of the pot and made the yellow leaves.

The second was the myth of Jack Frost, in which Frost would fly around the trees, freezing the leaves so he could paint them all sorts of reds, yellows and oranges.

On this walk, the people discovered that the change is due to



Photo by Sam Krezinski

Schmeeckle Reserve displays vivid fall colors on Saturday, Oct. 16.

different things depending on the different colors of the leaves.

For the yellow, orange and brown leaves, as the weather changes and it gets colder outside, the trees produce less chlorophyll, which is what makes the leaves green during the warm months. Carotenoids color the yellow, orange and brown leaves. These carotenoids are always there, just hidden by the chlorophyll.

The red leaves are produced in the fall by the trees. The red color is produced to stop bugs from eating them, and the red protects the trees from the sun, helping the tree to sustain nutrients.

Paul Frater, a senior environmental education major, went along on the walk. He said, "[These types of programs are] great for the community, great for students to come out see what they have here at Schmeeckle Reserve."

Frater had recently done a walk on a different topic. He felt that leading these types of programs is a good experience for himself and his colleagues. It allows them to get a real world feel for what their future may bring.

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Natasha Siegel and Brad Shucha shot four raccoons, including a 31-pound rare solid black raccoon in Oconto Falls, Wis. on Oct. 18, 2008.

Correction: In last week's article, "UW-SP SAF returns from conclave victorious," the First Annual Lake States Forestry Games and Quiz Bowl was hosted by UW-SP, not the University of Minnesota. Mike Schreiber of the student chapter of SAF organized it and the University of Minnesota attended. Also, Adam LaSalle did not supply his own chainsaw for the Stihl Collegiate Challenge.



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Sports

Athletic training students lend a helping hand

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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students have had internships with the Colorado Rockies, Minnesota Vikings, Green Bay Packers, Rockettes,

and more.

These were athletic training students.

There are only 32 students accepted into the program each year because it is an accredited program, though there are roughly 90 pre-Athletic Training majors on campus.

Students who want to be in the

athletic training program have to do prerequisite courses and there is a certain sequence they have to take in order to apply to the program. They apply then and hope they are one of only 10 to 12 students who are accepted per year.

Once the student is in, it's a 3-year program that consists of courses approved by accreditation. They also go through a clinical rotation where they work 10-20 hours a week under the supervision of a certified athletic trainer.

Lynzi Zettler, a sophomore in the program said, "There is a great connection between all of the students and faculty because we are a small program. We are like a family. Everyone is there for everyone. There is no competition we are all trying to help everyone be the best they can be."

Athletic Training graduates from UW-SP have gone on to work for Penn State, the Minnesota Vikings, Green Bay Packers, among others. They have gone to work in Arizona, Manhattan or even stayed within Central Wisconsin.

Holly Schmies, the Athletic Training Program Director said, "We have had 100 percent placement of our graduates in athletic training related positions in the last 5 years. ...The way an athletic trainer looks at their job is, it's not necessarily the prestige of the job, it's really taking ownership in your patients and wanting to get them better."

The athletic training program here on campus doesn't just help student athletes. The main portion of the people they help may be student-athletes but there are also morning



Photo by Becka Schuelke

Nicole Stashek, first year athletic trainer, practices wrapping an ankle.

hours for students and staff to go in and get evaluated and set up a program for the athletic training students to help them too.

Schmies said, "They [people studying to be athletic trainers] have passions for 2 things: one being in health care and helping people and the other being involved in the active lifestyle of the athlete."

Elizabeth Mattson, a senior in the AT program, said, "I think it's really important for people to be aware of what an athletic trainer is and the difference between one and a personal trainer. We are capable of doing so much more than making up a work out plan. We're really there for prevention, assessment and care of an injury, and rehabilitation, which most people don't know."



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Student Lauren Mulder hydrates the football team.

Pointer Women's hockey looking to get back to the top

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The Pointer women's hockey team is heading into this season with one goal in mind; make it back to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Women's Hockey Tournament. The Pointers

missed a bid to the national tournament after finishing the season 22-3-2 and third place in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association O'Brien Cup Tournament. Head coach and Pointer alumni Ann Ninnemann is returning for her third season as Pointers head coach and is eager to get out on the ice.

"We just missed the national tournament last year for the first time

in four years, that hurt a lot," said Ninnemann. "We are looking forward to being back in the national tournament and getting back to the top."

The head coaches in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association women's hockey division have picked the Pointers to finish second this year in conference. University of Wisconsin-Superior, the team that won the O'Brien Cup and advanced to the

Division III Frozen Four last year, is picked to finish first. Last year the Pointers were defeated twice by Superior and Coach Ninnemann did not seem surprised when Superior received the top ranking.

"They got some D-1 transfers and some good recruits so they will be

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Sports

Pointer men's hockey faces-off this weekend

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With an influx of freshman that look truly promising and a solid base of experienced players, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's hockey team is set to begin their season this Saturday, Oct. 25 at K.B. Willett arena.

The Pointers lost few seniors last year and among new players, picked up fourth-round draft pick Travis Erstad during the offseason.

"All our freshmen have a chance to have an affect. Jon Madden, Luke Nesper and Harrison Niemann, as well as Travis (Erstad), all those forwards can be impact players," Nichol said about the influx of new players who all hold extensive hockey experience.

All four of the newcomers donning a Pointer jersey this season hover above six foot. They will offer an

offensive depth that the team could use in their quest for top-Northern Collegiate Hockey Association standings.

Key returnees for the team include twelve seniors, including Brett Beckfeld who scored 12 points last year. Goalie Thomas Speer returns after playing in 23 games and earning a 92 percent save average.

There are numerous up-and-comers in the ranks that are predicted to roll off the bench this year.

"There are some guys that, because of injury, or what have you, didn't see as much ice time last year who are really pushing this year to play," he said. "I think that's good, it's healthy. I think competition breeds success."

This season one Pointer team goal is to create a family-like bond on the team. Nichol encourages putting personal goals aside for the good of the team and is adamant that only the players who are willing to adhere to this belief wear the purple and gold.

"I want that brotherhood among

my guys- last year it was a little more challenging because I was new and this year, the culture is already formed and created and the guys are doing a lot of it all on their own already," he said. "There's no gray area with that."

During his first season with the Pointers, Nichol helped UW-Stevens Point earn a 14-9-4 overall record in the 2007-2008 season. He said this year will be a big one for the team.

"We have a ways to go yet- it's only the beginning of the second season, but we're obviously, as a staff, happy where things are headed," he said and admitted the team came into the season this fall in great physical shape.

"Our expectations are fairly simple; our guys are going to go to class, do well academically and their going to be good citizens in this community and they'll play their hearts out on the ice," said Nichol.

The season-opener takes place Saturday at 7:30 p.m. against Northland College.

Become an honorary Pointer

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The lucky number seven will be absent on the ice this season and for as long as Wil Nichol coaches the UW-Stevens Point hockey team.

According to Nichol, fans of the Pointers will have the chance to purchase game-like jerseys for \$20 at home games during the season. They will feature the number seven, with text reading "The Seventh Man" on the back. In other words, it is an opportunity to be a part of the team.

No player will be allowed to wear the designated number this year to honor the fans and their unending support of the team.

"Our fans give us a huge on-ice advantage," said Nichol.

New techniques prepare dance team for competition

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point dance team is hard at work this year with a fresh approach to teaching technique and routines in order to prepare for competition.

The dance team has already performed at two football games this year and plan on performing at an additional two. Along with football, they perform at both men's and women's basketball games.

Other than being a member of the UWSP Athletic Entertainment, the dance team works hard all year in hopes of doing well at multiple dance

competitions.

The first competition, in December, is the Raider Classic. The UWSP dance team has taken first place in the Raider Classic for the past five years and is working hard to keep that streak going.

"Stevens Point is a really respected dance team," said team captain, Kimberly Bauknecht.

The other competition, in February, is the Collegiate National Championship, in which UWSP has taken first place in the pom division for the past six years.

"We're trying to keep up our title as far as pom," said Bauknecht.

The team also performs at the high school level state competition in order to recruit dancers to UWSP.

In order to do well at these competitions this year, the dance team is trying new techniques and teaching styles in order to better the team as a whole. They are focusing on fundamentals and dance technique to better improve their routines.

"We're doing a lot more basic dance things," said Bauknecht, "We're taking a different path to get there." Focusing on technique and then routine will help better their team and routine as a whole.

"It's a slower learning process than we usually take," said team captain Aimee Westerbeke.

The team is also keeping their

practices and routines fresh by adding new routines and dances.

The team's varies between 5 different pom routines all set to different music. Their jazz step routine is choreographed to the song "I'm the Only One" by Melissa Etheridge.

Along with their own routines and competitions, the team does workshops with local school dance teams.

"We get together with Stevens Point area teams and do a showoff before the Raider Classic," said Westerbeke. "The younger girls really look up to this team."

Senior on the Spot

Tyler Florczak - Football

Name: Tyler Florczak**Major:** Communication**Hometown:** Chetek, WI**Do you have any nicknames?** Wu, T-Flo, Flow-zo**What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?** Forcing a fumble on kick-off in my first homecoming game as a freshman.**What is your most embarrassing sports moment?** Tackling my own guy Kasey Morgan when he was returning a kick when he probably would have scored**Have any gameday rituals or superstitions?** Always listen to a Youngbuck song right before gametime, write the same thing on my my wrist before the game**Who is your sports hero?** Jerry Rice/Deion Sanders/Walter Payton**What is your sport philosophy?** Respect All Fear None

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JW-SP Pom and Dance Team at the Homecoming parade.

Arts & Culture

The crime of the century comes to Stevens Point

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"Never the Sinner," a dynamic play about the complexity of crime and the individuals who commit it, left not a single empty seat this weekend in the Noel Fine Arts Center's Studio Theatre.

The play's writer, John Logan, explored the many dimensions of the human psyche, set against the backdrop of the Chicago as an emerging industrial power in the 1920s. Logan is known for penning screenplays that delve into crime from an atypical vantage point such as "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street."

Students Alex Sabin and Thomas Bevan played the leading roles with finesse, but five other actors that comprised this production conveyed the depth and range of Logan's characters with professional fluidity as well, oftentimes donning multiple roles.

Peter Hargaten, for instance, seamlessly played a reporter, psychologist, sergeant, bailiff and butler. Meagan Wells played a reporter, Loeb's girlfriend and a psychologist. Eric Harper played a reporter and a psychologist.



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Alex Sabin and Thomas Bevan play infamous criminals Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb.

A significant portion of the play was a courtroom enactment. The attorneys Clarence Darrow and Robert Crowe, played by James Roland and Thomas Bevan respectively, created a spellbinding tension from exploring the intricacies and consequences of the murderer's intelligence.

An underlying theme throughout the play was the issue of morality. The

criminals had theorized they were "ubermenschen," or supermen, and above the rules that bind the rest of mankind. They justified committing murder on this basis, because, as they told the courtroom, they could.

But defining the two main characters by this irreverence would be a mistake. In reality, the boys, as their defense attorney Darrow repeatedly referred to them, were one-dimensional enough for such categorizations.

Though both Loeb and Leopold referred often to their families, it was with each other they showed the most

affection. In fact, they had a pact in which Loeb, in exchange for a partner in crime, was Leopold's partner in bed. By the end of the film though, when Leopold stated if they were to be separated in prison he would rather be hanged, the feelings were undoubtedly mutual.

In the end it was also clear, when they realized they would not be let off the hook as easily as they had previously thought, they had fallen from their self-prescribed greatness. This became especially evident when Loeb asked Leopold, "We're not ubermenschen anymore, are we?"

"I really didn't know what it was about," said University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student Lynnea Chelmo. "The acting was really good, but it was really sad, kind of depressing."

The ending was, to others, fittingly realistic, with the two criminals sentenced to life in jail and then some. But in light of their senseless crime, the sentence was light, perhaps due to Darrow and his compassionate philosophy, "Hate the sin, but never the sinner."

Filled with morbid humor and characters that wove a strong, thought-provoking plot with their performance, the show was indisputably a success.

"The acting, tech and design were all excellent," student Arne Parrott said. "It was a thought-provoking, well-honed, clearly well-rehearsed, well-oiled machine."

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Sustainability takes root at the harvest dinner

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The second annual Harvest Dinner, sponsored by the Sustainable Agriculture in Communities Society, brought students, faculty and farmers from the Stevens Point area together on Sunday, Oct. 19.

SACS is a student organization dedicated to teaching UW-SP students to experience, explore, share and learn about issues relating to sustainable agriculture and community development.

The SACS-organized Harvest Dinner celebrated local farmers practicing organic and sustainable growing practices on their farms.

The dinner started with opening remarks by the founder of SACS, Ross Cohen.

"It definitely changed my life being a part of this," said Cohen.

The meal consisted of dishes all made from locally grown ingredients from local farms, including Whitefeather Farm, Stoney Acres Farm, Maplewood Gardens, Moondance Meadows, Malek Farms,

Gourmet's Delight and Bice's Quality Critter Ranch.

The menu included root vegetable stew, vegan butternut squash soup, mashed potatoes and rutabagas with garlic, fall salad with cider vinegar and honey mustard dressing, multiple breads and stuffed mushrooms. A dish of roasted fall vegetables was also served, coaxing one to play the game, "guess which root this is."

Between dinner and a dessert of pumpkin pie, carrot cake and apple cranberry crisp, area farmers spoke on sustainable agriculture and eating locally.

Mark Anderson, of Sunny Sky Farms, spoke about his farm, which is ending its thirteenth growing season. Anderson practices community supported agriculture and provides his food to local buyers.

"If I've taught a few people some things about farming ... that's a wonderful thing," said Anderson. He was also the winner of this year's SACS-iest farmer.

Tony Miller, of Whitefeather Farm also shared advice and experience about sustainable farming.

"If you want to be a farmer, get out into the field and do it," said

Arts & Culture

Mitch Hedberg is gosh

Steve Apfel
COLUMNIST

When comedian Mitch Hedberg died on March 29, 2005, the comedy world lost one of its most promising and talented stars. At the time of his death Hedberg's distinctive speech pattern and hip brand of one liners were represented by only two CDs and a handful of television appearances and small movie roles. However, that output was posthumously increased slightly on Sept. 9, 2008, with the release of "Do You Believe In Gosh?"

Recorded two months before Hedberg's death at the Improv in Ontario, California, "Do You Believe In Gosh?" contains material the St. Paul native had been working on for a new album. The work in progress status of some of the jokes is evidenced

not necessarily by the jokes themselves but by Hedberg's alerting such material. Hedberg's style was based on seemingly random thoughts and one liners anyway, so these incomplete jokes might not have even been noticed otherwise. Each joke, finished or not, comes off as pure comedy gold.

The packaging of this album compounds its value. Included in the liner notes are an introduction by Hedberg's widow, handwritten joke ideas and personal photographs of the comedian. Coming into comedy at the age of 32, Hedberg likely had much more material stored inside his brilliant drug addled mind.

"Do You Believe in Gosh?" is one of the best comedy album's I've heard in quite some time, easily on par with Mitch Hedberg's other two albums. Priced at an extremely reasonable \$12.95 it is worth every penny.

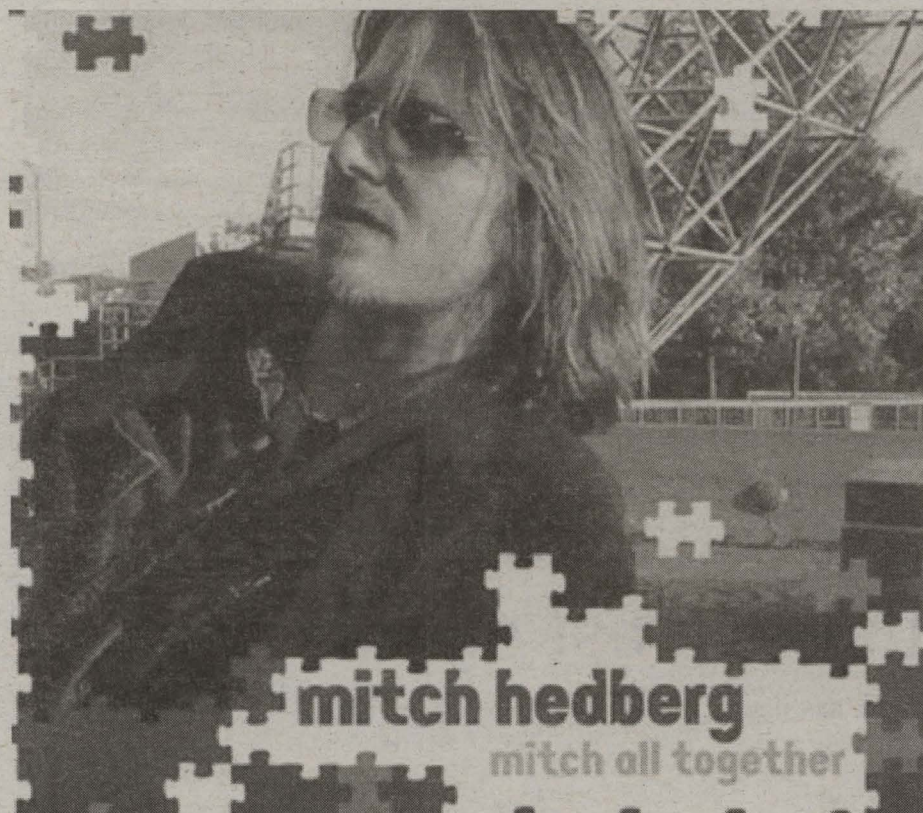


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"W." – Stone's sympathetic picture of Bush, Jr.

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Oliver Stone's latest movie, "W.," portrays the life and presidency of George W. Bush, the president with the lowest approval rating in history and the leader of the nation affected most by 9/11.

Stone, whose previous works have included "JFK," "Platoon," and "Born on the Fourth of July," is considered by many as a film-maker with a liberal agenda.

In his latest picture, viewers find themselves looking for a blatant meaning to the film, posing the question, what is Stone trying to tell us?

"W." begins and ends in a baseball stadium, a figurative field of dreams empty except for one fan who sneaked through an unguarded entrance. In the prologue, the fan thrusts his arms skyward, basking in imaginary cheers. In the finale, he chases a fly ball that disappears beyond light poles into darkness. An error is inevitable. The fan's bewildered and scared expression leads the viewer to the impression that he'd rather be anywhere else than here.

The fan, of course, is George W. Bush, played by Josh Brolin, and the political symbolism has the classic touch of Oliver Stone.

The film focuses mainly on Bush's dealing with the aftereffects of 9/11. Stone uses flashbacks that show his frat-boy nature, including growing attraction to alcohol and resistance to steady employment, which is all shadowed by an uneasy lifelong tension between "W." and his father, played by James Cromwell.

After he becomes a born-again Evangelical at the age of 40, Bush

helps his father campaign to win the 1988 election, propelling him into the world of politics. Four years later, after witnessing a psychologically defeated Bush senior lose the 1992 election, Bush, Jr. acquires a recurring trait.

Throughout the film, Stone continuously focuses on this tendency to retaliate. When Bush is confronted, he reacts with force. However, this internal drive combined with the skill of Brolin connects Bush with the audience.

The accelerators are that of Bush's inner circle. Oilman Dick Cheney, played by Richard Dreyfuss, is committed to invading Iraq to steal its precious petroleum and to create an undefeatable military empire spanning the entirety of the Middle East and Central Asia.

Scott Glenn as Donald Rumsfeld is also spot-on, as well as Jeffrey Wright, who does an excellent job of portraying Colin Powell's inner conflict during the lead-up to the Iraq War.

Wright played the good soldier in public despite his doubts about international support for a pre-emptive war and the lack of a clear exit strategy. However, Josh Brolin's performance is nothing short of remarkable, with the added difficulty of saying more than half of his lines with his mouth full.

"W." isn't a Stone movie that attempts to brainwash an audience; it's a way to make the audience understand him better than when they walked in. Like it or not, Bush is leaving the stage, but his policies and actions are going to stick around for a long time. The movie makes you think about how he got there, who he is, and where we're going.

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Miller.

Dave Peterson of Maplewood Gardens, who grows \$45,000 worth of food on just two acres, was the last to speak that evening. Peterson shared his thoughts and wisdom of sustainable farming and feeding the world.

"Do anything it takes to get the project done," said Peterson. "I've only just begun to learn to feed the people and save the planet," concluded Peterson.

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Letters

to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am sending this letter about an incident that happened to me recently, and I think something needs to be done about it. My house was fined \$47 for having our garbage can out on a Friday, and then fined \$32 for having our garbage out on a Monday as well. These were put into effect so the city can look aesthetically pleasing.

In plain English, this means the government that was elected to help all citizens is basically stealing money from those less fortunate, like students, for very petty things. I think the city needs to worry about more important issues than, "is some-

one's garbage out on the wrong day" instead of fining them a ridiculous sum of money without warning. I honestly don't see the importance in this ordinance, and also the need to fine a very high amount of money to the citizens.

This, in my opinion, is kicking students or other citizens when they're already down. \$79 to me is about a month of food, and so thanks to the city of Stevens Point, I am now that much more in credit card debt. I think this could quite possibly be one of the most absurd ways that a person's hard-earned money could be stolen from them. I fear the money that was stolen from my wallet, which

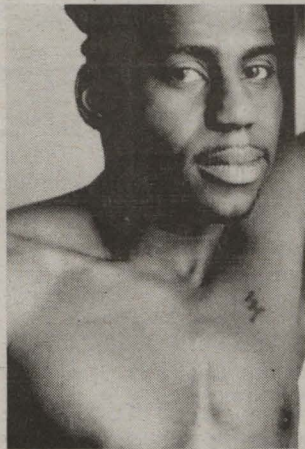
would have gone to my basic necessities to live, will go to our government officials so they can purchase a new luxurious SUV or help contribute to their new fancy pool project.

I really hope something will be done about this inconsequential and meaningless ordinance, so officials can make some cash on the side, while those who really need the money are cheated by the one institution that is supposed to protect and prevent monarchist-type laws coming into affect and hurting citizens.

Sincerely,
A concerned student



Kinky as kinky could be



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as foreplay. Oftentimes when you talk to someone about what he/she likes to do in bed, those "bizarre" things they enjoy might not really be considered kinky. For example, someone once told me that he liked feet, spanking and wearing women's undergarments; but when another person stated that they liked armpits, bondage, shaved pubic areas and food-sex, the first guy was so disgusted that he called him an "armpit sniffin,' tie-me-down-and-shave-me, food-wasting, freaky S.O.B."

Needless to say I would not mark either of these guys down as a "yes" on my speed-dating card. Not because they werenotattractive and successful men, but just for the fact that I do not think that I would enjoy any of that.

What does this mean? Generally, what is considered "kinky" will change over time. Think about it; there was a time when oral sex was considered to be as kinky as kinky could be. But today, it is a common

sex practice that many people enjoy on a regular basis. At the same time, there are kinks that even the kinkiest of people just can't wrap their perverted minds around.

So, the next time that you and your newly-found other half are getting all hot and bothered and they ask you to do something that you consider to be taboo or kinky, you might want to realize that this one "kinky sex act" could possibly end up being a social norm.

P.S. If you are going to be sexually active, remember: no glove, no love.

Everybody is kinky.

This is my opinion as a sexually active male, and since this is my column, I'm allowed to state my opinions for the world to read - but come to think of it, sex advice columnists have been stating this fact for years, and have been writing about socially-taboo, kinky sexual acts for as long as I can remember.

I am going to forgo pointing to the scientific studies that have been conducted over long periods of time and involving many thousands of people. Instead I will refer to my own sex life and the sex lives of some of my closest friends. No, you do not get to read about all of the details. However, I don't mind sharing with you some of the things my friends and I have encountered throughout our many years of dating men/women who have enthusiastically suggested some pretty outrageous things.

The word "kink" is a very subjective word. What I consider kink, Kevin (random name) might regard

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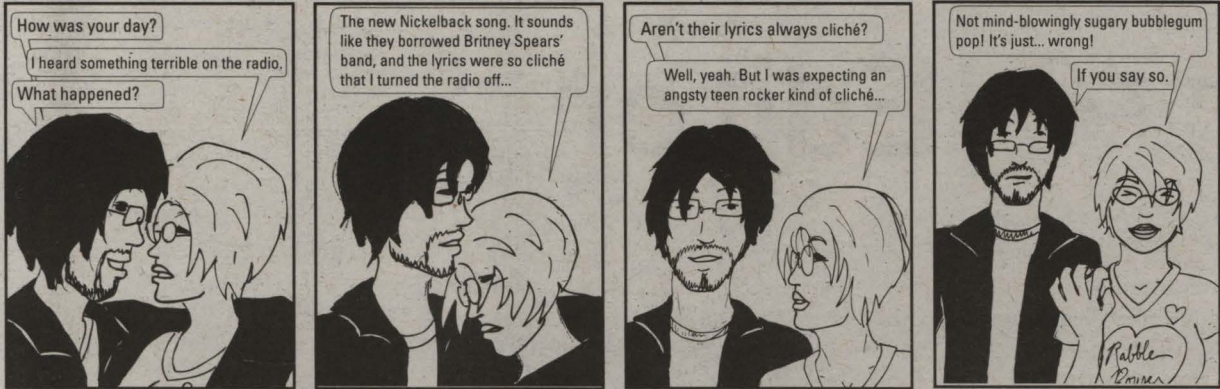
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Joy Ratchman

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tough," said Ninnemann. Coach Ninnemann prepared for this season over the summer by trying to develop herself as a coach to keep her team from falling short of their goal. To help matters, she also brought in a group of freshmen she described as hard-working. "It's important to bring some new kids in that fit into your program," said Ninnemann. "I think we have a good group of freshmen who are very hard-working and willing to accept constructive criticism."

Coach Ninnemann will look to the team's five returning seniors to lead the team in the right direction this year. That includes team captain Trish Piskula. Piskula says she'll try to lead by example in order to keep the team on track.

"I just try to keep everybody motivated and make sure everyone is working hard and on the same page," said Piskula. "Everything for the good of the team."

Much of the Pointers' scoring power returns this season in the form of four-out-of-the-five top scorers that will return to the ice. The Pointers will find solidity and strength in returning forward Nicole Grossman who was named first team RBK Hockey Division III All-American last season for the third consecutive year. Grossman set a school record last year with a total of 10 power play goals.

"I expect her to make an impact but everyone should do their part. There isn't one person we rely on to win games," said Ninnemann.

According to Ninnemann, the Pointers are strong up front and in the goal with four goalies ready to compete. The inexperience of the defense could pose a problem for the Pointers this year.

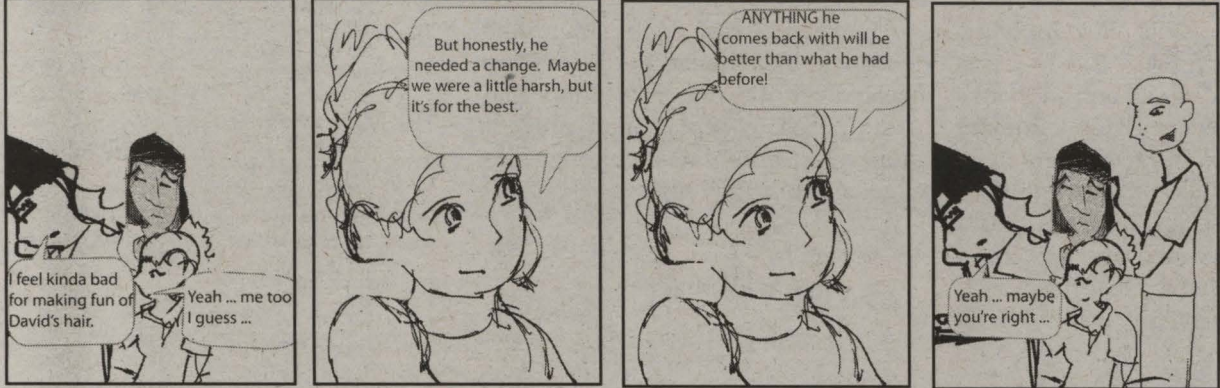
"We have a senior, a junior and a sophomore returning, but we are young on defense," said Ninnemann.

The Pointer team will see their first action this Saturday, Oct. 25 in the Purple and Gold inter-team scrimmage at 8 p.m. in the Ice Hawks Arena. Coach Ninnemann said the scrimmage helps with conditioning and helps the team get a feel for the different systems they've worked on in practice.

"We are going to learn a lot from ourselves," said Ninnemann. "We will videotape it and break that down and hopefully learn a lot of lessons from it."

The team officially begins the regular season Nov. 8 in a non-conference match-up against St. Olaf. The game will also take place at the Ice Hawks Arena at 8 p.m.

Neverland



Lo Shim

Where I Come From



Bryan Novak

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Dustin Hauge

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Some countries don't even have a minimum age to partake in an alcoholic beverage.

"In Germany, you get to drink at [16], and they are less likely to become drunk. They handle their alcohol better. They make better decisions when they're drunk," said Buffington.

Buffington also noted that if students want to drink badly enough. They will find fake I.D. cards and get into bars using their fake I.D.

"People who are ambitious to drink underage right now have fake I.D.s, and they're pulling out some very good ones," said Buffington.

The CA knows the inevitability of students becoming intoxicated. She advises students to be conscientious, because these actions can affect more than just the student.

"Just be responsible. It makes it hard in residence halls, because it's mostly us dealing with it personally, and it makes it hard as well to confront a friend of yours," said the CA.

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Steve Apfel
COLUMNIST

High Five: With a little help from my friends

friend. I ask that you not send flowers, but that all of your contributions go right to Parking Services. They were the most familiar with the Golf of anyone on campus. In fact, if we were all to pay a lump sum in a check made out to Parking Services, I'm guessing we could make a big dent in fees accumulated by the Golf in parking tickets. Once the tickets are paid, the healing can begin.

I can't say I've had to grieve all alone, though, because you, my friends, have been there for me 100 percent this week. I'd like to thank whoever left the basket of fresh muffins in front of our favorite parking meter in Lot V. That was above and beyond nice, and once I fought the squirrels and birds off the basket, there were still a few crumbs left for me to enjoy. I'd appreciate you coming forward so I can thank you properly. You may e-mail me if you'd like to protect your identity. Perhaps we can get together and bake some delightful treats for a bake sale to benefit the Golf Replacement Fund!

I've also received no less than six offers from various students asking me if I'd just like to room with them for awhile to eliminate my need to commute every day. Couches and pull-out beds have been offered to me, as have carpools and bicycles. You're really all too kind, but even without his trusted automobile sidekick, a man still has his pride. As great as the Golf was, it's not like I'm David Hasselhoff now forced to face the world without K.I.T.T. I can still walk this Earth and hum my theme

song to myself.

I'm sure you've noticed the dropping price at the pumps lately, and while I'd love to take credit for this gift, I'm afraid it just wouldn't be right of me. The world economic crisis is probably technically the reason for the dropping price, but a little part of me likes to think that it is a present from the governments of the world to me. They made my last days with the Golf just a little more enjoyable by putting a few more dollars in my pocket. Just like those hilarious Burger King commercials with the reverse pickpocketing! Except I wouldn't be upset at such an act unless the money I was receiving was stolen. Then I'd feel terrible and want to find the rightful owner and reimburse them. But I digress.

I'd also like to thank my parents who have been just wonderful during this trying ordeal. The ultra-stylish green minivan you may have seen me tooling around in this week is their ride. They've graciously allowed me to borrow their sweet machine in my time of need. My education is very important to them as I'm sure it is to all of you.

My daily commutes won't be the same without my little German auto friend. Sure it was a little noisy and a little rusty. Yes, the radio didn't work and the headlights were a little dimmer than one would hope for. These things were just part of the charm, and I'm sure it is these very things you will miss just as I will. See you next week, friends.

SGA update: New legislation

SGA has recently passed two new pieces of legislation, the Native American Religious Acts Statute and the approval of Safe Zone training on campus.

The Native American Religious Acts Statute supports the right of Native American students living in the residence halls to practice smudging, a Native American ritual, in their residence hall rooms. Smudging is a Native American tradition that cleanses and rids an area of "evil spirits." It involves the burning of different herbs for sacred purposes.

Safe Zone training, which designates "safe zones" around campus with a rainbow-colored, triangular symbol, will be available for all campus staff. Students who are feeling threatened and/or harassed due to gender, race or sexual orientation can enter these designated "safe zones" to talk to the trained staff members in order to receive comfort and support.

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