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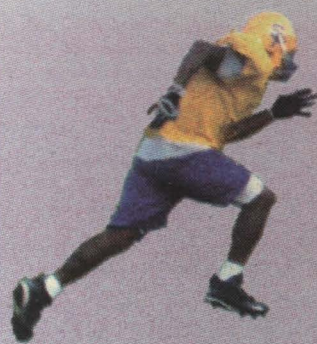
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McKenzie becomes bone-a-fide Pointer!

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Move over Stephanie and Stevie Pointer, there is a new dog in town, her name is McKenzie. McKenzie is the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's first live mascot. McKenzie, an English Pointer, was adopted by the Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, Rob Manzke.

McKenzie came to be at UW-SP after a very tumultuous journey.

"We adopted McKenzie in early July and she's been a wonderful addition to our family"

- Manzke

This journey began in Kentucky where she was left at a humane society by owners who did not have enough time to care for a very high-energy English Pointer. Kentucky humane societies euthanize any dog if there is no one interested in it after a certain amount of time.

McKenzie was nearing that time limit.

The Pointers from Oz organization rescued McKenzie from an early end. This organization, according to their Web site, "takes in Pointers from shelters if they are not adopted by their euthanasia date [and] gets them ready for



Courtesy of Rob Manzke

McKenzie spends her spare time away from campus, lounging around the home.

adoption, and adopts them as family pets."

With encouragement and enthusiasm from his wife, chil-

dren and especially Chancellor Bunnell, Manzke adopted McKenzie from Pointers from Oz.

"The chancellor has always wanted an English Pointer as a live mascot for UW-SP. The biggest obstacle was the ongoing care and housing for the dog. I made the offer to

perament," said Manzke. "My family was looking for dogs that were similar to Pointers in regard to size, temperament and build. We adopted McKenzie in early July and she's been a wonderful addition to our family."

With McKenzie as the new live mascot of UW-SP, she will be all around campus visiting students and attending events. Manzke plans to take McKenzie to the residence halls to get her used to being around a lot of people.

"She'll begin to make appearances at sporting events, although it will take time for her to feel comfortable in large groups. As a breed, English Pointers tend to be on the shyer side," said Manzke "There will be opportunities in the future for students to get involved with her activities. We're still working out the details, but I expect that you'll be hearing more about it soon."

McKenzie made her first public appearance as the UW-SP mascot at her introduction by Chancellor Bunnell at the Freshman Picnic on Labor Day.

Got involvement?

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The Student Involvement and Employment Office will be putting on the annual Involvement Fair this Thursday, Sept. 11 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Dreyfus University Center. The Involvement Fair currently has 120 registered organizations setting up booths for the event.

In addition to student organizations, several non-profit groups such as the Central Wisconsin Habitat for Humanity will also be present promoting their membership.

The Involvement Fair is a great tool for new and old students alike searching for any type of involvement opportunity on campus, especially since a large majority of the student organizations will be present.

Organizations for careers and academics, communication, fine arts, Greek organizations, honoraries, multi-cultural, recreation and sports clubs, residence halls and special interest groups will be

available for browsing by the student body.

So, why get involved with organizations while attending the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point anyway?

According to Susan LeBow, the Assistant Director of SIEO, "Anybody that goes to college intends to leave with a degree, but becoming involved in student organizations and extracurricular activities helps set you apart from the rest of the field when searching for a job."

Also, it's no secret that joining a student organization or club is a great way to meet individuals with similar interests, and of course, have a lot of fun as well.

Organizations this year are encouraged to be creative and follow the "It's a jungle out there" theme to help attract attention to their booths. The group that best presents this theme will be winning an ice cream cake, courtesy of SIEO.

For more information on the Involvement Fair or student organizations, contact SIEO at 346-2174 or stop by the SIEO office in room 050E in the DUC.

the chancellor that my family would be able to adopt a Pointer if we could find one that was the right tem-



Photo by Katie Leb

Students rummaging for books as text rental begins for the fall semester.

Students not the only new faces on campus

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point draws in students from all across the United States and internationally, as well. Students aren't the only ones getting used to a new atmosphere, as faculty across the

campus have been found joining the UW-SP community this fall.

Among these new professors is Dr. Meghan Buckley. Dr. Buckley is an assistant professor of soils in the natural resources department. Dr. Buckley received her bachelor degrees in agronomy and international agriculture

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News

CAMPUS
BEATTRUE ACCOUNTS
FROM UW-SP'S
FINEST CAMPUS
SECURITY OFFICERS

Parking Lot P

September 5, 2008 12:29 a.m.

Type: PUBLIC INTOXICATION

Male student observed urinating on a trash can. The student was heavily intoxicated.

Dreyfus University Center

September 5, 2008 2:50 a.m.

Type: PUBLIC INTOXICATION

Female seen walking with cup. When asked, she admitted to drinking and having had a previous cup as well.

Learning Resource Center

September 5, 2008 3:38 p.m.

Type: THEFT

Student reported their laptop stolen while in the library.

Learning Resource Center

September 5, 2008 3:38 p.m.

Type: VANDALISM

Student reported her vehicle had been keyed and had food tossed upon it.

Brain Damage

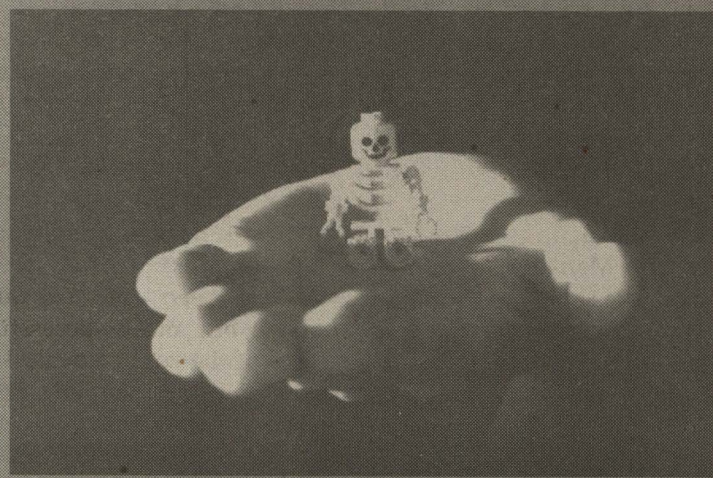
James Garfield, 20th President of the United States was ambidextrous and multilingual. He could write Latin with one hand while writing in Greek with the other.

Honey is the only food that doesn't spoil. Honey was even found in ancient tombs in Egypt and it was still edible.

The hyoid bone is a bone located in the neck and the only bone in the human body not attached to any other bones.

The shortest war in history took place between the United Kingdom and Zanzibar on August 27, 1896 and lasted less than 40 minutes.

The Ford Pinto was first introduced on this date in 1970.



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from Iowa State University. She went on to receive her master's degree in agronomy from Kansas State University. She also received her doctorate in soil science from Kansas State.

Dr. Buckley specializes in water's movement through soil. She currently teaches natural resources 373 and soils 364. She will be teaching soils 364 and 461 next spring.

The Science Department sees a new face this year with the arrival of Ismaila Odogba. Odogba received his bache-

lor's degree from Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria. He received his master's degree from Clemson University in South Carolina.

He is waiting to defend his doctoral thesis in October. Odogba specializes in land use and is currently teaching geography 113 - world regional geography and geography introduction to urban and regional planning. When not at the university, Odogba enjoys Scrabble and field hockey.

The Education Department also welcomes a new energetic instructor to their faculty. Herr received

her bachelor's degree in psychology from Whitewater. She went on to earn her master's degree in educational psychology from Indiana University. She is currently working on her dissertation.

Along with her education, Herr has taught at the elementary level in the Indianapolis School District. She is currently teaching education 381 - educational psychology and education 400 - seminar on teaching for intern teachers.

"The students have been pretty amazing so far," said Herr when commenting on her new experience at UW-SP.

Illegal downloading costs plenty

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Rolling out of bed in the morning and logging on the computer to get some tunes has never been so difficult. Students across the nation are feeling the crackdown of the Recording Industry Association of America on widespread file sharing and illegal music downloading from Web sites and programs all over the Internet.

This is not some incident that is occurring only at seemingly distant campuses and really large campuses but is even affecting the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. Last year fourteen UW-SP students were sued by the RIAA and most of them wound up paying at least \$5,000 for their crime. One student was even brought to student conduct which can issue punishments up to and including expulsion. It is easier than ever for the RIAA to catch students on campuses.

"Our I[nternet] P[rotocol] range consists of so many users on one small area. The RIAA can easily focus in on our campus and most college campuses," stated Colleen Andrews, who is working on preventing students from facing these large penalties.

The RIAA mostly uses the software of LimeWire to catch students downloading

or sharing files. According to LimeWire's website, "LimeWire is a fast, easy-to-use file sharing program that contains no spyware, adware

Government Association to promote free and legal ways of downloading music. They have even begun instituting a program that helps students to

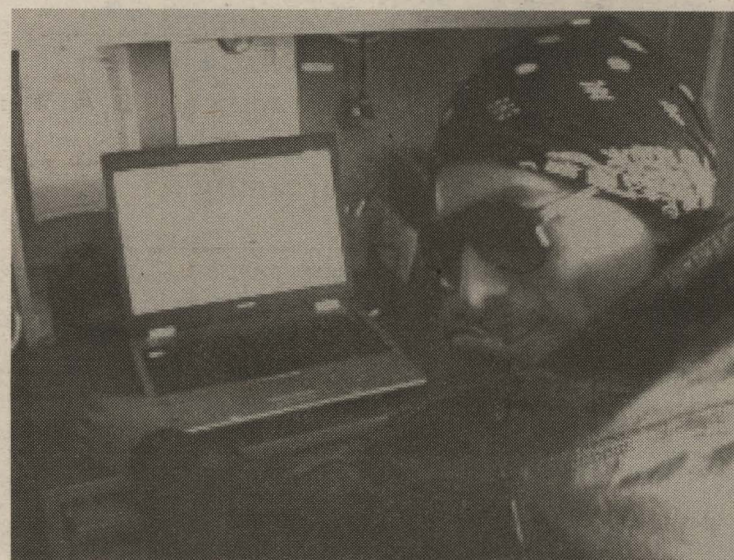


Photo by Becka Schuelke

Anonymous student caught downloading from LimeWire.

or other bundled software," it does not include anywhere the dangers that could occur when sharing music and other files.

"It is definitely a fact that the RIAA uses LimeWire to catch students," says Andrews. "We can't even block LimeWire from being used on campus."

Andrews is working with students and administration around campus to encourage students not to use programs like LimeWire. She has spoken at orientation and teamed up with the Residence Hall Association and Student

identify file-sharing programs when they first log onto the campus network in the residence halls.

In the past year, Andrews has begun promoting the free music downloading service, Ruckus. This is aimed specifically at college students only. All you need is your ".edu" e-mail and you have access to Ruckus' over 3 million songs. Ruckus has had abundant success with hundreds of campuses signing up for their services. Over 3,000 students at UW-SP have signed up with Ruckus already.

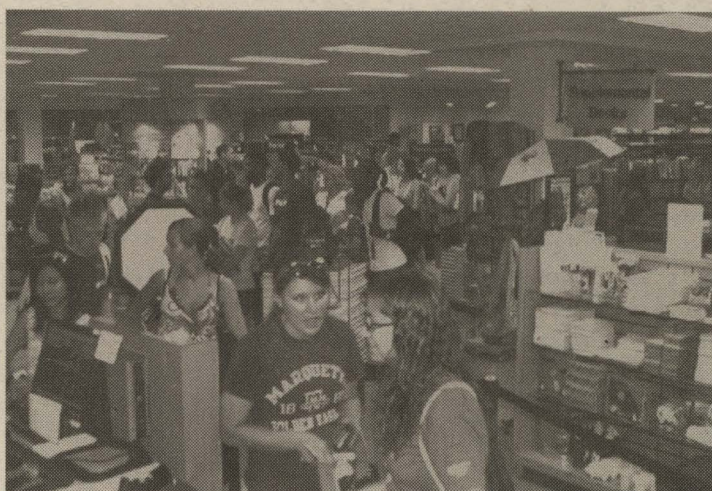


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Welcome Back
Students!

-The Pointer Staff

Campus: intimidating or comfortable?

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Depending on where you come from, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus strikes you differently. It is either bigger or smaller than your hometown, it's a confusing maze of buildings that seem to go on forever or it's simply a few blocks of academic buildings added to a few more blocks of residential living.

Jessica Kruse, a freshman living in Watson Hall is a shy girl, but willing to step out of her shell and experience new things. She came to UW-SP because she liked the campus, even though she was intimidated by having to find her way around. To her, the campus overall is a comfortable, community place that remind-

ed her to some extent of high school. She also said that the staff of Watson Hall has greatly helped her get acquainted with the campus and feel more comfortable.

Ariel Novak, another freshman living in Watson Hall, is a confident and ambitious girl. She came to UW-SP to play hockey. She also feels comfortable on campus even though it is much bigger than her hometown in Minnesota. Novak says that UW-SP feels like home with the stars at night, and that there is always

something to do. This busy girl said she hasn't even had time to be homesick yet with

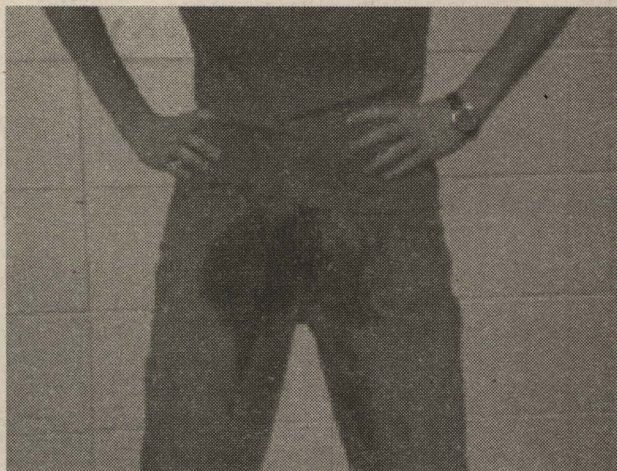


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Knowing about the resources UW-SP has can make for a much better warming experience.

everything UW-SP offers.

A junior, Heidi Orchard, works with freshmen on campus through the Freshmen Interest Group, or FIG,

Program. As a FIG Academic Resource Coordinator in Watson Hall, Orchard has her own unique view of the freshmen. A former FIG participant herself, Orchard works with freshmen in her respective residence hall, helping them to make a smooth transition to college through making friends, teaching study habits, helping around campus, etc. This year, her second year as a FIG ARC, Orchard has observed many changes in her group of 15 girls. When these girls joined the FIG a week ago, many of them were

shy and unsure of what to expect from this new experience we all call "college," but now "they are chatty" said Orchard.

As a freshman, Orchard was a very shy girl that opened up and became more confident with the help of the Hansen Hall FIG. She feels the program helps reduce hesitance in getting involved and build confidence. After having her own experience as a FIG participant, Orchard took on the role of a FIG ARC to help others, just as her FIG ARC helped her. When asked about her own FIG students, Orchard replied, "Seeing how excited they are makes me just as excited... Their energy makes me excited!"

So, maybe the UW-SP campus can be a little scary, even a little intimidating, but everywhere you look there are resources to make it a comfortable and homey environment.

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(next to Piny Sims)

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Students return with a friendly greeting from UW-Credit Union

C. William Perkins
ALUMNI CONTRIBUTOR

Random weather fluctuations gave their best effort but failed to keep UW-Credit Union from giving away as much coffee, pizza, ice cream, cookies and coupons as students could carry. From about 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every day last week, staff set up their tables on the front lawn, across from the fire station and in sight of the Noel Fine Arts Center. This is a way to welcome back University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students to their first week of classes.

On some days employees were burning in the sun, others the wind almost carried away their tent, and even on Thursday, Sept. 4, with cold drizzle they still managed to draw students for a few minutes to chat. Help came in from other branches to carry the load and financial specialists took turns sitting down with students to discuss their options.

Their main purpose, as Branch Manager Matthew Kovalaske said, was "to build awareness, to be a resource to the campus. We're the UW-Credit Union. UW students and faculty are the reason we exist. For 76 years, all our pro-

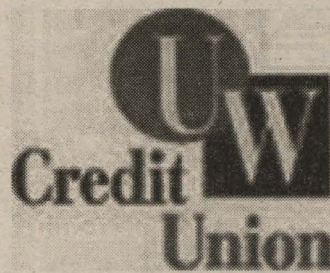
grams from loans and credit cards to checking accounts are designed to benefit them. You just can't get the same services from a bank."

Area vendors were a huge contributor, providing popular two-for-one coupons for anything from Noodles dinners to Point Brewery tours. When Topper's brought pizza, students grabbed two or three slices. They snatched containers of Cold Stone ice cream for their friends. Refills on Starbucks or Emy J's were limitless, as were Perkins mini-muffins. The popular drawings for a Nintendo DS Lite or a Noodles tasting for eight will be announced within the week.

"We just wanted to give new students a taste of the town," said Kati Rowe, a teller at UW-Credit Union and also a fellow Pointer. "You didn't have to sign up for anything."

Most students stopped through only briefly, grabbing some coffee to survive class or some snacks over lunch. Then they were gone. But others stayed to talk, attracted by Dive Point Scuba's kayak rentals or Sam's Club discounted memberships. Some students even took the opportunity to open accounts.

"It's been one of our busiest but most successful weeks of the year," Kovalaske said, "and the semester's just begun."



Pointlife

Year begins at the Strength Center and starts with an overwhelming amount of new members

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The first week of school brought many new and old students into the Strength Center to take advantage of the regularly offered free membership.

"The first week is always pretty busy, but attendance has jumped from last year," said Chad Gregory, head of the Strength Center. Gregory

attributes this to the new, sharp-looking Strength Center that draws a large contrast to

what it was a year ago. To those of you who can recall, at the beginning of last year the

Strength Center was located in the middle of the Quandt Gymnasium, not necessarily a bad environment, but none-

theless insufficient. This year's Strength Center offers a renovated room, with

hour for admittance. If you would like to have a look at the Strength Center for yourself, it is located in room 038 of the HEC. Gregory also suggests that the best

"The first week is always pretty busy, but attendance has jumped from last year."

-Gregory

new equipment that is only a semester old, and seven brand new plasma televisions.

Along with the new renovations, the Strength Center is also going to new lengths to boost membership. Interested students can stop at the Strength Center booth in the Health Enhancement Center and receive a free t-shirt for signing up. The focus is also on the female population of students. Ladies' Night will feature a free workout for any ladies wishing to try out the new equipment, and Ladies' Hour will only cost \$1 an

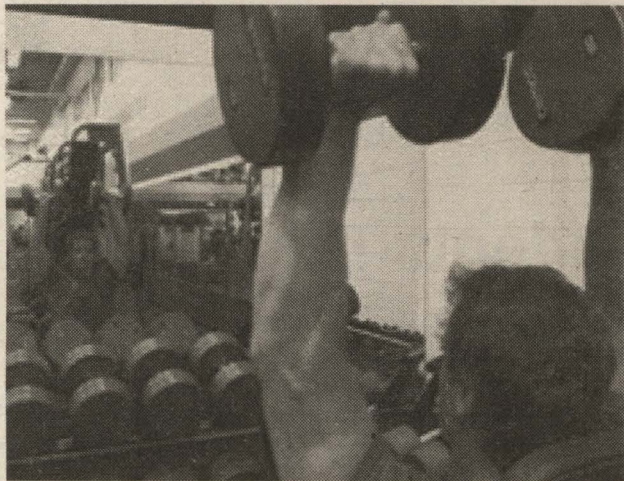


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Muscle your way through the semester with a visit to the strength center today.

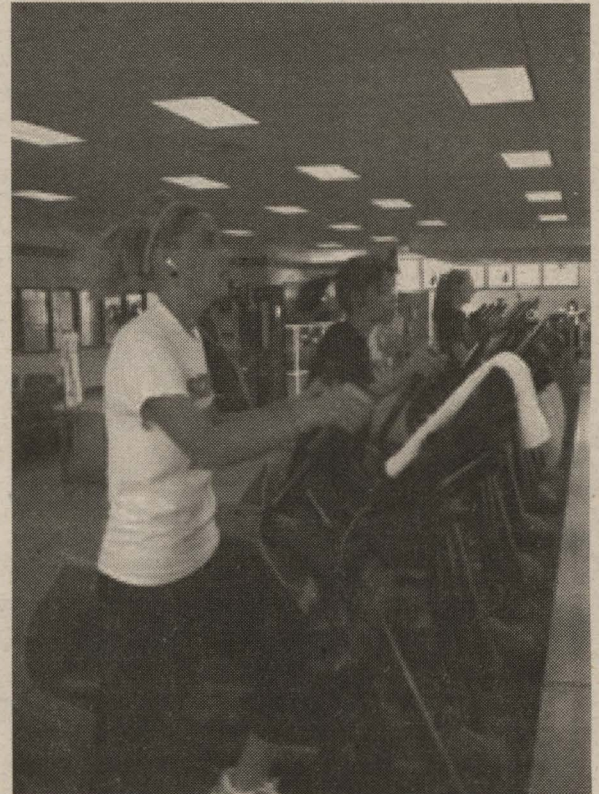


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Run across a healthy lifestyle at the Allen Center

Pointer Poll

What are you looking forward to most about this academic year?



The presidential election and discussions about the food contract.

- Bob Tomlinson,
Vice Chancellor of
Student Affairs



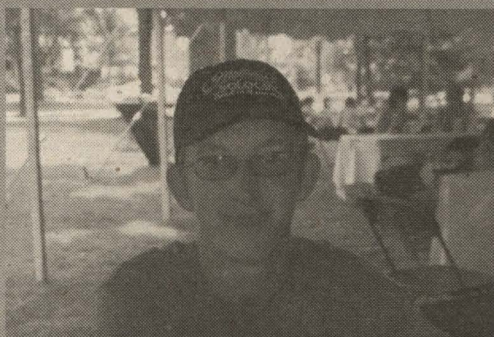
I'm looking forward to students getting all the classes they need.

- Chancellor Linda Bunnell



Hanging out with people from Watson Hall.

- Katanya Kerkman,
Sophomore



Learning...

- Andrew Liethen,
Freshman



Woof...

- McKenzie,
Live UW-SP Mascot



Meeting new people and getting new experiences.

- Hannah Lane,
Freshman

European environmental seminar gives UW-SP CNR students opportunity of a lifetime

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This summer, while most students were working 30 to 40 hours a week at their hometown jobs or completing various internships throughout the country, 39 students from the College of Natural Resources were spending five weeks traveling and studying in Europe.

The students, encompassing all CNR majors from forestry to camp management, spent one week in Poland, three weeks in Germany, and one week in Iceland, including a two-week intensive training program at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES) before they departed.

The CNR European Environmental Seminar was established in 1972 by Robert Engelhard and James Newman to give students an opportunity to learn first-hand about European environmental problems and natural resource management practices. The program was developed in cooperation with the forest service of the state of Baden-Württemberg in Germany. Throughout time, trips to Poland and Iceland were added to the itinerary. Instead of attending Treehaven, a summer field training program in Tomahawk, 20 percent of the students in the CNR choose to attend the seminar.

"Students really gain a new and different view of their own world when the trip is over and it really changes their lives, moreso than those who attend Treehaven," says Eric Anderson, a professor of wildlife and co-leader of the seminar.

The students are selected to attend the trip based on the number of credits they have already taken, their GPA, and their application. An informational meeting is held in October and those who are selected attend a two-week training session at CWES to prepare them for the trip. At CWES, the students gain hands-on experience learning field equipment used in soils, water, forestry and wildlife.

"It was a very intense training process," said Karissa Mohr, a senior general resource management major that attended the seminar. "However, the training did help us prepare for our trip and for the comparisons we could make between Europe and the United States."

After the training process was completed, the students

headed to Poland for a week of hiking, trapping and historical tours. Tours and lectures at national parks in Poland, such as the Tatra National Park, as well as historical tours of Auschwitz were some of the main activities the students took advantage of.

Stacie Simpson, a youth programming and camp management major said, "We received some hands-on experience during our stay in Poland when we were able to do some small animal trapings."

Simpson said, "We also had the opportunity for some extracurricular activities in Poland, such as going to theatre and music festivals in Krakow."

The next destination for the students was a three week stay in Germany. According to Bobbi Kubish, the CNR international programs coordinator, "The trip to Germany is mainly focused on forestry since Germany's foresters are trained in wildlife and soils as well."

Germany's forestry techniques vary greatly from the United States' techniques in that their focus is not on maintaining a strong wildlife program, but rather, more care for the new growth and management of their forests. The students had the opportunity to stay at a castle in the famed Black Forest in Germany.

"What we found very interesting from the experience," comments Mohr, "is that Germans don't clear cut their forests. They cut only the biggest and the oldest trees, which is very different from how we manage our forests in Wisconsin."

Iceland was the final destination for the globe-trotting students and was the country that students saw the biggest difference from the U.S. in terms of natural resources.

"There's no forestry in Iceland because there's really no trees. People plant trees as a hobby," Simpson remembers. "They rely heavily on the fishing industry, which is drastically different from what we depend on in this country."

The students were also given the chance to tour and learn about Iceland's geysers and volcanoes.

"In Iceland, they are very focused on preserving their natural resources, such as geysers, from people, since they are such a large tourist attraction," said Mohr.

Upon their return to the United States, the students were required to complete a

reflective paper on their experience while in Europe.

"I found that students had so much more self-confidence after they attended this trip," said Anderson. "It taught them that not everybody does things like we do in Wisconsin and it really was an eye-opening experience for them. It pushed them out of their comfort zone, but that really helped them to grow professionally and personally."

"We gained so much more experience and received a better understanding of people and the environmental world. This trip really gave me a new world view," Simpson said.

There is no doubt that natural resources is truly a global topic and an excellent opportunity for students who desire international experience. From touring power plants that run on burning garbage to shelling scallops on a fishing boat in Iceland, the CNR European Environmental Seminar is truly the experience of a lifetime for students majoring in natural resources.

"It was tough at times," said Mohr, "but I would do it again in a heartbeat, five times over."



Photo by Karissa Mohr

Some of the students from the seminar on a glacier hike in Iceland.

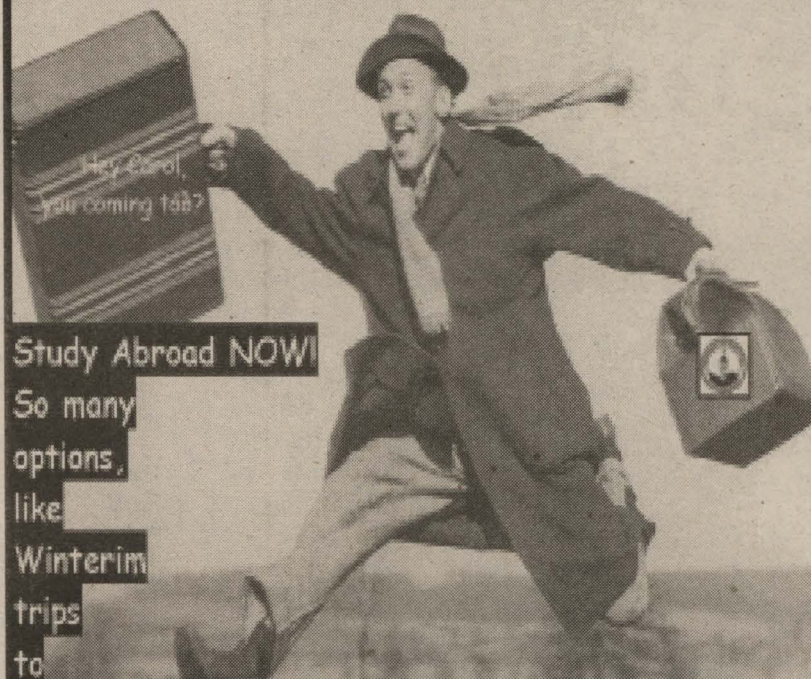
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Science & Outdoors

The hidden health helper

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An unknown treasure trove of information and assistance is available to many students on the UWSP campus through the Student Health Promotion Office, also known as the SHPO. The amount of free resources that the SHPO offers is incredible and who doesn't enjoy free things?!

The SHPO offers a vast amount of programs, ranging from free fitness assessments to information about sexual assault and personal safety to coping with stress. If you want to change anything about your lifestyle, organizational skills, eating your vegetables, being more active or anything else, they also offer free personal wellness coaching.

Too busy to make a trip to the office? The Student Health Promotion Office even offers online services. Their Web site can easily be found through the "campus life" tab on the myPoint homepage. On their Web page, they offer feedback on your use of alcohol (e-CHUG). They also offer printable handouts on a variety of

things including alcohol, exercise, sexual assault and stress management. A listing of all their programs and services can be found on their Web site as well.

The only service that SHPO offers that requires some out-of-pocket expense is a stress relief session that



Photo courtesy of, Becka Schuelke

costs merely 25 cents. A stress relief session consists of a 10 minute massage...a 10 minute massage for a quarter! That's a deal you can't find anywhere else on campus.

Unfortunately, this gem is not well known on campus. Students taking the healthy American course and health promotion majors are aware of its presence, but the employees wish their services would be more widely known.

Headed by Anne Hoffman, the Assistant Director of the Allen Center for Health and Wellness programs, and Stacey Duellman,

the Programs and Promotions Coordinator for Health and Wellness programs, the SHPO employs students interested in and studying the field of health. Maita Belgado is one of the 13 health advocates on staff. When asked why she is involved at the SHPO, Belgado stated, "It's important to help people out... It's a good experience."

The health advocates also said that it offers other perks, such as being on campus and being an excellent opportunity for those in the health promotion field or those interested in health promotion. It gives students an opportunity to see what they could be

doing as a career after they graduate with a health promotion or wellness degree.

If you are interested in the SHPO, you can either stop by their office located at 004 Lower Allen Center, or make an appointment by calling (715) 346-4313. Their hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Outdoor EdVentures: Convenience on campus

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Living in the geographic center of Wisconsin can have many benefits to outdoors people. A drive of about four hours can take you almost anywhere in the state, offering countless hours of natural entertainment. However, what happens when a canoe or backpack must be left at home due to the obvious inconvenience of transporting them while in school?

Rentals, retail services, trips and outdoor events are just a few of the services offered by Outdoor EdVentures, an on-campus outfitter dedicated to getting students outside.

Rentals include, but are not limited to: tents, backpacks, sleeping bags, canoes, kayaks, bikes and snowshoes.

Some of the retail items include Nalgene bottles and accessories, discs, Frisbees, bandanas, apparel and other outdoor equipment.

Outdoor EdVentures has many trips planned for this semester. For starters, a free disc golf trip is being offered on Sunday, Sept. 28 that will highlight some of the Stevens Point area disc golf courses. All participants need are their discs and food.

On Oct. 10 through 12, a trip to Wisconsin's highest point is scheduled. This Timm's Hill trip includes two nights of camping and a single day hike with an interpretive history and geology segment.

Oct. 17 through 19, a group will be going to Kettle Moraine State Forest for a hiking and camping trip. This same weekend will also have an overnight canoeing trip down the Plover River.

Don't forget about the spelunking trip to Popp's Cave near Richland Center scheduled for Nov. 22, and remember to sign up early as this is one of the most popular trips put on by Outdoor EdVentures.

To sign up for these and other trips contact Outdoor EdVentures by email or in person.

A final note—EdVentures is offering a "Thirsty Thursdays" buy one, get one half-off deal on Nalgene bottles, so be sure to take advantage of this bargain throughout the year.

Outdoor EdVentures is located in the basement of the Allen Center between May Roach Hall and Parking Lot Q. They are open Monday through Thursday from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 12:00-4:00 p.m.

TECH IDBIT

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The world is buzzing about the creation and operation of the Large Hadron Collider, a particle accelerator designed to find out, in layman's terms, what the universe is made of. The collider is located in a tunnel 300 feet underground beneath the small town of Crozet, France.

When this futuristic collider is put to use, two particles race opposite directions around the tunnel, which is 17 miles in circumference and the particles are guided by over a thousand cylindrical, super-cooled magnets. The beams will collide at four locations, causing the particles to crash into each other at nearly the speed of light. This collision will hopefully turn the particles into gobs of energy,

which then turn into new particles, some of which have never even been seen before. Though rumors had and still are circulating throughout the Web that this collider will create a black hole that will swallow the Earth, it is nonetheless a monumental moment in the history of science.

During the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 10, the world had not come to an end and the particle accelerator had a successful first run. Celebrations were in progress throughout the world, since the accelerator has been a process 15 years in the making. An estimated 10,000 people from 60 countries have helped plan, design and run the particle accelerator.

However, it will take about a month for the accelerator to actually engage proton to proton collision. Meanwhile, the rumors of a doomsday will

continue to circulate and science will continue to progress in leaps and bounds.

THE END IS NEAR... ARE YOU READY?

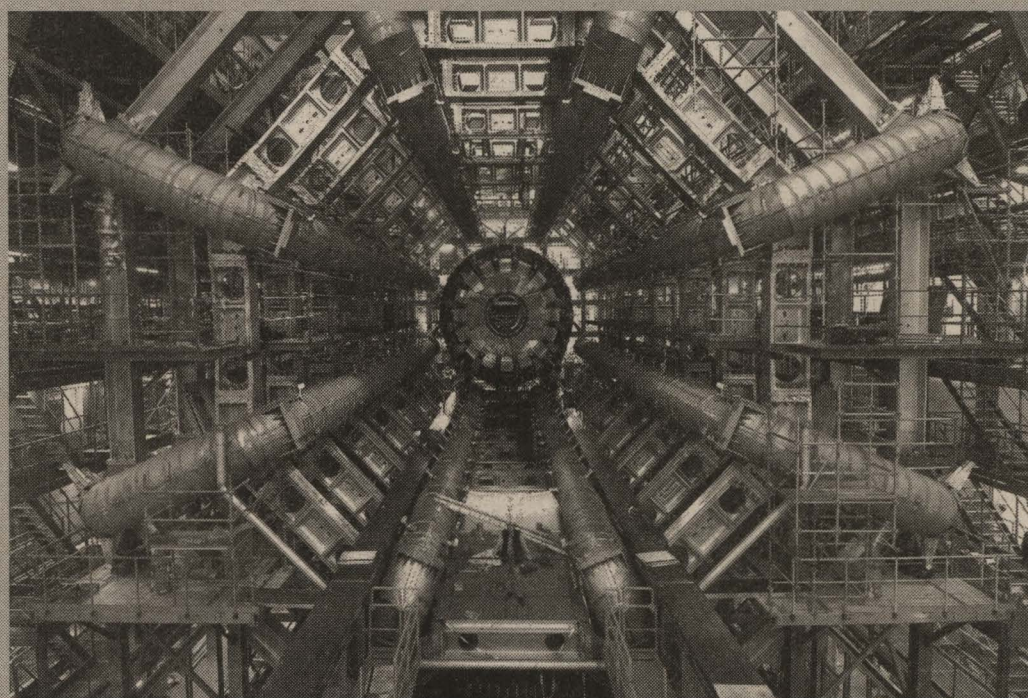
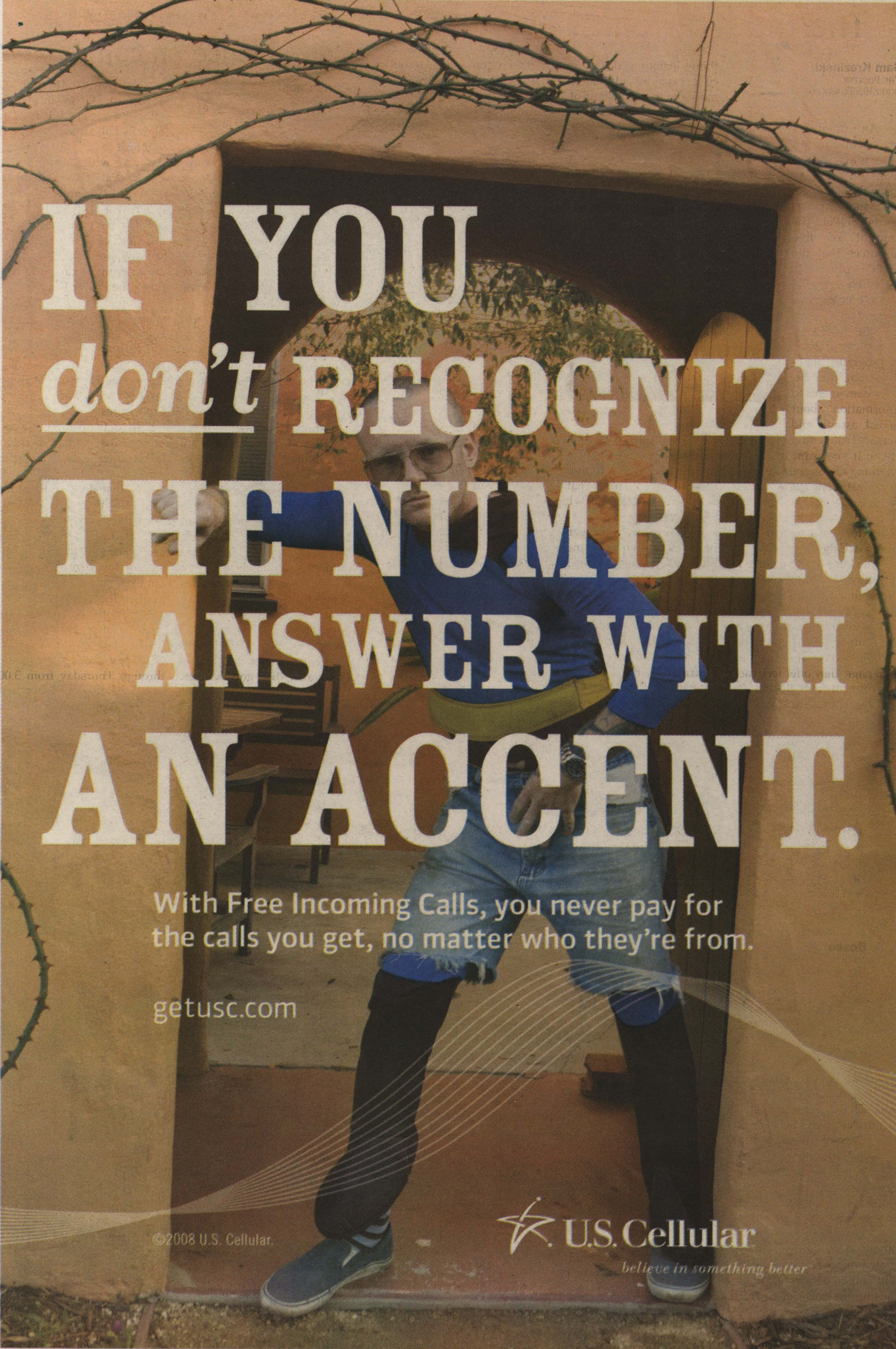


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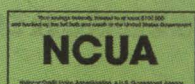
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Clubs and intramurals: competitive sports on campus

Many students come to college and leave their favorite sports behind. Instead of sitting around this school year, get out and experience the thrill and the challenge of a club or intramural sport here on campus. It's a great way to meet new people, stay competitive and have fun in the sports you love. Here are a few organizations that you can try here on campus.

UW-SP INTRAMURALS

It is an organization that offers an assortment of sports for UW-SP students. They offer weekly competition observed by officials and championships at the end of each season.

If you want to sign up for block one of play (starting Sept. 14) for a sport, better sign up quick and show up for the captain meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11 in the HEC dance studio, room 154.

Can't sign up now? There are other blocks throughout the school year that come along every few months. Stop by the Intramural Office in the HEC for more information or check out www.uwsp.edu/centers/intramurals online.

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- *Disc Golf- Monday & Wednesday 4:00 p.m.
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- *Ultimate Frisbee- Wednesday 7:00-11:00 p.m.
- *Kickball - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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DISC GOLF

The disc golf club on campus is known as the Ace Holes. Disc golf is one of the fastest growing sports on the planet right now and is closely related to regular golf. Instead of using clubs and a little white ball, you use a Frisbee or disc, to complete the hole in the fewest shots possible. The disc golf club has been around for about 10 years now and has never stopped growing.

They allow anybody that wants to participate to do so and people range from freshmen to seniors, women and men. They don't necessarily have practice or games, but about two years ago, they started a club called the Upper

Mid-West Collegiate Disc Golf Club, where colleges from around the state come together and compete at certain big events during the school year. For the last two years, the Ace-Holes have dominated the rest of the pack, almost going undefeated last year. If interested in joining one of the premier clubs on campus, contact Ben at buvaa338@uwsp.edu for more information.

COLLEGE ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE

What: Co-ed league

Where: K.B. Willett Ice Arena

When: Wednesday and Sunday nights

This is a friendly no-check league where new players are always welcome. They play two games a week and a play-off run at the end of the semester. It's a mere \$125 per semester of play, and you can store your stinky gear at the rink. Let's not forget the championship shirts you could win!



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If interested, contact Don at dbutkowski@stevenspoint.com.

CLUB VOLLEYBALL

Hit the court with UW-SP's volleyball teams.

Contacts:

Men's- Loren at lmills974@uwsp.edu

Women's- Stacey at slucz596@uwsp.edu

RUGBY

Hit the field with the Rugby lads.

Practices are in the intramural fields Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Contact: Matt at mmayo430@uwsp.edu

WOMEN'S ULTIMATE FRISBEE TEAM

Practice times:

Mondays 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Intramural Fields

Thursdays 5:00-6:00 p.m. Conditioning on the outdoor track

"Don't think you can throw a frisbee?? Don't worry about it! We have plenty of friendly people who are dying to teach you!"

Thursday night all women are invited to pick up game on Thursday, Sept. 11th from 5:00-7:00p.m. in the DeBot fields or by the track.

For more info check out <https://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/womensultimate/> or email Candace at czein423@uwsp.edu.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE TEAM

Practice times: Monday and Thursday practices will be on the Intramural fields by Lot Q and Tuesday they will be playing games behind DeBot. All three nights run from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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Athletes of the Week

Pointer football preview

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Pointer football looks to finish on top of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference this year after closing 2007 with 3-4 in conference play and 6-4 overall record.

The pre-season WIAC poll ranked Stevens Point football in a predicted fourth place this season, while defending Division III champion UW-Whitewater is picked to finish first once again.

The Pointers bring a more experienced, talented team to the field this year after sliding into a four-game losing streak last year. Coach Miech accredited it to having a young team that didn't recover from a 14-31 loss to eventual champions UW-Whitewater.

On the offensive side of the ball, Jared Beckwith, a transfer from UM-Duluth, is in competition with returning starter Jake Swank for the quarterback position, with Anthony Johnson and Cameron Reiland also hoping to rotate in the position.

The running game will not be a problem for the Pointers, who bring back tailback junior Mike Ferron, a second-team All-WIAC performer who led the team in rushing in eight games last season. Aaron Leonhardt, T.C. Farber and Jack Marx also give the Pointers tremendous depth at tailback. Returning starter Kyle Fuhrman looks to improve on his 2.9 yard average at fullback this season, while the wide receiver position has enough depth and talent for two teams. Starters Brad Kaslow, David Hammer, and last season's leading receiver, Jared Jenkins, will have to work hard to break last season's high of eleven touchdowns. Be on the lookout for LaRondray Moore, who is coming back after a knee injury that excluded him last season, and Keith Ingram, a transfer who will offer great speed to an already impressive receiving core.

The offensive line will be rebuilt this season with the help of a large, young group of talented players, all vying for starting positions. At center,

returning letter-winners Kyle Krueger and Joe Gallion will battle for the starting position, while the other positions on the line are still up in the air.

There was big news for the defensive team when University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point hired former UW-River Falls defensive coordinator and Elmhurst head coach Tom Journell as defensive coordinator. Known for strategizing blitzes and honing in on quarterbacks, Coach Journell will bring a new tenacity to the defensive line-up with his unique coaching style.

Senior Brad Vickroy, a 2007 first team All-WIAC and 2008 D3football.com pre-season All-American will head the defense after he led the team in tackles for yardage loss and finished with a tie for fourth in tackles. Senior Charlie Dereks, who appeared in eight games last season will also join Vickroy, as will a number of transfers. Justin Oruada (St. Cloud), Brad Davis (Northern Michigan) and Grant Malmquist (MATC) will also be looking for play-



Photo courtesy of Becka Schuelke

The football team beat Webber International 23-21 last weekend. They are gearing up for Iowa Wesleyan on Sept. 13.

ing time this season. The linebacker and defensive back positions both possess many talented players, including returning starter Brian Bailey, as well as Brandon Stremkowski (a SPASH native) and Kyle Scofield. Defensive back seniors Tyler Florczak and Luke Frisch return to the defense, giving the backfield valuable experience.

Kickers Luke Frisch and Ryan Graboski both return to special teams after receiving All-WIAC honors last season.

Frisch was also named WIAC Special Teams Player of the Week on Monday, Sept. 9 after the 23-21 win over Webber International at the Spud Bowl this past weekend.

The Pointers have two non-conference games at Goerke Park in the next few weeks before heading into conference play and will take on Iowa Wesleyan on Saturday, Sept. 13 at Goerke Park. Kickoff is set for 1:00 p.m. and all UW-SP students get in free with a student ID.

New year, new football rules

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It seems the NFL just can't get it right. Just when you think you've got everything figured out, the NFL makes sure you're slightly confused again, guaranteeing a few shouting matches with fellow football fan(atic)s, and at least one friend exiting the living room for an extended period of time per game. That's right friends, another new year and another list of rule changes sure to shake things up in the 2008-2009 NFL season.

Looking at the list of changes, there are five main changes the league has made to improve quality of play. Here's a quick rundown of what you need to learn to

understand the NFL this season.

Defensive backs across the NFL rejoice as we say goodbye to the "force out" rule. Previously, if it seemed a wide receiver could have landed in bounds with the ball without being forced out by the defender it would be ruled a reception. So, when you see your favorite receiver hanging in the air this year in the back of the end zone, cross your fingers that he can get both feet inbounds.

Another gain for the defense, they get a microphone in their helmets for the first time. Each team is allowed to have one defensive player on the field with the communication device in his helmet in order to relay calls from the sidelines. Say goodbye to hand signals and say hello to

sending in dark secrets about the quarterback to be used for trash talk with each play.

Field goals can be tricky, right? For the first time this year, referees will be allowed to review field goals and extra points. So if the on-field officials happen to be lost in thought, or using the downtime to admire the cheerleaders' pom-poms when he should be watching the uprights, he'll get a second chance.

No more wondering what facemask grab the officials will see this year. A quick harmless grab of the facemask will not cost a team five yards anymore. The line that separated a major offense and a minor one is gone; it's either a 15-yard penalty or part of the game.

Finally, teams are offered an entitlement that all college kids can understand- the right to defer. Teams can now defer their decision to the second half if they win the pre-game coin toss.

There you have it- five NFL rule changes that you need to know. "Who is the winner on this new NFL horizon?" one might ask. It is every defensive player in the NFL, though the NFL could have won over more people by requiring kickers to kick flaming pigskins through the uprights. Try crossing your fingers for next year.

NFL news and notes: he's hurt, not dead

Steve Apfel
SPORTS REPORTER

Welcome back football fans! I'm still here, now in condensed form for your convenience!

Now I know what you're thinking, dear readers. You're thinking I jumped up and danced with glee when my arch enemy Tom Brady left this past Sunday's game with an injury. And you're probably thinking I danced some more when it was announced he was out for the season. And you're right!

I was thrilled to find out Brady's reign of terror had ended for at least a season. Then things got ridiculous. Suddenly my television screen was filled with regular film montages of the evil one and quotes from fellow players about the great loss the league had suffered. Wait a minute! He's injured. Kansas City Chiefs' safety Bernard Pollard did not kill Tom Brady.

And what about all the other injuries that occurred during opening weekend? Four other starting quarterbacks went down with injuries; what about them? Or how about we talk about the poor Seattle Seahawks who are down to three wide receivers on their entire team! There are

bigger tragedies in the league than a quarterback blowing a knee ligament. He's a football player and a quarterback no less. It's the other team's job to try to destroy him. So let's all stop pretending like Tom Brady's injury status is going to bring about the apocalypse, OK? Thanks.



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THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE

Soirees, sarongs and Stevens Point?

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Let's face it—Stevens Point is not exactly a mecca for arts and culture. After spending the summer abroad in London where a walk in the park means hearing six different languages, this has become more and more apparent to me. In Stevens Point, diversity is any beer that's not Miller or Bud. In London, diversity is synonymous with the very name London. It is an integral part of the atmosphere. In fact, it IS the atmosphere. People dressed in burkas from head to toe walk a parallel path to people wearing bikinis. People stand out and mix together simultaneously. Individuality and collectivity mingle on the streets like an odd couple that somehow works, one standing regally in a suit and the other donning purple hair.

So, let's sum these observations up: Stevens Point has no culture and London does. At least, that's what many of us believe. And it's easy to assign simplistic, boxed-in labels and leave them to gather dust. But if nothing else, studying abroad in Spain my sophomore year and London this summer has made me dust off and dispel tired, commonly accepted stereotypes like this one. So, instead of resigning myself to boredom

in an allegedly dreadful, culture-less place, I've taken a new perspective. I've begun to realize that where there are people, therein lay arts and culture.

Think back to history 101: cave paintings, books written in times when censorship clamped down on freedom of expression and clandestine but flourishing religions during violent regimes are all testa-

"Where there are people, therein lay arts and culture."

ment to this idea. People have and always will find a way to manifest how they feel and what they believe. This manifestation is what makes us human and also what makes us immortal, what causes us to leave traces of ourselves like bright orange graffiti for future generations—"I was here. We were here." And if arts and culture can flourish and survive in times of violence, I am certain they can flourish and withstand even an obstacle as daunting as bitterly cold, bleak Wisconsin winters.

That's my hope for this year. That each student will create, or recognize and appreciate, the ubiquitous bright orange graffiti—the stuff that says, "I was here. We were

here." I'm certain if we look, we will all find it was there all along.

As for me, I've also learned to utilize UW-SP's excellent study abroad facilities—I've learned traveling and staying in one place are counterparts that can create a harmonious balance, much like the aforementioned odd couple. Traveling is my muse, my hobby. But Stevens Point is my studio for now, where I can put what I've learned and seen in perspective. Its taciturnity lets the flow of my experiences and memories turn into thoughts and ideas, which lend themselves in turn to productivity. Both places are of equal importance and both can be canvases for self-expression.

It's my challenge this year to use all the journalistic skills I've gained to paint this canvas, with my own expression and the diverse expressions of others, and bring a greater awareness of arts and culture in Stevens Point to you. I will overturn any rock I can, like a parched outback camper in search of water. Like you, I plan on enjoying and celebrating this place for what it's worth and for the unique culture it has—even if it means finding and sampling several different beers that are not Miller or Bud. After all, it's all in a day's work of uncovering culture.

Old resources rediscovered for new students

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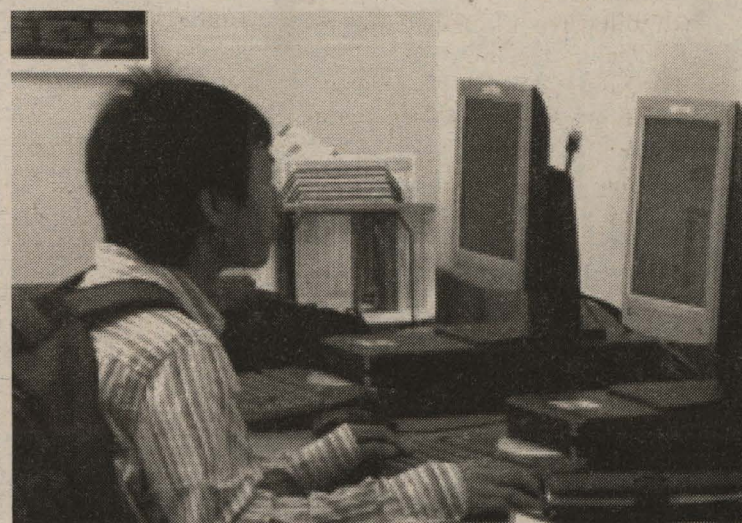
In 1994 the Multicultural Resource Center (MCRC) was created for Stevens Point's undergrads in the Student Services Building's humble basement. This center provided students from under-represented backgrounds with academic and social support to encourage success.

In 1999, the resources grew in accordance with student recognition of the center's positive impact on campus. The MCRC moved into the Drefus University Center. But after the closing of the UC in the 2006 spring semester, it

support the academic mission of the campus. Students can check e-mail, work on projects, find tutoring and receive one-on-one peer mentoring. Beyond the academic mission, students can interact with

"For someone to be successful in college they need to feel connected to something."

other students and tell their story.



Students take advantage of resources at the Multicultural Resource Center.

Photo by: Becka Schuelke

Friendly faces, familiar spaces for foreign students

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For years, the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point has hosted multitudes of international students from 32 different countries. The Foreign Student Office (FSO), now located at 020 in the Student Services Center, has been there to help them every step of the way.

Dr. Brad Van Den Elzen, the director of the FSO, works on international student visas and helps to accommodate them with their stay at UW-SP.

"We recruit, admit, orient and advise international students," he said.

Mikayla Hoffman is the program assistant at the FSO. She helps students become oriented on campus and achieve success at UW-SP.

"It's a really a jack-of-all-trades office," said Hoffman.

The FSO also offers pro-

grams and events that help international students to adapt to UW-SP. The rest of the staff offers assistance with students in all aspects of cam-

"I think the biggest challenge they face is developing relationships with the U.S. students."

pus life, including PointCard use, choosing classes and meal plans.

"Imagine trying to understand that in a second language. We had an orientation the week before school started," said Hoffman.

The FSO also heads one of the few English as a Second Language programs in the UW system.

"Sometimes people come here just for the ESL program,"

she said.

Han Yang is an international student here from Cheng Du, in the Sichuan province in China. She currently works at the FSO and uses their services to assist her in her stay.

"I think the biggest challenge they face is developing relationships with the U.S. students," said Dr. Van Den Elzen.

"The culture is so different," said Yang, "and of course English."

The FSO is just one of the reasons for her success at UW-SP.

If you would like more information on the FSO, or would like to volunteer your services, they are located at 020 Student Services Center and on the Web at FSO@uwsp.edu.

moved into Nelson Hall and became significantly less visible.

Now, the MCRC is back in the DUC on the second floor in room 208. The staff says they're happy to be back.

"It was hard for people to find us in Nelson Hall," said Ronald Strege Director of Multicultural Affairs. "Now we're just trying to remind people we're still here."

The MCRC was established to provide diversity students with a caring, informative, and instructive atmosphere.

"For someone to be successful in college they need to feel connected to something," said Strege.

The MCRC offers computers, a quiet study area, mentor programs and interaction with student organizations to

"When I moved here I lived off-campus and it was hard to meet people in class, so this was the place I met people, it became the place where I spent most of my time," said senior Melissa Wilson.

The MCRC works to create an environment where students cannot only be successful but be themselves. Part of creating that environment is getting to know students and listening to their stories. This interaction bridges the gap between home and here.

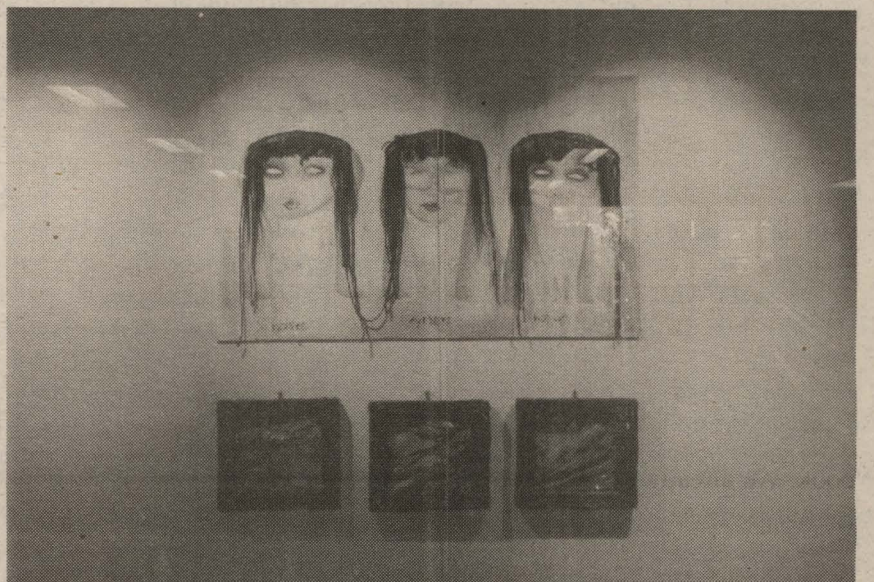
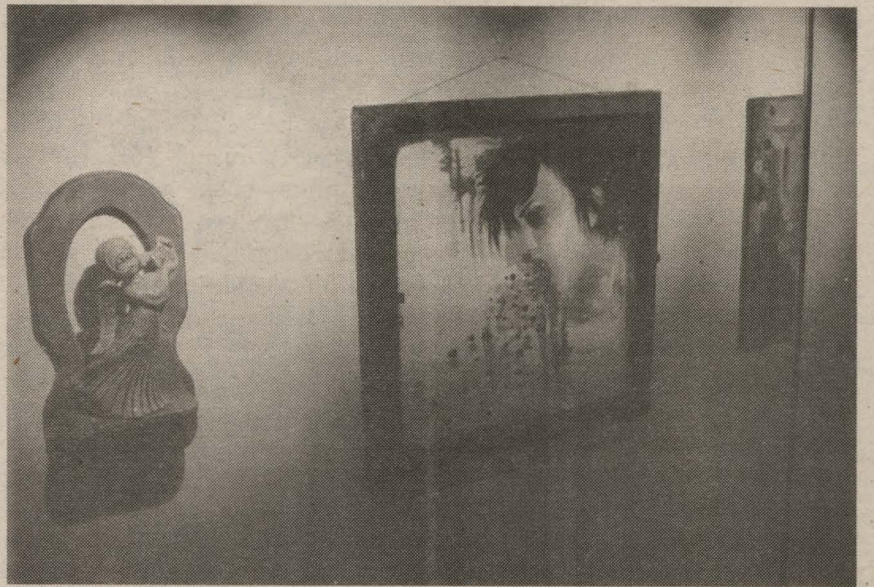
"It's a home away from home," said senior Lawrence Bates.

The MCRC is open to all students Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Prigioni's Showcase

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What's the point?: The beginning point



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When a new academic year begins, there is a range of emotions present in each person. There is the joy of being able to see your friends and catch up with what is happening in their lives. There is the dread of having to do homework and wake up before noon. But there is also the feeling of excitement and wonder... But let's be honest with ourselves, we all know already what our friends have been doing, thanks to our own narcissistic tendencies to update our status on facebook. We already know what to expect on a test thanks to our peers who have previously taken a class and we know how to schedule our classes so that nothing begins before the noon whistle blows.

Yet, we still ask our friends how they are doing and do our best acting when they tell us that they got engaged and we still complain that we did not get enough sleep the previous night.

So my question to you is, what is the point?

There are times in your life when you feel like "really, 'what is the point.'" I cannot begin to tell you how many times this has happened to me. For your sake and my sanity, I will spare you all the detailed stories, but you now have a preview of what it is that this column will be.

Right now, begin to think of all the things you have been puzzled by in life and feel free to send them my way. It is quite possible that if you have found yourself questioning the purpose of something, I, and your fellow peers have as well.

So while you are waiting for your friends to update their facebook profiles, check out The [new] Pointer online at pointeronline.uwsp.edu. This year The Pointer is excited to launch many new interactive features for your viewing pleasure. Make us part of your daily online ritual.

Let me just say, on behalf of The Pointer, welcome and good luck with your school year.

I hope to hear from you soon!

[Got Beef?]



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Guide to help in hard times

If you are concerned about the future, and a lot of people say, "it looks scary," there is a book written by a University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point alum available to help. "Tribulation Time" addresses current events and what's ahead, providing a plan on how to get through it.

The writer is a mother of seven children who began at UW-SP 20 years after high school. So, how did she get from that beginning to becoming an author?

"A lot of blood, sweat and tears," said the author, Erin Woods, "but mostly determination was needed. Operating out of my comfort zone and believing in myself and God were the answers."

The track was found in UW-SP. Learning to write, expanding her knowledge and finding her intellectual identity were key. Through many courses, she learned her strengths and weaknesses. "And I tried to use everything for my future that I learned."

Initial social work classes were necessary for her first position in the field. Researching in the library, following funding trends in periodicals and studying government documents led her into a grant writing practice. Using the writing lab helped immensely, as well as a course in problem solving that identified her natural talent as a problem solver by combining several ideas. "I was the first, I believe, to put up an interactive grant writing workshop on video and then DVD using the Internet," said Woods.

You can see this at <http://www.grantwriterworkshop.com>.

Now Woods has moved forward once more in problem solving by writing her book. Again combining ideas, "Tribulation Time" looks at

current world problems such as climate change, rising costs, global food and water supply concerns, along with basic Biblical information.

"This is a book for anyone to use, not based on a church doctrine," says Woods.

She then added her social work experience to develop of weekly tasks to help prepare for what is ahead. The readers learn practical tips in living, and ways to reduce anxiety, keeping it under control and strengthening themselves rather than the opposite happening.

"It is greatly needed, and there's nothing else out there like this," Woods said. Support is reinforced by the Stevens Point bookstores. It is available at the UW-SP bookstore, The Book Isle, 5 Loaves and 2 Fish Christian Book & Music Store, Kindred Spirit Books, and Book World. It can also be ordered by sending \$13.50 to Light Publications, P.O. Box 1441, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495, and will be mailed anywhere in the U.S. This company is owned by the author.

Speaking of anywhere, "Tribulation Time" marketing is now moving out nationally and globally in the future.

"I did want to start it here first, and give credit where it is due," Woods says.

It is quite a leap for a woman with country roots who first came to UW-SP. She adds, "Now I've begun writing a screenplay on an expanded version of the book. After all, I took a playwriting course here. So do your thing, too, thank God for the opportunity, and all that's offered in the university. This is a terrific resource for life."

- Written by Erin Woods, UW-SP Alumna

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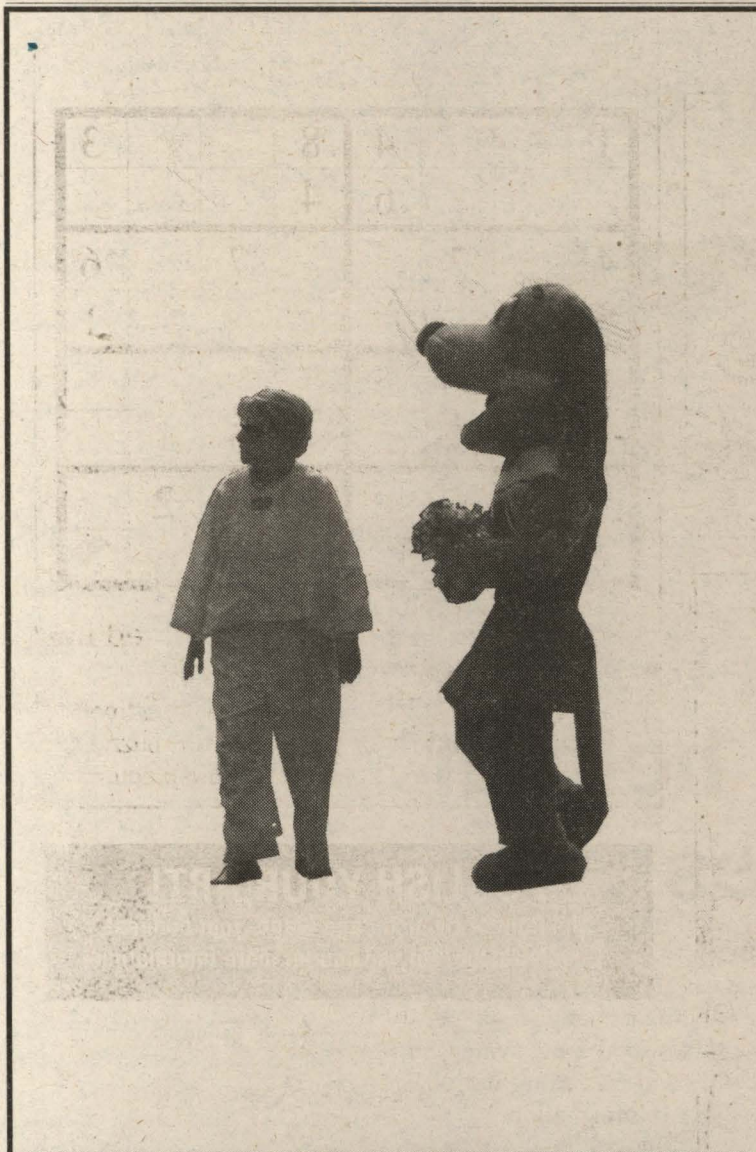
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Greetings, Rod and I, Lady V, would like to welcome you to our weekly column about sex, sexuality, race, men's and women's issues and anything else we feel is and can be controversial.

Basically, anything that pops into our perverse minds!

We need to let you know that anything we write about is not a representation of the views of The Pointer.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the ride!

Nice abs...Oh pimples!

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I was standing in line at the University store last Tuesday when I overheard two young women talking about one of my favorite subjects: MEN. I couldn't resist - I just had to listen. They were complaining about guys who don't take care of their skin.

"I hate it when guys... when their faces are all pimply," one said to the other, who quickly agreed.

So what's a guy to do? Sure, we are willing to spend \$30 on a decent haircut and fork over \$85 (each semester) of hard-earned cash so we can sculpt our muscles at the gym. But when it comes to skin care,

well damn, some guys can be downright cheap.

So unless you want to walk around this winter with your shirt off showing off those sculpted abs to distract attention from your pimply, oily or blotchy face, you need to take action. This doesn't mean you should raid your mother's, sister's or girlfriend's side of the medicine cabinet. Just head to the "Beauty" aisle of your favorite local grocery store and stock up on some manly basics:

One: A bottle of deep cleaning face wash - don't worry, it will be labeled. Good for cleaning off mud from off-roading, oil from your car or just an afternoon of running at practice.

Two: A bottle of face scrub. Yup. Different from face wash. This one will remove those

dead skin cells clogging your pores and erupting into unsightly pimples.

Three: A bottle of shaving gel. Like men, not all shaving gels are created equal. Look for ones that are vitamin enriched for a close and comfortable shave to prevent those nicks, cuts and razor burns.

Four: Toner. Like stepping out onto the ice on a bracing winter's day, it will wake you up and invigorate your skin.

Five: Moisturizers. NOT the kind that make you smell like a florist. These are clean and definitely not girly. Good for restoring moisture lost every day.

So stock your side of the medicine cabinet with these hearty skin care products.

High Five

A few words from your new best friend

Steve Apfel
COLUMNIST

Students, faculty, alumni lend me your eyes! For this is the first installment of what shall surely become a literary wonder the likes of which this fine publication has not seen since the days of the great Pat Rothfuss.

Yes, dear readers, it is I. Some of you may know me as the writer of the highly successful and influential "NFL pick off report" column in last year's Pointer sports pages. I'm still dominating that racket within this very issue even. Go head. Look. I'll wait. Brilliant? Yes. I thought you'd agree.

However, this year I've been given the opportunity to show I'm no one trick pony who can only provide genius insights into the world of professional football. I'm a master of many topics. Surely you, my loyal readers, had an inkling that I was capable of much more and this column shall be for you next week.

This week is for those

of you who are new to the wonder that is me. I thought as many of you are actually probably new to this institution, you could probably use a quick guide to everything that is great about this campus. Unfortunately, I'm not much of a tour guide and even though this is my third brilliant year here at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, there are still plenty of things I don't know. So let's just talk about me because I'm here, I'm super great, and we're going to be best friends. Ready? Super!

I'd like to begin with a quote by the distinguished philosopher Lionel Richie who said, "Hello. Is it me you're looking for?" The answer is, of course, yes. You just don't know it yet.

I am he who is known as Steve. This is the point where I would extend a handshake to you, and you would accept it and be impressed by my firm grip and confidence.

I hail from the magical town of Marshfield, Wisconsin just a mere fortyish miles from here. I commute from Marshfield each

day of the school week in my luxury automobile. They just don't make them like the 1991 Volkswagen Golf anymore. Yes, it's a classic piece of European machinery but don't get too jealous; I'm still paying for it.

As I previously stated, I am entering my third year at this institution of higher learning, working toward completing a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication with an emphasis in journalism. You can generally find me in or around the Communication Arts Center. Feel free to say hello, even if I'm in class.

I hear your young minds asking, "Steve, what are your hopes and dreams? What will you ever do with a journalism degree?" These are valid questions, but the answer is much simpler than you'd surely like to believe for this is what I'd like to do with a journalism degree. I'd like to sit in spacious, comfortable, university computer labs, listening to my off-brand iPod, and typing. How could life possibly get better?

Gotcha! Actually, I'd love

to be a respected and widely read columnist. And sit in my spacious, comfortable, company cubicle, listen to my off-brand iPod, and type. And be professionally awesome.

OK, so now that you know my business side, how do I let my hair down and cut loose? I'm not so different from yourself, reader. We may even have some of the same music on our off-brand iPods. Do you like the music of the 1980's? Me too! How about B-movies and John Cusack? No kidding! NFL football and energy drinks? This is uncanny! Do you feel that? We're making a connection; this is the start of a beautiful friendship.

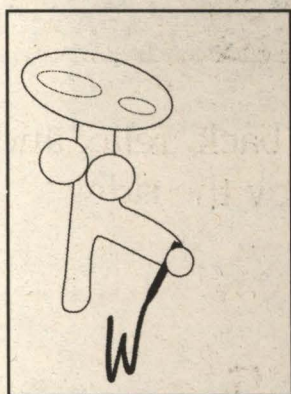
I am a registered Democrat, a strong supporter of our nation's libraries, high-top sneaker enthusiast, and a strict non-smoker. What? You're a Republican, anti-literacy, low-top loving, chain-smoker? It's ok reader. Every great friendship requires some work. Let's not our petty differences prevent us from getting to know one another. I'm sure in no time we'll be drinking diet colas together and

giving one another humorous nicknames based on our numerous inside jokes.

How is our friendship going to blossom and become one of the most positive influences in your life? I'm glad you asked! Let's give you a few hypothetical situations to think about. Say your friends are going out to a wild party where you know alcohol will be present and this makes you uncomfortable. Well guess who else isn't going to that party and is itching to play Trivial Pursuit with you? It's me! You come down with a doozy of a cold and miss our shared class period and don't know how you will learn that day's material? Yes, I will borrow someone else's notes to pass along to you! That's what friends are for, buddy.

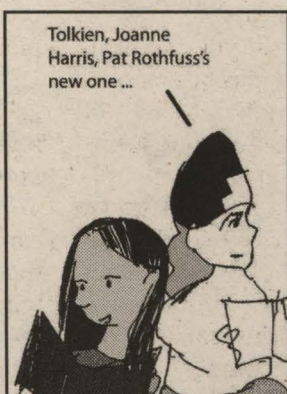
So, I welcome one and all back to another fine semester here at the UW-SP I'll be visiting you each and every week, to warm you with words like a bear hug of literature. See you next week friends!

Resident's Evil



Joy Ratchman

Neverland



Lo Shim

WEEKLY SUDOKU

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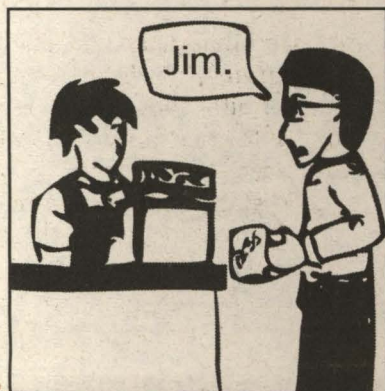
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Bryan Novak

Involvement Fair
Thursday Sept. 11

The DUC Laird Room

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Hope to see you there!

Centertainment Events

Hypnotist
Bruce McDonald
Friday, Sept.
12

8:00 p.m.
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Room

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Saturday,
Sept. 13
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Bluegrass
Concert
Saturday,
Sept. 13
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Wednesday,
Sept. 17
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Room
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concert
Thursday,
Sept. 18
8:00 p.m.

The DUC Encore
Free w/ UW-SP
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"Indiana
Jones and the
Kingdom of the
Crystal Skull"
Thursday,
Sept. 18 and
Saturday,
Sept. 20
7:00 p.m. and
9:30 p.m. both
dates

The DUC
Theater
Free w/ UW-SP
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The Magic of
Rick Allen
Friday, Sept.
19 The DUC
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UW-SP I.D.
\$4 w/o
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12 free!

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BINGO
Friday,
September 19
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opener) Folk
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Saturday,
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Sunday, Sept.
21 3:00 p.m.
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