SGA senate votes down new LGBTQ director

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Government Association student senate voted against the addition of a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning or queer issues director to the SGA executive staff, last Thursday.

After much discussion on the senate floor and presentations of letters from the faculty/staff Gay-Straight Alliance and the student GSA, the senate voted 10-5-1. This did not satisfy the three-quarters majority vote needed to pass an amendment.

Members of SGA in favor of the addition have not taken this decision lightly. Rather, they are taking it quite personally. Senator Rod King abstained from the vote and resigned from senate after he heard the results.

"Wow, that was crap," said King. "I have a lot of students on this campus that need this, and for them I would feel a little bit safer on this campus. Where they are spending their hard-earned money to get their education... with that, I hereby resign from the student senate," said King.

Katie Kloth, SGA president, who openly identified herself as queer, has declared the subtraction of solid food from her diet until this position is added to the SGA executive staff (or until she graduates).

"I just want to say there has been a lot of people disenfranchised now," said Kloth.

Kloth’s Facebook group, “Fast for LGBTQ Rights,” says, “We believe that everyone deserves to have a safe environment; we believe that everyone is entitled to love in whichever way they choose; we believe in the a world free of hate crimes to the LGBTQIA[llies] community; we believe in advocacy for these individuals, paid advocacy for LGBTQA individuals! Stand, with us, and refuse to eat solid food until this is seen to fruition!

There are at least seven other schools in the UW System that have openly-queer Kloth protests by fasting

Forum creates open dialogue with students, Chancellor and SGA

Jenna Sprattler

An open forum at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point DUC Encore, was filled with spectators eager to hear what student leaders and Chancellor Linda Bunnell had to say about a recent vote made by the Student Government Association.

Two weeks ago, SGA passed a unanimous vote of “no confidence” in Bunnell referring to a February traffic incident in Madison and an overall lack of accessibility and transparency of the Chancellor.

In her opening statement during the forum, Bunnell sincerely apologized for the traffic mishap.

“I deeply regret and believe that I made a serious mistake [in leaving the scene of the accident in Madison],” Bunnell said. “I hope others have learned by my example.”

An article by the Associated Press, released April 15, revealed that Bunnell had purchased three alcoholic drinks at the Madison Club prior to her car accident.

In the article, Bunnell said she only had time to drink one of the three beverages and that she was “not impaired” at the time of the accident.

SGA focused much of the forum on the recently received state and travel expense reports of Bunnell which were originally requested March 9.

Very ‘erroneous’ and ‘wasteful’ dollars spent will be seen throughout the reports,” said Saul Newton, SGA speaker of the senate. However, no illegal findings were found in the reports.

SGA received the reports the day of the open forum, April 15, with an $880 service fee waived due to the “significant public interest,” as stated in the UW System Administration policy, for requesting public records. However, the SGA will incur a $29 copying fee for the less-than-100 page report.

The registration line for Trivia wrapped around the CAC building on Monday, April 13 (top) as “The New Trivia Times” was passed out to all teams (above).

Trivia goes up and over the hill

Trivia is what happens when one trivia-crazed man, a motivated student organization and over 11,500 hungry Trivia players collide for one non-stop, insomnia-ridden weekend to take over the city of Stevens Point.

Now 40 years from Trivia’s start, Oz returns for another year of madness as he unleashes the indescribable energy of the beast he’s kept alive all these years on the City of Stevens Point.

Trivia has come a long way since its inception and there are many differences between Trivia then and Trivia now.

Trivia was wild as can be then · to the New Trivia Times was passed out to all teams (above).

The online teams are going to be playing from all over the world, including a group of soldiers playing in Afghanistan.

“A soldier who is from Point told all the people in his regiment about Trivia and they got pumped on it and they’ve got time to play it so they set up a team,” said 90FM Program Director Jarad Olson. “It’s just really cool that they can take part in it.”
New General Education Program continues to unfold through GEPRC

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After initial approval of a procedure for the new General Education Program by the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point’s faculty senate, the third step of the procedure was approved Wednesday, April 15. The committee has been established to start from scratch and develop an entirely new program.

The third step of the General Education Policy Review Committee is to “Identify the GEP model (core, distribution, etc.): including its relationship to degree types (B.A., B.S., B.F.A., B.M., etc.).”

“That model recommends that we have a distribution model,” said GEPRC co-chair Greg Summers. “It makes a recommendation establishing a separate set of degree requirements that would be created by the university’s academic affairs committee.”

According to the UW-SP General Education Research Team Report, the distribution model allows students to choose their own GDR classes from various menus that are divided by category as opposed to set, specific courses as under a core model.

The proposal that was given Wednesday has three main components, the first being that the General Education Program should apply to all students.

“The gen. ed. is for all students,” said GEPRC co-chair Don Guay. From Forum pg. 1

“Right now you have a gen. ed. for B.A., gen. ed. for B.S. On the proposal, that won’t exist. Gen. eds. for everyone.”

After receiving the GEPRC’s proposal, the current model is not built around clear learning outcomes and is inefficient and difficult to assess. The new GEP will rest on a foundation of clearly stated, measurable learning outcomes.

Along with the required gen. eds. for all students, a number of classes required for each degree type and major will also be required for individual students.

“The campus has to have a conversation as to what is a B.A. degree, what is a B.S. degree,” said Guay. “There is no standard definition.”

In addition to the aforementioned proposals, a third, stating, “No single course should be allowed to satisfy more than one GEP requirement” was tabled until the completion of step four of the procedure. This proposal would effectively create a new GEP without “silver bullets,” but with less credits.

“I think with the feedback we got from campus about that didn’t feel like they were ready to make a decision about silver bullets until they actually had an idea of what the curriculum looked like,” said Summers.

The GEPRC encourages students to attend their meetings. The meetings are every Thursday from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

twice the amount of the Chancellors’ reports.

Some students voiced their concerns about how SGA handled the vote on the Chancellor. One called the open forum a “public mudslinging” against Bunnell. Another said it’s reaching nationwide recognition and is damaging the reputation of UW-SP.

“We weren’t trying to be secretive to the students,” SGA senator Sam Cychosz said. “Glencoe said our objective was to figure out the means of which to best convey our decision on the Chancellor in the most powerful way possible on behalf of the students.”

SGA President Katie Kloth reminded the audience that a vote of “no confidence” is an investigation and said, “If there’s nothing to find, then there’s nothing to hide.”

returns from winter break, they begin getting volunteers, making marquees, writing press releases and doing the underwriting to make sure Trivia is everything the players expect it to be, one crazy ride.

Oz starts preparing for each trivia competition as soon as the previous one ends. His preparation causes him to enjoy the media we enjoy every day in a much different way. A movie, for most, results in a few pages of notes and hopefully a few questions for the contest still months away.

Starting in January, Oz and his partner John Eckendorf begin writing the 432 questions, plus the running questions, Trivia stone clues and music snippets that run the trivia machine. He doesn’t mind giving up the time a bit.

“It’s almost a thing where if I didn’t do it, I don’t know what else I would do,” said Oz. “You look around and people will say every day I go to the gym or I ride bicycle fanatically and that’s their hobby. I write Trivia.”

The only thing all these teams are fighting for is a chance to claim the champion’s trophy as their own. There is no monetary prize, no extravagant incentive for the winners to grab and take with them-simply pride, a trophy and a whole bunch of fuzzy memories.

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The contest starts on Friday with 7 p.m. questions, and registration opens on 90FM, stream it live on the Internet at http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wvwp/listenlive.html or watch the 90FM staff in action on Student Television on channel 98.

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Karaoke is a Japanese word that derives from the words “kara,” meaning empty, and “okesutora,” meaning orchestra.

One in 5,000 North Atlantic lobsters are born bright blue. They also come in yellow, red, pink and white. Lobsters can regenerate their legs, claws and antennae. In fact, they sometimes amputate their own claws and legs to free themselves from danger.

The only known poisonous bird in the world is the hooded pitohui of Papua, New Guinea. The poison is found in its skin and feathers.

Lobsters use signals to establish social relationships. They sometimes walk “hand-in-hand,” the old leading the young. To escape from enemies, lobsters swim backwards by flipping their tail.

The average breast size in America is roughly equivalent to a size 34B.
Pointlife

GSAs changes as an organization to promote diversity adequately

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Starting Friday, the Gay-Straight Alliance will be conducting Pride Week on campus. Not every student is readily familiar with this organization. It desires to promote a message of tolerance and diversity. Before GSA engages the student body with its week of promotion, additional thoughts were garnered from the organization. Every April, Gay Pride Week is run on campus, but other events check the GSA’s calendar throughout the year.

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“Things have gotten better, but discrimination is still present on campus and off,” said Haider. “There is still more work to be done to reach the point of zero discrimination.”

Friday 17- Day of Silence: A day for concerned students to take a vow of silence to bring attention to the name-calling, bullying and harassment. (Sponsored by GLSEN)

Saturday 18- Drag show- Are they male or female!? Who cares! Come enjoy this “Glitter and Feather Fabulous Extravaganza.” (co-sponsored by Centertainment)

Sunday 19- Sexual Orientation Panel and Ice Cream Social (co-sponsored by the Gender Equality Advocates)

Monday 20- “Boys Don’t Cry” film

Tuesday 21- Safe Zone Training

Wednesday 22- Speaker Helena Alden presents: “Gendering Sexualities: The Ex-gay Movement of the Religious Right” (co-sponsored by the UW-SP Sociology Department)

Thursday 23- “Rocky Horror Picture Show” film

Friday 24- ROMP! DanceNot quite prom, but special nonetheless, this is a dance for everyone! (Sponsored by Advocates)

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“The battle after the war: Nation struggles with PTSD”

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The smell of diesel takes him back to a place he does not want to remember: his convoy being ambushed in Iraq. He begins to sweat and panic, reliving the painful experience. Then reality sets in; he is holding a gas pump, not a gun.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder affects people who have been exposed to a traumatic event. It affects soldiers, students and possibly the man filling his gas tank in Stevens Point.

Dr. Michael Brandt, a veterans’ affairs psychologist, spoke on Thursday, April 9 in the Dreyfus University Center Theatre to help the community better understand PTSD, its psychology, diagnosis, treatment and the effects it has on military and non-military citizens.

PTSD is a new label for a very old issue,” said Dr. Brandt, who explained that the terms “shell shock” and “going postal” were past labels for the disorder.

Dr. Brandt explained that PTSD has been around “as long as there has been war” and has resulted from disturbing events that involve intense fear, helplessness or horror.

Living with PTSD means persistently re-experiencing the traumatic events with intrusive and distressing recollections, including images, thoughts, perceptions or recurrent, upsetting dreams. Illusions, hallucinations and flashbacks also cause someone with PTSD to act or feel as though the events are reoccurring.

Dr. Brandt noted that PTSD can be effectively assessed and treated but some barriers, such as social stigmas, a lack of trust and delayed treatment can hinder a person’s ability to get better.

Joining Dr. Brandt in the presentation, student veteran Jeremy Croshiere and vet center counselor Tyrone Patterson told their personal accounts with the military service in the Middle East.

Commenting on PTSD, Croshiere explained how hard it is to relate and connect with fellow students after fighting overseas. He recalled feeling “disconnected” and “detached.”

Wanting fellow students to understand his experience, he explained the shocks and threats he encountered overseas, mentioning
Pointlife

Psychology Club maintains healthy membership on campus

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Networking opportunities, education and career advice help to advance the knowledge of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Psychology Club. Currently comprised of 35 members, the club invites guest speakers from all areas of study and profession to educate the members in a broader sense of their majors and future profession.

The purpose of the Psychology Club is “to advance the knowledge of the other students and to help them learn subjects they won’t learn in class, stuff the other professors know but don’t have time to teach in class,” said Co-President Michelle Ormond.

Career possibilities with a psychology degree, gender relations in psychology and research in the field have also been discussed.

DuWayne Behnke and Dave Lockett, from Adventure Education, recently visited the club, explaining how the program can be applicable in all different majors.

“The Psychology Club is open to all majors and minors that would like to be more involved,” said Co-President Suzanne Ceplina.

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and learn about psychology. Along with professional advice, the club helps its members on a personal level.

“I got to learn a lot about myself and other people,” said Ormond.

“We have another meeting coming up that will talk more about cognitive psychology,” said Co-President Suzanne Ceplina. “We try to have a wide range of different meetings so if people are interested in one thing they can go to that.”

Upcoming for the Psychology Club is the annual book and bake sale. Baked goods and psychology textbooks and other literature will be for sale.

On April 27, Dr. Tony Aretz, President of the College of Mt. St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio, will speak on cognitive psychology.

The Psychology Club is also involved with Habitat for Humanity, peer mentoring and Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology.

The Psychology Club will host the annual psychology department picnic on May 5.

Dear Guru,

What is this “PointCon?” I have been hearing rumors about all free-campuses? Where is PointCon? Which is PointCon? Who can go to PointCon? and who should go to PointCon? Why do so many students find a fun weekend at PointCon?

Thanks for the answers, Ian

Dear Ian,

Thank you for your questions. I will answer your questions as best I can. First, ‘What is PointCon?’ is a simple question. PointCon is a local gaming convention held every year by the members of GASP. GASP is a student organization and stands for Gamers’ Alliance of Stevens Point. It is good to hear rumors, but better to ask questions about those rumors to get to the bottom of things.

PointCon is slated to start at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 1. It runs until 11 p.m. Friday night and starts again at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, ending at 10 p.m. Saturday evening. Again starting at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 3rd, ending Sunday evening at 5 p.m. It is a whole weekend of gaming geared toward all people interested in having some fun and looking for something to do. I know admission is $5 for the whole weekend.

PointCon is to be held this year in the Dreyfus University Center. The main room will be the Laird Room with other rooms running certain games. The Laird Room is going to be free to enter, but in order to participate in any of the tournaments and win the prizes, you will have to pay the $5 entrance fee.

Everyone can go to PointCon and everyone should go to PointCon. Let me explain.

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Everyone should go to PointCon. The explanation for this is quite simple. If you have gone to a previous PointCon (this is the 18th annual) you know how fun it is and will want to go this year’s PointCon as well. If you haven’t gone to a previous PointCon, you should go this year and see what it’s all about, meet some new people and learn some new words. I have always found it fascinating the different word usages that take place and it’s a great way to learn how to use different words and learn some new definitions of some common words like “strength” and “constitution”.

I know a lot of people have fun at PointCon, but the reasons vary to some extent. In order to find out why so many students have fun at PointCon, you should go and see for yourself.

Just remember to have fun, respect the space of others and meet some interesting people, some of them you just might know.

Just remember to game safe, The Guru

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how stressful it was not knowing who was “good” and who was “bad.”

Patterson, who is also a veteran, even mentioned his difficulty getting used to driving a vehicle without a gun.

But PTSD doesn’t only affect the soldier, it affects their family and friends as well. Patterson touched base on this subject, mentioning that “the only thing harder than being a soldier is loving one.”

Many people still remain undiagnosed for PTSD, but an estimated 5.2 million American adults ages 18 to 54 have or are being treated for PTSD, according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

There are facilities on campus to help someone struggling with PTSD and anyone who has questions about the disorder should contact the Health Services staff.

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Students will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite piece and the winner will have their piece purchased by the University Centers for $100.

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For an entry form to the recycled art contest, a list of rules and more information, contact Pollesch at npoll255@uwsp.edu or stop by the SGA office in room 052 of the DUC during his office hours.

For involvement in next year's RecycleMania competition committee, contact Asbach at sasba131@uwsp.edu.

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National Park Service helps get the lead out

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In early March, the National Park Service released a statement that they were going to begin efforts to reduce lead in national parks. Their goal was to eliminate the use of lead ammunition and lead fishing tackle by the end of 2010. However, since the proposal, the American Sportfishing Association and a number of other fish and wildlife management conservation groups have attacked the park service, claiming they have not asked for any input from any groups that would be affected by this change.

“The sportfishing industry is surprised and dismayed by the March 10 announcement made by the National Park Service,” said ASA president Gordon Robertson. “Their intention to eliminate the use of lead in fishing tackle in national parks was made without prior consultation of the sportfishing industry or the millions of recreational anglers who fish within the national park system.”

The ASA stated that in the normal course of events, the sportfishing and shooting industry would have been notified by NPS about this change in policy and would have been invited to discuss the decision with NPS staff. NPS rebutted the ASA with a statement only eight days later, clarifying their proposal.

The park service started that there have been no policy changes for the general public regarding a lead ban. They plan to begin the transition within their department to non-lead ammunition in culling operations and dispatching sick and wounded animals. In the future, they plan to look into the potential of banning lead ammunition and tackle to the general public, but this will require public involvement, comment and review.

Lead is an environmental contaminant and is banned in gasoline, children’s toys and paint because of its effects on human health. Fish and wildlife are also adversely affected by lead poisoning. Loons who eat only one lead sinker can die within two weeks of ingestion. California and Arizona have recently implemented mandatory and voluntary bans on lead ammunition to facilitate the California condor recovery.

“My first thoughts are that this [lead ban] would be a great idea. Anything we can do to clean up our lakes and river systems is an awesome idea. However, from a fisherman’s perspective, the only way that I can see to make some lures differently, so there would be no lead, would be to make them of a different metal that would be lighter, meaning our lures would be bulkier and not as natural,” said Logan Bliss, president of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Big Dawg Fishing Club.

For now, NPS plans to implement its lead ban in their department only with the possibility of one day increasing the ban’s application to the general public.

“The reduction and eventual removal of lead on park service lands will benefit humans, wildlife and ecosystems inside and outside park boundaries and continue our legacy of resource stewardship,” acting NPS Director Dan Wenk said.

How to make rope: It’s not as hard as you may think

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Science & Outdoors Reporter

It is one of the tricks the old­timers used to do: making rope from what you have around you. Rope is very useful if you go into the woods without it and suddenly need to tie up that yet you just captured or hang your pack. The easiest way to make one, although it works only for light stuff, is just to find 2 blades of long grass and braid them. This is good for setting a snare or a mouse, but if you really want to catch that yeti there is a better way.

The first thing you need to do is find a Basswood tree. Other trees may work, but a basswood is best because of its fibrous bark. Just look for the tree with the largest leaves you’ve ever seen, about the size of an adult human. Stand at the base of a heart. Take your pocket knife and make a line as long as you want the rope to be (four feet is best) down the tree. Make another line about one-quarter inch away from it and connect the two at the top and bottom. The wider the bark is, the stronger it will be, although it will tear easier and be tougher to work in the end. Peel the bark from the tree by prying with your fingernail or knife into the top of the slice. As long as you don’t do this very many times to the same tree, it shouldn’t hurt it very much. On the backside will be a wet shiny layer that needs to be peeled free from the green part.

Once you do this, the possibilities are endless. It is very strong vertically, although horizontally it is rather weak, so make sure that you don’t tear it. The simplest thing to do is peel three cords like this and braid them into a nice piece of rope—a strand of three cords is not easily broken. If you know how, it would also be possible to weave it into an even stronger strand. It is said that this would be strong enough to climb with.

So there you have it—making rope like it’s back in style. Just make sure that you are allowed to mess with the basswood tree that got selected as the lucky candidate and give it a try!
Chris Johnson
SPORTS REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team dug themselves an early 5-0 against the Blue Devils of UW-Stout on Wednesday at University Field. They fought back hard in the eighth and ninth innings, but came up short.

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They then came back to close the doubleheader with a 5-3 victory.

The Pointers are now 14-9 overall and 2-4 in conference.

UW-Stout got the team on the board first using some small ball. Dane Carlson hit a bases-clearing triple off starting pitcher Kyle Barry that scored three runs in the top of the second inning. A ball was squeezed by UW-SP catcher Jordan Rennicke to allow Carlson home, making the score 4-0 after one-and-a-half innings.

The Pointers led off of the bottom of the second with Brad Archambeau reaching on a bunt off Blue Devil pitcher Nate Hanson. After some groundouts, Archambeau was unable to score and UW-Stout added to the lead in the third when Tschida hit a double to bring home Ryan Stace to make the score 5-0 after two-and-a-half innings.

Archambeau said, “We battled well, but we have to battle earlier, we can’t be down five runs after three innings. We had guys on base, we just have to get them to score.”

Pointer Scott Williams came in relief of Barry in the fifth inning. O’Connell was hit by a pitch that left runners on first and second with one out. Carlson hit a two-run single to make it 7-0.

UW-SP got on the board in the bottom of the fifth with a lead-off double by Kyle Cummings. Kevin Thomas then hit a double play and Cummings scored to make it 7-1.

UW-SP scored again in the sixth inning after Jared Surman hit an RBI, fielder’s choice. Sam Spurney scored, making it 7-2 heading into the seventh.

Stout added to its lead in the eighth when O’Connell drew a leadoff walk. Carlson reached first as first baseman Jeremy Richter was pulled off the bag to allow O’Connell to score to make it 8-2. UW-SP added a run in the eighth when Rennicke hit an RBI single to bring Richter in.

Cummings led off the eighth getting hit by a pitch. Fritz then singled to have runners on first and second with no outs. Two fly outs later, Archambeau hit a bases-clearing triple to bring the Pointers within three runs at 8-5.

Fritz then drew another walk to leave the bases loaded for Thomas, who hit a sacrifice fly to bring the final score to 8-6.

Head coach Pat Bloom had some thoughts after the game.

“We need to grow up as a team and we need players to get the job done, we can’t point fingers and we need players to get big outs and big hits,” said Bloom.

The Pointers out-hit the Blue Devils 11-9, but had three errors and five earned runs.

The second game was a whole new experience for the Pointers, who scored pairs of runs in the second and fourth innings. They built a formidable 4-1 lead over the Blue Devils.

Pointer first baseman Jon Schoch scored two runs and one RBI in the competition while Spurney, Josh Krueger and Rennicke earned single runs.

Pitcher Jeff Zielke threw for three innings without giving up a hit or a run.

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Game one left a single run for the Titans in the bottom of the fourth when Jessica Berger after a line drive hit to third base from Allie Dorn. Berger played pickle between third and home bases to make the score.

Titans’ pitcher Lauren Roberts kept the Pointers at bay with nine strikeouts throughout the evening.

The Pointers struggled to regain runs throughout the evening.

Pointer pitcher Kayla Kastenmeier permitted seven hits and five runs by the Titans during the first four innings of action. Elyse Nelson stepped in to finish up the remainder of the game hitting in two hits and two strikeouts.

The Titans tramped the Pointers with six runs in the first inning of the second game with Dorn pitching.

Relief came with Nelson for two innings, which unraveled the game to two more runs and two walks. Kastenmeier stepped in for the final two innings in a standoff with two strikeouts and one walk.

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point outdoor track and field teams have started off the 2009 season with a bang, already posting several top three individual finishes in the Pointers' first outing at the Washington University Mini Meet in St. Louis. The men's team ended with 141 points for first and the women's team finished in sixth.

On the men's team, Keith Kismuke took third in the men's long jump. Timothy Thornburg finished first and Jason Lisower, second, in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Patrick Leonard, Brad Koback and Zach Scott-Keyser were first, second and third in the men's 400-meter dash in times of 49.05, 50.25 and 50.47. Adam Lang was the top UW-SP finisher in the 800-meter run, taking second with a time of 1:55.30. Ernest Edmond took first in the 200-meter dash, posting a time of 22.30 and the UW-SP men's 4x400 relay team ended second.

For the women, Allison Wolter was second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 11:41.21. Kelly Haen took fourth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:33.29. Adam Lang was the top UW-SP finisher in the 800-meter run, taking second with a time of 1:55.30. Ernest Edmond took first in the 200-meter dash, posting a time of 22.30 and the UW-SP men's 4x400 relay team ended second.

The third outing of the year for the Pointer track and field teams was also a large success with the men placing second with 206 team points and the women placing third with 143 team points.

For the men, Noah Utecht was the top finisher for the Pointers in the javelin throw, with a toss of 53.62 meters. Cody White took home the men's triple jump top finish with a jump of 13.23 meters. Mark Cufaude was the top finisher in the men's pole vault, clearing 4.73 meters. In the men's 5,000-meter run, Corey Towlle, Dominick Meyer and Phil Richert finished one through three in the event. Cory Towlle, a Subway Athlete of the Week, finished with a time of 14:44.56. Derek Stone finished first in the men's high jump, clearing 1.93 meters. Jake Koss took third in the event, clearing 1.88 meters and Mike Dellemann was first in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 13.01. Keith Ingram finished in the top spot in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.91. Nick Ver Duin, Ernest Edmond and Patrick Leonard placed second through fourth. In the men's long jump, Keith Dismuke also took first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.65 and also posted first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.95. In the longer events, Claire Roberts and Kelly Haen finished second and third in the 1500-meter run with times of 4:52.00 and 4:53.26 respectively. Kathleen Follbrecht, Laura Simonis and Kristin Kuber were second through fourth in the 400-meter dash.

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Earth Week Events: April 20-24

Monday, April 20: Food and Consumption Day
Organic Pointer Plate Special at the Wooden Spoon
Campus garden tours and composting discussion from 1-3 p.m. (meet at the campus garden)
Invasive species removal from 1-4 p.m. (meet at the Schmeeckle Visitor Center)
King Kom movie showing at 7 p.m. in the DUC Laird Room

Tuesday, April 21: Transportation Day
Bike repair workshop at 11 a.m. on the Allen Center lawn
Group bike ride at 3 p.m. (meet at DUC Ticket and Information Center)
Bike scavenger hunt at 5 p.m. (meet outside of the Allen Center)
Shoreline restoration speaker Ben Niffenegger at 5 p.m. in TNR 320
Speaker Julia Butterfly Hill at 7 p.m. in the DUC Laird Room

Wednesday, April 22: Education Day
Natural resource course taught by Professor Doruska open to the public at 11 a.m. in TNR 170
Tree planting and free food from local businesses from 12-3 p.m. at Old Main
Ecological economist Brian Czech at 7 p.m. in the DUC Laird Room
Campus green tours all day upon request (contact Katie Stenz at ksten220@uwsp.edu)

Thursday, April 23: Recreation Day
Native seed planting from 3-7 p.m. in Schmeeckle Reserve
Schmeeckle trash pick-up at 4 p.m. (meet on the corner of Maria Dr. and Reserve St.)
Biofuels presentation by Professor Eric Singsaas from 5-6 p.m. in DUC 111
Green Man Group theater performance at 6 p.m. in the Sundial
Learn to geocash from 6-8 p.m. (meet at the Schmeeckle Visitor Center)

Friday, April 24: Green Living Day
Eco-Fair all day in the Sundial featuring a display of student organization and local business green efforts, a presentation on local recycling regulations and the campus and city master plans, signing of a sustainability pledge, and announcement of recycled art competition winners
Knutzen Hall Green Room Tours from 1-3 p.m. (meet in the Knutzen Hall lobby)

Saturday, April 25
Candlelight hike and student presentation at 7 p.m. in the Schmeeckle Reserve (meet at the Visitor Center)

Staff Pointer Poll: With Trivia being this weekend, what is a question you have always wanted an answer to?

Steve: Who put the bahmp in the bahmp-e-bahmp-e-bahmp?
Becca: Have you ever imagined yourself in a world with no hypothetical situations?
Katie: Have you ever heard the wolf cry to the blue-corned moon?
Jake: What is the answer to life, the universe, and everything?
Becka: Is there ever a day when mattresses are not on sale?
Justin: Where in the world is Carmen San Diego?
Get a whiff of the perfumery romance on campus: UW-SP theatre department presents “She Loves Me”

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Within the walls of the Studio Theatre exists a quaint replica of a burlesque perfumery run by the stern, yet soft-hearted, Mr. Maraczek, played by James Roland Freer. But the smell of perfume is not the only aroma in this shop; a strong, bittersweet scent of romance lingers in the musical comedy, “She Loves Me.”

This charming production is the story of two perfume shop employees, Amalia Balash, played by Sadie Langemo and Georg Nowack, played by Andrew Hollenbeck, who cannot stand each other. They quarrel every day at the shop, but find comfort in their anonymous pen pal lovers, who, ironically, turn out to be each other.

This unusual romance seems dire at times, keeping the audience involved until the very last song. But do not fear; love prevails.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point reproduction, based on the Hungarian play, "The Shop Around the Corner," has also been retold in the 1998 movie, "You’ve Got Mail," starring Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks. However, while Meg Ryan’s legs may be motivation to stay awake during “You’ve Got mail,” the competing voices in “She Loves Me” will keep the audience stirring.

The score alone should bring in an audience as the witty songs, created by the same team that composed the songs of “Fiddler on the Roof,” showcase the undeniable talent of the UW-SP theatre and dance department.

Describing the cast as “talented, hard-working and positive,” Director Roger Nelson rehearsed for seven weeks and created a complete past life for each character so that their actions on stage would be believable and motivated; they were.

The 21 musical theatre and acting majors performed in the Noel Fine Arts Center April 10-12, but will recreate the show April 15-18 for the largest production thus far in the Studio Theatre. Housing a perfumery, in addition to settings that represent a romantic restaurant, street, hospital room and cozy apartment, one must see it to believe it.

But quality doesn’t only survive on stage. A live four-piece orchestra composed of piano, celeste, percussion, violin and cello, makes the musical come alive. Superb lighting, special effects and elegant costumes also make this show a delight.

In the words of the director, “It’s witty, intelligent, adult and romantic.”

Tree-dwelling author climbs down to Stevens Point for Earth Week

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Best-selling author and renowned environmental activist Julia Butterfly Hill will be speaking on campus in an open forum this Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dreyfus University Center Theater. Hill will be speaking about her book, The Legacy of Luna, which details her plight to protect the redwood trees in California from deforestation and logging.

Julia Butterfly Hill lived in this tree she named Luna for approximately two years.

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As is evident from her book, Hill’s tree-sit was a microcosmic symbol of changes that must occur on a macro level—by attaching herself bodily to one tree, she made a statement about humans’ inherent connectedness to the environment as a whole and the need to protect it.

This statement resonated not only among the individuals it served to inspire, but also among prominent logging companies like Pacific Lumber, who repeatedly tried cutting the tree down. Their efforts and Hill’s actions engendered both bad press for the company and a new wave of environmentalism.

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“Slumdog Millionaire” is the story of an 18-year-old orphan from the slums of Mumbai named Jamal Malik (Dev Patel), his brother Salim (Madhur Mittal), and his one true love Latika (Freida Pinto).

The story starts out with the entire nation of India watching a gripping episode of the Indian version of “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” Jamal is an unimaginable Malik (Dev Patel), his brother Salim the slums of Mumbai named Jamal of “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” But about the money, but rather, wants to use this publicity to find his long-lost love, Latika. This independent film from India swept away the competition at this year’s Academy Awards by reaping 8 total Oscars, including Best Picture.

“Slumdog Millionaire” is a brilliant piece of movie magic that deserves every bit of attention that it received. Don’t be deceived by the previews and commercials with the happy-go-lucky dance sequence; this movie is an endless tale of sorrowful circumstances and woeful experiences with just the right amount of romantic serendipity to keep you from crying your eyes out.

“Slumdog” is an enthralling, genre-defying romantic thriller that hooks itself into you, takes you on a vicious roller coaster ride through the darkest corners of India, makes you laugh, cry and doesn’t let you go until the very climactic conclusion.

The newly released DVD is well worth the buy with over a dozen deleted scenes, two commentaries, “The Making of...” documentary and a music video of the Oscar-winning song “Jai Ho.” As an added bonus for the eco-conscious, the case purposely uses less plastic for a healthier environment.

However, it earns its “R” rating for violence, some profanity, and disturbing images. If you are just acting for a new movie or even if you don’t want to watch a movie at all, go buy or rent “Slumdog Millionaire.” You will be glad you did.

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It feels so good to be back with all of you after my two-week sabbatical. Returning to the pages of "The Pointer" is like putting on a warm dryer-fresh pair of sexy pants. I hope you've all managed without me while I was out traversing the country, collecting research for my new project. I don't want to give too much away but I will say I met a superhero and I must bring her story to the world. Stay tuned!

I knew I had to return for this, the most hallowed of weeks at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. If trivia was a live album it would clearly be "Frampton Comes Alive!" It's just that important. I feel honored to the max just to be a part of such an event. Now don't feel bad that you weren't invited to be part of my team. I'm not participating in that way. I am an answer! Pay attention now, my zealous friends, because I am the answer to question 5 of hour 41 of Trivia 40. Just answer "Steve Danger Apfel" and you're that many more points into competition! You're quite welcome.

Truthfully dear readers, is anything more important than trivial knowledge? The answer is a resounding "certainly not." Standard education is all well and good, but being able to remember and regurgitate seemingly useless facts is what life is really all about. Now trivial knowledge has many real-world applications outside of helping to raise money for our dear 90FM.

For example, say you are out on a first date with that adorable girl/guy from your twice-weekly history class. You've met up at Green Tea and have dispensed with the usual greetings and pleasantries, but what do you talk about next? Nobody wants to talk about school on a date. How lame! This is where your trivial knowledge comes in handy. Casually say to your lovely date, "Did you know that Jo~Wayne's real first name was Marion?" or "If the plates on the back of a stegosaurus were not used for protection, what were they used for?" See if you can even finish your meal without inspiring and passionate lip lock. If you thought trivia was only cute when said by Jonathan Lipnicki in "Jerry Maguire," you thought wrong!

Research papers are unfortunately still a staple of many college courses and a bane to the existence of many students. Your paper on the effects of global warming on the baboons of Africa is a little dry and could use a bit more pizzazz? Trivia to the rescue! Drop into your text that actor Robert Guillaume, the voice of wise baboon Rafiki in Disney's "The Lion King," replaced original actor Michael Crawford in the title role of "The Phantom of the Opera" and you and your professor are having a better learning experience.

I realize that experiences of this nature sound fantastic but may not be realistically within the reach of all students. Not everyone is naturally trivially-inclined. I've got your back, my less-inclined friends. Starting this very day, April 15, 2009, will be the first meeting of the Collegiates Learning Intense Trivia student group. Students will be able to receive a crash-course in trivial facts and memory techniques. The goal is to have every interested person ready to participate in at least the later rounds of Trivia 40. Perhaps next year's winning team will be formed by these curious friends!

Finally, I'd like to thank all of you for remembering my birthday this week. The party was a complete surprise, and who knew Avra could limbo so low? On roller skates no less! And my new best friend Liz Bush can make one heck of a confetti cake, wouldn't you say? And the sci-fi theme was out of this world! Good luck to all trivia teams this weekend!

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Holding grudges: It's amazing how you girls can absolutely love someone one minute and desperately hate them the next. I've seen girls' best friends turn into worst enemies in a matter of minutes. And when you are pissed at someone, you stay that way for a long time. Guys are far more rational. We get mad, we get even and then it's done. When girls get stabbed in the back, they feel they need to stab back 50 more times. And they call us the immature sex.

Shopping: I don't understand the need to spend all day walking on concrete floors and wasting as much money as possible. I once had a girl tell me that she bought a $50 pair of shoes that she never plans on wearing. She simply liked the way they looked. I am simply out of words.

Self-image: It frustrates me how women hate the way they look. Their butts aren't cute enough, worried about their bottoms or how they look. They feel their hair is never good enough, worried what they are, wearing makes them look ugly. And don't even get me started on the make-up thing. Some of you girls act like your skin is discolored or something and you're trying to hide every inch of it behind blush and eyeliner. I don't want to come across as some wimpy, sensitive guy, but you girls are gorgeous! Quit trying to change the way you look. There's nothing sexier than a girl that just woke up, hair in a mess and wearing a ratty old t-shirt.

Now I'm not advising you to just give up and let yourself go but give yourselves a break. We aren't expecting Jessica Alba to be walking into our lives anytime soon (although that would be awesome). We like you just the way you are. I mean, look at us. We are ugly as sin but somehow get lucky once in a while.

-2J

PS. This was not meant to offend anyone. It was written all in good fun.

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Letters & Opinion

Dear Lady V (continued from last week's column),

Since you shared some of your confusions about the opposite sex, let me share some of mine.

Complaining about guys: Why must you always do this? I swear we can't seem to get anything right. No matter how many times we rub your shoulders, how many times we listen to the music that turns you on, you never satisfy. We sacrifice so much! I think we deserve a little appreciation.

Letters to the Editor

get caught reading “The Pointer”

Second year student Zach Andrist likes to keep up with the news.

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Rabble Rousers

Hey, what's wrong?
I really hate "pay us to stop playing this music" fundraisers.

Roach

You got an ID, kid?

Of course; I'm a student— it's 112° outside.

10 seconds later...
I don't get it: I'm old enough to take a Calculus test, but not old enough to drink myself halfway to stupid!

Where I Come From

I'm not...

At least tell me the fork wall is still intact.

I'm alright?

... I'm right. I thought you would be like Turtles.

Vaguer Language

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wtm;aoG;ioM

Only the sexiest I know. Right? 

PLAY WORDLE!
Hint: One of the words is the same as last week.

Wordle

Create as many words as you can out of these 6 letters. Spaces are provided below.

TETREL

Check back next week for the answers.

Last week's answers:

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Congratulations to next year's staff!

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a paid LGBTQ affairs full or part-time directors.
"If UW-Stevens Point wishes to stay competitive in today's academic climate, it must make further advances in advocating the acceptance and diversity on its campus," said Julie Schneider, GSA advisor and member of the Faculty/Staff GSA, in a letter from the GSA executive board.

Another student, Eric Krszjanzniek, who has also resigned from the student senate, was against the amendment.
"If GSA has failed, then I will actively support and work with the organization to address discrimination issues on this campus, and I hereby resign from SGA to do so to the fullest extent of my abilities," Krszjanzniek said in an e-mail in response to a concerned student.

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Krszjanzniek also said in the e-mail he feels the addition of this position further emphasizes the idea of differences and dichotomies that is our basis of thinking. It emphasizes what is "normal" and what is not and that people need to stop thinking in these ways.
"There needs to be a different way as we are all a part of the same community... The ideology system is broken, and we do not fix a system by reaffirming the system," said Krszjanzniek.

He said no one student should have their full responsibility of helping this community.
"Instead, shifting the way people think should be something that we all do, every single one of us, when interacting with others on a daily basis," said Krszjanzniek.

There has been discussion among senators who are for this amendment about presenting the proposal to the senate in a different manner.

GSA and SGA are currently searching for alternatives to ensure that the LGBTQ community is represented in the future.

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Krszjanzniek also said in the e-mail he feels the addition of this position further emphasizes the idea of differences and dichotomies that is our basis of thinking. It emphasizes what is "normal" and what is not and that people need to stop thinking in these ways.
"There needs to be a different way as we are all a part of the same community... The ideology system is broken, and we do not fix a system by reaffirming the system," said Krszjanzniek.

He said no one student should have their full responsibility of helping this community.
"Instead, shifting the way people think should be something that we all do, every single one of us, when interacting with others on a daily basis," said Krszjanzniek.

There has been discussion among senators who are for this amendment about presenting the proposal to the senate in a different manner.

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