Justice faces accusations from SGA
Talks of impeachment; legality and reasoning in question

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The Student Government Association senate created an ad-hoc committee last Thursday to investigate chief justice Arturo Vigueras to determine if impeachment is necessary.

Vigueras had been questioned recently about the legality of having a third election, due to the lack of turnout in previous elections, and expressed that he felt it was not a legal move.

Forming the committee was put forth by Senator Sam Gienius and Speaker of the Senate Saul Newton.

"As the chief justice, he needs to be trusted as the chief interpreter of the constitution, and if he is going to be bluntly ignoring the constitution, then he is failing at his job," said Gienius.

SGA bylaws disagree, stating the duties of the chief justice to as to "sit, render, and write decisions on all cases before the court, unless the power of writing decision is assigned to another justice." and to "be the spokesperson of the judicial branch, unless the chief justice delegates the power to another justice."

No court case is currently being heard on the legality of Vigueras in the past.

"The court is there to guard the rules of student government," said Vigueras. "The constitution, the bylaws and to ensure that they apply to all students, not just them."

"The rules are the level playing field that we have to make things better." Newton was unavailable for comments about the motion.

"I haven't done anything wrong," said Vigueras. "Members of the court want me to continue to the end of my term and as long as I have their support. I am going to remain in my position as chief justice regardless of what the outcome is."

SGA executives have expressed concern over Vigueras in the past.

"I've really hung up on this one all year," said Katie Kohth, SGA president, in November when she appointed Vigueras from vice chief justice to chief justice. "And I am just going to be really frank with you; it would be an irresponsible of me to tell you that I think he is a good candidate, 'cause I don't. Just a couple of examples, you should know this and you have the right to know, he has been on SGA executive staff before and he was fired. Last year he was almost impeached from the judicial branch, and I just want you to know."

According to former senator Andrew Letson, it was her right not to put him up for a vote if she really didn't want him as chief justice or felt he was unqualified.

Vice President Kirk Cychosz, believes that Vigueras conducts himself unprofessionally and there is a dissatisfaction with that.

"He's kind of a prima donna and has no institutional knowledge," said Cychosz, who has served on SGA for approximately six months himself.

"That's completely ridiculous," said Letson. "He's been part of the judicial branch since the beginning. Before that he was a member of the executive board. I believe truly there are individuals within the executive branch who just don't want him to be part of SGA."

Vigueras has been involved with SGA since spring 2004. He has held the position of multi-cultural issues director, senator, associate justice, vice chief justice, clerk of courts and chief justice. The ad-hoc committee must bring their recommendation on impeachment back within two weeks.

University loses professor and confidant of many

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"Today the university lost a valued and much loved friend, colleague, mentor and alum," said Mark Nook, vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Stephen R. Bondeson, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point associate vice chancellor of teaching, and academic programs in the office of academic affairs, died April 20, 2009, under the care of his family and Ministry Home Care Hospice at home.

Bondeson was born June 9, 1952, in Zion, Ill. He lived in Greenville, Miss. and then moved to Westfield, graduating from Westfield High School in 1970. He then went on to attend UW-SP.

Bondeson graduated with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from UW-SP in May 1974. While in attendance, he performed undergraduate research using electron spin resonance. He went on to earn his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Duke University in September 1978, graduating with high honors.


He then joined the faculty of UW-SP in 1980 after two years as a research associate at Princeton University.

Bondeson later went on to work as a professor at the University of South Carolina and Columbia University before returning to his alma mater of UW-SP to teach chemistry. He would later take on his most recent role.

"We are fortunate to have had Steve as a student, friend and colleague," said Nook. "I learned much from him, and I know that many of you did as well. He was certainly one of my best mentors, and I wish I had known him longer. We will miss his gentleness, his humor, his warmth and his commitment to the university and our students."

Faculty members in the chemistry department who worked with Bondeson remember his unique outlook at life.

"First, Steve was among the slowest eaters in history and this was a perfect metaphor for the way he savored life, always taking time to relish life's precious treasures and the people he loved," said Steve Wright, professor of chemistry. "Second, I think Steve was like a great athlete whose skills elevated the play of teammates. Steve was a great person whose living made all those around him better people."

In his role in the department of academic affairs, Bondeson was involved with administrative aspects of the teaching and learning environment at UW-SP. He was involved in helping develop new

The Buzz
Late night bus route approved

On Monday, April 20, the Stevens Point City Council approved an agreement with the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point to create a late night bus program with routes that will run from 10:15 p.m. to 3 a.m. and will begin with classes in the fall semester. Many spoke in favor of the proposal at the meeting and the community and the university.

The routes will cost the student body about $16,000 a semester through segregated fees, with a one-time $9,000 charge needed to install security cameras on the bus.

The late-night bus program was approved by a vote of 7-2, the student body in March 2008 after numerous attempts to move forward with the plans.

Doyle to speak about Covenant

Governor Jim Doyle will be speaking at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point on Friday, April 24 as part of Covenant Day.

Covenant Day is being held to discuss the importance of higher education and encourage students to sign the Wisconsin Covenant, which will aid students in attending universities.

Students from throughout the region will be in attendance. They will be given the opportunity to experience life at UW-SP by participating in activities such as campus tours, dinners with current students, faculty presentations, programs and lunch on campus.

Brittney Rossman is organizing a pep rally for the event "to show kids just how great of a school UW-SP really is and to get them excited about higher education."

All those interested in helping should show up from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. wearing anything affiliated with UW-SP. Students will be welcoming the eighth graders and those from the Governor's office to campus. Rossman can be contacted with any questions at 715-346-3548.

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Soviet Union expert professor passes away

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John Oster began his University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point career when the Cold War really began to heat up and ended only a few short years after it ended.

Oster became a political science professor at UW-SP in 1962, providing students with his expertise on the Soviet Union for the following 30 years until his retirement in 1992.

Oster passed away Sunday at Kennedy Park Medical and Rehabilitation Center in Milwaukee, Wis. after a nine-year battle with Alzheimer’s. He was 80.

More commonly called “Jack,” after Jack Kennedy, Oster became the first hire of the university’s political science department which branched out from the history department. As a professor in the international relations emphasis area, with expertise in the Soviet Union, Oster taught a variety of students, helping them to understand what was happening in the world around them.

But Oster went beyond the classroom in helping students learn about political science. Beginning in 1970, Oster would lead more than a dozen study abroad trips to the Soviet Union during his tenure. The trips took place around the time of spring break, lasting one week. He also went to England and once led a group once to China.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 19, 1929, Oster became interested in the world around him early in life. “His father was an influence to academic programs, in assessment of programs and student learning, in faculty and staff development and in the review of academic programs. He spent much of his time working on improving advising and improving the success of all students at UW-SP.

“Steve had a deep commitment to all students on campus,” said Nook. “He worked to improve how we help students learn. I don’t know who originated our Higher Learning Commission motto, ‘It’s about learning’ but Steve certainly lived it and repeated it often. For Steve, even as an administrator, it was about learning.”

Bondeson has also been very involved in the university community, serving on numerous committees and serving as an advisor and mentor to countless students. He dedicated himself to writing grant proposals, bringing in funding for positions and research at UW-SP. He won numerous awards for teaching and service to the university throughout his tenure at UW-SP.

“Steve, thank you for what you did for this university and our students, and thank you for what you taught me,” said Nook.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2009 at Woodlands Church with the Rev. Brian Berg officiating. Friends may visit the family from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, and again from 10 a.m. until the service time Friday.

For Steve, When I first met you, I saw a glowing core of goodness, A parade of kindness, and A Soul of patience. I said you would be a good administrator. What I meant to say is that the limping administrative world Needs you. And it did.

You calmed my bursting sense of outrage or injustice. But you agreed that it was justified.

Your quiet voice is the strongest I ever heard. But you never pushed your own agenda wagon.

Your views arrows straight to the most important element. But you listened to the periphery.

Your eyes engaged and your ears hummed. But you always waited.

You are a wonder and a joy in a world of regulations.

- Dean Joan North, March 2008

and very easy to get along with. We all really liked him. Students especially liked him.”

When Oster was not teaching he spent much of his time doing the outdoor activities he enjoyed so much. In the wintertime, he would go downhill and cross country skiing, while the summers were reserved for camping, canoeing, hiking and jogging throughout the state. But staying at home in Mosinee was also enjoyable as he was living his and his wife’s dream of owning a log cabin on the river.

Of course when he taught, Oster had to leave his home early in the morning, explained former colleague and best friend Professor Emeritus Jim Canfield.

“He always scheduled very early morning classes and he had a giant pot of coffee. He would be drinking coffee constantly. Even back in the days when we had 7:45 classes he would always schedule those,” said Canfield. “He liked to teach early in the morning. I know students don’t like to sign up for those classes, but they always did for him.”

Oster is survived by his wife, Mosinee, Wis., sister-in-law Barbara Oster, Cape Coral, Fla., one nephew Clint Oster, Bocaraton Fla., and two nieces Kathi Lurie Fort Myers, Fla. and Marilyn Palmer, Cape Coral Fla.

Mid-Wisconsin Cremation Society, Schofield, Wis. is assisting the family with arrangements.

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To the civilian eye, this obviously appears to be a paint gun. However, within a training operation, it can be transformed into a powerful M-16 not to be treated lightly.

"We had our entire department break up into three squads," said ROTC Cadet Andrew Letson. "They’re doing all these rehearsals, getting their standard operating procedures. They get out to the site and you get attacked. You have to have someone to collect the casualties ... you have to have a designated team inside the squad to go do that while everybody else provides security."

Army ROTC is an officer training course and part of one’s college curriculum. Upon graduating from ROTC, a cadet is commissioned to the Army having already received the rank of second lieutenant. Along with leader training, ROTC pays its cadets’ college tuition.

IFTX is done in preparation for the Leader Development and Assessment Course, a five-week summer course which evaluates and trains Army ROTC cadets. LDAC is held in Fort Lewis and is typically held between a cadet’s junior and senior years. "But then going out there and doing it is a little bit different because of all the different stress factors."

Want to learn more about ROTC? Contact First Lieutenant Josh Beyerl at 715-346-4010 or reach him via e-mail at: jbeyerl@uwsp.edu

THE POINT IS ...

We're still for效ed dribble

Michael Baumann

Dear The Point Is,

Will the newest Rambo movie that came out calendar year 2008 reinforce any ongoing stereotypes?
- Concerned about movie integrity
Dear Cami,

The simple answer is no. That would actually be the answer if you had asked if I like Paulie Shore. The answer to the actual question you asked, is: oh yeah, a whole bunch.

Early in the movie, a missionary group tries to persuade the lead character, John Rambo, to take them into Burma, which, in the flick, is a war-torn country. The male leader of this group is the first to ask Rambo for help. After he refuses, the female member in the movie, a secondary member in this religious group, goes and pleads with everyone’s favorite psychotic ex-soldier. He is awakened by a pastor, who tells him he can kill “daddy dearest” and then they run away together.

Any teenage boy should come to you are running from the police. After several slow motion shots of death, the viewer is brought back to Rambo saving logs in Thailand. He is awakened by a pastor, who serves as the leader of the church from which these missionaries came. The pastor needs Rambo to run into the country, and, surprise, surprise, save people.

The standard movie audience is then fed lines from Rambo’s mind in a montage, such as “God’s never gonna make it for you, you gotta make it for yourself” and “Killing is in your blood.” Shortly thereafter, when among other military mercenaries, “Live for nothing, or die for something.” Generally, I think I prefer killing motives that show you’ve really flown the coop.

Norman Bates, in Psycho, during his descent into madness has two sided conversations with his dead mother. The lead killer complains about how his or her curtains or that the man in the wallpaper told him or her it was bear.

This familiar bear, mercenary, “Live for nothing, or die for something.” We're still for效ed dribble
Camping out for the cure: UW-SP to host Relay For Life

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The recipe for Relay: one night mixed with love, friendship, inspiration and hope, bringing people together to fight back against cancer.

Put on annually in Stevens Point, The Relay For Life is organized by the student group Colleges Against Cancer and is sponsored in part by the American Cancer Society. Held in the Health Enhancement Center from 7 p.m. April 24 through the closing ceremony on April 25, there is just one day left until Relay!

Attended by over 200 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students, staff and faculty last year, the successful fundraiser will once again open with the survivor ceremony at 7 p.m., followed by the luminaria ceremony at 10 p.m. and finishing with a closing ceremony at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

"Because so many people are affected by cancer, either directly or indirectly, and the American Cancer Society is well-known and well-respected, fundraising is easy," said Molly VanHoorn, member of the publicity team for CAC.

VanHoorn, as well as Stevie, Stephanie and McKenzie Pointer, will be joining the 32 teams and 293 participants that have raised over $15,000 this year for the all-night occasion that is themed, "Lights, Camera, Take action for a cure!"

"This year’s Relay is going to be amazing," said VanHoorn. For the extent of the event, groups of friends, families, neighbors and co-workers have combined into teams of two to 15 people and will take turns walking or running around a track all night long, raising funds to fight this devastating disease.

But in order to stay awake through the night, entertainment is a must. This active, overnight event hosts campsites, themed laps, contests, games, entertainment, food and prizes in what Kimberly Beckman, president of CAC, calls "a fun way to fight back against cancer."

Starting the night out, relayers will hit the track in attire appropriate for the Hollywood theme. Other laps include ugly sweater/funny t-shirt, UW-SP spirit, gangsta, superhero, toga, dudette vs. macho man and tropical themes.

"People really get into them and some are quite funny," said VanHoorn.

Different activities throughout the night include root beer pong, lightening basketball, red light/green light, DDR, Rock Band, Guitar Hero, messy twister, Fear Factor, three-on-three basketball and the 4 a.m. dance power hour.

Other special events will take place such as the chance through auction to run around the track at a Klement's Sausage Racer. Similar in nature to the sausage races at Miller Park in Milwaukee, relayers will be able to emulate their favorite weiners. A Nintendo Wii will also be raffled off with tickets costing $1.

Each year cancer survivors, their families, community members and Pointers enjoy a night of communal fellowship and help raise money for a noble cause.

In the perhaps most touching part of the evening a luminaria ceremony will be held to acknowledge the people who have been affected by cancer. Individuals or companies can make contributions and light a luminaria at the event for $5. Luminarias can be personalized or a pre-decorated bag can be used. Each dedicated luminaria will be displayed at the event.

"Everyone has a personal reason to Relay," said VanHoorn. "Some do it in honor of those who have lost their battle to cancer; others to celebrate those who have survived. Students should Relay just to be part of an amazing cause."

But outside of this event, students can contribute to The American Cancer Society’s goals by “exercising regularly, choosing a nutritious diet, avoiding tobacco products, using sun screen and getting regular cancer screenings,” said Beckman, who also says it is important to encourage family members to do the same. Community members are welcome to attend Relay.

Dear Geek Guru,

I have a lot of female friends, but when it comes to clothes, I am baffled by the sizes for women compared to men.

What are the differences? Have you experienced anything like this?

Sincerely,
Female-Size Challenged

Dear Female-Size Challenged,

I feel you are not alone when this question is asked and we reply in unison, "I don't know." This is OK; I have done my research and my response follows.

First, I have first-hand knowledge from my many female friends. They simply say it is easier to go to the store and try stuff on and if it is close enough, meaning it fits, sort of, they take the clothes to a tailor and have them fitted, they do it themselves or they don't do anything.

Second, women's sizes mean a lot of different things; not only are their sizes for shoes different, which, in general, only add two to a guys shoe size and it's a woman's shoe size, but there are different sizes depending on the brand of clothing. Brand isn't the only thing that has different sizes; women have different sizes for dresses, pants, blouses, bras, lingerie, etc. Generally, these are different sizes than men as well.

Third, and lastly, I am against this option, but if you are really intrepid, go to a store that sells women's clothes and start trying them on. This way you will have first-hand knowledge of women's sizes in clothes and if anyone asks what you are doing, the best line is that you are participating in Relay For Life's Dudette/Macho Man hour or looking for a Halloween costume. People tend to leave you alone after this.

I hope this answers your question; if not, don't worry, life does have its head-scratchers.
The Environmental Educators and Naturalists Association will be sponsoring the Eco-Fair on Friday, April 24, 2009. The Eco-Fair will be held in the sundial and will be the culmination of a week-long observance of Earth Day.

Eco-Fair has been around since the 1970s, ever since EENA began with the help of professors, Ron Zimmerman and Michael Gross. Molly McKay, EENA president, said that Eco-Fair has always been on Friday of Earth week.

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the green beat

Sustainable recreation is for everyone

Last year, on Earth Day, I decided to finish up my weekly jog with a couple Harley Altenburg
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of laps around Lake Joannis, the body of water located in Schmeeckle Reserve. As I circled the mile long loop, I noticed how much litter was scattered about. Realizing it was Earth Day, my conscience got the better of me. I jogged and picked up trash until my arms were full. I was lucky enough to stumble across a garbage bag. By the time I finished the second loop, any hope of jogging was replaced by a bag full of garbage.

Although this type of “recreation” may not be ideal to most, there are plenty of other outlets available. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has many recreational activities available to students. Join one of the many clubs or intramural leagues on campus. Take advantage of the climbing wall in the Multi-Activity Center. There’s a lot to be learned about sports and oneself. Get out and explore. There are disc golf courses and single tracks available throughout the area. Do I need to mention the Green Circle with its 30.5 miles of trails designated for hiking and biking?

Now that spring is here, it should be relatively easy to enjoy such recreational activities. Be sustainable. Take advantage of this weather while it’s here. Leave your car parked and walk, bike or catch the city bus (free with student I.D.) to class. It’s a great way to minimize our ecological footprint and perhaps stay in shape.

Join us April 23 at 4 p.m. for a Schmeeckle clean-up. Feel free to email harley.altenburg@uwsp.edu with any questions. Keep it clean, keep it green.

Slow and easy is the way to go when exercising after a long, lazy winter

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“A common misconception made by the average person is that you don’t need to be active daily. A lot of people are known as weekend warriors, where they are only active during the weekends,” said UW-SP employee wellness associate, Michael Babbitts.

It’s more healthy to be active on a daily basis or at least five times a week for 30 minutes a day than to work your body to exhaustion one or two days a week said Babbitts.

If one does overdo it, RICE, Rest, Ice, Compression (with an elastic bandage) and Elevation, will usually help lessen the damage, according to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. In all but very mild cases, a doctor should evaluate the injury and establish a treatment and rehabilitation plan, if necessary.

There’s a lesson here: After one prepares their body for spring sports, they can spend the warm weather months healthy and active and not let it all go to waste by hibernating next winter. Staying strong for the next warm weather sports season will prevent one from having to start an exercise program all over again.

Staying physically active is very important to maintain good health. "Try varying your activities throughout the week so you’re not always doing the same thing because people tend to get bored easily," said Neale Hall health advocate, Josh Fast.

Proper workout gear, especially shoes with good support, play a role in preventing injuries. Choose a shoe that’s specially designed for the exercise performed most often.

Besides stretching, flexibility, and good shoes, what’s put in your body also has a direct impact on what one can get out of it.

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worry about driving that much,” said University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point sophomore John Steigerwaldt.

For those looking for a little harder course in the intermediate level range, Yulga Park can satisfy any serious disc golfer’s appetite. The park offers a pro-level 18 hole course that meanders through pine and oak forests. While the elevation is flat, the fairways are tight, wooded and long, making it hard to save par on many holes.

"For being flat, Yulga Park’s disc golf course is exceptionally challenging, but it’s always a fun time and easy to walk,” said UW-SP junior Seth Westberg.

Advanced disc golfers willing to make the drive can appreciate Standing Rocks Park. The park is a glacial remnant of a recent ice age with a oak, maple and pine forest. Radical elevation changes, long holes (300-500 ft) half-wooded and tight, groomed fairways and nasty roughs, some may be reminded of Sandy Point disc golf course. Although about a 15 minute drive from campus, Standing Rocks is well worth the drive as it is one of Central Wisconsin’s premier disc golf courses.

“Standing Rocks is definitely one of the best courses around... and when you get there it’s very rewarding,” said UW-SP senior Michael Babbitts.

Whether you’re new to the sport or a veteran to frolfing, Stevens Point has a number of courses to satisfy a discing desire, so get out and enjoy the beautiful weather at one of the local disc golf courses.

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"We have good kids and they’re resilient, but they’re still learning mentally and physically what it takes to put together two solid games of baseball together in one day," said UW-SP men’s baseball head coach Pat Bloom.

In UW-SP’s April 15 loss to UW-Stout, starting pitcher Kyle Barry allowed six runs, five earned in four innings of work, recording only two strikeouts. Scott Williams then came on to pitch four innings in relief, allowing two runs on two hits while Tyler Lorenz came in for the ninth, allowing one hit in the close.

UW-SP’s losses to Whitewater also demand a closer look at the pitching. During the alumni/senior weekend, UW-SP had two consecutive doubleheaders, although the Sunday outing was cancelled due to rain. In game one of the April 4th doubleheader, Joel Delorit took the loss for the Pointers, giving up five runs on five hits, four earned. He struck out four in 5.2 innings of work. Tyler Lorenz came on to pitch the final 3.1 innings, giving up two runs on three hits, striking out three. In game two of the doubleheader, Eric Van Beck picked up the loss for the Pointers, going two innings and letting in two runs. Jeff Ziekle also pitched 2.2 innings, letting in four runs, while Brandon Hennefeld let in one run and Garret Nix pitched in for two. In game two of the doubleheader, Barry picked up another loss going 5.2 innings, allowing three earned runs while striking out six. Williams was charged with the loss in the second game of the doubleheader, after giving up four earned runs over 7.1 innings of work. UW-Whitewater’s Aaron Dott struck out 11 in a complete game effort for Whitewater.

"The Whitewater losses were disappointing in that we gave up too many runs. Our pitching and defense needs to remain a constant for us, and our pitchers too often this year have fallen out of sync and have been inconsistent, especially in big games," said Bloom.

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Sports

Future looks bright for tennis team

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's tennis team is closing up their 2008-2009 spring season with wins all around. The future looks promising for the women, who have only one graduating senior, Kaylei Sorensen, this year.

Although one spot shy of this year's tournament, junior Emily Riordan says there should be "no problem" getting there in the fall.

The team ended the 2008 fall season with 7-5 overall and 2-5 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Since the beginning of this month, the Pointers have beaten Edgewood College 7-2 and UW-River Falls 6-3. Their match scheduled for April 19 was cancelled due to conflicting schedules with Winona State and the St. Mary's location.

The opening match against Edgewood brought the Pointers to an early lead with squads Rachel Benn and Chelsea Allbaugh placing first for doubles. Team Riordan and Kaitlyn King placed second for doubles. Each of the doubles teams scored 8-1 in their matches. The singles match allowed for a near cleanout session with five straight Pointer victory sets.

The River Falls singles match handed over five tight victories to the Pointers after a 2-1 doubles shortage. A tiebreaker was needed to set the score straight by Allbaugh, Sorensen and King.

"During singles, what matters the most is having a good mental game and coming out on the court playing your best," Riordan said. "When playing in a doubles match you are playing with someone else; you have to have good communication and know how your partner plays so you can work together and succeed in matches."

Riordan is in her third season of tennis and began playing her senior year of high school where she qualified also making all-conference.

The Pointers' only senior, Kaylei Sorensen has gone undefeated during their matches. "She is excited to play UW-Oshkosh away on Saturday, April 25 at 12:30 p.m. The singles match allowed for a tiebreaker to set the final regular season tournament. They finished strong in a pair of Minnesota tournaments in the past two weeks. A first place finish at the Carleton Spring Invite and a second place finish at the St. Thomas Invitational in Becker, Minn. exhibited a strong golf team as the Pointers get ever closer to the NCAA Division III women's golf tournament.

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Golf flying high during spring season

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International author and tree-sitting activist defies gravity of environmental rhetoric

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Henry David Thoreau once said, "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."

Every once in a great while, thinkers like Thoreau break through every encumbering artifice of contemporary reality, boldly confronting these essential facts with a raw authenticity of conviction. Julia Butterfly Hill, internationally known activist and author who visited the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus on Tuesday, April 14, shares the ranks of dynamic thinkers like Thoreau.

Upon Hill's request, the event was more of an open forum in which the audience could ask questions. Chris Diehn, philosophy professor, facilitated this discussion.

"I hate being lectured at. I love dialogue; I love conversation," Hill said. "As more voices come into the conversation, maybe we get to see a bit more of ourselves."

If Thoreau is perhaps most known for living in a cabin on Walden Pond, Hill is best known for living in a California redwood tree named Luna for two years to raise awareness of the detrimental effects of clear-cutting forests by conglomerate companies like Pacific Lumber.

Hill said this act of civil disobedience was not a societal hiatus but rather a confrontation of reality in which she learned valuable life lessons.

One such lesson came while enduring the worst storms in California's history while 180 feet, or 18 stories, high in the branches of the tree, with wind gusts up to 90 miles per hour.

"Rigidity was breaking me," she said. "I was terrified I was going to die ... but I realized the only branches that break in the storm are the ones that are too rigid and I let go."

She said this has influenced her everyday life by causing her to approach intense situations with more flexibility.

"Critics would tell me, 'These might be good lessons, but how are you going to apply them to the real world?' They'd say, 'You're not living in the real world, you're living in a tree,'" she said. "But who gets to define what the real world is?"

After living in the tree, Hill co-founded a non-profit organization, called Women's Earth Alliance, which addresses environmental issues that confront women on a daily basis, like water and fuel availability. It works with women to create their own environmentally sustainable businesses.

She has also traveled to promote environmental activism in places like Ecuador. In 2002, she was thrown into Ecuadorian jail with seven other activists for proposing a oil pipeline that would cut through an Andean forest.

She said she was aware that being thrown in jail would bring media attention, thereby leveraging awareness and inspiring more people to become more conscious of inherent human connectedness to nature.

"If we're talking about solving these problems that face us as a family, we're going to have to include all the family members," she said.

Hill said she believes in a vast, interconnected web of all living beings, highlighting the importance of being conscious of this web. She believes that the ripple effect of disconnection is a symptom of a disease—that disease is disconnect," she said. "If you’re disconnected from people, you can drop bombs on them and call them a statistic ... If you’re disconnected from the environment, you don’t see that everything, whether it’s genetically modified foods or global warming, is somehow related."

Hill said she once carried her trash around with her for a month to raise her own consciousness.

She said her willingness to put herself in uncomfortable situations is a large part of what has made her extraordinary.

"I refuse to stay in my comfort zone," she said. "Comfort is an addiction. I'm not going to destroy the planet just because I might be comfortable for the short term."

Hill said she is aware her actions may look radical to some, but encourages people to have different beliefs from her and engage in conversation with one another about these beliefs.

"Everything in nature thrives in diversity," she said. "A monoculture of thinking is no healthier than a monoculture in a forest or garden."

If biodiversity within ecosystems creates symbiotic balance, diversity, she believes, defies gravity of environmental rhetoric, creating the peaceful interaction, which Hill said she believes leads to common ground on which people can implement viable, positive change.

But the rift between what we are doing and what we need to do is still vast because of hindrances like corporate espialy. Even small, courageous actions that may set you apart, like bringing your own dishes to coffee shops, can make a difference, she said.

"No choice happens in a vacuum," she said. "It’s theoretically impossible to not make an impact while being alive. ... So the question is not ‘Can I make a difference,’ but ‘How am I making a difference?’"

Pit stop in Point; Acoustic duo Everyday Jones performs on campus

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No label, no management, no prerecorded tracks; just sunglasses, an RV and obvious talent generate the spirit of the traveling acoustic duo, Everyday Jones.

Bringing harmony and humor to the Basement Brelhausen and the Encore on Friday, April 17, as part of their three-month tour, the pair of musicians played original and cover songs, revealing a unique style and show.

Based out of Seattle, Wash., the band proved that it’s a small world after all, as lead singer Alissa Jandt’s father graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point once upon a time.

A local drummer enhanced the acoustic performance, UW-StP’s very own Bart Kuhlman.

"He’s a musical god," said Jandt of the drummer she met at a musical conference some time ago. "Usually when drummers want to play with us, they totally suck. But Bart, he was totally good."

Making their stop in Point, the roaming artists hit the turning mark to head back home. Having toured over 36 states and racking up over 100,000 miles, they plan on living, as Jandt put it, "the gypsy life" as long as they can make it work.

But the musician lifestyle wasn’t always the way of life for guitarist Jason Green. Just five years ago, Green would have been found replacing knees instead of guitar strings.

"I liked what I did, but I also really enjoyed music," said Green who left the knee surgery business, bought an RV and never looked back.

The duo met by luck through a want ad in a musician’s directory. Having liked a common artist, the two decided to meet up and see how they would combine as artists.

"It just worked," said Green.

Since their debut in 2004, Everyday Jones has accomplished masses in the music world including the studio release "Here I Am" in 2006 and a nine-month national tour in 2007 and 2008.

"Playing mostly at colleges, wineries and breweries, the members of Everyday Jones agreed that playing at colleges was by far the most fun. Their next step: North Dakota State University."

"I can’t imagine doing anything else," said Jandt, "and we haven’t killed ourselves yet, so that’s a good sign."
Dear Editor:

There is something huge happening right now on the UW-SP campus of which students must be made aware. The prime vendor food contract is currently being rewritten for the next three (up to six) years. This is the perfect opportunity for students to jump onto the sustainability train.

The prime vendor contract currently mandates that 10 percent of food expenditures for the campus must come from local sources. This is the absolute minimum allowable by state law under the Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin Initiative passed in 2007 by Sen. Julie Lassa. While 10 percent is admissible by state standards, it isn’t acceptable for a campus that strives for sustainability. The campus we support sits right in the center of an absolutely fantastic fertile agricultural area. The supply of local and organic foods from local farmers to campus is more than feasible, and the farmers are knocking on the university’s door. Answer the door, students!

Local and organic foods create many health benefits for those who consume them. Organic foods, for example, boast a pesticide- and chemical-free goodness found only in nature. Local foods support our local economy and offer the ability to know exactly where consumers’ food is coming from.

A study on ‘food miles’ or how far food travels to reach the consumer example, boast a pesticide- and chemical-free goodness found only at the supermarket. 2,500 miles, six gallons of gas, cost for a transporter, tremendous amount of water and millions of pounds of food are wasted. How much do you care about the environment? Let’s take a closer look to see how these foods affect the community we love and live in.

Three of my children have either attended or graduated from the UW System, and I have all worked extremely hard to raise money through part-time employment to pay for ever-increasing tuition and student activity fees. It seems like someone in your leadership capacity could set a better example for our struggling students than you have while Chancellor at UW-Stevens Point.

Sincerely,

Jessica Franklin and Lybra Obrantzy read The Pointer because it’s the best thing to read on campus!

get caught reading

Jessica Franklin and Lybra Obrantzy

Dear Editor:

As an alumnus and former academic staff member of the UW-SP community for 26 years, I am appalled at Chancellor Bunnell’s behavior and seemingly irresponsible fiscal management at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point.

I do believe any past chancellor at UW-SP was involved in a criminal hit-and-run vehicular offense (while possibly under the influence of alcohol). If this is not reason enough to remove her from her office, I question some of her reported spending habits (i.e. $568 Stevens Point Country Club membership in 2008, $876 Neiman Marcus replacement of a table cloth ruined at her residence after a party. She might have been able to purchase one a bit cheaper at Big Lots). Are these expenses to the taxpayers and our students absolutely necessary in these times of global economic hardship?

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Dear Editor:

During National Volunteer Week, April 19 - 25, I would like to publicly thank all the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students who volunteered their time and talent throughout the year. Between school, work and other commitments, it is impressive and appreciated that so many students make the time to give back to their community and the things they believe in.

I would especially like to recognize the handful of student organizations and individuals who participated in the campus Ultimate Service Challenge, a year-long program where orgs/individuals pledged a number of hours to volunteer in 2009 and then volunteered all year to meet their goal: Tau Kappa Epsilon, PRSSA, Fire Crew, Sociology and Social Work Organization, University Council on Family Relations, Student WEA, Elizabeth DuPont and Kristina Lemanski.

Whether you volunteered one hour or one hundred hours this year, thank you. You are the reason UW-SP students are the best students!

Shannon M. Chronister
Student Involvement and Employment Coordinator
By the power of Grayskull, we made it through another year of Trivial. I could have sworn half the campus was sleepwalking on Monday, including yours truly! I am sure you remember that I refused to align my trivial mind with any one team, but I did stay awake for the duration of the contest as a show of support for those who did. And I did it all the natural way by dancing to my little heart’s content.

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However, I, of course, have news for you, dear readers. Surely all of you are well aware the 2009 Division of Communication Awards Banquet is fast approaching. And I’m sure you are equally aware that I will be presenting with a very prestigious award at the ceremony. What most of you don’t know is that you could potentially accompany me to this momentous occasion! High Five is proud to announce the “Be Steve Danger’s Date for the Comm Banquet!” contest!

Yes, this invitation is being extended to all of the fair maidens of UW-SP and beyond. The winner will accompany me to the ceremony at the Stevens Point Country Club on May 3, free of charge, thanks to a very charitable donation from the High Five Worldwide Fan Club. They’ve even factored in the price of gas for when the lucky lady is picked up by Sheila and me the day of the event. A great time to relax techniques, I just can’t say how completely willy-nilly I’d be by now!

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High Five: Dream date

By the power of Grayskull, we made it through another year of Trivial! I could have sworn half the campus was sleepwalking on Monday, including yours truly! I am sure you remember that I refused to align my trivial mind with any one team, but I did stay awake for the duration of the contest as a show of support for those who did. And I did it all the natural way by dancing to my little heart's content.

While my sleep schedule has returned to normal, I am afraid there is no rest for a busy Point student. Between preparing the story of my super-hero friend, making arrangements for graduation galas, broadband training, assigning humorous pet names to all of my friends and keeping up with the growing number of High Five commitments, I've been getting stretched pretty thin. If it wasn’t for Avra’s signature, patent-pending meditation and relaxation techniques, I just can’t say how completely willy-nilly I’d be by now!

However, I, of course, have news for you, dear readers. Surely all of you are well aware the 2009 Division of Communication Awards Banquet is fast approaching. And I’m sure you are equally aware that I will be presenting with a very prestigious award at the ceremony. What most of you don’t know is that you could potentially accompany me to this momentous occasion! High Five is proud to announce the "Be Steve Danger’s Date for the Comm Banquet!" contest!

Yes, this invitation is being extended to all of the fair maidens of UW-SP and beyond. The winner will accompany me to the ceremony at the Stevens Point Country Club on May 3, free of charge, thanks to a very charitable donation from the High Five Worldwide Fan Club. They’ve even factored in the price of gas for when the lucky lady is picked up by Sheila and me the day of the event. A great time to relax techniques, I just can’t say how completely willy-nilly I’d be by now!

All parties interested in applying for this prestigious position can seek out the event on Facebook, e-mail me or simply drop applications off in "The Pointer" office. All applicants are expected to provide their name as they wish to be called, a phone number they can be easily reached at and any other information they feel is pertinent to increasing their chance of winning. The winner will be chosen this Friday, April 24 at 11:30 a.m. Good luck and ooh la la to all entrants!

Before we part this week, I’d like to spend a few minutes thanking all of you for reading this year. Sadly, my time at "The Pointer" is drawing to a close, but there are great things in store for the future! First of all, my good friend Jacob Mathias has been chosen as the next editor-in-chief and there couldn’t be a more qualified or more handsome man for the job. I almost wish I was hanging around just to get to work with him. However, where I may not go, my friends can! Jake is still piecing together his staff and is in dire need of personnel. Can you write clearly, concisely and in accordance with AP style? Would you like to learn how and earn a little money in the process? Join "The Pointer!" Unfortunately, the space currently allotted to me has already been filled, but there are plenty of real jobs still available! You can be the voice of this campus! Applications and interview times are available and all you have to do is come visit Jake in our fair office. Don’t worry, he’s a lil’ friendly teddy bear!
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