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## Chancellor Bunnell announces plans to step down from her role at UW-SP

### Vice Chancellor Nook to take over in interim role

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Chancellor Linda Bunnell announced on Thursday, April 24 that she plans to step down from her position effective May 31. She was the thirteenth chancellor of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point and has served the university for five years.

Bunnell is stepping down after



Photo courtesy of UW-SP Public Relations

weeks of scrutiny, interrogation and overall investigation into her job as Chancellor and her personal life. This downhill path began on February 17 when Bunnell was involved with a hit-and-run. This highly scrutinized event involved Bunnell hitting a parked car while in Madison and leaving the scene of the accident to attend a speech by Governor Doyle. She later admitted to having ordered drinks at the Madison Club right before the accident as well.

The situation quickly evolved as UW-SP Foundation President Bob Spoerl and Student Government Association President Katie Kloth spoke before the SGA senate on issues and concerns over Bunnell's leadership ability. Spoerl expressed concern that Bunnell's actions and expenses may be deterring donors from contributing to the foundation. Kloth expressed concern that Bunnell lacked leadership and failed to meet with her sufficiently. It was at this point that the SGA senate unanimously voted "no confidence" in Chancellor Bunnell.

"Every time there's that damaged relationship, that's a seed and that seed sprouts and grows and distributes

other situations to other potential donors and spreads that harm, unfortunately, to this university and no one wants to see this university fail," Spoerl said to the assembly on April 2.

After weeks of ghastly media attention for the university and Bunnell, she chose to step down from her position, announcing the resignation through an e-mail to students, faculty and staff.

"I have been given fulfilling opportunities in my years of service to higher education, and I look forward to many more," said Bunnell in the e-mail notification. "I have enjoyed my time at UW-SP immensely. I shall enjoy watching it continue to climb to the heights it is so capable of reaching and achieve the recognition it deserves, as it draws students and faculty from across the nation and throughout the world."

Students reacted differently to the announcement, some expressing their support for her decision to resign.

"I think it's a good thing that she

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## Self-operational dining services plans are well underway

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As the school year comes to an end, the university food service self-operation is just getting started.

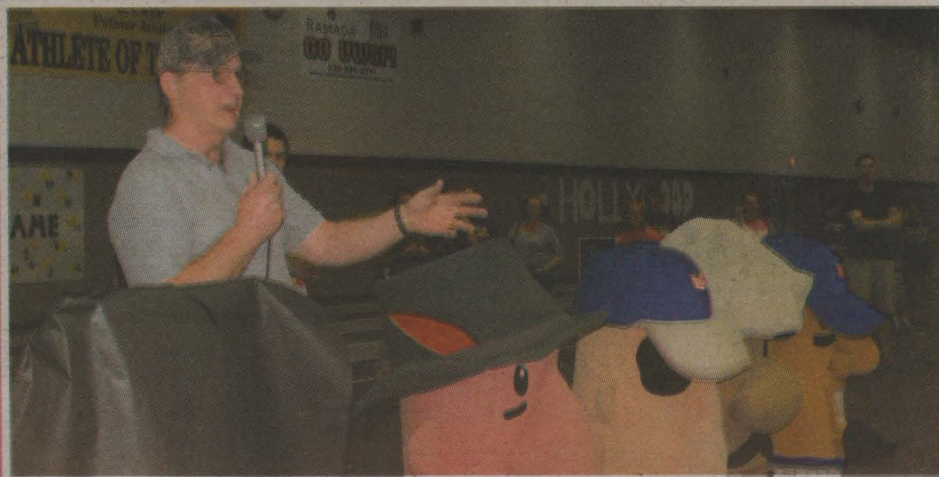
Meal plans have been changed to what is called a block plan. They are called block plans because the plans are no longer on a weekly basis, but by semester. All of the plans cost the same, at \$1,138 just include different features. There are four meal plan choices.

Students currently living and returning to the halls next fall will be asked to choose their future meal plan before the semester is finished.

Reviving the Debot Dining Center is at the top of the list for Mark Hayes, director of university food service, and Executive Chef Angel Alcantar.

"Our big focus ... is going to be on the whole food program there. Improving the nutrition through following basic recipes, executing

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Photos by Katie Leb

Teams posed as a rainbow at Relay For Life on April 24-25 (above). They lined the track with quarters (left) and bid to dress as a Klements' sausage (above).

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## News

## Gamers Alliance to host PointCON

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The Gamers Alliance of Stevens Point will be hosting the 16th annual PointCON: Olympian Adventure gamers convention this weekend in the Dreyfus University Center starting at 7 p.m. on Friday.

The Gamers Alliance, formerly the Gamers' Anonymous, has been active on campus for 18 years providing people with a passion for games of all kinds an outlet on campus.

"We provide a venue for people to engage in a friendly gaming environment," said Carl Olson, GASP president.

Throughout the year, GASP meets every Wednesday night in lower Debot room 073 to indulge in their favorite pastime, typically role-playing games but all types of games are welcome.

"We support any of all forms of games, card games, board games, video games: even disc golf, anything that's just a game and just a distraction from real life," Olson said.

PointCON is the group's biggest event, bringing in gamers from all over the surrounding area for three days of role play, video and board games. The event takes over six rooms in the DUC for three straight days.

This year's PointCON will feature four different gaming vendors selling all types of gaming paraphernalia. The vendors include Chadam games out of Wausau, Coutts Enterprise, an anime vending company run by a UW-SP student, Hell on Wheels from Minnesota and Family Video, which will be selling discounted games.

It will also offer full days of games like Magic the Gathering, Dungeons and Dragons and Castles and Crusades. Local game store

Gaming Generations will offer their collection of used video games to the convention for the weekend to give people a chance to take part in some of their favorite classic games. There will also be Mario Kart and Settlers of Catan tournaments.

Most of the gaming will be tournament-style play to bring a level of competition not normally present in the groups weekly meetings.

"Casual gaming is great. It's a lot of fun, but in our experience, at conventions people want to have an experience that they don't get under normal circumstances," Olson said.

Olson and the rest of GASP have been working hard to make sure people know about PointCON and stress that it's not just for people who want to be involved in role-playing games.

For the club, there is nothing better than when someone just wanders in unknowingly and decides to get involved in a game. The social interaction that takes place in the midst of a game is where a lot of the passion for gaming comes from, according to Olson. PointCON is special in that it's inevitable that people end up playing games with a lot of people they've never met before.

"When you sit down to play a board game, usually people know it. If they don't know it, someone does and they can teach you," Olson said. "You don't need to know the people that you're with, you can get to know them through playing the game. I think you can learn a lot about people by the way they approach playing games."

The convention will wrap up on Sunday with a chance to win prizes in a raffle. More details can be found on the PointCON Facebook group and the GASP Web site.

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cooking in small batches," said Hayes. "So you're walking in [and] you are getting something that hasn't been waiting for you for an hour or two. Expanding the offerings, improving the general selections."

The prime vendor still has not been announced, but it is down to two companies. The decision will be made shortly and the contract will last three years.

Hiring managers and student staff is another item on Hayes and Alcantar's to-do list.

Phone interviews began this week for the 21 full-time positions available. Orientations and trainings will begin to take place for new staff at the end of May.

"There are only two of us. The big focus now is getting people hired for the summer and getting at least the food, the menu part of it," said Hayes.

Students may even see Friday fish fries on campus next fall. They are also looking into local and sustainable options that can be incorporated within limitations and budget.

Hayes said, "People don't understand the real impact. To go local, we would be serving no lettuce in the middle of winter."

Local bakeries are being researched to stock the Homegrown Cafe.

Student feedback is also still accepted.

"Feedback is going to be very, very important," said Hayes.

Alcantar said the biggest obstacle they have is the students returning this fall.

"[They] are our biggest critics. They are going to say, 'Well, that's no different than last year.' You'll see changes on our parts," said Alcantar. "You'll see it in just the quality of food and how we prepare and what we're doing out there. You'll notice a change. It's not going to happen over night."

Last November, the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point administration decided to switch to a self-operated dining operation. There are only four other schools in the state that operate this way.

## LGBTQ advocate receives approval despite SGA senate's rejection

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After failing to gain approval by the Student Government Association, a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning/queer advocate has been instituted by the university's administration for the fall semester.

"It's an interesting process, the way it happened," said Bob Tomlinson, vice chancellor of student affairs.

A proposal to amend the SGA constitution to establish another executive position in order to host an LGBTQ issues director failed when brought before SGA senate, to much dissatisfaction by the LGBTQ community.

"I just want to say there has been a lot of people disenfranchised now," said SGA President Katie Kloth following the decision by the SGA senate on April 16.

After failing before the SGA senate, Kloth presented the idea to Chancellor Linda Bunnell. Bunnell discussed the idea with Tomlinson and proposed that the position be created through the administration for period of one year. Tomlinson had been in attendance during the senate meeting in which it was discussed and heard many of the student and faculty concerns and requests for the position.

"I think there's a very real need to support our LGBTQ students in a way that we're not doing right now," said Tomlinson. "We would put up the funds to support a student advocate for one year in our multicultural affairs arena."

"This way it wouldn't be circumventing SGA," said Kloth. "It would be something facilitated by

their office."

According to Tomlinson, multicultural affairs is currently perceived as an ethnic group based on race, culture or creed, but there are other students on campus who are underrepresented.

"Right now, multicultural affairs, technically, is working with different ethnicities, race, religion," said Kloth. "Ron [Strege] is so kind to father in LGBTQ issues. It's not in his job description and there's no paid position anywhere on campus."

Next year, the position may come up for approval through SGA in the traditional SGA budgeting process once again in order for it to continue.

"Everybody was comfortable with that approach," said Tomlinson. "It's a good resolution to a need. The process involved in student government didn't really fit the situation. It's an example of how the university and student leaders can work together to address a need that we see for our students that are underrepresented on campus."

The LGBTQ advocate will have duties performing safe-zone training and other programs currently being done voluntarily by the UW-SP student organization Gay-Straight Alliance. GSA will still continue to offer programs and assistance to students as well as work with the new director when the position is filled. The position description and specifics are yet to be determined.

"It's open for suggestion," said Kloth. "There's a lot of different things that they could do and they need to pull students in and outside of the LGBTQ community to figure out where they're at, what they need, what they don't need as far as awareness and education."



Photo by Becka Schuelke

Students will see a change in the set-up of the Debot Dining Center next semester as they revamp the dining services while transitioning to a self-operated food service from the current contracted service, Chartwells.

If you have any suggestions or recipes you want submitted to the process e-mail Mark Hayes, the new food service director at mhayes@uwsp.edu.

Hayes, a vegetarian himself, will be looking into more options for vegetarian dining and integration of local and sustainable food.



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is resigning just to get the controversy over, get a new chancellor in; hopefully it'll be someone that'll do something and not get in trouble also," said Douglas Arthur, senior.

Other students seemed surprised and indifferent about the decision.

"It seems like she is just running from her problems," said Alisha Neinfeldt, senior.

Many accomplishments are accredited to the choosing of Bunnell for Chancellor in 2004. The UW-SP enrollment reached new levels as it ascended over the 9,000 student mark. New degrees were developed in biochemistry and health sciences and as new programs were created and are still being pushed for at the UW-System level, such as nursing. She also supported the addition of staff members to the counseling center and academic advising. During Bunnell's tenure, the UW-SP master plan was passed at the city level, opening up possibilities for expansion and development of the university.

"In her tenure at UW-SP, Chancellor Bunnell has been very good to student affairs," said Bob Tomlinson, vice chancellor of student affairs. "She has been very supportive of the things we are trying to do for students."

The search-and-screen process for the next Chancellor of UW-SP won't be underway at least until this fall to ensure consistent membership and to give the UW System and the UW Board of Regents time to review the position description of the chancellor. Provost

and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Mark Nook will be taking the position of interim Chancellor until a permanent one can be named.

"It will be a long process and I wouldn't expect anyone to be in place until summertime 2010," said Nook.

Nook has held his current position since 2007. He previous served as the dean of undergraduate affairs at St. Cloud State University. His interim appointment will be brought before the UW Board of Regents in May for official approval.

Nook believes the next step is to find an interim for his own position and move forward with the many programs and proposals at hand.

"We're kind of getting started," said Nook. "I've know I would be the interim now for a little less than a week. The first thing I've got to do is find someone to fill in as the interim vice chancellor of academic affairs. I hope to have that done by the end of this semester so that faculty and staff, especially those that report to this person, know who their supervisor is and will be ready to move forward in the fall."

Nook plans to push heavily for the addition of a new academic building during his tenure as interim chancellor as well as ensure that the current renovations and developments run smoothly.

"The campus master plan needs to proceed; we'll keep moving with it," said Nook. "It's a good sound, solid plan. We do need a new academic building. That is going to be my highest priority. We've got the money for the residence hall, Hyer Hall's replacement. We've got money in the budget, if it gets approved, for the waste management facility. We need to get that taken care of. But long-term, we need this academic building desperately."

He also expressed support for the continued development of accredited programs and a nursing program at UW-SP.

"We're going to move ahead with seeking accreditation for our business and economics program and some expansion there into the areas of marketing, management and insurance," said Nook. "We will also continue to pursue our request for a nursing program."

Nook is looking to rebuild bridges with the SGA over the course of the next year to rebuild a working relationship after SGA's vote of "no confidence."

"I've met with student government several times over the last two years," said Nook. "In fact, I expect to meet with them more often. I think the administration and SGA will have a positive working relationship next year and into the future."

Nook most looks forward to working with students throughout campus, attending student events, walking throughout the campus and hearing the concerns of the students.

"I am really looking forward to interacting with the students greatly," said Nook. "Several students know that I am out and about on campus often. I do expect to be seen in the DUC, the library and other academic buildings."

## Investigation continues on Vigueras

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Last week, the Student Government Association ad-hoc committee to impeach Chief Justice Arturo Vigueras met to discuss the complaints filed by Kirk Cychosz, vice president, and Saul Newton, speaker of the senate.

After SGA attempted to impeach Vigueras last year, he has learned to safe guard his rights better, based on previous experience.

Vigueras asked for the removal of Newton and Senator Sam Glenzer from the committee for the most fair and unbiased proceedings.

"...because they have already proven to be biased enough, also as proved by the article found in 'The Pointer,' the speaker of the senate made the motions. So there is obvious conflict of interest there, as long as the same with Senator Glenzer," said Vigueras at the ad-hoc committee meeting.

"I will also ask for the Student Life Issues Director [Matt] Guidry to be dismissed as well because he has previously spoken on previous bias. He has sat on a previous committee meeting to impeach me a year ago. And there is an obvious bias there."

Newton and Guidry resigned compliantly. Glenzer did as well, after arriving late to the meeting and acting confrontational toward Vigueras.

"I am entirely preconceived and

though I disagree with the fact that my statements in the newspaper were necessarily preconceived because I think they are just stating the nature of the job and the nature of someone who is not doing their job," said Glenzer. "I never suggested you were failing at your job in that quote, although I do think you are failing at your job."

The committee had to seek more committee members to reach quorum. Later that night at the student senate meeting, the committee sought newly elected senators because it was decided they would have the least amount of bias.

Vigueras also asked for an impartial non-student to observe the hearings that will take place.

"I know there is not going to be a way for this committee to be neutral. At this point, I will ask for a ... conduct officer to be present during this hearing in order for this committee to move forward," said Vigueras. "There is no way for this committee to conduct its business in a partial way. I just want another safeguard."

Because of the nature of the time in the school year, the committee struggled to find a time when they could hold the hearing. Vigueras' term is up next week.

The hearing will continue to take place Thursday, April 30, after the SGA senate meeting, which takes place at 6 p.m. in the Dreyfus University Center Legacy room.

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## Brain Damage

The Spanish flu killed between 25 to 50 million people worldwide in 1918 and 1919. In fact, the Spanish flu killed more in 25 weeks than AIDS did in its first 25 years.

Harvard School of Public Health discovered that women who drink one or more cups of coffee a day are two-and-a-half times more likely to get bladder cancer than women who drink no coffee.

Over 436,000 United States military forces were exposed to depleted uranium during the first Gulf War.

Ivan the Terrible is said to have deflowered thousands of virgins and butchered a similar number of resulting offspring.

Polyorchidism is the presence of more than two testicles, which is the opposite of anorchidism, in which a male is born with no testicles at all.

A murder is committed in the U.S. every 23 minutes, which makes about 22,852 murders each year.

Approximately 150 people are killed each year by coconuts.

Ludwig von Beethoven on his deathbed said, "Applaud, friends, the comedy is finished."

Carl Panzram, a famous murderer, said on his deathbed, "I wish the whole human race had one neck and I had my hands on it."



# Professor mixes blend of quality environmental literature and music to create harmony in life

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A professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point teaches English literature during the week and toots his whistle for crowds across the country on the weekends.

John Coletta, who has played musical instruments since he was a kid, is not your average professor.

While growing up with an artistic family in New York, he learned to play the clarinet all through his college years.

"It's kind of an unwieldy instrument," Coletta said of his clarinet. "If I hadn't played it, I would have never picked up the flutes and whistles."

His father is a world-class musician who attended Julliard School of Music; his mother, a professional ballet dancer.

Presently an English professor with an emphasis in environmental literacy, Coletta began his education with an outdoor recreation degree in New York moving on to an environmental Education degree in Wisconsin, an English degree in Alaska and earning an English Ph. D. in Oregon.

"I have four different college

degrees and each within a different time zone," Coletta said.

After completing his education, he landed a job in the English department at UW-SP. About 25 years had passed since he'd really picked up his clarinet. Then one day, Coletta found some \$10 whistles and "just started picking them up and playing them."

A course with a non-traditional student led him down the path toward vital flute player to Celtic band Green Tea. The student missed class one day due to a faulty car and expressed apologies to Coletta and that he had also missed his Celtic band practice.

Coletta, intrigued by the thought of Celtic music, took the student into the stairwell where he took out his whistle and began to play for the student. The student proceeded to invite the professor to the next band practice.

For a couple of years, the band just jammed out together, with an influx of changing members over time. Their latest album, "Beautiful Fault," has more "funky" tunes while their latest demo, "Shafted," has more of a Flogging Molly appeal.

"It's about these miners that die in a mine shaft and are blamed for their own deaths, which is why we called it 'Shafted,'" Coletta said of the demo.

The band will be making its first appearance at this year's Summerfest on a main stage and will continue to

play for universities and crowds across the country.

It's obvious that Coletta's musical career combined with his environmental education has led him to some unique experiences.

"My literary interests do come together with my music interests," he said.

With a wide array of publishings, including essays in the book, "Fifty Key Thinkers on the Environment," Coletta has future plans of incorporating his literary knowledge with his music.

"I have four different college degrees and each within a different time zone."

-Coletta

"The poet naturalist, John Clare, 1793 to 1864, was a collector of folk songs from central England and I'm planning on adapting some of Clare's collected folk tunes and even his own lyrics for Green Tea and the stage," he said. "I'm especially interested in Clare's environmental lyrics."

Look for Coletta as he joins the stage with musical guests Futureman

of Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, Trevor Garrod of Tea Leaf Green, featured conductor Matt Butler and others at the Everyone Orchestra show sponsored by Centertainment in the UW-SP Encore on Thursday, May 7.



Photo courtesy of greenteworldmusic.com

Professor John Coletta's abilities stretch from the classroom to the stage.

## Student organization seeks to support victimized children

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In a war-torn world there is a need for student activism. A newer student organization, Invisible Children, seeks to do just that.

The purpose of the group is to help end a 23-year-old war in northern Uganda, in which the rebel leader Joseph Kony has kidnapped thousands of children, desensitized them and forced them to fight.

What separates Invisible Children from other child relief foundations is that it was started by three young filmmakers just out of high school. It grew from just one documentary to a worldwide movement. Its focus is to free the child soldiers forced to fight against their will.

The organization has plans for the remainder of the year on a local and national level. Rusty Birkholz, a residence hall delegate for the group, reflected these thoughts.

"For the rest of the school year, we are doing some small fundraising activities in the residence halls and getting ready for the next school year, as it is too close to the end of this year to do much more," said Birkholz.

On a national level, on April 29, in over 130 cities across the country, thousands laid down to demand that the United States government take a stand and put an end to mass child abduction and the Ugandan war.

Invisible Children is slowly outreaching to fellow organizations but have yet to form affiliations with other groups and finds that Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group is the only other organization similar on campus.

Over time, the organization looks to establish a strong link with the student body.

"The organization hopes to have delegates for each residence hall quad who will work with the staff and governments of the halls in each quad. We also hope to have benefit concerts and showings of documentaries to help raise money and get the word out," said Birkholz.

Birkholz expects great things for the future.

"As of right now, the goal is to just get up and running strong. Next semester, we hope to be running at an operational capacity and will be raising money to donate to Invisible Children," said Birkholz.

Meetings for Invisible Children are held Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. in 073 in the DeBot Dining Center.

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## TNR mural creator debunks long-held myth, offers other reflections

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There is a saying that behind every rumor, there is a kernel of truth. That appears to be so for many things, but not with the mural on the Daniel O. Trainer Natural Resources Building.

According to the creator of the wall, retired University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point art professor Richard Schneider, there is no solitary red brick on the mural.

"It is purely myth; it is in fact a brown tile with a vest, noting the presence of Lee Sherman Dreyfus, who maintained a high-profile as Chancellor on campus," said Schneider, in a phone interview Wednesday. "He helped to smooth out problems; he was the Godfather of the project," said Schneider.

The wall was primarily a blank wall, 50 by 100 feet, composed of beige brick, very much an empty canvas for the enterprising arts professor.

"With the prospect of Old Main being torn down, I thought it could be incorporated into the background of

the mural," said Schneider, "as were the suggestions of several people for design ideas."

Money for the mural project was not allotted through UW-SP's budget.

"There was no tax money; it all came from private donors and other voluntary funds," said Schneider. "Certainly there was debate as to if the mural should have been created, but obviously it was approved."

The tiles applied to the wall were hand-decorated by students, and among the residence halls there was a competition to see who could produce the most tiles. In 1982, the last of the panels were completed and were grouted in final preparation for installation. This wall has stood for nearly 27 years and maintains its remarkable condition.

"It has never been touched or refurbished," said Schneider.

Of course, if any of you are still driven to view the mural yourselves and not just read of it's durability, it maintains a choice location close to the Sundial between the Noel Fine Arts Center and the Learning Resource Center, posted on the wall of the TNR. Enjoy!



Photo by Becka Schuelke

Much has been said about the existence of a lone "red brick" on the mural on the side of the Daniel O. Trainer Natural Resources building. It's creator, Richard Schneider proclaims there is not. You're free to check it yourself.

## As year winds down, students search for stress relievers

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With only one week of classes left, students at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point are studying hard and they all have different ways to deal with the stress.

Multiple solutions to stress are tried by students, but some are better than others.

"I just drink a beer [to reduce stress]," said junior Kaade Trones. "It usually works for me. If it doesn't, I drink another one."

While alcohol can make one's stress subside, it isn't the best solution.

"I just sleep," said freshman Amanda Knoll. "It works the best for me."

Sleep is one of the best ways to reduce stress. Losing just two hours of sleep two nights in a row can set in sleep deprivation and add to one's stress and fatigue of the mind.

To help with sleep and concentration, UW-SP's residence halls institute final exam study hours. These begin at midnight, Friday, May 8 and continue throughout finals week. Quiet hours are lifted each day

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.

Eating healthy can provide more mental energy and make studying easier. One should avoid too much alcohol and caffeine intake.

Don't procrastinate. Putting things off is not your best choice. Structure your time and follow that schedule.

Taking study breaks every two hours can help to ease the mind and organize the multitude of thoughts and subjects circulating in your

"I just drink a beer [to reduce stress]. It usually works for me."

-Trones

brain.

Study the hardest subjects first. This will help ease the stress on the rest of your day and finals week; you won't have to struggle at the very end to find enough time to study that subject.

Proper time management, nutrition, and rest can be your best friends during finals week. If you went to class, you probably know the material. Relax, laugh and try to have some fun while working for finals.

## Students compile a variety of resume-builders in college life

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All over campus, zombies with backpacks are carrying out their daily routine. Slinking to class un-showered and over-worked with a glazed look in their eyes and slippers on their feet, students are stressed out.

Told by Career Services and professors that future employers want us to be more than just "a student," college kids may be stretched too far. Getting involved in student organizations, clubs, athletic teams, internships and externships on top of working, studying and getting good grades, Pointers are feeling the pressure.

"Some days balancing school with other things can be overwhelming," said sophomore Breck Rooney.

As co-president for the student association of nutrition and dietetics, Rooney admitted a perk to being in a student organization is that it "looks good on a resume," but he also said his motive for "some great experience for post-graduation" led him to his SAND position.

"Competition gets tougher every year," said Rooney. "This puts a lot of pressure on students to not only do

well in school, but to be involved in many other things."

But being involved "takes up time, and time is valuable," said sophomore Sami Smetana.

Smetana, who is currently involved in SAND and intramural volleyball programs on campus admitted that at times the pressure to perform well in school can be exceedingly stressful when mixed with extra-curricular activities.

Also scrambling for time is junior Drew Meinel, who is currently involved in cross country, track, club volleyball, intramural volleyball, lesbian gay bisexual transgender questioning club and students for health, athletics, PE and recreation club. Meinel believes his motives behind his involvement were mostly for enjoyment, but said the stress can really affect how he performs.

"With so much going on it can be hard to focus on school," said Meinel.

But regardless of how many organizations, athletics, internships, clubs and the like that Pointers pile on top of their schoolwork in order to become more than just "a student," they seem to make it work, one un-showered, over-worked, zombie-like day at a time.

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# Science & Outdoors

## Second annual Woodchuck Games a success for UW-SP

Log rolling, tree identification and crosscut sawing included as popular events

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On April 25, the serene woods surrounding the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station were engulfed by the sounds of chopping, sawing and the yells of dozens of college students. The second annual Woodchuck Games were in full force during a drizzling day at CWES, with students competing and cheering from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Minnesota. The Woodchuck Games are a timbersports competition, a form of logging games that is rich in history.

Timbersports, or logging games, are a series of events that derived from early logging camps, where loggers became competitive with each other in their everyday jobs. Timbersports have evolved from the everyday working skills of a lumberjack to serious sporting events, with men and women competing in chopping, sawing, logrolling, tree climbing

and more.

The Woodchuck Games were created by the UW-SP student chapter of the Society of American Foresters in order to have more opportunities to compete before the Midwest Forester's Conclave held in the fall. Last year at the Conclave, UW-SP took fourth place and had never done any sort of timbersports before. There were nine individuals from UW-SP that competed at the Conclave and that number has risen to 18 UW-SP competitors at the Woodchuck Games.

"We have established ourselves in the ranks of collegiate timbersports, whether anybody realizes it or not. Now we have to keep it going," said Adam LaSalle, a member of SAF who helps train the timbersport competitors.

To participate in UW-SP timbersports, there is no selection process that one has to go through. A meeting was held earlier in the semester for those interested and it was open to any student, not just forestry majors.

"An affinity for sawdust and hard work is recommended, but anyone who came out and practiced with me and demonstrated

competency in the events was allowed to compete," said LaSalle. "We have been training sporadically since last fall, but when this semester came about, there was a group of die-hards that trained with me in my garage. That's what is needed when starting a competitive timbersports

team and that's what I got."

The Woodchuck Games aren't only about competition; they're a learning experience as well. The UW-SP team is still in its infancy, so there is a lot of training that still needs to take place. During the games, LaSalle and other timbersport veterans were

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Photo by Katie Boseo

Jane Coughenour (left) and Sarah Fischer (right) compete in Jill and Jill (all female) crosscut sawing.

## Environmental Issues, Investigation, and Action class takes lead on multiple environmental topics

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Environmental Issues, Investigation and Action, also known as natural resources 705, taught by Professor Joe Passineau is creating more action and awareness on the environmental front.

Students come up with environmental issues that they would like to investigate individually, then form groups and pick out the major issues to tackle. Issues include electronic waste, mountain top removal for coal, bike sharing, downtown renovation and local food.

Class members Ann Lindner and Amy Drum are currently in a group working on e-waste, or electronic waste, which is a loose category of surplus, obsolete, broken or discarded electrical or electronic devices.

"Right now what we're finding is that most people don't know what to do with their old electronics. They're either just storing them in their house or putting them into landfills," said Lindner.

This electronic waste can leak toxic substances like mercury,

cadmium and chromium that can cause developmental problems in children and lead to cancer.

Part of the action that Lindner and Drum have done is appealing to local legislation as well as state government. Currently, there is a bill going through the Wisconsin Senate Environment Committee (SB 107) which will keep toxic electronics out of landfills by requiring that producers of electronic waste collect and properly dispose of video display devices once they are no longer wanted by consumers.

"It's been a really good class to have all semester to look in-depth at one issue and actually follow through with research and background info and take action," said Lindner.

Electronic waste was first recognized on campus this fall when Amanda Dent, a senior majoring in waste management, received a \$6,000 UW System student research grant to assess the amount of electronic waste being dumped into regional landfills by students, faculty and staff.

Dent plans to continue her efforts at the end of spring semester when students begin to leave the residence halls, holding a second collection of electronic waste at the 13 residence halls and the greater campus.

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## Symposium fills halls with cluster of info, students and educators

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Students lined the hallways of the science building on Friday, April 24 to demonstrate their knowledge on topics studied throughout the school year at the tenth annual College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Standing in front of their display posters, these University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point undergrads answered questions from passersby.

Questions were asked on a vast array of subjects pertaining to biology and geography, among others.

A study on herpetology in the Amazon basin of Peru allowed Brooke Johnson to discover hands-on the richness and abundance of six species of frogs. Herpetology consists of biological studies of reptiles and amphibians.

"I've kind of decided I want to live down there," Johnson said of her Peru adventures. "My passion has always been frogs."

Johnson and three other students presented their biological findings from Peru at the symposium. Their research mentor, biology professor Erik Wild, led the students on their studies abroad.

Johnson hopes to set up some local studies to compare urban and rural habitats.

"I'm excited to make a career out of it," she said.

Another poster displayed the geography of the Mississippi Delta in relation to the impact it's had on blues musicians. The Delta, which has been known as the origin of the blues, has planted its cultural roots in this music scene along with the cotton plantations that first began in this region over a hundred years ago.

"It's their biggest source of pride," said presenter Joseph Richards on the impact blues music has had on the Delta society.

Students Tony Piazza and Richards did their research on this project while enrolled in a geography course titled "The land where the blues began." They traveled to Mississippi over spring break, led by Lisa Theo, with approximately 18 students from UW-SP and others from UW-Eau Claire.

"It was a huge culture shock," said Piazza. "The poverty level in the Delta region is unbelievable."

Their studies were able to illustrate how this region initiated a growth of blues music across the rest of the country through interpreting the chronological and location of musicians' birthplaces like Muddy Waters.

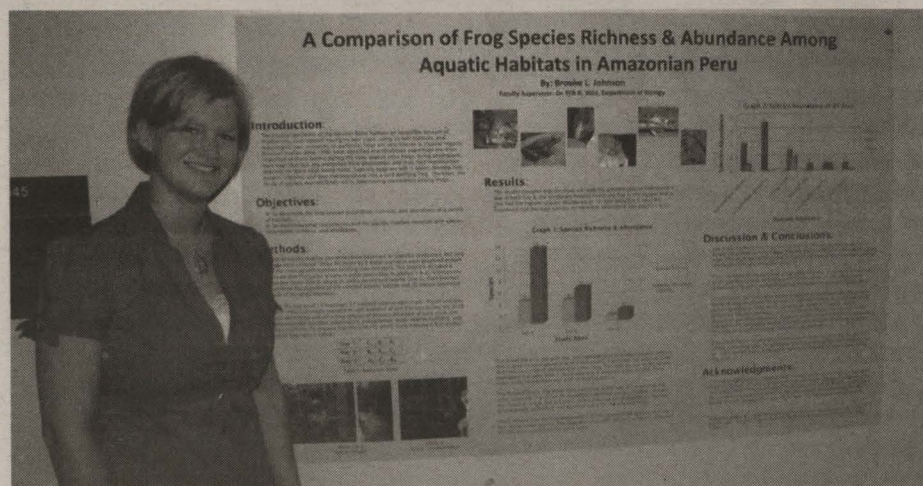
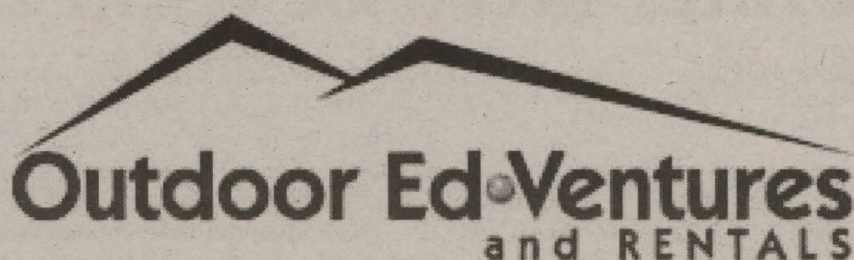


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Brooke Johnson answered numerous inquiries about her study during the College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Research Symposium.



## Tip of the week: How to get that funky smell out of your shoes

Jessica Kavanagh  
SCIENCE & OUTDOORS REPORTER

Have you experienced the trials and tribulations, the frustration, the loss of friends, the lightheadedness due to the odor emanating from your beloved kicks? Well, I have. When it comes to getting the funk out of any shoe, from sport sandals to hiking boots and climbing shoes, I am here to save the day!

Most often, the smell comes from bacterial growth due to constant moisture soaking into your shoes from weather, water sports or sweaty feet. There are numerous ideas and strategies to rid your shoes of such a smelly debacle. Everything from storing your shoes in the freezer, which could present some issues, especially if the original shoe funk symptom was loss of friends, to deodorizing with dryer sheets and the most obvious, foot spray.

Personally, I have used a mixture of one gallon of water and half to one cup of vinegar to soak the smell out of my water sport sandals and running shoes. Rinse with soap and water after soaking for 12 to 24 hours. The variability of time and concentration depends on the intensity of the funk! If using something that stinks, like vinegar, to cure another stink worries you, I also read a suggestion to use one cup of salt instead of vinegar and some lemon juice. The vinegar solution worked well, but you have to repeat it every month or so if you are wearing the shoes daily.

If you are looking for a more powerful treatment, you could also try an isopropyl alcohol and water or a Lysol and water solution. I'm sure both options would take care of the smell, but make sure you rinse the shoes very well after the soak because these solutions seem less feet-friendly than salt or vinegar. Don't use any of these solutions on leather!

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coaching all of the competitors throughout the competition.

"Many of the competitors have never done these events before so that's why I started training the team in the beginning of the year," said LaSalle. "Right now, the goal is to maintain interest and friendly competition as opposed to being a hardcore competitive team. I want people to have fun while they do this."

Some of the events at the Woodchuck Games included crosscut sawing, peavey logrolling, underhand chopping, axe throwing, tree identification and diameter estimation. Crosscut sawing is an event where two individuals use a five-to-six-foot crosscut saw to cut a cookie, or disc of wood, off a log in the shortest amount of time. Peavey logrolling involves competitors using a peavey, which is a wooden bar with a hooked arm and a spike at the end which passes over the log and grips it. The competitors use the peavey to move a 1,000-pound log through

a designated course. Underhand chopping is when a competitor stands on top of a log, placed horizontally to the ground, and chops it in half. These are all timed events, with the competitor with the shortest time winning.

The games ended with success for the UW-SP team, ranking first in the games with UW-Madison in second and University of Minnesota ranking third. More than rank, however, LaSalle sees the games as an overall successful experience.

"Quite a bit of organizing was done, which started last May, as well as a very determined group of SAF members who were instrumental to the success of the games," said LaSalle. "We also had much encouragement from the faculty within the College of Natural Resources."

For more information on timbersports, contact Adam LaSalle at [alasa221@uwsp.edu](mailto:alasa221@uwsp.edu).

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## Sports

## Pointer lacrosse team closes spring season

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's lacrosse club split their last set of games this past weekend in what were two very close match-ups. The Pointers faced the Minnesota State University-Mankato Mavericks on Saturday and the Iowa State Cyclones on Sunday in final regular season Upper Midwest Lacrosse League play.

In the Pointer's Saturday game against MSU-Mankato, UW-SP jumped out to an early 3-5 lead in the first half with goals from seniors Michael Babbitts, Abe Foerster and junior Andy Schantz. However, the Pointers' lack of substitute players on the bench proved to be their undoing in the second half as ball movement slowed.

Foerster was able to put two more goals on the board for the Pointers, but the Mavericks were still able to tie 5-5 at the end of the third. In the fourth quarter it was all Mavericks. Led by attack man Brent Walby, who finished with five goals, MSU-Mankato netted four unanswered goals in the last quarter of play to win the game 9-5.

"The talent was there, but the amount of players was not," said junior Andy Schantz, referring to the Pointer's three substitutes and the Maverick's overwhelming 23.

Junior goaltender Seth Westberg finished with 14 saves, good enough for a .609 save percentage.

The Pointer's final game against the Iowa State Cyclones was played

in cold and wet conditions Sunday. However, this had little effect on the Pointers as they came out scoring with five goals in the first quarter and one in the second, leading at half 6-0.

The Pointers offensive game was lead by dominating face-off play, as seniors, Michael Babbitts had many face-off wins. The Cyclones managed to muster up some offense in the second half, scoring six goals in the third quarter and three in the fourth. The Pointers kept up the scoring with a total of four goals in the second half to end the game 10-9.

The Pointers were led by junior Andy Schantz who netted two goals and three assists, for Foerster, with two goals and two assists. Westberg, with an impressive showing in the fourth quarter, saved 16 shots, finishing with a .640 save percentage.

"Our offense really came to life in the first half; you could tell the guys really wanted to go out on a win ... and we managed to hold on in the second half," said Head Coach Josh Fast.

The Pointers, coming off two close losses in the fourth quarter the previous weekend to Marquette University 6-9 and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 11-15, finish the season at 1-6, placing seventh in the UMLL.

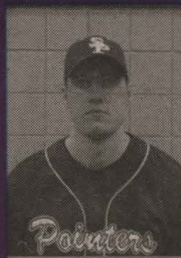
"My players worked very hard all season. We had to deal with many different adversities such as 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. and midnight to 2 a.m. practices and only having three guys as relief on the sideline," said Fast.



Photo courtesy of Ben Haight

The lacrosse club team split its final games to finish the season 1-6 overall.

## senior on the spot



Name: Jeff Zielke

Major: Accounting

Hometown: Watertown

Do you have any nicknames? Zilks, Z

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?

Advancing to the World Series in the first two years at UW-SP.

What is your most embarrassing sports moment?

As we were running out to celebrate defeating Ripon two years ago at Regionals, I tripped and fell over my own feet and slid on my knees for a few feet.

Have any gameday rituals or superstitions?

I listen to Creed before every game, My Sacrifice and/or Higher.

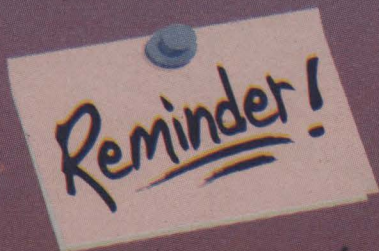
What is your sport philosophy? Quote from Vince Lombardi: "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual."

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# Sports

## Pointers split final regular season games with Stout

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A doubleheader was shared between the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and UW-Stout at Tuesday's softball games in Menomonie.

The Pointers are now safeguarded at 5-11 in conference play with a 20-18 overall record. This will be the 16th consecutive season the women have had 20 and over wins.

The first few innings of game one were subtle until Samantha Bizeau cracked a grand slam at the top of the fourth, bringing the Pointers to a lead at 7-0.

Pointer senior Allie Dorn closed



Photo Rochelle Nechuta

Senior Allie Dorn honored on Senior Day.



Photo by Rochelle Nechuta

Pitcher Elyse Nelson on the mound for the Pointers. UW-SP is 20-18 overall.

out the game at the bottom of the seventh, pitching multiple strikeouts into the end.

Dorn struck out four Blue Devils' batters for a complete-game victory, with only six hits and a single walk.

Game two resulted in a 2-2 tie for the first half of the game. A battle was fought between the two teams resulting in consecutive ties lasting until the Blue Devils permanently

broke through in the bottom of the fifth.

This was only the second loss of the season for Pointer reliever Jessica Berger who pitched four innings with four strikeouts.

Catch the Pointers in Superior for the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament from May 1 to May 3. Opponents in the tournament will be released later this week.

## Zimmerman 2-0 with Nationals

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Two years ago, Jordan Zimmerman was a junior pitcher for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team. He led the Pointers to a third-place finish in the NCAA Division III World Series.

Now Zimmerman is a promising young pitcher for the Washington Nationals with two Major League victories under his belt.

Zimmerman's journey to the big leagues was a rapid one. After leading the Pointers to an NCAA Division III Championship during the 2007 season, Zimmerman was drafted by the Nationals in the 2006 amateur draft.

"The interval between his days in college and his first day as a major league ball player was very short," said UW-SP baseball coach Pat Bloom. "The rate at which he ascended to the minor leagues and made his major league debut speaks not only of his talent, but the refinement of his abilities and his skills."

Zimmerman, fresh off a year in the minors, has earned the Washington Nationals two wins. The 22-year-old played six innings against the Atlanta Braves in his first Major League appearance, allowing six hits and a two-run homer.

In his second start, Zimmerman threw against the Mets and built a formidable lead that ended in an 8-1 win. He also earned a 2.38 ERA and five strikeouts during the 5.1 innings.

Bloom said that to those who don't know him, Zimmerman appears a bit introverted, but likes to crack jokes and enjoy the moment.

"The perception that he is very relaxed and easygoing hides an intense, competitive mindset that fuels his drive and passion for winning," said Bloom.

Hopefully Zimmerman will keep up the good work.

"We're just very proud of Jordan and what he's done," said Bloom. "He's a great kid, always a great teammate and a great ambassador for Pointer baseball in the past."

## A new chapter for UW-SP intramurals in fall of 2009

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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Intramurals have always been a consistent, fun way for college students to stay active and meet new people. However, a lot of changes seem to be hitting this department at the same time. Intramurals will be expanding and growing in adjustment to these changes coming the fall 2009 semester.

New sports have already been added this year and more changes are in the making to enhance student options and increase participation.

This is the first year that softball has been introduced as a league. In previous years, it has just been a weekend tournament.

"Softball will be kept as a choice mainly in the first fall block because of inconsistent weather patterns that occur frequently in the spring," said Jenny Larson, the new student manager of intramurals.

Billiards and table tennis have also just been added in the Brewhaus this semester. The reaction of the students to the two new options has been incredibly reinforcing to the intramural staff.

"Leagues like this add a new dynamic to intramurals, and we feel it encourages people with more diverse interests to try something new," Larson said.

Wiffleball, a variation of baseball, will be added next year as a choice on the intramurals list of activities. It is a part of Larson's job to explore this sport due to the many variations of the game.

"I think people will love wiffleball," said UW-SP student and participant of a variety of intramural sports, Craig Miller. "As long as it's not like trench ball, which can ruin friendships if taken too seriously," he added jokingly.

Along with the expansion of sport choices, the number of participants in intramurals keeps expanding as well.

"We get roughly 300 to 400 more sign-ups every year," Larson said. "We feel that introducing more options for leagues every year will keep the numbers high and rising."

The last change is at the intramural department is a transition in staff.

"The head official and student manager are both graduating this semester," Larson said. "There basically will be a new staff entirely this fall; it should be interesting."



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# Danstage ready to take center stage at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point this spring

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Chicago's acclaimed Jump Rhythm Jazz Project teams up with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Department of Theatre and Dance for Danstage 2009.

With new works from dance faculty Joan Karlen, Michael Estanich and Jeannie Hill and the UW-SP premiere of Billy Siegenfeld's "god of dirt," Danstage 2009 is packed with originality.

Jump Rhythm Jazz Project's "god of dirt" is an earth-honoring folk dance that transcends national cultures. This percussive, hand-grasping, heavy-booted movement of life celebrates the wry humor and humility that re-connects people to their own bodies' wisdom and the earth's capacity for instruction.

"The two-week residency with members of Jump Rhythm Jazz Project gave me a glimpse of an artistic place that I was unaware of prior to attending college," said Becky Lewandowski, junior dance major and nutrition minor, "a place in the dance community as well as within myself."

James Hansen, sophomore

musical theatre major added, "The JRJP rehearsal directors kept telling us it's all about letting go of whatever holds you back. That really freed me up to just move my body and feel the life within me. It really helped me understand that dance isn't about how elegant you are or how high you can kick, it's about how much you care about what you're doing."

Karlen created an ode to technological communication with "ringtone." Dancers weave like circuits while projected images flash across the stage offering a look at the difference between physical contact and digital connections.

"It's been great to collaborate with department of computing and new media technologies faculty Amod Damle and Katie Miller and design technology major Andy Broomell," Karlen said. "Together we've created an interactive stage environment that includes text and video messaging. In one section of the work, images of the dancers are remixed in real time and projected as text - the effect is quite magical."

"Oz," choreographed by Hill, is a romp through the emblematic fairytale forest with a twist. Somewhere between Alice's Wonderland and Dorothy's Emerald City, dancers tell



Photo courtesy of Kate Bourassa Kate

Dance group rehearses dynamic performance, "god of dirt."

this story with their tap shoes.

Estanich brings two works to life with "below the surface of the earth" and "the angel and the albatross." Comparing the solitary and majestic life of the albatross to that of an angel, Estanich revisits this piece originally created in 2004.

In "below the surface of the earth," dancers navigate a serene installation of wind chimes while challenging their physical stamina and moving habits.

"Restaging a work is a different experience than generating a new piece," Estanich said. "Revisiting 'the angel and the albatross' has been a wonderful process and gave me the opportunity to examine elements of the original choreography that I wanted to develop further."

Danstage 2009 will be presented in Jenkins Theatre on May 1-3 and

7-9, with performances at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1, Saturday, May 2, Thursday, May 7, Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9. A matinee will be offered at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 3.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens and \$12 for youth. UW-SP students with a valid ID may purchase advance tickets for \$4.50 per show or get in free the day of the show if seats are still available. Tickets may be purchased at the University Information and Tickets center in the concourse of the Dreyfus University Center, by calling (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378 or online at [www.uwsp.edu/centers/uit/ordering.asp](http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/uit/ordering.asp). Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. For previews and commentary on the show, check out the Danstage 2009 blog at [uwspdanstage.blogspot.com](http://uwspdanstage.blogspot.com).

## Book Recommendations of the week: "Dreams from My Father" and "The Audacity of Hope," by Barack Obama

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If you are interested in learning more about our new President, I would definitely recommend reading about his life and vision for the future in his own words. As one New York Times reviewer wrote, the President is "that rare politician who can actually write - and write movingly and genuinely about himself."

"Dreams from My Father" is a wonderfully written, introspective memoir that recounts the struggle of growing up straddling two racial worlds and finding a way to forge his own personal identity.

"The Audacity of Hope" is more of a political book. In this work, it is easy to find parallels with the speeches that Obama gave throughout his campaign that laid out his platform on the issues. He mixes discussion of foreign policy issues such as the war

in Iraq, the Middle East and terrorism with domestic issues including health care and education. He also interjects entertaining stories that often reflect the difficulties and absurdities of life in Washington. Whether or not you supported the President in the election, reading these books will provide you with a clearer idea of who he is, what he believes and how he came to be the 44th President.

"The Audacity of Hope" can be found on the third floor of the University Library at E901.1.O23 A3 2006.

"Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance" is in the leisure reading collection in the main lobby where the books are loosely organized alphabetically by author.

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# Arts & Culture

## Most Excellent Records presents What's the point?: Local music compilation

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Sixteen bands and one comedian will come together for a 9 hour-long event on May 9 in the Dreyfus University Center Encore to celebrate the release of the "What's the Point?" compilation of local music on Most Excellent Records.

The show will be fast and dirty, with each artist getting about 10 minutes to set up and 20-25 minutes to present what they're all about. It's almost impossible to imagine the show running smoothly, but the mastermind behind it all, local music lover and motivator Tyler Debelak, wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's going to be a long day; it's going to be fast-paced, and it's going to be really fun," Debelak said.

The show will be a mishmash of musical stylings and attitudes, featuring everything from the metal of Wrath of the Girth to the folk styling's of Troubadour to the wall of sound that is Electric Storm. The show is sure to offer something familiar and new for everyone.

Booking massive shows and doing all he can to support local music is nothing new for Debelak, who started booking shows in college and began his own hobby label, Most Excellent Records, to help his friends

put out records.

"It's sort of to help people remember that they can put out CDs. There are people who should be putting out albums who aren't going to unless I step in there and say, 'Hey man, we need to do this,'" Debelak said.

Debelak is a person who understands his place in life; he is a motivator. When someone needs that little extra push to step out and do something with his or her music, he's there to do the shoving. When he arrived in Stevens Point after a short stint living in Toledo and got a feel for the local talent, he knew exactly what he could do to help the music scene grow.

"When I moved to Stevens Point I thought, 'Oh that's cool, there's stuff going on here and people are playing music,'" Debelak said. "I noticed that there's not a real sense of community with it. It's like a bunch of bands just doing their own thing."

So he set out to promote that sense of community that makes music scenes so special to those involved. Debelak, who grew up in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, started going to shows when he was in eleventh grade.

He learned about what he calls "creating community" growing up in place where everyone knows everyone and there isn't much to do,

so music was something everyone could get excited about together. In the same way, he was trying to create that common excitement here.

"I was like, 'Man, the easiest way to build community is to get something to rally around ... let's do this comp, let's get people on the same page,'" Debelak said.

Once the idea of the compilation became a reality and people in town began to get excited, the idea of having a show was thrown Debelak's way. He said was ready to make it happen, but he knew if it was going to happen, they needed to go all out.

"Someone said, 'Man we should throw a show,' and I said 'Let's do it. If we're going to do it let's really do it ... we can get all the bands to play,'" Debelak said.

Now the stage is booked, the lineup, which was picked out of a hat, is set, and the compilations are being printed. Once again, Debelak's skills to motivate are creating action.

But the compilation isn't the only thing he has done: he's also created a zine called "The Motivator" and brought his brand of noise rock to the music community with his own bands, "Wild Animalz" and "Electric Storm," which will take the stage third on May 9.

"I'm not that good at playing music but I do two different bands, 'Electric Storm,' which is like me

playing guitar pedals and stuff doing noise ... It's exploring sonic possibilities rather than sound structures," Debelak said.

Debelak's drive to help the local music scene has also inspired 90FM to do more to support it. 90FM is sponsoring the event, which made it much easier for the bands to have the show on campus and was a return to old form for the station.

"We've talked a lot in the past couple years about why we don't sponsor shows anymore. 90FM as an organization used to sponsor a lot of concerts and we haven't really done that in the past five years," Station Manager and soul member of Troubadour Jim Priniski said. "It's the first time any of us have done anything like this."

The show will start on May 9 at 1 p.m. and go until 10 p.m. The cost is \$3 or \$5 if you want the compilation. The money will go back to pay for the costs of making the compilation, which Debelak paid for himself. The show and compilation are just the beginning for Debelak, who said he has more planned for Stevens Point.

"I want to book shows this summer at a house. I want to do basement shows. I want people to put out more albums. I want people to write more zines. I just want stuff to happen," he said.

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## "If you have time to lean, you have time to clean;" Grocery sitcom hits STV April 23

**Allyson Taubenheim**  
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"Paper or plastic?" This age-old question is asked by grocery employees everywhere, but it doesn't matter at all if there are no bags left in the store! And yes, they did check in back.

Stuffing groceries into wine and produce bags, drama, humor and creative characters come together in Student Television's first sitcom about a grocery store, "Aisle 5," which made its debut Thursday, April 23 in the Dreyfus University Center Theater.

Friends and fans joined the cast and crew in the unveiling of two of five hilarious episodes which had everyone in the audience laughing.

"It was a riot," said spectator Ben Wetherbee, who added that he "can't wait to see more."

The inspiration behind this TV series is a former grocer with a bigger dream than bagging week-old lettuce and two percent milk.

Having worked in a grocery store for three years, creator/co-writer Kacie Otto often thought that a grocery store would be the perfect setting for a sitcom and with the help of producer/director of "Aisle 5," John Lendved, this thought has

become a reality.

To make this happen, the pair went to work writing the script, auditioning actors, filming and editing until they were, according to Otto, "completely satisfied."

"It's so weird to think that this vague idea flickering through my mind became a reality," Otto told spectators at the debut of the experience she called "fun, intense, and exhausting."

Filming at a grocery store in Milladore, Wis., store owner Bob Mancl was quite the host, allowing a team of college kids to take over his store for a few nights.

"He pretty much just said 'Don't break anything,'" Otto said. "He was extremely gracious and welcoming."

With actors sleeping on shelves and in aisles during the 6 p.m. to 4 a.m. filming of the show, Otto and Lendved had their hands full.

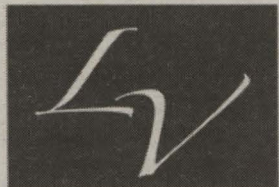
"They worked their buns off; I am so proud," said Tiffany Gonzales, who Otto said served as an "editor, publicist and role model" throughout the show.

Aiming to make two more seasons with five episodes each, Otto and Lendved are eager to build a bigger audience at Point, and joked that they wouldn't mind a call from NBC when The Office runs out of steam!





## Lady V reveals herself



**Lady V**  
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It is of my deepest regrets to tell you, I, Lady V, will not be returning next school year.

And no, I am not Linda Bunnell. But hey, she isn't returning either...

But really, there is a Lady V, Master P or To Whomever This May Concern, in all of us. We just have to find it from deep within. We are taught from the beginning we should be secretive with our sex lives and humble in our romantic relationships. But why?

After being single for so long I can only think of one reason: it makes others jealous. But I know that when I am with someone, who makes me damn happy and am having good sex with, I tell my closest friends. And I am sure they don't want to hear about it either!

I want to thank all of my readers for the questions and comments I have received throughout the semester. I really hope I was able to assist in some way.

As a journalist, I do not condone the use of pen names, anonymous contributors or even anonymous sources as many newspapers do. I started this with every intention of finishing it. Many of you who do know me are not naive and I think I am more proud of myself for keeping

it as much of a secret as I did. I wanted to keep it from the Pointer staff, but that proved to be nearly impossible considering I work there every Wednesday night. I will not be able to continue because my attention will be editing the news section of the Pointer. Yes, Lady V, ladies and gentlemen, it is I, Justin Glodowski. Just kidding! Hi, I am Avra, and I am Lady V!

I chose to write with a pen name because of the high profile I hold on campus. I felt it would hinder my style of writing and content discussed in this sex column. This was more of an experiment rather, that Rod and I had decided to try out on you, our lucky readers.

You responded well. I knew we could do it UW-SP! I am also happy to let you know I will check my Lady V e-mail periodically and I will still be answering questions; just let it be known it has potential to be printed, the only power that I now hold, now that you know my identity.

This was also a growing experience for me. I thoroughly enjoyed writing about some taboo things you can't call your mom about. Well, I can. But that probably explains quite a bit. But I think the most rewarding aspect of writing a column such as this was the questions and responses I received from my readers. I hope that printing what you wrote me empowered you and encourages you to utilize and exercise the rights news outlets provide to you, the citizen.

Be safe in your sexual endeavors. Respect yourself and consider how your actions affect those closest to you.

## What's the point?: The final point



**Katie Leb**  
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The sun is shining, the birds are chirping and the Milwaukee Brewers are back on the ball field. It must be spring. More importantly, it means the end of the school year is near. And for many of us, the time has finally come where we can say "goodbye, ciao, auf wiedersehen, we are outta here."

With graduation T-minus 17 days away, more than 1,200 students on this campus are ready for lift off. We have been calling ourselves college students for four, five and maybe even six years now. At this point it is still too surreal to imagine yet, as we still all have to get through our final projects, papers and then finals week.

For myself, these last two weeks don't have that graduation feel to them as next year, I find that I will be more in the "real world," but still detached from it. You see I will be graduating, but I am not going into the work force. Instead, I will be in the classroom yet again come this fall. However, this time I will be termed a graduate student, someone who earned one degree, but just can't get enough of school. It is true that I cannot get enough of school, so I will not try to deny it. If I was sick of school I do not think that 1. I would be going to graduate school for approximately two more years of tests, books and papers and 2. I would not be continuing on after this for a doctoral degree which will then allow

me to become a professor and spend the next forty years in the classroom. But I digress.

For those lucky, courageous and broke individuals graduating and looking for that job that will become a career, I wish you good luck. You all are well aware of the overgrown garden out there. We have a lot of weeds and tangled messes, but not so many blooming flowers. Maybe if this weather becomes more stable the economy will too. I think I may live by this theory until proven wrong. The way I see it, with the economists and political scientists still trying to make heads or tails of what the economy is doing and will do, my theory is just as valid as anything they come up with.

This past year has been quite exciting for all of us involved with "The Pointer." We have all grown as writers, editors, designers and students. There have been times of frustration followed by periods of elation.

"The Pointer" has expanded its horizons this year and began publishing online every week, along with doing multimedia packages that can be seen on its Web site. We have also become an award-winning publication, winning first place at the Associated Collegiate Press Best of the Midwest conference, with our special edition, "The Best of Point." Our staff has worked diligently to find the news and make it known to campus.

I am extremely grateful for all of the hard work from my staff members and am proud of their accomplishments.

Next year I will again be in school, but it will not be at all the same as this year. I am looking forward to these final weeks as a student at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. I know we are all anxious to graduate and be done with school, but make sure to look around before it is all over. You will appreciate it when you are in the "real world."

## Pointer Poll:

What is the most memorable thing about UW-SP this year?



**Leigh Downing**  
Senior

Mine's going to have to be the second annual Woodchuck Games which just happened. And I think everyone is going to have to come out for the third annual Woodchuck Games.



**Sarah Howard**  
Sophomore

My most memorable moment would probably be Homecoming, the skits during Homecoming week, because May Roach won. It was hilarious and it was probably the best evening ever this year.



**Mandy Walsh**  
Freshman

My favorite part of this year was just Homecoming week in general with all of the events and getting to know people I now consider my best friends.



**Dan Kinler**  
Senior Plus

At this point I really can't think of anything off the top of my head that really stands out.



**Nathan Pollesch**  
Senior

My answer is Julia Butterfly Hill coming and speaking. It was really neat to come into the theater and see it totally packed and students packed all up and down the sides to hear her speak.



# Letters & Opinion



**Steve Apfel**  
COLUMNIST

## High Five thanks you!

friends and try to fill the void I will be leaving in their hearts and minds. Thanks.

Hold on just a microsecond! Nick isn't the only person deserving of thanks. Throughout the course of this school year, I have introduced you to a great many of my friends. I would be completely remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank all of them. So here they are in no particular order.

Big high fives go out to Max Rupp, Samantha Wilatowski, Leanna Wisnefske, Kristin Rosche, Jacob Mathias, Lady V, Breanna Speth, Michelle Geiger, Emily Marie Gille, Angela Weier, Megan Sterzinger, Michael Elderbook, Dorothy Barnard, Beckee McDermott, Charlie Nichols, Jody Peters, Lizzy Joanis, Nathan Bell, Kelly McAvoy, Bethany Meyer, King Roland, Princess Breann, Senator I. Morale, Rochelle Nechuta, Pat Rothfuss, Kaira Williams, and, of course, Shay Carlston. You've all been such good sports about all of my literary shenanigans. There would have been no High Five without you! You're all terrific friends and as soon as the High Five T-shirts have been made, yours will be personalized.

I have to send out about a thousand thank you's to dear Ms. Avra Juhnke. She has been my comic foil from week two and has put up with a lot of friendly abuse over the year. She's taken it all in stride, a true

credit to her classy upbringing. But trust me, dear readers, she can give it as well as she can take it! That kitten's got claws, verbally speaking.

I'd like to give a big shout out to parking services for constantly validating my existence with love notes on my windshield. If you ever run into a shortage of little orange envelopes, give me a call! I have quite the collection that I would be more than happy to donate back to the school.

Big ups need to go out to advertising manager Rod King for putting the soul into the paper each week. To know Rod is to instantly be bettered in many facets of life. He has taught me so much about attitude and not taking guff. Rod King does not take any guff in any form!

However, this final edition is not all tearful goodbyes and somewhat sad hand slaps, because High Five is not over! Post-graduation, my words will continue on the High Five blogspace! So this isn't an ending so much as the beginning of the next chapter. And this chapter includes all of the sex, drugs and illegal activities that this chapter could not have due to school regulations.

I hope you all will keep in touch after I'm gone. And pop into "The Pointer" office, which will soon be redecorated and rechristened "The Danger Room" in my honor. Goodbye and good luck, dear readers!

Well friends, it's here. The end of another school year and an era is upon us as this is the last edition of High Five to grace the pages of "The Pointer." In a very short time I will evolve from a mere University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student into a vaunted and respected alumnus. It is a bittersweet occasion to be sure. On the one hand I am excited to become part of the real working world, but on the other hand I will miss all of the great friends I've made and our weekly chats. It does bring me great pleasure to announce that next year this space will be occupied by the words of my good friend Nick Meyer. I hope you will all embrace him with open arms and warm hearts. He's a very fragile boy. And Nick, if you could try to take care of all of my

## Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

I want to thank you for printing my letter about the local purchasing. It didn't do much; the food company still has produce coming from Mexico and Idaho.

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stole thousands of dollars worth of things and we never heard about it.

With the cost of things going up all the time, we also are concerned about why Jerry Lineberger would purchase thousands of dollars worth of small china plates and then turn around and buy thousands of dollars to correct his first error. Then, on top of that, he purchased a \$12,000 coffee maker for the DUC. The coffee maker is sitting in a storage room in

the DUC. One of the catering people said it was another error.

How come the Chancellor catches so much grief and all these people steal and buy things for thousands of dollars and nothing is ever done about it?

I know you think we are being sneaky by not signing our names. We are hoping for a job.

- Anonymous

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