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## SGA makes vote of "no confidence"

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The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Student Government Association passed a unanimous vote of "no confidence" in Chancellor Linda Bunnell at last Thursday's senate meeting.

"A vote of 'no confidence' has absolutely no legal standing, nor precedence," Kirk Cychosz vice president of SGA, said to the assembly. "It is just simply to show that an organization is dissatisfied with the leadership."

During the meeting, a presentation was given by UW-SP Foundation president, Bob Spoerl, which proceeded to the 15-0-0 vote of "no confidence." Bunnell wasn't present at the senate meeting.

The Foundation is an independent organization that works closely with the community to build relationships with potential donors for distribution of money into scholarships and other programs at the university.

Propaganda, lack of accessibility,

accountability and transparency of Bunnell served as reasons for the vote.

The role of a university chancellor is to be a chief leader to the campus.

"One of my primary responsibilities is for assuring the quality of education for all students and, of course, I do that by delegating to other people," Bunnell said in an interview.

The motion was passed by the SGA speaker of the senate, Saul Newton, to vote "no confidence" in Bunnell, citing her recent traffic mishap in Madison as a reason.

"This situation goes far beyond a minor traffic incident; it shows a lack of judgment," Newton said in an interview. "The Chancellor is the face of this university, our ambassador to the world. Her actions reflect on UW-SP as an institution."

Many of the Foundation's concerns began in September when Bunnell removed their executive director without consultation, said Spoerl. According to him, she has also damaged many relationships to potential donors by cancelling, not showing up and leaving early at events and poorly communicating

overall.

"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.

The foundation began expressing these concerns to the System last fall, while at the same time, SGA began discovering discrepancies in Bunnell's suggestions for administering differential tuition on campus.

"...UW-Stevens Point is the last university within the public UW System without differential tuition, which means that our students are not paying different rates for different classes or incomes or backgrounds that they may be coming from," SGA president Katie Kloth said to the assembly. "It's all one tuition fee and nothing is backdoor at all."

The SGA was told by Bunnell that the Board of Regents had passed a vote stating that the Chancellor could independently decide how

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## The Buzz

### Bunnell involved in hit-and-run

While attending an event in Madison where Governor Doyle was speaking about the Wisconsin state budget deficit on Feb. 17, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Chancellor Linda Bunnell received a traffic citation for leaving the scene of a traffic violation.

The police report states that Bunnell hit a parked 1995 Ford Explorer and left the scene of the incident without reporting it.

A witness reported the incident to the police and officer Trenton Scanlon found Bunnell's state-owned 2009 Toyota Camry and left a note.

Bunnell, upon reading the note, called the police department to explain the incident. She received a \$172 fine which the UW System has stated Bunnell has already paid. No alcohol or drugs were present, but tests were not administered by the police.

## Vagina Monologues bring awareness and much more

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Once again, the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point's Women's Resource Center performed Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" in an effort to raise money for sexual assault victims and awareness.

Originally written to celebrate the vagina and women's empowerment, the monologues evolved to inform and support the movement fighting violence against women.

Jennifer Boyd, volunteer coordinator of the Women's Resource Center, directed and performed in this year's monologues.

"It really allowed us to get the word out on Sexual Assault Victims Services," said Boyd.

The monologues performed addressed all aspects of female empowerment and struggle. Pieces about discovering oneself sexually, whether being straight or lesbian, becoming comfortable with your own sexuality and being empowered by it were all performed.

"It brings out some topics that are very taboo to some people and brings them out in the open where they should be," said Boyd.

The performance also featured

pieces on a more serious note. Pieces about violence against women, rape and female genital mutilation added somberness to the audience and informed them of real-world violence against women.

Dee Erlandson, Sexual Assault Victims Services victims' advocate, ended the performance with a monologue about the current situation

in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a warzone with the worst intensity of rape and sexual violence in the world.

According to Erlandson, every year Eve Ensler writes a new monologue based on her experiences

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Photo by Jacob Mathias

"The Vagina Monologues" were put on with the help of student volunteers.

## SGA pres. election

The Student Government Association of UW-SP announced the results of their annual election.

The total number of students voting in the election came out to 226. The team of Scott Asbach and Nathaniel Schultz won the SGA presidency and vice presidency with 117 votes while their opponents, Saul Newton and Kelly Krumsee received 103. Two other teams also received multiple write-in votes in that of Eric Krszjzaniek and Andrew Letson as well as Jordan Riley.

All those receiving at least one vote for student senator will be given a seat in the SGA senate upon acceptance of the nomination.

## State election news

Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson won re-election to the Wisconsin Supreme Court on Tuesday defeating Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge Randy Koschnic to claim her fourth term. The results in Portage County were 4,866 votes for Abrahamson and 2,418 votes for Koschnic.

Tony Evers beat challenger Rose Fernandez for the position of Wisconsin state superintendent.

All results are still pending until all have been officially reported.

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## News

## UW-SP to endure millions in budget cuts; Diemer looking for options

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As part of a UW-System-wide deficit, a slash of \$174 million in the UW budget has been outlined by Gov. Jim Doyle and the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point will be faced with making major adjustments accordingly.

Cutting more than \$5.6 million from the 2009-10 budgets and then an additional \$1.9 million the following year, Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs at UW-SP, Greg Diemer, said these cuts were "not unexpected."

The financial curtail is a result of revenue reductions in the State Treasury Department due to the

economic downturn. This will impact many of the academic and administrative operations, students and other clientele.

UW-SP has made numerous proposals to cope with the cut in budgets, yet, as Diemer puts it, a "strong belief that education is important to grow the economy" has prompted officials to make some difficult decisions about what to cut and what to keep.

No faculty will be fired, but ten positions will be held vacant next year. Diemer said UW-SP is trying to protect the instructional area as much as possible; however, some positions will not be filled following retirements, resignations and one-year, no-intent-to-renew contracts.

A cut in additional class sections

will also take place, which could increase class size.

Cuts will also occur in funds set aside for projects, such as furniture in a new residence hall. Diemer said, students might additionally notice that responses to service requests may take longer than in the past and some supply and equipment purchases may be delayed or cancelled.

This, however, should not worry students about the value of their education. Diemer attests that UW-SP has "always taken pride in the campus on service and quality of instruction," and will continue to do so.

More measures being taken into consideration include evaluating scheduling as a means to reduce utility consumption and considering software that shuts down computers

when they are not in use for some period of time. A reduction in travel to conferences and greater use of telephone and video-conferencing is also expected to help with the financial burden.

The possibility for an increase in enrollment to boost revenue is being considered as well as an increase in tuition; however, the tuition elevation will be not be determined until June or July by the Board of Regents.

All proposals are still tentative and will not be finalized until the budget is approved by the legislature.

But rest assured, Diemer believes "students should be confident that UW-SP will continue to provide a high level of excellence."

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to manage differential tuition on campus, Kloth said. After consulting the Board of Regents, SGA discovered that this vote had never occurred and wasn't accounted for publicly.

"She blatantly lied to us and tricked us into going forth on a campaign to bring in money to the university because she had failed the Foundation in that sense," Kloth said to the assembly.

Last October, UW-SP hosted the Board of Regents visit to the campus. A resolution of appreciation was designed from this visit which stated Bunnell's use of resources to promote areas of research in "biofuel, aquaculture, nano-technology and geographic information systems, while encouraging students to become engaged global citizens."

Other contributions Bunnell has made to UW-SP include the facilities master plan, a new waste management laboratory, a new suite-style dormitory in place of Hyer Hall and addition to the Health Enhancement Center and maintenance and materials building.

Since the SGA vote, Bunnell and Bob Tomlinson, vice chancellor of student affairs, have met with Kloth to discuss the concerns raised.

"This [year] is the first time I have not had the opportunity to meet with student leaders on a regular basis," Bunnell said.

Due to conflicting schedules, it has been difficult for student leaders and Bunnell to arrange for meetings, she said.

"I think that one of the secrets to resolving difficulties is to do things as they pop up and not let them wait," said Bunnell.

Bunnell also said she is gone a handful of times every month to attend regent and chancellor meetings in Madison.

"I wish I were two people who could go to everything and do everything because so many wonderful things happen here on campus that I wish I could be every place all the time," she said.

Bunnell has endured a vote of "no confidence" before by the faculty at the University of Colorado at

Colorado Springs where she was Chancellor in 1999.

"The regents and the president of the university were very supportive of the job that I was doing there and they found no substance behind the vote," she said.

According to the Colorado Springs Gazette, the vote, organized by history professor Richard Wunderli, resulted in 206 total faculty votes: 82 said they were confident in her, 70 said they had no confidence and 52 said they had reservations and wanted her to communicate more with the faculty.

The faculty issues raised at UCCS included "lack of accessibility, lack of trust in her words or actions, and her alienation of many people - including some donors - by her personality and seeming duplicity," Wunderli said in a recent e-mail interview.

"I was surprised to hear of the action against her coming from the students," said Wunderli. "I would have thought that it would have come from the faculty."

An anonymous faculty member of UW-SP has contacted Wunderli about similar concerns in the past. There has been no official record of comments made by faculty yet.

"Nobody else that has information is coming forward because they're in fear for their jobs and reputations," Kloth said in an interview.

Wisconsin State Representative Stephen Nass wrote a letter to UW System President Kevin Reilly last Friday, urging him to review the "developing storm surrounding Bunnell."

As of Monday, April 6, SGA has requested that Reilly conduct a formal investigation within 20 days regarding the evaluation of Bunnell.

"They (the system) are certainly going to have to safeguard the people that are speaking freely and factually about this issue," Nass said in an interview. This is not "an issue that is, in time, just simply going to go away without a serious review of this matter. That is what I will be pushing for."

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combating sexual violence. This year, she wrote "Baptized" after she spent time with an 8-year-old girl in a hospital in the Congo. The child had been raped daily for two weeks by a group of Militia and because of the damage to her internal muscles and tissues, she was unable to control her urination.

"I was asked to read this piece at the end of the other monologues," said Erlandson. "What a privilege to be part of the UW-SP cast and

offer yet another perspective of violence against women to those who attended."

The WRC's performance of "The Vagina Monologues" is going to benefit the Sexual Assault Victims Services, a part of CAP services. Along with SAVS, proceeds will also go to the V-Day movement, a worldwide charity benefiting victims of sexual violence and abuse. SAVS can be reached at 715-343-7125.

The WRC is also hosting "Take Back the Night," a rally devoted ending violence against women on April 22.

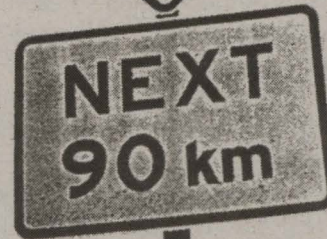
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# Veterans Club of UW-SP strives to create community on campus within itself and other organizations

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Going from a job where brotherhood, camaraderie and responsibility are primarily elements to an environment that is stereotypically known for drinking and other unpredictable behaviors can cause quite a disruption. Veterans on campus face this and look to each other as a way to provide comfort in this transition.

In providing this healthy transition, members of the Veterans Club of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point do not tend to alienate each other based on the branch of the military that they came from. Pat Brown, a sophomore and Iraqi vet, reinforces this position.

"From the meetings we have held, there has not been branch discrimination. Everyone has their own sense of pride for their own branch, but it does not come up face-to-face," said Brown.

Phil Komosa, another club member, notes that background is not a concern. Komosa, an Iraqi vet, speaks for the lack of differentiation within the organization.

"Personally, I'm friends with

Navy, Air Force, Marines that are in the club.

"We also like to associate with non-traditional students. Similar to veterans, they seem to be out of place due to age or taking a couple years break before coming into college. We like to say all military branches and some non-trads are more than welcome," said Komosa.

**"Others who have shared similar experiences, are the same age, just having similarities in general."**

**-Brown**

Both gentlemen spoke of the struggles that are inherent when attending the university.

"I think the biggest struggle is meeting someone of common ground. That's why having a vets' club on campus is good. Others who have shared similar experiences, are the same age, just having similarities in general," said Brown.

"I would say some of the troubles are getting back into the normal swing of being in an educational and academic environment. For me personally, going from training with weapons and dodging bullets and then

being expected to sit in a classroom while other people ask you all these different questions about being in service, it is a little harder for me to cope. It is a great hinderance on their emotional state, as well as the academic environment," said Komosa.

Outside of being in a war zone, there are other experiences that come into play separating vets and a student right out of high school.

"The biggest thing: in class, general discipline, common courtesy, respect, traits I know from the Marine Corps. Addressing the professor by proper title, most students do not do that," Brown said.

"There is a very big noticeable difference. A student coming straight out of high school and into college expects big situations such as partying, not as much as their responsibility and commitment to school. From the military, one is considered to be highly disciplined, highly responsible, with a great amount of commitment while being in school," said Komosa.

Komosa believed that veterans tend to commit themselves to classes. They remain self-motivated, get work done, and do what they need to do. Also, there is no comparison between partying in the U.S. and partying overseas. On those grounds he felt veterans felt less obligated to go out on a Friday and Saturday night and tended to worry more about the next week of school.

Something that the Veterans Club has done is open itself up to lines of communication between themselves



Photo courtesy of Veterans Club of UW-SP

Veterans Club is looking to create a firm base for the future.

and other organizations.

"We only became an official organization at the end of last year. We have been working with the SGA trying to get wellness credits approved from being in the military," said Komosa.

The club has already been forming a strong relationship with the Alliance of Non-Traditional Students at UW-SP and is looking to foster relationships with other organizations as time passes.

It is the hope that the sense of community that is fostered among the Veterans Club will transfer over to creating that sense of community among all of UW-SP.

Brown hints at this in his very reasoning for joining the organization.

"I mostly joined the Veteran's Club here at Stevens Point to be in contact with other vets and meet other people around campus," said Brown.

Those looking to become involved with this forward-looking organization can attend meetings, every Tuesday, at 5 p.m. in the Brewhaus located in the basement of the Dreyfus University Center.

## Student news sources changing over time as media forms evolve

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In this day and age, students looking for news are met with a variety of different choices and media channels. Every outlet of the cyber age, from television, cable, Internet, radio, magazines and newspapers, boasts some form of news service. With the large girth of saturation of news into media outlets, students vary in how they get their daily feed of information and facts.

"I find that simple newspapers online like usatoday.com are the easiest way to get information about

what's going on," said University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point senior Adam Becker.

Students may need to access news for a variety of reasons, whether it be classroom-related, for personal use or other. However, it's clear that the old-time paper newspaper of the past are losing ground to the electronic newspaper, which to the environmentally friendly, isn't such a bad thing as it conserves trees.

Andy Schantz, a junior at UW-SP, has an alternate opinion regarding print newspapers.

"Reading an actual paper

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## Students seek financial prosperity in today's troubled economic times

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With bills incurred from tuition, housing and other collegial expenses, it's hard for students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to find money to spend on other creature comforts. A few revealed how they manage to spend their greenbacks.

In the world, there are normally those who budget their money while others just grab from a pile of savings, with little insight as to where the money goes. Ben Houghton, a junior, tends to fall into the former category.

"I try to figure it out what I can spend on fun activities and food, but mostly for fun," said Houghton.

Terisa Anderson, a sophomore, doesn't necessarily fit into one of these two categories.

"I don't have a budget. I just tend to think about my finances to see if there is something worth spending my money on," said Anderson.

As students detach themselves from the classism that is perceived to go on in high school and the feelings of inferiority that are associated with them, shopping at secondhand stores

such as Goodwill and Nice as New and discount stores such as Dollar Tree and Dollar General are not as frowned upon.

Anderson, who currently does not shop at these locations, knows that if things changed for her economically, it would not be a problem.

"I would if I had to," said Anderson.

Houghton does mention that

he has been to these stores before, but keys in on one of America's corporate giants depending on the circumstance.

"I shop at Wal-Mart if it is cheaper," said Houghton.

When it comes to buying snack foods, neither Anderson nor Houghton find themselves staring at a vending machine, contemplating if they should have bought the goodies

inside in bulk. In fact, they were really direct in stating what happens.

"I buy chocolate," said Anderson.

"It's more of an impulse, so I don't really care," said Houghton.

Another hidden expense in attending college is how forms of entertainment, especially drinking are paid for. The students weighed in on how this affects them.

"I'm not much of a partier so it does not affect me," said Anderson.

"It certainly does affect me," said Houghton.

Being in the culture of America the last several months, financial strife does not escape the minds of students in regards to their loved ones.

"I do notice the way it impacts my family, although. I remain persistent about not asking my parents for money, and try to remain independent," said Houghton.

As for many college students, the ability to afford to drive home and visit the parents isn't that large of a stumbling block.

"It depends; I normally only visit my parents once a semester regardless," said Houghton.

In whatever way students choose to spend their money, UW-SP will still have an abundance of opportunities for knowledge to be garnered on campus.

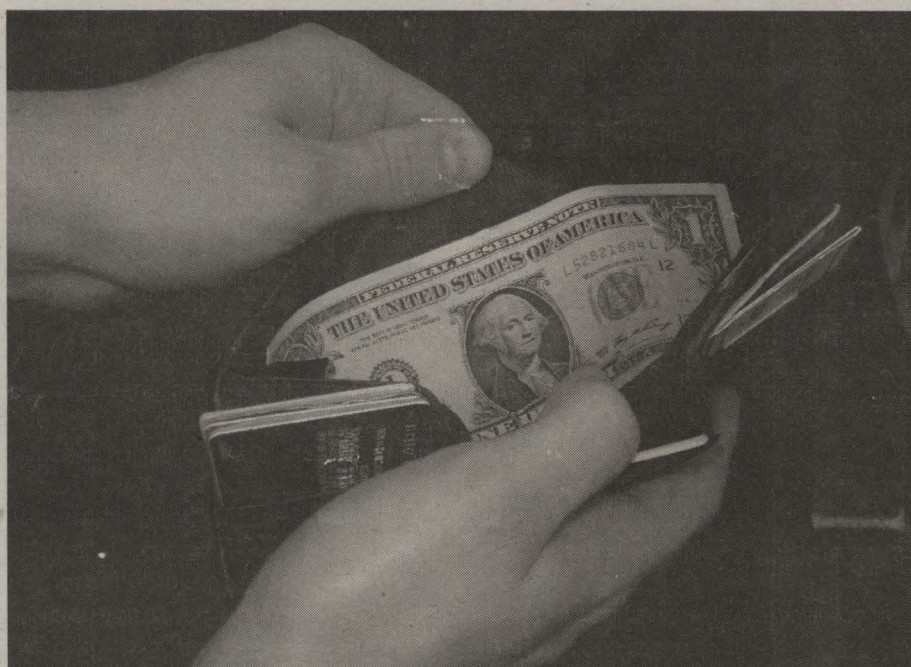


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With limited money at their disposal, students must seek unique ways in order to stretch their dollars to the max including shopping at discount-type stores.

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newspaper is fine, but if you have to bring in an article for class, or if you're just looking at the news briefly, it's just best to go to an online news source," said Schantz.

However, a new trend has emerged which has already received attention from the media. Younger

**"I know that Comedy Central's news shows aren't exactly full of true facts, but I'd rather watch them than real news."**

**-Schantz**

adults say that they receive most of their news from Comedy Central's The Daily Show with Jon Stewart Show, or The Colbert Report. Many students and young adults have said that they feel real news is boring and full of bad news while the "funny news shows" provide a relief from the bad news and make fun of what is going on.

"I know that Comedy Central's news shows aren't exactly full of true facts, but I'd rather watch them than real news, it's just too depressing," said UW-SP sophomore Ben Brown.

Students who only turn to the news for sports seem to have a general consensus that ESPN is the major outlet. ESPN, a Disney affiliate, has its hands in almost every media channel

including cable, print and Internet.

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# Student to participate in NSF research program

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Michelle Stevens, a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point physics major, has been selected for the second time into the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates internship program. She will conduct research at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif.

Last year eight students from UW-SP, including Stevens, were selected to be involved with the prestigious student research program over the summer. Students who completed their internships last summer said the opportunity and experience has greatly changed their lives.

"The REU greatly aided the decisions governing my future," said Karl Larsen who conducted his internship at Montana State University last summer. "It solidified my thought regarding graduate school engineering and whether or not to attend."

Stevens, who completed her REU last summer at Notre Dame, will get

another chance to develop her skills at Caltech at one of the top schools in the country in the field of physics. Stevens said she is looking forward to the opportunity to work at the institute.

"I applied to six different programs, but Caltech was my top choice, and I wasn't very optimistic about being accepted, since they're a really good school for physics," said Stevens. "I did a happy dance when I got in."

Placement into the REU program is extremely competitive. The NSF funds these research programs at schools across the U.S. Students then compete against hundreds of applicants for a few spots at each university involved. Caltech received hundreds of applicants and Stevens was selected for one of their 20 spots.

"Generally, any physics major is eligible, provided they're not graduating, but realistically you need to have some prior research experience, decent grades and stellar letters of recommendation to get in," said Stevens.

Stevens will be working on the Caltech campus with two research professors and possibly a few graduate students. She'll be working on the Laser Interferometry Gravitational Wave Observation project, which is jointly

run by Caltech and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"Just like sound waves or water waves, the movement of massive astronomical objects creates waves in the fabric of space-time," said Stevens, explaining exactly what she'll be working on. "If we can detect these waves, we can learn a lot about the bodies that created them and the physics that's going on there."

Stevens will be working on designing something called an "Optical Gyroscope." The "Optical Gyroscope" will be used at each of the LIGO detectors so researchers can get a better look at these gravitational waves.

The REU will significantly aid Stevens in pursuing her goal of being able to teach and research physics for the rest of her life as a professor at a university.

"Caltech has housed some of modern science's great physicists, like Richard Feynman, Kip Thorne and a host of others," said Stevens. "They're a top-notch research institution, definitely among the best in physics, so having that on my resume before grad school will be really good."

Stevens will start the program on June 16 and conduct research for ten weeks before returning on August 21

and Stevens said she wouldn't spend her summer any other way.

"I get to be a part of this big project that is attempting to understand more about the universe that we live in, that's cool," she said. "I love physics, so the opportunity to get paid to do what I love to do over the summer is awesome."

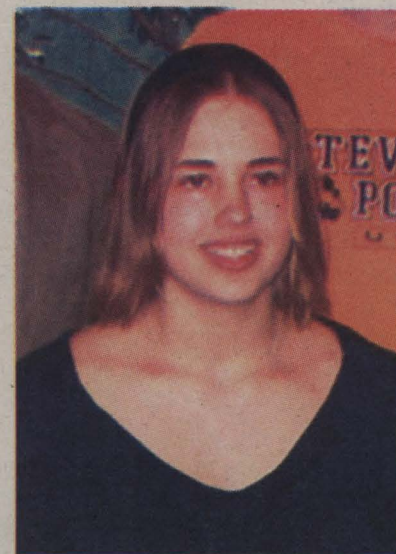


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Michelle Stevens will participate in the National Science Foundation's internship program for the second time this summer.

## Suite new residence hall, but how will it impact the environment?

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The demand for modern living options in student housing has increased significantly, explaining why Residential Living has proposed a project to construct a new residence hall on campus. But how will this enormous project impact the environment?

A public meeting to present a draft of the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point suite-style residence hall was held on Tuesday, March 31 in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center. Explaining the environmental impact, the draft of the EIS relayed any potential effects the project might have on physical, biological, social and economic environments.

The project will include the demolition and recycling of Hyer

Hall and the construction of a 330-bed, suite-style residence hall that will be fashioned for upper-level and graduate students. The destruction of Hyer Hall is anticipated for July 2009, with assembly of the new residence hall starting in fall 2009. Completion of the project is projected for summer 2011.

According to the draft of the EIS, there are no expected long-term biological impacts. The project will not have an unfavorable impact on air quality beyond the short-

term emissions from construction equipment and will have no major effect on the soils beyond the possibility of erosion during construction.

There will, however, be a permanent loss of approximately 0.60 acres of green space, along with the removal of 44 trees.

Social impacts will be primarily due to demolition, construction noise and vibrations. These impacts should be short-term, minor nuisances to neighbors, students, faculty and workers in the area. The project may also have a negative impact on local landlords.

The total project cost is anticipated to be \$35.5 million, which will be financed using Program Revenue Supported Borrowing, not tax dollars.

The draft was prepared in accordance with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act, Wisconsin Statutes 1.11 and University of Wisconsin System Administration guidelines.

An in-depth description of the project and its potential impacts was presented at the meeting, allowing anyone who attended the opportunity to identify any issues or concerns.

The comments and inquiries raised on the draft of the EIS will now be used to develop the final EIS, which will be circulated to the public and commenting agencies for a subsequent 30-day review period. A public hearing will then be held on the final EIS for additional comment. Following the public hearing, the UW System will develop a conclusion on the findings of the EIS.

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# Science & Outdoors

## Society of Ethnobiology presents poster at national conference

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SCIENCE AND OUTDOORS REPORTER

Aaron Sedgwick, president of the Society of Ethnobiology at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, presented a poster at the SOE National Conference. The poster was of the collaborative efforts to restore a portion of Schmeckle Reserve with the Society of Ecological Restoration. The conference was at Tulane University in New Orleans, La. April 1-4, 2009.

The restoration efforts have already begun. Zachary Grycan, Schmeckle Reserve project manager, obtained permission from the director of Schmeckle Reserve, Ron Zimmerman to work on a two-acre parcel. Historical information shows there are three ecotones in the Schmeckle area. An ecotone is a zone of transition between the ecosystems where plants and animals from two or more ecosystems are found. In this case, they are prairie, oak savannah and jack pine barren. The area has a park-like appearance as a result of Native American fire management. Nature is interrelated; when one link is manipulated it affects other links in the natural chain of events. It is hoped that the restoration of the area to its native habitat will encourage the return of native animal

species, too.

A pilot study was conducted and the data was downloaded into computer programs. The computer program determined the numbers of fixed-radius plot samples that are needed for each species found on the pilot plots.

"For example, only a handful of plots were sampled for paper birch," Grycan said. "But black cherry and buckthorn were found on most plots."

The actual study sampled for woody stems to establish a baseline of information as to what trees, shrubs and plants currently exist on the two-acre parcel. The baseline information can be used to gauge the progress of the project in the future.

Glossy buckthorn is the most prevalent exotic invasive species. Pennsylvania sedge is the most prevalent native invasive species and it had been discussed as to whether to eradicate it as well. Aspen in the parcel may also be eradicated because it is not a part of the northern hardwoods ecosystem. However, the initial efforts are being concentrated on glossy buckthorn and tartarian honeysuckle.

Restoration has already begun. On Sunday, March 29, Grycan, Justin Kania and Sedgwick began removing buckthorn from the parcel. They used handheld pruning saws borrowed from the Student Society of Arboriculture to cut the buckthorn down. Roundup was then sprayed on the exposed stubs to

kill the roots of the buckthorn so they won't resprout. The slash was carried to the Visitor Center parking lot and piled to be removed by the Schmeckle maintenance crew at a later time. A seed mix of wild native plants will be sown over the two acres when the invasive species has been removed.

"It will be interesting to see what forbs come back when the shrub canopy has been removed," Grycan said.

Sedgwick said their immediate goals are the same: to eradicate the invasive species. In the future they


would like to introduce fire as a management tool with the help of the UW-SP Fire Crew. They would also like to send some of the plants to a toxicology lab in Madison to see if there is any residue Roundup herbicide in the plants. If the tests are negative, SOE would like to use the two acres for sustainable wild edible plants and cordage. However, the main goal is to use it for educational purposes, such as plant identification through the seasons.



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A portion of Schmeckle Reserve is shown here prior to the buckthorn removal by the society of Ethnobiology.

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## Sports

## Pointer softball drops first conference games

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point softball team dropped two games in a doubleheader Wednesday, April 8 against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

The 9-0 and 11-4 defeats dropped the Pointers to a 13-7 overall record and began the team's Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play at 0-2.

The Warhawks ended last season second in the nation and Tom Henke knew the team had a tough competition in store for them going into the games.

"Today you can't grab a lot of positives from this type of experience, although we knew that Whitewater was a very strong team," Henke said. "There was a reason they took second in the country last year and that is because of how talented that ball club is."

The Pointers allowed nine runs in the first three innings in the first loss of the night. Left fielder Sarah Butts and right fielder Samantha Bizeau earned hits in the 9-0 loss and the team committed three errors. Pitcher Kayla Kastenmeier served up seven runs and eight hits in the five-inning loss.

"We knew we had to come in here and really bring our A-game and our pitching had to hit spots and not make mistakes," Henke said. "We knew we were not allowed to give them extra outs, not a ball club like this."

UW-Whitewater started strong again in the second match-up and shot to a five-run lead in two innings. The Pointers mustered two runs off a double to right center from Allie Dorn in the fourth inning and UW-SP cut the lead to three.

In the sixth, Wenig batted in Elyse Nelson and Dorn earned her third RBI of the night after batting in Brittany Zelenka. The Warhawks went on to advance the lead with four runs in the top of the seventh to



Photo by Rochelle Nechuta

Pointer outfielder Kimberly Liegel making a break for first base which she would reach on a Warhawk error.

cap an 11-4 victory.

"A positive to pull from this was how we battled back in the second game, how we spread the offense around a little bit more in the second game," Henke said. "In the second game we had more people contributing on the offensive side of the ball and that's something to build on."

Henke said the team was a bit humbled by the losses and that the games should be a learning

experience for the team. This week, the Pointers gear up to prepare for UW-La Crosse, who they play in their second conference doubleheader on Friday, April 10.

The Eagles are currently 19-7 overall and 4-2 in WIAC.

"La Crosse is a good, solid fast-pitch team," said Henke. "I know they're playing good ball; they have a couple of really good pitchers and that's going to be a very nice test for us."

## UW-SP third in Director Cup standings

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A slew of winter achievements and victories for the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point's athletic

department has boosted it to third place in the rankings for the 2009 Division 3 Learfield Sports Director's Cup. UW-SP follows only Amherst, Mass., and Williams, Mass., in the standings.

UW-SP, which has been ranked within the top 25 of the Director's Cup for the past 11 years, added a total of 403.5 points after the winter season, reaching a total of 572.5 according to the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Sports.

Pulling in a total of 141 points were the men's track and field and swimming and diving teams who earned 70.5 points each after finishing eighth in their respective championships.

"We're happy to be a contributor to that," said Rick Witt, head track and field coach. "We like to think we're another of the really good teams at UW-SP."

Women's basketball came in ninth and earned 64 points. Men's basketball and wrestling both finished seventeenth earning 50 and 57 points respectively.

"As a program, we're very proud of our athletic department in general," said Bob Semling, head basketball coach.

There's something to be said about UW-SP's continued excellence

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Pointer first base player Lauren Watkins taking a swing.

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## Sports

## Pointer's senior forward named to NABC Division III All-District Team

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The Stevens Point men's basketball team has more to be proud of this year. Senior forward Pete Rortvedt has been selected as a 2009 member of The National Association of Basketball Coaches Division III All-District team.

Deserving players are selected and voted on by member coaches of the NABC. The honor places Rortvedt

with the Pointers proving he was a master of shooting beyond the arc. He ended his Pointer career as the school's all-time leader in 3-pointers with 302. He also attained school records for most 3-pointers in a game with nine, and most 3-pointers in one year with 95.

Rortvedt finished the season as the team's second leading scorer, averaging 12.9 points per game with 1,453 points in his college career, making him the school's ninth leading scorer of all time.

According to Rortvedt, basketball

of friendships and bonds with your coaches and teammates and it really teaches you life lessons."

One such life lesson was time management. According to Rortvedt, basketball taught him to organize his time and taught him how to have a strong work ethic, both on and off the court.

A broadfield social science major and history minor from Hazelhurst, Wis., Rortvedt has had basketball in his life for a long time. His passion for the game began at a young age not in Wisconsin, but in Iowa. His dad was the basketball coach at a small school there when he was young, which gave Rortvedt access to a gym whenever he wanted.

"My mom worked nights at the hospital so I would go to the gym with my dad for practice and it stuck with me," Rortvedt said.

Being in the gym with his father is where Rortvedt began to develop the skills that would define him as a player, not just his ability to shoot the long ball. Growing up with a coach in the house allowed him to develop the knowledge of the game that enabled him to not just think, but to see and feel the game.

Of all the memories Rortvedt has of playing basketball, he views this season's conference championship win as his favorite memory of all.

"We were very close as a team and were picked third behind Platteville and Whitewater," said Rortvedt. "We ended up going 14-2 and showing people what we were capable of as a team."

The Pointers finished conference champions but fell short of advancing beyond the second round in the NCAA Division III tournament,

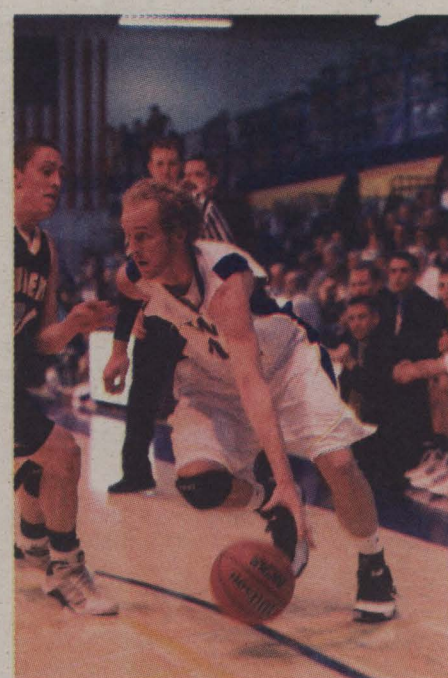


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Senior Pete Rortvedt has been selected as the NABC Division III All-District team.

losing by three points to top-ranked St. Thomas.

Now that his basketball career with the Pointers is over, Rortvedt is focused on school and enjoying the new amount of free time he has. When he's not hitting the books, Rortvedt enjoys fishing and simply being outdoors, but only in the summer.

"Once the summer starts I love to fish and be outside doing just about anything," said Rortvedt. "I am not a fan of winter so I do as much as I can in the summer."

Rortvedt will stay at Stevens Point for one more year in order to finish his degree. The Pointers will need to replace Rortvedt along with four other seniors next year.



Photo courtesy of UWSP Athletic Department

The four Pointer seniors Jerome Wotachek, Pete Rortvedt, Bryan Beamish and Khalifa El-Amin with the WIAC Championship plaque.

among the top student-athlete basketball players in the country. The selection makes him eligible for the State Farm Coaches' Division III All-America team, selected by the NABC.

Rortvedt finished his last season

has meant more to him than any number on a stat sheet or in the records.

"Basketball has been awesome; sports are so much more than simply the skills you develop on the court or field," said Rortvedt. "You create tons

## Baseball drops four during Alumni/Senior Weekend

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SPORTS REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team failed to hold on to a lead in three of four games they played against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks in two double-headers on Saturday, April 4 and Monday, April 6.

The second double-header was originally scheduled for Sunday, April 5 at University Field in Stevens Point, but was postponed until Monday, April 6.

The failure to hold a lead resulted in a four-game sweep for the Pointers by the Warhawks.

Right fielder Brad Archambeau opened up the second game on Monday in the bottom of the third inning with a three-run homer. The Warhawks went on to score seven unanswered runs, with two in the fourth and eighth innings and three in the ninth.

The two runs scored in the fourth inning came by way of two solo homeruns by Robert Coe, a former UW-Stevens Point student who went

3-4 in the game with two RBIs, and Kevin Zalniss.

Pointer catcher Steve Considine tried to rally UW-SP to victory with a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth with one out, but time ran out, leaving the game 5-7 in favor of the Warhawks.

However all hopes to the rally ended with a ground out to pitcher Aaron Dott by shortstop Eric Fritz.

The Pointers took the early lead in game one also; Archambeau went 4-9 with four RBIs and hit a double bringing home a run on Monday to give the Pointers a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

A contribution from third-baseman Kevin Thomas came in the third with a two-run homer giving the Pointers a 4-0 lead over the Warhawks.

Then, in the sixth, things seemed to fall apart from the Pointers, allowing the Warhawks to score two unearned runs and give up five hits in the inning.

Coe came through with a double down the left field line facing two outs with a full count, bringing home the tying run in the sixth. The Warhawks' second-baseman Nick Rechlitz later

singled to the middle, bringing home Coe for the leading run, making the score 4-6.

The Pointers scored a run on a walk in the next inning; however in the top of the ninth, Rechlitz hit a solo home run to left field expanding the Warhawk's lead to 5-7, which proved to be the final score of the game.

The Pointers' failed to maintain leads in both games of the double-header that resulted in the same score of 5-7 for both.

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in its athletic department. "We've always talked about how success breeds success," said Semling. "I think it attracts students who are saying they do things right."

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Association has strong presence at the top of the Director's Cup rankings. UW-Lacrosse, UW-Eau Claire, UW-Oshkosh and UW-Whitewater all rank within the top 25.

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## Arts &amp; Culture

## International Dinner a local sensation

University of Wisconsin -Stevens Point community members a taste of globalized hospitality

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Glancing back through the ages on ancient civilizations, hospitality was a fundamental and even sacred aspect of many societies. Now, in the midst of modernity and capitalism, where even the salted peanuts on plane rides have a price tag, such practices may seem archaic and rare.

But this past Saturday, April 4 at the 39th Annual International Dinner, members of the International Club and volunteers redefined this notion of hospitality with enough vivacity to make Stevens Point residents feel like guests in their own hometown.

The event, held in the Laird room of the Dreyfus University Center, featured a wide variety of ethnic cuisine and entertainment from cultures around the globe. The theme, "global crossroads," underscored the idea of a global connection that binds all people on a fundamental level.

Volunteers were an integral part of the event, helping with cooking, entertainment, set-up, hospitality and video and photography of the event. These individuals met weekly since February to organize and plan for the 300 guests.

"This is just a great way to get in touch with the Stevens Point

community," International Club's president Won Jun Cha said in a previous interview. "It's great that so many people want to help out."

One volunteer, Fangyuan Chen, who is from China, said the event has become an established tradition in Stevens Point.

"People come to promote different cultures," she said. "Stevens Point is a good place for it because it's small and people can connect here... I think it makes more international students want to come here."

Cha said over the years the event has expanded in terms of attendance and volunteers.

"In the past, there was not as much involvement on the part of American students," he said. "Now, students from the Peace Lutheran Center, SGA and the Black Student Union have been helping more."

Jeffrey Jankowski, one such American volunteer who is also a member of both the Peace Lutheran Center and International Club, said the event was a good way to promote diversity on campus.

"Wisconsin is not really diverse as a whole," he said. "The dinner gives people an opportunity to experience such a diverse group of cultures, taste food and meet different people... It's eye-opening to other cultures."

The meal itself was both a



Photo courtesy of May Yang

American and international students joined the UW-SP community for a lively night of eating and entertainment at the 39th Annual International Dinner.

manifestation of hospitality and a celebration of diversity. Dishes on the menu were from countries as far ranging as Korea, France, Japan, India, Peru, Thailand, Australia and many more. International Club members and community and student volunteers did all of the cooking for the dinner.

Some featured menu items included kimbap and ginko seeds from Korea, caviar crackers from France, Gyoza from Japan, shrimp crackers from India, Causa Rellena from Peru, glass noodles and a three-flavor salmon dish from Thailand, Hmong spring rolls, beef bibimbap from Korea, meatballs from South America and Lamingtons from Australia.

A vegetarian menu, consisting of vegetarian bibimbap from Korea and vegetarian masala with prata from India, was also offered.

After guests were fully satiated on these exotic dishes, a short intermission took place before 12 entertainers took the stage to perform for three-to-four minutes apiece. This portion of the evening was open to the public.

The entertainment sets included an International Club lip-dubbed music video, a Japanese dance called Soran-Bushi, an Irish song called

"Millionaire's Hoedown," a Chinese dance in celebration of the Chinese Torch Festival, a Hmong song called "Can't Tell What's in my Heart," Brujara salsa from the Caribbean, a Bangra dance from India, a Peruvian skit called "Virgins of the Sun," a Thai dance called "Rum Teap Bun Theong," a Chinese song called "Fly for You" and a Columbian dance called "CUMBIA: La Pollera Cholera."

Also included in the night's events was a flag of nations showing, a fashion show and a silent auction.

Jarunee Chaiprapar from Thailand was one International Club member in charge of the silent auction, which sold items foreign students brought back from their native countries.

Some goods featured in the auction included carved wooden owls called treetop buhitos from Peru, a Thai silk coin purse, postcards from Japan, silver earrings from Kenya, a handmade bowl from Vietnam and a Tague hummingbird ornament from Ecuador. Proceeds from the auction will all go toward next year's International Club events.

For more information on UW-SP's International Club, its members, affiliates and the events it sponsors, visit the Web Site at <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/iclub/adv.html>.

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Queries concerning the male gender

Lady V-  
After reading your article in "The Pointer," I thought I would try to help give you some answers to your queries concerning the male gender.  
**The movie thing:** It saddens me that girls don't understand our obsession with movies. Movies may be the best thing man has ever created. There's just something about the acting, the special effects, the music that just lures us in and takes us on a two-hour adventure. And we need to buy new movies! Guys have a knack for wanting the latest and greatest. When you buy a movie that's been out for a year, it's just not the same. Waiting that long is out of the question anyway. It seems like it takes an eternity for movies to come out on DVD after being in the theater. Speaking of which... when is Taken going to come out? I'm sick of waiting! And I wouldn't even consider rotating movie buying. Guys want to build a movie library that they own. Guys like to be the entertainer. Whenever I'm with someone, I always try to make sure they are having a good time. How am I supposed to be entertaining playing old movies starring Billy Crystal?  
**Burping and farting:** You're right. It is completely natural and should be enjoyed by all. Guys know this but don't want to accept this. See, farting and belching is something guys hold sacred to their kind. When girls do it, it's almost like you're being one of the guys. It would be like a guy wanting to come over so you could paint each other's nails... I rest my case.  
**Bedding:** Alright, you do have a

point here. We do tend to be satisfied with less than comfortable mattresses and pillows. But, comfort = expensive. If I could afford a sleep number bed with goose down pillows and comforter, believe me, I wouldn't be sleeping on anything else. But don't you see? We spent all our money on movies!  
**Toilet seat:** So you want us to put the toilet seat down after we pee. This doesn't seem quite fair. We don't ask you to put it up after you do your business. Understand my logic on this one. Guys' routine: put seat up, pee, put seat down. Girls' routine (if the seat is already down): pee. We would end up doing way more steps to complete the same task. Now who's being the unreasonable one?  
**Head nod:** This seems dumb and adolescent but it is actually a complex procedure that is instinctively engraved in guys. First, the chin jerk. You were pretty much right about this one. It is used mostly among peers, friends and acquaintances. This is a compliment and a greeting at the same time. We are saying, "I know you and I like you." Now, the nod. This is mostly used when approaching someone you don't know or someone older than you. You are acknowledging their presence as well as showing respect. Our ingenious brains require something far more complex than a simple wave.  
-ZJ  
Watch for Lady V's reader response on men's beefs with women in the coming weeks!

Letters to the Editor

As a UW-SP grad who happily made Point home for myself and my family, how sad it was to read the Feb. 17, 2009, Madison Police Report about UW-SP Chancellor Bunnell's hit-and-run at 6:31 p.m.  
Her explanation for leaving the scene of the accident was that she had to get to the governor's 7 p.m. address.  
Please read the police report carefully! Two UW-SP "officials" were in the UW Board of Regents car: Chancellor Bunnell and her Executive Assistant, Robert Manzke. If Ms. Bunnell was bent on departing immediately, surely Mr. Manzke could have remained at the scene of the accident and used his taxpayer-paid cell phone to call the police.  
Since neither displayed any integrity in this matter, both should be summarily fired, along with the communications eunuch who manufactured such a misleading press release.  
P.S.-No alcohol or drug tests were ever administered to Ms. Bunnell.  
-Anonymous

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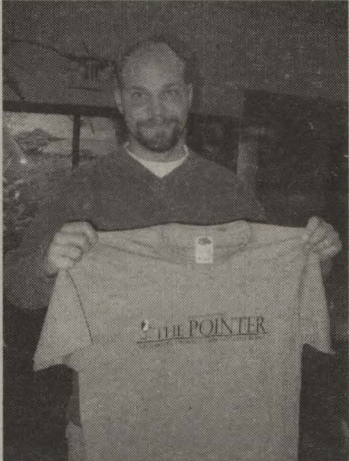
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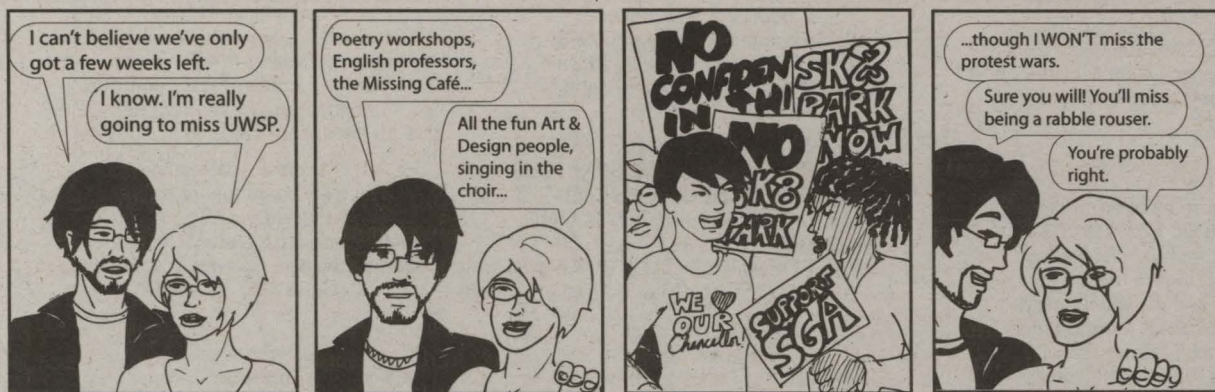
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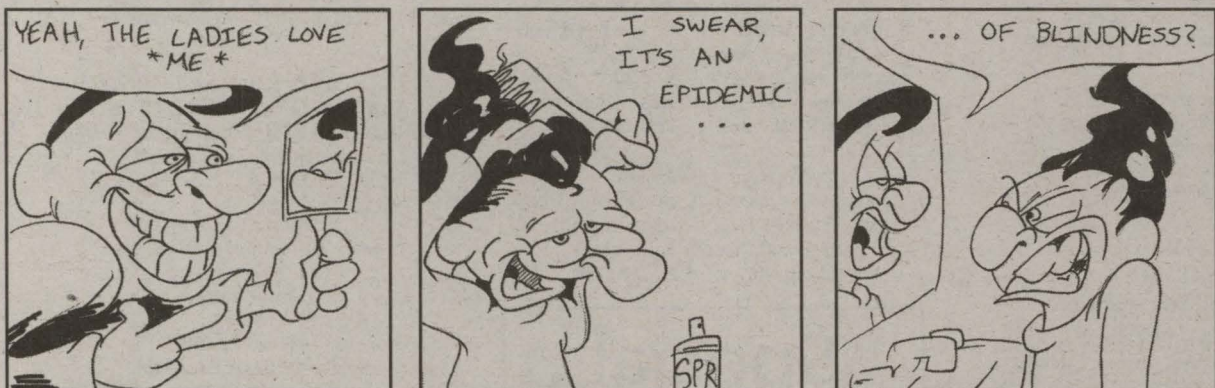


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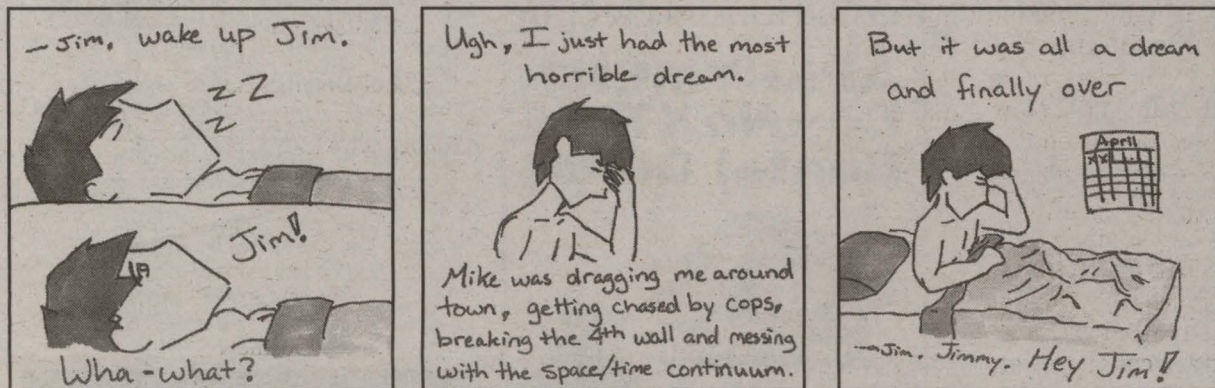
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## Roach



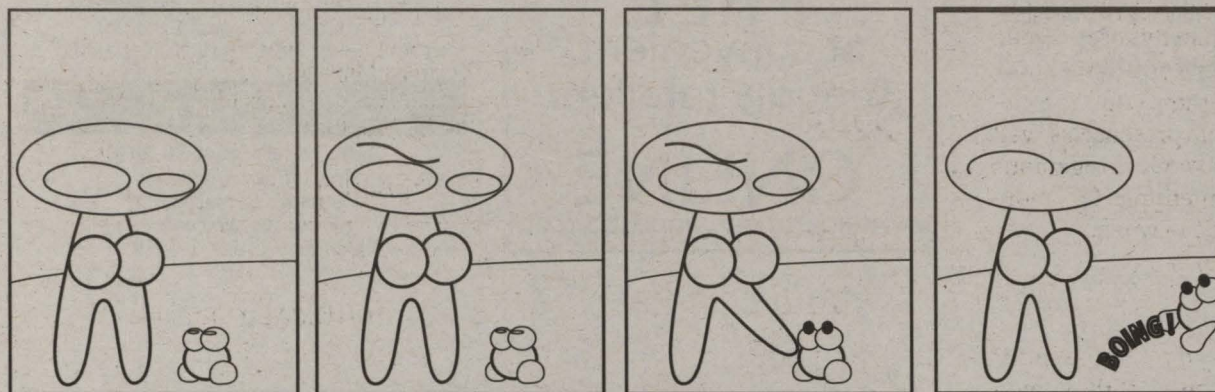
Dustin Hauge

## Where I Come From



Bryan Novak

## Little Cynics



Joy Ratchman

## Wordle

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

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Check back next week for the answers.

April showers bring  
May flowers, what  
does The Pointer  
bring? Wordle!

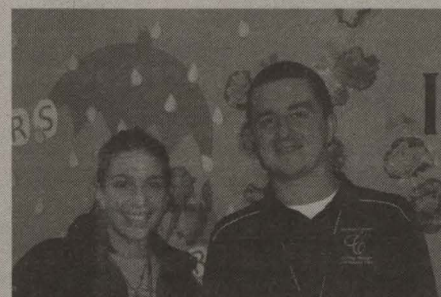
## Pointer Poll: What is your opinion of SGA's "vote of no confidence" of Chancellor Linda Bunnell?



Tanya Bueter

Senior

"I am glad something finally happened. I have been feeling this way for a long time and I think it's ridiculous that people think it's full of secrecy. If people knew exactly what happened at the SGA vote I think they would feel differently how long the SGA executive board actually thought about it and talked about it."



Chris Bartz

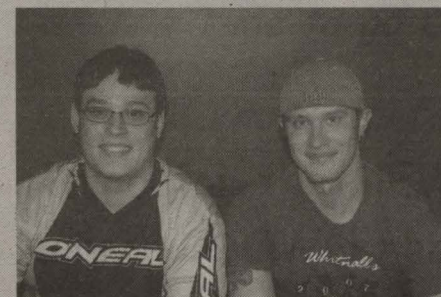
Senior

"I think SGA is using the circumstances of her being in trouble with the law to bring up other issues that they had in previous encounters with her."

Amy Gray

Junior

"I agree they shouldn't have waited up until she screwed up and it got in the public eye. They should have done something as soon as they had problems with it."



Taylor Harmon

Freshman

Ryan Malkowski

Sophomore

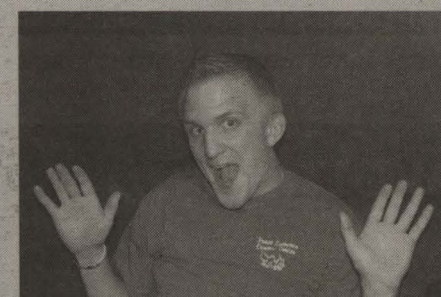
"To be honest we do not really know what the Chancellor and SGA situation was about."



Kim Beckman

Senior

"I heard about the car accident and how she doesn't fulfill some of her duties very well, but I didn't know about her fights with SGA and that they were going to give her a vote of no confidence. But then again I haven't heard much from SGA about their legislation until this recent petition business."



Matt Korth

Junior

"I think it's unfortunate that there is no confidence, but I am not absolutely sure why there is no confidence."



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