SGA representatives speak out at their weekly senate meeting, where Kirk Cychosz was chosen last Thursday as the new vice president.

**Cychosz selected SGA vice president**

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Government Association senate voted in a new vice president for the remainder of the semester last Thursday during their weekly meeting.

Kirk Cychosz, with a vote of 12-1-1, was voted in as vice president, according to the vote of the senate according to the constitution.

"He's the right person for the job. I know I have said it before, from a personal level we differ ideologically," said Kloth during the meeting. "He's the right one. Not because he's the right one. Not because the position needs to be filled, but because he's the right person for the job."

Cychosz has been involved with senate and has served as Legislative Issues Director since the middle of last semester.

In the first round of voting, a senator member cast a vote for "Kirk" as opposed to the required "year" or "pay" votes. This vote was considered invalid after a recus was taken to analyze the situation. The speaker of the senate Saul Newton called for a recount.

A second vote was cast resulting in an 11-2-1 vote. This did not meet the required three-fourths vote of the entire senate which was needed for the approval.

A third vote was cast due to a motion to reconsider made by Glodowski. "I realize we are in a situation where really... need someone to step in as vice president," said Glodowski. "I think that if everyone helps him out I think that he'll be fine. Because the point is we need the position filled. It's more important to have someone in there now than to just dinner daddle about qualifications."

Cychosz will replace Vice President Erik Wardle who resigned before the beginning of the semester for unknown reasons. According to Kloth, Wardle supported the recommendation of Cychosz in her resignation letter.

"I will remain stubborn on this. I don't think the guy has enough senate experience to do it," said Glodowski. "I have no other propositions because it's Katie's job to appoint someone and I just don't agree with the appointment."

The election process for SGA student body president, vice president, as well as senators for next school year is currently underway.

Applications can be signed up to receive this free service through Ruckus.

"We had contracted with Ruckus. We started with the first campus at UWSP and now we have the entire campus. Our work is not done yet, more campuses are adding it," said Jason Herskowitz, TotalMusic's vice president of product management.

"The problem is that to make a music service a win for everyone, then all of the participants, have to sit at the table and be content to let all the others have a little bit to eat, even though they are still hungry themselves."

Ruckus faced certain flaws but was still well-used across the university community. Students using Macs could not use Ruckus as well as students with iPod technology.

"Alternatives to the free music service may be viewed in vain, and campus shaken by death of student**

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At 2:22 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, Andrew Woods, 19, was pronounced dead, at St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point. He died in the emergency room after he was found unresponsive in Thomson Hall on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus.

"It is a real tragedy," said Bob Tomlinson, vice chancellor for student affairs. "My own feeling is the way the staff in Thomson Hall and the way Protective Services responded is a real example and a tribute to the way people care about students on this campus."

According to the coroner's report, "The manner and cause of death will not be determined until all studies are completed and reviewed by this office. Trauma was not a factor in the death and foul play has been ruled out. Alcohol had been consumed the night before. However, alcohol has not been determined to be a primary cause of death at this point in time."

"I really hope Andrew's death won't be viewed in vain, and hopes others do as well. "It just really hits hard that it happened in a place where I live, where you think you're safe, and you take the next day for granted for because you're living for the moment," said Tabaka. "I really hope Andrew's death won't be viewed in vain, and"
Student Involvement and Employment Office to host bone marrow drive

**Student Involvement and Employment Office to host bone marrow drive**

**Jacob Mathias**

On Mar. 10, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., a life saving opportunity in the form of a bone marrow drive will be offered to the students, faculty, staff and community at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point.

The Student Involvement and Employment Office, along with the Community Blood Center of Appleton, Wis., is offering a chance for those wanting to save a life to do so in a unique way by registering to donate their bone marrow to a match in need.

"Be the Match" is an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to be put on the National Marrow Donor Program Registry.

"Everyone knows what a blood drive is, and they have that image in their head," coordinator Ruth Welhouse said. "Bone marrow drives are not the same. To my knowledge we haven't done it on this campus before, and it's something we'd like to give students the opportunity to do."

Interested volunteers will visit the Match and will be asked to fill out a health history. A cheek swab is then done for later DNA and HLA testing.

"That is all the drive actually entails," said Welhouse.

The tests are then done based on the sample taken from the cheek swab to determine if one will be a match for someone.

Patients needing marrow transplants go to the registry to find a match for them. Matches are then contacted for further testing and decisions are made on whether or not one will be a match and be willing to donate to the patient.

**UPDATE: Christine Walters fundraising events**

**Justin Glodowski**

Students across campus are coming together to support the search for Christine Walters, the former University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student that went missing last November.

Tony Osecki and Katie Kloth are organizing a fundraiser event to collect money to pay for search efforts, including a private investigator, search dogs and a psychic.

There have been prizes donated from throughout the city and university to support this fundraiser. Prizes include services from Adventure 212, Sunny Sky Farms, Outdoor Edventures and the Stevens Point Co-op.

Donations can be made and information about the prizes can be found in the Dreyfus University Center concourse area where Osecki and Kloth will be tabling for donations.

They will also be hosting a gathering at 7:53 Franklin Street at 7 p.m. Feb. 20, where prizes will be drawn and food will be available.

More information about the gathering and prizes can also be found on Facebook.

For more information on the missing person case surrounding Walters, read the Feb. 6 issue of The Pointer and stay tuned for updates.

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Why do humans have sex? Which sex is more romantic? What do humans find attractive in certain people? What draws two seemingly different beings of male and female together?

These questions and more have been researched and theorized throughout the academic realm of psychology.

Just in time for Valentine’s Day these questions were the topic of Prof. Erica Weisgram’s lecture on Feb. 10, 2009, given before a packed room of students.

“There is a lot of interesting topics when talking about sex, romance and mate preferences,” said Weisgram. “They will try to sell you gender differences pertaining to these topics, emphasizing that this is the popular difference; this is the popular theme. The media says that men and women have these different rules or ideas about relationships are really popularized by books about relationships that are usually targeted to men and women are the same on this trait or that men and women believe the same thing.

There are, of course, some exceptions to this rule and individual cases do differ throughout the studies.

"Men have more positive attitudes towards casual sex than women,” said Weisgram. “Yet, again we have some women that are more positive towards casual sex than some men. So there are those individual differences, but on the group level, you can find a large sex difference.”

Recent research by Cindy Meston and David Buss asks the question ‘why do people have sex?’ This research took over 1,500 college students and found that there were 237 distinct reasons that humans have sex.

The top three most popular reasons for both men and women consisted of ‘I was attracted to the person,’ ‘it feels good’ and ‘I wanted to experience the physical pleasure.’ The rest of the top ten also showed similar ties.

“When you look at this, men’s top ten reasons and the women’s top ten reasons are really, really similar to one another. In terms of sex, men and women have similar reasons for having sex,” said Weisgram.

Weisgram went on to discuss romance and finished with the topic of mate preference, pushing the same idea that men and women are not so different.

When looking for a mate, men and women look for many of the same attributes and requirements. Those attributes that are often seen to divide preference, such as money or attractiveness, actually fail to the back burner when people evaluate what attributes they see in their dream mate.

“Men and women basically want the same things,” said Weisgram. “People in general are looking for someone who shares their sense of humor, someone who is affectionate, someone who shares their interests and someone who is romantic. They are also looking for someone who is honest, kind and have shared activities. Moreno than the resources, Moreno than the attractiveness, this is something that tends to pop up when you ask men and women what they want in a relationship.”

Research in the field of psychology really shows that men and women aren’t all that different when it comes to the topics around love.

Possibly psychology can help you when writing that last minute valentine for your sweetie as to how to say why you love the one you love.

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1 hope students at UW-SP view their lives differently after this tragedy. We can only pray that this won’t happen again.

The Student Government Association and Residence Hall Association will hold a moment of silence at noon on Thursday, Feb. 12, for Woods, and the university’s mourning flag will fly in his memory as well.

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Magazines and newspapers survive in modern times

Katie Holden
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Despite exponential growth of online media in recent years, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students still use print media. While online media has its benefits, students who relied on print media before continue to do so today.

An exception to the popularity of print media is online articles. Many students feel that online newspapers are much more convenient than the print version.

Ben Krahn likes that he has the ability to seek out which source to get his information from. He also prefers the instant newsfeeds rather than waiting for the next day’s paper. And of course, for a college student, nothing beats the free price tag on online newspapers.

Another aspect to online media is the ever-popular social networking sites, such as Facebook and MySpace. While some students feel these sites are distracting, most agree that they provide a much-needed escape from study and work. These Web sites aren’t replacements to reading. Instead, they aren’t an alternative leisure activity.

Aside from online articles from newspapers and blogs, UW-SP students agree that it is most convenient to read a newspaper or magazine in paper form. Magazines allow for minimal time commitment, as readers can skim however many articles that time permits. For busy college students this is ideal.

Although magazines often provide articles on their official Web site, the time it takes to sift through each month’s features to get to the new stuff doesn’t win over any fans.

Also, Krahn notes that the need for information right away dissipates when the article isn’t news-related.

“When I read online it’s because I want new information about my favorite sports team or to keep up on politics, but if I want to read a magazine it’d be better just to take that time to relax...it doesn’t need to be instant,” Krahn said.

High school English teachers should rejoice that most students continue to read “real” books. Those interested in reading as a pastime have not replaced this activity for online reading using engines such as Google books and Twitter.

Sure, the addition of online media helps to minimize unnecessary paper waste, but sometimes there just isn’t a substitution for reading print media.

Angela Steingraber, an English education major, simply prefers reading a print book over reading online.

“I do believe that [reading online] is a more ‘green’ way to go by using the Internet, but I prefer newspaper, magazines, etc...” said Steingraber.

Sitting at a desk and continuously using the scroll bar can get annoying. Even mild headaches can occur from eye strain due to staring at a screen for too long. Basic discomfort seems to rule out any online reading that extends beyond a quick article or online posting.

While online media seems to be favored among college students for social networking, articles and other information inquiries, nothing beats the experience of reading an actual print magazine or book. The addition of online media is a positive one. It helps students stay informed by being more available than print forms.

For now, the print media is managing to stay alive, proving the two mediums can both work in unison for the benefit of all readers.

Dear Geek Guru,

I have recently heard that Pray-Sims is called the gamer hall. Why is this? What is D&D? Why do people talk about it so much? Where else do people play this?

Thanks, Confused

Dear Confused,

It is true that Pray-Sims is called the gamer hall. This is mostly due to the fact that most of the students in Pray-Sims play all kinds of games. I have known plenty of gamers from Pray-Sims, and most of them either play video games like Halo or World of Warcraft. Some play other games; D&D is one of them.

D&D stands for Dungeons and Dragons. D&D is what is referred to as a role-playing game. Basically, players choose a character that is set in a fantasy setting such as Forgotten Realms or Greyhawk. The players choose to give these characters equipment and certain powers. The characters have a class that is picked by the player depending on the character’s statistics or ability scores. Some classes are Fighter, Cleric, Rogue, Druide, Barbarian, Ranger, Wizard or Monk. The player picks one of these classes for their character and portrays that character through acting or talking. Basically, the players are acting out what they think the character can and would do.

These games require players, probably four to six, but they also require a dungeon master, storyteller or game master. DMs, STs or GMs are the most important aspect of the game. Without them, the game doesn’t exist. These players step up to tell a story, make a quest and make it fun for the players under them. This makes them unique. DMs, STs and GMs are hard to find. The art of telling stories is an art that most people just cannot handle.

Dungeons and Dragons, has different editions which players can participate in. The current edition is fourth. Most players are still playing third edition or 3.5, which has advantages over fourth, but fourth is gaining momentum.

I know that people play these games mostly to take a break from reality. The main reason for playing, though, is fun. Playing these games is fun, relaxing and enjoyable for all who partake. Some play because they are addicted, and this is a serious problem, but most gamers are willing to overlook this.

The reason people talk about it so much is because they want to share their experiences with other people in order to inspire them to try out the games they play. They feel superior to non-gamers because they have added many new words to their vocabulary in one game session than most people learn in the span of a semester.

Being a gamer means that you have joined an elite group of people, who could survive an apocalypse because they have experienced an apocalypse already through their character and won’t freak out because aliens or monsters invade. In essence, these people are survivors and most of them have a strong resolve.

Survivors tend to want to share this experience with people they care about and want to have fun with. Most of these gamers would probably think that a monster or alien invasion would be the coolest thing ever.

If you want to play or see these games being played, there are a few options. First, there are local gaming stores like Galaxy Comics, Games and More or Gaming Generations. Second, there is a gaming group on campus called Gamers’ Alliance of Stevens Point or GASP. They hold a game night every Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. in lower Debot.

Lastly, you can play these games with anyone who has the requirements such as books or video games, or anywhere that allows you to sit and play. You might need your own dice however, which can be purchased online or from your local game stores.

Remember, have fun and good gaming.

The Geek Guru

More questions about gaming or something else in life that confuses you to no end send your requests to mikelrysk@yahoo.com
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As the weather turns dreary, wet and cold Pointer student activities continue to provide some relief and entertainment to students looking for something to do. But how many of these activities actually receive student attention? Is it just the sporting events? Do students watch plays put on by the theater program?

"I believe students attend more sporting events than recitals and band concerts. I don't even hear about band concerts so I never know when they are... as well as other concerts and performances," said Jenissa Koch a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

It's easy to see that the center of attention is particularly basketball and hockey in the winter months, but there is a wide array of activities that may go almost unnoticed by the general student population. Events such as dance recitals, indoor track meets and art shows seek more student attendance, but may not always get it.

"Sporting events are really the only events that really interest me. But if one of my friends asked me to go to one of their recitals, concerts or other events, I would make an effort to be there," said Dan Fuhs, a UW-SP junior.

However, there are just 12 home sporting events in the month of February, which is dwarfed by the number of music, recitals and plays put on by the College of Fine Arts. However, most students don't necessarily lend their support to the Noel Fine Arts Center, based on the thoughts of musical theater major Michael Castaldi.

"It really depends on your major. I don't think that those that don't have at least a class in the NFAC pay attention to what goes on there. I think it's really just how much free time that our class and work schedules allow that dictates how much support students can offer," said Castaldi.

This holds true across campus, as most students are supportive of activities and events in their specific majors and interests; however, if it's a rainy day and you're looking for something new to do, take a look at the UW-SP events calendar. On any day there could be up to six or more separate student activities going on, and every bit of support helps.

"I don't even hear about band concerts."

-Koch

Students overlook opportunity on campus
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Visiting a prospective college can play a big role in the decision process, offering insight on the programs and accomplishments of the university. But after arriving at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, do students soon forget the opportunities at hand and just follow a repetitive routine that disregards a lot of what this campus has to offer?

For some students, the answer is yes. Therefore, a reminder of what that tourguide explained oh-so-long ago may be necessary to jump-start student involvement at UW-SP.

Starting with the scenery, Stevens Point attracts people with its parks, streams, restaurants and shopping locations. Home to the Schmeckle Nature Reserve, 275 acres available for fishing, walking, hiking, boating and wildlife watching, Stevens Point was ranked as one of the "Top 100 Places to Live" by Relocate-America.

In this city, populated by around 25,000 people, UW-SP boasts 400 acres and is home to campus activities, athletic programs and facilities that are utilized by the student body enrolled at the university. Housing over 180 student organizations, including student government, academic and professional clubs, community service organizations and multicultural groups, students have the opportunity to be involved in many programs and to utilize many facilities.

The Health Enhancement Center is home to 54,000 square feet, lodging a multi-activity center with a climbing wall and track and tennis courts. An aquatic center and two full-sized gymnasiums, in addition to a strength and fitness Center, are also available for the 25 intramural sports and 22 club sports that are offered.

In addition to these student-created teams, the HEC, as well as other facilities, supports eight men's sports and 10 women's sports which are recognized in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association.

For students who make plays on stage, instead of on a court, Players, a student-run theater and dance organization, is open to all students. Productions in dance and theater are also available for viewing through the Performing Art Series at the Noel Fine Arts Center, a building which contains practice and performance facilities, as well as a recording studio and the Carlsten Art Gallery.

Other venues in entertainment are offered through the campus newspaper, radio and TV stations that are student-run and host the World's Largest Trivia Contest every April.

Let's not forget the brand-new Dreyfus University Center as a large attraction, which is also home to the Basement Brewhaus, a popular student hang-out.

Though these attractions are only a few of the many accessible on this campus, they are some of the many reasons that 8,800+ students chose to attend the UW-SP.

Revealed by tour guides every year, these attractions will continue to run strong; that is, if students do not forget the reason they chose this university in the first place.
New student organization formed at UW-SP

Aaron Sedgwick, a biology and fisheries major, got the idea for a new club after taking Introduction to Plant Biology with Professor Virginia Freire. Sedgwick developed a strong interest in ethnobotany, but it was decided that Society of Ethnobotany would be more inclusive. Matthew Furry, a student that had an interest in wildlife and plants, agreed to help Sedgwick start the club.

After the two students fleshed out the constitution, Sedgwick thought he might be the only student that was interested in sustainable living, but he also thought there was a good chance he could find other interested students in a university known for its natural sciences such as ecological restoration, wildlife and fire management, here at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

It was first going to be called the Society of Ethnobotany, but it was decided that Society of Ethnobiology would be more inclusive. Matthew Furry, a student that had an interest in wildlife and plants, agreed to help Sedgwick start the club.

The club will be looking to fill the position of the faculty advisor for the new club and she agreed. "I am happy to be the advisor," Freire said. "These students are very independent and creative.

Freire was happy the two students were taking the initiative to start the society. The officers for the society were recruited from friends of Furry's that he knew would be interested in ethnocultural pursuits. The officers of the club are Katherine Tesch, treasurer and Brianna Sorako, web weaver. The club will be looking to fill the secretary position.

The fledgling student organization started in the middle of the fall semester, but Sedgwick is happy with the member turn-out so far. Last semester, Sedgwick gave presentations on wild edible plants and how to use all the parts of an animal. Another society member gave a presentation on various shelters, such as the teepee. Professor Freire gave a presentation of her botany experiences in Guatemala, her native country.

The club has had a brainstorming meeting already this semester. Plans to bring in speakers such as Sam Thayer, a wild edible plant expert, were discussed. Tentative presentations on topics such as ethnocoeology, animal tracking and heirloom variety of vegetables are planned. Workshops on how to make baskets, bows and flint knapping were also discussed.

The group is also looking into field trips to Sandhill Wildlife Area for wold tracking, teaching drum school, and the Menomonie Indian Forest.

Sedgwick says the club is all about learning from each other and sharing knowledge, not one person dictating to the others. Interested ethnobiologists can contact Sedgwick at asedg242@uwsp.edu or attend a meeting held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Trainer Natural Resources 359.
RECYCLED PLASTIC RENEWS CELL PHONES

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Imagine a cell phone with no Bluetooth capabilities, no camera, no video player and no Wi-Fi. Most students couldn't fathom the idea of a cell phone without these "essential" attributes. The thought of such a low-tech phone may take students back to the time when they received their first cell phone with merely a few games and an address book as features. What kind of company would market a phone with such limited capabilities? Motorola took that risk, but with a twist.

Renew comes packaged in a post-consumer recycled cardboard box and offers nine hours of talk time before needing a charge. Compared to most phones, Renew's nine hours of talk time is quite a bit longer than the average cell and was designed to reduce the amount of time needed to charge the phone, saving energy.

Motorola left no path uncrossed when developing the cell. They even included a pre-paid envelope so buyers can return their old phone for recycling. However, the reviews are still out on whether the Renew is a quality purchase. Some reviewers claim the phone has slow Internet browsing capabilities and "old style" graphics, but commend Renew for its up-to-date MP3 aptitude and clear, loud call quality.

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Planning meetings for Wolf, Pickerel and Fountain lakes are currently being held. Surveys from these lakes have been processed and the results will be posted in March on the Portage County Lakes Web site: http://www.co.portage.wi.us/ Anyone can take the surveys.

The surveys are a "good way for us to figure out what things we need to educate people on," said CJ Boettcher, research assistant to Turyk.

"It's possible that, maybe, they see something and we don't."

The second meeting for Wolf, Pickerel and Fountain lakes will be held at the Belmont Town Hall in Almond on Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. Professionals and specialists will be brought in to discuss the results of the surveys.

A shoreland restoration workshop at UW-SP is being held on Mar. 28, in Trainer Natural Resources room 122 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. It's open to the public and will include speakers Nancy Turyk, UW-SP master gardener and a lakes specialist from the UW-Extension.
**Sports**

**Pointer men's basketball pulls through tough win**

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Number three ranked men's basketball team gave the hometown crowd an exciting victory Wednesday night against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

The Pointers earned their eleventh straight win in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with a 61-58 victory over the Blugolds, maintaining their unbeaten conference record.

Louis Hurd, the WIAC men’s basketball Athlete of the Week, said University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point knew it was in for a challenge coming into the match-up.

“We knew Eau Claire was playing pretty well lately and we knew it was going to be a battle,” Hurd said. “There’s probably going to be more games like that down the road; we’re going to have to grind it out to have that pre-tournament mode.”

The Blugolds cut away the Pointers’ lead when they tied at 56 points late in the fourth quarter. UW-SP’s Bryan Beamish and Pete Rortvedt each scored a pair of free throws to help the Pointers finish off their opponent.

Rortvedt led the team with 24 points and Beamish added 12 points.

“I thought we were up and down; I thought we had good stretches of defense and then all of a sudden we had a few letdowns,” Semling said. “[The Blugolds] are a good enough team to take advantage of that.”

The Pointers edged over UW-Eau Claire 61-58 in their twelfth straight win.

Senior Pete Rortvedt led the team with 24 points and went 6-for-6 at the free-throw line.

Semling said the game was exciting and that the energy really pumped up the team.

“Those four seniors really understand big, tough games and they like that pressure down the stretch,” Semling said. “You’re so engaged because the crowd’s into it, the drama is so great at that point.”

The Pointers travel to UW-Whitewater and UW-La Crosse in conference games during the next week. They return home to host their final regular season match-up against UW-Platteville on Saturday, Feb. 21.

**Wrestlers nearing regular season’s end, nationals in sight**

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point wrestling team prepares to enter their last weekend of competition with meets against Augsburg College on Saturday, Feb. 14, and UW-Eau Claire on Sunday, Feb. 15.

The UW-SP team holds an overall record of 15-4-1 and 3-1-1 in the WIAC conference. The team has proven itself worthy of a legitimate shot at nationals, tying the nationally fifth-ranked UW-Whitewater last week before placing second at the UW-Eau Claire Invitational, only 14 points behind first-ranked Augsburg College.

Senior Chase DeCleene tallied four victories en route to his first place finish that included a 3-2 decision against Justin Garcia of UW-La Crosse this past weekend at the UW-Eau Claire Invitational.

DeCleene, a senior from Ashwaubenon, Wis., is currently 21-10 this season with just three losses since the start of January.

“For the remainder of the season, I’d hope to make it to the national tournament, become an All-American, and help my team place high in the nation,” said DeCleene.

The Pointer grapplers will get a taste of the challenges they could potentially face in the upcoming post-season competition this weekend against Augsburg.

Unbeaten in NCAA Division III wrestling, the only loss came from a Division II University of Nebraska-Omaha 28-9 dual meet victory over the Auggies. What does DeCleene have to say about the upcoming meet?

“We are a confident team. Augsburg would be silly to think we are just going to lay down for them,” he said. “None of us enjoy losing, so we are going to do all we can to prevent us from losing. We plan on working hard all week to prepare for two very difficult matches.”

However, the day after their big meet against Augsburg, the Pointers return to the mat against conference rivals UW-Eau Claire, but senior DeCleene has seen this before.

“It’s a little wearing mentally, but we had the same scenario last year, and we did well the second day. We just have to keep our heads on straight and keep focus to wrestle well,” DeCleene said.

The UW-SP team clearly has their work cut out for them, but DeCleene gives a clear veteran statement in his thoughts on the postseason.

“I think we will have a great conference tournament and place high in the nation. We’ve worked too hard for that not to happen.”

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Women's hockey gears up for season's end, playoffs

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The University of Wisconsin-Superior Pointers, women's hockey team, went 1-1 over the weekend against the University of Wisconsin-Superior Yellowjackets at Ice Hawks Arena. The two games were played on Friday falling 2-1 after Yellowjacket keeper Melissa Kunzelman managed 32 saves, but they came out swinging on Saturday holding the Yellowjackets to no goals and getting the 2-0 victory on Senior Day.

The first period went scoreless Friday night and UW-Superior was the first to capitalize in the second period scoring at the seven-and-a-half minute mark. The Pointers answered back quickly with the first to capitalize in the second period with a goal by Rachel Graves 22 seconds later to tie the game, but that's as close as the team would come to the victory. UW-Superior added on another goal late in the second and the tough goal play of UW-Superior kept the Pointers from tying it up after five separate tries.

The game put the two teams in a tie for second place in the NCHA, but the Pointers would not go quietly into the night. On Saturday they wanted no time with senior Michelle Sosnowski scoring the only goal of the first period to go out on top of the game. The Pointers sealed the deal with a goal in the second period by Dana Carothers and the solid play of Aundra Phillips as she worked her way to 22 saves and her third shutout game.

"We outplayed Superior both games, but on Friday night we made more crucial mistakes which they capitalized on," said Head Coach Ann Ninnemann. "We made fewer mistakes on Saturday and also buried our chances that we had."

With the win the Pointers improved to 11-4-2 overall, 8-4-2 in NCHA play while the loss dropped Superior to 12-7-2 overall, 8-4-2 in NCHA play, putting the Pointers alone in the second place seat in the conference. The Pointers, who were picked to finish number two in the conference this season behind UW-Superior, have five more games to go before heading to the playoffs with two games against Lake Forest coming up this weekend.

"We are taking the last five games one at a time," said Ninnemann. "Our last two conference games this weekend against Lake Forest are huge.

The Pointers then go on to play Gustavus, who are currently ranked number one in the country. After the test of Gustavus, the Pointers will play two games on the road against Adrian to finish out the season. Then it will be time to think about the playoffs. The seniors on the team are trying to do all they can to keep the team on track.

"We have many new kids and, yes, playoffs are big, but if we keep everything light and play like we can and stay on the same track that we are currently on with a little more hard work, everything should go our way," said senior Mike Sosnowski.

"It is going to take a whole team to be successful in the post season," said senior Rachel Graves. "We are staying positive and focusing our thoughts and actions as a team and not just individuals or upperclassmen."

The team is looking to build on the strengths it's developed throughout the season, and are trying to pick apart what they did wrong in close games to prevent those things from hindering their playoff run.

"We are still practicing and working on many of the same concepts we have all season, just trying to perfect them a bit more," said Ninnemann. "We are also focusing a lot on special teams with a lot of people have come down to special teams.

Another key to the Pointers' success in the playoffs will be defense. Many games this season came down to whose defense stood the length of the game.

"We are looking to play great team defense for the final five games and into the playoffs," said Ninnemann. "Staying tough in the defensive zone and staying out of the penalty box."

The Pointers will undoubtedly face number one seed UW-River Falls in the playoffs if they continue to excel and succeed. The Pointers grabbed one victory against River Falls while falling in two contests during the season. To accomplish their goal of winning the National Championship the Pointers will first have to pass this test.

"We will most likely face River Falls in the playoffs and we will need to bury our opportunities in front of the net which we struggled to do in the first half of the season," said Ninnemann.

The Pointers women's hockey team season is far from over and things will really begin to get interesting in the next few weeks. The team will take to the ice again on Feb. 13, in Lake Forest, Ill. to take on the Lake Forest Foresters. The game starts at 7 p.m.

Bennett brothers attend honorary celebration

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Brothers Dick and Jack Bennett stood on the newly named Bennett Court on Saturday, Feb. 7 amid a large, supportive home crowd at the Quandt Fieldhouse.

"I know this for a fact, and I daresay that there aren't too many courts named after brothers, so we'll share that forever," Jack said.

At halftime during the University of Wisconsin-Superior Pointers men's basketball game against the UW-Superior Yellowjackets, Athletic Director Frank O'Brien introduced the two distinguished ex-coaches. The athletic department unveiled floor plaques that will be placed in the Quandt during renovation this summer.

"There are days in your life that you'll always remember," Dick said. "I'm sure some are connected with your personal life, particularly marriage and your children, but then after that, beyond a kind of day you just never forget-very special."

Numerous Pointer basketball alumni that had played under the Bennetts attended the ceremony to celebrate the occasion.

"To be able to spend even a half-hour, whatever it was, with these guys brings back a lot of memories and the fact that they would show up shows you that this was an important part of their lives," said Dick.

The Bennetts had served as coaches at UW-SP during different periods in their careers.

"Jack, who came to Stevens Point after years coaching at the high school level, said that Stevens Point holds a definitive spot in his heart. "I don't want to diminish any of my other experiences, but this is the highlight for me, coaching at UW-Stevens Point, " he said. "The way those teams played those last couple of years, you always dream about grabbing that brass ring and they did it, and they came back and did it again."

Following in his big brother's footsteps, Jack said he never would have expected to go as far as he did. He won back-to-back NCAA Division III Championships with the Pointers in 2004 and 2005.

Dick began his own collegiate coaching career at UW-SP and went on to coach for Washington State, UW-Madison and UW-Green Bay.

"When coaches and athletes say that they don't think about things like this, they're telling you the truth," Jack said. "You don't think about it during your career, but afterwards when you look at the sum of all that has happened, it's something you are really grateful for."
Need a break from ramen? Photographs of the Future

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Variety is the spice of life, so shake up your usual culinary routine and celebrate Black History Month at the 16th annual Soul Food Dinner this Sunday, Feb. 15, starting at 5:30 p.m. in The Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center.

Soul Food Dinner is one of the many events sponsored by the Black Student Union, which promotes diversity and cultural understanding of minorities throughout the community.

“We constantly have the chance to eat Chinese food or Japanese food, but we don’t really have, especially in Stevens Point, a restaurant of African American food,” said Martina Spears, BSU’s public relations representative. “We put on Soul Food Dinner for our university and people of Portage county to have the opportunity to feel what we look for in a meal and what we eat on a daily basis.”

Menu items include catfish, yams, collard greens, jambalaya, mac and cheese, collard greens, corn, sweet potato pie, peach cobbler and cornbread. Members of BSU do all of the cooking.

The event is as much about celebrating the past as well as the present. As a BSU Soul Food Dinner brochure quotes writer Sarah Ban Breathnach as saying, “Soul food is our personal passport to the past. It is much more about heritage than it is about hominy.”

But the festivities don’t end with the meal. Besides a welcome speech by Ebony Rhodes and Charrmario McMichael and the singing of the black national anthem by Timothy Fair, the event also includes an award ceremony and music by Nick Claudio, Chris Dalzell, Ben Hedquist and Matt Andres.

Although the feature after the dinner is usually poetry, this year Ko-Thi will perform instead.

“This year is a bit different because we will have African dancing, which pushes our main goal even more,” Spears said.

Part of that goal is to promote BSU whose mission statement, according to the BSU Soul Food dinner brochure, is to focus on creating a welcoming environment for students. They also strive to break down stereotypes associated with the black community by serving as educators and representatives of their heritage, working with all cultural backgrounds and appreciating the similarities and differences between them.

Their hope is to receive the same level of respect and support from the community.

“Our biggest thing for this year’s Soul Food Dinner is we want people to come together as a whole with our family and friends,” Spears said. “We call if a night of unity, or united we stand, divided we fall. We just want everyone to come together and enjoy a good time.”

Tickets for the Soul Food Dinner are available at the University Information and Tickets Center in the DUC or by telephone at 715-346-3700 or 800-838-3378. Prices are $10 and $7 and $5 with general admission, $5 for UW-SP students and children 12 and under.

Other upcoming events sponsored by the BSU include Gospel Fest on Sat., May 2 at Stevens Point Area Senior High School. Contact Martina Spears at 414-793-5204 for further information.

Every once and a while a band comes along that makes you do a little bit more with your head than just nod, making you thank existence for consciousness, grabbing your most organic of senses and sending your mind on a ride to familiar places under new skies.

Indie-folk band Photographs of the Future does just that. Gracing an intimate crowd at Stevens Point’s newest music venue, The Garage, on Saturday night, the band played an hour of original tunes along with their personal rendition of “3rd Planet” by Modest Mouse.

The band consists of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students Joel Harbury on guitar and Daleza Mountjoy on mandolin, Ethan Klassen on upright bass, Erin Ribble on violin and Brad Steckart on drums.

The group recently started after an attempt to play the board game Risk fell through and the guys decided staying home and playing music would be more fun (and probably easier and less time consuming as well).

“We went back to my dorm room and put down two tracks, “Freedom is Contagious” and “Emily,” said Mountjoy, “and it went on from there. It just really clicked that first time.”

The guys pulled the name from a random page in “A Farewell to Arms” by Ernest Hemingway and Photographs of the Future was born.

The original members also expanded the group to include new members, which filled up the overall sound. According to Mountjoy, they couldn’t be happier with the results.

“They’re all music majors so they know how to come into a song and we’re doing pretty simple stuff,” said Mountjoy. “They can use those building blocks and they know a million different ways to go.”

The band played for the first time as a five-piece group for the concert. Harbury greeted the crowd by thanking them for coming, instantly grabbing everyone’s attention with a short poetic statement about how far they traveled to come and how lucky they felt to be there.

The band instantly elevated the energy in the room with their

Photographs of the Future band members serenade the crowd

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Weir, a UW-SP dorm resident, and current UW-SP student, Billy Siegenfeld is one of the many award winning performers to grace the stage in Stevens Point.

UW-SP students dance with star Billy Siegenfeld

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The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point dance department performed excerpts from Emmy Award winner Billy Siegenfeld’s “god of dirt” on Feb. 7, in the Noel Fine Arts Center.

Siegenfeld is the founder, artistic director, principal choreographer and ensemble member of the Jump Rhythm Jazz Project based in Chicago who choreographed “god of dirt.”

Jeannie Hill, a UW-SP dance instructor and associate artistic director with the JRJP, along with other faculty, brought Siegenfeld and the JRJP to UW-SP to hold a two-week teaching and choreographic residency here.

The JRJP is a company of dancers that celebrate the core of jazz performance.

“I wanted our students to have an opportunity to work with him,” said Hill.

Siegenfeld’s approach to his choreography is a rhythm first approach to dancing which isn’t always the case, according to Hill.

“Because he has in-depth musical knowledge, the rhythmic structure that he comes up with is really exciting and inventive,” said Hill. “At the same time, he’s a really compelling story teller. All of his choreography is infused with humanity and deep exploration of the human condition.”

The UW-SP students performed three excerpts from Siegenfeld’s five­ part “god of dirt.”

The dancers came together with fluid, swinging body movements and singing voices which turned them into moving percussion instruments, celebrating the rhythm and movement of the music.

“Those three sections work together in a complete dance,” said Hill.

The music of the narrative was based on “Tales and Songs from Weddings and Funerals” by Goran Bregovic, a film composer originally from Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. The title "god of dirt" comes from Mary Oliver’s poem “The god of dirt.”

“I’ve always loved folk music,” said Siegenfeld. “I wanted to make a folk dance that had a transboundary feel to it.”

The excerpts from “god of dirt” will be performed again at the UW-SP’s theatre and dance department’s annual Danstage production.

The Jump Rhythm Jazz Project will be performing the full version of “god of dirt” on March 28 at the Sentry Theater.
Becoming immersed in Animal Collective’s latest offering, “Merriweather Post Pavilion,” is the aural equivalent of diving into a brilliant ocean of color and sound.

Undulating bass lines, skittering percussion and shimmering, electronic details form the backdrop for what is the most fantastic and well-executed journey that pop music has taken in some time.

While the past has found Animal Collective dallying in the immediacy and intimacy of acoustic instrumentation, “Merriweather Post Pavilion” is an almost entirely electronic endeavor, sparing the practiced vocals of Avey Tare and Panda Bear and the bits and pieces of percussion.

The album is distinctly Animal Collective; the vocal interplay, dreamlike headspace and boundless playful energy of the group have reached new heights while still remaining recognizable.

Taken as a whole, the album flows remarkably well together, though certain tracks cannot help but stand out as stronger offerings. The house revival number “My Girls” lights up the dance floor of our collective subconscious, “Summertime Clothes” carries us along on it’s own driving wings of pop reverie, “Bluish” melts hearts with sweet lyrics and comforting layers of noise and “Brother Sport” ends the album with the opposite of the typical curtain closing. Instead, Animal Collective throw the curtains wide open and reveals a dizzying world of sunshine, ass-shaking and life-affirming melodies.

Predicting where Animal Collective will end up next is an exercise in futility; the band has traveled many musical paths in their own inquisitive manner, and it is safe to say that any type of music is fair game.

To look at “Merriweather Post Pavilion” as just another step in a path is a grave mistake however. The album is a warm and inviting experience, channeling dance and pop music so well that the songs feel more like things that we already had in ourselves rather than an offering from the band. Trecking past the album and writing it off as mere experimentation is to ignore one of the most wholly unique and engrossing experiences in music at the moment.

opening number. The rhythm of the song bounced steadily along like a long lost Modest Mouse song as Harbury poured the interpretations of his mind’s eye into stanza after stanza with his unpolished vocal delivery.

With lyrics that question what happens after death, like “we live and die but we don’t know why/it’s really kind of sad when you think about it” and “for all we know this could be it,” the band challenges you to do more than just sit back and listen.

The engaging lyrical content was one of the high points of the night, and Harbury sang a particularly insightful song about collecting data through life as though it were a science experiment.

Like a scientist, he presents his theories in the song, yet leaves room for interpretation. Rather than making one think, “Should I consider this?” it entices one to ponder, “What haven’t I considered?”

Harbury and Mountjoy have a number of musical influences, but Modest Mouse and Neutral Milk Hotel were two bands most central to their style. Particularly demonstrative of this influence is Mountjoy’s six-song story, written after a winter stuck in the residence halls.

The band has also been inspired by thoughts of freedom, revolution, the writings of anarchism and other outside-the-box literature; they’re definitely not afraid to share the thoughts that develop out of that inspiration either.

Throughout the night the band kept its folk-indie fusion vibe alive, playing song after song that left fans with new thoughts in the head and soreness in the hip.

The addition of the new instruments provided new foundations to the backbones of the songs. The bass lines carried songs through transitions, the violin added another layer of depth to bar after bar and Mountjoy’s mandolin lay softly behind the guitar lines, thereby adding texture and color.

But despite the band’s strengths, a few songs chugged along like a train that could fall apart at any moment, with each band member laying like the unsuspecting train conductor. Perhaps because it was their first time playing as a five-piece group, or perhaps the venue’s sound system wasn’t exactly ideal for a band of this number, but the band was less than consistent at points; some songs even seemed to almost come apart at the seams with undulating tempos.

Although the mistakes were unintended, they did lend the band a raw kind of style. And the band members danced and smiled their way right on through regardless.

“Photographs of the Future” put forth questions that just might put listeners on the path to answering if given the chance. And that chance will be coming soon, as the band will be playing at The Garage again on Feb 20, and can also be seen most Mon. nights at the Open Mic Night in the Basement Brewhaus.
Letters to the Editor

Students, consider answering the Peace Corps’ call to service. Did you know that UW-SP has produced 384 U.S. Peace Corps volunteers over the years? A representative of the Peace Corps will soon visit our university to encourage and inspire a new set of prospective volunteers to enter this wonderful form of global community service.

We are a leader, not just in the UW System, but among all American universities, in the percentage of our students who take part in international programs. In these days of financial uncertainty, the need for service across the globe only grows stronger. I would encourage any of our students to consider service in the Peace Corps as an excellent way to gain a life-changing experience abroad.

The upcoming visit, February 18-20, continues what another national Peace Corps staff member recently told us is one of the strongest university-Peace Corps relationships in the nation. UW-SP embodies the dream President John F. Kennedy held for American men and women to serve, even to endure hardship, on behalf of peoples across the globe.

Peace Corps volunteers venture into the developing world to engage in long-term community development, educational, business development, environmental, agricultural or information technology projects. They represent the very best American values and bring home priceless experiences that help shape and guide the rest of their lives.

Currently, 17 UW-SP graduates are in the Peace Corps, at work in 13 different countries including Guatemala, Lesotho, Namibia, Paraguay and Vanuatu. Our volunteers typically enter their service right after graduation.

Our university has also committed to continue its nearly 20-year relationship with the Peace Corps’ Masters International Program, in which College of Natural Resources students take graduate classes here on campus for a year and then leave for 27 months of work overseas, for which they earn the remaining graduate credits. It is a great and particularly American quality to answer the challenging call to serve others. If you meet a UW-SP alumnus or a faculty member who has given a portion of his or her life to the Peace Corps, be sure to say “thank you” for their service to the world. And please give your own consideration to service in the Peace Corps. Find out more at www.peacecorps.gov.

Chancellor Bunnell

What’s the point: Demoralizing democracy

With Valentine’s Day just days away, concerned parties are gearing up for the commercial holiday and all of its cutesy-wootsy creations. On Point campus, Cupid showed up more than a week early this year. Though you could not visibly see the love, you could not possibly overlook the Student Government Association’s Kirk Cychosz being voted in as the vice president.

I am not implying that Cychosz will be an ineffective vice president. I am asking that if our senators are going to make decisions that will affect the rest of the student body, they vote for what is best, not what will take the least amount of effort to resolve. Author J.K. Rowling wrote it best in her novel, “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire”: “There will be a time when we must choose between what is right and what is easy.”

I encourage my fellow students to let their senators know how they feel they want to be represented. Come to senate meetings on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in The Legacy Room. Speak your mind!

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Lady V

Dear Lady V,

I'm a single 19-year-old guy who has been at UW-SP for two years now and I haven't met anyone. I know that this is partly my fault; I have social anxiety problems and I find it hard to go out and meet new people, but I still find it hard to believe that I haven't met anyone. I know that I am social and friendly if she is actually interested. I have been told by all my friends, especially my female friends, that I am a great guy who is just being friendly or if she is interested. I have been told by all my friends, especially my female friends, that I am a great guy who has a lot of what women are looking for. Yet I always seem to be the friend and never the boyfriend. It seems that anyone I meet is only interested in good-looking guys who are complete assholes. I would really like to meet someone and have an honest and real connection with them, but the longer I'm here, the less I think it's going to happen. I now find myself very lonely and feeling like I should just give up. Do nice guys really finish last? What do you think I should do?

Looking for enlightenment, Lonelyboy

Thank you for your letter Lonelyboy. With Valentine's Day just around the corner, I am sure you are feeling the burn of Singles Awareness Day. I like Valentine's Day when I have someone to spend it with, but I mean, who doesn't? I have a friend who pleaded me to find him any hot friends with loose morals and a panache for fat, hairy guys (yeah, his vocabulary is that good). If there are any takers, please e-mail me at ladvy@uwsp.edu and no, this should not be some pathetic way of trying to figure out who I am. Your time will come ... I promise.

Anyway, I do not have an answer on whether or not nice guys finish last because I know that I am searching for that nice guy and I never seem to come across one. And that may be because they are very similar to you. Shy and quiet.

Happy Valentine's Day Everyone!

(singles awareness day)
You're not mad at me for joking about getting married, right?

I'm not going to let you disappear on me when you go to grad school. We went through too much weird shit to get together. I'm staying with you.

Yeah, I know. Besides, I'm not the kind of girl who says...

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To Tom,  
...For letting me talk about you in class even though my students only know you as “Sweetie…”  
I love you!  
Sunny  

Avra Jean,  
I care about you immensely.  
Your beauty and talent astonish me.  
I'm so glad we're together,  
Happy Valentine's Day.  

Bob,  
You watch TV or sleep while I read,  
but you are the only thing I'll ever need.  
Love always,  
Maritize  

Marcie,  
If Heaven and Hell bespoke  
That they both are satisfied  
When your soul departs  
Then I'll follow you into the dark.  

Love, Erbear  

Jeffy,  
You are really really tall but I'll always catch you if you fall!  

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