SGA breaks tradition on memorialization

Senator speaks out against legislation; executives refuse to comment

There were concerns expressed by some senators, including sponsor of the legislation Senator Andrew Letson.

"My main concern was it seems unfair to students who have passed before Andrew who may have been equally involved to provide him with something above and beyond the traditional memorial," said Letson. "To my understanding, a tree will still be planted in his name."

Co-authors of the legislation, President Katie Kloth, Vice President Kirk Cyhock and Speaker of the Senate Saul Newton declined to comment.

UW-SP already has procedures in place to honor students who pass away while enrolled. Student deaths are often memorialized at the student memorial in Schmeeckle Reserve, which was created during the 2000-2001 academic year.

The Schmeeckle Reserve director Ron Zimmerman works with families to come up with a fitting memorial for their student. In the past, benches have been placed, trees have been planted and butterfly weed, which is a wildflower that attracts butterflies, have been added to the memorial.

"We really try to honor the wishes of the family," said Tomlinson, who has worked with Woods' family.

Beyond the reserve, other things are done when a student passes away while attending UW-SP. According to Tomlinson the mourning flag is flown to honor them, usually the day of the funeral.

The mourning flag is flown rather than flying the American flag at half-mast because the authority is granted only to the governor and president.

"The mourning flag is a black flag that flies just below the U.S. flag," said Tomlinson. "That's something we do for everyone."

Faculty can also award a posthumous degree to students who pass away before graduation. Usually these degrees are granted to students very near graduation. If a posthumous degree is awarded, the student's family has the option of coming to graduation to receive the degree in honor of their loved one.

"Usually it's a student that's within a semester of graduation; the faculty take that very seriously," said Tomlinson.

Tomlinson said he was proud of the way the campus community came together in this time of tragedy and said he supported SGA's decision to rename the sustainability fund.

"I think it's a wonderful testament to how students feel about each other here; I think its part of our campus culture," said Tomlinson.

Tomlinson has yet to inform the family of the passed legislation, he stated he is waiting for everything to be official. He does feel the family will be appreciative of the gesture.

"They felt very good about the way the university has worked with the students from Random Lake who are here, his roommate and friends," said Tomlinson.

Woods' official cause of death has yet to be released.

Hyer Hall meets its demise; new hall plans unfold

Soon students won't just be living in apartments off-campus, but on-campus. Plans are unfolding as to a new residence hall being constructed on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus, with the beginning of development starting with the demolition of Hyer Hall this summer. The new residence hall will have 330 beds available for students and be aimed toward primarily junior, senior and graduate students.

"As you know, we have very traditional-style halls and they're all the same," said Joe Totman, director of residential living. "We've heard from students that they want different opportunities and I think this would provide that little bit of more flexibility, especially our older population. It'll have a little bit more grown-up living, so to speak, more private space which we hear so often from students. Single rooms are becoming more and more common.

We definitely know there is a need for it."

The timeline for construction begins this summer with the demolition of Hyer Hall soon after school comes to a close. Ground breaking for the new hall will take place in November and work will commence with the target opening of fall 2011.

This new residence hall shall resemble an apartment building, using a style much like new halls put up at other campuses across the UW System. It will be a five-story residence hall with allotted space for lounges, programming rooms, study areas, meeting rooms, laundry rooms and more.

Each apartment is projected to be between 974 and 1030 square feet including four private bedrooms, one bathroom, one shower room, one living room, one vanity area and one kitchen. The kitchen will even include a refrigerator, stove and microwave.

"The reality is that all four people could be getting ready at the same
SGA invests in wind turbine research through reserve

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In an effort to create a more sustainable University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the Student Government Association plans to conduct a wind assessment in an effort to place a wind turbine on the WWSP radio tower.

The radio tower, owned by UW-SP and used by WWSP 90FM, is the second-highest point in Portage County. The idea for the wind turbine comes from SGA President Katie Kloth.

“It’s been a project of mine for awhile, and I think it’s a very good step towards a sustainable campus,” said Kloth.

In what is the first set of hoops to go through in acquiring the wind turbine, SGA has already received the go-ahead from administrators to conduct a wind assessment.

Kloth will now have to complete the application for the assessment, and has requested the $600 cost through the SGA finance committee later this week. The money will come from the sustainability reserve, a budget set aside previously for sustainable actions and projects such as the wind turbine.

“There are still some discrepancies as to the wind maps in the area, as far as how many miles per hour the wind is...However, the wind assessment will clear things up,” said Kloth.

The radio tower is located west of Stevens Point on County Highway P, and if the wind turbine idea is deemed feasible, the power will be most likely allocated to powering the radio tower.

In the event that the wind assessment does not provide a likely location for the wind turbine, SGA will consider looking into constructing a windmill near the DUC to power the outside lights and as a demonstration for the TNR.

The wind assessment will most likely be done by the end of the semester.

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Mark Hayes has been a part of the food industry all across the world. Now, he is settling down at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point as the new director of dining services.

With the change of the food service on campus becoming self-operational, Hayes was hired to get things going with the hiring of staff and bringing in of new ideas and changes to the way we see food.

Hayes has experience across a wide range of food services throughout his life, from his most recent experiences as a general manager of Harvard University dining services, to experience as a manager of restaurants in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, to opening restaurants abroad in Amsterdam and even managing a restaurant in Singapore. He worked in fine dining before turning to university dining.

“I started to look at the food business more from the standpoint of education; understanding the why, how and when of food,” said Hayes. “When it started, where it came from, how you get it from the farm to the plate; understanding the food itself and the history of it and how it brings people together. So, kind of broadened my thinking on the whole food element, kind of led me to university dining.”

Ideas are being discussed around the food service transition committee, as well as many subcommittees as to what changes will be implemented with the new self-operational food program. Hayes comes in with his own ideas for change, especially in revitalizing the Debot Dining Center dining experience while not changing as much with the seemingly more popular retail dining in the Dreyfus University Center.

“I’m one that feels that if something works, don’t change it, you know, tweak it as you go,” said Hayes. “From the feedback I’ve gotten, mostly from students, is that the residential dining seems to be on the low end of the comments while the retail side is on the high end. Those operations on the retail side are better than anything we had at Harvard.”

Hayes wants students to realize, though that change won’t be immediate, but that this whole process of really creating a new dining experience at UW-SP is a gradual process over years.

“It’s not like everyone is going to come back in September and it’s going to be a miracle. It is about the basics, building on what works.”

Students supporting the local food movements may find it appealing that Hayes will be pushing for local produce being brought onto campus whenever possible, within the restraints of the UW System policies. He plans to research farms from across the state and in our own community to find sources of produce to bring to UW-SP if possible.

“I think the trend is more towards local foods,” said Hayes. “Not just for universities or colleges, but in society and the United States. People are starting to understand that they don’t want their average piece of produce traveling 1,500 miles.”

Along the common ideal of sustainability at UW-SP, Hayes plans to use food waste audits twice a semester, if possible, to look into how much food waste students produce as well as look at why this happens and try to change it.

“You could look at a number of things; is it specific food items, is it a bad menu, is it specific meal periods because of dining habits due to time restraints?” said Hayes.

Also being looked into is composting food waste and tray-free dining on specific days to reduce on water usage chemical usage, and time used for cleaning trays.

Hayes also showed support for creating a shared governance organization to bring in feedback from students and the campus community.

“I like to work as transparent as possible, working as much in the sunlight as possible. Obviously, every decision is not always up to vote, but I think input is really important, especially from students.”

Hayes can be contacted with ideas and comments at mhayes@uwsp.edu.
Tutor Learning Center emphasizes interaction

The Mary K. Croft Tutoring Learning Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point offers students a wide range of opportunities to help support in academic endeavors.

According to Dr. Bobbie Stokes, director of the TLC, with a staff of about 136 tutors, the TLC has tutored students to help support in academic endeavors. "We think that our motto, 'students helping students' is what we're all about," said Stokes. "This is a place about peer tutoring."

"We serve everybody, from struggling students to straight As."

- Stokes

disciplines at UW-SP and can offer help in any subject or course. The writing and reading tutors will help students with papers or course readings, while students can register for content-area tutoring in math, the sciences and foreign languages. The TLC also offers one credit reading adjunct groups and computer literacy.

The TLC is home to the English '57 independent writing series as well. The content area tutoring is available to all students who register. A group session is $10 and a one-on-one session is $8.50 per 45-minute session.

"Our tutors are trained to help with reading in their specific disciplines," said Maureen Giblin, the content area tutoring coordinator. "It's so helpful to sit down with a tutor who has had that course or a major that they are in and saying 'help me understand this discipline,'" said Sage.

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"We serve everybody. All along that academic continuum, from struggling students to straight As," said Stokes.

The tutors make the TLC a success for students seeking guidance. All tutors receive a recommendation from a UW-SP faculty member and take part in training before tutoring. Tutors for the writing lab receive a semester-long tutor practicum, Education 370.

Tori Sage is the content area tutoring coordinator.

"It's a wonderful place to be," said Hughes. "Tutoring is a really awesome idea. Student helpers fit this role to a T at the Tutor Learning Center."

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Professor evaluations show a variety of student opinions

Class evaluations have become an expected part of the end of a semester. If the first chance students get to sit on the other side of the red pen, or pencil in this case, and give an evaluation of their instructors' performance. Some take this task more seriously then others, but for those who do, the system may be less effective then desired. Students are given a lot of room for interpretation on the evaluations, but this could be exactly the problem.

"They should know what they're evaluating," said psychology professor Dr. Justin Rueb.

Dr. Rueb has worked with performance appraisals in both the Air Force and business sector for around six years.

"If you're in business, one of the things you're supposed to do with your managers is have training," said Rueb. "If you have evaluations or performance appraisals, you're supposed to inform the managers of what they're looking for and how to actually fill out and use the form."

At the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, after-class evaluations are completed; then they are turned in to be scored. After scored and after students' grades for the semester have

Having an extra mind and pair of eyes to review a students works is a capital idea. Student helpers fit this role to a T at the Tutor Learning Center.

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Although some recognize certain pop culture references, it is most likely they are hearing it from other people. Many can’t identify where the quote is from or what movies the famous actor was in.

Robert Rubino, a UW-SP student, mentioned that knowledge from media is dependent on being in on what friends talk about. “If we consume popular culture is dependent on the forms of media we consume, such as CD’s, DVD’s, the Internet and television,” said Rubino.

So, if listening to music or watching a movie or television show leads us to research a reference made, do students intentionally remember these things? This form of “learning” pop culture from decades of past seems to be what people rely on.

There is an exception to this rule and that is the current love of “vintage” movies. Rubino notes that movies like "Top Gun" provide several favorite quotes of his that include "I feel the need...the need for speed" and "Your ego is writing checks your body can't cash." Unless students are watching an old movie with a bunch of friends, they typically need to hit YouTube or some other Google search to figure out old pop culture references they hear or see. Of course, there is no better way to kill time and avoid doing homework than by watching "Top 100" shows on VH1 such as "Awesomebly Bad Love Songs" or "80s Hair Metal Bands."

But aside from finding information after hearing about it through media, or coming across it by accident while watching a movie with friends, there are other reasons people seek to learn about pop culture from yesteryear.

One of the most popular reasons is the excitement of reciting a funny quote that’s too good to pass up. Students see this as a good icebreaker at any party.

Of course, the popularity of games like Scene It or Trivial Pursuit seems to show there is still an interest in popular culture from other time periods. Playing games like these are educational in themselves and most students agree that they are fun to play.

The understanding of past trends and movements may serve to link today’s information in a minute culture with those that came before them. It may only be through a sustained effort of gluing one’s eyes to Turner Classic Movies or TV Land that will send this slogan-crazed generation to say “Hey there, Meathead” so they can truly be "hip to the jive."

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CNR receives $1.2 million to benefit students

Students studying in the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will be provided with more scholarship and educational opportunities thanks to a $1.2 million gift from a rural Port Washington, Wis. couple.

The bequest came from Marion and John "Jack" Wilson, who have been described as nature lovers. According to friends, John Wilson was an avid fisherman and hunter. He died in 1994 and Marion Wilson passed away last May. Their gift bequest is one of the largest single gifts in the history of UW-SP, according to Chancellor Linda Bunnell.

The reason for the gift, however, is a bit of a mystery. The Wilsons' will is a bit of a mystery. The Wilsons' will scholarship committee and program, generosity.

"This is very important to us and we are very thankful," said Thomas. The bequest comes during a time of economic hardship, but thanks to the kindness of Marion and John Wilson, the CNR will be able to give deserving students greater opportunities than they normally would have been afforded while studying at UW-SP.

The recent bequest to the CNR will go towards scholarships for Treehaven TA's, as well as other opportunities for students.

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Lights, camera, and lasers

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A psychedelic laser light show set to classic and modern rock music can be seen at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point’s Allen Blocher Planetarium.

The laser light show usually plays every fall and spring semester, but due to scheduling problems, it was only available during the spring semester of the 2008-09 school year. Located on the second floor of the UW-SP science building, the planetarium is currently housing a laser light system manufactured by Audio Visual Imagingeering.

The laser light system works using a red and green solid-state laser. The lasers are directed through high speed scanners which give viewers a wide range of visual outputs.

"This is definitely something a little out of the ordinary," said Dr. Randy Olson, planetarium director.

Schedule of Laser Show Musical Selections

Feb. 26 Viny: Aerosmith, AC/DC, Queen and more
Feb. 27 Led Zeppelin
Feb. 28 Pink Floyd, The Wall
March 4 Led Zeppelin
March 5 Metallica
March 6 Hypnotica: Fatboy Slim, The Crystal Method, The Chemical Brothers, Bjork and more
Mar. 7 Pink Floyd, The Dark Side of the Moon
Three CNR graduate students recently received the Wilderness Society’s prestigious Gaylord Nelson Earth Day 2008 Fellowships. Jennifer Webster of Mount Horeb, Wis., Theresa Ford of Rosendale, Wis., and Allison Cordie of Sartell, Minn., each received $3,000 for making significant contributions to promoting conservation ethics and environmental education, and for exhibiting future leadership potential in the field of environmental education.

The recipients were notified last March about their award.

"It’s really an honor; as a senator, Gaylord Nelson was a really influential person in environmental ethics and conservation, so I was very grateful to be recognized under such a prestigious individual," said Cordie, who is also an assistant professor at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The Nelson Fellowship is provided to recognize the role of innovative research leading to actions designed to improve the environment or mitigate problems. Support is provided for students with an interest in research that potentially leads to broad-scale changes in environmental policy, including legal, regulatory or programmatic aspects.

Throughout his career, Gaylord Nelson catalyzed environmental action. He helped develop policies, programs, regulations, public awareness events and educational initiatives in response to potential and ongoing environmental problems brought forward by scientific communities.

Gaylord Nelson served 18 years in the U.S. Senate and was twice elected senator, Gaylord Nelson was a major force in shaping U.S. environmental policy, especially in protecting national forests, national parks and other public lands. He was also active on issues of population and sustainability.

**Fishing for opportunities**

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With the hope of warmer temperatures arriving in March, most fishermen’s thoughts turn toward ice fishing to open water angling. Though many ice fishermen are still braving the cold and blustery Wisconsin weather, there are only a few more weeks left to catch that trophy fish on the ice in the comfort of an ice shanty.

The regulations for removing ice shanties have changed from 2008 and failure to comply to the new law can result in fines as high as $248. The law requires that for waters south of Highway 64, ice fishing shanties must be removed daily and when not occupied or in active use. Shelters north of Highway 64 will need to be removed daily when not in use by Monday, March 16 this year. After removing ice fishing shanties from a frozen lake or river, an angler may continue to use a portable shelter, but must remove it when it is not being actively used.

Although the ice fishing season begins to wrap up as the spring temperatures arrive, there’s still an opportunity to fulfill a fishing crave in early March. Catch and release trout fishing season kicks off March 7, the latest date it can open by law.

"The cold, snowy winter we’ve had so far should leave trout streams in good shape," said Larry Claggett, DNR coldwater ecologist, in a press release. "The catch-and-release season closes midnight April 26, and then there is a week break before the regular season. Most trout streams will be open to the early catch-and-release season with the exception of most Lake Superior tributaries and most streams in northeast Wisconsin.

With mid-term exams quickly approaching and many students facing difficult financial times in the economy, fishing is a great way to take your mind off stressful situations. For more information on ice shanty removal dates and trout fishing regulations, visit http://dnr.wi.gov.
Swim team wins WIAC title for tenth year straight

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men’s swim and dive team claimed its tenth consecutive win at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship meet on Feb. 21, after three days of events hosted by UW-Whitewater at the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center in Brown Deer, Wis. Also competing, the women’s swim and dive team took second in their division.

With a final score of 999.5, the men’s team took home the thirteenth place trophy in Pointer history. UW-La Crosse took second place with 791.50 points and UW-Whitewater came in third with 555.50. In fourth place was UW-Eau Claire, followed by UW-Oshkosh and UW-River Falls.

The women’s team took second to UW-Lacrosse, who had a final score of 970. However, finishing with a score of 808, the Pointers were able to beat UW-Eau Claire by almost 200 points. Coming in fourth was UW-Whitewater followed by UW-SP swimmers re-wrote numerous school records as well as a significant portion of the WIAC Conference record book. Individual awards were also received by three members of the team.

Crushing personal lifetime bests, UW-SP athletes took second in their division. Staff photo

Senior Chase Gross was named swimmer of the meet for the second consecutive season. This award is given to the most impressive single swimmer in the meet as voted by the WIAC coaches. As the fastest swimmer in WIAC history, Gross earned this honor by winning the 100-yard free-style with a conference meet record time of 44.70 seconds. This was the third time he won the event in his collegiate swim career.

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Women's hockey

Pointer goalie d'Andra Phillips was named Northern Collegiate Hockey Association Player of the Week after saving 92 of 97 shots in three games during the past week.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point split a non-conference doubleheader in Michigan against Adrian College this past weekend to finish out the regular season.

Now the Pointers head into the NCHA Quarterfinals at W. H. Hunt Arena at UW-River Falls on Friday, Feb. 27. They face Concordia the team's highest winning season since 2002-2003.

Defenseman Garret Suter made First Team All-WIAC and was named to the All-Sportsmanship team.

Women's basketball

The Pointers missed the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Conference Championship by two points in Oshkosh this past weekend.

They fell behind UW-La Crosse, who rolled on to victory with 146 points and the championship win in five weight brackets.

Senior Jason (Jake) Wozniak took the 165-pound bracket in the tournament with pins against UW-Eau Claire's Seth Hendricks and UW-Whitewater's Patrick Nagel. He also earned an 8-3 decision against Cory Ferguson of UW-La Crosse.

Wozniak was the twelfth Pointer to receive the John Peterson Wrestler of the Meet, like his brother Tyler two years before, and was mentioned in the All-Sportsmanship team.

No other team in the conference has come close to earning that many Peterson awards, and the Wozniak brothers were the first brother combination to take home the award.

“Being voted the Wrestler of the Meet by the coaches is an honor,” Wozniak said, “especially when you look at the competition in the tournament and see that there are a lot of really good wrestlers who could have gotten it.”

Jered Kern overcame a knee injury and took his first-ever WIAC conference championship. Kern had a bye in the first round, beat Kyle Wachholder from UW-Whitewater and won a 10-7 decision over Bebeto Yewah from UW-La Crosse.

Both Kern and Wozniak will advance on to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championships on March 6 and 7 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"Kern wrestled tough, as we expected. He is one of the best wrestlers in the country and he proved it this weekend,” Coach Johnny Johnson said. “His recovery was good and he still has room to improve. I’m certain he’ll be ready for the national tournament.”

Chase DeCleene (141 pounds) and Ben Engelland (184 pounds) were also chosen to move on after earning second place finishes in the WIAC tournament.

Brett Oswald (285 pounds) also scored a second place finish, finishing in the 144-pound second place finish behind UW-La Crosse.

Another four Pointers went on to place third in the conference tournament.

Johnson said the remaining wrestlers will be focusing on the mental aspect. They have more time to prepare for this tournament and will train more on technique and rest up.

“Our goal is to work hard, improve our technique and get rested before we head down to Iowa,” Johnson said.

“We will not change much—we have been training for this all year. It’s the same concept as the WIAC, this is it,” Kern said. “We just need to mentally prepare ourselves.”

Men’s hockey

The Pointers ended their season with a pair of losses to St. Norbert Friday and Saturday in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association Quarterfinals in De Pere, Wis.

Six Pointers also made the All-WIAC team during the 15-10-2 season, the team’s highest winning season since 2002-2003.

Defenseman Garret Suter made First Team All-WIAC and was named to the NCHA honorable mention list.

Pointers Russell Law, Jon Madden, Luke Nesper and Jonathan Ralph were all given an honorable mention in WIAC.

Matt Stendahl was named to the All-Sportsmanship team.

Women's basketball

The Pointers secured the top seed spot in WIAC by defeating UW-Platteville 84-63 in their final regular season match-up.

UW-SP took an early lead in the game and never looked back for the win. Ashley Baker was named WIAC Athlete of the Week after scoring 14 points in the game. Britta Peterson scored a team-leading 20 points.

After receiving a bye for Tuesday’s WIAC quarterfinal game, the Pointers will host UW-Stout in the Berg Gymnasium at 8 p.m. right after the men’s basketball team takes on UW-Oshkosh at 6 p.m. on Bennett Court in the Quandt Fieldhouse.

Wrestlers second in WIAC, 4 travel to NCAA

The Pointers missed the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Conference Championship by two points in Oshkosh this past weekend.

They fell behind UW-La Crosse, who rolled on to victory with 146 points and the championship win in five weight brackets.

Senior Jason (Jake) Wozniak took the 165-pound bracket in the tournament with pins against UW-Eau Claire’s Seth Hendricks and UW-Whitewater’s Patrick Nagel. He also earned an 8-3 decision against Cory Ferguson of UW-La Crosse.

Wozniak was the twelfth Pointer to receive the John Peterson Wrestler of the Meet, like his brother Tyler two years before, and was mentioned in the All-Sportsmanship team.

No other team in the conference has come close to earning that many Peterson awards, and the Wozniak brothers were the first brother combination to take home the award.

“Being voted the Wrestler of the Meet by the coaches is an honor,” Wozniak said, “especially when you look at the competition in the tournament and see that there are a lot of really good wrestlers who could have gotten it.”

Jered Kern overcame a knee injury and took his first-ever WIAC conference championship. Kern had a bye in the first round, beat Kyle Wachholder from UW-Whitewater and won a 10-7 decision over Bebeto Yewah from UW-La Crosse.

Both Kern and Wozniak will advance on to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championships on March 6 and 7 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"Kern wrestled tough, as we expected. He is one of the best wrestlers in the country and he proved it this weekend,” Coach Johnny Johnson said. “His recovery was good and he still has room to improve. I’m certain he’ll be ready for the national tournament.”

Chase DeCleene (141 pounds) and Ben Engelland (184 pounds) were also chosen to move on after earning second place finishes in the WIAC tournament.

Brett Oswald (285 pounds) also scored a second place finish, finishing in the 144-pound second place finish behind UW-La Crosse.

Another four Pointers went on to place third in the conference tournament.

Johnson said the remaining wrestlers will be focusing on the mental aspect. They have more time to prepare for this tournament and will train more on technique and rest up.

“Our goal is to work hard, improve our technique and get rested before we head down to Iowa,” Johnson said.

“We will not change much—we have been training for this all year. It’s the same concept as the WIAC, this is it,” Kern said. “We just need to mentally prepare ourselves.”

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Chino Culture Club, the eighth annual Chinese Lantern Festival featured some of China’s customary cuisine translated into a sold-out crowd at the Laird room of the Dreysus University Center last Saturday.

Sponsored by the UW-SP Chinese Culture Club, the eighth annual Chinese Lantern Fest featured traditional music, simulated kung fu fighting, dancing and a fashion show.

“It has become a trademark of the CCC,” said Jianwei Wang, professor of political science and faculty advisor for the club. “Every year the tickets are sold out.”

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Crab meat rangoon, Ma Po tofu and mango cake were just a few of the dishes offered at this year’s festival.

A Chinese morning exercise demonstration brought volunteers from the audience onstage to participate. The latter half of the show brought members, including Henry Robinson on guitar, from Chinese 102 and 201 courses to the stage as they sang the song “Encounter” in Chinese. Following “Encounter,” Robinson did a solo of “Feide Geng Gao” or “I Want to Fly Higher.” The crowd reacted by clapping and singing along in Chinese with him.

“When I was in China I heard it on the radio all the time,” Robinson said. “That’s why I chose it. It was a good rock anthem that people could sing along to.”

Robinson spent last semester in China on an independent excursion. While there, he was able to pick up an amount of the language and received a few independent study credits for his studies on Buddhism.

While the festival teaches others about the culture, it also serves as a place for Chinese students to expose their roots.

The CCC fits along with the university’s goal in training students to have a cultural awareness, Wang said.

“We have a responsibility to continue the Chinese way of life,” Wang said.

Soon after arriving in Stevens Point, Wang helped design CCC in 1999 with a group of students. At this time, “the number of students from China was small,” but it was still important for them to have a community on campus to identify with.

The amount of Chinese students has since grown, he said. “It’s like a home away from home,” said club president Zhang Gao “or “I Want to Fly Higher.”

Singing in socks, The Shoeless Revolution rocks out on Fat Tuesday.

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The “Wonju Cha” or “Torch Festival” illustrated a popular dance done in bright red and yellow attire. Many minority groups in China find this festival to be the best place to meet their significant other.

Alaskan poet onstage

Ken Waldman fused poetry and bluegrass together onstage at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Monday night.

Waldman, also known as “Alaska’s fiddling poet” played to a crowded Michelsen Hall in the Noel Fine Arts Center.

Professor of Communication, Bill Davidson introduced Waldman to the stage.

“I was fascinated by the integration of the arts,” Davidson said.

The self-taught fiddler began his set with “I don’t drink and I don’t smoke and I don’t wear no gregg coat,” giving audience members the lighter side of poetry with humorous lyrics.

A former college professor Waldman spent the last 23 years of his life writing poetry and playing fiddle and mandolin in Alaska. He published six poetry collections, a
Letters & Opinion

High Five: Goes big time

Steve Apfel
COLUMNIST

Goodness gracious, friends, it has been whirlwind week in the world of High Five! We've had to make a ridiculous amount of extra copies of the High Five Worldwide membership application forms because so many of you rushed out to become a part of the fun. Don't worry, I have a new batch of the membership gift packages on order, and they should be here soon!

You may have noticed that there is a very attractive new picture of sexuality. I tried to tone it down for this week. Please try to cope with the unavoidable.

I'm even more excited about my second gift for you this week because it is something near and dear to my heart, the official High Five soundtrack. I personally spent hours trying to find the perfect mix of tunes to please the ears. However, there were too many good songs to cut down to just one disc, so we made two! High Five Hip Tunes contains the cream of the crop of rocking music that expresses my values of friendship, love and acceptance, while the High Five Avra's Dance Party mix gives you the perfect combination for excessive booty shaking!

I tried to convince Katie to send out copies of each disc with every issue this week. I even offered to bankroll the operation because it might provide a considerable financial burden to make two CDs for each of the 2,000 print issues. However, she referred me to The Pointer legal department who told me all about copyright laws and song licensing and other such obstacles we would need to clear to make such a thing happen. You are all welcome to come listen to me spin copies in The Pointer office though! It'll be simply fantastic! I might even be persuaded to let you borrow them for your next social function, but only if you promise to take good care of them!

My last bit of news for the week is I received my business cards late last week; they are just beautiful. I've been handing out as many of them as I can so don't hesitate to ask for one. I have plenty to go around!

I'd like to close this by giving a shout-out to my good friend Emily Marie Gillie. Every week Emily Marie helps me sort out ideas for this very column and provides invaluable critiques that help shape these words into the fine product you have come to expect every week. Thank you, Emily Marie, for all your hard work every week! See you all next week!
The rebirth of the popular DC Comics character Vigilante continues this month with the second issue of this new series. This issue follows Vig undercover into the notorious prison, Stryker's Island, in search of Brandon Leigh, an inmate with information about several recent high-profile killings detailed in the previous issue. The only problem is that Leigh is housed in the highest security area in the prison, which also houses the most dangerous men Stryker's Island has to offer.

A combination of Shawshank Redemption, Prison Break and the Dark Knight, this issue serves up equal servings of suspense and action. The story also follows the FBI's efforts to learn more about a brewing gang war via their own undercover agent on the inside of Stryker's Island. Faced with the x-factor of the Vigilante interfering with their agenda, the Feds decide to eliminate Vigilante from the equation. To further complicate matters for the protagonist, corrupt prison guards release the high-voltage villain, the Electrocutioner, to execute Leigh that night.

The current series features art by Rick Leonardi (Nightwing) and John Stanisci (Justice Society of America), and is scripted by fan favorite writer Marv Wolfman (Blade). The discoveries in this issue will lead Vig directly into conflict next month with one of the DC Universe's most popular, and well-known, characters.

Join the Vigilante behind bars this month in Vigilante #2. Vigilante is published monthly by DC Comics, carries a cover price of $2.99, and is available at comic shops everywhere.
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