Student prepared to take on Fox Theater project

Jenna Sprattler
The Pointer
JSRPR793@uwsp.edu

Two months ago, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point student, Drew Jackson embarked on a journey to re-open the downtown Stevens Point Fox Theater. Located a few blocks from Jackson's home on Main Street, the theater has sat idle since it closed in 1985.

Prior to closing, the theater has had quite a remarkable past. Houdini performed in 1897 with a multitude of others to follow, helping to gain the theater its credentials to become a historical landmark in 1982. The last few years produced a retro-style marquee that tantalizingly flickers back at passersby.

Jackson has developed a proposal broad enough to spark the attention of current theater owners in hopes that they will re-open the doors. "It will boost the economy," Jackson said. "It will bring more diversity to downtown."

Jackson hopes to see the building become a second-run single screen theater. He also recommended a tutoring center he calls "Scholars for Change," where, during the day, UW-SP students can volunteer to educate students from the alternative school making the theater much more to the community than just another theater. "We want to make a Fox Theater Scholarship," he said.

Jackson said the scholarship could go to volunteers and students from UW-SP or the alternative school which will give back to the community. He has also spoken to UW-SP film students, members of the local band Green Tea and many others about possible performances at the theater once re-openned.

The idea for an improvisation or acting school was proposed to Jackson by a fellow UW-SP student. Me has gained over 20 signatures from downtown businesses in support of the idea of the project. He has also made contacts with all of the necessary business components to renovate the 24-year-old building.

Aside from the support, I have every aspect taken care of," Jackson said.

He has contacted numerous companies to see to the bathrooms, bat, booking agents, chair installations and more.

Previous theater owner Jeanette Sanders passed away two years ago leaving ownership to her children and Ada Sanders. Jackson hopes to meet with the owners to reconcile an agreement.

See Theater pg. 2
Christine Walters enjoys nature while out on a boat. Photo courtesy of Toni Osiecki

With the help of Sarah Robinson, the executive director of the Association of Downtown Businesses:

"It’s unfortunate to have that quality of a building sitting vacant downtown," Robinson said. She added that they need to speak to the property owners before making any further decisions.

Adam Malooy holds a business and marketing degree and is helping with the financial aspects of the project. 

"I think it’s very viable," Malooy said. He also acknowledged that it will be a long process. 

Jackson is receiving technical support from Kory Schneiderman who used to be a manager and part-time projectionist for a budget theater in Madison. He has been researching costs of projectors, sound equipment, screens and other requirements if the theater becomes operational.

"I think people in our area should be respectful and appreciative to the family no matter what the outcome is," Schneiderman said. "Mistakes that may have been made in the past – for changes to the downtown – will hopefully be remedied and bring our downtown to a new life."

For more information on the Fox Theater Project, visit http://isolated-design.com/foxtheaterproject/ or send e-mail inquiries to foxtheaterproject@isolated-design.com.

The Fox Theater was once an entertainment hub in downtown Stevens Point. The facility housed production, film and more during its lifetime. It stands abandoned, while the marquee lights up every night. Now, Drew Jackson is working to get the Fox Theater back to a functioning theater.

Students: Make the World Yours! Give this some very serious thought and then apply! International Programs has openings for YOU in its Fall 2009 Semester Abroad Trips to:

I. Britain
II. East Central Europe: Poland
III. Australia

Study Abroad: you simply can’t afford to graduate without it!

It’s mine.

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors from ALL disciplines – everyone benefits from studying overseas.

Your Financial Aid Applies

INTERATIONAL PROGRAMS
Room 108 Collins Classroom Center · 366-5717
intltrg@uwsp.edu www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad
Vandalism strikes student organization

Justin Glodowski
THE POINTER
JGLOD@UWSP.EDU

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is known for its College of Natural Resources, for its open-minded view on the world, Schmeekle, active students, the Thailand Project and for many other things.

Vandalism is not normally one of those things.

Sometime between Wed. Jan 21 at 3 p.m. and Thurs. Jan. 22 at 10 a.m., the Women's Resource Center in the basement of the Dreyfus University Center was vandalized by unknown perpetrators.

Someone wrote the words "get back in the kitchen" and also drew a penis on the WRC sign on the office door.

"I was surprised that someone would find it funny to do that sort of thing to an organization that works for gender equality," said Jennifer Boyd, WRC volunteer coordinator. "We even share the office with the Gender Equality Advocates organization."

The Student Involvement and Employment Office was contacted and the graffiti was removed.

The act of vandalism did very little to affect their daily routine within the WRC, providing services, information and programs for all students.

"The vandalism was immature but it certainly isn't going to faze us or keep us from working to make this campus more safe for all students and better educated about gender equality," said Boyd.

The WRC and SIEO still remain unsure of who did this act but little will be done to investigate.

Boyd believes that the person or persons vandalizing their office may not have known what the purpose of the WRC is.

"If I could say something to whoever did this, I would just like to explain to them what the WRC does," said Boyd. "We work to raise awareness about issues like sexual assault, breast cancer and other health issues, and provide a safe space for anyone who needs it. We provide information and resources to anyone who asks for it. We also put on events like the Flying Film and Tea and Poetry night. Also, this year's production of Vagina Monologues is getting underway already."

Lice plagues UW-SP students during trip abroad

Jacob Mathias
THE POINTER
JMA@UWSP.EDU

A few cases of head lice that were brought in by students returning from a mission trip were spread to other students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"I wouldn't call it an outbreak or anything like that," said Joe Totman, director of Residential Living.

Boyd believes that the person or students who had just returned from a mission trip to Panama were the initial hosts of the pestilence. After a student discovered they were infested with lice, they contacted University Health Services.

Health Services proceeded to treat the student and notify the other students from the mission trip along with people that were close to them. This included roommates, boyfriends and girlfriends.

Since the majority of the students affected by the lice were in Burroughs Hall, extra cleaning was ordered in the residence hall. Extra vacuuming and lice cleaning spray was applied in all public areas of the hall.

Since the initial discovery and treatment of the lice, no more cases have been reported to Health Services.

"Overall, I think there were probably around 14 total cases," Totman said.

UW-SP Health Services located in Delzell Hall offers solutions for students if they do discover they have head lice.

"A few people with concerns went to Health Services," Totman said.

"We run a comprehensive outpatient clinic for UW-SP students," said Bill Hettler, director of University Health Services. "Diagnosing and treating illness including lice is what we do."

Hettler also recommends following the Center for Disease Control's tip to prevent contracting lice from others.

The CDC states, "Avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact during play and other activities at home, school and elsewhere (sports activities, playground, slumber parties, camp). Lice are spread most commonly by direct head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact and much less frequently by sharing clothing or belongings onto which lice or nits may have crawled or fallen.

Do not share clothing such as hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms, hair ribbons or barrettes.

Do not share infested combs, brushes or towels.

Do not lie on beds, couches, pillows, rugs, carpets or stuffed animals that have recently been in contact with an infested person.

To help control a head lice outbreak in a community, school, or camp, people can be taught to avoid activities that may spread head lice."
Winter options available for the cooped-up student

Ben Haight
The Pointer
R009170@uwsp.edu

Any native Wisconsinite is familiar with the long winter that inhabits our great state, which ranges anywhere from October to March. In the dark and dreary months of January and February, students begin to start feeling the numbings effects of cabin fever. The Oxford English dictionary lists cabin fever as “irritability, listlessness and similar symptoms resulting from long confinement or isolation indoors during the winter.”

Students may be especially prone to this illness being stuck inside their residence halls or houses, working on homework for hours on end. Many students get into the habit of just going to the student union or the dormitory, mostly keeping to themselves in the residence halls.

“I’d rather just sit inside, play video games and watch videos on the Internet rather than go outside for any reason,” said University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point sophomore Joe Bergstrud.

However, Wisconsin offers plenty of winter recreation for those refusing to stay inside, from skiing and snowboarding to snowmobiling, ice fishing or mushing a dog team. State parks and other public lands are quieter without the summer crowds, and the views are unblocked and spectacular. Winter is also the ideal season to explore museums, indoor water parks, breweries, wineries and go to movies.

In Central Wisconsin, there is a not a limit to the area attractions to help keep students active including Granite Peak at Rib Mountain State Park, Nordic Mountain and Standing Rocks, a Portage County park. Standing Rocks is just 15 minutes from Stevens Point, and offers downhill skiing and miles of cross-country ski trails, as well as rentals. All it takes is a little travel time and these winter activities can be had.

This manual posting board has been the lone way for students to learn about car rides from one end of the state to the other. However, the Student Government Association has passed legislation to create and maintain an online ride share board. This online site is not functioning at present, but a popular online ride board for Stevens Point students does currently exist, on Facebook.

Student Alexander Lang founded the Facebook ride share group in hopes of compiling information about rides to various distant locations for small amounts of money; yet this was not his only inspiration. Originally from California, Lang was inspired from the ride sharing many people from his hometown utilize daily.

“People give free rides to strangers in order to save on gas and to help the environment,” said Lang, who has recently purchased a car and often gives rides to Madison and Milwaukee.

The Facebook ride share group currently has 873 members and is still growing. To utilize it, put up a wall post when you are driving somewhere another student might want to go or if you need a ride and are willing to pitch in for gas. Put dates of departure and return as well as the specific location.

To check out the group, type “University of WI Stevens Point Ride Share Group” in the Facebook search bar to save on gas, get a ride or to just meet some new company.

“I see it [carpooling] as an opportunity to share past experiences and laughter while being driven together,” said senior Philip Hoffman, who has experienced many tight travel through student organizations.

We offer you the exceptional opportunity to visit the Czech and Slovakian Republics, Austria, and Hungary and to live in the cultural splendor of ancient Krakow, Poland. There, the Jagiellonian University, founded in 1364 will be your home. Offered is the unique opportunity not only to study Art History, Culture and Civilization in central, Upper Austrian, and Fabulous cultures, the reality of a states planned economy in transformation to a market economy, the tragic sweep of history in crossroads of East and West, contrasting social and economic systems the spirit and gallantry of the Polish people.

History is currently being made in East-Central Europe - experience it! Realize the little known and fabulous cultures, the reality of a states planned economy in transformation to a market economy, the tragic sweep of history in crossroads of East and West, contrasting social and economic systems the spirit and gallantry of the Polish people.

We offer you the exceptional opportunity to visit the Czech and Slovakian Republics, Austria, and Hungary and to live in the cultural splendor of ancient Krakow, Poland. There, the Jagiellonian University, founded in 1364 will be your home. Offered is the unique opportunity not only to study Polish language, culture and society but also to experience over 600 years of history, magnificent architecture and art.

During your time in Krakow, you will:

- Experience the local culture through a visit to the 12th century Wawel Castle.
- Attend a traditional Polish lunch with a local family.
- Explore the historical streets of Old Town.
- Participate in a traditional Polish dance workshop.
- Visit the famous market in Wroclaw.

You will also have the opportunity to visit other cities in Poland and the Czech Republic, such as:

- Prague: Enjoy the charming streets of the Old Town and visit the Prague Castle.
- Bratislava: Witness the beautiful architecture and learn about Slovakia's history.

This unique program offers students the chance to immerse themselves in Polish culture and language, providing a rich and rewarding study abroad experience.

Financial Aid Is Available!

CLASSES:
- Also upper division classes concentrating on the Humanities and Social Sciences:
  - Conversational/Survival and Intensive Polish
  - Art History, Culture and Civilization of Poland
  - History of Poland; East European Politics, International Studies and Photography
- Small classes, taught by Polish faculty in English, provide individual attention.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
Room 108 Collins Classroom Center
346-2717 ~ intlprog@uwsp.edu ~ www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad

The Mighty Geek Guru
Please send all or any questions to mikelrysk@yahoo.com.
Recycling goes high-tech

Katie Boseo
The Pointer
kbose67@uwsp.edu

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is known for its many sustainably focused initiatives and one student is taking the lead on investigating how UW-SP students can better dispose of electronic waste. Amanda Dent, a senior majoring in waste management, received a $6,000 UW-System Student Research Grant to assess the amount of e-waste (electronic waste) being dumped into regional landfills by students, faculty and staff.

"I wanted to create a program that would inform the community and students about the hazards of e-waste," said Dent. "Our goal is to get this e-waste to recyclers, rather than in our overburdened and overfilled landfills."

During the fall semester, Dent spearheaded an on-campus collection of e-waste, which includes cell phones, televisions, DVD and VHS players, computers and microwaves. Approximately 13,110 pounds of e-waste was collected along with two, five gallon buckets of batteries and a box full of cell phones and cell phone chargers. The e-waste was then

Is winter loosening student's waistbands?

Allison Taubenheim
The Pointer
ataub878@uwsp.edu

As holiday sweets surround the winter season and cold months keep students inside, it can be hard to stay fit. However, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point offers many healthy food and exercise options that allow students to say "no" to the treats and "hello" to exercise.

Health science major Sam Jonen said, "Explore your options."

Taking advantage of the exercise programs available and carefully choosing nutritious food is a must. "Don't just assume that pizza is the only thing to eat that tastes good," said Jonen. Another recommendation is to keep the food pyramid in mind for a healthy diet.

Co-president of the Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics Amber Vlietstra couldn't agree more. Vlietstra advises eating a combination of foods such as whole grain breads, colorful fruits, leafy green vegetables, low-fat dairy products and lean meats.

Aerobic exercise is another thing

Connecting UWSP to the WORLD

Nation-Wide Coverage area
9 month contracts
Voice Plans starting at $23.99/mo

Smart Phones
Data services
Blackberry Storm Touch
MotoQ
$25.99/mo
*Must be connected to a voice plan

Data Card Service
High speed wireless internet connection
$56.99/mo

Telephone Support Office
900 Reserve St.
026 Learning Resources Center, Stevens Point
(715) 346-2252
www.uwsp.edu/telephone
UW-SP fishing derby: new friends and prizes abound

Jenna Sprattler
The Pointer
jenna793@uwsp.edu

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will be holding a fishing derby this Saturday from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Lake Joannis in Schmeeke Reserve.

It’s a “contest to see who can catch the biggest fish,” said Eric Rajala, the travel and leisure coordinator for Centertainment. The derby will be an opportunity for UW-SP students and the Stevens Point community to enjoy the outdoor sport of ice fishing and have a chance at winning some extra cash.

“I think it’s a great way to get people outside and bring people together with a common interest,” said Rajala. “We’re always looking to hit different demographics,” Rajala said.

First prize for biggest legal fish will be $100. There are three places of cash winnings and raffle prizes also.

“I am just looking forward to getting out, fishing and having a great time with friends,” said Tom Tompkins, president of UW-SP Society of American Foresters. “Winning a prize would just be an extra bonus.”

The Stevens Point Brewery and Centertainment are sponsoring the event and have included items such as ice fishing gear and winter gear for raffle prizes.

UW-SP has held fishing tournaments in the past, but according to records, there hasn’t been one in five years, Rajala said.

“Hopefully this will be a yearly thing,” he said.

The tournament will also be a good opportunity for students and members of the community to meet a variety of people.

“With the cost of the event is free for students and $15 for non-students. All participants must have a valid Wisconsin fishing license and all fish must be regulation size in order to be kept. For more information and to sign up for the event, go to the UW-SP Ticket and Information Desk or contact Eric Rajala at eraja639@uwsp.edu.

For more information about the event, contact the travel and leisure coordinator at eraja639@uwsp.edu.

E-waste can contain such impurities as lead, mercury, lithium, bromine, cadmium and other heavy metals. The UW-Extension reported that Wisconsin residents dumped a minimum of one million computers at the Stevens Point e-waste.

Recycling pg. 5

E-waste can contain such impurities as lead, mercury, lithium, bromine, cadmium and other heavy metals. The UW-Extension reported that Wisconsin residents dumped a minimum of one million computers at the Stevens Point e-waste.

Recycling pg. 5

E-waste can contain such impurities as lead, mercury, lithium, bromine, cadmium and other heavy metals. The UW-Extension reported that Wisconsin residents dumped a minimum of one million computers at the Stevens Point e-waste.

Recycling pg. 5

E-waste can contain such impurities as lead, mercury, lithium, bromine, cadmium and other heavy metals. The UW-Extension reported that Wisconsin residents dumped a minimum of one million computers at the Stevens Point e-waste.

Recycling pg. 5

E-waste can contain such impurities as lead, mercury, lithium, bromine, cadmium and other heavy metals. The UW-Extension reported that Wisconsin residents dumped a minimum of one million computers at the Stevens Point e-waste.

Recycling pg. 5

E-waste can contain such impurities as lead, mercury, lithium, bromine, cadmium and other heavy metals. The UW-Extension reported that Wisconsin residents dumped a minimum of one million computers at the Stevens Point e-waste.
Women's basketball team campaigns for cause

Rochelle Nechuta
THE POINTER
Rochelle.Nechuta@uwsp.edu

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's basketball team has been making a major effort in the attempt to raise funds and awareness for one of every woman's most ardent enemies: cancer.

In a year-long fundraising endeavor, the Pointers and their coaches have been hosting raffles at every home game, silently auctioning off various items and asking for donations from their fans.

From the start, the project was Graduate Assistant Coach Kole Viviani's baby: Going into the UW-Stout game on Wednesday night it had garnered around $2,200. With a successful night of fundraising, the team has come dangerously close to their goal of $2,500 for the St. Joseph's Hat and Wig program. That means Assistant Coach Megan Wilson may be losing her lustrous brunette locks.

"It's pretty bold, she's just a great person with a great heart; she wanted to raise a little extra money too and she's done a great job with it," Viviani said.

Wilson will shave her head after the Saturday, Feb. 7 conference match-up against UW-Superior if the goal is indeed realized. She said she is a little nervous about the full head shave she may receive, but never hesitated to volunteer her hair-do in the name of awareness and support.

"As it gets closer, it gets more real but I don't have any regrets," Wilson said. "I'm glad I put it out there; I'm glad I could see this team and this community come together to raise money for such a great cause."

Wilson lost her grandmother to cancer and has an aunt currently battling the disease, she said that the fundraising really hits home and that she never thought twice about her decision to sacrifice for the cause.

The team will host the Women's Basketball Coaches Association "Pink Zone" night once again this season on Wednesday, Feb. 18, against UW-La Crosse. The Pointers will play in pastel pink uniforms that night in order to raise awareness for breast cancer.

"The team loves the fundraising; their families are coming out and supporting a lot," Viviani said. "I just want to tell people to come out on the 18th for our "Pink Zone" night, wear pink and we'll try to get a win."

There will be multiple goodies given away that night such as Domino's coupons, haircuts and movie rentals. Supporters are asked to wear pink to the game.

By raising their efforts this year, the team is able to offer a lot more support to the Wig and Hat program and Coach Shirley Egner remarked that it is a great thing to do for the community.

"It's for a great cause and we're working towards a goal and trying to bring some awareness to a very nasty disease," Pointer Head Coach Shirley Egner said.

---

Women's hockey: Marvin makes her mark

Ben Haight
THE POINTER
BHaight870@uwsp.edu

Stevens Point Women's hockey has been known for its winning seasons in the past couple of years, which is exactly why freshman forward Erin Marvin made it her selection.

"I came here mostly for the hockey, and my major," says Marvin, from Mounds View High School of Arden Hills, Minn.

Marvin has made a large impact as a freshman, adding extra firepower to the experienced offense. She joins top point-leaders Nicole Grossman and Dana Carothers in the top three spots in almost every individual statistics category.

Marvin was named women's division player of the week by the NCHA office on Dec. 10, after scoring four goals that week. Marvin capped a two-goal, third period comeback against UW-Superior on Saturday. She then completed her hat trick in the final minutes of the second period with a shorthanded goal against Finlandia to secure the player of the week honors.

The Pointers are currently ranked ninth, at 10-3-5 overall, and 8-3-3 in the NCHA. However, they enter the week coming off a tough home loss to UW-River Falls (2-3), in which they relinquished their solitary hold of the league's number one spot. They are now in a tie with UW-River Falls as they host two consecutive games against UW-Superior this weekend, a team that they tied 2-2 on Dec. 6.

The following weekend brings two more consecutive games against Lake Forest, the last of the Pointers' conference schedule.

So the race is on to win the NCHA championship, with just four games left for the Pointers in the NCHA. What does the freshman have to say about the rest of the season?

"Our goal is nationals, and I think that we can do it. There's been a lot of talk that college hockey in the west has nothing and we want to prove them wrong," says Marvin.

The Pointers take on UW-Superior this weekend at the Ice Hawks arena on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 7:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7, which is also Senior Day.
**Track and field gains speed**

**Nick Meyer**
THE POINTER

The Stevens Point men’s track team continued their strong start to the 2009 season on Saturday with a first place finish at the Tadd Metzger Invite at Carthage College. The team placed first of 17 teams scoring 239.5, team points on their way to their second first place finish of the season.

Coach Rick Witt enters his 31st year as Pointers head coach with a great showing in the first two meets of the season. This year’s team is showing great potential early on, and will rely on experience and depth to keep living up to that potential.

“We have a very well-rounded team where we can score in most all events,” Witt said. “This is the key to a good team. We also have very good depth in most areas.”

The Pointers have shown in the first two meets they definitely know how to score points. Eleven team members placed first during the year’s second meet and in many events finished with the top two spots. They even had a 1-5 finish in the 3,000m run.

Top finishers on Saturday included Keith Ingram in the 55m dash with a time of 6.42, Mike Dellemann and Keith Dismuske, finished 1-2 in the men’s 55m hurdles and Tim Thornburg and Terry Witkowski who finished 1-2 in the men’s one-mile run. Zach Scott-Keyser finished first in the 400m dash with a time of 51.39.

Finishing first in their events were Greg Haak (800m), Jason Lisowe (800m), Adam Duckart (1000m) and Keith Ingram (200m). In the field, Derek Stone and Jake Koss finished 1-2 in the men’s high jump, both clearing 1.98m. Mark Cufaude finished first in the men’s pole vault, clearing 4.57m.

The team has trained hard to get to this point, but their focus hasn’t been simply on speed. Distance runner Brian Finnel gave some insight into what the training has been like.

“Distance guys [run] probably about 80 miles a week, and mid-distance about 50-60, it varies with everyone,” said Finnel. “Since the season started, we have been keeping up the mileage and then incorporating workouts throughout the week.”

“All of our training to date has been about getting stronger,” Witt said. “We are working on endurance and then speed will follow later in the year.”

Later in the year the Pointers will also deal with the switch from running indoors to getting back outside and running in the fresh air. Coach Witt said the team will make adjustments in practice focusing more on intensity and less on quantity. But the biggest adjustment will be well out of the team’s control.

“The biggest adjustment is the weather,” said Coach Witt. “Indoors you have a very controlled environment.”

Though the team is off to a good start there is still a long season left. If they want to accomplish the team goals of winning the conference and being in the top 10 at the NCAA meet they will have to keep their eyes on the prize.

“Just keep the training high and do all the little things to keep on getting better,” said Finnel.

The Pointers’ next challenge comes on Friday, Feb. 6, and Saturday, Feb. 7, as they host the Pointers Invitational at the Multi-Activity Center.
Arts & Culture

Arts Bash a picture of success last weekend

Leah Gernetzke
THE POINTER
legh177@uwsp.edu

Art and philanthropy fused harmoniously this Saturday, Jan. 31, in the Noel Fine Arts Center as community artists, students and faculty showcased and sold their work to the public at the sixth annual Arts Bash.

The Carlsten Art Gallery Director Karen Heft said the event’s main purpose, to raise money for scholarships for students in the art and design and theatre and dance departments, is increasingly important.

"With the economic times in central Wisconsin it’s becoming more and more difficult for families to send students to college," she said. "So this is a big deal for us, to raise money for college."

While half of the proceeds went to providing money for students now, the other half, according to director of development of the College of Fine Arts and Communication CJ Robinson, goes into an endowment so it will continue to generate revenue long beyond the lifespan of the event.

"10, or 20 years from now there will still be money that will provide for scholarships from that money put away," Robinson said. "From that aspect, this is the largest student fundraising event on campus."

Robinson said this year’s Arts Bash has surpassed every benchmark from previous Art Bashes.

"We’re going to break the $175,000 mark over the period of six years in terms of scholarship money," he said. "Today is our biggest crowd ever. We have our largest number of sponsors ever. We’re really excited about it."

Thomas Dailing, a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point alumus and internationally acclaimed jewelry designer, also auctioned off a $2,500 necklace, which he made especially for the event, in a raffle. Tickets for the raffle sold at $10 each or three for $20.

However, featured artwork wasn’t the only means of profit from the Arts Bash.

Before the main event on Saturday night, Jeff Morin, the dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication and contributing artist to the Arts Bash gallery, hosted a nine-course dinner for 20 people. The proceeds, which amounted to around $5,000, all went to scholarships.

Tickets for the event itself, which were $50 at the door and $45 in advance, garnered a large amount of profit as well.

Once in the door, however, attendees enjoyed food and beverages donated by 14 local restaurants.

Morin emphasized the significant contribution these local establishments and community members had in the event.

"Without the community, there’s no Arts Bash," he said. "From the restaurants that have provided food for the event, to all of the community member artists who donated work to the exhibition, and the 500 people who will probably show up and have a great time, they’ve all supported students through scholarships."

Of course, not all of the art enjoyed by patrons remained behind glass; students in the theater and dance department performed several original and dynamic pieces for the guests, including "Here and Now," choreographed by Kayla Schetter and "In Dependence," choreographed and performed by Thomas Bevin and Carolyn Marcotte.

Art and design students also displayed wearable art creations in a fashion show. Artists like Kandra Shechik, whose dress of interwoven plastic bags entitled "Post-Consumer Waste Princess," carried both innovative and practical style down the runway with panache.

Innovative play “40 Days” floats to stage this weekend

Jacob Mathias
THE POINTER
math183@uwsp.edu

The first fully-staged production of Laura Eason’s “40 Days” will debut at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in the Noel Fine Arts Center’s Studio Theater on Friday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Tyler Marchant, an assistant professor in the UW-SP theater department, is directing the play. He worked with Eason while he was still living in New York and read the play before coming to Stevens Point to teach.

"It’s a really new play," Marchant said. "I loved it. I met the writer and we talked about the play... I just felt like I connected with the story.

The story takes place in a small, unnamed Midwestern river town. When the river unexpectedly floods, the people of the town are left with their own devices to cope. Only seven speaking characters are present during the performance.

The characters are relatable to the audience, as they are Midwestern and, according to Marchant, give the audience to use their imagination in order to fill in the gaps not specifically called for on stage.

"Some audience members will really get into that and have fun with that. Other audience members will have to rise to the challenge," Marchant said.

As this is the first fully-staged production of the play, Marchant and the cast met some unique challenges when developing the on-stage action.

"It’s a really great opportunity to have your art displayed for the whole community so you can show what you’ve done," said Dave Chrisinger, a student artist. "It’s also a really good way to meet professional artists that are here, and people that like your artwork enough to buy it."
From graduation to work

specific person. If you do not know the correct spelling of their name, title, address, e-mail and phone/fax number, call the employer to get it.

Begin with the purpose of your letter, stating the specific position for which you are seeking. If you were referred to the company, indicate by whom, using the name of your mutual acquaintance.

Make the reader aware that you have done your homework and know something about the company and how it fits with your interest, objectives and strengths. Tie your qualifications to what you know about the organization and the position you are applying for. Then refer them to your resume for more details.

Resumes: Though a good resume may not always get you a job, a bad one will certainly keep you unemployed. So, it must be well thought-out and carefully prepared. The main purpose of your resume is to obtain an interview. What makes a good resume? It should be a summary of what you have already achieved through your education and work experience and what you can contribute to a prospective employer. It's up to you to let them know what you can bring to their company.

Don't limit yourself to online searches: Online search engines have significant limitations. With more and more companies using prescreening software in the attempt to find the right fit for their jobs, our resumes may never reach the decision-makers. What is even worse is that most of the jobs that are available aren't even being advertised.

Networking, networking, networking: OK, while I was at the Public Relations Student Society of America's national conference last October, we were asked, "if you fall will your net work." Now don't take this in the literal sense of the phrase, read between the lines.

Ideally, anyone who is looking for a job should do so through networking. Whether it is through contacts you have made during your internship(s) (you should have at least one), friends of your parents, mentors, instructors within your college and any volunteer organization you may have come in contact with, these are the key people who will have some knowledge of jobs that are not known to the general public.

If you are looking to work within a specific company, the first thing that you should do is contact that company's human resources department and ask for an informational interview, with a vice president within the area you are looking to apply. However, when you do so, treat this as a real interview and be prepared to answer and ask questions about the industry, company and position that might be open in the near future.

During the informational interview and any other interview that you land leave modesty at home. If you can establish yourself as an up-and-coming expert in your field you will make yourself more desirable to a prospective employer. This does not mean that you should stretch the truth. The idea is for you to set yourself apart from the rest of the field and gain credibility.

Remember you are up against a number of qualified graduates and professionals. Do yourself a favor and do the job search well.
Let's hear it for The Best of Point! I've heard all of you asking why my words were absent from last week, and I am pleased to tell you that I dedicated my precious column inches to the greater good of informing all of you about the fabulous opportunities available in this fine community. I apologize to those of you who missed me, but it was for the greater good.

Valentine's Day is right around the corner, friends, and I'm sure many of you have romantic plans for the big day. However, one poor soul e-mailed me earlier this week saying he was at his wits' end trying to figure out how to impress his sweetheart. Well, my lovelorn friend, you've come to the right place. I have the perfect way to woo your special friend. I can sum it up in two words: vocal harmony.

Think about it, friend. How many times has a song been written purely to impress someone? It happens every day. Music has been an instrument of desire for as long as there's been music. You could hold a boombox over your head outside her window, but that could be a problem if your main squeeze lives in the residence halls. Plus a quality battery-operated boombox is tough to come by these days and extension cords somehow just ruin the moment.

So, of course you could learn a song to sing to your beau, but if you're already learning, why not go the extra mile and get three or four of your friends to learn with you? Harken back to the days gone by when young men could stand on street corners and sing in harmony for all the world to see. And each member of your singing group can use this same plan! It's economical romance. Romance en masse, one might say. Nothing says love like four-or-five part harmony. Not only did you put in the time and effort to learn a song, but you each learned your own part that makes part of a greater whole. It's a lot like love.

I apologize to all of those on campus who don't share my enthusiasm for vocal harmony, but put your personal feelings aside for the greater good just like I did last week. After all, this is in the name of the greatest cause of all: love.

Let your sweetie know how much you care!

Send a Valentine message through "The Pointer."

E-mail Rod at pointerad@uwsp.edu with your message by Monday, Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. 25 words for only $5!

Correction: In the article "Listen up, animals may be communicating with you," printed on Jan. 22, 2009, Dr. Yahneke was listed as associate chair of the biology department. He is chair of the department.