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Abrahamson campaign hits campus

Chief Justice encourages community to get out the vote

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Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson is up for re-election in Wisconsin, facing Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge Randy Koschnick in the April 7 election.

Students, as well as community members, filled a room in the Dreyfus University Center to hear Abrahamson speak about issues and the current campaign she is involved in.

"I urge you to get out the vote," said Abrahamson. "I want you, each of you, to vote, preferably for me, and get out the vote. I've been urging each member of my audiences to get 100 people to vote. You each have 100 friends, so bring them to vote."

She encouraged students and community members to ask questions and discuss issues on their mind. One of the topics discussed was that of an early release program for prisoners which has been proposed by Governor Doyle as a way to cut costs.

Abrahamson made the point that it doesn't matter what she thinks as the legislature will have the biggest impact on these issues and she will have to carry out their decision if made.

"This will be severely debated at great length, I'm quite sure, in the legislature," said Abrahamson.



Photo courtesy of Holly Ehrhardt

Chief Justice Abrahamson visited with the UW-SP community, answering questions on early release, elections and more. She is up for re-election on April 7, 2009.

She also discussed the process of becoming Chief Justice, as well as the many issues that have been raised around electing judges.

"There is no perfect way of selecting judges," said Abrahamson. "Every method of selecting judges has good points and bad points. My personal view is favoring the Wisconsin system now, which has been the system since 1848."

Wisconsin has elected judges since becoming a state. Abrahamson explained that people in Wisconsin during that time saw appointment

of judges as a form of patronage and wanted to have judges earn their position through merit. That is when they decided that people would choose judges.

"I favor election now because I think the people should select officers that make important decisions. Judges don't represent a specific party or ideology," said Abrahamson. "They represent the law."

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SGA election on hold; candidates break procedure

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The Student Government Association presidential and vice presidential election has been delayed until the week after spring break, due to technical issues.

Students received the original election ballot link via e-mail Friday, March 6. Many students had issues accessing the link.

"The elections committee wants the most fair solution to the technical difficulties we've been having," said Holly Ehrhardt, co-chair of the SGA elections committee. "The main problems have been with students not being able to sign in, senators not being sorted into their college and write-in votes being non-existent."

This will create some problems with a recent decision to discipline the Newton/Krumsee team made by the SGA election committee last Thursday, due to a violation of SGA constitutional election guidelines last week.

"As of 12:01 a.m. on March 12, SGA will formally remove all sponsorship from the Newton/Krumsee campaign," said the election committee statement.

Posters, handbills, concourse banners, tabling and any other form of campaigning sponsored by SGA must cease for the Newton/Krumsee team. If sponsored by a different student organization, they may continue campaigning in this manner.

The intent of the ruling by the elections committee was to penalize the team for one day, but now the elections are being extended until after break, leading the punishment to be much more extensive. The elections committee will be meeting Thursday, March 12 to discuss this punishment in light of the delay in the election.

The team received punishment because of an unauthorized mass e-mail sent to a large amount of student organization leaders. Each team is allowed one e-mail to all student organization presidents, which is to be approved before sending by the SGA advisor, Laura Ketchum-Ciftci.

The committee also asked the team about online campaign habits

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Chancellor discusses the Governor's budget proposal

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Chancellor Linda Bunnell addressed University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's future financial situation at a budget forum on March 3. Bunnell, with Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Greg Diemer and Provost Mark Nook, explained Governor Doyle's proposed budget for the 2009-2011 biennium especially as it pertains to the UW System and UW-SP.

Bunnell began the forum explaining why the university decided to wait until now to address budget issues.

"We made the decision as we have in past years not to put out partial information," said Bunnell. "To wait until we really knew what

the governor's budget was, what the UW Systems budget would be, and until we really understood the full impact on UW-SP before we came to talk to you."

Governor Doyle's budget will provide an increase to the UW System's need-based financial aid of \$12 million. It will also provide \$24 million in new funds for the Higher Education Aids Board, which will work to offset tuition increases with grants and other programs.

The budget will also cut the amount of state tax support for the UW System by \$100 million over the next two years. In the first year, \$65 million will be cut and \$35 million in the second year. It also calls for an across-the-board equal cut of 1 percent of all non-federal funds.

In addition, the budget as is will include a one time transfer of \$25 million from funds previously paid

by students and others for residence halls, athletics and other fee services.

"This is by far the largest deduction the UW System has had to deal with," said Diemer.

The plan, as proposed, will force the UW System to cut up to \$174 million in funding over the next two years. UW-SP's de-allocation will be around \$2.7 million, which is about the same as UW-La Crosse. Bunnell conveyed that UW-SP needs to be focused on the long-term rather than a quick fix.

"I want us to take a long horizon look as we make budget reductions and not just ad hoc temporary kinds of things that really will not serve us well in the long run or even in the short run," said Bunnell.

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News

Belts' opens with flurry of customers

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Belts' Soft Serve opening went off without a hitch on Friday, March 6, to kick off their much-anticipated 2009 season. University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students and community members alike braved above-freezing temperatures that brought out sensations of spring, warm weather and an appetite for ice cream.

"I don't care if it's negative fifty, I'll come out here and get my ice cream," said UW-SP senior Josh Fast.

Patrons set up as many as 15 tents Thursday night in the Belts' Soft Serve parking lot, with an estimated 40-50 people camping out to be one of the first in line to indulge in the frozen treats as well as to receive one of many free goodies handed out on the first day.

Opening day remained busy for one of the most celebrated ice cream shops in Wisconsin.

"We're always thankful when people come out to get ice cream

in March," said Belts' manager Cole Racine.

Racine said that even with the economy in recession, they're not too worried about this summer's business.

"We're a very reasonably priced ice cream shop. You can get ice cream for a family of four for under \$12," said Racine.

Indeed, Belts' plans to stick to their basics, as many businesses have in the recession. The Stevens Point landmark is proud to say they aren't changing their prices at all either.

Belts' is also proud to unveil its new puppy chow flurry this year. The Chex Mix recipe will be homemade with chocolate and peanut butter all mixed into the ice cream.

Interested patrons have until the second Sunday in October to fulfill their ice cream cravings before the store closes its doors for the winter once again.

Belts' Soft Serve, which was originally opened in 1981 by Don Belt, was recently named the best ice cream joint in town by students during "The Pointer's" "The Best Of Point" issue.



Photo courtesy of Laura Dickman

People camped out to get the first taste of Belts' soft serve this year,

Vagina Monologues returns to raise money for women in Congo

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The Women's Resource Center will again be putting on the Vagina Monologues on April 2, 4 and 5, at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, raising awareness and money to be used both globally and locally.

"The Vagina Monologues is a series of monologues based on Eve Ensler's 'Vagina Interviews,'" said Jenn Boyd, volunteer coordinator for the WRC.

Ensler interviewed hundreds of women and wrote the monologues to tell their stories. Each year she rotates in a new one to be performed, based on a current issue.

"[They consist of experiences] with men, with their own sexuality and with being a woman in today's world," said Boyd.

The WRC puts on the performance every year as part of their efforts to raise awareness about issues affecting women on the UW-SP campus. This is the fourth year that Boyd has been involved in the monologues.

"It is a great way to raise awareness about violence against women, as well as raise money to help those who are affected by violence," said Boyd.

The V-day campaign is receiving 10 percent of the show's proceeds. The campaign was inspired by the Vagina Monologues. Boyd said it is "a global movement to stop violence against women and girls."

According to their Web site, the "V" in "V-Day" stands for "Victory, Valentine and Vagina." This year, V-Day is using the money raised by performances of the monologues to

call for an end to brutality toward women in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

The remainder of the money will go to Sexual Assault Victim Services in Stevens Point. SAVS provides support, medical and court accompaniment and resource information to those who have been victimized by sexual violence.

The WRC also has been selling chocolate vagina pops in the concourse of the Dreyfus University Center, which also provides financial support to SAVS. They will be sold at the performance as well.

"It's a really fantastic, life-changing show," said Boyd. "It makes you think about women, sexuality and all the issues affecting both in a completely new way."

According to the official Web site of the Vagina Monologues, they are "based on interviews with over 200 women about their memories and experiences of sexuality. The Vagina Monologues gives voice to women's deepest fantasies and fears, guaranteeing that no one who reads it will ever look at a woman's body, or think of sex, in quite the same way again."

The Vagina Monologues will be performed at 7 p.m. on April 2, 4 and 5. Tickets are \$10, but \$5 for students with ID. They are on sale now at the Information and Ticket Center.

The WRC is located in 065 DUC. They put on events to raise awareness and empower both women and men.

"We work to make sure that everyone is equal and respected at UW-SP and in the community at large," said Boyd.

Upcoming events with the WRC include Take Back the Night and the "Get Out of the Kitchen" cook-off just before finals.

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Questions were also raised about the issue of funds outside the state being used to run campaigns for judges.

"There are a lot of problems about outside state money coming in and drowning out the candidates," said Abrahamson. "We've had the problem for a number of elections now, but they have a right to free speech. The first amendment protects that."

She emphasized her experience on the campaign, visiting cities throughout Wisconsin and campaigning directly with and to the people of the state.

"I have gone around this state many times," said Abrahamson. "I've been in Stevens Point many times. I've been at UW-SP every other year at the Mel Laird Youth Program."

Students showed appreciation for her stop in Stevens Point to meet with people in a somewhat small setting.

"I thought it was great that a candidate running for election on

a statewide level came to campus; it shows that despite the fact that we're rather small population-wise, she still has a vested interest in the city of Stevens Point and in the students of this campus," said Sam Glenzer, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student.

Other UW-SP students looked at the educational experience of being able to ask Chief Justice Abrahamson questions on law and politics.

"[She] was extremely pleasant to listen to," said Holly Ehrhardt, UW-SP student. "I felt the audience

was pleased with her presentation. She took the time to not only inform us about her personal values, but on basic judicial procedure and organization as well."

Abrahamson concluded her presentation and discussion by urging students and community members to make a difference in the world through their vote and get others to do so as well.

"We hope that, regardless of your candidate, that you do get involved," said Abrahamson.

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Nook spoke about budget principles that have been set up to strategically deal with budget issues. He put the actions they are considering into three categories: increasing revenue, making strategic investments and looking for strategic savings.

"We want to look strategically at programs to have as much of a positive impact and as small of a negative impact as possible," said Nook.

He said they intend to increase revenue by bringing in more students who wouldn't normally be here, by increasing winter and summer session enrollment as well as adding online programs. The focus is to bring a different class of students to campus.

Strategic savings actions will look at enrollment of all programs as well as making sure unique programs aren't cut. Programs are going to be looked at for viability in terms of ability to attract students to campus.

Nook conveyed a strong need to keep students coming to campus and keep enrollment up because of the portion of campus funding that is provided by student dollars which now accounts for 52 percent of the budget. Current enrollment is just over 9,100 students.

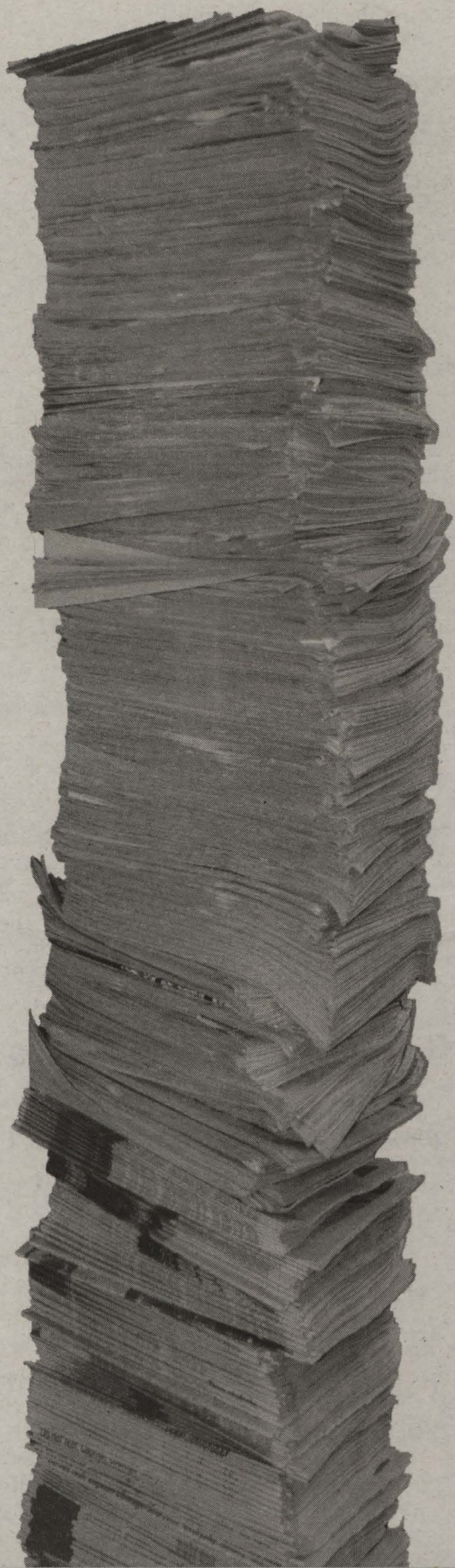
"I do believe the economy will improve. In the mean time, we will continue to identify the ways that we need to meet our core mission and that is to educate students," said Bunnell.

In her closing, Bunnell said she will be going after as much as she can of the \$160 million given to Wisconsin in the stimulus package.

"We're going to work to move this campus forward even in the face of these kinds of reduction," said Bunnell. "It's going to take every one of us working together."

The entire budget forum was recorded on video and can be viewed on the UW-SP Web site.

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Students respond to current and proposed smoking laws

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Governor Doyle wants people in Wisconsin to stop smoking, immediately. He wants a statewide, no-exemption, workplace smoking prohibition enacted as soon as possible. The bill written to help him reach the goal of banning smoking in Wisconsin is embedded in the 2009-2011 state budget along with a 75 cent tax increase on cigarettes.

The tax would generate an estimated \$291 million in two years. Doyle is also proposing cutting \$1.8 million from programs that provide help to smokers looking to quit. That number is in addition to the \$2 million in cuts already scheduled for this year.

The bill will ban smoking in all public places, including restaurants and bars, causing an outpouring of rage from restaurant and bar owners across the state. For many bar owners already facing the pinch of recession, the bill spells doom for their business.

For some students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point the possibility of a statewide smoking ban is a pleasant one.

"Personally, smoking disgusts me," said Drew Frisk. "I like the idea, but it's people's personal choice, ultimately."

Every eight seconds someone dies from tobacco use, according to the World Health Organization. That means in the time it takes to read this article 37 people will have died. But should these people be forced out of their favorite places because of a legal habit they have?

"Smokers have rights, too," said student Jordan Held. "I think its going to affect a lot of things like bars and even gas stations; a lot of people are going to be angry. People were already mad enough with the dollar raise in tax a few years ago."

Smokers on campus are already designated to certain areas and, speaking with smokers, it seems the adjustment to not being able to smoke in their favorite bar or restaurant won't be a difficult one.

"People can walk outside and have their cigarette; it seems to be working well in Madison," said student and smoker Casey Moccero. "During the winter it might be a little discomforting, but if they want to make a ban like that, look for feedback from the business that it'll affect."

Smoking on campus can easily

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Interpretations of sophistication vary across the UW-SP spectrum

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In the average life of a college student, there is not a lot of spare pocket change to paint the town red. Staying glued to a textbook and doing an infrequent stop by the University Store to buy a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point sweatshirt may be the sum and total of all shopping experiences for many. Once students obtain a degree, they can then start to entertain thoughts of what could be obtained and, consequently, displayed. A few students in the beginning of their college journeys have lent their thoughts as to what they deemed sophisticated, both now and in the future.

Most people throughout their lives point to a few benchmarks as finally having made it; the purchase of a car, and some time later, the purchase of their own home. When uttering her opinion as to what determines if a car reeks of sophistication, freshman Casey Bahr was quick to express her thoughts.

"One that runs," said Bahr.

As it came to home ownership, particularly "dream houses," Bahr had a bit more to say.

"The house must have a pool, a distinct color scheme and a bedroom, all tricked out," said Bahr.

Ashley Tabaka, a fellow UW-SP freshman, had similar things in mind for her dream house of the future.

"There would have to be the newest utilities, building materials available and the choicest decorations," said Tabaka.

Another freshman, Valorie Knaus, simply believed that having cars with her house of the future would denote refinement and elegance.

Certainly, television programs of today, like MTV's "Crisis", and Robin Leach's "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" of the past, point to this image of 17 cars, eight motorcycles and dollar-symbol shaped swimming pools. Outside of shows on television and now on YouTube, commercials also point to living in the lap of luxury.

"Those ads create an image in our head we have to be like that," said Bahr.

"It's as if that is the way we are supposed to look," said Tabaka.

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Organization re-forms itself to connect with student body

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Suffering from dwindling numbers in their organization, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College Feminists became the Gender Equality Advocates, a group set out to encompass all gender issues and present an equal view.

"It's not about women are better than men, or men are horrible, or men suck," said Emily Lindahl. "It's more of an equal view of things."

Lindahl, GEA's executive officer, proclaims that the group evolved from the College Feminists so it could cover issues and offer support for students not yet taken on by other similar student organizations. Since the change of focus, the GEA has grown from three to 10 members.

One way of doing this is "inappropriate question hour," a social session where students can discuss subjects that may be seen as taboo in normal conversation. Some topics covered are homosexuality in religion and masturbation.

The GEA also works with the UW-SP Women's Resource Center, teaming up to perform "The Vagina Monologues" and "Take Back the Night," an event for the prevention of violence against women.

"We create a safe space in here so anyone can come in and talk openly about issues," said Lindahl. "We can argue, we can debate but it all kind of comes back to why are men and women treated differently?"

"We create a safe space in here so anyone can come in and talk openly about issues."

-Lindahl

Along with campus involvement, the GEA is working for more activism for gender related issues.

"To get people together to work on those issues is another thing. That's our goal for the future," said Lindahl. "Do something about it; come talk about it and then do something to improve the situation."

GEA is currently spending a large

portion of its time lobbying for the Responsible Education About Life Act. The REAL Act would provide funding for a comprehensive sex education program in schools, rather than only having the abstinence only education. GEA is petitioning for

signatures to push the REAL Act forward. A letter to Congressman Dave Obey is also being written in support of the act.

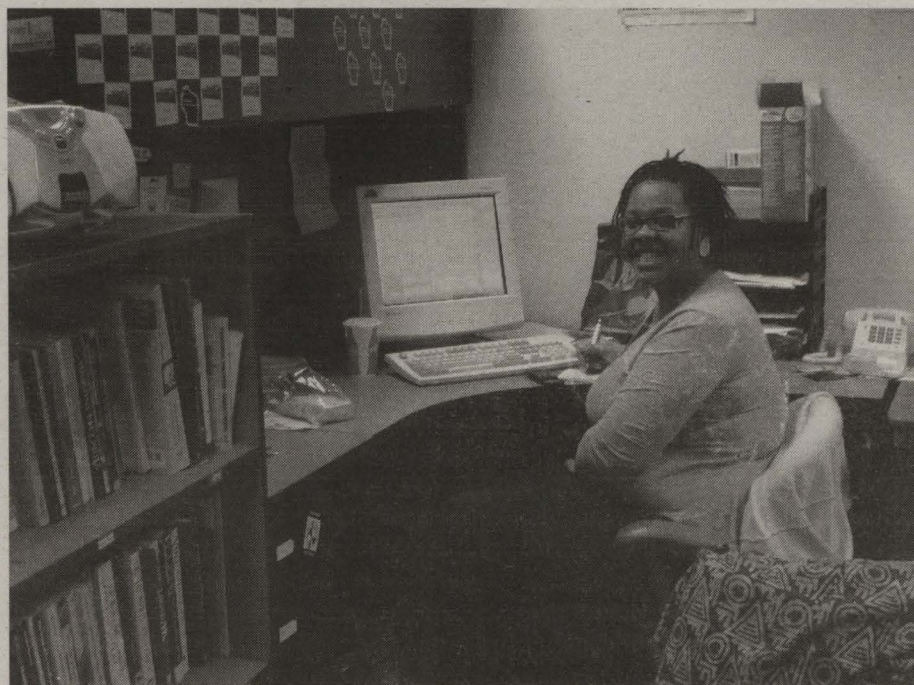


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Members of GEA work together with students at the Women's Resource Center.

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Certainly, in the everyday lives of students, images of product classism also play a role. But one of these freshmen wasn't buying the outward flash and dash of the advertising world.

"Just because an iPod is thought of better than an MP3 player doesn't mean it is [better]," said Bahr.

Another part of sophistication, clothing, echoes in many minds on campus as well. Tabaka thought that Gucci, Calvin Klein and The

NorthFace were very highly regarded brands on campus.

"Just because clothing has that brand name on it, it does not discount it from being fake clothing," said Bahr.

Students in this learning and growing environment at UW-SP will do what they can to come to gain a better understanding of the world and all that it holds. It may be the case that tastes will change for these students between now and the time

they cross the stage and are handed their diplomas. And who knows, even by that time, a college degree may not be as highly regarded.

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cause discomfort for non-smokers. Smokers tend to flock toward building entrances, especially in the winter, causing people to have to walk through their smoke clouds.

"It's not as bad as being trapped with someone in a car," said Held. "I've learned little ways around smelling it; I hold my breath."

The smell that is so off-putting to non-smokers also lingers in with those who smoke and can be hard to deal with in close classroom seating arrangements.

"I've had it happen a couple of times and it's hard to focus, and you have to find a way to not smell them. It's not really a smell you can ignore," said Frisk.

The university's current policy on smoking states that the main entrances and ventilation intake locations of all campus buildings are designated smoke-free and smoking near campus buildings is permitted only at designated entrances. This means that at least one entrance per building be designated a smoking area.

In the past, the university has tried banning smoking altogether, indoors and outdoors, on campus. The Environmental Health and Safety Committee proposed the idea and conducted research into smoking on campus. According to their resolution to make UW-SP a smoke-free campus written in 2006, 82 percent of UW-SP students didn't smoke and 78 percent preferred to socialize in a smoke-free environment.

According to meeting minutes from 2007 for the EHSC, students supported the ban in a survey in 2006 by over 70 percent and by 65 percent in an informal e-mail survey in 2007. The resolution made it to Faculty Senate, but was never implemented.

Students that voted in these surveys ultimately would prefer to not see smoking on campus. Some smokers are quitting due to increased taxes and legislation, but people still desire to smoke.

For those looking to quit, UW-SP does offer a range of cessation programs; stop by the health center for more information.

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Mountain lion discovered in Burnett County

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A Trego, Wis. man was contacted by a friend early on March 4, 2009 after some unusual tracks were spotted in his yard. The tracks turned out to be those of a mountain lion, a very rare species in Wisconsin.

The man and his hunting dogs pursued and treed the 130-pound male cougar after it was chased from Trego to eastern Burnett County. Department of Natural Resources personnel were called to tranquilize the cougar, but were unable to get to the location before the cougar escaped. After the big cat eluded the

DNR's wildlife biologists over the past few days, they decided to leave the animal alone for the time being.

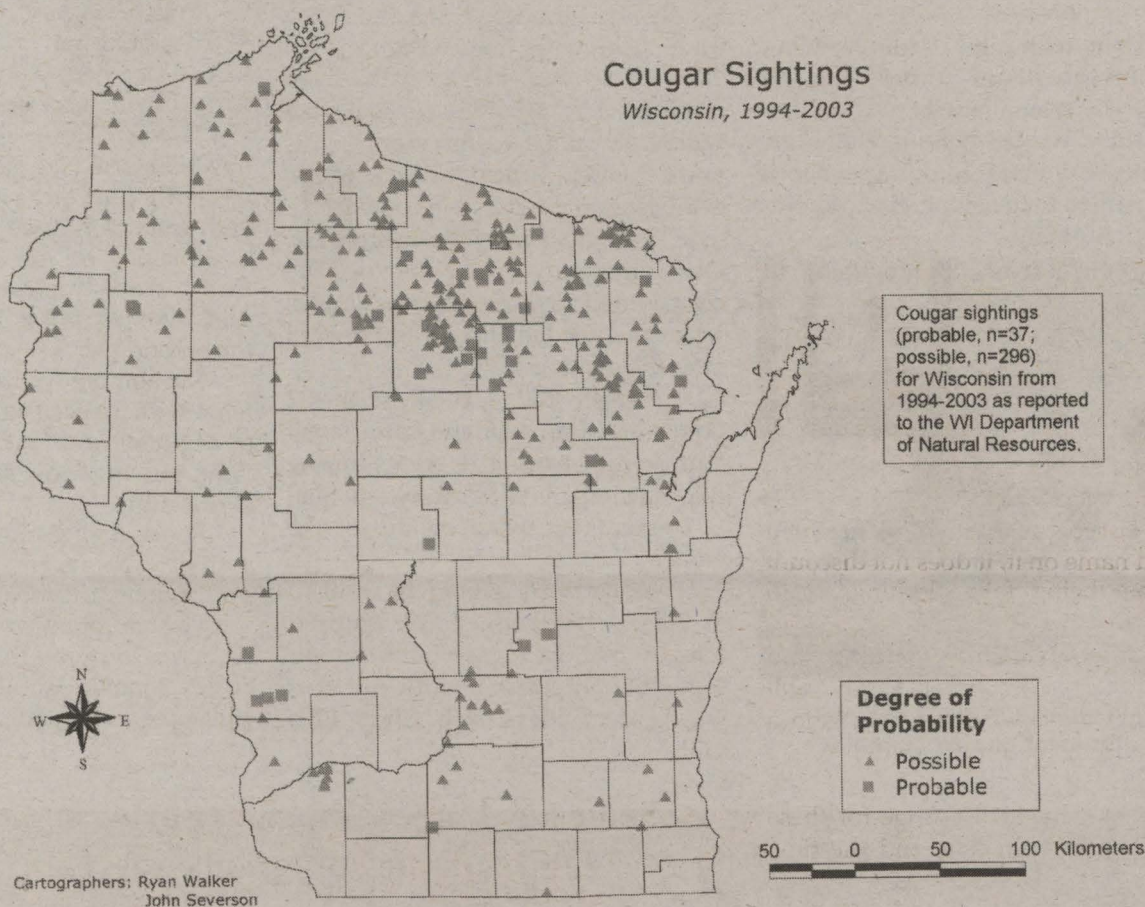
"These animals are very quick and agile and we could not make a clean capture," said Ken Jonas, wildlife supervisor. "After three days of trying to get the animal, we decided to leave it alone."

He also stressed that the DNR staff did not want to stress the animal, even though the young male cat appeared in good health.

Being only the second confirmed sighting of a cougar in Wisconsin in 100 years, wildlife biologists had been eager to capture the animal, take a blood sample and place a radio collar around its neck so they could then release it back into the wild.

Though a confirmed sighting of a mountain lion is very rare, over the years various wildlife biologists have collected reports of alleged cougar sightings across the state. Since 1991, the DNR has maintained a regular reporting system for collecting reports of cougars and other rare mammals.

The DNR appreciates any reports of cougar observations by citizens. If a cougar is spotted, the DNR urges people to photograph the animal and/or its tracks. They ask that it is reported to the local DNR with information pertaining to the time and location of the animal. A Web site is also available to report cougar sightings at www.dnr.wi.gov/land/er/mammals/cougar.



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Large turnout at UW-SP bone marrow drive

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On March 10, 2009, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and the Student Involvement and Employment Office held a life-saving event for students to partake in.

"Be the Match," an opportunity for students at UW-SP to join the bone marrow donor registry, attracted 65 students who are now on the register.

"The goal for the day was between 56 and 60 people and we exceeded that," said coordinator Ruth Welhouse. "In total, there were 65 people who are now on the National Marrow Donor Registry. Everything went fantastic today and I couldn't have asked for a better turnout."

A short form and 10 second cheek swab was all that was required to register for this life-saving opportunity. Every attendee had different reasons for registering and all were thankful for the opportunity.

Beverly Wenzel, UW-SP admissions staff member, signed on after being encouraged by a co-worker.

"I have a co-worker whose nephew had received a bone marrow transplant five years ago who is doing well," said Wenzel. "We've kind of followed his story over the last few years."

UW-SP student Edgar Wyman's uncle is currently in need of bone marrow aspirations and cannot find a match. Wyman joined the registry in hopes that another family won't have to go through the same thing.

"I feel that extra need to do it because I don't want anyone else to be in the same situation that my uncle's family is in," said Wyman. "We don't know if he's going to go, when he's going to go."

Other students were just as charitable towards others.

"Donating blood and stuff makes me feel better about myself," said freshman Gina Comozzi.

Ellen Forde, an employee at the Student Involvement and Employment office, wanted to support her group and help out others.

"I just think it's an excellent opportunity," said Forde. "Outside of the university, you might have to pay a thousand dollars to even get on the registry. It's just an excellent opportunity to passively try and help somebody out."

If you're interested in joining the bone marrow registry or want to find out more information about the bone marrow donor registry, visit www.marrow.org.

the green beat

What is Sustainability?

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As the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students we hear so much about being sustainable. But what is it? Why should we care? And what can we do to help?

According to the Merriam Webster Online Dictionary, sustainable means "of, relating to, or being a method of harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged."

However, a definition can

only give you so much. To fully understand sustainability it is important to know about just how depleted our resources are, how fast they are being consumed and what this means for our future. It is also important to understand language associated with sustainability such as biofuels, carbon footprints, composting and what it truly means to be organic. The only way to get the message across is to continuously discuss and learn about it.

According to www.nationalgeographic.com, in 2002, 65 percent of United States' oil was used, and the world was at or past peak oil. Two-thirds of the world's population has insufficient drinking water. It is projected that

by the year 2048, 90 percent of the fisheries will be lost. These statistics are happening in our lifetime, and although we can never replace those resources, we can help to preserve them now.

The city of Stevens Point is a growing eco-municipality and Chancellor Bunnell has proposed a pledge for our campus to sign saying that we will change or upgrade our habits towards living more sustainably as well as work toward becoming a carbon-neutral campus.

We planted trees in second grade for a reason. It may not have been clear now, or yet, but hopefully it will be soon. Keep it clean, keep it green.

Sports

Women's basketball on to NCAA Sweet Sixteen

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's basketball team displayed an arsenal of offensive and defensive weapons during both rounds of the NCAA Division III tournament in Berg Gym on Friday and Saturday.

A neatly executed come-from-behind win against Concordia University in the second round of the tournament ushers the Pointers into the Sweet Sixteen on Friday, when they take on undefeated, number one-ranked Illinois Wesleyan in the NCAA Sectionals.

"It doesn't matter," Head Coach Shirley Egner said regarding the upcoming game against the highly successful Illinois Wesleyan team. "You want to be the best; you've got to beat the best, so let's lace them up and go."

Different players excelled during the weekend on both sides of the ball

for the Pointers.

"We've changed our system because of who we have right now," Egner said. "We typically have been smash-mouth, 'throw-the-thing-and-go.' My job is to find kids who are going to fit in and take their strengths and use them to our advantage, as we still continue to work on our weaknesses."

The team is fourth-ranked on D3hoops.com with a 26-3 overall record going into the third round of the NCAA Division III tournament. Egner recently received her third Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year award.

Champions of the regular season title and the WIAC Championship tournament, UW-SP made a sweep of the conference on their way to the NCAA Division III tournament. Further accolades include players Britta Petersen, Janell Van Gimple and Katie Webber earning First Team All-WIAC honors. Senior Jessi Sporle was named to the Honorable Mention All-WIAC team.



Photo by Rochelle Nechuta

ROUND 1:

The Pointers beat Maryville, MO., 77-62 in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Berg Gym at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 6.

By halftime the Pointers built a 41-24 lead with the assistance of a 17-point scoring streak. With seven minutes left in the competition, Maryville pulled within eight points of the Pointer lead, but was not able to capitalize on the possible comeback.

"It's a great win for our program. Our community got behind us. The crowd lifted us those last five minutes when we needed them," Egner said after the game.

Petersen led UW-SP with 22 points and four rebounds and Janell Van Gimple earned 16 points during the matchup. UW-SP scored a total of 19 points off turnovers during the game.

"We certainly would have liked to have a higher seed. We showed tonight that we deserved that, but sometimes it doesn't work out that way," Maryville Coach Chris Ellis said.

ROUND 2:

Taking on the Concordia, Falcons left the Pointers with a 78-58 victory and a ticket to the Sweet Sixteen on Saturday, March 7, in Berg Gym.

Concordia built a 13-6 lead early in the first half, but the Pointers turned on the jets to score 27-8 that earned them a comfortable lead.

"I was a little disappointed with how we started the game, but we have to credit Concordia with that. They had nothing to lose coming in here and playing on our home floor and they just really played hard," Egner said. "We just put it into overdrive in the second half."

Sophomore Andrea Fleas led the team with a spectacular performance of 22 points and two 3-point baskets, only missing one shot during the entire game.


Sporle had 17 points and Petersen scored 16 points and six rebounds to contribute to the victory.

The Pointers will play in the NCAA Division III sectionals on Friday, March 13, at Illinois Wesleyan with tip-off at 8 p.m.




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(Top right) Senior Janell Van Gimple crashing the basket against Maryville.
(Bottom left) Britta Petersen, Coach Shirley Egner and Katie Webber at a press conference after the Concordia game.



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Climbers come from across the state to compete at annual competition

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Members of the climbing community from all over the state scaled their way to the top at the annual University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point climbing competition on Friday.

Climbers from Madison, Milwaukee, La Crosse, Wausau and Stevens Point gathered at the climbing wall in the Multi-Activity Center of the Health Enhancement Center.

"We had a 50-year-old guy all the way down to an 8-year-old kid," said UW-SP climbing instructor Jeremy Erickson. Anyone was allowed to compete in the climbing competition, hosted by the UW-SP climbing wall, except for the climbing instructors, who set up the routes.

"When you set up for competitions you want to make sure to set a diversity of routes because you want to be able to fit different skill levels from beginner to advanced," Erickson said.

Competitors entered into three different categories of beginner, intermediate or advanced. The climbing instructors belayed for the competitors and made sure they

climbed the correct routes.

"You can climb as many [routes] as you want but they take the five highest scores," said competitor and UW-SP alumnus Sam Janicki.

Supervisor at the climbing store Nicros, Inc., in St. Paul, Minn., Janicki helped sponsor the event by supplying climbing holes and training tools from his company.

Gifts and prizes were awarded from a variety of local stores including Divepoint Scuba, Noodles and Company, Polito's, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut.

There were over seventy people at the event observing or competing Erickson said.

"I think it's great to see everyone coming out and being supportive regardless of their competition level," competitor Jesse Neumann said. He provided the musical entertainment for the competition with his computer and speaker system.

Despite a great turnout, there's always the risk of getting hurt while climbing, just like in any sport.

"Some consequences to climbing on that [boulder wall]," said climbing instructor Jim Rasico as a competitor lost her grip and fell about eight feet.

"You can climb up to 15 feet without a belayer," he said, "just make sure you have a spotter and

pads underneath you."

While it only takes 20 minutes to go through belay school training, some climbers thrive off the thrill of dangling up to 15 feet high without any protective harness. There have only been two accidents with broken ankles over the past few years, said Erickson.

UW-SP students can receive belay

certification for free, while it costs faculty and community members \$10. The climbing wall is open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday and Fridays 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"The climbing wall brings together a strong community of strong people," Erickson said.

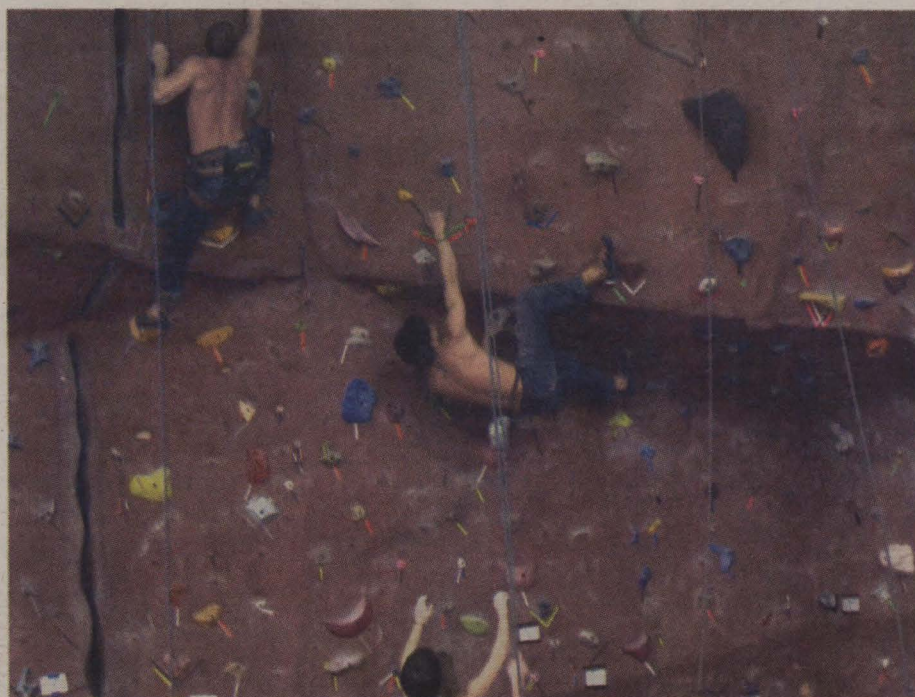


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UW-SP alumnus Sam Janicki (right) came back to compete in the annual rock climbing competition. Janicki helped out by supplying extra equipment.

Point wrestlers claim fifth and sixth place at NCAA championships

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Wrestling for the title four Pointers participated in the two-day 2009 NCAA Wrestling Championships.

Held in the US Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and hosted by Coe College, Cornell College and the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the tournament permitted the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point wrestlers to finish a season that made head coach Jonny Johnson proud.

Wrestling for Johnson and qualifying for the NCAA championships were three seniors:

165-pound Jake Wozniak, 144-pound Chase DeCleene and 133-pound Jered Kern, as well as 184-pound sophomore Ben Engelland.

Engelland took fifth place in the nation, and finishing behind him for sixth was DeCleene.

"Both athletes are great guys to coach; they work hard and do everything you ask of them," said Johnson of the two, who also received National Wrestling Coaches Association scholar-athlete awards.

DeCleene won his first match 3-2 over John Paxos. However, a loss sent him to the fifth place match. Defeated by Luke Baum 13-1, he finished in sixth place.

Engelland, however, won his last

match of the NCAA championships, conquering Bryan Lenhardt 9-4 to claim fifth place.

"It was an intense match and emotions were high," said Engelland.

Johnson can foresee a tremendous future for Engelland, saying Engelland "certainly has the potential to be a national champion."

Engelland said his biggest challenge was staying mentally motivated throughout the lengthy season. However, he attests that having great teammates to push him along the way helped keep his attitude positive.

"We battled through injuries and adversity," said Engelland, who was disappointed the team didn't reach

their goal of becoming conference champions when they fell behind by only two points.

Ending the season with a 16-4-1 record and a 10th place ranking for the dual meet season, Johnson said, "We took a pretty young team a long way."

The team also succeeds academically with a team GPA of 3.22 and five scholar all-Americans.

Only losing four seniors, the team still has many top state wrestlers committed to UW-SP for next year.

"All the pieces are in place to continue Stevens Point's great wrestling tradition," said Engelland.



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Arts & Culture

International Club to present world cuisines

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Although the end of spring break usually means leaving exotic culture and gastronomical adventure behind until the next hiatus, this year that won't be necessary.

The 39th annual International Dinner on April 4, which will be held in the Laird room of the Dreyfus University Center from 5:30-9:30 p.m., might lack the sun and warmth of your spring break destination, but it will have an array of food and entertainment not typically found in Stevens Point.

The dinner is hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's International Club, which was founded by the Foreign Student Office. This year's theme is "global connection" and will feature decorations, like photos of cities, from around the world.

International Club's president, Won Jun Cha, said over the years the event has expanded in terms of attendance and volunteers.

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



Photo courtesy of Won Jun Cha

Participants of last year's International Dinner celebrate the diversity of their cultures.

helping more."

Individuals from around the Stevens Point area are all welcome to volunteer to help with cooking, entertainment, set-up, hospitality, video and photography of the event. Volunteers have already been meeting weekly since February to organize and plan for an expected list of around 300 guests.

"This is just a great way to get in touch with the Stevens Point community," Cha said. "It's great that so many people want to help out."

He said students from the International Club will represent their cultures by presenting regional dishes, taking part in the talent show and displaying traditional garb in the fashion show held toward the end of the night.

Dishes on the menu are from countries as far-ranging as Korea, France, Japan, India, Peru, Thailand, Australia and many more. International Club members and community and student volunteers will do all of the cooking for the

dinner.

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

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

When the guests are fully satiated from these exotic dishes, a short intermission will take place before 12 entertainers will take the stage to perform for three-to-four minutes each. This portion of the evening will be open to the public.

Applications for auditioning to perform at the International Dinner are still open until the March 20. Auditions will take place on March 23.

For more information on the event, please contact the UW-SP Foreign Student Office or e-mail International Club at iclub@uwsp.edu. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the University Information and Tickets Office in the DUC, or by calling 715-346-4100.

Book recommendation of the week: Gray's Bob Dylan Encyclopedia

Tom Reich

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You've probably all heard of the never-ending tour, but how many of you know who the real Sergei Petrov is? How about Big Bill Broonzy? Just who was Blind Willie McTell? What's the real story behind the "Brownsville Girl?"

Well, as only Bob Dylan could say, "It's all been written in the book." Indeed, it's all here, and much more, in the 800-plus page Bob Dylan Encyclopedia with CD-ROM (2006, 3rd edition), a culmination of over thirty years of research by Michael Gray.

Gray, a recognized authority on the history of rock 'n' roll and the blues, earned his own cadence as a student journalist during the 1960s by being one of the first in England to interview Jimi Hendrix. Gray went on to pen a pioneering study of "Bob Dylan: Song and Dance Man" in the 70s, "Mother: The Frank Zappa Story," in the 80s, "The Elvis Atlas," in the 90s, and "Hand Me My Travelin' Shoes: In the Footsteps of Blind Willie" McTell, in 2007.

Gray's "Bob Dylan Encyclopedia" is immense in scope, covering most of Dylan's songs, albums, film work and the countless personalities intertwined with Dylan's aptitude to say more with less.

Gray doesn't shy away from

offering opinions, suggesting it was the Grateful Dead in 1988 who re-awakened Dylan's interest in playing live - a persuasion by example of "the virtues of sticking at it, year in year out" - of adopting a never-ending tour state of mind. Entries even include Wisconsin Rapids' very own Dave Engel, author of "Just Like Bob Zimmerman's Blues: Dylan in Minnesota" and co-author, with Portage county's Justin Isherwood of "Ring Them Bells: a Mid-State Poetry Towers Collection."

Guess we'll have to wait to see if Bob's recent expressions of "Hope" or WWSP FM 90's "Dylan weekend" are included, should Gray do a fourth edition. In the meantime, take Bob's advice as he once crooned to Rita, "I'm gonna have to go to college, 'cause you are the book of knowledge, Rita May."

Check out this book or any of the 22 "Bobland" titles located in the university library's stacks and IMC! Who knows; you might even find Rita or Sergei in the library!

You can find this book on the fourth floor of the university library, call number ML420.D98 G68 2006.

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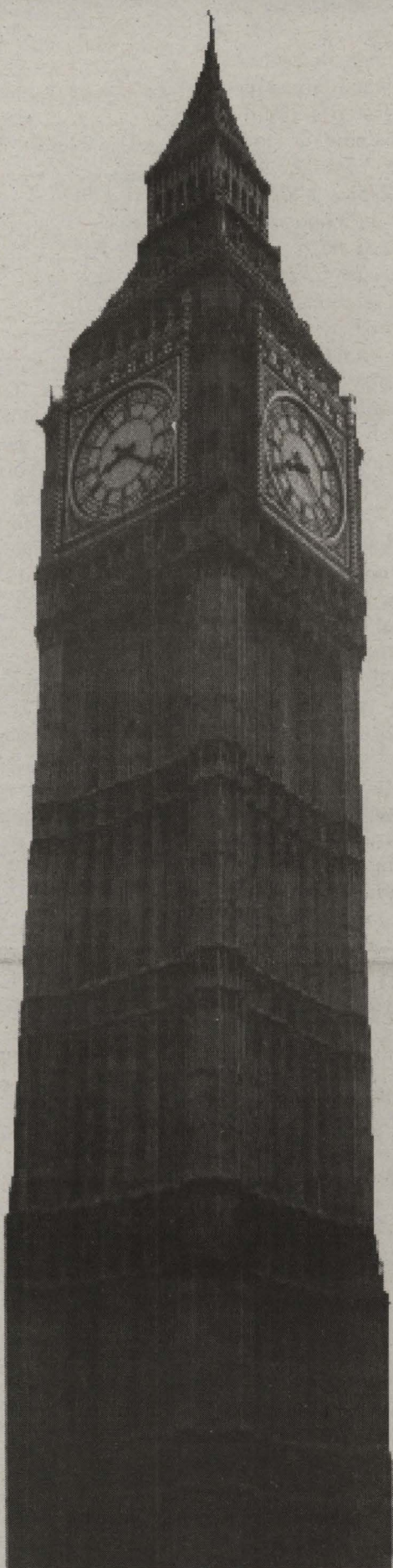
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Self-proclaimed "Spice Girls of Folk" pair music and humor with flair

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Entertaining a full house on Tuesday, March 10, as part of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Performing Arts Series, musical talents known as the "Four Bitchin' Babes" had the audience laughing, participating and singing along.

The recipe is simple. "Start with four richly gifted singer-songwriters, add three quarters of a cup married life, four kids, four part harmony vocals, one piano, four guitars, one rockin' purple Bass, a pinch of PMS and a wardrobe of bling-bling," and you've got, according to the Four Bitchin' Babes Web site, a new show that "celebrates the best of babes, boys, and Botox."

Called "traveling Oprah Winfreys" by The Boston Globe, this comedic road show performed "Hormonal Imbalance ... A Mood-swinging Musical Revue" at Sentry Theater in Stevens Point.

This group of gals, made up of singer-songwriters Debi Smith, Deirdre Flint, Sally Fingerett and Nancy Moran, performed original, emotional and comedic songs and narratives. With songs titled "The Boob Fairy," "Viagra in the Water,"

and "Taxidermal Therapy," the Babes sang about many of the pains and pleasures in life.

"Their comedy is so honest and so true," said freshman Maggie Hall, who attended the performance with friends. Hall said the Babes reminded her of her own mom, and she summed up the performance with the word "amazing."

Formed 17 years ago, the Bitchin' Babes have toured nationally, created seven recordings and one full-length concert DVD. Signing autographs after the show, Babe Fingerett said jokingly that an autographed CD just might help audience members sell it for more on Ebay.

The initial idea of touring gal pals came from Christine Lavin after releasing a successful compilation CD of winter folk songs with some of her friends many years ago. Starting their tour in Chicago and traveling to places like Salt Lake City, Boston and New York, these women polished harmonies and shaped the group "Four Bitchin' Babes," which has attracted many fans over the years.

For more information, visit their Web site www.fourbitchinbabes.com or their MySpace site at www.myspace.com/4bitchinbabes. Jestin for the audience, Babe Moran offered the advice, "Do not just Google 'Babes' because you will not get us."

Food fair concentrates on economy

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Insight into healing some of our economic wounds was apparent at the 2009 Local Food Fair last Tuesday.

movement, a rising development in central Wisconsin and throughout the country. Hundreds of local community members visited the stations throughout the commons area to learn a bit more about the benefits of buying local produce.

"A farm is a raw material



Photo by Jenna Spattler

Sales managers Peter Balsden and Sarah Jo Karoses of Bice's Quality Critter Ranch explain how purchasing their local product can benefit the local community.

Purchasing food from local farmers may boost our local economy, said supporters of the movement.

Sprawled throughout the commons area of the Stevens Point Area Senior High School were representatives of the local food

producer," said Chris Malek of Malek Family Stewardship Farm, LLC.

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Letters & Opinion

High Five: Gets help



Steve Apfel
COLUMNIST

Friends, I've heard a rumor about myself circulating, and I would like to set the record straight. Yes, it is true that my pretty face is sporting a bit of a shiner in the eye area. It is also true that it was received through a bit of violence. However, I would like to tell you the story of what really happened so all of the half-versions can cease and my good name will not be tarnished.

This past Saturday, I was out with some friends having a simply wonderful time. Perhaps we were a bit rambunctious, but not to an extent that was impeding the good time of anyone else anywhere we went. All of a sudden I felt a very demanding tap on my shoulder, turned around, and was met with the business end of a pummeling fist!

I was taken aback to be sure! To my knowledge I had done nothing to

offend anyone, and I certainly would not incite violence! Never!

Apparently the gentleman who accosted me was unhappy with something he'd read in last week's column, specifically the casting of Dorothy Barnard as the leading lady in the upcoming musical. It would seem the feisty boy is a highly zealous fan of Ms. Lizzy Joanis and thought she was the only clear choice for the role. He clearly believed actions spoke louder than words in voicing his opinion. Luckily for me, Avra thought similarly, swinging out of hiding to beat the ever-living snot out of my assailant. The first rule of effective nonviolence is to travel with a violent person. In my case, I never travel without Avra, but her bravery has won her the right to no longer be called a stalker.

Now that the record has been set straight about that incident, let's talk about more pleasant things, shall we? It is, after all, only a few short days until spring break is officially underway! I've heard of the exciting plans that many of you have and I wish each and every one of you the greatest deal of safety and fun to be had on all of your wild adventures. I look forward to all of the plentiful pictures and scintillating stories when you return.

However, I will not be able to accept any of the fantastic invitations that have been extended to me for

my spring break; mine will be spent in rehab. Yes, dear readers, I am only human and have my vices. In the past few months, my greatest vice has gotten out of control and I must reach out for help. The first step is admitting I have a problem, so I now turn to you and say that I, Steve Danger Apfel, am a compulsive online shopper. I truly hope that this affliction will not make you think less of me.

This problem has begun to take a toll on my personal relationships and I know there are more than a few who have been worried about me. I also know you only worry because you care. One of you clearly cares so much as to put me in touch with counselor Beckee McDermott at the C. Nichols Rehabilitation and Recreation Clinic in sunny Glendale, Ariz.

I will be leaving this Friday afternoon for my week-long program at the clinic where Ms. McDermott will help me once again become acclimated to performing acts of commerce in actual public places. I regret to inform you that I will be nigh unreachable, as I will not be allowed Internet nor cell phone privileges during the program. It's really for my own good.

I am confident that with the help of the clinic staff and the support of so many of my friends and loved ones that I will be able to overcome this crippling addiction and be able to be my old self when we return.

Dear Lady V-

My beef with the female sex is that there are tons of sexual etiquette rules that are not told to most men, except through trial-and-error, usually turning out badly, and having friends go through it, in which case you learn by hearsay.

For example, never have sex unless you plan to date them or are interested in them afterward,

assuming no lies about such interests are told.

While taking virginity, it is assumed that you have to make it rather special and preferably be in love with them first.

If you take virginity and then break up with the girl anywhere between zero to 12 months later, you are an asshole.

While some of these emotions may be reasonable, it's silly to expect everyone to know these things. Not everyone learned these things in

high school. Some people are going through these things for the first time in college, and while it may not be fun or romantic to talk about, it's important. I screwed up at least one to two times personally because I didn't know about these rules. You can call me as boneheaded as you like, but how am I supposed to know? They certainly don't teach that in health class. And generally, read with tongue in cheek.

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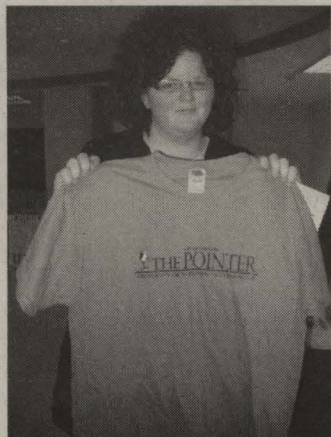
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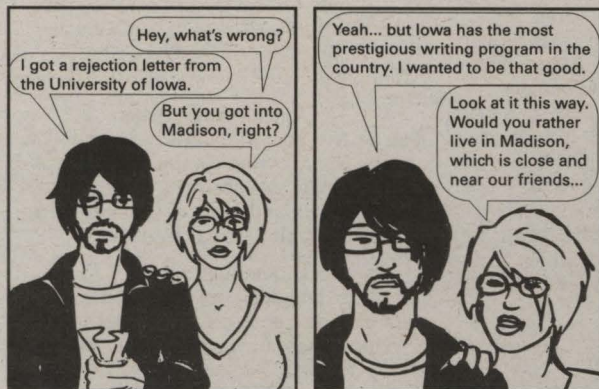
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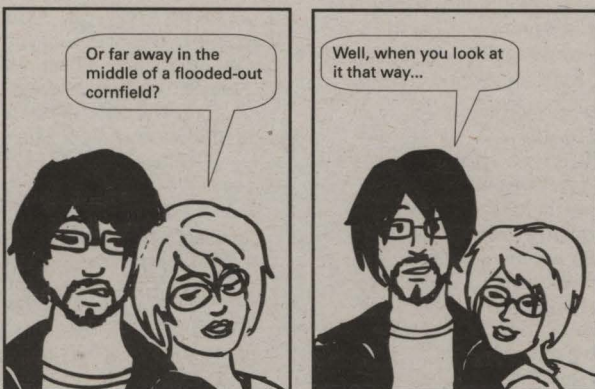
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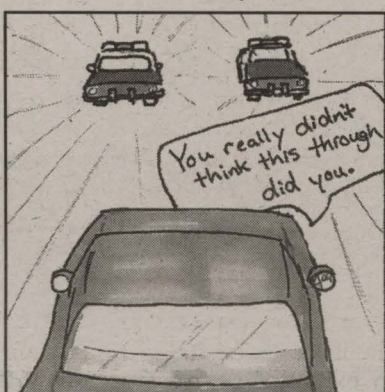
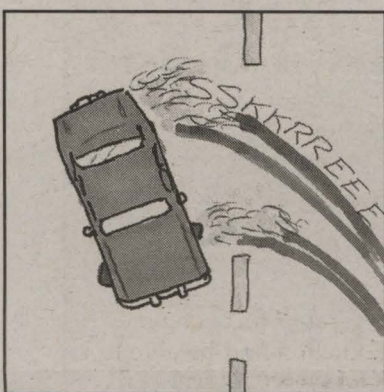
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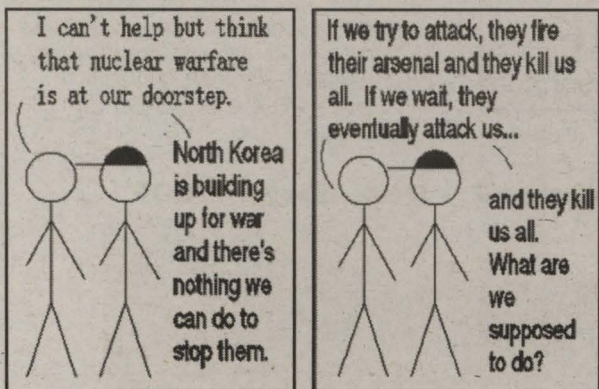
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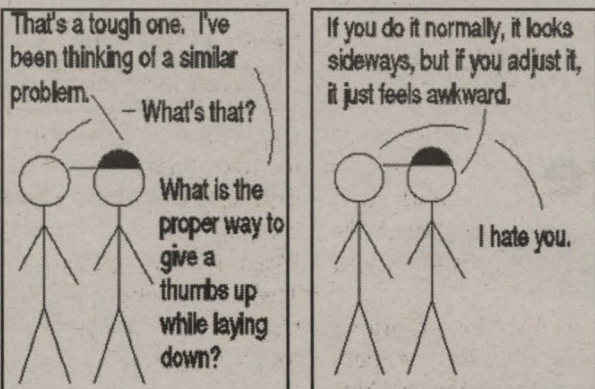
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within the SGA office.

"The only time I have personally used SGA computers is to check my e-mail. I didn't use anything to print on SGA computers. We have not used SGA resources for the purposes of our campaign, with the exception of the \$75 that we've been allocated. We have not had anything in the office discussing the campaign," said Newton.

Nominees are not allowed to use the SGA office for any business pertaining to the campaign whatsoever. This includes going on Facebook election pages, holding meetings, wearing a party's button or even talking about the campaign in the SGA office.

"We were really caught off-guard by this because we have been very careful, as careful as we can reasonably be expected to be," said Newton.

The team admitted to making mistakes but also feels targeted by the elections committee.

"The purpose of the elections committee is to ensure that there is a fair campaign and a fair election on this campus and that's not what's taking place here," said Newton.

The Asbach/Schultz campaign has had a poster taken down from the main Dreyfus University Center posting board as it exceeded the size limit for posters.

SGA plans to prevent problems in future years by creating procedures for elections to ensure smoother transitions.

"Another problem with elections is that there is no institutional memory with the elections committee," said Ehrhardt. "We're going to create an election manual so that the same procedures get followed in future years."

New election ballots will be e-mailed to students after spring break.

From **Food Fair** pg. 9

"All economies start from a raw product."

There are over 50 varieties of certified organic potatoes grown on his farm in Rosholt, Wis. The potato tots get sold to different restaurants, co-operatives and cafeterias. Most of the potatoes eaten at the fair were donated by Malek.

"When farmers make money, they spend it in the local economy," he said. "You can't do that if the farmer is shorted."

While buying local certainly supports the farmers producing the crop, it can also support the local community as money is more likely to stay there and circulate.

"The money's staying in the same area and it's being recycled," said Sarah Jo Karoses, a sales manager for Bice's Quality Critter Ranch of Vesper, Wis.

It can also save money by having fewer people handling the food.

"We are providing a lot of local people food so that it doesn't need to be shipped thousands of miles," said Mark Anderson of Sunny Sky Farm in Amherst, Wis.

Anderson's farm works as a Community Supported Agriculture system, where shareholders purchase his produce before the growing season begins. This commitment establishes a close relationship to the farmer and food purchaser.

This season, Anderson will be collaborating with Bice's and establishing a meat co-operative.

"I think it's really beneficial that people have a wide spectrum of local products available to them in one spot," said Peter Baisden, sales manager for Bice's.

The large turnout that evening signified an increase of awareness the economy has played in regard to the traditional habits of obtaining food.

"The turnout tonight has raised the awareness of the local food economy...It's probably ten times bigger than last year," said Larry Raikowski, of Raikowski Farm in Junction City, Wis., "I definitely believe it will continue to grow."

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