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## Campus chalk messages defaced

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Last week Monday, the Pointers for Life messages left on the sidewalks were defaced within hours of being written.

The messages from the Pointers For Life include, "There are 3,470 abortions every day in the U.S.," "There are over 2,000,000 couples waiting for adoptions every year in the U.S.," "Abortion stops a beating heart," "Valuing life is not weakness, and disregarding it is not strength" from the movie "The Incredibles," and "A person's a person no matter how small," from a Dr. Seuss book.

"Any other comments or phrases that were chalked were not done by us or anybody affiliated with us. We do not support these statements and



Photo by of Alyssa Riegert

One of last week's many chalking vandalisms.

find them very offensive to women. We try to do as little controversial demonstrations as possible. But our main goal is just to spread the message of life and love," said Mathew Peeters, president of

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## National casting director visits UW-Stevens Point

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Making it in the theatre business seems like a fantasy to most people at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point but for 10 chosen singing stars, that fantasy seemed a little more real on Monday night. Dave Clemmons, of Dave Clemmons Casting out of New York, visited the campus to scope out these 10 upcoming stars.

UWSP has always been proud of its music department, but lately others are noticing too. For such a small town and school, getting big names, like Clemmons, is almost unheard of, but UWSP is making a name for itself. "When doing auditions in New York I had been noticing a lot of great talent from UWSP's music and theatre program. I wanted to see what was going on over here so I contacted Tim Howard to set up a time to visit," said Clemmons.

"It is such a huge honor that someone like Dave Clemmons recognizes our music program. It was a career changing opportunity for us," said Elizabeth McMongale, UWSP music and theatre student, who participated in the master's program Monday night. "And meeting with him was great. He was so nice but completely honest at the same time."

He was also able to attend the Sunday showing of the school's rendition of "RENT" saying "This

version, in my opinion, was better than the traveling tour from last year. I was truly impressed."

Monday night he rehearsed with 10 of the music department's students. "These students were chosen on who could benefit the most from the rehearsal," said Tim Howard, a professor in the theater and dance department. This bunch included seven seniors, three juniors and two sophomores studying theatre and music here at UWSP. Each student prepared a piece to sing in front of Clemmons fully prepared for critiques after.

"For me it was nice because Dave saw my performance in "RENT" the day before. So when choosing a song I felt I could do something a little different than my role in "RENT" so he could see my variety," said McMongale.

Clemmons said to the master's class, "I have jobs to fill; it might as well be you." Clemmons answered questions from the crowd, which included any theatre and music students wishing to come. He also included tips on what do to and what not to do and his own personal experience with the business.

As the company heads into its eighth year of business, Dave Clemmons Casting has cast over 80 Broadway, off-Broadway, National Touring and Regional productions.

## UWSP student in critical condition

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A 20-year-old University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student, Kayla Wilke, fell from a 34-foot high window at 920 Main St. early Friday morning. Officers responded to the call at 1:05 a.m.

She was flown to Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield.

Alcohol was ruled a factor in the incident and citations were issued to the other people at the private gathering for underaged drinking. It is yet to be determined if there will be any criminal charges filed.

It has been reported that someone kicked down a locked door to the roof of the building. A group of five went on the flat roof to smoke.

Sgt. Greg Bean said an eyewitness of the incident told investigators that Wilke sat on a ledge, apparently lost her balance and fell, either backward or off to one side.

"According to the information that I have is there was only one 911 call that came in, and it came from a person who was down on the sidewalk who heard her hit the ground," said Tomlinson.

"She's holding her own. She is in critical condition. There is no question about that. But in my conversation with the family they have described her as stable. There's been little elements of progress everyday," said Bob Tomlinson, the vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

When the family received the phone call early Friday morning, it didn't seem Wilke was going to make it.

Tomlinson, Mark Nook, interim chancellor and a few of Wilke's professors have been to the Marshfield intensive care unit to visit her.

Tomlinson said her injuries consisted of two punctured lungs, ruptured spleen, broken shoulder and four broken vertebrae. The swelling in her brain has not increased.

"I think it serves as a wake up call for all of us that ... we have to look out for each other, that we have a responsibility, I think, or an obligation," said Tomlinson. "If some one else gets hurt we outta do what we can to get help on the way."

Tomlinson said he does not want this to be another incident that makes students look like they are the only ones with an alcohol issue. It is a community concern.

"I think our students get labeled too many times in the local press. We have as many drunk problems in the summer when the students are gone," said Tomlinson.



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## News

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Pointers for Life.

"It's one thing to state what you believe but it's another thing to be crude about it," said Lindsey Friesen, UWSP student.

Like many students, Friesen was outraged with the messages.

"Not only is it offensive to me as a woman that anyone feels they have the right to tell me what to do with my body, but I feel that what has been written this time is way over the line and is probably offensive to many people whether they are pro-choice or not. It's just very degrading to women and whoever wrote it ought to be ashamed of themselves," said Friesen.

The degrading chalking was reported to Protective Services and an investigation may take place. What is to be done about the defaced messages is unknown at this time.

"Regardless of where a person stands on the content of the message the fact that someone thought they could deface someone else's expression because they didn't agree with it is unacceptable," said Bob Tomlinson, vice chancellor for Student Affairs. "There's nothing wrong with disagreeing with somebody but when you deface the message, what gives that individual the right to trample on somebody else's freedom of expression rights? Whether we agree or disagree with the content of the message, the right to express it has always got to be protected here."

If Protective Services decides to pursue an investigation and a guilty party is found they will most likely be sent to the Rights and Responsibilities Board for punishment and behavior adjustment.

There is no current chalking policy, but reserving a space on the sidewalk is accepted for organizations or other reasons to express one's beliefs or to inform the student body of an event.

A possible chalking policy might have to be made, but the body that would be in charge of that is unknown at the time.

"As a campus community we want everyone to feel comfortable and safe in this area," said Scott Asbach, Student Government Association president.

"My biggest concern is I hope our student leaders being student government ... in particular would really reaffirm to all of our students how much we as an institution value the right of free speech," said Tomlinson. "Every student here should feel comfortable in expressing their opinion. We expect people to disagree. Do so in an intellectual way, not in a way that brings gutter words."

## Portage County expresses major healthcare concern to Feingold

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Wisconsin senator Russ Feingold visited Portage County as the last stop of his listening sessions this year.

He was at Stevens Point Area Senior High last Thursday to listen to his constituents.

The overall main concern for the Portage county residents in attendance was the healthcare bill.

"Your county is almost perfectly reflecting the split on this issue," said Feingold.

Wisconsin-Stevens Point student and president of College Democrats.

The UWSP student body was strongly represented.

"I was glad to see that UWSP students were among those in the crowd. Wisconsin is fortunate to not only have legislators that are willing to hold listening sessions, but also to have so many informed and involved residents," said Ubbelohde.

Some community members even seemed genuinely concerned with college age students.

Chris Yari, UWSP student and Student Government Association

ignored for one reason or another.

Yari went on to explain how Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security do not allow for college-age students to be eligible.

"What is being done for us?" said Yari.

"I believe there are significant provisions in the senate finance bill to address your age group particularly ... I remember a presentation the caucus discussing how that particular age group was going to be benefited from those provisions," said Feingold.

He told Yari he would have someone contact him with that

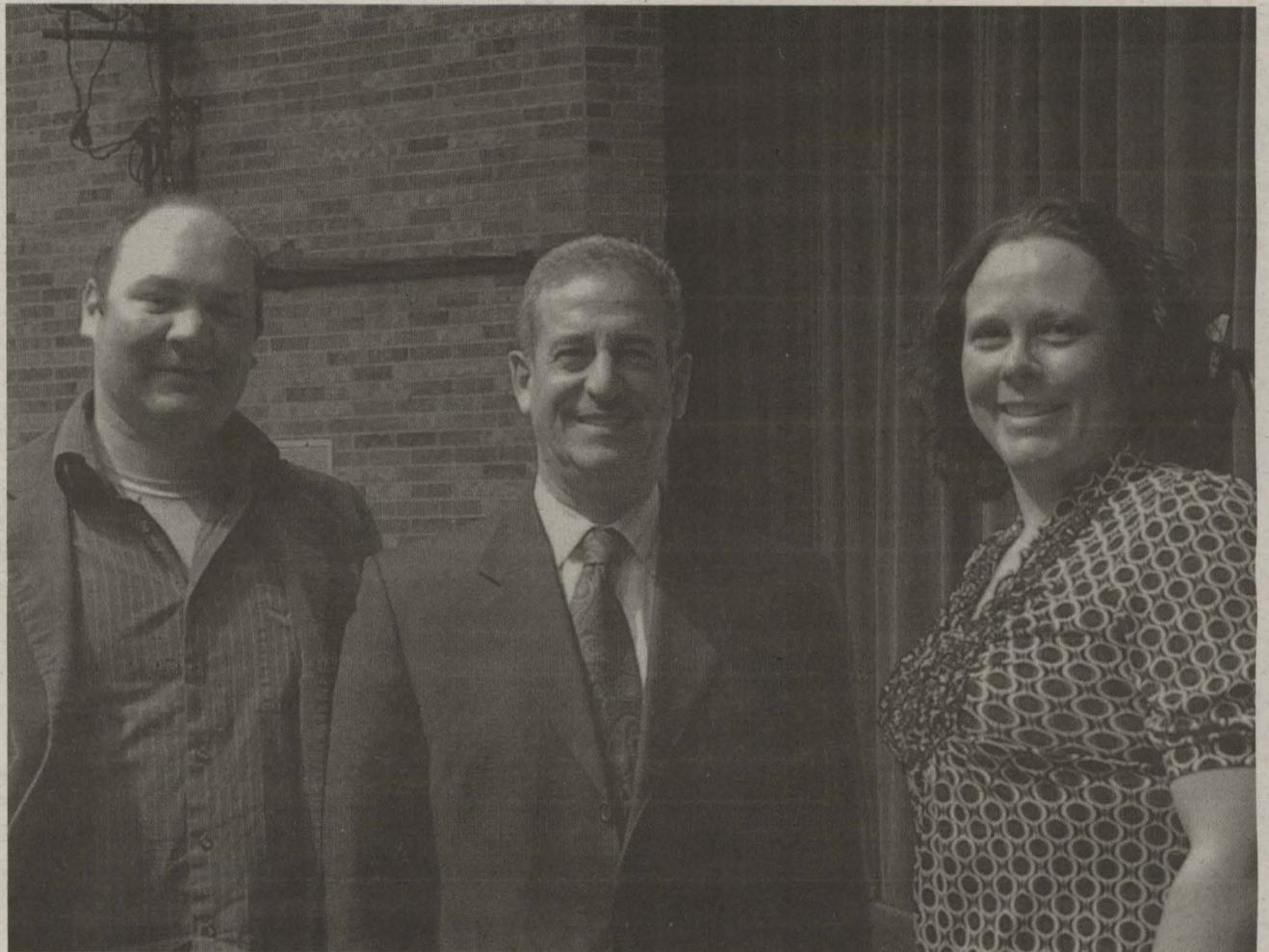


Photo by Avra Juhnke

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point students Greg Ubbelohde and Laura Hauser-Menting stand with Wisconsin Senator Russ Feingold at his listening session last Thursday.

"What other people worry about is somehow these changes will cause them to have their current situations messed up, cost more. That it will overtake the private system. Those are the fears that cause the opposition. That's what they are worried about."

"Senator Feingold's listening session was a great event. I was pleased with the large number of people that came and the various viewpoints they represented," said Greg Ubbelohde, University of

Legislative issues director, had the opportunity to ask Senator Feingold a question.

"I would just like to speak not on behalf but as a member of that generation of younger students that are constantly reminded how we are going to be sold into debt when the stimulus bill is put into law," said Yari. "Frankly we have 40 percent of our students at UWSP are uninsured. And traditionally when it comes to entitled programs we are routinely

information.

The bill passed in the House of Representatives last week and has yet to be passed in the Senate.

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# spotlight on

## Tutoring-Learning Center

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Though college is an experience that many enjoy for its social aspects, paying about \$8000 to attend a university is something many take seriously, especially when it comes to academics. With tough college courses that many students struggle through it is always helpful to receive some extra guidance on those areas. The Tutoring-Learning Center is a comfortable place where students can get tutored in specific areas of difficulty or areas they just want to become better in.

What is unique about the TLC is that fellow students are tutors. Many find that not only are the students in need of help or guidance learning something, but the tutors themselves are learning from the experience. Though it would be a great opportunity to be a TLC tutor, not anyone can become one. The TLC has guidelines for the selected tutors based on GPA, faculty recommendations and other areas.

Having highly intellectual and people-friendly tutors are what students in need look for, and the TLC hires the best of the best tutors. There are more than 135 peer tutors who have different majors and backgrounds that are there to help with your courses.

"More and more people are finding the TLC useful," said Bri Collins, TLC tutor. "I have had some students come to the TLC once just for some quick help on their paper, but some people come once and end up setting up weekly appointments with me so that they can work with me throughout the different stages of writing a paper. I always start out a session by asking my learner what they would like to work on and we focus primarily on that. After each session I ask them if I helped them and if there was anything else I should have done to assist them further. My sessions are all about working one on one with the other person and who wouldn't find one on one help useful."

The TLC provides many tutorial services, including a Writing and Reading Center, content-area tutoring, reading in the disciplines courses and computer guides. Each specific area allows students a chance to receive help in the best way possible for them. By collaborating with your peer tutor you can receive help and insight on papers, computer skills, challenging reading and course assignments and other academic "survival skills," such as, note-taking and test-taking strategies.

The TLC also provides a way for you to get a credit through their English '57 course by improving your writing skills and receiving feedback

in various styles of writing. The TLC is a well-rounded center wanting each student to do their absolute best and live up to their potential. Toni Sage, the content-area tutoring coordinator states that the TLC works with students not only concerning their classes, but also their future life goals.

"Some students come to college expecting to be instantly successful and think that surely everyone else is experiencing that easy success. I often share my own college experience which started off rockier than I expected. I found some success, but then changed my major junior year when it became clear that my skills and ability in my current major had met their limits. So, I try to ease their stress by letting them know that many students are challenged by coursework and college in general but not to give up easily. I encourage them to explore options and make use of other resources that are available such as the Career Center, the Counseling Center and their advisor. I also encourage them to visit the Student Academic Advising Center if they are considering switching majors, or if for some reason they aren't connecting with their current advisor," said Sage.

The TLC provides a very relaxed, comfortable environment that helps you become at ease instantly when entering. All of the TLC staff are very welcoming as well as the facility with the colors, pictures and quotes in Latin along the walls.

Also, don't worry about emptying your wallet when you go to receive help. Writing and reading assistance, study skills and computer tutoring are all free. Content tutoring is also free if you are a student in support services - if not, there is a very small charge considering the help you will get. Students really feel that the TLC instills in them a sense of confidence and helps them to receive the best education they can get at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

"The program is very beneficial to students of all skill levels, even for the masters out there," said an anonymous student receiving tutoring services. "Just to hear something explained again and maybe compare it to how you're doing it is a wonderful opportunity to have. I highly recommend the program for anyone interested, seeking help, struggling, etc. Take it with a group of friends you know in the class, that way you all work together towards a common goal. You might see that you all are struggling with the same topic, just don't know how to approach it. That's where the tutoring program comes in handy."

The TLC is located in the Learning Resource Center basement, room 018.

# Weekend Buzz

## Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009

Chinese Culture Club film series will play in the Dreyfus University Center Theater at 7 p.m.

Blank Image, A Modern Love Story and Jacobi Wichita will play at The Afterdark in downtown Stevens Point at 7 p.m.

Cougar with Good Grief will play in the Dreyfus University Center Encore at 8 p.m.

## Friday, Nov. 20, 2009

Daisho Con 2009 begins at the Ramada Stevens Point Hotel & Convention Center at 11 a.m. For further details on the event and registration, check out their Web site <http://www.daishocon.com/>.

Centertainment Production presents Public Enemies in the Dreyfus University Center Theater at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

.357 String Band with Black Spruce Swamp Stomp will play in the Dreyfus University Center Encore at 8 p.m.

## Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009

The Zonta Club used book sale will take place in the Centerpoint Marketplace from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

T.J. Greene will play at Rudy's Redeye Grill at 8:30 p.m.

Scene It tournament presented by Centertainment Productions will be in the Dreyfus University Center Theater at 11 p.m.

UWSP Women's Hockey vs. Concordia will be at the Ice Hawks Arena in Stevens Point at 2.30 p.m.



## tips for having a successful Black Friday

For those that don't know, Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving when every store has outrageous sales and people line up around their buildings hours before the door even opens. This event is crazy and can even lead to injury, but these tips will help you in your quest.

6. Plan ahead. Numerous Web sites such as Blackfriday.info or bfads.net have ads that have already released or leaked to the public. Some of these sites even help you to create shopping lists for the day.
5. Build a gameplan. Decide what stores you're going to and in what order. If you have friends, organize with them to wait at separate stores in line if you both need a hot item. If you don't have friends, buy some (I'm sure they'll be on sale).
4. Be prepared to wait in line. Dress warmly. Maybe bring a lawn chair. Bring snacks and water.
3. Get to the stores at least an hour before they open. If you plan to get one of their hot items, get there as soon as you can. The lines will get long and people do get crazy for pretty much anything.
2. If you have any shot at getting one of the hottest items, get it. You can always return something that doesn't turn into a gift but many of these sales won't happen again until next year.
1. Don't be afraid to use your elbows. People get aggressive. If you're afraid of large crowds of wild people, stay home and shop online.

## Science &amp; Outdoors

## Turkey hunting: All fun and games until one ends up on a platter

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While many families look forward to Thanksgiving as a time to count their blessings, the turkey family is not so grateful come November. Although turkeys are momentarily in the clear after today, they have spent the last few months dodging BBs and arrows, so as not to end up on a platter alongside the stuffing and mashed potatoes.

Hunters who applied for a permit to hunt wild turkeys in Wisconsin this year were required to do so by Aug. 1. In addition to the applications, which cost \$3 and are available online, at a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Service Center or licensing agent, hunters in Wisconsin must also purchase a fall turkey license and turkey stamp.

A small game license is not required, but is also not interchangeable with the turkey license.

Permits are given out every year based on preference. First preference is given to resident landowners owning at least 50 contiguous acres, followed by individuals who applied for a permit the previous spring and did not get one and proceeded by all other

residents. It was estimated that 95,700 permits would be issued this year.

The fall 2008 turkey season marked the consolidation of the traditional 46 hunting zones to seven large zones throughout the state. The change is expected to "allow hunters more flexibility to move about in search of wild turkeys within a larger zone," according to the DNR.

The DNR hopes that the implemented fewer, larger zones, which proved successful in other states, will allow them to make more informative harvest management decisions for upcoming seasons.

An additional season will take place from Nov. 30 to Dec. 31 in five of the seven zones throughout Wisconsin. This may be exciting news for hunters, but perhaps not so much for the birds.

In consideration of deer hunters, running dogs may not be the best idea, but they may be used for turkey hunting in Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, Vernon and Wood counties only.

Dec. 10 is the deadline to apply for a permit for the 2010 spring season.

The Learn to Hunt program is held by conservation clubs and volunteers throughout the state. It allows hunters with two or less years of experience to learn from and hunt

with a mentor. For additional information, contact a local wildlife manager or conservation warden.

The DNR and Wisconsin Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation offer free turkey hunting education clinics. "Whether you are an experienced turkey hunter wishing to attend to simply brush up on your skills, or are just beginning and interested in learning wild turkey hunting techniques, the Turkey Hunter Education Clinics are intended to address all ages and experience levels," stated the DNR.

The clinics are designed to teach the safety, methods, regulations and hunting ethics associated with turkey hunting.

The 2009 fall and spring regulations can be found on the DNR wild turkey Web site at <http://www.dnr.wi.gov/land/wildlife/hunt/turkey/>.

A children's song perhaps best



photo by New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Joe Blake

Starting today, wild turkeys can breathe again.

captures the adrenaline of turkey hunting for both the hunter and the hunted: "I heard Mr. Turkey say, 'Gobble, gobble, gobble. Soon will be Thanksgiving Day, gobble, gobble, gobble. People say it is great fun, but I think I'd rather run and hide until the day is done, gobble, gobble, gobble.'" Happy Thanksgiving!

## Celebration to honor Women in Natural Resources

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It is a great time to be a woman in natural resources. The Celebration of Women in Natural Resources Banquet was held on Monday at the Dreyfus University Center. Following the dinner, Beth Fetterley, director of the education urban ecology center, gave a speech about wildlife education.

WINR is a student organization in the College of Natural Resources that encourages awareness and participation of women in natural resource careers. "It used to be that there were few women faculty and staff in the college of natural resources," said Jessica Tomaszewski, environmental education outreach specialist and co-advisor of WINR.

The WINR was started when several students approached Sue Kissinger, coordinator of advising and recruitment, in 1992.

"They got it going in the first couple of years and then I came on board as a student the third year," said Tomaszewski. Starting out as a handful of students, WINR now has over 70 members involved.

"It was just a couple of girls that wanted to encourage women in the college," says Tomaszewski.

In the 1980s a women's natural resource group existed but had

diminished during that period.

It was 1992 when a small group of women went to Kissinger because they had heard of the group and wanted to get it going again. "Sure. We did a luncheon and anybody interested could come. Only eight people showed up, and we decided we wanted to start this group. We were so driven, and every year it kept growing and growing," was the response Kissinger gave when asked to be the group advisor.

The organization has now been around for 16 years. The banquet, a new feature to the organization, is for women to come and enjoy food and to dress up which, according to Kissinger, is, "something you wouldn't see every day from natural resource majors."

Joanna Bietka, College of Natural Resources peer advisor and Women in Natural Resources president, has been an active member since her freshman year at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"This is only our second year doing the annual banquet, but we want to continue to build our organization," said Bietka.

The banquet is not only a celebration of women who are majoring in natural resources, but an opportunity for anyone interested to come and join them to see what WINR is about and to get more students involved as well.

"Our goals are creating a bigger awareness of the fact that women are a strong force in the natural resources career field, whether they are declared majors or not, and that we have amazing strong female role models out there for our younger students to model after," said Kissinger.

Because of decreased participation in the group, there are hopes that this banquet can be used to encourage students to get involved. A guest speaker, an extraordinary woman with great achievements, is invited to come to the banquet to inspire the members and other women interested in the group.

The guest speaker for this year's WINR Banquet, Beth Fetterley, was chosen because of her many awards and accomplishments. She received the Outstanding Business Plan award for a plan to open a branch of the Urban Ecology Center in Washington Park.

She had been awarded the 2009 "Forty under 40" Business Journal Award for business leadership in Milwaukee. She also received the 2008 Blanche Hornbeck Award from the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History for achievement in Nature Education and the 2004 Conservation Educator of the Year by the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

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## Outdoor EdVentures

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There is nothing in the world that is comparable to the feeling of breathing fresh, crisp autumn air. It fills your lungs with a deep, rich breath that is almost too good to exhale. The chill temperature bites at your nose and ears and nips your cheeks. Winter is coming. It comes every year about this time, and thanks to autumn, we know right when to expect it.

But rather than hibernate in your residence hall this season, stop at Outdoor EdVentures, in the basement of the Allen Center and let our knowledgeable staff outfit you with the right tools to enjoy the cold.

Snowshoes are begging to be taken on a leisurely stroll through Schmeekle Reserve, and cross country skis want to be let loose on the Plover River Trail. Not familiar with these areas? Ask a rental technician for more local trail information and keep an eye out for OE led trips throughout the semester.

What you have in front of you is the first of many Outdoor EdVentures columns in The Pointer. As well as trail tips, adventure information and advice, we will bring you the latest gear reviews and best places to enjoy the outdoors.

In the meantime, get outside! Just remember to wear a jacket.

## Venison, drugs and pigs have more in common than you may think

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Gun season is right around the corner and aside from a few minor changes in regulations this year, beginning on Saturday, Nov. 21, hunters are asked to be on the lookout for more than just deer.

It's common for deer season regulations to change slightly from year to year, and this year is no exception.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters that, "the free antlerless deer carcass tag that comes with a gun deer license is good only in herd control units." Additionally, the earn-a-buck incentive program is in effect throughout Chronic Wasting Disease management zone units throughout the state. The DNR clearly outlines these and other minor changes on their Web site.

If you harvest a deer this year, consider participating in Wisconsin's Venison Donation Program. The program is celebrating its 10th anniversary of distributing over 3.1 million pounds of donated venison to state food pantries.

131 processors are participating

in the program this year. Hunters have the opportunity to drop their deer off for processing to help feed local Wisconsin families.

Be on the lookout for the new "donate a deer here" signs indicating a venison processor who is involved.

According to the DNR, "State wildlife officials are encouraging hunters who have small game licenses heading out for Wisconsin's traditional nine-day deer hunting season to keep an eye out for feral pigs."

Feral pigs are known to carry numerous diseases and their presence is devastating to agricultural production and the domestic swine industry in Wisconsin. They

cannot be shot. Otherwise, there is no bag limit on feral pigs.

So when the deer hunting gets rough, remember that feral pigs will be the shorter, stouter "deer" wandering the woods of Wisconsin. If timed just right, they might contribute nicely as a Thanksgiving ham.

While hunting, also beware of any illegal or suspicious activity. "In recent months, law enforcement officials have cleaned up marijuana growing areas or drug making operations hidden in several remote areas on public land across the state. Some of

**"Some of these illegal activities were discovered and reported by hunters."**

**— DNR**

these illegal activities were discovered and reported by hunters," according to the DNR.

Who would've thought that gun season would allow hunters to take "law-abiding citizen" to the next level?

Lucky hunters across the state will experience the ultimate adrenaline rush during this year's gun season when a monster buck walks into their shooting lane. For

hunters who aren't quite as fortunate, pigs and marijuana may make up the difference.



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A hopeful candidate for a wall hanging after gun season.

are considered unprotected and as a result, can be hunted year-round. Friday, Nov. 20, is the only day they

## Pluto has been voted off the island of our solar system

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For decades, "My Very Elegant Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas" was a simple saying that proved to be the best way for most kids and adults to learn the order of our nine planets. But with Pluto officially being crossed off the list, new sayings are needed and many people wonder why.

Most people can remember making a diagram or structure of the solar system when they were younger. It is also common to find that Pluto was usually found to be kids' favorite planet. Now books, TV and schools are readjusting their information.

The question that remains: Why is Pluto no longer considered a planet?

Pluto first became a planet in 1930 when it was discovered by Clyde Tombaugh. After a year of observations and careful tracking, Pluto, the Roman god of the underworld, was the name given to our ninth planet in the solar system by an 11-year-old British schoolgirl. So, for some 60-70 years, Pluto carried on as a planet.

In 2005, Mike Brown and his team were the ones responsible for this change in our solar system. They found an object that was further out than the orbit of Pluto and they estimated that it was larger than Pluto.

If this object was smaller they would have simply connected it to the Kuiper Belt, which includes most objects around Pluto, but because of its size they questioned Pluto's stance.

According to the International Astronomical Union, planets are classified by three things. If an object orbits around the sun, if gravity pulls the object into a spherical shape and if it has "cleared the neighborhood" of its orbit, it is considered a planet. Pluto qualifies as a planet when the first two traits are considered, but the third posed the question of the century.

As stated by the IAU, when a planet is formed it becomes the dominant gravitational body in the orbit of the solar system. When reacting with other objects they either consume or sling them away.

Pluto is reportedly only 0.07 times the mass of the other objects in its orbit. The Earth in comparison, has 1.7 million times the mass of the other objects in its orbit.

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## Sports

## Schaefer looks to make most of NCAA run

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By qualifying for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Cross Country Championships, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point cross country runner Nick Schaefer will have the chance to make his last race serve as the accomplishment of career-long goals.

Schaefer qualified by posting a time of 25:04 in the men's 8K race, good for a 23rd place finish at last Saturday's NCAA Midwest Regional in Winneconne, Wis. Having the opportunity to compete in the NCAA championship is an honor and the completion of one of the goals set while at UWSP, according to Schaefer.

"Qualifying for the NAAs has been a goal of mine since I started running at UWSP," Schaefer said.

Schaefer transferred to UWSP from DePaul University, in Chicago, Ill., after his sophomore year because of the potential he saw in the cross country program.

"I chose UWSP because I liked coach [Rick] Witt and I knew that we would have a shot at being a really good team."

Now a senior, Schaefer embraces the trip to nationals as a career-defining opportunity.

"I think that this trip to nationals will definitely go down as one of my more rewarding accomplishments when I look back on my cross country career because it will be my last race,"

**"It is also important to me that I will be able to make the trip because I have the opportunity to end my career on a high note."**

**-Schaefer**

Schaefer said. "It is also important to me that I will be able to make the trip because I have the opportunity to end my career on a high note."

Although he was the lone runner from UWSP to qualify, Schaefer feels the responsibility to represent the entire team at the NCAA championship.

"I do feel a bit of pressure now because everything will be focused on me," Schaefer said. "It is disappointing being the only runner representing UWSP at nationals because our team had worked so hard to make it there together. We still feel like we are one of the top teams in the entire country."

The race will be held at Highland Hills Golf Course in Highland Hills, Ohio, which is a new course for Schaefer.

"Coach Witt and I looked the map

## Men's b-ball forces action in first win

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team enjoyed a swift and decisive 81-57 victory in their season opener against St. John's University last Sunday.

Guard Jerrel Harris led the team with 19 points as the Pointers overcame their first challenge of the season with a win on the road in

**"I think we jumped them pretty early with our defense."**

**- Hurd**

Collegetown, Minn.

The Pointers started the scoring with a three-pointer from forward Louis Hurd and steadily climbed their way to a 21-6 lead midway through the first half. St. John's answered with a chain of scores to narrow the difference to 22-12, but UWSP was able to continue piling on the points as they went into halftime on top, 40-19.

After a disappointing first half, St. John's tried to rally a comeback with four consecutive scores, narrowing UWSP's lead to 13. But a lay-up from Harris began a Pointers'

over and he talked to a couple people about how difficult it was and let me know where the gradual and steep inclines were," Schaefer said. "I have never been there though, and have never seen the course in person."

Despite the uncertainty of the new course, Schaefer remains focused only on his running and the final goal

of his career: All-American.

"I think that my Regional run was an average run for me, so based on how I did there, if I feel good at Nationals I am confident in placing well," Schaefer said. "My goal is to be in the top 35 finishers, which would get me All-American honors. That has been my main goal since transferring here at the beginning of last year."

"If I were able to accomplish this it would really be a nice ending to my career."

The race begins this Saturday, Nov. 21, at 11 a.m.

scoring succession that would not die down, keeping their lead in the twenties for most of the second half.

An aggressive UWSP defense provided ball pressure in both halves, giving the Pointers 15 points off turnovers, in comparison to Saint John's two. Pointer forward Louis Hurd scored 13 points and led the team in rebounds with six.

Hurd said the pressure was apparent, as it was the season

opener for both teams, and St. John's head coach Jim Smith was looking to mark his 700th career win.

"We knew they'd be pretty jacked up for their first game of the year. They were ranked high and we were playing in front of their home crowd, but I think we jumped them pretty early with our defense," said Hurd.

Hurd said that while the team's high score showed their offensive prowess, their defensive performance was what really gave them the game. He noted their ability to capitalize on turnovers and keep rebounds out of their hands, often limiting them to one shot.

"We came in wanting to pressure them with our defense and win our



Photo by John Biasi

Guard Jerrel Harris pulls up for a shot against St. Johns (MN)

first game on the road with that mindset," Hurd said.

This weekend the team will travel to Tacoma, Washington for the 2009 Puget Sound Tip-Off Classic to play the University of Puget Sound and Whitworth College.

Head coach Bob Semling said he looks forward to the challenges the team will face on the road. According to Semling, Whitworth is a basketball team that

would be very competitive if they were in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Association with the Pointers.

Semling said that the team will need to be careful against Puget Sound, who is known for their strong defensive pressure.

"They'll try to be scoring a lot out of their defense, while trying to get us to play hurried and lose our poise," Semling said. "We know we're going to really have to take care of the ball and be tough to protect it and keep our hands on it."

The Pointers will return for their home opener on Wednesday, Nov. 25, against Lawrence University at the Quandt Fieldhouse.



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# Sports

## "No whistles, no red cards, just chill": Homegrown ultimate Frisbee team celebrates the spirit of the game

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From ex-football players to ex-wrestlers and "non-athletes," the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point ultimate Frisbee team attracts players from all backgrounds, coming together to make an art of their sport.

With 25 roster members, Homegrown, UWSP's Division III ultimate club, has depth when considering that seven players start each game. It is a matter not only of athleticism but also of positions that are trained for specifically.

"There are three handlers, which can be equated to quarterbacks in football, and four cutters, which are like wide receivers, on the field at all times," said Jacob Drover, one of Homegrown's four captains.

Players rotate in and out during each game, which is played usually up to 13 or 15 points, or until the allotted time expires, which also varies from one-and-a-half to two hours.

Although Homegrown and the sport of ultimate Frisbee in general have a very laid back atmosphere, they are serious about their sport. Homegrown currently practices together every Wednesday in what is now their winter season.

"For starters we get warmed up,

do some tossing and dynamic stretches. Then we get into drills. We practice throwing both for offense and defense, doing deep cuts and of course catching. At the end of practice we usually finish up with a scrimmage," Drover said.

But as is the case in most sports, ultimate players claim the competitions to be most exhilarating. Born on college campuses on the east coast, it was created to be a "gentleman's game," in that there is no referee; instead, calls are made according to the honor system.

When Homegrown junior Isaac Ortega reflected on what he felt to be the best part of the sport, he referred to that system.

"Having the games be self-officiated makes it all about the spirit of the game. You dictate how the game is going to be played," Ortega said. "If you want a fair game, it's going to be a fair game. If both sides are cool-headed you can always work things out in a respectful manner."

Drover agreed with his

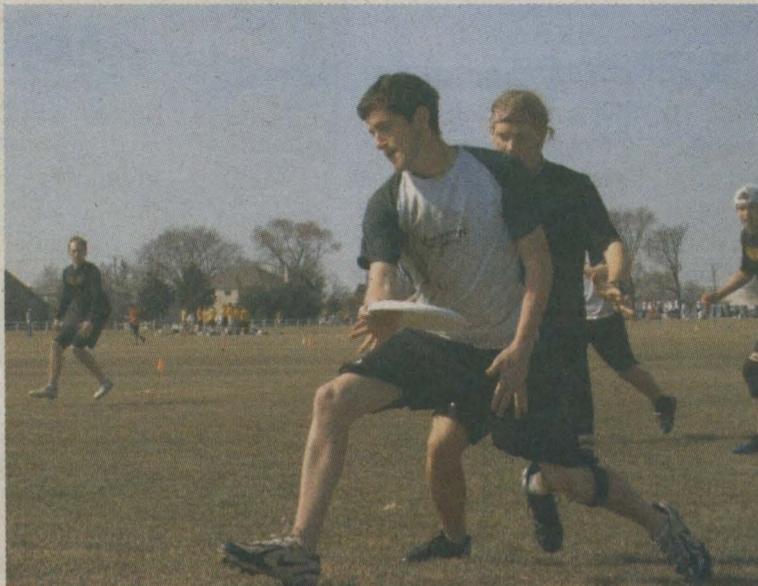


Photo by Isaac Ortega  
Mike Murphy getting ready to throw a Frisbee

teammates' sentiments on self-officiating.

"The coolest part of the game is not having a referee. We settle fouls between players and move on," Drover said. "No whistles, no red cards, just chill."

Before the self-officiating can begin, preparation must take place.

"A typical tournament weekend starts with piling five guys into each car and heading to a campsite, hotel or friend's house depending on each individual's arrangements," Ortega said.

When the team arrives at their destination they focus on the upcoming 8-10 games that will be played. Starting early on Saturday morning and going until Sunday, there are usually 4-5 games packed into a day. Opposing teams are frequently determined on proximity rather than division, so Homegrown mostly plays against other teams in the Midwest. Another important part of pre-game preparation is their cheer, according to Ortega.

To follow the team, check out their schedule on Homegrown's Web site,

<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/ultimatefrisbee/HomePage.htm>.

If interested in playing, Drover and the other co-captains, Tim Larsen, Michael Murphy and Andrew Meshnick hold open practices on Wednesday located in the Multi-Activity Center from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information, e-mail any of the captains or the faculty advisor, Dr. Hai Nguyen at [hai.nguyen@uwsp.edu](mailto:hai.nguyen@uwsp.edu).

## An early primer for Thanksgiving day sports

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Thanksgiving is almost here. Just reading that sentence to myself makes me long for the point on Thursday night when I literally cannot move because I have eaten too much. If this sounds like a bad thing, it's not; paralysis by food is one of my favorite ailments out there, and Thanksgiving is the day to test my stomach's limits. The other contributing factor to a full day on the couch is the multitude of sporting events that will occupy my time, until I pass out, of course. Here they are, ranked from most watchable to I'm-only-watching-because it's-Thanksgiving.

1. Packers at Lions - I wish the Packers played every Thanksgiving; it just makes the day feel a tad more important. It gives me something I can really pay attention to, and maybe more importantly, a distraction before the food is done. Then again, the Lions usually play like an actual NFL team when they face the Pack on



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Thanksgiving, so there's always that chance for a holiday letdown, but let's not think like that.

2. NBA Doubleheader: Magic at Hawks, Bulls at Jazz - It loses points because they're playing later at night, but it features four entertaining teams and a chance to watch the best pregame show in sports, "Inside the NBA," with Ernie Johnson, Kenny

Smith and the great Charles Barkley. I love those guys. There are times during the NBA season when I don't watch the games on TNT Thursday nights, but I tune in for the postgame show just to hear them make fun of each other. Even if you don't follow the NBA, watch this show. You will laugh.

3. College basketball - Basically, there are games from various tournaments across the country on TV from 11 a.m. to

9:30 p.m., which makes it a good channel-flipping option should any of the football games get boring (ahem, Raiders/Cowboys). Big Ten and regional-wise; up-and-coming Michigan plays early with Marquette following them in the afternoon and later on, Minnesota plays Butler, which despite what it looks like, will

probably be an intriguing game. I really don't think it's ever too early for college basketball tournaments to start.

4. Giants at Broncos - This could be a pretty entertaining game because both teams need the win, but it is ranked lower because I won't have the option of watching it from a comatose state on my couch. Thanks, NFL Network and Time Warner. How dare they force me to go to a bar if I want to watch this game!

5. Raiders at Cowboys - I wonder if the NFL realizes that the Cowboys still play on Thanksgiving. The last three years, they have played the Seahawks, Jets and Buccaneers. Now they get the Oakland Raiders in the late afternoon game. Maybe they're trying to see the highest possible TV ratings they can get with the worst possible matchups. Making things worse is that I will still probably attempt to watch the game anyway, so obviously, I am a part of the problem. But hey, it's Thanksgiving; I don't think I'll have too much to complain about in the end.

## Arts &amp; Culture

## Review: RENT brings love to Stevens Point

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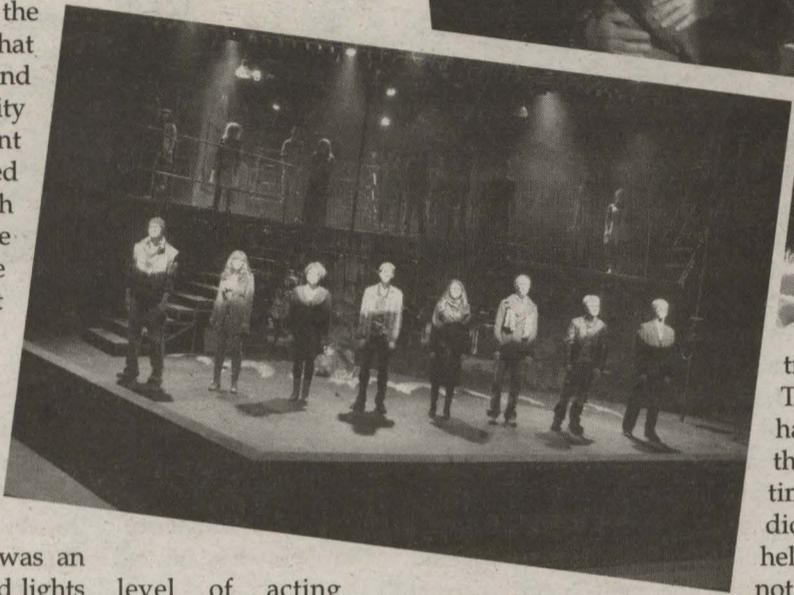
When RENT closed on Broadway on June 1, 2008, people from all around the world mourned the fact that this memorable, loving, and inspiring musical was coming to an end. Though the musical closed on Broadway, it will never close in each of our hearts. Spreading the love and living each day as it is the last is the common theme that underlies this production - and that is exactly how the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Theatre Department portrayed it this opening weekend. With each step of the performance the cast exuded love. Love clung onto you so tight that you couldn't let go or escape that feeling that you are a part of something, that you are worth something in the world, and that you should open your heart and see what is in front of you.

Entering Jenkins Theatre was an experience in itself. The set and lights throughout the performance were something that was truly inspiring and made you feel that you were onstage. The stage design allowed you to peer into the lives of these people secretly, yet openly. The metal bars and steps showed that it was restraining, yet their freedom was always present. These specialized details really showed how deep all people involved with this production were.

Throughout the performance I went through so many emotions. At the beginning I was completely giddy - I couldn't believe I was watching a performance of RENT! There were intense moments, frustrations and ultimate sadness. This musical lets you experience every emotion: Death, money issues, diseases, love, broken relationships, friends and family. Every time I listen to the soundtrack or watch a performance of this musical I feel like I mature and

open my eyes wider to the things around me.

All these emotions were ultimately brought on by the performers and musicians onstage. I couldn't believe the  
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time that a UWSP Theatre performance has made me cry, but this is one of the first times that the tears did not stop. I couldn't help but keep crying, not from sadness, but from happiness of the love that is there for you to take.

On stage, the performers understood exactly what love is about. Singing a reprise of,

"Seasons of Love," they hugged, held hands and cried along with the audience. I understood after seeing this musical performed live how it changed people's lives everywhere in the world. RENT is a call for love for people to take it if it's there and realize that you have to hold onto that love. "Forget regret, or life is yours to miss."

level of acting and singing abilities. So many times I thought to myself how extremely talented each person was. It blew me away how realistically the challenging roles were played. I am still in awe of the talent that was before me I am so proud to have our school associated with these skilled performers and musicians.

I have always thought that RENT was something that each person could relate to, in their own way. One scene might not touch you in a way that the next scene will. That is why this musical will always live on no matter what time frame, age, or place. Connecting with the performance was something that came naturally. You can't help but be sucked into the storyline and believe that these are your friends and your life in front of you. Seeing the ending songs automatically brought tears to my eyes. This hasn't been the first

## Junichi Semitsu offers his take on a 'Post Racial' society

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Junichi Semitsu is not an expert in the studies of race and ethnicity. In fact, his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkley is in the field of economics, and he received his graduate degree at Stanford Law School.

What Junichi does have is a way with words.

On Nov. 17, Junichi Semitsu came to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to give a lecture entitled "The Race to Erase: Reflections on a 'Post Racial' Society" as a part of COFAC Creates: Japan the Floating

World.

Junichi's lecture focused on issues of race and specifically the idea of a post racial society that has been thrown around since the election of America's first black president, Barack Obama. Junichi tied in experiences from his childhood, growing up a Japanese American in California while addressing two questions central to a post racial society. First, after reading articles and listening to pundits talk about this new era of a post racial society came the question do we actually live in a "post racial" society?

"It's fascinating the very fact that you're letting the election of a black

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## Riley talks Obama in Pinery Room

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The College of Letters and Science hosted a lecture by political science professor Dennis Riley last Thursday in the Pinery Room of the Portage County Public Library as part of their Community/Campus Lecture Series.

Students, current and past faculty and community members gathered for the lecture, titled "The Obama Presidency at Age One: Has The Change Candidate Changed Much?"

Riley's lecture focused on the first year of Barack Obama's presidency and measured his attempts to transform the United States government and its image in the world. It also touched on his reform of health care and the financial system, government transparency, environmental issues and other topics.

One of the first areas that garnered discussion was Obama's claim that he would cooperate with republicans to form a bipartisan policy-making process. Riley began by asserting that bipartisanship is nearly impossible to define.

"Do we really mean that we have

a majority of the republicans and democrats on the same side of an issue? That isn't going to happen very often, and it wouldn't even make sense because there are principle differences between the parties," he said.

Riley determined that if we cannot define bipartisanship, it cannot be something that is truly achieved.

"Democrats and republicans have cooperated on very little before, and they cooperate on very little now," he said.

Some of the goals the president has set and achieved, according to Riley, include establishing a higher level of transparency in the White House and increasing the reliance on scientific analysis in policy making, especially in environmental policy.

Riley said that the amount of secrecy between the President's Cabinet and the American public has diminished substantially since the end of the Bush administration, which was very secretive in terms of revealing information, including names of visitors to the White House.

Obama's administration has gone as far as to say they will offer a complete list of the names of visitors on the White House's Website.

Riley also noted that the president hasn't been able to be entirely

transparent, as he has continued to utilize the State Secrets Privilege, which allows the government to withhold information if it may jeopardize national security. His administration has used this in handling lawsuits from detainees accused of being terrorists in Guantanamo Bay and domestic prisons.

Associate Dean of the College of Letters and Science Charles E. Clark began the lecture series last year to help promote the liberal arts and sciences to the broader community.

Clark said he wanted to spread the importance of various disciplines outside the boundaries of the campus and offer community members an opportunity to see what the College of Letters and Science has to offer.

Clark said that Riley's lecture was "an informative and nuanced view" of the administration's first year, and that he was pleased to see not only students in attendance but also a large number of community members.

The next lecture in the series will be on Dec. 10 in the Collins Classroom Center and feature John Droske, a chemistry professor discussing polymer research at the university.

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man, trigger discussion of a post racial society, it kind of means that we're not in a post racial society, its going to take the election of a second black man where no one is writing these articles to actually convince me that we live in a post racial society," said Semitsu. "Not to take anything away from what is clearly a momentous and exciting moment in American history."

The second question, which Junichi hoped would stick with people after his lecture is do we want to?

"For me it's not an ideological thing, it's just a truly sort of personal question and if one person leaves here just kind of thinking about what society they want to live I'll feel a little better," said Junichi.

Junichi's speech in many ways was a fitting bridge between the The Floating World Program and the central issue contained within it: getting people to recognize and appreciate racial differences. This idea was what prompted the planners of Japan the Floating World to bring Junichi here.

Junichi first caught the attention of communication professor Bill Davidson with a speech in 1996 at the commencement for the economics students at the University of California-Berkley that would later be published in the "Chicago Tribune" where Davidson first read it. That speech, entitled "Why the world wants more astrologists that economists" had a lasting impression on Davidson.

"The story is a bit bizarre," said Junichi. "Bill Davidson saw that and thought it was amusing or bizarre or something enough to actually want to track down a video of the speech so he could actually use it in a speech class, eventually he got a hold of me and invited me to come here."

Junichi gave his first speech at UWSP in 2003 shortly after the beginning of the war in Iraq entitled, "The War on Race and the Race to War," that had a lasting impression on students and professors alike.

"When Dean Haney was coming up with this program, it was primarily to bring art to the campus, so the departments that were involved were principally the art department of course, but Dr. Haney called me one evening and said 'there's a link here and I think it would be fun if we could get Junichi back,'" said Davidson.

Junichi currently teaches law at the University of California-San Diego where he lives with his wife and son. Junichi explained that this isn't something he does all the time. He's not on the road lecturing, but he accepted Professor Davidson's invitation to write something new and present it in Stevens Point.

"Bill actually helps me to get motivated to write something new and do this sort of thing," said Semitsu.

COFAC Creates: Japan the Floating World will hold its closing ceremony on Nov. 20 in the Noel Fine Arts Center.

## Student Profile: Azza Salman

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Arabic ranks sixth among the most spoken languages in the world according to nationsonline.org. It's the official language in 26 countries and 280,000,000 people speak Arabic as a first language. Stevens Point is not in one of those 26 countries, but one student is working to shed light on the Arabic language here in Central Wisconsin.

Azza Salman, age 22, is striving to fulfill a big objective through a simple job. Salman aspires to promote diversity by sharing her Egyptian culture and the Arabic language with University of Wisconsin Stevens Point students.

"Most of the students I meet don't know much about Egypt," Salman said. "That's why I'm trying to make a difference. I'm trying to make room for the Arabic language and Egyptian culture."

Salman works as the Arabic Language Facilitator in the Foreign Language Department. Arabic 101 and 211 are the only Arabic courses offered at UWSP, and both are distance-learning classes taught by a professor from UW-Whitewater. Salman's

role is to take attendance, help students revise their answers, assign homework and written assignments and to grade those assignments.

"I like this. I love this," Salman said of her job. "We have fun in class. We are like a family. I encourage them, and they encourage me."

Meeting new people and forming friendships with her students is



photos by Elizabeth Stadstad

Salman works as a Arabic Language facilitator at UWSP.

one aspect of her job that keeps it interesting. The class frequently uses humor to overcome the frustrations of learning a difficult language.

"When one of the students answers incorrectly, we might laugh," Salman said. Another time a student, complaining that Arabic is difficult to learn, joked that he was about ready to cry.

Students in Salman's class don't just learn a language, though.

"Language is not just words in a dictionary," Salman said, "It's culture."

Students should consider taking foreign language classes or studying abroad in order to help increase their understanding of others and of themselves, Salman said.

"Exchange programs make you aware of other cultures and your own. It builds your personality," Salman said.

While Salman enjoys working as an Arabic Language Facilitator, she also welcomes the opportunity to play the role of a student in a couple of classes she is taking this semester. Salman began studying English in the third grade, and she graduated with an English major from South Valley

University in her hometown of Qena, Egypt in 2008,

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# Letters & Opinion

## Food Swings

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I have to come clean here. I freaking hate Thanksgiving turkey. Okay, just to be clear, I like turkey, I really do, but I hate Thanksgiving turkey. Why, you ask. Well, I'll tell you why. I don't have a single relative who can properly cook a turkey. Sorry relatives who will remain nameless, but it's true. The best I ever seem to get is some mildly flavored turkey leather which I douse in gravy, hoping it will provide enough lubrication to slide down my gullet and possibly digest, but the next morning always proves me wrong on that count.

However, I didn't come here to rant about crappy turkey or relatives because without them Thanksgiving would not be the same. I really do love Thanksgiving. It is my favorite holiday. Unlike Christmas, which we will soon be experiencing the hell of,

no one comes to Thanksgiving with a preconceived agenda of gifts and a notion of expectancy. As we get older, we go to Thanksgiving truly thankful for what we have in our lives. That's what makes it great: being together just for the sake of each other's company and sharing an amazing meal even if someone dries out the turkey.

Writing this, I begin to realize all that I have and all that I am thankful for. I'm thankful to all of you reading this. Without you, these would just be words on a page and a great meal gone nowhere.

Also, I'm thankful for ham. Without ham, I would be stuck with only turkey leather for subsistence on Thanksgiving. For some reason, cat-loving copy editors hate ham. I don't understand why. Ham is delicious and should be eaten more often than on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and sandwiches. So, I present to you, apple-mustard glazed ham.

This week's feature:  
*Apple mustard  
glazed ham*

You will need,  
1 pre-cooked ham  
1 cup apple juice or cider  
4 tbsp dark brown sugar  
¼ cup Dijon mustard (also  
try cranberry Dijon)  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1 tbsp honey

Preheat oven to 350°. Place the ham, cut-side down in a roasting pan with one cup of water. Bake the ham 15 minutes per pound. While the ham bakes, whisk together apple juice, brown sugar, mustard, cinnamon and honey. When ham is heated through, take out of oven and drain the juices. Increase oven heat to 425°. Pour half the glaze on the ham and put back in the oven for 15 minutes. Then, pour the rest of the glaze on the ham and bake for another 15 minutes. When finished, allow to rest for ten minutes. Slice, serve and enjoy.

And remember, be thanful and live to eat.

## Response to last week's chief justice article

I came across your article on Jeff McKee while looking for other unrelated news. This information is probably not relevant anymore but I figure it will help clear some things up. It is long winded but it may shed some light on what happened to get McKee impeached.

There were actually three of us that brought the suit against the Student Government Association. At the time none of us had any affiliation with SGA, though Dang Vue later became a justice and I had previously served as a senator. Randy, had no connection with SGA at all. I undertook the writing of the case and both Randy and Dang helped research and argue the case.

The reason we pursued the case was not over the appointments but over the constitutional amendment that senate proposed and passed on the same night. The appointment came as a result of the legislation because Justin was not able to appoint any justice until spring. There was also an issue with the appointment of the chief justice because of a succession clause that gave the role of chief justice to the vice chief justice. The vice chief justice that was supposed to take over the role submitted that case but later retracted it and resigned.

When we argued the case we never asked for the removal of any of the justices. It didn't make sense to have them removed just to have them renominated and appointed again. However, we did ask that the chief justice appointment be retracted which we had to later abandon because the vice chief justice had resigned. Though the decision was never published, the justices decided that their appointments were illegal and removed themselves (with the exception of Viguera because he was

appointed by Cohen the previous year). The drafting of the decision is where it became complicated.

A decision was written. However, the court did not meet again to approve the draft. Probably because none of them felt they still had the responsibility to do so. Without the decision being published there was no record of the final decision and the justices were all still technically justices until the decision was published. That is what led to the fact finding committee by the senate.

The fact finding committee held a single meeting where they invited the justices to come and give a defense for their actions. Only Justice Gifford and Viguera showed up. I think a couple of the others submitted letters. They basically found that the justices were guilty of not performing their duties, holding meetings without proper training as required in the constitution (This was a false charge by the committee. Laura Ketchum-Ciftci affirmed at the senate meeting that she had trained the justices.), and some other minor charge I can't remember. At the senate meeting, Justice Viguera

was the only justice to show up and defend his actions.

I was personally there to help defend Justice Viguera and he was spared removal, essentially because he showed up. I did stand up and speak on behalf of Justice McKee. However, the senate still decided to remove him. I feel that Justice McKee was wrongfully removed. In my opinion, the fact finding committee was attempting to make an example of the justices. The committee met only once, they only gave justices one chance to present themselves and it was on the committees set time, and they also presented false information. Relations between the court and senate during that semester were always uneasy that year.

- Robert Forseth, Former Student

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From "Pluto" pg 5

Any object that doesn't meet this third criteria, is considered a dwarf planet and as result, Pluto has been downsized.

Pluto has the possibility of gaining mass by colliding with other objects in its orbit, but for now eight planets make up our solar system.

We better start teaching kids, "My Very Elegant Mother Just Served Us Nothing."



by Ty Natzke

The Pointer

From "Honor" pg 4

Fetterley was a former chair of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce's Fuel Milwaukee and currently serves on the Preserve Our Parks board and Alma Center board.

WINR members are mostly freshmen and sophomore students who are starting to experience volunteer and involvement groups and projects in the natural resource areas.

"I think that's great because we are giving them the skills; the incentive to start to really believe in involvement and then they can go onto more major-specific groups. But sometimes it's nice to see them get their feet under them to move on and get involved in groups that will really help them professionally," said Kissinger

More information about WINR and the banquet can be found online at <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/winr/>.

From "Profile" pg 4

but she continues to take classes to expand her knowledge.

"I keep learning new things about the American culture," Salman said. "It's worth learning more about another culture and to bring it back with you and teach it."

Salman was invited to come to the U.S. through a cultural exchange grant from Fulbright, a nonprofit organization that works in conjunction with the U.S. Department of State and the Institute of International Education. She arrived in Stevens Point this past August and will stay through May.

After classes conclude spring semester, Salman plans to return to Egypt and teach classes about the American culture and diversity.

"Egypt has perceptions about the U.S. that are wrong," Salman said, "and I want to correct those. The most important thing is bridging the two cultures: the one in Egypt and the one in the U.S. We need to find a connection between the Middle East and the U.S."

Before arriving in Stevens Point, Salman said she didn't believe in culture clashes. "But after I was here for a few weeks, I realized there is a very bad culture clash in many areas." For example, Salman felt that families and friends are much more valued in Egypt than in the U.S., where individualism and independence are valued.

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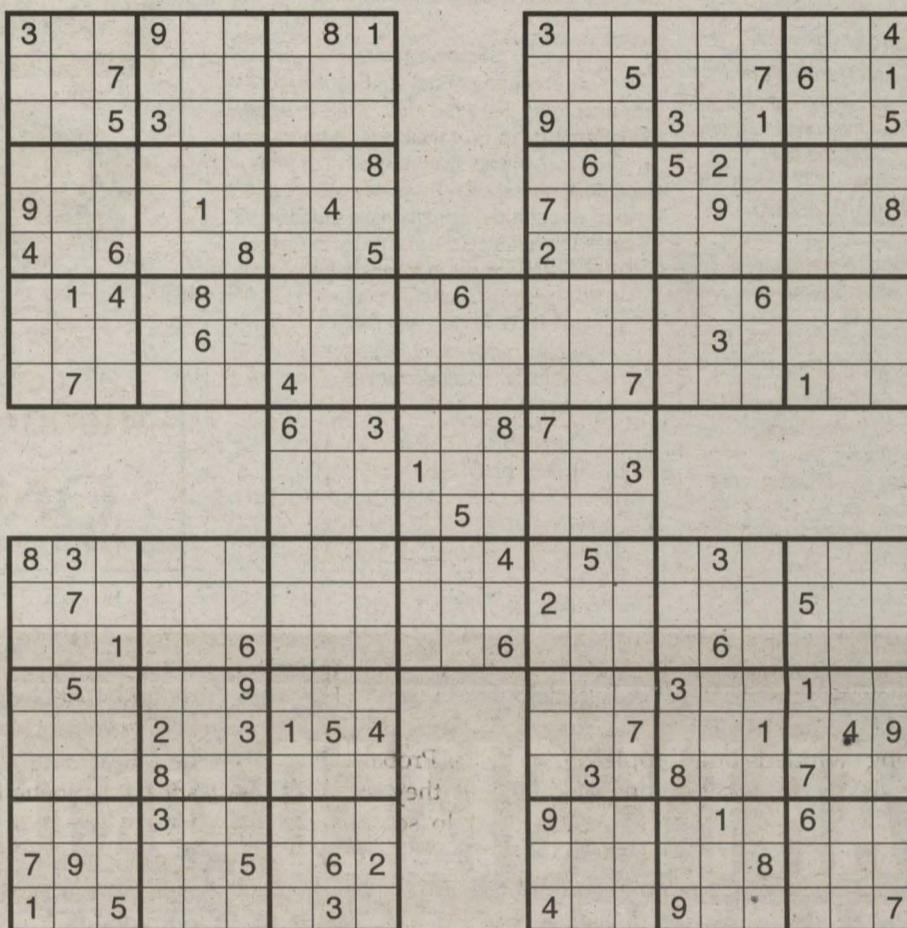
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Therefore, Salman is hoping that spreading the appreciation of learning a foreign language by serving, as an Arabic Language Facilitator will help to soften culture clashes. She enjoys her job because most of the time it is fun, but she enjoys it even more because she believes teaching a foreign language serves a greater purpose.

"Here's a phrase I like to use: Language is the glue which blends cultures together!" Salman said.

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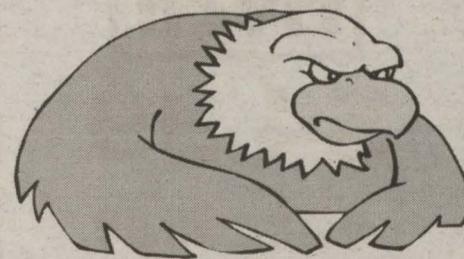
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