SGA debates dog park funding

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The Stevens Point Dog Park committee request for funding from Student Government Association sparked controversy at the SGA’s senate meeting on Thursday.

The funding request was first presented to the SGA finance committee at the Oct. 27 meeting. Matt Guidry, student life issues director, presented the funding request on behalf of the Stevens Point Dog Park. Originally, the request was for $10,000, but the amount was lowered to $2,500.

According to the dog park committee’s funding request, the committee needs $25,790 for fencing so the 30-acre park, which will be located at 601 Mason Street, can open. Currently, $13,000 has been raised. The rationale behind the dog park committee’s funding request is that students will find multiple benefits from the park. In addition to providing a safe, healthy place for students who own dogs to exercise their pets, the park would provide another place of recreation for students without dogs.

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An account holding $48,000 is sitting unused by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Intended to beautify public areas and showcase artistic talent in our region, the Wisconsin Arts Board’s Percent for Art Program provides legislation that requires two-tenths of one percent of the total construction costs for a new state building be allocated for the commission or purchase of artwork.

After the construction of the Dreyfus University Center, $48,000 was designated for this purpose; the university has yet to form the committee or purchase artwork.

“We tried a couple of different things,” said Susan Crotteau, University Centers Assistant Director. “We’ve wanted to have the architects for the building work with an artist and have a piece integrated into the design of the building … We were denied that.” The university had to go through the traditional process.

Crotteau usually represents the university on the advisory committee when artwork is being assigned to one of the University Centers. The committee also consists of one member from the Wisconsin Arts Board, two members of the art community and two members affiliated with the building in question. University students are not allowed to be active members of the committee.

“We fought really hard to have students sit on the committee … that was denied,” said Crotteau. “So we put a stop to the percent for art process for this building.”

An e-mail from Christine Manke, the Percent for Art coordinator, said, “For projects that are funded by student segregated fees, it’s extremely frustrating that students do not get to be more actively involved in the program.”

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“In the past we have included students as additional ex officio members and the students show up for an initial meeting or two and disappear. Given the large number of meetings, students rarely can attend the full meeting and they drop in and out. Since the duration of the projects extends 12-18 months or more, and the students graduate, transfer to other campuses or leave for summer opportunities and do not attend on a regular basis. This situation also occurs when the students were voting members.”

“They should have the foresight to realize students are going to change year to year,” said Student Government Association President Scott Ashbach. According to Ashbach, if the committee wanted student input, they could find students that would want to be involved.

The money for the DUC is still sitting unused in Madison, and UWSP is once again under pressure to use it.

“It’s students’ money and they should be able to sit on the committee. They should make up the majority of the committee in my opinion,” said Ashbach.

“I’m hesitant to move forward,” said Crotteau. “Because I have great difficulty sitting on a committee and representing students when we can’t get student representation on the committee.”

United Council and Senator Julie Lassa were working together to create student representation on the board or half of the board. Lassa’s office was recently told by United Council that this is no longer a priority issue, so they haven’t moved forward on it.

Along with students not being allowed as active members of the percent for art committee, students cannot be considered as artists for the program.

“For projects that are funded by student segregated fees, it’s extremely frustrating that students do not get to be more actively involved in the program,” said Crotteau.

“We have a lot of great resources on our campus for art. We’d like to use those,” said Crotteau.

UDS vegetables for winter is grown locally

Jackie Lutze

While piling their plates full of spinach at the University Dining Centers, students can now say they are eating local. With the help of Heidi A. Heath Farms, Inc. in Coloma, most of the greens used at the University Dining Services is now grown locally and without the use of pesticides.

Heath Farms has been around for close to 40 years and grows everything from pumpkins to perennials. They ship their products all over Wisconsin, as far north as Minocqua, and as far south as Milwaukee.

Although they use no pesticides on most of their produce, they cannot be considered organic. Debbie Hagedorn, farm grower, said, “We can’t be organic because the farm didn’t start that way. The buildings have had live turkey from day one and not all of the plants are spray free.” But the greens the UDS is receiving are spray free. Hagedorn said, “Take a piece and try it. It’s clean.”

All of Heath Farm’s products are picked by hand. “I’m not sure the exact numbers, but it’s something like 80 percent of mechanically picked products can be used where over 90 percent of handpicked can be used,” said Hagedorn. “That’s because if we’re going through and we see something that’s not fully ripe we can leave it and check again tomorrow, machines pick everything at once.”

UDS hasn’t used products from the farm in the past but both Heath Farms and the UDS have high hopes for this relation.

“Heath contacted us and simply asked ‘What can we grow for you?’ I think this is great we have local food to serve,” said Mark Hayes, director of UDS.

UDS usually gets their greens from California. “By getting the greens local, the shelf life is longer and the nutritional value is better,” Hagedorn said. “We pick it that morning and the university can serve it later that day. Where if you get it from out of state, the product is already days old by the time it gets here.”

The Heath Farms and UDS are looking at ways to expand the products that the university gets from the local farm. The farm is hoping to sell sweet corn and other summer vegetables to the university for summer conferences and even the first couple weeks of school while these products are still in season.

UDS is also looking to expand the supply of local food in general. Hayes said, “Right now the main local food we get is from Earthcrust bakery served at the Homegrown Cafe. We are definitely looking for more options.”

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about how the park would benefit the majority of the student body, especially in relation to the location of the park. The site of the dog park is more than a mile from campus.

Suggestions were also made that students would be more supportive of the money if it were part of a student organization.

“I am not opposed to having a dog park in the community, but I am opposed to the student reserve money going to that,” said Matthew Steiger, senator. “I think that this group should take a different route, maybe getting donations from students instead of just throwing them money out of our reserve. If individual students really think they’re going to benefit from it, they can donate their own money and not the budget reserve.”

The SGA concluded their discussion on the matter by sending the funding request back to the finance committee for proper presentation on behalf of Ashbach. The finance committee will meet again on November 10, at 7 p.m. in room 223 of the Dreyfus University Center.

Ashbach is not required to present. It is unknown if he will at this time.
New organization aimed at volunteering forms

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There are a variety of student organizations at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to keep students occupied for years on end. Many have specific areas of interest such as the arts, natural resources or politics. When choosing an organization to join, students tend to overlook the aspect of community service.

Though high school students usually partake in community service in order for it to look good on their resume or to get that one scholarship, students often forget the amount of impact they can have through their volunteer work and how important it is to a community.

The student organization Lead By Example helps to coordinate community service in order for it to be fun and overall, make a difference in the community.

Started by the Noel Compass Scholars, this group was formulated just this year in order to give students a chance to participate and interact with projects and people in the community. Consisting of Noel Compass Scholars, Lead By Example wants to make a difference in the Stevens Point community. This means extending the amount of people involved. The more people partaking in this organization, the more projects that can be done throughout the community. Just giving a helping hand for a couple hours truly makes a difference.

Silvia Bautista is a volunteer leader in the group and strongly wants the organization to be hands-on with the community in a positive way.

“We would like to make that positive and family-oriented connection within the community and campus,” said Bautista.

Lead By Example has not participated in a service project as of yet, but plans to help out or put on events pertaining to Operation Bootstrap, Martin Luther King Day (with the Black Student Union), World Cancer Day, Alcohol Awareness Month and World AIDS Day.

All of these upcoming projects tend to need a lot of people in order for the service project to work. In order to get your foot in the door with Lead By Example, e-mail Bautista at sbaut956@uwsp.edu.

Curling: it’s not just for your hair anymore

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Fifty years ago, Howard Woodside along with a few of his friends, decided a curling club was needed in Stevens Point. This was the start of citizens of Stevens Point realizing that curling was on the rise and growing internationally.

At that time, it had been especially popular in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Now, fifty years later, the Stevens Point Curling Club boasts 125 members of all ages that want to take part in the camaraderie and competition that is curling. Curling is even more prominent in the international scene as a part of the Winter Olympic games.

Stevens Point Curling Club’s vice-president, Jack Edgerton, realizes that curling is growing in popularity, especially in cities like Stevens Point.

“We have everybody from kids in grade school to people in their 80’s, it’s a sport that can be done by just about anyone,” said Edgerton.

Edgerton said that most of the more serious competitors that compete in tournaments, which curlers refer to as “bonspiels,” outside of the club come from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, but the competition within the club is always challenging and full of sportsmanship.

“Curling is a gentleman’s sport,” said Edgerton. “When you do something illegal, you call it on yourself. Also, before games you shake hands and wish your opponent ‘good curling.’ The same exchange happens after the game when the winner takes the losers out for a beverage of their choice. It’s a very social activity.”

What happens in between the hand shaking is the real bulk of the activity. Edgerton describes it as “shuffleboard on ice.”

“Curling is done with 42-pound granite stones, and you slide them from one end to another,” said Edgerton. “There are four people on a team, one person to be captain, what we call a ‘skip,’ who tells other people what they have to do at the other end. Another person delivers the rock, and the remaining two have rhymes that they use to try and direct the course of the stone to go further and stay straighter. Each round, or end, has eight rocks and the ultimate goal is to get all your stones closer to the scoring area than your opponents. And that is curling.”

If this is just the sport you’ve been looking for, you’re in the right place. The curling club located in Stevens Point is open every evening. It also contains the base for the United States Curling Association in the business park. Anyone can come to observe the sport and, as Edgerton pointed out, because there are many retired people in the club, it’s easy to set up a time with an experienced curler to learn the sport. For more in depth information about the Stevens Point Curling Club visit http://www.stevenspointcurlingclub.com/index-5.html.

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ways the failed school referendum will affect UWSP.

Many University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students recently expressed that the Stevens Point School Referendum did not affect them. The following are possible results from the failing of this funding.

5. When businesses come to a city, they often look at the education provided in that city as an important factor, as it influences employee’s children and future employees in general. Businesses may think twice when coming to Stevens Point if we lack good public schools.

4. Education majors will have a harder time finding placement in the Stevens Point school system if teachers are faced with budget cuts.

3. Many graduates of the Stevens Point school system go on to attend UWSP. This may hinder their acceptance to our campus depending on events pertaining to Operation Bootstrap, Martin Luther King Day, World Cancer Day, Alcohol Awareness (with the Black Student Union), World AIDS Day, and stay straighter. Each round, or end, has eight rocks and the ultimate goal is to get all your stones closer to the scoring area than your opponents. And that is curling.”

1. Non-traditional UWSP students may choose to not attend UWSP due to an inferior public school system or may choose to leave if certain programs are cut from their children.
Red and blue make purple: a student profile on Niah Finch

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If you wanted to know something about Spiderman, consider asking super-fan freshman, Niah Finch.

Finch, who has been infatuated with the hero since the age of three, can often be seen walking around the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point wearing Spiderman apparel and toting a Spiderman backpack, but her obsession with the hero is far from the geek heroism admired by Spiderman's standard fans.

"I love the color red. Red and blue actually, because together they make purple which is my ultimate favorite color," said Finch.

With a collection consisting of backpacks, stickers, computer accessories, a comforter, and a full spandex costume with inflatable muscles, Finch recalls begging her parents for her very first Spiderman item, a Spiderman doll.

Although traditional Spiderman fans would scoff at Finch's dedication to the icon, her intrigue with the character dates back to a playful rivalry with her older brother. Growing up in Southern California, Finch said her and her brother shared a close childhood bond until their parents divorcing.

"Growing up my brother liked Batman [and] I liked Spiderman," said Finch.

After her parents divorced, Finch and her brother were placed in the custody of their mother, and she recalls spending the majority of her time playing with her brother's toys. "[My soon walking] around, just having something was wrong with me. I didn't like normal girl toys. I hated Barbie. I played with G.I. Joe and little cars," said Finch.

Playing with her brother's toys gave the two a way to close their age gap and remain close. However, as time passed and the bond with her brother grew more distant, Finch never let go of her childhood attachment to the red and blue hero.

And by doing so she found different ways for it to remain relevant.

"In Torrance, California, the trend in high school and elementary school was that we always had cartoon backpacks and sneakers all geared toward a superhero," said Finch.

Finch now sees her connection to the comic book legend as a way to relate to the past while creating an image for the future.

"I just like being different, and it's cool because it sets me apart from every other female," Finch said.

Currently undecided at UWSP, Finch is certain of one thing. If she could have superpowers they would certainly be those of Spiderman.

"I would love the ability to shoot webs and climb up walls," said Finch.

UWSP Marathon Club is going the distance

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In 2006, Cristin Kowalski founded a group to support and motivate another in long distance running, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Marathon Club. This campus wide organization allows students the chance to get outside and challenge themselves to reach goals they may have once considered impossible.

"A lot of people think it's unattainable, but we help them set aside the time to commit to training in order to make it attainable, and that's part of the motivation," said Jamie Solberg, president of the club.

Even more than just helping to plan out the time commitment for marathon training, the club also supplies its members with valuable resources. Their Web site features links to advice, route making tools, stretching technique, fundraising for causes and other running oriented information. Being informed is a key way members of the club stay mentally prepared for their workouts and races. Ashley Van Etten, treasurer of the Marathon Club, said the most challenging part about long distance running is not a physical factor, but rather building up mental toughness.

"Just mentally getting over the fact that you're going to be running for an hour plus is a hard thing to do. Getting yourself up and motivated to run for such a long time can be very challenging," said Van Etten.

But despite the challenges the athletes of the Marathon Club face, the group still has 20-25 participating members, and through getting the word out, is looking at about a 30 member roster this year. To get the word out the club has been advertising tirelessly with posters around campus, notes in UWSP's Student org/ marathon.

"It tastes good until the pain comes," said Jacob Mathias.

"We could put a few more in there," said Erin Meuller.

"It feels really good in my mouth," said Jacob Mathias.
Science & Outdoors

Cavemen not the only ones to enjoy spelunking

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This weekend, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students will have the opportunity to see if spelunking is "so easy a caveman can do it" and no, the phrase does not refer to switching car insurance carriers. On Saturday, Nov. 7, Outdoor EdVentures will lead a group of students to spelunk, or explore, Popp's Cave near Richland, Wisconsin. According to their mission statement, OE is dedicated to "providing quality equipment and experiential programs that support education in the areas of outdoor awareness, environmental ethics and wilderness travel."

Mike Tanner, a double major in geosciences and natural resource management and trip leader for this paint the picture as too involved with OE for three years. "There are several different chambers and passageways you get to squeeze through," Tanner said. Although he admitted that cave exploring can be a bit muddy, of all the events hosted by OE, spelunking is his favorite.

Participants are required to bring a light, a change of clothes, food or money to buy food and appropriate footwear. Everyone from professional spelunkers to students who thought spelunking was some combination of spelling and dunking is invited to explore Popp's Cave. "We're all really experienced, so you should come to learn," said Tanner.

Although all students are welcome, yesterday marked the deadline for sign-up, due to a limited number of spots available. The event will be led by Mike Tanner and Kimberly Meloney. If you are unable to attend this weekend, rest assured knowing that similar spelunking events will be sponsored by OE in the future.

A mandatory meeting will be held today at 5 p.m. in OE, which is located in the lower level of the Allen Center.

Trip leaders and participants will have the opportunity to see if spelunking is "so easy a caveman can do it" and no, the phrase does not refer to switching car insurance carriers.

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For more information regarding spelunking or other events sponsored by OE, contact trip leaders, Mike Tanner at mtann684@uwsp.edu or Kimberly Meloney at kmeloney@uwsp.edu. OE is open from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday with varying weekend hours.

UWSP approaches "The 11th Hour"

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Q: What does Leonardo DiCaprio have to do with saving the environment?
A: More than the casual "Titanic" fan might realize. The Oscar and Golden Globe nominated actor produced and narrated several of his own environmental documentaries. One such film, "The 11th Hour," will be shown on campus on Nov. 11.

The term "11th hour" relates to a dwindling time period which requires immediate action. In the film, DiCaprio refers to this as "the convergence of environmental crises."

What he is trying to do is sort of two things," said environmental ethics professor Chris Diehm. "One is to give people a sense of urgency about environmental problems, but also to give people a sense of urgency that doesn't lead to apathy. If you paint the picture as too problematic, people get the feeling that it's a lost cause. It's a critical moment, but it's not too late."

Diehm will lead a discussion immediately following the showing of the film. He said this is a good way for people to talk about what they saw and to reinforce the message more than just the showing of a movie.

In "The 11th Hour," DiCaprio and others speak about how personal life changes as well as political actions are required to bring about a sustainable way of life. People can consume far less resources and create more efficient technologies. In addition, government leaders need to be more cooperative with each other and keep large corporations, the film says.

"The 11th Hour" stand apart from other environmental documentaries.

"One of the big messages of the movie is that it's important to do personal changes, but it's also really important to make sure that you try to change the political system too, and you try to get the corporations out of government... For example, lots of people want to get away from using fossil fuels and having an oil-based economy, but there are lots of companies and politicians that won't let that happen," said Diehm.

"It's a critical moment, but it's not too late."

-Diehm

Campaign finance reform for politicians was something Diehm said he found especially important to change in terms of government. You have to get it set up so that the politicians don't have some sort of 'back door obligation' to these corporations," said Diehm.

Overall, Diehm said the movie does a good job of appealing to the audience to carry the message across.

"It has a lot of people who are experts in their field but who are explaining a lot of these things in terms that are accessible to people. I also think that we live in a culture where celebrities carry a lot of weight and are able to change the way a lot of people listen to them differently... That itself carries a big message."

"I will absolutely recommend this movie," Diehm said.

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The University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Department of Theatre and Dance is set to unveil their first musical of the season next week with their production of "RENT." "RENT" showcases a storyline of a year in the life through the countdown of 525,600 minutes in a viewpoint of starving artists in New York City. They discover the question of measuring a year through trials, sickness and ultimately—love.

"RENT" is a rock opera, based on the opera, "La Bohème" and was written by Jonathan Larson. Larson didn't get to see the off-Broadway premiere of "RENT," due to his sudden death in 1996. Impoverished young artists and musicians face the ongoing toll of AIDS and try to survive one day more. Larson wanted musical theatre to be brought to the MTV generation so that kids would be able to relate more to musical theatre in general. This dream was accomplished, though he didn't get to see it lived out.

"RENT" moved to Broadway and won a Tony for Best Musical, and also increased the popularity of musical theatre. It was eventually made into a "movie-musical" containing many of the original cast. "RENT" closed on Sept. 7, 2008, after a 12-year run and 5,124 performances.

The characters of "RENT" are noted among many musical theatre productions as challenging, yet exciting. The in-depth struggles, and "baggage" that each has to face are very serious to portray on stage. The actors and actresses in the UWSP Theatre Department are struck with a great challenge in playing these roles. They are being helped along by director Tyler Marchant who spent many years in New York where the play is set, developing his theater background. Derek Prestly, a senior musical theatre actor is portraying the role of Mark - the "narrator" and eyes of the production.

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-Prestly

"RENT" is not a walk in the park. Its content is so emotional and powerful, and so it has been a challenge thus far to be able to find the truth and sincerity in that emotion. Also, it is a beast of a show to sing. It's a rock opera, so it is essentially two hours and 40 minutes of non-stop singing. So that is a definite challenge, trying to keep your voice healthy throughout all the singing," says Prestly. Elizabeth McMonagle, who plays the role of Maureen, has been trying hard to live up to the expectations of what people know "RENT" to be.

"The set is without a doubt one of the biggest and most complex sets we've ever seen in my three and a half years being here," said Prestly.

"The challenge with this show is that there is a strong stereotype of what "RENT" should be: I think the cast have not only paid tribute to the characters and honored Larson's work, but have also made them deeper and more real. Vocally, I often forget that this is an academic performance as some numbers, in my opinion, sound better than the original Broadway recording," said Ben Kem, Assistant Director of "RENT."

In order for the actors and actresses to get what this show has accomplished throughout the years of its production, they began to research all the things that fans have said about RENT, along with watching the last Broadway production of RENT on DVD. "RENT" has the ability to change people. Early on in rehearsals, we watched a documentary on the show's final performance on Broadway a few years ago. Hundreds of people came to the theater that day in hopes of getting a handful of rush tickets still available. And outside the theatre, there was a giant wall where fans could write whatever they wanted. There were people who were moved that RENT changed their lives; that they were considering ending their lives but RENT gave them hope. There was even a couple who met in the rush line of 'RENT' years ago and have been together ever since. The message is so powerful and speaks to everyone who sees it," said Prestly.

Tickets are going fast, the Nov. 13, 14, 15, 20, and 21 shows are already sold out, leaving only two days with available tickets, Nov. 18 and 19.

"The Floating World" continues with film festival

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As I approached the parking lot behind the Collins Classroom Center, my stomach clenched with anxiety. I was heading toward a group of about 40 zombies, pale-faced and bloody, getting ready to take over the streets of Stevens Point this Halloween. Under the golden glow of the streetlights, I saw them there, standing quietly, smoking, awaiting the bugle call. Some of them practiced the only line a zombie has ever screeched, “BRRRAAAAIINNNS.”

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Football can't stop Warhawks, drop first WIAC game

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Last Saturday, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team suffered a crushing 41-12 loss against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at Community Stadium at Goeke Field.

Both teams entered the game with a 4-0 record in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, but it was the Pointers who lost their undefeated status and gave the Warhawks a huge victory on the road.

After being defeated by the Pointers in their homecoming game last year and having to share the WIAC title with them as co-champions, UW-River Falls was able to avenge the loss and display their dominance in the conference this year.

The trouble began for UWSP when quarterback Jared Beckwith was intercepted on the first drive, allowing the Warhawks to quickly capitalize with a touchdown.

The Pointer offense continued to struggle against UW-Whitewater, staying scoreless as the Warhawks scored three unanswered touchdowns.

As the second quarter carried on, the Pointers appeared to be seizing some opportunities of their own. A 93-yard touchdown pass from Beckwith to wide receiver Jared Jenkins put the excitement at a game high.

Mendenwald ran against the Pointers’ defense, including their two running backs, to make the score 21-6, UW-Whitewater.

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Mendenwald had a personal aspect added to the game being a transfer student from UW-Whitewater. Mendenwald ran against the Pointers last year but transferred schools because of personal problems within the football program.

Mendenwald compared his situation with Brett Favre playing against his former team, but had nothing negative to say about UW-Whitewater.

"They definitely brought the high intensity of the game. They did nothing that we didn’t expect them to do," Mendenwald said.

Quarterback Jared Beckwith also noted the Warhawks’ ability to control the momentum.

“That whole game was definitely about momentum, and it was on their side for most of the game,” Beckwith said.

Beckwith expressed some doubts over this year’s team’s performance in comparison to last year.

“I think last year was behind us, but going into this game, I think we knew we weren’t the same team this year,” Beckwith said.

“You have talking about last year but I think we’re just a different team and we do things differently.”

Beckwith said that the team’s ability to execute has been less evident.

“We’re successful some weeks and in other weeks you can see it shows that we struggle a little bit,” Beckwith said.

Both players look forward to a demanding game this week against UW-River Falls, the team that beat them in their first conference game last year.

At 1-4 in the WIAC, the Falcons don’t seem to be much of a threat, but three of those games were pushed into overtime, including their game against UW-La Crosse, which went into triple overtime.

Women’s hockey looks to exceed conference expectations

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women’s hockey team stormed into their season with a win against the University of St. Thomas this past weekend. In their 5-3 win in St. Paul, Minn., the girls proved just what the team’s intentions are for this season: to play strong and win.

According to head coach Ann Ninnemann, the team’s strength for this season is their ability to work hard.

“They’ve all been working really hard to condition on and off the ice to develop their skills,” Ninnemann said. “As long as they keep this up, I believe we can be successful.”

To prepare for the 2009 season the team relied on the responsibility of each individual to stay in shape.

“We do a lot of interval training and the girls usually skate twice a week,” said Ninnemann. “Most of the initiative though, is on their shoulders to stay in shape.”

Apart from meeting on the ice, the girls also had the opportunity to participate in a strength training schedule at the UWSP Strength Center. For each offseason, a Strength Center employee calculates proper workouts for the team to do and it is up to the athlete to keep current with the training schedule.

After losing a significant portion of their offense, including their two All-American players Rachael Graves and Nicole Grossman as well as three other scorers, the team was feeling some pressure.

What doesn’t help is the fact that a great majority of Wisconsin high schools do not have an active women’s hockey program to recruit from. This is why most of the team is from Minnesota, where there are over 100 high schools that have women’s hockey.

With these factors tabulated, the conference preseason poll pegged the team to wind up in fourth place.

Ninnemann couldn’t disagree more and expressed her confidence in the team.

“I don’t feel that at the end of the year we’ll be in fourth position but that’s where others view us because of who we lost,” Ninnemann said.

They however, don’t know who we have coming in. I’m really looking forward to this season.”

Key returners include junior Dara Carothers, one of the most proven scorers on the team and sophomore forward Erin Marvin. Defensively, according to Ninnemann, “Sarah Phillips is running our defense this year.” More notable players include senior team captains Jessica Edward and Tracy Butler.

The team has also added new freshman to the roster. Unitng together and teaching the newer players the system is what Ninnemann sees as the biggest challenge of the season, but not one they can’t handle.

The Pointers have a total of 12 home games during the season; the next one is this Sunday, Nov. 8, at 2:30 p.m. when they take on Concordia-Moorhead. For a full schedule visit http://athletics.uwsp.edu/schedule.aspx?path=whockey.
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's tennis head coach Karlyn Jakusz, after leading the program to its first appearance in the spring Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament, was named the WIAC Coach of the Year by a vote of coaches in the conference.

Jakusz acknowledged that the award reflected the play on the court this season.

"The girls are the ones who played well; I just got the perk," Jakusz said. "It's a pretty big deal."

In previous years, the program as a whole seemed like close matches. "It's always good to get your attention to the MIAC playoffs and the start of the NBA as well. Either way, we're half way through the NFL season, and it's time to look back and try to remember what happened in the first part."

Best Team: Indianapolis Colts - They've had a few close calls and their schedule gets a bit tougher in the spring. Either way, we're half way through the NFL season, and it's time to look back and try to remember what happened in the first part. Best Coach: Jim Zorn of the Washington Redskins - Owner Dan Snyder and head coach Jim Zorn: Not winning popular vote in D.C.

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Best Game: Week four, Denver Broncos defeat the Dallas Cowboys, 17-10 - This was a tough one as there were many good games so far this season, but the Broncos' first statement game of the season stuck out to me the most. The game was intense throughout, with big defensive plays and a crowd that got better and better as the game drew to the end. It all culminated with Brandon Marshall's 51-yard touchdown catch and run and the Denver defense turning the Cowboys away twice from inside the five-yard line. I was excited about this game and I don't like either of these teams, so that has to count for something.

Worst Game: Week five, Cleveland Browns defeat (?) the Buffalo Bills - The Browns' worst game, and their starting quarterback, Derek Anderson, completed only two passes for 23 yards in the entire game. Thanks for stopping by, Buffalo. In terms of small-market cities that have NFL teams, I would like to thank my parents for choosing Green Bay.

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Worst looking coach: Brad Childress - This may strictly be from the士'In Bitter department, but it is still hard to argue against. With that beard, Childress looks like he is preparing to show up on the next installment of "To Catch a Predator." Can base that wouldn't mind a relocation of the team: Washington Redskins - Owner Dan Snyder is becoming the dictator who turns on his own people. He relieved head coach Jim Zorn of play-calling responsibilities; why would the head coach need to bothered with that? He has banned all fan signs from the stadium, possibly because some of them may have hurt his feelings, and oh yeah, the team is 2-5, with two of those losses coming to the Kansas City Chiefs and Detroit Lions. Hey, maybe Los Angeles still wants a team!
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You will need:
4 hoagie rolls, or
1 loaf French bread
Yellow mustard
1/2 lb. baked ham
1/2 lb. pulled or shredded pork
Sliced provolone cheese
Sliced dill pickles
Slice the hoagie rolls horizontally and leave one edge intact. Spread mustard on the inside of the roll.
Stuff the roll with two slices of cheese, a quarter of the ham and pork, and about five pickle slices, depending on taste. Grease both sides of a sandwich or Panini press with the butter. Place sandwiches in the press and flatten. Cook about ten minutes or until bread is toasted and the cheese is hot and melted. If you don't have a sandwich press, you can wrap a brick or heavy flat stone in aluminum foil and bake at 500 degrees for an hour. Heat a frying pan over medium heat, place the sandwich in the pan and place the hot brick on top and cook as directed above.

In celebration of what I hope is an uncontested victory, many in the Tampa area will be dining on the

Letter to the Editor
Dear Editor,

I am a student at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and an active member of the statewide student association, United Council of UW Students. I am writing to inform readers about a bill that would ensure the Governor to seven-year positions. Currently, 10 of these 14 live in the entire state as a whole.

Please call your state representatives and ask them to support Assembly Bill 276/Senate Bill 223 regarding geographic representation on the UW Board of Regents.

Lybra Ohrbantz

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Are your funds starting to dwindle?

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Chances are at this point in the school year, you're busy wrapping up semester-long projects and cramming for tests. For many college students this is also the time of year when funds are starting to dwindle. For those with loans, funds most likely will have to last until January when another semester begins. For those graduating in December and who are still searching for a job, your savings may have to last even longer. So just how do you stretch your money out over the next couple of months, especially when the holidays are right around the corner?

The following are a few tips to help make your funds last just a little bit longer:

- Cut expenses - Take a close look at areas where you can cut expenses. Some examples of items that you may want to consider doing without for awhile include: cable TV, internet, eating out, movies or other entertainment, shopping or traveling.

- Find ways to make some extra cash - If you don't already have a job, start looking around for something part-time. November is a great time to pick up temporary, seasonal work. If you're having trouble finding something on your own, consider finding a job through a staffing agency. If your schedule doesn't allow for you to have a job, look for different ways to make money, such as selling old items. Do you have old textbooks lying around? What about an older computer or iPod?

- Seek help from loved ones - Borrowing money from loved ones is never ideal, however, if you're unable to find work or other ways to supplement your income, perhaps asking a family member or friend for financial help is your only option. Make sure your loved one knows that your financial situation is only temporary and tell them when you plan to repay them.

- Call in the professionals - Trying to find ways to make your funds last can be difficult so don't be afraid to meet with a local banker who can provide you with suggestions on what you can do to improve your financial situation. A banker can give you ideas on how to better manage your funds as well as other ways to make your money work smarter for you.

The key thing to keep in mind when you're trying to make your funds last is to always think conservatively. Start with a couple of these suggestions at first and be sure to talk with your banker. If you're careful with the money you do have, you'll be surprised at just how long you can make your funds last and, best of all, being broke won't be part of your college experience!
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