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Admin. optimistic after picking up the pieces

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Two University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point administrations are looking forward to this school year after previously detrimental leaders.

After last year's Student Government Association's vote of no confidence of former Chancellor Linda Bunnell, Mark Nook, interim chancellor, is determined to continue to build strong relationships between the administration and campus organizations.

"The energy that I see being displayed by the new administration for student government is very similar to the energy that we find in the administration with the changeover of some of the interim positions," said Laura Ketchum-Cifti, director of the University Centers and staff advisor to SGA. "Being a new year, it's an excellent time for hopefully growth and looking at some of the things that need to be accomplished... It's perfect timing to have the synergy all tied together into one."

Nook will continue to be as visible to students as he was as provost. "I am intending to be around out walking. I did it as provost. That won't change," he said.

"I think the thing that I have really worked to do and to build as the provost was a very open and honest dialogue with whatever groups I needed to work with and wanted to work with," said Nook. "I think I have established a reputation as someone who will be open and honest about issues. Not try to hide things or spring things on people."

Nook said his relationships with campus groups and organizations were

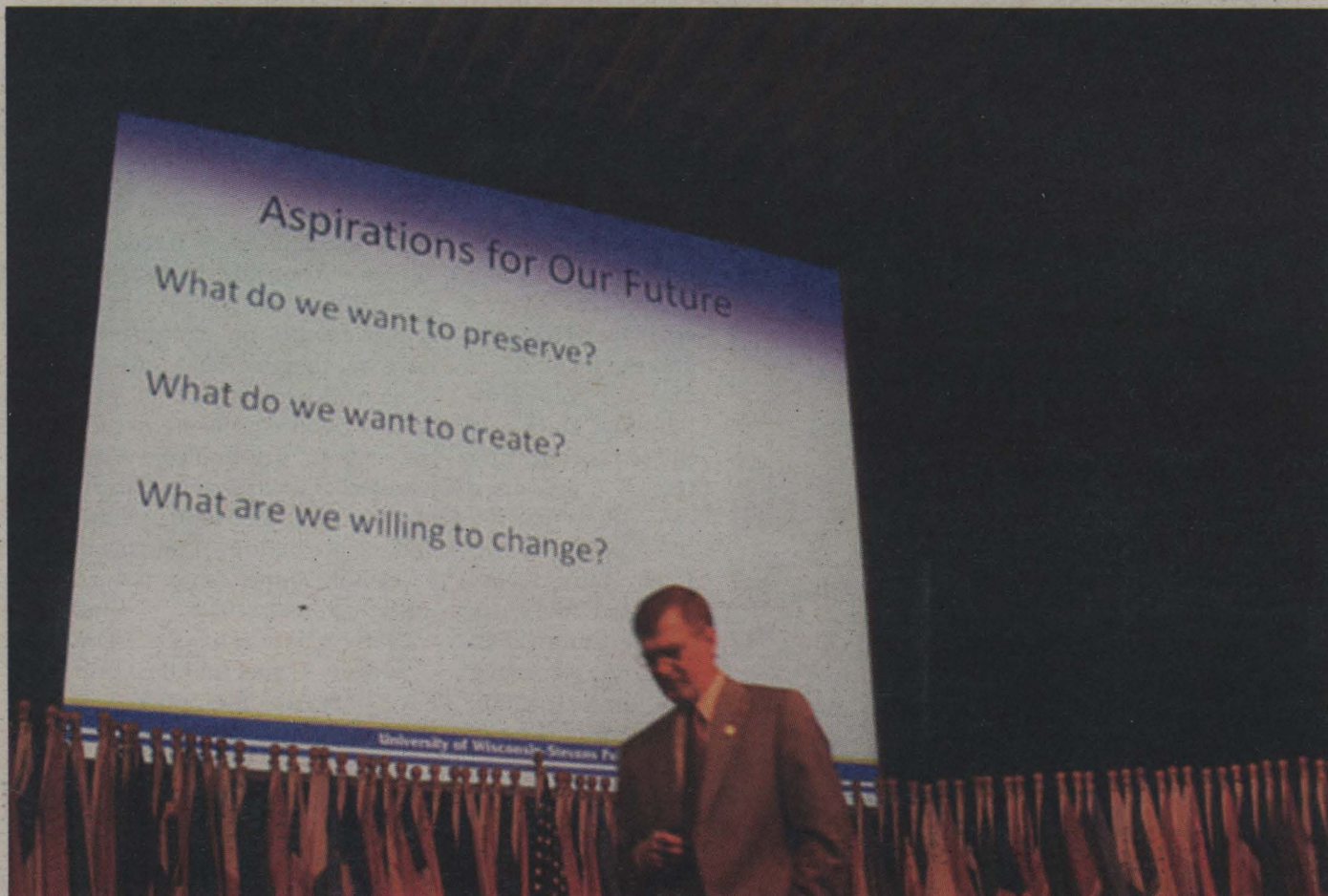


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Interim Chancellor Mark Nook addresses the university on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009.

already positive before he stepped into the interim chancellor role.

Scott Asbach, SGA president, said, "We will get everything done. I think the biggest thing that people will be happy with is the change in attitude."

"I think the biggest first step that we can make and that everyone in general will be happy with is just our relationships," said Asbach. "Building those bridges back up again that happen to have been torn down. I think that will be the biggest thing."

Nook plans to attend sporting

events, eat in Debot at least once a week and be more accessible to SGA. Asbach said there will be regular communication between administration and student governance through cabinet meetings.

"I think that definitely helps, so it's not just this administration off in the distance. So it kind of connects people. That will be nice. I think students will really appreciate that," said Asbach.

Asbach said SGA will be working on a few things right away, including how SGA will handle naming after student deaths, making the campus

smoke free and improving bike rental and the quality of bike racks on campus.

Nook is most concerned about the stress level of those students whose parents don't have jobs and did a year ago.

"Some of their parents are being laid off or at least hours are being cut. So a 5.5 percent increase is a burden on our students as well. It's sort of a two-face animal. In one respect it makes it possible for us to run the university at the level we'd

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Facebook status reveals violence in campus proximity

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An investigation is underway to determine those involved in an assault that occurred Monday, August 31, at 2:21 a.m.

The victims are two male, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point students, said Bill Rowe, protective services director and police chief.

Lt. Ron Carlson of the Stevens

Point Police Department said they were walking back to their residence hall from Toppers Pizza.

The only female of the four suspects, all Stevens Point residents, called out a derogatory term toward the UWSP students, said Bob Tomlinson, vice chancellor of student affairs.

Carlson said the students then yelled something back in a similar fashion. This is what triggered the fight.

Rowe said the altercation happened between the Topper's Pizza parking lot on Division Street

and parking lot P on Isadore Street.

The victims were transported to St. Michael's Hospital, in Stevens Point, following the incident.

The victims each had CT scans. Injuries included unconsciousness, a broken nose, a minor concussion and facial swelling.

The SPPD arrested one of the suspects, a 20-year-old male Stevens Point resident, for aggravated battery. He was released the following day on his own recognizance, said Carlson.

Laura Ketchum-Ciftci, the director of the University Centers,

said one of the assailants posted a status on Facebook indicating that he/she wished him or herself a happy birthday by committing the assault.

"There is a reference to Facebook in the report. The Facebook entry led officers to contact the suspect. So it was a pretty integral part. That's what brought them to knock on the suspect's door," said Carlson.

Carlson said, the suspects and victims are between 19 and 20-years-old. Alcohol was involved in the incident.

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News

Campus receives many summer facelifts

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As students returned to campus last week, they saw many familiar things like old friends, long lines at the University store and groups of freshmen on Division Street. Progress at the university, however, did not stop when most students left The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point last May. Over the summer, many changes including repairs and renovations took place on campus.

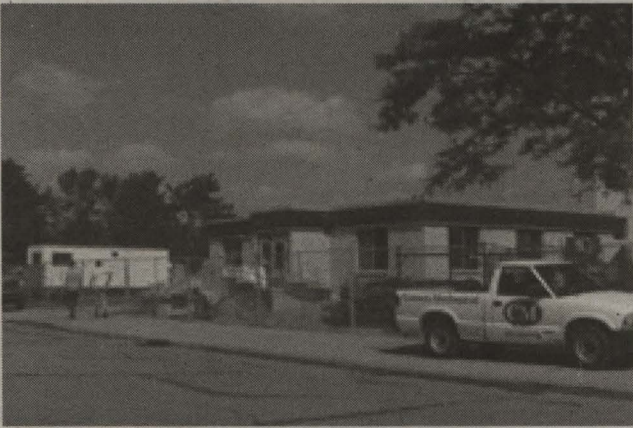


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Hyer Hall on Reserve St. stands empty waiting for demolition next week.

One of the most obvious is the \$1.48 million renovation of parking lot R, located on the corner of Portage and Reserve Streets, and parking lot K, behind Nelson Hall. One hundred and thirty-nine spaces, both metered and permit were added in lot R, as well as many sustainability features.

According to Greg Diemer, vice chancellor of business affairs, the reconstructed lot includes a state-of-the-art storm water drainage system that allows water to percolate into the subsoil instead of being channeled into the Wisconsin River. The newly added landscaped areas throughout the parking lot are part of that system. The renovated lot also features LED lighting, which is more energy efficient and requires less maintenance than the previous

lighting system. In addition, the space now includes a sidewalk on Portage Street making the area more accessible and safer for students.

The lot will be completely open as soon as the correct size parking meters arrive and are installed. The posts that were installed are too small for the size of meters originally ordered, said a University Centers employee.

Students living in Steiner Hall may have been pleasantly surprised by the facelift the building received over the summer. Updates include a thin coat of plaster over the cinderblock walls in the rooms, new carpeting, a sprinkler system and the installation of an elevator. Baldwin Hall was the first building to undergo renovation during the summer of 2008; Hansen Hall is slated for work in the summer of 2010. According to Joe Totman, Residential Living director, up to \$5 million will be spent each summer for the next six summers to continue residence hall renovations, budget permitting.

The other major project for the residence halls is the demolition of Hyer Hall, scheduled to begin the week of September 14. Students interested in watching the demolition and construction at the site can access a live Web cam through the Facilities Planning Web page: www.uwsp.edu/admin/busaffairs/facplan/.

The building to replace Hyer Hall will be a five story, 330-bed suite-style residence community geared toward upperclassmen, expected to be completed by Fall 2011. The current freshman class will be the first class able to live there.

The demolition of an entire hall

has required some student housing to be rearranged. According to Diemer, there is "just barely" enough space to fit all students requiring on-campus housing. Adaptations made to fit those displaced include fewer single rooms, some hall staff taking on roommates and converting 20 floor kitchens into rooms for students. The squeeze on housing accommodations, however, has not affected freshman admissions. Some on-campus housing requests by upper-level students, on the other hand, were denied because of the residence space shortage. These students were forced to find alternative housing off campus.

Other, less obvious improvements on campus include new lighting in the Multi-Activity Center, Quandt and Berg gyms as well as floor resurfacing in the latter two gyms. Technology upgrades were installed in selected classrooms in the Communication Arts Center and science buildings, and the bridge by DeBot Dining Center is currently under construction. Students walking between the Dreyfus University Center and the CAC may have noticed some orange fencing. Work is currently in progress to erect a shell around a cooling tower on the top of the DUC to maintain the aesthetic value.

"I was pleased to see it and in some ways, I wasn't, 'cause I didn't think we had to spend that much money on cosmetics. But a lot of people said it would look a whole lot nicer," said Bob Tomlinson, the vice chancellor of student affairs.

Planning for future projects has not stopped with the return of students. Projects in the works include the construction of a waste management lab near parking lots S and J, installation of air conditioning in the renovated residence halls, relocation of the military science department to the HEC and renovation of the Maintenance & Materials Building.

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like to and another we know its putting more impositions onto our students and making their lives a little more difficult to manage as well," said Nook.

He said he and the university can work around the edges of issues like these through strategic planning and thinking carefully about the future.

"It looks to me like we have the resources we need to continue to offer the curriculum that students

"It's perfect timing to have the synergy all tied together into one."

-Ketchum-Cifti

expect and need."

When Nook was moved up to interim chancellor, there was a bit of office antics to fill all of the vacancies. Or as Nook called it at the State of the University Address, "Who's in what office?"

Jeff Morin, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication is serving as the interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. In Morin's place is the communication department head Jim Haney. The interim department head of the communication department is now professor Gerard McKenna.

Although it may seem that things have just began to fall into place, the search for a permanent chancellor has already commenced. An article in the Stevens Point Journal has reported the university may begin soliciting nominations for the search and screen committee expected to be named in early October.

The committee will consist of at least 19 members, mostly UWSP faculty, but will also include academic staff, administrators, the UW System, students, alumni, donors and other community members. The goal is to be as diverse and represent as much of the campus as possible.

Nook has not disclosed if he will be applying for the position. "If my name is in the search it can impede certain people from applying." "To be fair to those people that serve on the search committee because it puts a lot of pressure on them if the interim is or is not in the search. And to be fair to the people who might apply."

He will not be serving on the search and screen either.

"A year from now we will have a new chancellor," said Nook.

"I am very excited about the year. There are some real challenges out there that we are going to have to deal with. Challenges are just opportunities. We find solutions, we don't find compromises."



Photo by Alyssa Riegert

Demolition of Hyer can be viewed via Web cam at www.uwsp.edu/admin/busaffairs/facplan/ beginning next week.

Students denied housing

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The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point is denying residence hall rooms for students. With Hyer under construction, the campus now has fewer rooms for students forcing them to find other housing.

The following message can be found on the Residential Living home page, "Due to unprecedented requests, Residential Living is unable to provide housing for individuals who graduated from high school more than two years ago and/or will be 21 prior to the start of the fall semester and who apply on or after June 1, 2009. We apologize for any

"I ended up getting a house with a person that I've known for like maybe a week or so now."

-Basile

inconvenience this may cause." But for those students turned down there may be no more options. Joe Totman, director of Residential

Living, claimed, "We have turned away contracts for some students that are 21 years or older that applied with us after June 1 and who are eligible to live off campus."

"We made the decision that anyone who didn't have to live on campus we'd return their application if they had applied after June 1 with the idea that they have an option. But if a freshman applies, which we had several after the first of June, they really don't have a choice," said Bob Tomlinson, vice chancellor of student affairs.

Totman also addresses Residential Living putting students in hotels such as Point Motel. "We have done that in the past, but that is not the case this year. That is merely a rumor."

Tomlinson talked about a veteran who is returning to school and needed somewhere to live. A joint effort was put forth by the university, city and local Reserve Officers' Training Corps division to find him a place to live.

For some students though there was a tight scramble to find housing. Many students planning on living in the residence halls and finding out that they have no place to stay has caused issues.

UWSP transfer student Anthony Basile, 20, went through just that. Basile applied for on-campus housing in late June. He was told his deposit would guarantee him a place to live. About a week or two before classes began, he received a letter stating he no longer had a room to live in and could request his deposit to be refunded, said Basile.

Basile said, Luckily, he has a friend he could stay with for a while, until he met someone on Facebook who needed a roommate. "I ended up getting a house with a person that I've known for like maybe a week or so now."

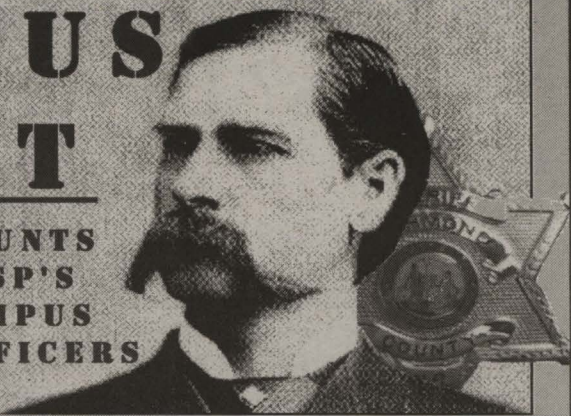
Basile said this made him upset, because he did not want to bring a lot of stuff with him and wanted to have a meal plan to eat with.

"The main thing I was looking at is being a better social situation because if I was in the dorms then I would have a better chance of making my own friends," said Basile. He said he would join some student organizations to meet people.

But Totman assured that the numbers were very low and also stated, "We continue to provide housing for all traditional students that would be required to live on campus based on the UW Board of Regents policy.

CAMPUS BEAT

TRUE ACCOUNTS
FROM UW-SP'S
FINEST CAMPUS
SECURITY OFFICERS



September 2, 2009
22:15

Type: DRUG

Report: Watson resident advisor called about two men asking her residents to smoke pot with them.

Result: Two men had hookah with tobacco product officer relayed findings to resident advisor.

September 4, 2009
10:11

Type: CAR DAMAGE

Report: A broken mirror on black Saturn, located in parking lot P.

September 5, 2009
07:32

Type: VANDALISM

Report: Allen quad custodian in Steiner Hall reported vandalism in the form of young trees being ripped out of the ground near Steiner Hall.

Result: Trees were put back in their pots at 7:35am.

September 6, 2009
00:22

Type: DRINKING

Report: Officer noted two male individuals urinating on the steps of the LRC. Both individuals ran when approached.

Result: Were given verbal warning for a public urination and obstructing police. Citations were issued.

September 6, 2009
02:34

Type: VANDALISM

Report: Individual writing phone numbers on cars in parking lot P.

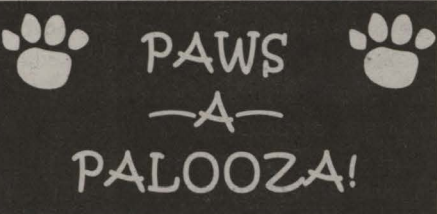
Result: Was given a verbal warning.

September 8, 2009
19:56

Type: THEFT

Report: Report of a stolen bike. The bike was stolen from outside of Debot between 7:00 and 7:15am. The bike is a red Roadmaster with a rack on the backseat.

Result: The caller reported that the bike was unlocked at the time.



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Sunday, September 20th
11:00 am—3:00 pm

Featuring:
Dog's Best Friend Training
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Welcome
back
students!

Lacking many Facebook friends? Buy some

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Feeling lonely and friendless? Nobody watching you update your Facebook status or following your Twitter updates? Now, thanks to uSocial, you don't have to worry about adding people that you actually know. You can now pay this new Australian marketing company to find you Facebook friends and Twitter followers.

USocial is primarily meant for businesses wishing to market their company on popular social networking sites through friends, fans and followers as well as pushing their websites to the front pages of sites like Digg.com and Yahoo.

Many have found the idea of individuals purchasing Facebook friends to be ludicrous.

"I don't understand when having Facebook became a popularity contest," said Andrew Letson, senior. "I've got an idea for you, why don't you go out and talk to people. What is the point of having Facebook friends you don't even know and you've never even met? It's just to make yourself look better, so that you can be the one with over a thousand friends. It's ridiculous; it's stupid and really, who needs 100,000 twitter followers? No one reads your twitter, shut up about it."

Small businesses are finding this a novel idea to bring traffic to their Web sites which would otherwise take extremely large amounts of time to reach.

Facebook is the world's fourth-most visited website and can make a huge impact in advertising to teenagers and young adults. Twitter ranks thirteenth.

"The best way to get a huge amount of traffic to your site is to have it listed on the coveted front page of one of the large social bookmarking sites," states Leon Hill, founder of uSocial. "The thing is, it can take

hundreds of votes in a short period of time to get there which is extremely difficult to obtain. But if it does happen, you can expect sometimes hundreds of thousands of people to your site in as little as one day. And for that to happen to a small-business owner, can mean serious cash."

Due to the cost, it may just be meant for businesses rather than the average Facebook or Twitter user. Facebook friends can be purchased on many different levels from 1000 new friends for \$177.30 to 5000 new friends for \$654.30. Purchasing Twitter follower is even more wide ranging with levels from 1000 new followers for \$87 to 100,000 new followers for \$3479.

Companies make contracts with uSocial to get them friends, fans or followers and uSocial contacts individuals at random, inviting them to be friends, fans or followers of this company or person.

Most of the options give up to a year for uSocial to fulfill their end of the bargain as far as bringing in possible customers. With thousands of people register at these social networking sites daily, the possibilities are endless for reaching new prospective buyers.

"For companies it makes sense," said Letson. "But here is a better idea. How about if you're a company, you have a good product and then want to know what is going on with it. If you have good products, people will buy it and you won't need a Twitter feed."

So if you're planning on starting your own business or just need the self-esteem boost of having 100,000 followers and 5000 Facebook friends, money can certainly make it possible, but you might want to watch out for those random friend requests from people you don't even know. You may have just helped uSocial fulfill their contracts.

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University Dining Services

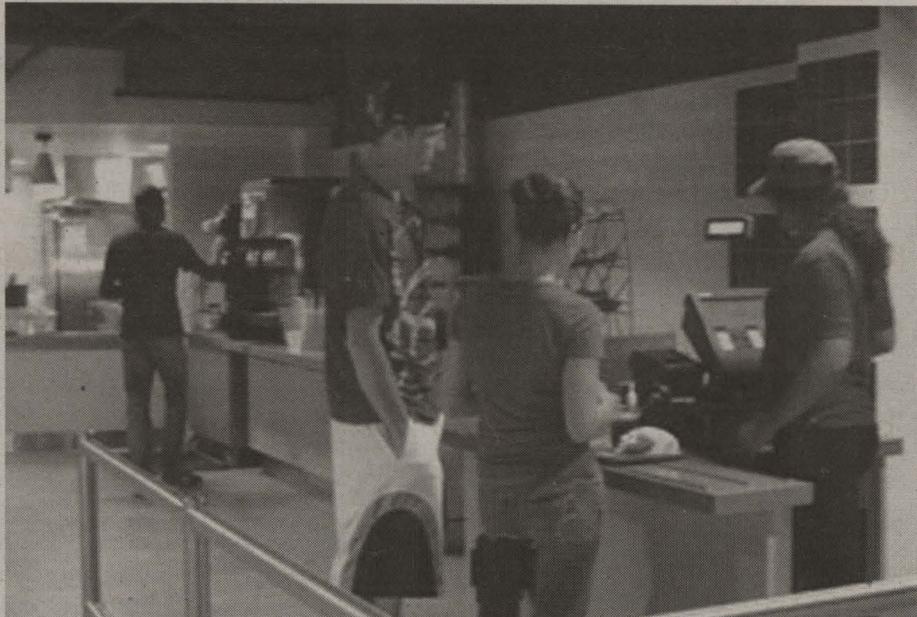


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Students purchase food now made by University Dining Services

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Starting June 1st, 2009, Chartwells officially stopped feeding the students of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. Due to an overwhelming desire for student input in their dining options, University Dining Services, or UDS, is now in charge and taking the campus' bellies by storm.

Now, the food you get from the Debot Dining Center, the Dreyfus University Center, the Food for Thought Café, the C-Store, and the Homegrown Café will all be provided by the university as opposed to an outside food provider like Chartwells.

Headed by Director Mark Hayes and Assistant Director of Culinary Operations Angel Alcantar, UDS is striving for not only a healthier menu, but a healthier relationship with its customers, the students of UWSP. The new administrators are proving their commitment to communication through utilizing a student based staff, creating an online community complete with a Facebook group, blog and student crafted goals.

"The biggest change for dining services is that last year 90 full time staff and 100 student staff members worked here. Now we have just 24 full time staff on board and over 200 students working," said Hayes.

More student employees means more opportunities for direct student input. This proximity allows the executive management of UDS to harness the opinions of their student employees, such as asking them to taste test options before committing any new item to an upcoming menu.

Expanding even further, incorporating students campus-wide, Hayes updates a blog about UDS regularly and implements the idea of a "UDS Roundtable." According to the UDS Web site, "The UDS Roundtable focuses on the four areas that encompass the progressive dining service interests of the University." More specifically:

community, shared planet, nutrition and culinary connections. So far students have been utilizing this open atmosphere by sharing their concerns about vegetarian and vegan options along with their desire for self-sustainability. The Debot Dining Center now boasts organics, farm raised chicken, cage-free eggs, locally made uniforms, batch cooking for freshness and some local food.

The new administrators didn't stop there. Another added feature called "special events," is available to preview on their website. These "special events" include themed dinners, celebrations, exam time bonanzas and more. There are also days for calculating food waste to link a worldly perspective with the sense of campus community these events will cultivate. Hayes and Alcantar stressed that these ideas have students' hearts at their core.

What is the result of this new style of student ownership? So far, the Debot Dining Center's past moaners and groaners have turned into adamant believers in what is happening there. "Compliments to the chef" have been overheard in student conversations all over campus. Shannon Ward, a sophomore at UWSP, applauded the new selection stating:

"Debot is now worth the time and money I put into meals here. The food tastes homemade and the options are amazing."

As for the new directors, Hayes and Alcantar would like all the students to judge themselves. They want to welcome each student and their ideas to the UDS community. E-mail comments, complaints and suggestions are welcome. You can also post comments on a whiteboard located outside the DUC food court.

Student representatives in many of the campus student organizations are also organizing a UDS student board to look into student issues and concerns as well as developing new ideas and components to UDS. This would be an even more direct way for students to have their voices heard through a governance process.

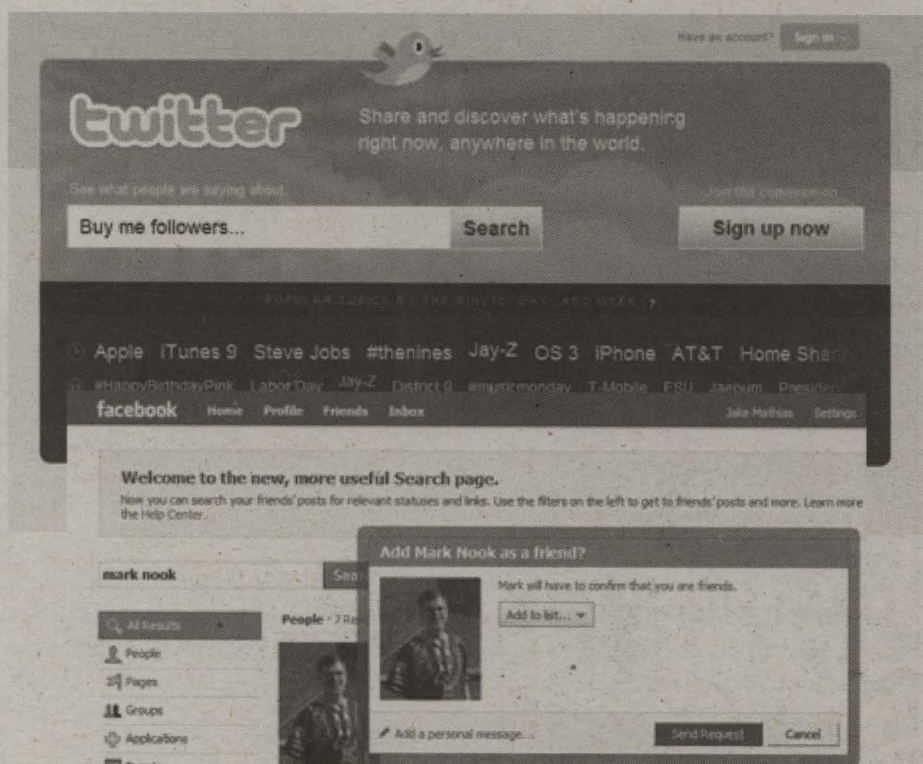


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Facebook and Twitter are two of the most popular forms of communication today.

Think you're safe from H1N1? Think again

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Students don't really care about their health, it seems, with their hectic schedules filled with classes, meetings, deleting emails, visiting Facebook, and reading student newspapers. Health is becoming more of an issue with the growing crisis surrounding H1N1.

Their health is on the back burner, as the worldwide epidemic of H1N1, more commonly referred to as the "swine flu," has disrupted the lives of thousands, including students at many universities. Sick of hearing about this disease daily, many do not pay attention to the effects that it may cause.

It is true that this strain of influenza is not as fatal as other strains, "Approximately 90,000 Americans will die from this particular virus," said Bill Hettler, director of Health Services.

UW-Madison has already reported cases of H1N1 on campus and is working to inform students of ways to avoid it.

"This is what we've prepared for," said Dr. Sarah Van Orman, executive director of the UW-Madison University Health Services. "This is also what many other schools around the country are experiencing, and this is why every member of the campus has received at least one message about influenza precautions and preparedness in the past week."

There have been 29 confirmed cases of H1N1 in Portage County and one confirmed death, but the risk of this virus spreading on university campuses with students in close proximity of each other is high.

UWSP is attempting to create an atmosphere of cleanliness, trying to prevent the spread of disease in the community both on and off campus. At Debot Dining Center, there are hand sanitizers and wipes in order for students to wash their hands regularly before spreading anything to anyone else. In the Health Services Center, students type in their information with hand sanitizer by the keyboards.

Informative signs and motion

sensitive paper towel dispensers have been installed throughout campus bathrooms. Simple procedures and changes like this can help stop this disease from spreading.

Though washing your hands regularly and keeping your body healthy is recommended, the University Health Services are providing flu shots to students on campus that are considered high-risk including students who have asthma, diabetes or low immunity.

Hettler also suggests that each student get both the flu shot and H1N1 shot. The flu shots are coming to campus in late September as the peak of H1N1 cases is expected in October.

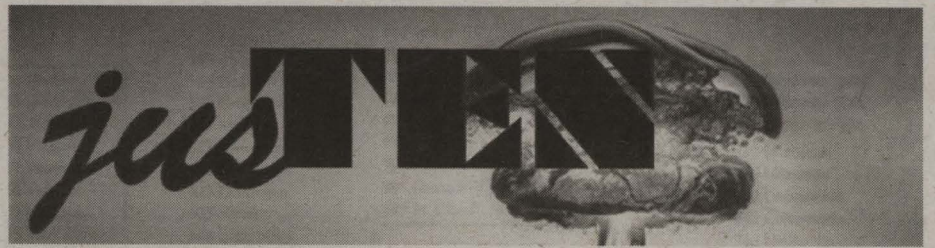
The scare of H1N1 has caused mass uproar in the media. College students may ignore the warnings, but other diseases and sicknesses can be spread through common university activities.

For example, posters from the annual poster sale outside of the Dreyfus University Center were lying out on tables for days with hundreds, possibly thousands, of students touching them with many hands not washed or sanitized. Doorknobs, desks and cups at parties have the same problem.

By more aware of actions and taking simple proactive preventive steps, swine flu can be kept at a minimum at UWSP.

Tips to avoid getting sick or spreading sickness while on campus:

- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze with something other than your hands
- Stay isolated if you have symptoms and see a doctor
- Don't share water bottles, cups, lip gloss, etc.
- Wash your hands regularly
- Be careful what you touch
- Get your flu shots
- Avoid congested areas of people
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers whenever possible



Below is my top ten "free" services provided to students at UWSP. If you have any suggestions for future top tens, e-mail jglod170@uwsp.edu.

10. Free Healthcare/Counseling

- The University Health Services offers outpatient care, minor surgeries, pap and pelvic examinations, STD screening and physical therapy. The university also offer counseling services that range from individual counseling to workshops and programs for students.
- Actual cost per student is about \$131.75 per semester.*

9. Free Entertainment (Centertainment, Performing Arts Series, etc.)

The UW-SP community offers a bunch of "free" events for you to attend. Centertainment brings bands and events to campus, most of which are free. The Theater and Dance Department and Performing Arts Series also offer free entertainment but only if there is open seating on the day of the event.

8. Free Listening

- You can speak or complain to Student Government Association about anything whenever you want, and their job is to listen to you. But just because they listen, does not mean they will provide you with any help or anything, but it couldn't hurt.
- Actual cost per student is about \$8.89 per semester.*

7. Free Career Planning

They can offer career counseling, testing and more. They can even help you with finding a career. This is a place that you must visit at least once before graduation.

6. Free Bus/Late Night Bus

- You can ride the bus for free, as long as you remember your student ID. This service is most popular in those winter months when riding a bike isn't really fun anymore.
- Now, you can now ride the Late Night Bus every Thursday through Saturday from 10:15 to 3:15 a.m. This has been a work in progress for years and has finally come to fruition.
- Actual cost per student is about \$8.40 per semester.*

5. Free Textbooks

- This is probably the best deal on campus. The Text rental program has been around for years. You may still have to buy a few supplementary texts, but renting books from text rental is a huge win for students.
- Actual cost per student is about \$66.60 per semester.*

4. Free Bikes

- SGA offers a bike rental program where you can rent a bike for a short amount of time or even a whole semester. SGA has had trouble finding a place to house the bikes but it is still functioning to this day. Don't lose the bike or you'll be paying for the replacement.
- Actual cost per student is included in the SGA Budget.*

3. Free Involvement

- One of the greatest things to do on campus is get involved. There are almost 200 student organizations at UWSP and almost all of them are open to all students. The Involvement Fair will showcase these organizations Thursday, September 10 in the Laird Room from 7-9 p.m. Organizations and leadership positions really do look good on resumes.
- Actual cost per student is about \$ 69.68 per semester.*

2. Free Laptops

Renting a laptop from the Learning Resource Center, also known as the library, is an excellent resource for students without a laptop of their own. You can rent laptops for up to three days. Once again, be sure to return the laptop on time and in a similar condition to when you got it or you will be faced with fines.

1. Free Newspaper (The Pointer)

- 'Nuff said.
- Actual cost per student is about \$5.85 per semester.*

* Remember, that although I use the word "free" often in this piece, nothing is free. We pay for this stuff through either student segregated fees or taxes and it is portrayed as free.

PACKER GAME SPECIAL!

\$2.25 SMALL FLURRIES

available 1 hour before kick-off until final whistle thru Oct. 5 game



Customer Appreciation Days

Mon., Sept. 14 & Tues., Sept. 15

EVERYTHING'S 33% OFF*

(*excludes candy, Belt's Bucks & novelties)

Science & Outdoors

University student research receives acclaim

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Ryan Stephens initially came to the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to pursue a degree in Environmental Education with the understanding that the College of Natural Resources is one of the most highly acclaimed programs of its kind. What he didn't realize is that as his plans changed

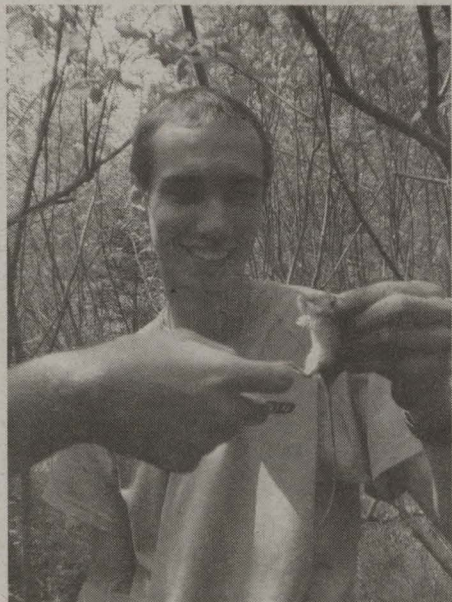


Photo courtesy of Ryan Stephens
Ryan Stephens pictured with a meadow jumping mouse at Treehaven in Lincoln County

with his experience, he would become one of the most highly acclaimed products of such an education.

A third semester senior, Stephens is now a biology and wildlife major with an impressive history at UWSP. His original plan to teach began to evolve with the presentation of a unique opportunity in North Dakota. Accompanied by ornithologist and biology professor Bob Rosenfield, the two embarked on a journey to trap Cooper's hawks. Ultimately, the experience awakened Stephens' passion for wildlife and marked the beginning of a series of great accomplishments that would stand as a testament of a UWSP education.

Since his awakening, Stephens earned a fellowship to work at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in 2008 where he spent ten weeks on a shrew foot morphology publication that is due out in the near future. Most recently however, Stephens spent this summer surveying small mammal communities throughout Wisconsin in response to biology chair Chris Yahnke's recommendation. The project was partly funded by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the UWSP CNR and was eventually made possible through the approval of a grant written

by the ambitious student.

The project lasted the entirety of the summer and spanned from Lincoln County to Dane County. It offered Ryan a remarkable hands-on experience as he observed natural plant communities and how they related to mammal populations. Aside from the assistance of five other students at various phases of the project, Stephens worked his 12 to 16 hour days alone.

An ordinary day found Stephens taking note of county records, checking traps and calculating range extensions. On the contrary, ordinary days were few and far between as he dealt with flat tires, chased bears away from traps and contracted Lyme's Disease, all of which failed to slow Stephens down.

Wildlife ecology professor Eric Anderson, who acted as the faculty advisor for the project, said of Stephens, "He's an exceptional kid in all ways. He's intelligent, thoughtful and incredibly hardworking. He's a pile of tinder waiting to be ignited." His capabilities and enthusiasm made him an ideal candidate for this project, but also reveal how he has won over the DNR as they are looking to pay for his master's degree.

Over the course of the summer,

Stephens came across 1,300 animals of 19 different species. Perhaps his most notable discoveries include that of the northern flying squirrel and southern bog lemming. His education at UWSP has provided him with necessary hands-on experience, strengthened relationships with professors and key contacts all of which make for an incredible success story. Not only does he give bragging rights to UWSP, but to Wisconsin as well.



Photo courtesy of Ryan Stephens
Northern flying squirrel found in Clark County

Stephens' worthy advice to fellow students is to get involved, "Even if you're not quite interested, go for it." As he found out with Cooper's hawks in North Dakota, embraced opportunities result in monumental achievements and ultimately for Stephens, a career path that is already well-paved.

Field experience equips students with basic knowledge of all CNR majors

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When asked what makes University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Natural Resource students different from the rest, one answer usually comes to mind: their six-week summer camp.

To operate this camp the UWSP College of Natural Resources takes over the 960 acres of Treehaven.

The CNR camp is a six-week hands-on program required for almost every natural resource major. During the six weeks students take courses not only in their field of study, but in other areas of natural resource. For example, a soil major would learn about water. They all learn the basic techniques of all majors besides their own.

"The UWSP Natural Resources Department is set apart from the others with their hands on camp."

-Jackie Lutze

The CNR camp originated long before Treehaven and had various different locations. But in 1980, the

Vallier family was looking to donate their land for conservation and academic purposes. The land was then donated by the family to UWSP as the permanent location for the summer camp.

Although Treehaven is taken over by UWSP for 12 weeks out of the year, they are also the location of many other camps and meetings, as well as other UWSP organizations. The site is host to a range of age groups from fourth graders to senior citizens who enjoy the many activities and events put on at Treehaven.

Corky McReynolds, Treehaven's director, stated, "A very popular event is 'Becoming an Outdoors Woman.' This camp usually has about 60 women participate where they are taught skills such as shooting, camping and chainsaw safety."

Besides the great academic classes they have to offer, the UWSP Natural Resources Department is set apart from the others with their hands-on camp. They make sure that after leaving the university students are equipped with not only the knowledge of their field, but a background in every area.

Additionally, plans are underway for a \$1.5 million renovation of the camp. It is the hope of Treehaven staff that residence halls will be

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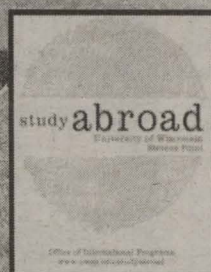


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guttled out and remodeled into suite-style accommodations in time for the Spring 2010 session.

Unfortunately, the death of a student came as a shock during the second session of this year's summer camp. Three nights into the camp, a group was relaxing and swimming at the county park when Daniel Zurawski disappeared. They found him in the lake, unfortunately too late to rescue him.

CNR Professor John Houghton stated, "It was a tragic accident. The students turned around and he was gone. No one heard struggle or a cry for help."

The report shows that there was no sign of a contributing factor such as an existing medical condition and no alcohol was involved. Though Daniel's death was an unexpected and tragic accident during this year's session, and his family will continue to be in our thoughts, Treehaven remains a fundamental aspect of the UWSP experience with the best interest of its students in mind.

CPS Cafe offers fresh local foods

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People walking near the College of Professional Studies Café are enticed by the lingering aromas rising from the homemade recipes served there. Fresh and local organic products, hand-mixed with a wide array of spices, result in diverse flavor temptations.

Many have found it difficult to pass without stopping in the CPS Café.

Just who are the food magicians that have captivated their customers' senses and how do they create the mouthwatering combinations that are hard to find elsewhere in central Wisconsin?

The CPS Café manager, Kim Beckham, leads a host of University of Wisconsin Stevens Point students in that culinary challenge. Some of those students attend classes in food-related degree fields while others are employees hand-picked by Beckham.

Hannah Brillowski is a May 2009 graduate in dietetics and has worked the last three years in the cafe. The experience will be important in the attainment of her career goals, she said.

"It has been fun as well as a great opportunity to be trained by Kim," said Brillowski. "I have experienced the culinary aspects as well as food service and the sense of community that comes from working here. I am using this to prepare for participation in an internship and to help me pass the registered dietetics exam."

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Gray wolf prowls alone in WDNR debate

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As of late, the gray wolf is becoming an increasingly publicized topic in Wisconsin. While the animal was once regarded as endangered, a rising population poses a threat to bear hunters, deer populations and farmers alike.

In 1999, it was decided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that 350 wolves acted as an appropriate figure to ensure their survival, while maintaining a safe distance from their being problematic. Since this agreement, the gray wolf population estimate has doubled. As a result the DNR has begun to consider a wolf season as a means of population control.

The highly debatable topic is "all about politics, not biology" said wildlife ecology professor Eric Anderson. While wolves play a key role in leveling deer populations naturally, their current numbers have resulted in unnecessary livestock deaths, as well as the deaths of dogs belonging to bear hunters. The DNR continues to pay out money for wolf damage and consequently, an open season seems to be an appropriate solution.

Professor Anderson recognizes the necessity of having to make reasonable sacrifices and from his perspective, "the controlled and restricted hunting of wolves" acts as such.



A wolf and her pups.

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Conservation groups throughout the state agree, as livestock and dogs continue to fall prey to the no longer endangered animal.

On the other side of the issue, animal rights activists are appalled at the idea and have filed a lawsuit against the federal government for the removal of the gray wolf from the endangered list. While Sept. 29, 2008 marked their success with the re-listing of the wolf as a federal endangered animal, the legal battle once again witnessed the animal's removal this spring.

If agreed upon, an open wolf season would not be put into effect for an estimated five years. The DNR provides bear hunters in particular with important information including

precautionary measures. Their web site includes caution area maps which indicate places that have acted as sites for wolf damage. Bear hunters should steer clear of such locations.

For an animal to go from endangered to potentially-hunted is an uncomfortable transition. However, the DNR continues to exercise caution while weighing the options and is not expected to reach a definite decision for some time. Until they arrive at a consensus, the gray wolf thrives in the state of Wisconsin. The question remains...

Paper science and engineering department worthy of world-renowned paper machine

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In today's struggling economy, there is one career that's looking as good as ever: paper science and engineering.

At the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, this small major boasts amazing graduate placement rates and one of the university's largest machines. Measuring 70 feet long and 2 feet wide, the on-campus paper machine can produce up to 200 feet of paper per minute. Having such a machine on campus gives PSE students the opportunity for hours of hands-on experience.

According to lab manager Kelly Klaas, since its introduction in 1997, the paper machine "has been an integral part of the entire paper science curriculum." Senior Steve Schlosser agrees, saying, "You're learning the basics and then some on this machine and the classes revolve their studies around that." This has given him more confidence in his ability as a papermaker. During a typical semester, the machine is run for an average of 2-10 hours per week, giving future engineers of all levels hands-on experience producing paper that is sold in the University Store and donated to local organizations such as the Stevens Point school district and

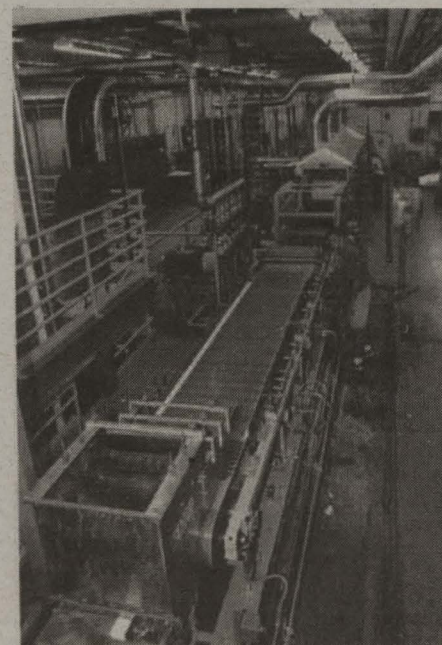
the Helen Godfrey Center.

Not only do students gain invaluable experience, but paper companies benefit as well by contracting with the university to do pilot trials. Corporations aren't the only ones taking notice of the UWSP machine, however. The Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry recently ranked the apparatus as the fastest and widest student-run paper machine in the world, based on criteria including speed, width and other papermaking capabilities.

Even more recently, the UWSP paper science and engineering program has received accreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. This means that UWSP joins the ranks of other UW schools with engineering degrees including UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Stout and UW-Platteville.

There is other good news for PSE students. The department has boasted a near perfect job placement rate for the last 37 years. The average salary for last year's graduates was \$65,000. "We don't have enough students to meet the demand for our students," said Dr. Gerry Ring, Chair of the Department of Paper Science and Engineering.

This is good news for UWSP, the paper industry and undecided students interested in math, physics and chemistry. Jay Kelly, senior, says of the program, "It's a lot of responsibility, but it's also a lot of fun, too." Kelly, a once undecided student, encourages other students interested in science to consider a major in PSE.



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Sports

Football stays focused

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After becoming last year's WIAC co-champions with UW-Whitewater, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Pointer football team is preparing for a successful 2009 season. Head coach John Miech and the Pointer football team have been working hard in the offseason in hopes of building on last year's success.

Coach Miech said that the winning formula for last year was not complicated. "The kids just played very good football last year and we had a lot of strong veteran leadership." He added that this year's team is similar to last year's and he does not anticipate any difficulties in replacing last year's senior positions. Miech attributed a good offseason to having success in recruiting. He also credited this summer's success with newly restored turf on Goerke Field. "The new turf has helped our practicing substantially this offsesason," he states.

Miech is looking forward to the first game of the season against Central Iowa, one of the winningest Division III teams in the country. Although Miech said he did not want to give too much away, he did note that there would be changes in the special teams, which he said would have a "totally different, revamped design."

Praise for the team has been strong from polls and sports publications around Wisconsin, with high rankings in polls from the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and www.d3football.com.

Three of the team's players were also featured in an article in Inside Wisconsin Sports, a newspaper that highlights athletes from the state's sports programs ranging from high school to professional levels. Jared Beckwith, Brian Bloom and Matt Lunder were all part of their preseason Wisconsin Division III football team. The Pointers' total of three representatives on the team is second only to UW-Whitewater, with four.

This attention began accumulating at the end of last season when the WIAC selected UWSP defensive lineman Brad Vickroy as the player of the year and coach Miech as the George Chryst Coach of the Year.

But Miech said these polls and extra attention mean very little to the team and will not be discussed in practice. "Preseason polls are focused on last year, so there's no need to talk about them," said Miech. "We won't be hanging polls in the locker room or talking about them at practice because they don't mean anything to us. We are focused on this year."

Pointer football begins this season on Sept. 12 against Central Iowa, and the team will have their first home game on Oct. 3 against UW-Eau Claire.



Photo By Jake Mathias

The Pointers prepare for Saturday's game at Central Iowa.

Women's Soccer Sets the Weekend on Fire

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After a blazing season last fall, consisting of 18 wins and only four losses, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's soccer team is gearing up to defend their title in 2009. The title of Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Champions left the team last year with both joy and

the intensity of last year right back into their practices and games.

After losing to Wheaton in their first game of the season 3-0, the team stepped up significantly at the Luther Labor Day Classic last weekend. They won against both Luther and Nebraska Wesleyan, 3-0. A rebound from injury put key player Jackie Spees, senior, back on the field during the weekend classic. Her fiery return was not welcomed by the opponent's net, as she scored two goals in the

first game and one, with an assist, in the second. Junior Vicki Bieschke scored goal three against Luther. Freshman Kristi Nickels and Junior Brittany Boyer scored the remaining goals against Wesleyan.

These blowout games were enough to convince Miech that the competition level among the team in practice was beginning to rear its head in games. This is good news for the team, especially

when examining the upcoming games scheduled against tough teams in the WIAC Conference. This Saturday they will go head-to-head with UW-River Falls in their first conference matchup of the season.

A consistent dose of off-season training, incorporating conditioning and cardio work, along with two wins has given the Pointer women's soccer team high hopes for this season. Only time will tell if these hopes will manifest themselves into another golden season for the purple and gold.



Photo By Jake Mathias

The Pointers practice following their successful tournament run.

sadness. The title validating their strenuous training also meant an end to 10 talented senior players' careers and a new beginning for a young team.

Head women's soccer coach and UWSP professor Sheila Miech, however, has no hesitation in considering a young team an advantage. Through tryouts and now practices, she has made note of how players compete to fill the shoes of the departed 10. Miech describes her team as a "hungry, talented group waiting for their turn to play."

And play they have, packing all

Five reasons why the Packers-Bears matters this week

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1. Jay Cutler needs the victory to prove worthy of all the praise that Chicago fans and the media have thrown his way this offseason worthwhile. Remember, they liked Rex Grossman at one time, too.
2. It is one game in a six game roulette between the Packers, Bears and Vikings that could decide the division. Sorry, Lions, your position is decidedly last.
3. Over the last two seasons, the Bears have won three of the four matchups. They won those with teams that featured far less skill, but this time the sides will be close to even.
4. Do the Bears even have wide receivers on their roster? Sunday night would be a good time to find out.
5. With the talented running backs of the NFC North, Packers RB Ryan Grant seems to be the forgotten back. A big game against the Bears defense would be a big step towards changing that.

Volleyball returns from tournament with wins, experience

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point volleyball team competed in the Molten Volleyball Pikes Peak Challenge in Colorado Springs, Colorado this past weekend. Along with a couple of victories, they came back with valuable experience on and off the court.

Head coach Stacey White was excited with the play she saw in Colorado.

"I thought everyone played well throughout the tournament. It was good to see everyone come together and improve."

The Pointers began the tournament last Friday against Oneonta State with a game one victory, but dropped the second game.

"The first day we played I think we started well," White said. "But

then we had a little dip of intensity in game two and that caught up with us."

The Pointers recovered nicely, winning the next two games and the match, which left White proud of the

"It's exciting to see it there; we just need to get more consistent."

-Stacey White

team's resiliency after the game two loss.

In the second match on Friday the Pointers completed a clean 3-0 sweep against Kenyon College, with the entire team contributing in the victory.

"The second match all 16 players on our roster got to get in, which is good experience for everyone on the team," White said.

Day Two of the tournament brought the biggest test for the Pointers when they faced Colorado College, ranked seventeenth nationally heading into the tournament. Although UWSP lost

the match 3-1, White came away with a lot of positives about her team.

"I thought we played well, the team was really fired up for this game and I was really proud of the way we fought against Colorado College, it's exciting to see it there; we just need to get more consistent."

Following the hard-fought loss to Colorado College, UWSP dropped the second match of the day to Whitworth College 3-0, and finished

the tournament with a 2-2 record. Adding to the strong tournament showing from the Pointers was senior Pam Nora, who was named to the All-Tournament Team.

Outside of the tournament, the team visited a few tourist attractions in the Colorado Springs area, including the Air Force Academy Airfield and the Garden of Gods, which is, as White described it, "a beautiful area of towering sandstone rock formations."

White believes the experiences of the tournament, as well as the trip itself, will have a positive impact on the team as they continue through their season.

"Anytime you have a trip like that where you play and have a little time to sightsee together, it helps team bonding."

The Pointers play again this Friday, Sept. 11, at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Their next home game is September 30 against UW-Oshkosh.

2009 Volleyball Schedule through October * = home game

9/11/2009	Augsburg College	Minneapolis, MN	2:00 PM	10/2/2009 *	UW-Stout	Menomonie, WI	7:00 PM
9/11/2009	Lawrence University	Minneapolis, MN	6:00 PM	10/3/2009 *	UW-River Falls	River Falls, WI	12:00 PM
9/12/2009	University of St. Thomas	St. Paul, MN	9:00 AM	10/10/2009	UWSP Quad - Waldorf, Finlandia, Milliken		TBD
9/12/2009	TBA - Augsburg Volleyball Invite	Minneapolis, MN	1/3:00 PM	10/14/2009 *	UW-Whitewater	Stevens Point, WI	7:00 PM
9/16/2009 *	UW-Platteville	Platteville, WI	7:00 PM	10/16/2009 *	University of Wisconsin-Superior	Stevens Point, WI	7:00 PM
9/19/2009	Wheaton (Ill.)	Wheaton, IL	10:00 AM	10/17/2009 *	UW-Eau Claire	Stevens Point, WI	1:00 PM
9/19/2009	Monmouth College	Wheaton, IL	12:00 PM	10/23-24/2009	UW-Eau Claire Tournament	Eau Claire, WI	TBD
9/23/2009 *	UW-La Crosse	La Crosse, WI	7:00 PM	10/28/2009	Milwaukee School of Engineering	Madison, WI	6:00 PM
9/25/2009	Coe College Tournament	Cedar Rapids, IA	TBD	10/28/2009	Edgewood College	Madison, WI	8:00 PM
9/26/2009	Coe College Tournament	Cedar Rapids, IA	TBA	10/31/2009	Northwestern College (MN)	Duluth, Minn.	1:00 PM
9/30/2009 *	UW-Oshkosh	Stevens Point, WI	7:00 PM	10/31/2009	College of St. Scholastica	Duluth, Minn.	3:00 PM

The night I made a fool of myself in front of Charles Woodson

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Unlike some other cities that are home to professional sports teams, Green Bay is not usually described as a booming metropolis. Because of this, options for a night on the town are somewhat limited, and at some point every Friday or Saturday night, all roads lead to downtown Green Bay. This is both good and bad (probably more bad side, for my wallet at least), but the one unique element to going out in Green Bay is the chance of spotting a member of the only real local celebrities, Green Bay Packer players. Making this more interesting is that downtown Green Bay has no VIP sections, no forbidden rooms upstairs where players can escape overly-talkative fans; instead, they sit on the same stools as everyone else, but probably with more expensive drinks.

Well, this leads me to a night over winter break last year. I had eventually made it downtown after a few hours in a friend's basement. It would be fair to say that at this point, I'd had my share of rum and cola for the night. We stepped into a bar and I immediately began to hear murmurs from my friends: "Did you see who is here?" "Look who is over there!" I looked ahead and immediately recognized the reason

my friends' were excited: Charles Woodson was there.

For as long as I can remember, I have been a Charles Woodson fan. I'm not sure if "fan" is a strong enough word to describe the situation, but since I don't want to use "obsessive," we'll just stick with "fan." I think it started with the outrageously athletic interception he had in college against Michigan State in 1997, where the quarterback looked as though he just wanted to throw

player found his way to my favorite team.

It is important to note here that not only was this a great move for me and my rooting interests, but it was also a superb move for Woodson and the Packers. Since arriving in Green Bay, Woodson has more interceptions (19) in three seasons than in his eight previous seasons in Oakland (17). I would argue he has been the best defensive playmaker the Packers have had these past three years.

"I looked ahead and immediately recognized the reason my friends' were excited: Charles Woodson was there."

-Griffin Gotta

the ball out of bounds, but Woodson leapt with almost no running start, ripped the ball out of the air with one hand, and dropped a foot inbounds. From then on I followed his every move. I watched him win a Heisman Trophy and national championship at Michigan. I tracked his years with the Oakland Raiders, even when it looked as though the spirit was being sucked out of him; the Raiders have been known to do that to a player (see also: Moss, Randy). Then, the Packers signed him, and my favorite

Anyway, remember those rum and colas? Those along with some strong persuasion from my friends brought me next to Charles Woodson, shaking his hand, and probably embarrassing myself. It is safe to say my speech skills were not as good as I wish they would have been. I managed to tell Woodson how big of a fan of his I was, and that this has been going on for quite some time. I told him how glad I was that he was a Packer, and that I appreciated everything he had done for the team.

Probably feeling a little awkward, he said thanks and that he appreciated the support. Then I walked away, pretty stunned about what had just happened to me.

When I mention to people that I met Charles Woodson once (I swear, I don't lead off all conversations with this), they look at me with real excitement, and I don't think it's because I simply met a Packer player. I think it's because people who know me know what meeting Charles Woodson meant to me. As much fun as it is to tell people that I once had half of a conversation with my favorite football player, I think it is better for me to know that I got to tell Woodson how much he has impacted my sporting life. I'm assuming the conversation means more to me than it does him, and that's fine.

I guess this story is a way of introducing myself as a sports fan. The teams and players that I support, I really support, perhaps even at an unhealthy level. I'm looking forward to this year as I attempt to write for your newspaper. Next time, I'll try to lay off on the hero worship, but if B.J. Raji does anything spectacular, we might have problems.

Arts & Culture

Owl City: sold out and lined up

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A sold-out crowd rushed to the Dreyfus University Center on Saturday, Sept. 5, to see Owl City, the band with the hit single "Fireflies," perform live.

Though the performance started at 8 p.m., the line outside the Laird Room in the DUC started at 10 a.m. and grew longer and more impatient as time ticked on. Approximately 800 fans took over the upper half of the DUC, with their star-struck hearts on the line. Throughout the sound-check, the line of fans took pictures through the holes of the windows in the doors and trying to catch a glimpse of the band before anyone else had the chance.

The band started in 2007 by songwriter and Minnesota native Adam Young. Starting out in his parents' basement, Young said he started the band, "in order to keep me busy and out of boredom."

Though he never saw the band reaching the heights it has, he was excited to know he could be in a band full-time.

"It was a big moment," said

Young, "I really enjoyed what I was doing and one thing led to another."

Though Young, who provides the lead vocals and much of the songwriting, has garnered most of the attention since the bands rise to popularity, the band also consists of a keyboardist, a cellist, a violinist and a percussionist.

The band cited traveling as one of the group's main inspirations to create lyrics to many of their songs.

"Everywhere where I haven't been is an inspiration. I love the idea of going places because you have never been there and you can take a lot from them," Young said.

Other music has also stylistically influenced Owl City since each member brings a different musical taste to the group. According to Hannah, the cellist, "We all bring our own flavor to the table. I like to listen to a lot of bluegrass." These stylistic differences allow each member to bring something special to the band, creating a unique blend for their electronica sound.

While huddled around in the dressing room after the sound check, the band was calm and relaxed. Each member was checking their e-mail,



Photo courtesy myspace.com/Owl City

Owl City lead singer Adam Young.

drinking water, eating snacks and relaxing before the show. Checking their e-mail is considered their "pre-show tradition," stating that they don't have anything crazy to do just yet, as they are a new band.

Though Owl City is new, strange fan occurrences have already happened. With band members pointing their fingers at Adam, he

reluctantly told what happened to him at one concert in May. "I got underwear thrown at me onstage. It was awkward and there was a phone number on it." He denies calling the phone number and states, "it wound up in a storm drain at the back of the club." For more on Owl City go to www.myspace.com/owlcity.

Pervasive Artist Gary Baseman Visits UWSP

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Gary Baseman doesn't just make art on canvas, his quirky surreal characters appear on pop cans, board games, old children's books, even paint by number kits as he attempts to blur the real and the surreal. Baseman has made a living putting his art on whatever he can. He doesn't think of creating art for popular consumption as a bad thing.

"As long as you're staying true to what you're saying, it's not selling out; it's just selling," said Baseman.

The Emmy award winning cartoonist, creator of the animated series "Teacher's Pet" and illustrator for the game Cranium visited the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point on Wednesday Sept. 9 to talk to students about Pop-Surrealism. Baseman's visit was in connection with the Pop Surrealism exhibit "Tarnished Reality" currently in the Carlsten Art Gallery where two of his pieces are being displayed.

Baseman spent the day speaking to students in classes and capped off the day with a lecture in the Noel Fine Arts Center courtyard. Baseman spoke briefly about Pop-Surrealism or as he prefers to call it "Pervasive Art." His lecture focused on inspiring students to do whatever they want with their art and that the time is now for them to explore what that is.

"The opportunity for you to do anything is out there," said Baseman during the lecture, "the only thing that's going to stop you is yourself."

Baseman, who has made a living using different mediums to showcase

his talents, encouraged students to not be afraid to do so as well.

"As long as you stay true to your aesthetic and have a strong message you can put your art on anything," said Baseman.

Baseman has created an array of characters to convey his messages.

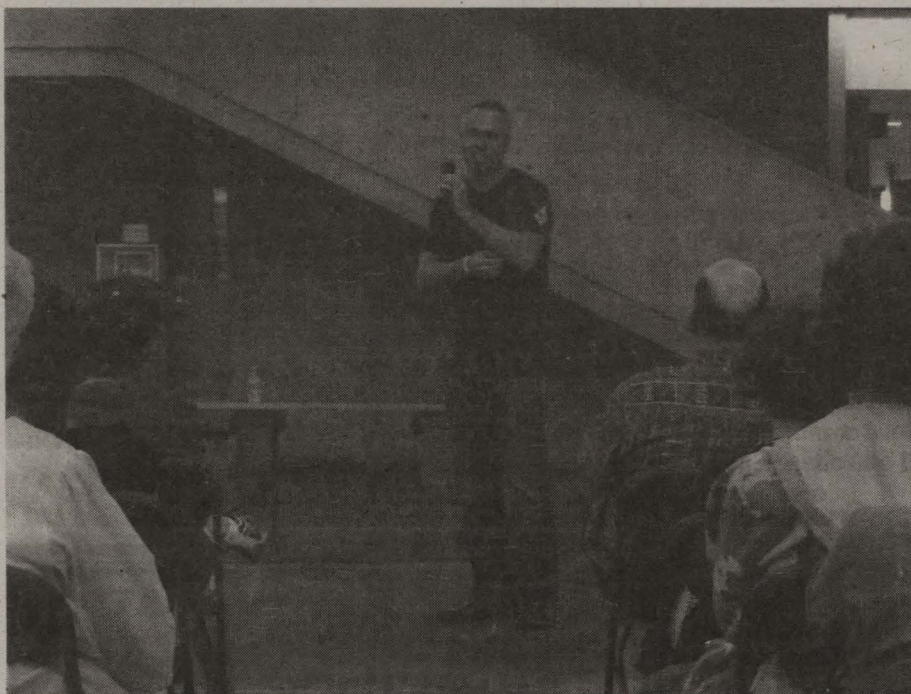


Photo by Nick Meyer

Baseman kept the crowd laughing.

The characters are quirky and they do things that some viewers may find offensive. But when Baseman describes the beautiful worlds he's created for them to live in sometimes wish you could be there too there on the canvas too. Staying true to his words.

"You can do anything you want as long as you have the imagination to do it," said Baseman.

His imagination has served him well. His characters have appeared on toys, in Rolling Stone and even Labatt Beer ads.

The two pieces on display as part of "Tarnished Reality" feature a character known as "Venison." According to Baseman, "Venison"

the definitions of these figures we've come to know so well.

Wausau resident Derek Bushman donated the artwork that comprises "Tarnished Reality" from his private collection. Bushman has been working on the collection for 10 years went above and beyond to bring in Baseman.

"Gary's a friend of mine from L.A.," said Bushman, "He loves speaking and he relates to kids real well so he jumped at the chance to come up here and talk."

Director of the Carlsten Art Gallery, Caren Heft, expressed deep appreciation for Bushman's generous loan, Baseman's appearance and the positive reaction the exhibit has generated from the community.

"People have been really positive," said Heft. "The kids have been great they've been really receptive, it's been marvelous for all of us."

Baseman will not be the last artist displayed in the gallery to be here this month thanks to Bushman. Rob McBroom will be here from 4-6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14, for an artists reception.

"He's a friend of mine from Minneapolis," said Bushman, "He hooked me up with a couple of artists and I got into their scene."

Monday is also the last day the Carlsten Gallery will be displaying the exhibit "Tarnished Reality."

90FM Album Review: Those Darlins

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I've never really been a fan of country music. It seems like a lot of popular country music is just pop music with a little bit of twang. My view on country music was distorted when I first heard Those Darlins.

The trio of young women first met at a young age at a Southern Girls Rock n' Roll Camp in Murfreesboro,

the cost of an ambulance drive." It might be a terrible excuse but these ladies sing "Drunk driving I'm guilty, but I'm going to blame the booze."

If you are ever in the mood to put on your cowboy boots and hat and listen to a two minute song that will make you dance, "Hung Up On Me" and "222" are winners in that category.

This album is definitely a new favorite for me. It has all the elements of what any other country artist would



Photo courtesy myspace.com/thosedarlins

Kelley Darlin, Jessi Darlin and Nikki Darlin are them Darlins.

Tennessee. They formed in 2006, consisting of a guitar, bass and baritone ukulele and they all contribute to the vocals.

Those Darlins released their self-titled debut album early this summer. They claim to be an indie pop group, but it is obvious that their sound consists of punk, country and rock n' roll.

The album starts with my favorite song, "Red Light Love," which expresses their punk influence with distorted guitar riffs and raw vocals.

Like any other country artists, how can you not talk about drinking and getting drunk? You certainly get that from songs like, "Wild One", "The Whole Damn Thing", "Glass to You" and "DUI or Die." "DUI or Die" is an interesting song as it expresses that it's not a good idea to drive when drinking as they say, "it ain't worth

talk about, but it has a real country feel to it, instead of any annoying twang. It's refreshing that there is an alternative side to the country music consistently played on commercial radio.

I have to give Those Darlins a big fat YEEEEHHHAAWWW!

STV's Aisle 5 Returns with New Season

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STV's "Aisle 5" will return this fall with a new season of their student produced comedy. The show portrays a group of college students working in a local grocery store. Many University of Wisconsin-

need to change, such as shooting chronologically and making sure all the episodes are the same length. We've gotten better with our writing structure and with writing for TV," said Lendved.

Another change Lendved is excited for is the switch to high definition cameras and a new digital broadcast system for STV.

"The people at STV didn't even think we were serious."

-John Lendved

Stevens Point students star in the show, which is written and produced by Kacie Otto and John Lendved.

The show's first season began airing last spring after Otto and Lendved wrote the episodes and selected a cast.

"We didn't know what to expect at all," said Lendved. "We didn't know if people would want to be in the cast, or if we'd ever be able to find a store to shoot it in. The people at STV didn't even think we were serious."

The set was found when the owner of Manc's grocery in Millidore, Wis, volunteered to let the students use the store.

"I can't believe the owner lets all these college kids come in and shut the store down so we can shoot this show. He is such a great guy," said Lendved.

With a new season in the works, the show's creators have a few things to look forward to. A few major parts have been re-casted, such as the character of Lawrence, as well as all new characters. There will also be a standardized length for all new episodes.

"When we made this show last year, it was our first time doing this. This year we have some things we

"Last year we shot it all without hi-def cameras, and the broadcasting equipment at STV was all analog. It was basically the equivalent of taking the show out to a field and beating it with a baseball bat. Now we will have a much clearer picture," said Lendved.

The student effort put into the show, to Lendved, is what makes it so special.

"A lot of college television stations can purchase and broadcast content that is distributed everywhere, but this is a show that is a complete student production," he said. "We thought people would enjoy it much more if we shot it right here in Stevens Point with real students."

The first season was received well both on and off campus. Lendved says he's been recognized around town, especially when buying props for the show.

"It feels great to have people know about the show and recognize us."

Lendved said students should keep an eye open for the show's premier party, which will be in the DUC theatre in October.



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Aisle 5 Spring 2008 cast.

Letters & Opinion

Food swings

"Variety is the spice of life"



An abundance of spices from Athen's Cental Market

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A new school year is upon us, and big changes are happening to students everywhere. For some of us, it's the first time away from home. For those of us returning, we are living on our own for the first time and no longer have a state-designed meal plan or mom's home-cooking.

I've cooked consistently for the past eight years, and after watching some of my friends cook for the first time, a few thoughts come to mind.

1. Salt is not the only seasoning.
2. Hamburger Helper is not a diet.
3. Neither are Ramen noodles.

Over the next few weeks we are going to learn how to cook delicious, affordable meals and a box is not going to be involved.

First things first. Food is important. It has been said before, but the saying is always important, "Don't eat to live. Instead, live to eat." Food is celebratory, ancient and even religious to some. The taste orgasm does exist and it should be pursued, not stumbled upon.

Back to the point. Variety is the spice of life and a variety of spices can quickly and cheaply take something ordinary and turn it into a taste explosion.

Remember, salt is not the only seasoning, but it can make food better. Salt is the only ingredient with the uncanny ability to make food taste more like itself. Beef tastes beefier, pork tastes porkier and any sauce can be enhanced with a little salt. So first of all, buy a box of kosher salt. It will cost anywhere from \$5 to \$10, but will last at least a year or more if used sparingly and properly.

Fresh black pepper is also a great addition to all dishes. Use a pepper mill and grind fresh peppercorns to add a delicious and healthy boost to your food. Fresh pepper has more health benefits than canned and unlike salt, pepper is good for you no matter the amount used.

Multiple forms of garlic are also important. Garlic powder dissolves well and a little goes a long way and can be used in just about anything; however, fresh garlic is the best choice. If kept in a cool, dry area it will last forever. It can be roasted or caramelized in oil to create a sweet and bold ingredient for dips and sauces.

Basil and oregano are not just labels used to disguise your weed.

They are best used fresh, but if you aren't cooking with it every day it won't last long. Best used in Italian cooking, it can be added to any pasta. A pinch of either in store-bought marinara or alfredo sauce can add depth and earthiness to your dishes.

Thyme and rosemary should also be used often and unsparingly. Both are earthy and natural and

add a breadth of warmth and aroma to your dishes. Added to beef, pork, chicken or heavy, muscular fish such as salmon, thyme and rosemary pair well together and go especially good in heavy sauces or spice rubs.

While these are only a few of a collection of hundreds of spices, they are cheap, easy to come by and can be used in almost anything. No one learned to cook perfectly on their first try. Experiment with food. Taste and smell everything. It will be worth it.

Remember, live to eat and be in constant pursuit of the taste orgasm.

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Many student customers have come to enjoy eating the cafe vegetables, said Brillowski. This may come as a shock to other UWSP students.

"Some customers ask for a kind of vegetable such as brussels sprouts," said Brillowski. "They like the different ways that Kim prepares them. She has gotten creative with the vegetable sides. She makes them taste more likeable."

One of the latest sustainable and organic options the cafe has created is the made-from-scratch condiments. This can be a difficult task, said Emily Barszcz, a UWSP senior and a café food service worker.

"The first time I was told to make a condiment, I thought I had ruined it," said Barszcz. "It was mayo and it was awful! I stood there almost in tears when Kim came over and salvaged it. That was when I learned that almost every situation in life has hope."

The cafe has come to be known for its use of available local produce in its menu plan. This has resulted in having to serve the same vegetable for an extended time period during a semester. The last one was kale, reported Beckham.

"We had to push the envelope and expand the ways to use kale," said Beckham. "I was able to create a recipe using sweet potato with kale. I also did some things with kale and ginger. The sweet potato and kale recipe became a favorite for 2009."

Spices have played a large part in Beckham's creativity. Her varied background includes experience with spices from the American deep South and northern East Coast, those from the Tidewater cooking style that include Creole from New Orleans and many Welsh recipes from her family heritage.

"If you ask me, I'll try very hard to get it," said Beckham. "The use of spices in the food here has to match the local taste. It is more of an evolution in process. After trying a wide variety of spice levels, I have settled on what I see sells to the crowds who come here to eat."

Some customers have suggested ideas to the student employees serving them. One request was for apple cookies, while others have asked for something they liked from past cafe offerings, reported Barszcz.

Beckham devised a plan to deal with any request for something new. The steps in it are simple. She will make it.

This new recipe process can be quite intensive. The creation of a recipe requires an ability to combine color, aroma, and a proper combination of flavor, reported Beckham.

"It is like, to use an analogy, writing music," said Beckham. "In this case, I use a flavor profile along with food textures combined with my experience to create it. It is a learned behavior where I am willing to take the risk necessary to get it right."

The student workers had many great things to say about the new manager. When asked to describe Beckham, they easily came to an agreement. It was the same thing that Beckham had agreed with earlier.

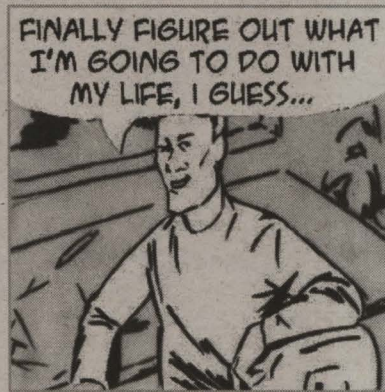
"Kim is like a kid in a candy store," said Barszcz. "She is creative with a special talent to teach. Working in the cafe builds pride in my work, fast food places don't. When I had to work alone, it built my basic confidence and enhanced my problem solving. These are usable outside the café."

The café has gained a wide customer base. Staff, faculty and students have come from all over the campus to get their fill. Also, an afternoon cookie and coffee crowd has flowed in and out in small groups.

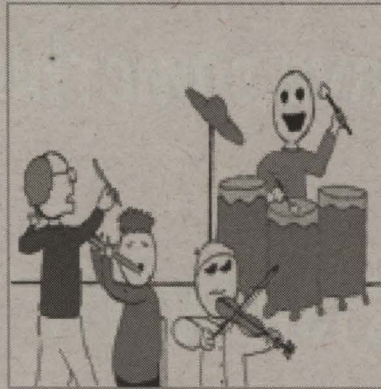
Beckham provided her thoughts on the main goal of the CPS Café.

"The CPS Café operates as a food service open to the public for the purpose of giving dietetic students experience in all areas of food service operation and management."

by Dustin Hauge

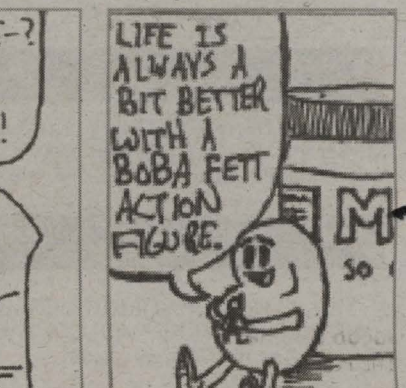


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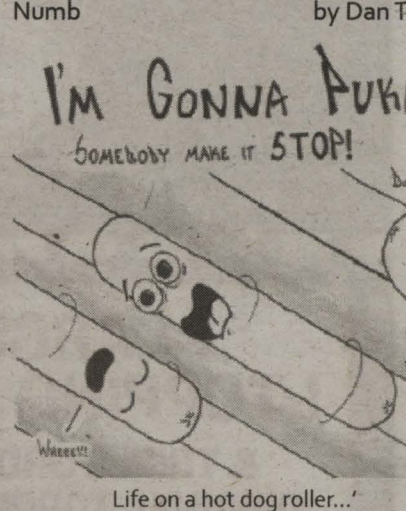
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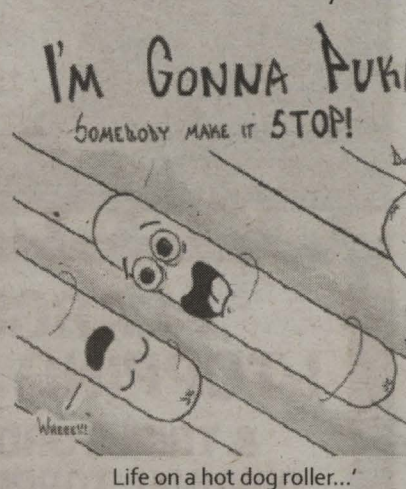
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