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## Candidates battle a menagerie of issues in debate

SGA presidential/vice presidential debate brings issues to forefront for students



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Candidates Scott Asbach and Nathaniel Schultz (left) competed with Saul Newton and Kelly Krumsee (right) in a debate for the SGA presidency.

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Students gathered throughout the Dreyfus University Center Theater to see the battle with Student Government Association presidential and vice presidential teams facing off in a debate on Monday, March 2. Moderators Holly Ehrhardt and Andrew Letson read prepared questions and collected questions from the audience to get a variety of inquisitions on a myriad of topics.

This year, there are two teams competing for the SGA administrative posts. One team is that of Scott Asbach and Nathaniel Schultz and the other is Saul Newton and Kelly Krumsee.

With the economy in recession, the university is faced with tremendous cuts and little room to budge. The candidates were asked what they would like to cut and Asbach's eyes turned to the SGA Sustainability Reserve, which is used for students to request funding for sustainable projects.

"I really think I wouldn't necessarily cut one thing," said Asbach, presidential candidate. "I think there are some things that we just put too much money in. For instance, we're very much sustainable people, but I think \$40,000 in the sustainability reserve fund is a bit ridiculous and we don't need it. If it sits there and does nothing, what's the point?"

The opposition spoke quickly against Asbach's plans, in favor of increasing the SGA Sustainability Reserve.

"That reserve needs to be better invested in, not decreased," said Newton, presidential candidate. "That reserve gives students who want this campus to be more sustainable the funds and the support in order to do that. To cut that would be contrary to what the students want."

Asbach responded to Newton's comments, still pointing out the lack usage.

"Setting the Sustainability Reserve is a great idea," said Asbach. "My biggest thing is that I want it to be used. I don't want it to sit here and no one uses it."

Newton's team brought forward the plan to trim the University Centers budget as a way of saving money.

"One area that really has a lot of ambiguity in their budget is the Centers budget, and that is one area where we can really trim down the costs," said Newton. "For example, a couple of years ago the Debot Center spent \$40,000 to promote itself. That is an irresponsible use of student money and that promotions budget is somewhere where we can really trim the belt."

Asbach responded with the importance of having publicity for the University Centers, even if some things are required.

"Some people say this is a suitcase college," said Asbach. "If you make publicity in Debot, if you make it be a better place, which will be this whole new dining experience, people will stay on campus longer and you'll change the way students think about it."

The debate turned to the topic of tuition and how each team will work to curb the costs that are directed

toward students.

"We are going to fight for what you want: lower tuition," said Asbach.

Krumsee spoke out about the need to help students find financial aid and scholarships.

"There should never be a student who decides not to come to another semester of college or needs to drop out due to financial reasons. If it is, then it is a failure of the governmental body of the students in the first place," said Krumsee. "We may not necessarily be able to make school more affordable, but we can make it more affordable through scholarships and financial aid."

Local and organic foods also became a topic of the debate with many students wanting a change in the food options on campus. One of the problems brought forth about local and organic foods on campus is that the change would increase the price of food on campus; Newton disputed that.

"I think there is this misconception that having local and organic food is mutually exclusive with affordability," said Newton. "There are ways that we can make local and organic food affordable for students. Most importantly, this is what students want. This is the most talked-about issue when I am out there talking to students."

Asbach turned the topic toward what students really want and spoke out against the conception that all students want local and organic foods on campus. "I really want student

### A little about the candidates

**Saul Newton**

Presidential candidate

"Third year student"

English major

Political science minor

Organizational experience: SGA, WISPIRG, College Democrats

**Kelly Krumsee**

Vice presidential candidate

Communication major with an emphasis in public relations

Sociology and

international studies minors

Organizational experience: RHA

**Scott Asbach**

Presidential candidate

Junior

Biochemistry major

Chemistry minor

Organizational experience: RHA, UW-SP Pre-Medical & Allied Health Society and UCAPB

**Nathaniel Schultz**

Vice presidential candidate

International studies major

German minor

Organizational experience:

German club, UCAPB, Theta Xi

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# News

## Look out George Orwell, the University Centers is watching you

### Camera systems installed to keep an eye on credit cards and vandalism on campus

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A security camera system has been purchased and is in the process of being installed in the Dreyfus University Center as one of the final parts of the construction project for the building.

Cameras will be installed in all areas where credit cards are accepted and where credit card data is transmitted. The payment card industry requires the university to capture images at all locations where credit cards are accepted or data is transmitted.

"We're trying to follow their guidelines on what we need to do in order to be safe and secure with that information, so that's where some of the cameras are coming from," said Laura Ketchum-Ciftci, director of University Centers. "We have to be operational and up to code by this summer, so that's why we're trying to get everything done that we need done."

The locations that will be covered for these purposes include the Information and Ticket Center, the University Bursar's Office, the University Store and text rental and the dining services areas. Cameras will also be installed in areas where credits cards may potentially be accepted.

"When we didn't have our cameras up the last few months, we've had some issues with vandalism."

-Ketchum-Ciftci

Cameras will be placed in the public areas of the DUC, Student Involvement and Employment Office, and the building entrance and exit points by request from the Policy and Advisory Committee for Student Organizations as well.

"[In] the lower level of the DUC, we have 24-hour access for student organizations, and having cameras down there for safety and security makes sense," said Ketchum-Ciftci.

Once cameras are installed, signage will be placed in areas stating that video recording is occurring.

However, the cameras will



Photo by Justin Glodowski

Cameras are now strategically installed throughout the Dreyfus University Center. The cameras were installed to ensure that the university kept with credit card standards as well as to deter vandalism and theft. This camera is installed at the Southwest entrance and records images from both corridors.

not be monitored in real time. All images will be captured and stored on a database to be monitored by Information Technology. Director of IT David Dumke and the Director of Protective Services Bill Rowe will be the only individuals allowed to view recorded images at this time.

Dumke and Rowe have been designated by the Provost Mark Nook to be in charge of all security cameras on campus. They will review requests for cameras and review footage as needed after incidents.

"They're not for safety on the spur-of-the-moment; they aren't monitored. We review the content in the event of an occurrence or situation," said Dumke.

Besides meeting regulations set by the payment card industry, Ketchum-Ciftci hopes that the cameras will deter vandalism and increase student safety around the building.

"When we didn't have our cameras up the last few months, we've had some issues with vandalism," she said. "Typically in the past with a camera that [was] operational, we'd be able to address

that more directly."

Cameras were in place in the DUC before the renovations. This time around, staff worked hard to make sure to set a standard for the cameras and to make sure all the regulations outlined in the Faculty Senate policy regarding security cameras was followed.

"I made sure that happened, that we chose one standard rather than multiple, and it would meet the requirements of the policy for security," said Dumke.

According to Dumke individuals from IT and some of the users who turned in requests came together to decide on the appropriate system.

"The selection process took us quite awhile; it was a matter of defining requirements and then looking at possible vendors and seeing demonstrations," said Dumke. "It was probably an eight-month process."

The group looked into which

cameras they could handle, what they could accomplish as far as being able to see certain resolutions and capture certain things, as well as storage and review of the content. The decision was then made to purchase the system from On-net Surveillance Systems, Inc. The cameras are being paid for by student segregated fees.

"It's a system that's used extensively by police departments and airports and stuff like that; it's a very high end, not expensive, but quality system," said Dumke.

A request for cameras has also been turned in by the communicative disorders department to be used for academic purposes. According to Dumke, if more requests for cameras are made and granted, the system is simple enough, and more cameras could be added by IT staff.

Cameras already in place at the Allen and Debot Centers will be wired into the same system as the DUC cameras.

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input on this because I do have some concerns when people say everyone wants sustainable, because I think it's a great idea, but when I see the number-one selling item in lower Debot , [it] is pizza," said Asbach. "We need to get student input from everybody. I don't want a select group of people to speak up and get this and then everyone else gets angry afterwards, saying, 'well, you didn't ask us.'"

With the General Education Policy Review Committee currently developing a new general education program at University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, candidates were asked what they would change with the

general education and how they plan to be involved with it.

"UW-SP definitely needs to streamline our general education requirements. We have significantly more than a lot of other campuses in the UW System," said Newton.

Schultz meanwhile addressed the current problems with the general degree requirement system.

"It has to be more easily accessible. That is probably the main problem with it. Everyone has to fight for their general education classes," said Schultz.

The next topic turned out to be about SGA itself, which changes they would make as president and vice president and what they would keep.

"I like the way SGA runs," said

Asbach. "I just want more student input. I want input to be oozing out of the organization like none other, because I think one of the things I see right now is a lack of that."

Newton felt that the top concern for SGA was that it needed to change the annual budget process to streamline it for student organizations.

"The first thing I would start to improve is the budget process," said Newton. "That is the number-one complaint I hear from student leaders, that the budget process is so confusing to them that a lot of times what they're meaning to request doesn't get done or they just get lost in the process."

The debate came to a close with

a final round of questions and final statements.

"I think one of the biggest things on our agenda is to really approve upon the image of SGA," said Asbach.

"I think it's about thinking outside the box. We may be just students but we really are able to make a difference," said Krumsee.

SGA elections begin on Friday, March 6, and the voting will be distributed through e-mail. Students will also get the chance to cast their ballots for SGA senators in their respective college, as well as the ability to write someone in for any position.

## Deep insight from the candidates' Facebook pages

<b>Scott Asbach</b> <b>Activities:</b> Waterskiing, rowing, cooking, fly fishing, rock climbing, football, sailing, soccer, photography, beach bonfires and a cup of coffee with the Wall Street Journal <b>Favorite TV Shows:</b> House, Nova, BBC World News and ESPN <b>Favorite Movies:</b> The Great Escape, Vertigo, Indiana Jones, The Dark Knight, True Lies, Ghostbusters and Saving Private Ryan <b>Political Views:</b> Free markets, limited government and personal liberty <b>Facebook Friends:</b> 859 <b>Photo Albums:</b> 37	<b>Nate Schultz</b> <b>Favorite Movies:</b> National Lampoon's Animal House, Boondock Saints and Snatch <b>Favorite Books:</b> The Three Musketeers <b>Interesting Groups:</b> Heidi Klum's a frickin' babe, I HATE THE NEW SECURITY RULES FOR DOORS, Campus Security, don't (Stevens) Point your guns at me!, Join to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month, 1,000,000 Strong For Stephen T Colbert and People with tattoos are just that much more fun to see naked. <b>Facebook Friends:</b> 640 <b>Photo Albums:</b> 1
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<b>Saul Newton</b> <b>Interests:</b> I live and breathe politics <b>Favorite TV Shows:</b> West Wing, Boston Legal, Sopranos, West Wing and CSPAN <b>Favorite Movies:</b> Boondock Saints, V for Vendetta, the Green Mile and An Inconvenient Truth <b>Work Experience:</b> College Democrats of Wisconsin, Office of Governor Doyle, Advancing Wisconsin and Obama for America. <b>Interesting Groups:</b> Abolish the Patriot Act Now!, I'm Voting Naked and Stop Global Warming Now <b>Political Views:</b> Liberal <b>Religious Views:</b> Democrat <b>Facebook Friends:</b> 850 <b>Photo Albums:</b> 9	<b>Kelly Krumsee</b> <b>Favorite Music:</b> Dave Mathews Band, Josh Groban, Keith Urban and Rascal Flatts <b>Favorite Movies:</b> Across the Universe, Pride and Prejudice, Good Will Hunting and Hitch <b>Favorite Books:</b> Harry Potter, The Alchemist, A Thousand Splendid Suns and Change of Heart <b>Interesting Facebook Groups:</b> ELECT Katie Kloth and Erika P Wardle!, I was doing homework, then I ended up on Facebook and Get off Facebook and Get Active: For Societal/Environmental Change! <b>Political Views:</b> Liberal <b>Facebook Friends:</b> 698 <b>Photo Albums:</b> 57 <small>Source: Facebook</small>
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# Brain Damage

Honey has been used both as the center of golf balls and in antifreeze mixtures.

In 1938, a United States presidential commission concluded that the U.S. population would never reach over 140 million.

Around 40 percent of murders occur during arguments.

The Sahara Desert, while it is the largest desert in the world, is not the largest sand desert in the world. Most of the Sahara Desert consists of rock. The largest sand desert in the world is the Great Arabian Desert. Technically, if including polar regions, Antarctica is the largest desert in the world but is considered a cold desert. It is the world's driest place, receiving less than two inches of precipitation annually.

There was no grass during the time of the dinosaurs. Grass evolved from bamboo-like plants only 24 million years ago.

King George V of England died at 11:55 p.m. in 1936. It was revealed in 1986 that the king's doctor had given him a lethal dose of cocaine and morphine because the king wanted to die before midnight so that his death could be announced "in the morning papers rather than the less-appropriate evening journals."

The only purple animal is the blesbok, an African antelope.

In 2002, a new species of centipede was discovered in Central Park, New York City.



# In-class cell phone use is on the rise amongst students

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It happens all the time: Class is slowly meandering down when suddenly, out from under the voice at the front of the room, a spastic marimba melody comes eddying out of someone's back pack. One lonely face in the room, suddenly stricken with panic, looks frantically through many pockets to turn off the device.

Some of us aren't so bashful about our cell phone use.

Sitting in class it's hard not to notice those of us who can't put down our cell phones. There's the texting under the desktop technique, which is usually given away by the odd tilting of the head, which makes it look like the person has discovered something especially interesting about their leg.

No matter what the technique, it's fairly obvious that people don't want to put down their cell phones, let alone turn them off. But what is proper and what isn't when it comes to our ultimate best friend, the cell phone? When is it time to put it down?

In today's fast technological world, cell phones seem to make everything easier. Tasks we once would have needed multiple large devices for we can now fit in the palm of our hands. We can stay connected with everyone we know with the touch of a few buttons and it seems there is never a good time to shut the cell phone off or put it down.

"I think we've become such an in-touch society, and the days from going two or three weeks without coming in contact with family or friends are gone," said media studies professor Mark Tolstedt.

But what is so pressing that it can't wait until after the lecture on religious practices of the circumpolar north? Do we really need to know what every friend is doing every minute of the

day? Or is the boredom of class simply too much?

"I think it's because people are bored and they don't find class interesting and don't want to take notes," said student Sarah Mankovecky.

Some students go to difficult and, many times, creative lengths to text in class. There's the hiding it behind the backpack trick or the blatant "I don't care if you see me texting on top of the desk" routine.

"Usually I just do it under my desk," said Mankovecky. "I've seen people put it up their sleeve or hold it to the side and not look at it."

Many professors, if not most, have some sort of policy now on cell phone usage in class, policies that many students choose to ignore for one reason or another. It's not as if professors don't notice.

But how do you stop the pulsing of fingers in class without taking phones away at the door?

"I don't allow them, simply put, especially at exams. If I see someone pulling out a cell phone I will ask them to leave the room and then they'll have to come and talk about how they will do the exam or whether they fail it," said Tolstedt.

Professor Tolstedt also expressed

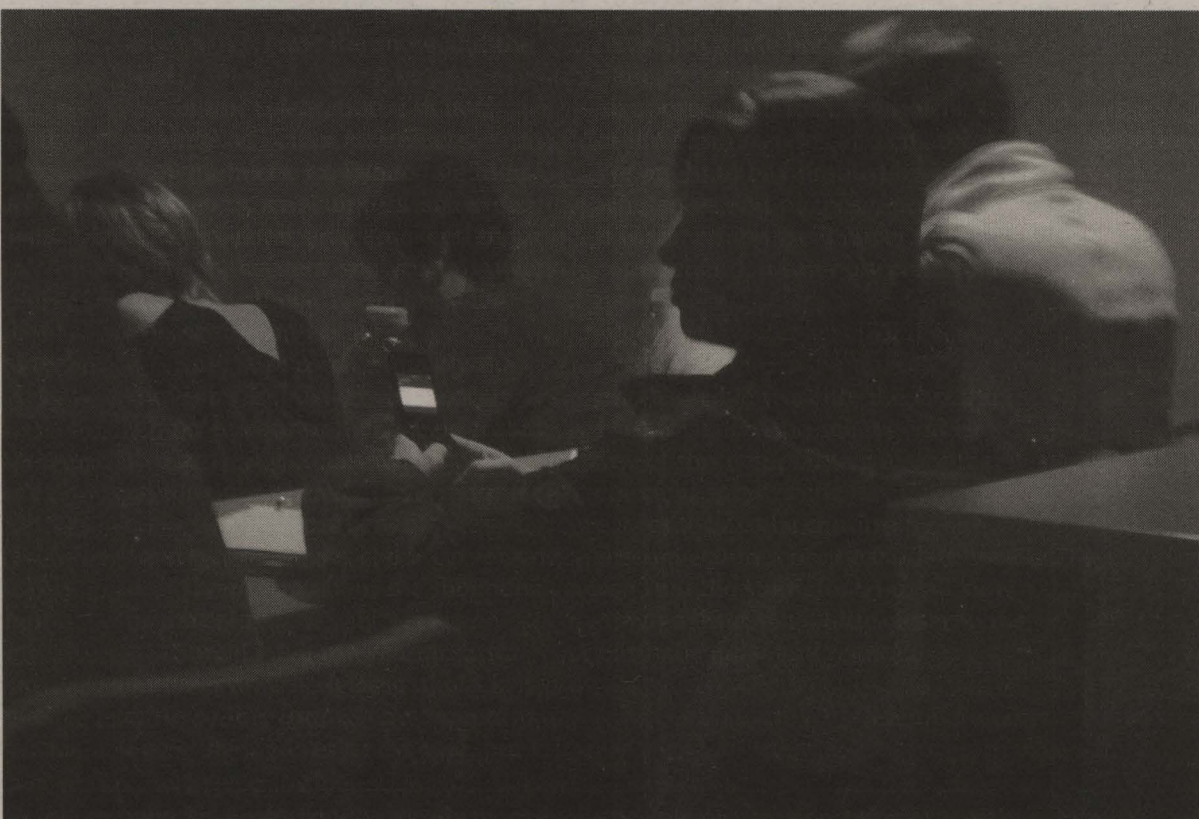


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If paying attention in class was not hard enough, now cell phones serve as an extra deterrent to the student and other students in their surrounding area within the classroom on a reoccurring basis.

that people using their cell phones in class is inevitable.

"Two of the classes I teach are large lecture-oriented classes and inevitably in both of them I will see students sort of hiding it with the arm as they're working on the phone," said Tolstedt.

It's not just professors that feel there is a lack of etiquette when it comes to cell phone usage in class. Many students find it distracting when someone types away at their tiny keyboard.

"I think its obnoxious and rude, usually, but I'm also a nerd and just got texting like a month ago. When I see people do it, it's like, you're in class to learn, you pay for this," said senior Amanda Brown.

Many students make the claim that they need their phone on in case of emergency. Most professors tend to

understand that emergencies exist and that sometimes your phone needs to be on in class. It seems to be something that can easily be worked out.

"[I understand] if they come to me prior to class," said Tolstedt. "I actually had a guy who said his wife is expecting and could he leave his cell phone on and I said absolutely. Something along those lines, I personally have no problems with that."

There are no campus-wide regulations on cell phone usage yet, but with the way cell phones are being integrated into students' everyday lives, it wouldn't be surprising. But before we get to that point, think about it the next time you want to send a quick message to your friend to remind them you will be going tonight, because they may already know.

## Compassion shared among pets and their owners creates happiness

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POINTLIFE REPORTER

Jennele Nejman, a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, knows how close students can be with their pets. One day, Oliver, her 6-year-old cat, became really sick just as Nejman was about to move to Stevens Point. That day, the veterinarians had to put the cat down.

"It helps, to spend time with animals that need our love"

-Malkiewicz

"After 3-and-a-half hours of bawling, I had to hold the cat while they euthanized him. For two weeks

straight, I barely ate, went to class or talked to anyone—my boyfriend included," Nejman recalls.

Fortunately, not everyone has had such an agonizing experience with their pet.

"In a big way, when Oliver died a piece of me went with him," said Nejman.

While students agree that owning a pet does not replace a significant other, it does help decrease loneliness. Animals become part of the family and some swear their pets can understand English.

The companionship and unconditional love pets provide creates a sense of importance and happiness in owners. There's nothing like coming home to a dog that jumps up at the door with excitement to see you. Similarly, cats that want to cuddle while watching television or studying relieves stress.

Some Pointers have the convenience of living off-campus, so

they can see their pet every day. Unfortunately, on-campus students

can't have pets. The university's guideline clearly states that only fish



Photo by Becka Schuelke

Fish are technically the only type of pet allowed on campus.

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## In the raw: Cooking Ramen is becoming a thing of the past

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POINTLIFE REPORTER

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I saw a young man sitting at a table in the library the other day flipping through his anatomy textbook and chomping on an uncooked Ramen noodle block. He ate it like a pretzel or a giant cookie and gnawed on it like it was the most natural thing in the world.

I went to refill my coffee so I could walk by him again, this time more purposefully, and noticed he was eating it - Top Ramen chicken flavor - plain. The sodium-laden powder packet was just lying to the side of the orange cellophane wrap, looking lonely and betrayed.

There's no question that times are tough and people are busy, but cooking Ramen noodles never seemed to be an activity I considered time consuming. But this raw Ramen eating was a new one for me, and I always considered myself to be close to the edge of a trend. Back in "my day," we cooked it. The most radical thing we did was to drain the hot water and eat the noodles dry with the flavor pack mixed in - a delicious-salty wonder.

I still couldn't get that noodle-chomping image out of my head. Later that same afternoon, I informally surveyed 46 English 102 students to see if anyone else ate raw Ramen. Approximately 20% confessed to eating it with great delight: "It's delicious, like a rice cake." "It's really good if you mash it up with the flavor pack. They taste like potato chips!" This sparked my free-ranging curiosity to investigate further.

Then my Chinese friend and colleague told me the Chinese have been eating raw Ramen for years. She said we Americans "suck when it comes to Ramen noodles." In China, certain brands are specifically manufactured to be eaten raw-or Ganchi, as they call it, meaning "dry eat." There is far more variety in the dehydrated soup sector in China (Fangbianmian - convenient noodles) than here. There are flavors such as rib, seafood, seaweed and pig intestines, along with our usuals - chicken and beef - and

all combinations thereof. Every package is labeled either spicy or not spicy, chili or no chili. Some noodles are made of sweet potatoes, pea flour or rice flour, and frequently these packages come with a separate packet of dehydrated vegetables, meat or seafood.

With this variety, I guess it's no surprise that China is number one in Ramen noodles sales, but the U.S. is a strong contender in fourth place, according to the International Ramen Manufacturers Association. And while the ramen noodle sector had an explosive growth here in the late 1980s, accounting for roughly \$117 million in the \$2.2 billion dollar soup market, recent sales have slumped due to an unchanged product and limited flavor selections since its invention in 1958 by Nissin Foods founder, Momofuku Ando.

Despite a dip in sales, it goes without saying that Ramen is versatile, portable and cheap - about 20 cents per pack. And everyone knows Ramen noodles have been a long-standing college student favorite, along with Easy Mac, Hot Pockets, Bagel Bites, Pizza Rolls and grilled cheese sandwiches made with an iron. But the consumption of ramen noodles has taken on its own subculture.

On my Ramen hunt, I discovered 2,622 Ramen-related books listed on Amazon, including 101 Things to Do with Ramen Noodles, Everybody Loves Ramen and The Book of Ramen. Google retrieved 520,000 results with the top link, "The Official Ramen Homepage", illustrating interesting recipes, such as "Fruity Oriental Ramen Salad," and my favorite, "County Jail Ramen," which includes Ramen noodles, two packets of mayo, one tin of mackerel in oil, one hard-boiled egg and two slices of bread or an optional tortilla.

One of my favorite dictionaries, Urbandictionary.com, says Ramen noodles is the "food of the gods." The "Ramen noodle-ghetto style" entry got 311 thumbs up for people who are too lazy to cook or had their gas and electric shut off, to just smack it, shake it, add the flavor packet and enjoy a tasty potato chip-like treat. Ramizzle!

And in these economic hard times, when people are digging for pocket change, scrounging the sofa cushions for a quarter and turning in aluminum for some extra pennies, this dry noodle Ramen trend is just the convenience-food treat for the fast-paced lifestyle.

## Campus Girl Scouts provide growing opportunities for youth in the Stevens Point area

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Opportunities for area Girl Scouts of the United States of America troops are being made available thanks to the efforts of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Campus Girl Scouts.

Senior Stacie Simpson is the president of the UW-SP Campus Girl Scouts and a Gold Award recipient. The Gold Award is the Girl Scout's equivalent to the Eagle Scout. Along with the Campus Girl Scouts, Simpson is a troop leader for a local troop of Girl Scouts.

The Campus Girl Scouts have organizations at universities and colleges all over the nation.

"For a lot of our programs there is so much good stuff happening on campus."

-Simpson

"We plan programs and activities for younger girls that are troops in the Stevens Point area so they have some extra programming opportunities,"

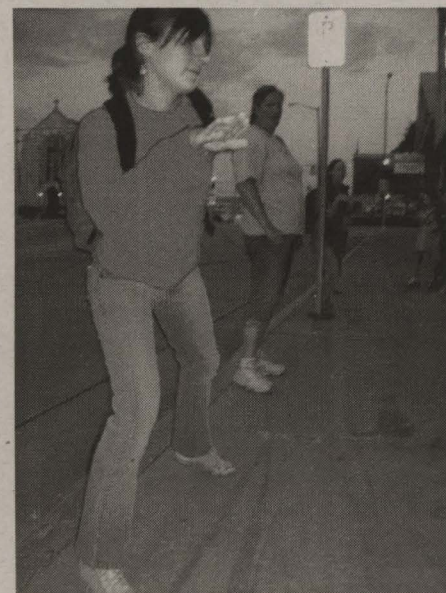


Photo courtesy of Stacie Simpson

Campus Girl Scouts create devoted relationships with local Brownies.

said Simpson.

The campus group helps to bridge the gap between young and older troop leaders and scouts.

"Campus Girl Scouts gives a support system for college-age students," said Simpson. "The majority of troop leaders are moms and sometimes it's hard for me to bounce ideas off of them because there is a half-generation gap."

The group also gives area troops unique opportunities and programs

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# Science & Outdoors

## Women and Science Day

Event targets young women in hopes of retaining interest in science careers

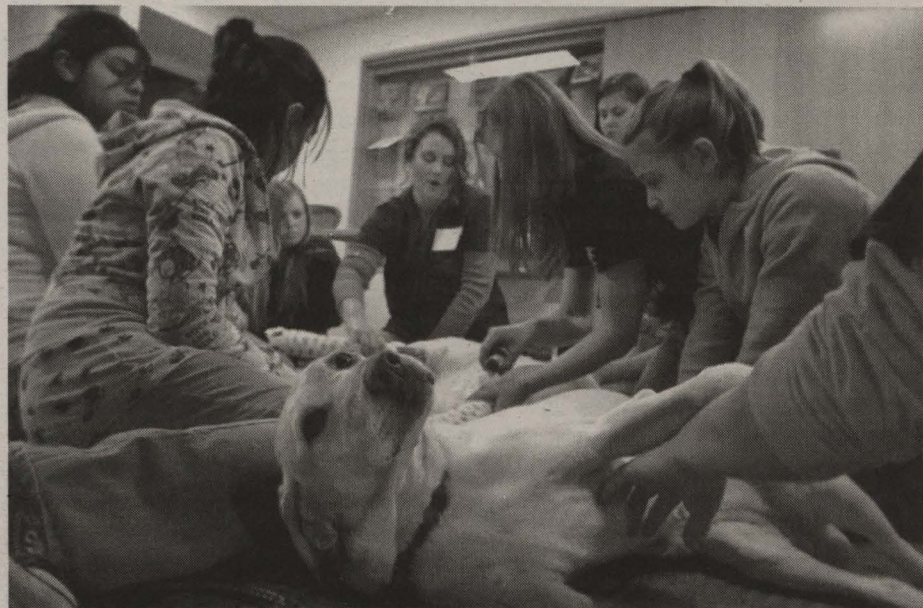


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Young girls from throughout the state attended sessions on scientific careers such as veterinary medicine.

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On Feb. 27, 395 seventh and eighth grade girls learned about the possibilities of careers in science as they attended Women and Science Day at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point.

Women and Science Day is an annual event for young girls to learn about careers and opportunities in the science field that they may have been unaware of until now.

The day started with keynote speaker Dr. Annie Wetter, associate professor of nutrition and dietetics at UW-SP. Dr. Wetter spoke on using math and science in everyday decisions such as nutrition and diet.

"Every day I use my scientific training and math to answer really simple questions that come up for people regularly," said Wetter. "This notion of being a scientist is not about making these grand discoveries and changing the world. It's about using the skills and knowledge to answer day-to-day questions that come up often for people."

The students then attended three different outbreak sessions throughout the day. Topics ranged from astronomy, anthropology and architecture to military science, veterinary medicine and renewable energy. Area K-12 teachers and UW-SP faculty presented the sessions.

According to Wetter, research shows that boys and girls have the same interest in math and science until the age of 11. The Women and Science Day attempted to bridge the gap that comes after a girl's interest in math and science starts to decline.

"I think that separating it out by gender is an effort to target girls and to try to intervene on what we know is a trend that girls start losing interest in science," said Wetter.

Julie Hellweg, program manager in Continuing Education and coordinator for Women and Science Day at UW-SP, agrees with Wetter.

"Traditionally, there have been

a minority of women in the science fields, and this program serves as an opportunity to get girls excited about the many fields of science as well as provide them the opportunity to explore many career fields," said Hellweg.

According to Hellweg, Women and Science Day also helps to showcase the UW-SP science department and the female faculty members who work there.

"My motivation behind being involved in this is that it boggles my mind that people who want so badly to work in health and help people with their health are arriving in college shocked and dismayed that they might have to take a science class and do some basic math calculations in order to achieve that goal," said Wetter. Plans are already in the works for next year's Women and Science Day.

## Husky Blast blows into town

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The Husky Blast, organized by the Adventure Racing Club at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, took place on Saturday, Feb. 28. It was an exercise to test logical thinking, endurance, speed and problem-solving skills and took place at various locations in and around Stevens Point.

Luke Schmelzer, of the team "Brothers Schmelzer," said the Husky Blast went much smoother this year than last. Schmelzer has participated in a number of the Adventure Racing Club events over the past two years, some requiring four-person teams. "Those are really fun," said Schmelzer. "But can get crazy."

The event began at the Heath Enhancement Center where teams of two had to complete a logics test. They had to separate the husky dogs from skiers with only five lines on a picture. With maps in hand, they biked to Iverson Park for an orienteering course. Each team's passport had to be punched along the trail at Iverson.

The next challenge was to go up a hill and back down. That sounds simple enough, but one person had to be blindfolded and could talk, while the other could see but not talk. Luke Schmelzer's brother, Noah Schmelzer, was not blindfolded but could not talk. Sledding down the hill, Luke said he was a little scared because he could not see if they were headed for any trees.

The brothers biked to the Plover River Trail where they skied six miles on the outside loop and looked for two orange flagging. One flagging had one letter on it and the other had four letters. The letters were unscrambled to spell the word "smile." Luke Schmelzer said they missed a small loop, which had one of the flags, but

were allowed to continue the race.

From there, they biked to Schmeeckle Reserve for another orienteering exercise in which they had to find other letters and markers.

David Puhl, one of the organizers, said participants also began a scavenger hunt to coincide with the rest of the race. Items to gather were things like pine cones, litter and inscriptions from Schmeeckle signs.

The "Brothers Schmelzer" finished that challenge at 2:45 p.m. and were told they could go to Bukolt Park for a bonus challenge before the cut-off time of 3 p.m. Once there, they were supposed to make a snow sculpture. Instead, they made small snow forts and had a snowball fight, taking pictures for proof.

"Brothers Schmelzer" was the second team back to the Multi-Activity Center. However, all teams were given a chance to deduct 10 to 20 minutes from their time if one or both team members ascended the climbing wall.

Even though "Brothers Schmelzer" of UW-SP had the best time (4:06), they came in third because they missed the loop on one of the challenges.

"It was fun overall though," said Luke Schmelzer.

First place went to team "Final Countdown" of UW-SP, with team members Kat Stratton and Luke Nigon. Second place went to "Team Money" of Conserve School from Land O'Lakes, Wis. The first place team was given a picture frame with "Husky Blast" engraved on it. Other prizes were from the Brewhaus and included mugs and juices.

"It was a good race," said Puhl. For information on future races or meeting times, contact Puhl, president of the Adventure Racing Club, at dpuhl199@uwsp.edu.

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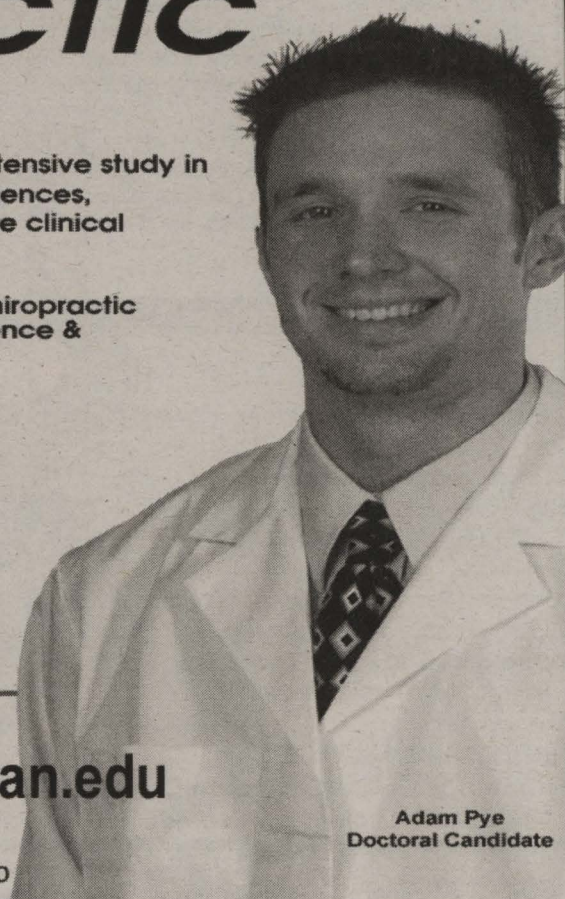
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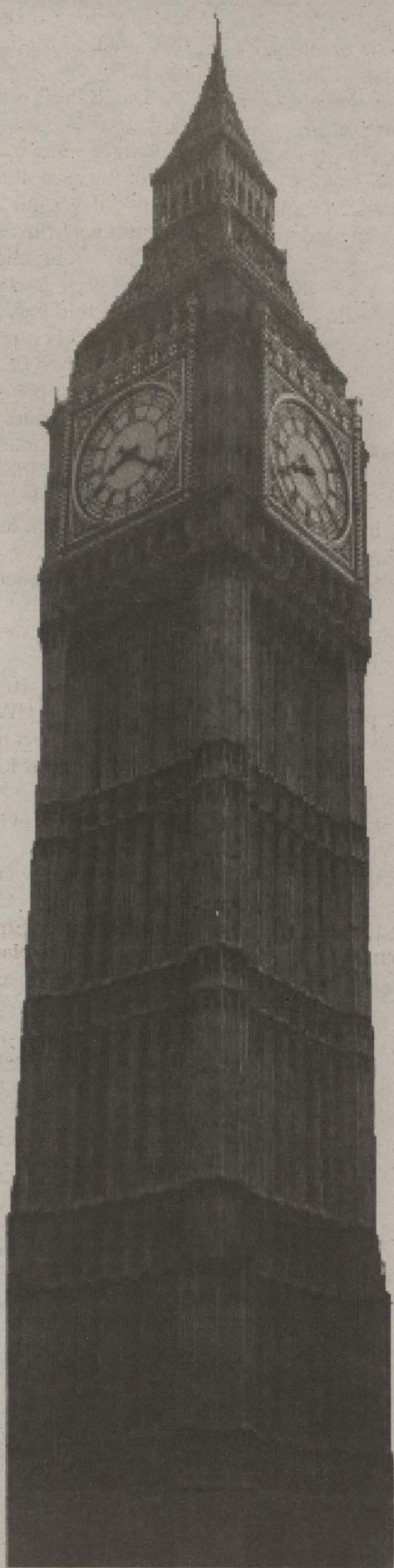
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### DRIVING COMPUTERS

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In an age when cell phones are a lifeline and the Internet must be available at all times and at all locations, it's no surprise that the automotive industry is taking a big leap into the ever-growing technological market. With automakers being hit hard during the struggling economy, brands like Hyundai, Ford and General Motors are looking for new ways to entice car buyers.

Hyundai plans on launching a new system that warns drivers when they drift out of the lane they're driving in. During this month of March, Ford will be releasing a dashboard computer that comes complete with a keyboard. The in-car computer will mainly be marketed to contractors and business people, who need to access the web, prepare and review documents, and log inventory while on the go.

"Consumers want a vehicle that's always on and always connected," said Kieran O'Sullivan, vice president of Continental Automotive Systems in a CNN news release. "Consumers and carmakers will be able to customize the [dashboard] instrument panel to their individual tastes the same way that people customize their mobile phones."

GM leads the technological initiative with its increasingly updated OnStar system. In October, GM launched its Stolen Vehicle Slowdown feature. Once an OnStar subscriber has reported their vehicle stolen to law enforcement, they can contact OnStar and request Stolen Vehicle Assistance. The OnStar advisor will use advanced GPS technology to pinpoint the exact location of the stolen vehicle and will report it to law enforcement.

BMW partnered with FLIR Systems to incorporate a pedestrian detection feature on their 6-series sedans. When the camera detects a heat source in the shape of a human being, the on-board computer alerts the driver by highlighting the pedestrian in yellow on the dashboard screen.

Safety is an important element for all vehicle manufacturers and there's a variety of features to choose from in the near future that can keep motorists a little bit safer. Newer features even let parents restrict the speed on their kid's driving. You can set a certain speed on the in-car computer and the computer will beep at them if they go over that speed limit and will not stop until they slow down. With auto manufacturers and technology companies partnering across the country and world, there's no saying what new gadgets will soon become commonplace in all of our vehicles.

## Outdoor Ed Ventures and RENTALS

### Light your fire with dry matches

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 COLUMNIST

Did you ever go on a camping trip when it rained? Then, after a long day of exploring, you get to your campsite, starving, so you prepare to cook dinner. But when you go to start the fire, you realize your matches are all wet.

Well, if you don't want this to happen to you, try dipping your matches in wax before the next trip. This will keep them waterproof, and when you are ready to use them, just scratch off the wax on the tip of the match and light it.

Don't forget to keep your matches in a waterproof container, just in case. Also, if the majority of wood around your campsite is wet or damp, try carrying some dryer lint with you. This will help to get your fire started; you could also rub some cotton balls in Vaseline. This should do the same sort of trick.

Another good item to keep with you is birch bark. While birch wood may not be the best for burning, dry bark works well as a fire starter. Try to keep a few pieces of it in the pocket of your raincoat. It always helps to keep a bundle of dry sticks wrapped up and stored some place dry as well. Happy camping!



## Sports

## Pointers win WIAC Championship, on to NCAA

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The ball started rolling at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point at 3 p.m. last Saturday on Bennett Court and didn't stop until the battle was over.

The Quandt Fieldhouse was filled with fans fashioned in purple and gold. They wanted a win, and they got it. The Pointers won 45-42 over UW-Platteville and received their fifth Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title and an automatic bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III tournament.

The championship game, described by sophomore Nick Krull, was "intensive, tough and incredible."

Ahead by five points at half, the Pioneers maintained the lead until the 15-minute mark. Later, the Pointers were able to pull ahead by five points with four minutes left on the clock and kept a one point lead with less than three minutes left in the game.

As time ran out, senior Khailfa El-Amin put two points on the board, but the team was quickly countered by Platteville, leaving the score 43-42 as the end drew nearer.

Fouled with less than 20 seconds left in the game, senior forward Brian Beamish made a pair of free throws, giving UW-SP a three-point lead while two missed opportunities by Platteville ensured a Pointer win.

When the seconds ran out and the buzzer sounded, fans took to the floor as the thrilled team jumped from their seats and the audience applauded.

Leading the way for the Pointers with a team-high of 14 points was sophomore Lewis Hurd, who also claimed seven rebounds. Also successful at the basket was El-Amin with nine points and senior Pete Rortvedt followed with seven.

As WIAC champions, the Pointers move on to the NCAA tournament to play the Rams of Cornell College during the first round this Friday. The game will be hosted by St. Thomas, who is also scheduled to play in the opening round. They will face Aurora University.

Hoping to make a good run, Krull



Photo by Jenna Sprattler

The Pointers earned the WIAC Championship title after beating UW-Platteville.

attributes their successful season to the senior leadership and contributions from the underclassmen. He also said that even though the road to a NCAA title is tough, he believes that if the team plays some of their best ball in the next few weeks, "anything is

possible."

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## Sports

## Women's basketball hosts national tournament a second year

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The women's basketball team dominated the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference this season.

After garnering the regular season conference title and winning their second WIAC Championship title, the Pointers earned the chance to host the NCAA Division III tournament for the second year in a row.

The Pointers are currently ranked fourth in the D3hoops.com poll and are 23-4 overall.

"I think everyone is pretty happy that we get to host again this year. We get to be in the 'friendly confines of Berg,' as Coach Egner calls it," Britta Petersen said.

"We love playing in front of our family and friends. We've worked really hard all year and it's been our goal all along to get into the NCAA tourney so it's a great feeling when we accomplish our goals."

Last season UW-SP hosted the

tournament only to be bested in the NCAA first round 57-71 by St. Norbert.

This season, the Pointers are led by a determined group of seniors that will be working for their final chance at the NCAA title. They head into the first round to take on the Maryville Saints who currently stand at 22-5 overall.

The Saints earned the NCAA tournament spot after winning the St. Louis Intercollegiate Conference tournament title and will face the Pointers in their fourth straight national tournament.

"I expect them to come out playing hard and throwing everything they have at us, but I expect us to do the same thing to them," said senior Jessi Sporle. "When it comes down to it, the winning team will be the one who wants it more and never gives up."

The Pointers have had a strong season thus far and are currently riding on a four-win streak.

"The last couple of seasons we have been playing well and have had the opportunity to host. We have



Photo by Rochelle Nechuta

Senior guard Katie Webber edging in to make a play against UW-Stout in the WIAC Semifinals.

a great facility and it is a chance to really showcase it," Assistant Coach Kole Vivian said.

"Although it is great to be playing at home, it does not guarantee anything in terms of wins and losses,

but it does make us more comfortable playing in front of our UW-SP fans."

UW-SP faces Maryville on Friday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in Berg Gym.

## Women's hockey team sharpens skills for next year after loss

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team prepares for next year with a future looking as sharp as their skates after their season ended last weekend at the O'Brien Cup tournament.

The Pointers didn't come out as on top as they'd hoped this year, but they gave it all they could, through sweat and teamwork, in the semifinals against UW-River Falls.

"We never gave up and kept pressing to the end," senior forward Nicole Grossmann said. "I thought we fought hard and left it all on the ice."

Playing three games in one weekend could have been a factor to the loss, but the women hold a

positive outlook for next year's frosty trail to the championship.

"This year should have been our year to go [to the national championship] but Falls had a lucky bounce," sophomore forward Dana Carothers said. "This team is going to come back next year, hungry for more."

The only player graduating in May, forward Michelle Sosnowski's future plans are uncertain but are sure to carry the experiences she's had while playing with the Pointers wherever she goes.

"I have learned a lot on and off the ice, not only about hockey but about life in general," Sosnowski said. "Everyone loves the game and played with their hearts."

Grossmann graduates in Dec. 2009 and plans to compete in triathlons while she finishes school. Being the Northern Collegiate Hockey

Association player of the year, she said she had a "great" final season.

"There were a lot of ups and downs, but at the end, in the conference tournament, we showed a lot of character and determination," Grossmann said. "I am so glad that I could be a part of such a great program."

The team will continue training. Spring practices consist of "working on systems and fine tuning the little things like shooting and skating," Sosnowski said.

"We practice how we play and that is why we are so successful," Grossmann said.

Look out for the women next season as they plan their attack to skate to the top.

## Seniors

**Jenna Daggit-**  
**Forward**

- Six goals and one assist
- One power play goal



**Rachel Graves-**  
**Defense**

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- All-NCHA 2008-2009
- Two power play goals



**Michelle Sosnowski-**  
**Forward**

- Nine goals and seven assists
- Two power play goals



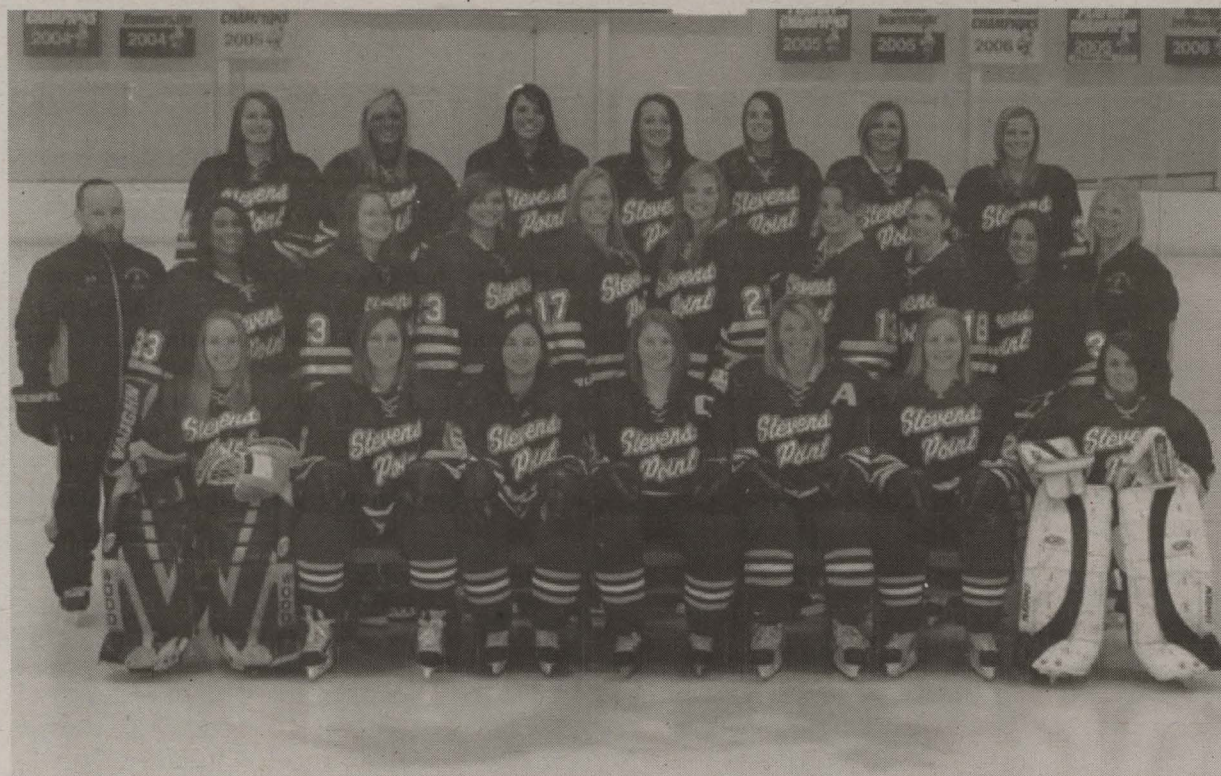
**Trish Piskusla-**  
**Forward**

- Five goals and six assists
- Two power play goals



**Nicole Grossmann-**  
**Forward**

- Four-time All-NCHA
- First team All-American
- 19 goals and 16 assists
- NCHA player of the year





# New program connects students on campus

## Global Connections reaches out to international and American students

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If you reach back into your memory to your first days of college at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, chances are the discomfiting unfamiliarity you experienced from being away from home, friends and family still lingers.

That discomfort is common, despite the fact that, according to UW-SP's official Voluntary System of Accountability College Portrait, 92 percent of students here are from Wisconsin.

If students coming from these backgrounds can feel homesick in a relatively comparable place, then imagine what the eight percent of students from other states, countries and cultures must experience. These students tackle not only the challenges of new faces and surroundings, but also a new language, new customs and new food.

Global Connections, a new program through the Foreign Student Office, seeks to aid international students through this initial

unfamiliarity and discomfort with the culture by pairing them up with an American student.

Considering that, according to the VSA College Portrait, only 33 percent of seniors reported having often had "serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity," Global Connections could be equally beneficial to American students.

Originally conceptualized by Milkayla Fullmer Hoffman, a program assistant for foreign students and the English as a second language program, Global Connections is in fact designed to do just that: create understanding between both participants.

"I wanted to find a way international students and American students could connect on a more personal—not academic—level, and get to know each other's cultures," she said.

Hoffman said the program is modeled after UW-Eau Claire's buddy system, in which foreign students are also matched with American students. However, she said there are no time commitments or requirements—participants are free to meet with each other as often as they choose.

Though there are no requirements or prerequisites to participate in the program, students are asked to fill out some forms about their interests and hobbies. Pairs are then formed on the basis of their similarities and likely compatibility.

Brad Slaney, a geography major and Global Connections participant, thinks the organization is a positive way to promote cross-cultural understanding.

"I think its goal is really good," he said. "It exposes students to different cultures, which is important since we have kind of a monoculture here ... It gives both sides an opportunity to learn from one another."

Yang Lida, a UW-SP student from Korea, shared a similar perspective.

"It can connect international students and residents," he said, "and it can improve international students' English abilities."

So far, Hoffman said there have been 75 applicants, roughly split in half between American and international students.

Of the international students, she said many are from Asian countries like China, Korea and Japan, as well

as South American countries such as Columbia and Peru.

At the first meeting, held Monday, Feb. 23, students met their partners and also spoke to other participants, playing icebreakers like Cultural Pursuit. They also received a list of potential activities to do with their partner, such as coffee breaks, study sessions, cooking, Outdoor EdVenture trips and much more.

Hoffman said in the future she hopes the program will grow in popularity and be student-run.

Brock Wojtalewicz, an ESL instructor at UW-SP, said he thought the level of participation and enthusiasm demonstrated at the first meeting was very encouraging for the future.

"I think it's very exciting," he said. "This could be the beginning of something very positive and mutually beneficial for American and international students alike."

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## Flavor enthusiasts sample Taste of Wisconsin treats

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This year's Taste of Wisconsin, hosted by the Brewhaus at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, exhibited an array of the state's finest delicacies last Friday with the addition of another winery and a few more breweries to savor.

Patrons meandered around the Alumni room as if playing musical chairs, but with tables displaying a variety of cheese, wine, beer and more to sample.

Linda Welbes from Brigadoon Winery, located in Tripoli, has had the opportunity to meet some "incredible people from all over the planet" since she and her husband David established their winery in 2004. This was their first year at the "Taste."

Brigadoon Wineries produces 13 different varieties of wine. Their newest addition, Rustic Red, is a dry oak wine which boasts a fruity and flavorful taste.

"We make them natural to the sweetness of the berry and it works," Welbes said of their desert wines.

Wine tasting tends to excite the palate into enhancing flavors of foods. Trying Mullin's creamy havarti cheese seemed to agree with the taste buds for many attendees.

Other foods to munch included Wenzel's farm sausage, a business

owned by the family for five generations in Marshfield.

"Our recipes came from Germany with the original founder," sales representative Bob Halle said.

Providing samples from "the number one selling microbrewery in Wisconsin" was sales representative Steve Molepske of New Glarus Brewing Company.

With over 16 kinds of beer in high demand, year-round or seasonally, for clients all over the state, it's easy to see why they would be number one.

"They just came out with a new year-round beer," Molepske said. "It's called Cracked Wheat."

The only place to find one is in Wisconsin. The brewery doesn't sell outside of the state due to their popularity and smaller-scale operation.

Nueske's Deli Specialties, of Wittenberg, presented a smoked liver pâté that received some interesting reactions.

"It's so soft and flavorful," UW-SP student Peter Deurkop said. "It's like what cat food looks like, but top shelf."

Kim Polum, operation's coordinator for the Brewhaus, said, "It went really well. It was a pretty good turnout."

As for plans for next year's Taste of Wisconsin, "We're going to try to get a bigger room for more to taste," she said.



## Arts &amp; Culture

Demanding drama, *The Little Foxes* debuts in Stevens Point

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Sibling rivalry, greed and deception seized the stage of the Jenkins Theatre last Friday as the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's department of theatre and dance debuted their fifth show this year, *The Little Foxes*, in the Noel Fine Arts Center.

Described by the director Jeffery Stephens as a "modern version of *Desperate Housewives*, *Dallas*, *Dynasty* and *All My Children* rolled into one," Stephens admits "It is a very demanding drama." The play was chosen by the faculty because of its challenging call for actors and

designers and the ability to recreate the historical setting in which it takes place.

Taking place in 1900 in a small town of the Deep South, the living room of the Gidden family serves as the space of deceit.

Big curls, fancy dresses and feathered fans, as well as dress suits, shined shoes and slick hair, characterize the ten-person cast in the story of struggle among siblings to obtain millions in the cotton mills.

Opening on Broadway over seventy years ago, *The Little Foxes* became a huge success and writer Lillian Hellman's most popular piece of drama. As one of the most frequently revived American plays of its time, the story of the greed-driven Hubbard family succeeds as

a melodrama themed with morality and satire.

The theme of greed within the play also has a unique relevance to the current economic climate.

"When translated on a larger scale, it speaks to the idea of large corporations in past and present society destroying everyone and everything in their way to make that extra dollar," said cast member Amie Root, who plays Birdie.

Stephens also said the show has a lot of educational value, as it is a major American play by an important American playwright.

The setting and costumes are described by Stephens as "sensational," and a result of the extensive research of the political, social and economic realities of the

era, particularly in the Deep South. The designers spent many hours searching for the appropriate fabrics, music and furniture to recreate the proper mood.

The *Little Foxes* will be performed again March 5-6 at 7:30 p.m. and March 7 at 2 p.m. in the Jenkins Theater. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens and \$12 for youth. UW-SP students may buy tickets in advance for \$4.50 with their student ID or be admitted free the day of, if seats remain. Tickets can be purchased at the University Information and Tickets Center in the Dreyfus University Center by calling 715-346-4100 or 800-838-3378. Tickets can also be ordered online at [www.uwsp.edu/centers/uit/ordering.asp](http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/uit/ordering.asp).

## Guitarist communicates emotions through classical music

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Reverberating sounds of a guitar were all that could be heard in Michelsen Hall Tuesday evening, as Petar Jankovic plucked at his six-string.

Stories were communicated from the artist to his audience through expressive renditions from a handful of the greatest musical masterpieces ever written.

The classical guitarist, a native of Yugoslavia, began his musical career at the age of seven. He doesn't remember exactly what prompted his desire to play, just that he was born to do so.

Eventually, Jankovic developed his art at the Music Academy in Belgrade. Afterward, he continued his education, earning a master's degree from Indiana University School of Music, where he stayed and launched

a teaching career.

A wide range of styles were evident throughout the hour that he played. The majority of classical guitar music stems from South America and Spain, he said.

"I play all styles with classical guitar," Jankovic said. "I prefer to play from romantic and contemporary periods."

He feels the most inspired while performing on a concert stage and is content with practicing in any area, from hotel rooms to office spaces or wherever there are "the least distractions you can have."

His technique was flawless, and he played with great ease. The staccatos, scale runs and vibrato action added to his sensational narrative performance.

Brock Wojtalewicz, an English as a second language instructor, brought twelve of his students to the performance. He wanted to introduce them to something out of

the ordinary.

"It was quite amazing," he said. "I was truly impressed."

Jankovic has acquired numerous prestigious awards throughout his career and is known all over the world for his beautiful art.

The preludes of Heitor Villa-Lobos and the tangos of Astor Piazzolla were played. The "Libra Sonatine"

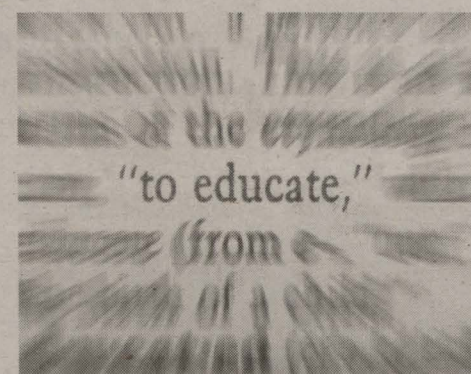
by Roland Dyens had been written for the composer's heart surgeon with each movement representing the emotions had before, during and after surgery, explained Jankovic before he gave his artistic interpretation.

"It's really wonderful that we have artists of this caliber coming to UW-SP," Wojtalewicz said. "I think our community is really fortunate."

## Thank You!!!

The Recognition and Support Committee, on behalf of the residence halls, would like to extend a big thank you to the Faculty Mentors and FIG Faculty at UW-SP, for those of you who don't know who they are or what they do, here's a general idea: these 22 professors teach classes during the day and when they have "spare" time in the evening, set aside time to head to their designated residence hall to help students with a number of things, class work, probability games, or just play cards. We appreciate all you do and the time you set aside for us, Thank You!

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Petar Jankovic is an international award-winning classical guitarist.



# Letters & Opinion

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The front page of the Feb. 19 issue of *The Pointer* was graced with a beautiful picture of a freshly snow-covered wonderland. But in stark opposition to the feelings I got from looking at the picture, it was captioned with words like “chaos” and “ruin.” This all seemed to set up Katie Leb’s opinion piece about “quitting Wisconsin weather.” I feel the need to speak out and defend natural cycles, because they can’t, at least with words, defend themselves. People tell me it is a matter of opinion, so I’ll just share my opinion instead of saying what I think is wrong with the dominant one. This dominance is evidenced by what was published last week and by the all-too-common bitching and complaining about the snow and the cold. Why is it we so rarely hear

anyone celebrate the snow and the cold?

In this celebration, I’m not as alone as I often feel. Skiers, snowmobilers, ice fishers, sledders, ice skaters, ice sculptors, snowman builders, snow angel makers, snow shoe-ers, hunters, snowball throwers and dogs all gladly celebrate the Wisconsin winters.

But I suppose it is mostly the shovelers and drivers in all of us who complain so much. God forbid that anything comes with a price. For all the things listed above and the countless summer benefits we get from our particular climate, I for one, don’t complain about the shoveling or the cold.

Sure, I have my yearnings for summer and the feeling of black earth rolling through my fingers as I sow the seeds of a new year, but I

have also made hopeful attempts at patience, and have thus acquired an appreciation for the wholeness of the Earth’s cycles and creatures. We ought to be humbled by her wholeness and purpose, since it is something we’ll never fully comprehend. It can only comprehend us.

When winter acts like it is supposed to, in contrast to unseasonable warmth, the last thing I see is chaos. And what good is any of this complaining about the cold and snow doing us anyway, except for maybe confirming our disconnection with the land. If we can find the strength, let us all slow down a little, get a little closer to the Earth, be quiet and rejoice.

-Jeremy Rankin

Dear Editor:

I am a food service worker at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. I was born and raised right here in Portage County. The reason I am writing this letter is to let someone know how the food contractor buys food. They used to buy from local

people; they bought produce from Altenburg’s Dairy. Now I have to look at potatoes from Idaho. I asked the manager at DeBot why he doesn’t buy from local people. I was told that Chartwells got large rebates if they bought from “big” people.

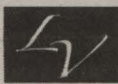
I have worked at UW-SP for lots

and lots of years and this just makes me sick to my stomach that with the times as hard as they are that Chartwells can do this. Please look into this.

-Anonymous

## BARE: LADY V’S MINI BEEFS WITH THE MALE GENDER

Lady V  
LADYVUWSP@YAHOO.COM



After seeing a slide show on Glamour.com entitled, “11 Things Guys Don’t Understand About Women,” I began to think about things I don’t understand about men.

**What is with all the movies?** Guys, I really don’t think you need to own all those movies. There is a reason why there are rental stores, Netflix and re-runs (I know. They just aren’t the same on TV when all the bad words get bleeped out). I can understand buying a movie if it is a really good price or is really hard to find. And on release days, come up with a schedule with your friends so all of you don’t go and buy the same movie on the same day. Rotate who buys a movie right away. Or wait a few months, for your personal library. It will come down in price, and by then it will have been so long since you have seen it last!

**Guys, why in the hell can you burp and fart and we can’t?** Some of you may argue it isn’t ladylike. Well, it isn’t gentlemanly, either! I don’t condone either party doing it in public. But in private, no one should really care. We are all human. We all like good food that makes us gassy and suffer from stress-induced acid reflux. I don’t think you want me to explode. Don’t get me started on snoring.

**Why no bed sheets?** Speaking of snoring... and you wonder why I don’t want to sleep over! Plus you have those awfully flat pillows. I want substance. I want comfort. Nothing lavish is necessary (although it would be nice and to your benefit). I just

don’t like feeling the mattress. If you even have that. Come on, you aren’t in the dorms anymore. Plus you get a bed there anyway!


**The classic: Leaving the toilet seat up.** We appreciate that you put it up, really we do. Here is a saying to enlighten you: “If you sprinkle when you tinkle, be a sweetie and wipe the seatie?” Make sure you remember this one too. “If you put the seat up when you pee, put it down so the ladies will let you be.” I promise I keep my toilet clean, just for that reason. Think of it as a weight lifting exercise to build those muscles of yours (gravity is on your side).

**Why the head bob, nod, bow, whatever you call it?** Some of you say it is just a greeting in passing. I am not really sure if I understand the difference between the upward chinjerk, the downward head bob or what is wrong with a little eye contact or manly wave? It really isn’t that bad to wave. I have heard

in many instances the upward chinjerk is a friendly (but impersonal) greeting to friends and close acquaintances whereas the downward bob is more of an “I don’t know you,” or “I don’t like you.” This is kind of disrespectful in my opinion.


Ladies and gentlemen, if you have any beef with the opposite or same sex you would like to get off your chest, e-mail me at ladyvuwsp@yahoo.com.

And as for the young man who asked me a question about creepers last week, I would just like to say it would be irresponsible of and individual to not be aware of someone who could potentially be a harmful stalker and not take proper legal action.



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# Letters & Opinion



## High Five: Goes crazy Broadway style

**Steve Apfel**  
COLUMNIST

Great Scott! The ridiculous amount of good news I presented last week was met with an even more ridiculous amount of response! I knew that I had an ever growing multitude of friends, but I misjudged the size of that multitude.

The High Five Worldwide Facebook group's membership has grown exponentially since last week and is still growing. Due to the many requests for the High Five Hip Tunes CD, the track listing has been posted online for both the Facebook members and the new High Five blog site, <http://highfivecolumn.blogspot.com>. Enjoy, dear readers.

Now that we've been friends for the better part of six months, you may have noticed that I like to speak of music quite a bit. It's true I'm a bit of an audiophile, and I'm not at all ashamed to admit it! You're not the only ones who've noticed, however, for last week I received an e-mail from noted off-Broadway producer/developer Angela Weier. Apparently she is also a big fan and is interested in developing High Five: The Musical!

Frankly, I was in awe that such an important figure in the world of musical theater would contact me to begin with, but the idea of developing a dramatic representation of my writings with feelings being expressed through song is just unreal! Needless to say, I've been pretty over the moon with excitement since the idea was even proposed.

Ms. Weier and I have been e-mailing back and forth, discussing possible details of the production, since we can't get together in person until June. She is attached to several projects in New Haven right now that require her watchful eye at all times. That hasn't kept her from throwing big ideas and even bigger names my way!

It seems that the idea has been bouncing around the off-Broadway communities of Connecticut and New Hampshire since early January and

some very impressive personnel have tentatively expressed interest. There is a very large yellow enveloped en route to my mailbox containing vocal charts arranged by none other than Megan Sterzinger. Apparently fresh off her work with Weier on "Careless Whisper: A WHAM! Musical" for the Manchester Amateur Playhouse, the two of them were looking to take on something a bit more lighthearted.

Also on board is award-winning choreographer Michael Elderbrook. Despite retiring from show business over a decade ago, he was convinced to come back to the world of dance because he is such a big fan of High Five. I am truly blessed and honored to have these three industry legends expressing their love for my writings.

Woah! Settle down. Of course I'm going to quench your aching thirst for juicy plot points. The story involves a dashing young lad trying to break into the world of journalism at a small Midwestern college and the pitfalls he faces. The villain is a bearded columnist/novelist who monopolizes column space.

Accompanying the main character is a colorful cast of misfits who help him on his way and, of course, his love interest, a spunky spitfire of a girl. I know I'm being vague, but we can't reveal too much at this stage of the writing process or copycat musicals will run rampant!

Would you like to become involved with the production? Well, you can! Ms. Weier said she'll be accepting video auditions until September. Once the script is completed, it will be available through mail-in request. However, Dorothy Barnard did peek at the preliminary storylines and in order to buy her silence we had to guarantee her the love interest role. It's not as bad as it sounds, though. She does have ten years of theater experience and a very pleasant alto singing voice.

Oh, I can hardly sit still with all this excitement! Avra has literally been shaking for days. She's always wanted to meet a Broadway star.

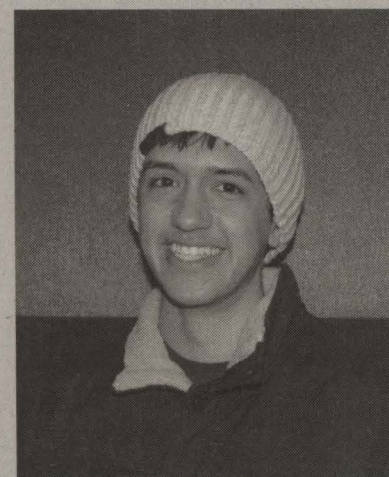
## What is your opinion of the SGA President and Vice President debate between Saul Newton/Kelly Krumsee and Scott Asbach/Nathaniel Schultz? Who won?



**Taylor Smith**  
Sophomore

I found the passion each team brought and their knowledge exceeded my expectations. Scott and Nate won due to their relation to the students.

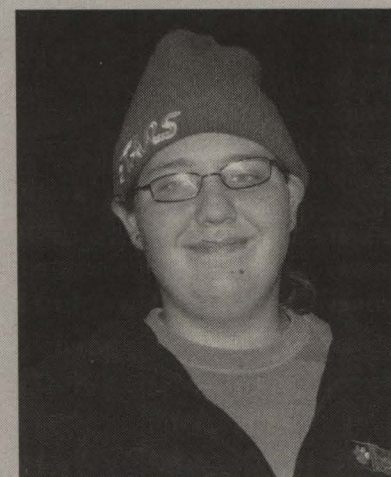
**Holly Ehrhardt**  
(Debate Moderator)  
Super Senior  
Rewording questions was the highlight of my night. The other highlight was that both of the assistants were named Matt. We referred to them as "the Matts." We shall see who will win...muwah ha ha.



**Liz Westberg**  
Sophomore

I think all the candidates had similar views on things. While Saul and Kelly were better speakers, I think Scott and Nate won because they addressed more specifics as opposed to generalizations and ideas.

**Allie Anderson**  
Sophomore  
I was a little disappointed that more students weren't here, but I think they didn't publicize the event to the majority of students. I am not sure who came out on top. I think Saul and Kelly came across more experienced, but Scott and Nate came across more willing to listen to student concerns.



**Crystal Laabs**  
Freshman  
The SGA debate was really nice. I learned a lot about both candidates and their platforms. By far, Kelly and Saul won the debate. They were well prepared and have a good outlook for the future of SGA.

## get caught reading The Pointer

GOTCHA.



**Junior Lindsey Wusterbarth** likes to be informed about what's happening on campus.





## Rabble Rousers



Joy Ratchman

From **Girl Scouts** pg. 5

through UW-SP departments.

"For a lot of our programs there is so much good stuff happening on campus," said Simpson.

The Campus Girl Scouts have brought troops to the climbing wall in the Health Enhancement Center, had a program with the UW-SP cheerleading team and visited the science department's planetarium.

The events sponsored by the Campus Girl Scouts attract an average of 40 girls per event.

The extra involvement by the different Campus Girl Scouts is necessary to create activities so all the troops in the state can have program opportunities.

A recent realignment of the Girl Scout councils increased the size of the local council to cover much of Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan.

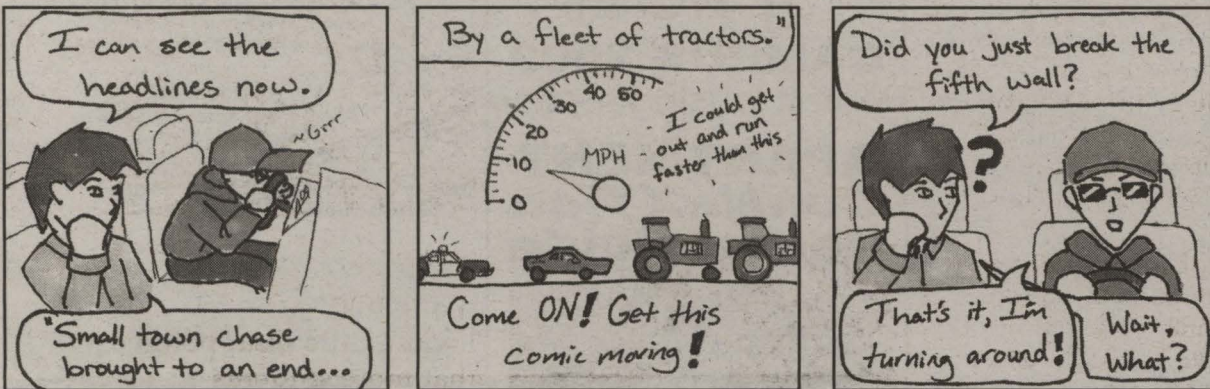
"The council used to be a smaller area and used to run programs that all the girls could come to," said Simpson, "and now that it's a huge area it's impossible for them to do that. It was really a need in this community to have some programs for the girls to come to."

## Roach



Dustin Hauge

## Where I Come From



Bryan Novak

From **Pets** pg. 4

that can be contained in a 20-gallon aquarium are allowed.

Having to leave a pet at home can be the hardest part of adjusting to campus life. Everyone misses their dog, cat or in one case, a Betta fish, that has to be left home with parents. Often, students feel guilty for "abandoning" their loved one.

Imagine how Christine Malkiewicz, a UW-SP sophomore, feels. Recently, Malkiewicz transferred from California to be with her boyfriend. She left behind two "amazing" dogs. Sadly, her older dog's health is clearly deteriorating.

"In each photo my family sends me she is always laying down, ears back, looking defeated with arthritis. It kills me each time I look at her photos," Malkiewicz said.

She and her boyfriend volunteer at the local Humane Society in an attempt to replace the feeling of loss.

"It helps, to spend time with animals that need our love rather than just the other way around," said Malkiewicz.

Soon, they hope to get a replacement dog for those she had to leave behind.

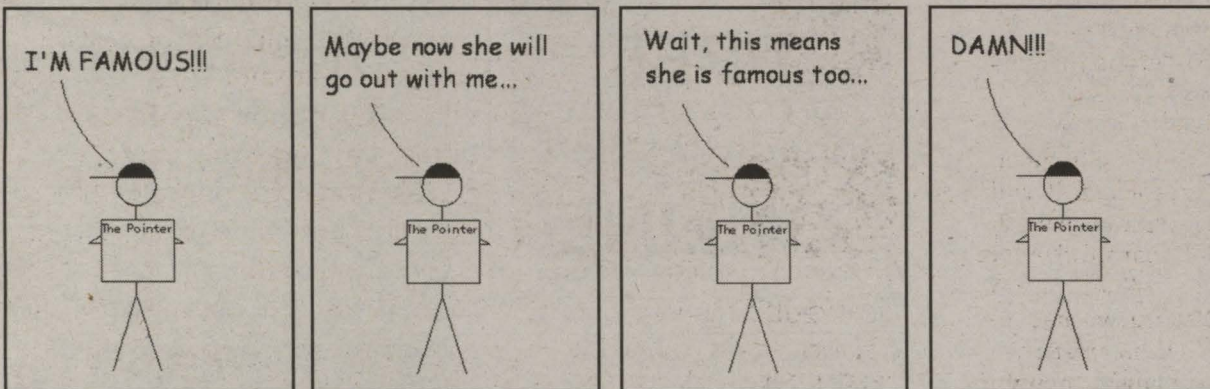
Some students bought their pet after a bad break-up. The various activities pets do, such as walking or playing, can provide a positive distraction. Other times, their willingness to follow owners everywhere makes students feel wanted.

People who own a pet have the responsibility of feeding them and taking care of other hygiene needs. Maybe it is the inherent need to feel that others depend on us, because it makes us feel more important, that we have pets. It makes sense, then, that after a heartbreak students turn to animals to fulfill their need to dote on another being.

Pets provide comfort and a sense of stability in students' chaotic lives. Surprisingly, a very high percentage of UW-SP students own at least one animal and feel a strong attachment to them. Perhaps there is something to this companionship that no one without a pet could ever understand.

So it's fitting that this great university's mascot is a Pointer: a dog known for its friendly and obedient nature. UW-SP pet owners realize that the best part of having a companion is the love that is shared from an animal that will wait for months before seeing their owner/student again.

## Vaguer Language



John Kawa

## Wordle

Create as many words as you can out of these 6 letters.  
Spaces are provided below.

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Check back next week for the answers.

**PLAY WORDLE!**  
It's a great way  
to think outside  
the box.

## Last week's answers:

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