

UW System schools one step closer to equal representation

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A bill aiming to create a more diverse Board of Regents for UW-Schools was passed by the Wisconsin state legislature.

The bill, which is still waiting on Governor Doyle's signature, would divide the state into seven districts which would each have at least one representative on the Board of Regents. The passing of this bill will create more equity in the administration of UW schools.

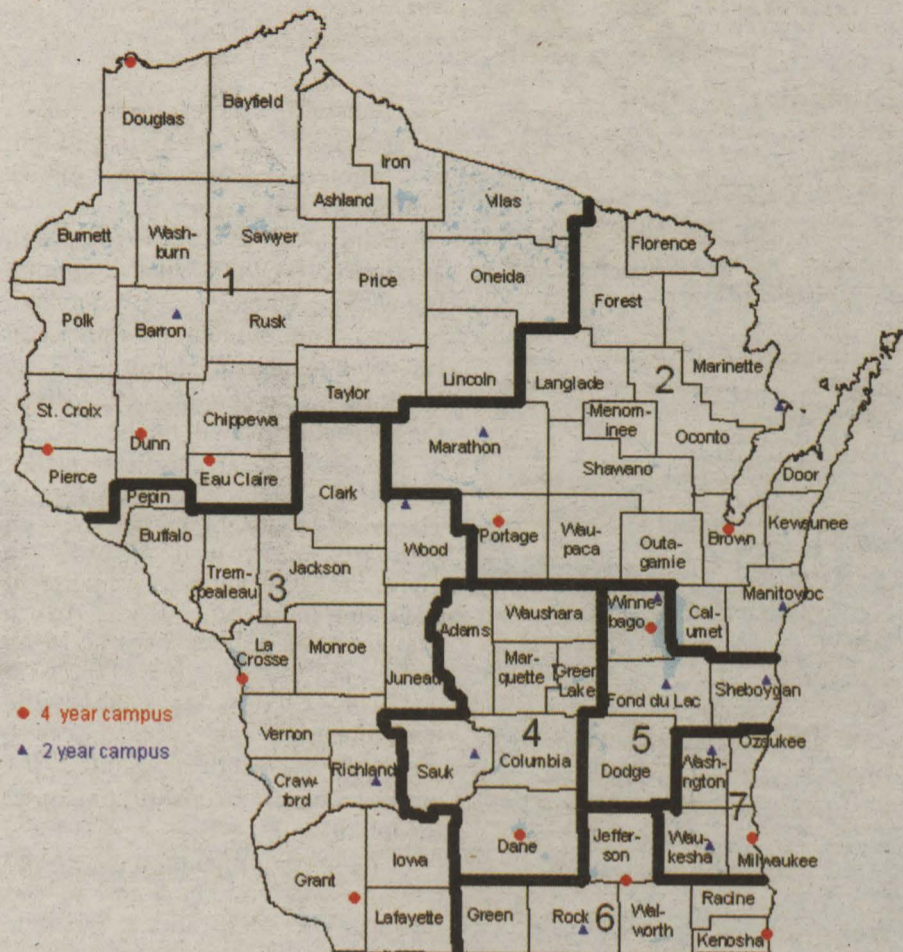
"It's great. It needed to happen," said Scott Asbach, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Government Association president. Asbach wrote a letter to the legislature and other UW schools encouraging support for this bill.

"The success of this assembly bill would not only provide a higher quality of representation for rural regions of Wisconsin but would also allow the board to diversify its membership and add a wide array of creative and innovative perspectives," said Asbach.

Currently, the board is made up of 18 members, 14 of which are appointees by the governor. Of these 14, 10 are from the Milwaukee or Madison area. Seven UW schools have no representation on the board of regents including UW-Eau Claire, Whitewater and Parkside.

The new distribution of board members won't take effect until the current members finish their terms according to Nate Schultz, SGA vice president.

As of now, the regents are selected



Graphic courtesy of Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Map of the new UW System regent and districts jurisdictions

from the 14 congressional districts of Wisconsin; the new regions will be divided geographically.

"It's been tending to see more power and more regents from the Madison, Milwaukee area which is populated highly, but it doesn't give Stout, Superior [and] us adequate representation," said Schultz.

The new bill will still allow the governor to appoint board members. Kelly Schacht, inclusivity and shared governance director of United

Council, an organization devoted to creating higher education equity, said that this bill will create more diversity among the Board of Regents without overstepping the governor's input.

"He's the one who had the power in it because he appoints ... it is a struggle for him," said Schultz.



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Congratulations to the women's soccer team for winning the WIAA conference tournament championship!

News

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

November 5, 2009

23:38

DUC

TYPE: DRINK

Intoxicated individual passed out in the concourse of the DUC

November 5, 2009

23:53

May Roach

TYPE: DRUG

Caller reported individuals smoking marijuana outside May Roach

November 7, 2009

02:13

Knutzen

TYPE: DRINK

City dispatch contacted us to let paramedics into Knutzen hall. One person is being transported and was cited for an underage

November 8, 2009

01:48

Thompson

TYPE: SUSPICIOUS
ACTIVITY

At 01:39 a.m. the CA from Thompson reported that she received a call that a person was throwing bottles and yelling near the circle. Officers walked the area and did not see anything.

Upcoming justice appointment questioned

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Questions have been raised regarding a prospective Student Government Association justice during the past week.

Scott Asbach, SGA president, announced he would like to appoint Jeff McKee, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student, as a justice at last week's senate meeting.

If he is appointed, all the seats of the judicial board will be filled.

McKee was an associate justice during the 2007 - 08 school year. The SGA senate impeached him on February 28, 2008, by a vote of 12-0-0. The entire cabinet was also impeached excluding only one justice, Arturo Vigueras, who later became chief justice.

Justin Glodowski, senator, who was president at the time these incidents occurred, appointed the judicial board unconstitutionally in the fall of 2007.

The appointments have to go through the new business to old business procedure and at the time there was a law stating justices could only be appointed in the spring semester.

"Well, Justin didn't really follow that. He wanted to get things done," said McKee. He said he didn't know the constitution at the time and didn't realize what he was doing was illegal. Even the senate didn't say anything upon approval.

Both provisions have since been removed relieving some concerns McKee has.

A couple senators noticed later and gave Glodowski warning. When one of the justices resigned, he

appointed three more people in the same fashion. Those two senators then sued Glodowski.

"There were two violations that we found on our own appointments which made it really frustrating to be considered legitimate when we knew that we were not legally appointed," said McKee.

The judicial branch basically heard a court case about themselves to decide if they were legally a judicial branch, which created many conflicts of interest, except for Vigueras because he was appointed constitutionally, after the rest of the branch. They could not hold a case with one justice.

"What we ultimately decided to do was we just held the case with all five of us as being justices on it," said McKee. "Taking into consideration the fact that the decision we were going to make influenced whether or not we were legitimately appointed, therefore whether or not we were legitimate justices."

Brendan Gifford, chief justice at the time, said they did not work very cohesively as a group.

"It was a little bit of a nightmare," said McKee. He said they made an extra effort to be neutral and look just at the facts.

"When you look at just the facts, the way that it was done. It was done illegally."

They ruled their appointments were null and therefore they were no longer justices. The branch stopped holding meetings and did not document the case.

"We didn't submit a court document because we were removed," said Gifford.

Anything that was documented was probably burned, said Matt Guidry, student life issues director. But it was for safe and positive reasons according to Glodowski.

The senate then moved to impeach them on account of not doing their duties as the judicial branch.

Senate felt they were still supposed to be performing their duties as defined by the constitution to meet weekly and discuss cases.

"Senate didn't feel, for some reason, that this decision would mean that the court was null," said McKee. "It was basically just ... terrible stuff going on. And it was very, very frustrating for me."

Guidry made the first motion to impeach McKee when it came up at senate on Feb. 28, 2008.

Guidry advocated for McKee's current appointment at last week's senate meeting. "He's well trained, he's been in there in years past so he should be well qualified," said Guidry.

McKee said it was frustrating because this was a result of a miscommunication.

"That resulted in my name being smeared basically for the rest of my college career ... tied to an impeachment that I don't feel I deserve," said McKee.

McKee said he is fairly confident in his reappointment and has faith that people will see he can offer something to the students and SGA. He is excited to work with them again.

"I believe in student governance and I believe in the constitution that we have set up. I can use my talents and skills in a way that can benefit the student body."

Increasingly popular bike trend receives accommodations

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Throughout the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's campus, students and faculty can pull up to any building and with little effort, finally find a spot to park because the bike racks fill up fast.

There are 135 bike racks strategically placed throughout campus to fit the needs of students and faculty that ride their bikes to school. Most of these racks are portable in order to relocate them depending on demand. Some racks, like those located by the Dreyfus University Center, are not portable.

"These serpentine racks look much nicer than the portable ones but are not as practical," said Chris Brindley, building and grounds superintendent.

The biggest problem with these racks is the difficulty that comes when the snow starts to fall.

"There are only five full time staff dealing with snow and the bike racks are not our number one priority," Brindley said. "We may not get to them until five days later."

This raises issues for those who

rely on the racks to lock up their bikes while in class. Though there is not a huge number that use the racks once there is snow on the ground, some still do.

"We are seeing an increase every year of people using the racks all year long," said Brindley.

And because people are using them all year round, the topic of protecting those bikes from the rain and snow arises. One of the solutions that have come up is covers for the bike racks.

"The problem with this is not only the cost but the problem with where to put them," said Emily Backes, environmental and sustainability issues director.

Brindley also mentioned housing bikes under the pavilions next to Baldwin Hall for the three months of winter.

With the increase of people using bikes, comes the demand for more racks around campus.

"We try to add five or so racks each year. Biking is a trend that doesn't seem to be decreasing anytime soon," Brindley said.

If students don't have a bike and find it would be nice to get around campus, they can rent them from



Photo by Alyssa Riegert

Cody White, UWSP junior really enjoys his bike in the crisp air of the fall weather

Outdoor EdVentures.

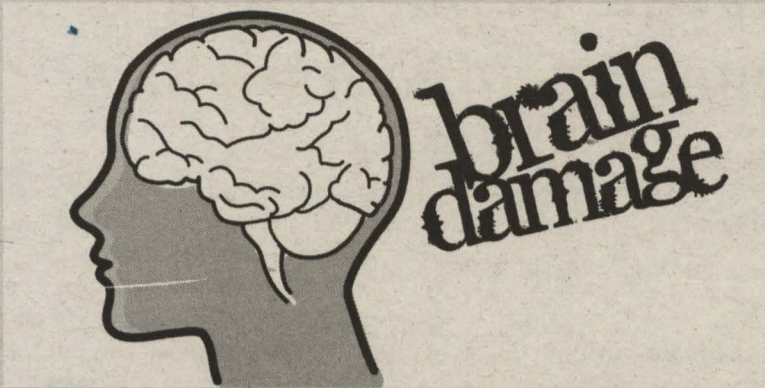
"Students can rent them out for any duration of time, but most of them rent it for the whole semester," Backes said.

Renting bikes from Outdoor EdVentures is free for students by simply filling out a liability form before renting.

"The bikes weren't rented out this year because of their poor condition.

We want to make sure the bikes are in good shape before we rent them out," Backes said. So, this Friday at 2:30 p.m., Outdoor EdVentures will be doing bike restorations in order to make sure they are ready for the spring semester.

"Anyone is welcome to come and help, even if they don't have prior experience in bike cleaning," Backes said.



Mozilla Firefox was originally going to be called Phoenix. Then trademark issues forced Mozilla to redub it Firebird. Then further copyright issues led to it becoming Firefox.

It takes about 63,000 trees to make the average Sunday edition of The New York Times.

New York City's Central Park is nearly twice the size of the entire country of Monaco.

In Kentucky, It's illegal to fish in the Ohio River in Kentucky without an Indiana Fishing License.

The most common use for Q-Tips or cotton swabs is to clean the ear canal. Medical professionals recommend that it not be used for this as it could push earwax deeper, cause eardrum rupturing and has even proven to be fatal in some cases.

During the last 3,500 years, it is estimated that the world has had a grand total of 230 years in which no wars took place.

Abel Tasman "discovered" Tasmania, New Zealand and Fiji, on his first voyage but managed to completely miss mainland Australia.

The Parliament of Iceland is the oldest, still acting parliament in the world. It was established in 930.

Honolulu is the only place in the United States that has a royal palace.

Every 45 seconds, a house catches on fire in the United States.

Fortune cookies were actually invented in America in 1918 by David Jung.

Clinophobia is an abnormal and persistent fear of going to bed.

A student profile on Samantha Russell-Blumestein

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A typical day in the life of a college student usually doesn't start until a few minutes before their first class; however, for Samantha Russell-Blumestein her days started out at 4 a.m. in order for to be at work by 5:15 taking care of sled dogs.

Russell-Blumestein has always loved dogs and jumped at the opportunity to be working with them in some way. Little did she know that what started out as just a job, would turn into her passion.

Russell-Blumestein worked for John Thiel and his family in Ashland, Wis., for their company, Wolfsong Adventures. This company takes people out on dog sledding tours and gives them a genuine musher experience. Her job was to clean, feed and make snacks for people on the tour to give to the dogs.

"My job was to basically make sure that things ran smoothly and the dogs were taken care of," said Russell-Blumestein. "I was given the opportunity to learn how to dog sled too. I would ride with my boss and he taught me the fundamentals of dog sledding."

One of the hardest things Russell-Blumestein had to do when she first started dog sledding was to learn how to harness the dogs to the sled. As it turns out, a lot of thought goes into where to place the dogs and how many dogs to use.

When Russell-Blumestein learned

to dog sled it was in the fall. People always ask her how that worked because dog sledding is primarily a winter sport.

"When I learned we hooked the dogs up to an ATV and they pulled us through the trails. For most of my first ride I ever experienced it was all I could do to grab on and stay on. I often felt like I was riding a mechanical bull," said Russell-Blumestein.

Soon enough she was taking people out on tours herself and teaching them the basic fundamentals of dog sledding.

One of the most rewarding experiences she remembers is teaching a partially paralyzed woman to drive the dog sled all by herself.

"This goes to show you that it's not as hard as it looks and just about anyone can do it if they really want to," said Russell-Blumestein.

Soon, she even entered her first dog sledding race.

"[The race] didn't go as well as planned, but it was a fun learning experience and I couldn't wait to do it again," said Russell-Blumestein.

All too soon winter came to an end and so did Russell-Blumestein's exciting dog sledding experience. She met some amazing people during this experience and upon discovering that she would be returning to Stevens Point for the summer and next school year, she began looking for some opportunities to start dog sledding in the area.

Russell-Blumestein was contacted by a man from Amherst, Tom Clark, who was informed by Russell-Blumestein's former employer about her amazing talents with sled dogs and she was able to gain a job as a kennel manager. This has helped her to keep her passion for dog sledding alive and something that she still enjoys today.

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"That's what she said" of the week:

It was too meaty... too tight

- Jacob Mathias

Weekend Buzz

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009

"Singing, Dancing Sandhill Cranes" will be an indoor talk at the Schmeekle Reserve Visitor Center at 6 p.m.

Alzheimer's Candlelight Vigil to remember victims of Alzheimer's disease and honor their caregivers will be held at the Lincoln Center, 1519 Water Street, at 6:30 p.m.

Centertainment Production presents Bruno in the Dreyfus University Center Theater at 7 p.m.

Ezra Furman and the Harpoons with opening acts of Peasant and Aaron Sedgwick will play in the Dreyfus University Center Encore at 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 13, 2009

UWSP Swimming "border battle" meet vs. University of South Dakota, Minnesota University-Mankato and UW-Milwaukee in the HEC at 6 p.m.

UWSP Women's Hockey vs. St. Olaf College at 7 p.m.

Living Dread and The Cravens will play in the Dreyfus University Center Encore at 8 p.m.

Little Cisco will play at Rudy's Redeye Grill at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009

Jerry Duginski will play at Emy J's at 7 p.m.

The Hue will play in the Dreyfus University Center Encore at 8 p.m.

UWSP Wrestling will host the Pointer Open in the HEC from 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

UWSP Swimming "border battle" meet vs. University of South Dakota, Minnesota University-Mankato and UW-Milwaukee in the HEC at 10 a.m.

Matt Endres will play at Rudy's Redeye Grill at 8:30 p.m.

Students to put in time and money to climb for cause

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Rock climbing in the HEC every once and awhile can be exhilarating. With each step the climb becomes harder - yet more rewarding. With each step the ground is farther below. With each step, you can help people's lives. How can this be done? By participating in the charity fundraiser, Climb Up So Kids Can Grow Up, kids and others infected by AIDS can begin to lead lives that are full of the hope and joy.

This charity is benefiting specifically the villages in sub-Saharan Africa. By raising money for this event, the American Foundation for Children with AIDS uses the money to gain supplies to send to the villages for treatment of individuals. This began to blossom this year by the drive of Dane Paster, who believes in this event whole-heartedly.

"The Climb Up So Kids Can Grow Up event is about being active while raising money for a good cause. For instance, fundraisers can say 'I will climb 10 routes for a dollar a piece.' However, we are running it as an open donation as I am the only one really trying to raise money," said Paster.

The wall manager from last year, Matt Goodness, wanted someone to carry on this idea and push it forward. Paster volunteered for that position. Paster also wanted to do this event in order to work with people to share and spread his love for climbing. He

believes that this experience can truly bring people together in order to address the problem of AIDS.

"I feel that events like this rally people together and allow them to enjoy each other's company. Plus, it is a place to meet new people. There may be some community members coming so it does integrate campus resources to the outside community and shows them that we are here with arms wide open," said Paster.

This event and charity is open to anyone who loves climbing, has never tried climbing, or is even terrified of climbing. People who want to give to this cause need to sign up, donate any amount of money, climb, eat food and enjoy the impact they are having. Many wall staff members are volunteering their time in order for this event to be a huge success and above all, to be safe. Specific rules are being followed so that students and others will have a safe and fun time for this helpful event.

The current wall manager, Noah Schmelzer, thinks that this event is something not to miss, especially since the community can get involved.

"This event is a great way to bring the students and community together to help others in need. This would be a great opportunity for community members who would like to try out our wall but haven't yet taken that step. With prizes, food, and knowing that whatever you decide to donate will go to a good cause, there is no reason not to check it out," says Schmelzer.

The climbing event will be on Nov. 13 from 6 - 9 p.m.

SAND brings in well-known, creative chef for demonstration

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In college there seems to be a million activities to do but finding the perfect fit can be hard. The Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics might just be that organization that can harness your mind, body and soul.

Although SAND is mostly comprised of dietetics majors and nutrition minors, it is open to everyone. This invitation has never been more appealing to students, seeing that SAND's membership for this year has doubled from last year. The 50 members keep occupied with speakers, conferences, networking and many other opportunities. After Breck Rooney, the president of SAND, was elected to his position, he and vice president Amanda Schmitz resolved to make the group more active.

"We are so much more than just meetings every other week," said Rooney.

This statement is being proved by SAND's upcoming event, a

cooking demonstration and four course meal done by Chef Schnable of Le Cordon Bleu School of Culinary Arts in Minneapolis. Rooney knew Chef Schnable through previous networking and reported that Schnable was happy to come to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"The chef will do a demo for each meal and then tasting of each course," said Rooney about the event on November 16th in the CPS Café.

A key focus at this event is going to be that many of the foods were grown locally.

"What is really great about this meal is that we got a lot of ingredients locally. We got vegetables and the pork loin from local farmers. Sustainability is important here for students and we respect that in SAND, we're all about that," said Rooney.

The menu for this grand event starts off with carrot soup (the chef's personal recipe) and a salad with greens in a citrus vinaigrette. The entrée will be roast pork loin over Yukon gold whipped potatoes and roasted winter vegetables with apple walnut ragout. With all this rich food, a person may not have room for

dessert but then they would miss the real treat of the night, a vanilla bean and pumpkin cheesecake with salted caramel sauce.

If you can withstand this menu, congratulations, and if you can't, tickets are available until the event starts at 6 p.m. or until they sell out. A ticket costs \$5 for SAND members, \$7 for UWSP students and \$10 for community members. All proceeds go to SAND to help the organization stay strong with its growing membership.

"Events like this are always something I look forward to, being a health education minor," said Lindsey Satina, an active student participant.

She commented on how refreshing it is to be around people who care about the same things she does and are willing to dig deeper in ideas of health with her. SAND embodies this passion with an outlet for the mind in learning, the body in health and the soul.

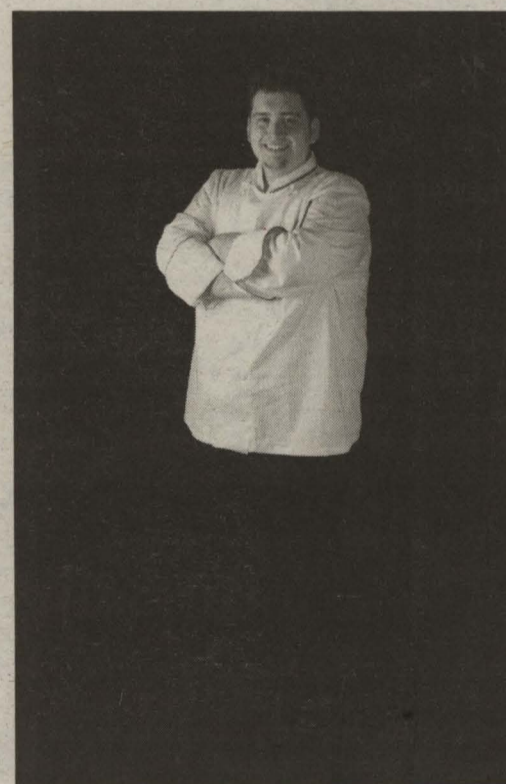


Photo courtesy of Chef Schnable

Chef Schnable will be giving a four course meal demonstration in the CPS Cafe using locally grown foods. He is being brought in by the student organization Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Science & Outdoors

One room on campus leaves UWSP green with envy

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Walking into room 103 in Steiner Hall on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus, most would think of it as normal housing for two messy, 20-year-old guys. But looking a little closer one can find organic shampoo, a recycled area rug and energy-saving light bulbs. This one-of-a-kind room here on campus is the Greenest Room.

Excess use of electricity, cans that are not recycled and household cleaning products can all contribute to harming the environment, but many students on campus don't see any alternatives. That is why the campus sustainability group, along with residential living, created the Greenest Room.

"Many people don't think they can live like this. The main idea behind the room is to show students and the community they can live sustainably," said Katie Stenz, sustainability coordinator.

The idea for the Greenest Room came from Berkeley College, which started with a green room on their campus and eventually turned into a green hall.

With UWSP known for its "greenness," there weren't too many doubts about it. "We figured if another campus could do it, why couldn't we?" said Stenz.

The main task was finding two people, who were dedicated to

Hunting held "deer" to Wisconsin's heart

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It seems to me that the proposed changes to the 2010 deer season issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is a ploy thought up by insurance companies to save them from having to, get this, insure people. I thought that this was their job.

The 2010 Deer Season Proposal challenges the traditional nine-day gun season, rallying for a 16-day season which would begin during the rut and prime bow season. As a bow hunter, this is a nightmare.

Yes, the 2009 deer season forecast published by the DNR indicates that the deer population statewide is expected to surpass the healthy population goals by 36 percent. However, they also stress that in many specific areas, deer populations are below the established goals and hunters "should expect to see fewer deer than last season."

Weekend after weekend from my tree stand, I have pondered the whereabouts of the deer that make up that 36 percent increase. After numerous unsuccessful mornings and nights, it would appear that the deer are either avoiding me, have

developed the gift of reason or as I would suspect, the numbers are somehow flawed. It just doesn't add up.

I have a hard time believing that the DNR invented this proposal. The DNR is the reason hunting has flourished in Wisconsin in the past. One of the main reasons why Wisconsin is favored in the world of hunting is due to the nine-day season that does exist. Some of our neighboring states already acknowledge the negative aspects of a 16-day season.

There's a reason 30-pointers are shot in Wisconsin.

It seems awfully suspicious that these changes are offered after the Department of Transportation reported 525 injuries and ten deaths last year as a result of deer-vehicle collisions.

Of course insurance companies approve of the proposal. They would love to see a gun season that's twice as long and harvest numbers that are twice as high. I would argue that a true hunter would not sacrifice future seasons for this or any other reason.

According to the DNR, as a result of a harsh winter two years ago, entire classes of deer are missing or significantly reduced, and the effects

will be seen for years to come. The DNR stated, "Our strategy going into this 2009 season will be to rebuild the herd in areas where we saw a significant decline in the deer herd."

I don't see how extending firearm seasons will help rebuild a suffering deer population. The current situation and the proposed changes seem to contradict one another, leading me to believe that someone other than the DNR is behind the scenes.

Herd control and regulations were originally enforced because deer were overpopulated. While managing deer populations is as important as ever, if we enforce these proposed changes, it is my opinion that the tradition of deer hunting in Wisconsin will suffer immensely.

Talk about a heart shot, Wisconsin.

If it passes, which I don't foresee happening, people all over the state will be looking for someone to blame. The ones who will be pointing fingers are the ones who know how to operate firearms and thrive on the pastime. I'd rather not upset those who have graduated from hunter's safety.

"The main idea behind the room is to show students and the community they can live sustainably."

-Stenz

sustainability, to live in the room. An e-mail was sent out by Cindy Von Gnechten, who oversees the project from the Residence Hall Association.

Any interested pair of students were asked to apply and prove why they were right for the room. The selection involved a written application as well as an interview.

"We had about a dozen pairs apply. We chose Derek and Tyler because of their enthusiasm about learning how to be green. Their knowledge was average but they were eager to learn more," Von Gnechten said.

The funding for the room comes from RHA and includes cleaning supplies, energy efficient light bulbs and other "green" products for the room. There is also an Energy Star TV and DVD player provided by RHA. "Our goal was to make it just like any other dorm room, only with

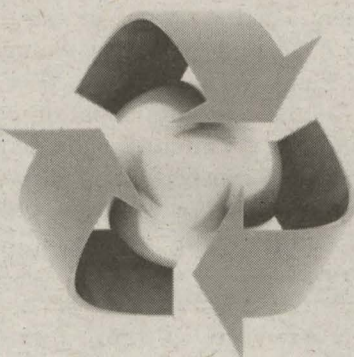
environmentally-friendly products," said Von Gnechten.

To spread knowledge about the room and its goal, there are various open houses for students and community members to visit the room. "We usually base them around events, like this past weekend we had one for parents' weekend."

There is also another one this

weekend on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. It will be the last one for the semester. Students and community members can also visit the Web site at www.uwsp/resliving/sustainability/greenestroom.aspx.

"The progress the room has made has been great. We hope in the future to make more green rooms for students," said Von Gnechten.



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Science & Outdoors

Not your average bear

Kody Henke
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Sit, stand up and lie down. These may sound like typical dog tricks, but for Kristen Peterson, they're the commands she teaches grizzly bears in Alaska during her summer vacation.

Peterson, a senior biology major at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has spent the last three summers working for the Alaska Conservation Center in Portage, Alaska.

"We provide homes for injured and orphaned wildlife and utilize the wildlife to educate the public. I hope to teach the public to become wise stewards of the environment, and I hope that I can instill in them the kind of passion that I feel for wildlife and wild places," said Peterson.

The bears that Peterson trains are all orphaned. Currently, the conservation center has three brown bears. One of the bears was found covered in porcupine quills by snowmobilers and its mother was nowhere to be found. The other two cubs came to the conservation center after their mother was shot by a man who was worried the mother bear would hurt his dog.

"Since brown bears typically spend three years living with their mother, being orphaned at such a young age is usually a death sentence," said Peterson.

Peterson first heard about the internship program from a professor. She filled out the application, had

an hour-long phone interview and was offered the position.

For the first two summers, Peterson had interned with the Alaska Conservation Center and this past summer was given a paid position as a lead naturalist.

"The lead naturalist is in charge of smaller animals and the orphan animals and oversees the interns," said Peterson.

Peterson puts together food logs for the animals and teaches the interns how to care for each individual animal. She also orders supplies for the conservation center and talks with researchers on how to provide better care for the animals.

On top of her duties as a lead naturalist, Peterson spends time training the grizzly bears. Over time, she even develops a bond with them—especially, she said, with her favorite bear, JB.

"JB has a lot of personality. Oftentimes biologists frown upon attributing human characteristics to animals, but sometimes JB behaves so much like a little kid that he makes me laugh. The fact that humans are able to empathize with other living creatures is something that sets us



Photos by Doug Linstrand
Kristen Peterson spends her summer training grizzly bears at the Alaska Conservation Center.

apart. I don't believe that it is wrong of me to think of JB as more than a number. In reality, I think this mindset is crucial for conservation," said Peterson.

Although a fence divides Peterson from the bears, she says that the bears are extremely smart animals and can learn something in as little as 20 minutes. The bears are taught with hand and vocal commands. When the bears do the command correctly, they are given food and she blows a whistle. The types of commands Peterson teaches the bears are to present their paws for blood sampling, to open their mouth, stand up, lie down, walk backwards and to put their paws together.

A typical workday can be up to 14 hours long which doesn't leave much time for anything else.

"I really like the impact the work has on the environment and people. If I could make a living doing this, I

"If I could make a living doing this, I would."

—Peterson

would," said Peterson.

There have been many occasions that the animals at the Alaska Conservation Center are used in movies including, "Into the Wild," in which the caribou and moose were used.

Not only are the animals made into movie stars, but there have been several accounts of celebrities coming to tour at the conservation center.

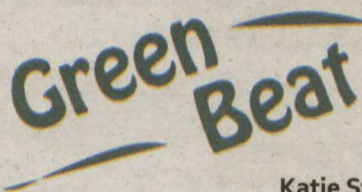
"Once I got to spend a whole hour giving Harrison Ford and Calista Flockhart a tour of the conservation center," said Kristen.

Kristen said that Harrison Ford carried a stick during the tour which she thought was because he was afraid of some of the animals.

"I still have that stick and it's in my room," said Kristen.

There are different internships for different interests offered through the Alaska Conservation Center. It's a great opportunity for students going into a career in wildlife and environmental education.

To find out more about the Alaska Conservation Center and how you can become an intern, visit www.alaskawildlife.org.



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Most people assume that changing a light bulb, taking the bus or reducing water consumption are the most effective ways to live a sustainable life. On the contrary, reducing or eliminating meat consumption is one of the most successful ways to clean up the environment.

As the future of the planet becomes ever more ominous, people are looking for ways to live a healthier lifestyle while taking care of the planet. According to the American Diabetic Association, "healthy vegetarian diets support a lifetime of good health and provide protection against numerous diseases, including our country's three biggest killers: heart disease, cancer and strokes."

Unbeknownst to most, the meat industry is responsible for contributing to 18 percent of the Nation's total greenhouse gas emissions, which turns out to be even more than motorized transportation, according to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

A recent study conducted by PETA claimed that driving a sport utility

vehicle is actually a more sustainable choice than eating meat. This does not mean that every American should buy an SUV; it means that there are a lot of underlying issues that contribute to the transportation of a delicious steak from the farm to the dinner table.

The meat industry is referred to as, "one of the top two or three most significant contributors to the most serious environmental problems, at every scale from local to global," by a 2006 United Nations report.

While forests and large pieces of land are being bulldozed, oceanic ecosystems are on the brink of collapse, all to raise animals for food.

Industrial farming is the main cause of environmental degradation and it is for this reason that some people refrain from eating industrially raised meat.

"It's just really hard to eat something that was grown thousands of miles away and may have an unidentifiable source," said University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student Hanna Lindsay.

According to PETA, "Livestock consume more resources than most developing countries. A single pig drinks 21 gallons of water per day, while a single cow drinks 50 gallons per day."

For every one bushel of grain a human consumes, a cow will consume seven.

The task of ridding an entire diet of meat may seem a bit daunting to some, but there is good news, a person can continue to eat meat and save the planet, they just have to start thinking in a localized manner.

Several local farms permeate the central Wisconsin area and are committed to raising sustainable livestock. These farmers cherish life's many eco-systems, allowing cattle to graze the land and feed off grass, not grain.

Industrial farms and the livestock that occupy their surfaces, make a claim on more than 80 percent of all agricultural space, according to PETA. This means that there is limited room for other, less industrial farmers.

Stevens Point is a unique area in that there are many forces working towards sustainable farming and living.

Every year the Farm Fresh Atlas is distributed in Stevens Point, helping people get in touch with local farmers. There is also an indoor farm market at Emy J's every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Another local group that supports the farming community is the Central Wisconsin Farmshed. Their Web site, www.farmshed.org provides people with information on local food initiatives.

Here is a tasty vegetarian recipe from www.goveg.com, for the average chef.

Black Bean Veggie Burgers

2 Tbsp. olive oil
1/2 cup diced red onion
1/2 cup diced bell pepper
1 clove garlic, minced
1 jalapeño, minced
2 cups black beans
1/2 cup corn
1/2 cup bread crumbs
1/2 tsp. cumin
2 Tbsp. chopped cilantro
1 tsp. salt
1/2 cup flour

In a saucepan over medium heat, in one tablespoon of the olive oil, sauté the onion, bell pepper, garlic and jalapeño for four to five minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.

In a mixing bowl, mash the black beans, then add the sautéed vegetables, corn, and bread crumbs and mix well. Season with cumin, cilantro and salt and mix again.

Shape into six patties, then coat each in flour.

Place a pan over medium-high heat and add the remaining tablespoon of oil. Cook each patty for about five minutes on each side, or until lightly browned. Makes six small patties

If you have any sustainable issues and/or ideas you would like to share, please contact your Student Sustainability Coordinators, Harley Altenburg halte954@uwsp.edu or Katie Stenz ksten220@uwsp.edu.

Sports

Pointers clinch conference bid, move on to NCAA tournament

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Following a second consecutive regular season Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's soccer team defended their title as WIAC tournament champions and will begin play in the NCAA Division III Tournament this weekend.

Even with the program's history of winning championships, head coach Sheila Miech said this year's team was different from past winners.

"I always try to tell the team that we expect to make the tourney because usually we have so many seniors that expect big things for the season. This season the players put those high expectations on themselves," Miech said. "They said they wanted to win conference and make the NCAA tournament. Those goals were met,

and it's really exciting for this group because it's a whole new team."

Before the season, the team's youth, with only one senior on the roster, was viewed as a disadvantage outside of the program. Miech believes this motivated the team to set the same standard of success as that of previous year's teams.

"Once you get that winning attitude on the team, it stays with

"It's really exciting for this group because it's a whole new team."

—Miech

them and the complacency doesn't set in. The players push each other," Miech said. "When you look at the WIAC Web site in the beginning of the season and see we're not predicted to win the conference, it definitely makes it more exciting now."

Lack of experience will not be a factor in the Pointers' first round

game as they take on St. Thomas (Minn) on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m., a team they lost to earlier in the season, 1-0.

Miech sees the rematch as an opportunity for the team to show their improvement.

"I love that we're playing an opponent we lost to earlier and get the chance to beat them," Miech said. "We've cleaned up our play and some of

"We know we're going to be on field turf, so we've been practicing all week on the field turf at Goerke [Field], getting used to the surface and the pace of the ball and the smaller field dimensions," Miech said.

The recent influx of warm weather hasn't hurt either, according to Miech.

"We couldn't ask for better weather, and I think we have had better practices because of it," Miech said. "So there are a lot of things going in our favor right now, with the ability to practice on turf and the great weather we've been having."

Whatever the conditions, Miech feels this team is ready to see how they stack up against the nation's elite.

"I think the team is just focused; it doesn't matter who they play," Miech said. "They realize that everyone is good at this level."

"It's an exciting time for everyone; we're just going to go as far as we can."

Disc Golf Club ready to show off new course

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For years, the Ace Holes, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Disc Golf Club, have been campaigning for, planning and constructing a disc golf course that UWSP can call its own. This weekend, the club will unveil their hard work and dedication with the first tournament on the new course, the Treehaven Inaugural Open.

Treehaven is a field station for the College of Natural Resources located near Tomahawk, Wis. It's 1400 acres serve as a mandatory, six week summer camp for CNR majors, and the place where faculty advisor for the UWSP Disc Golf Club, Ian Goldberg, saw the opportunity for a course.

"Knowing how many students were there this summer and wanting to give them activities to do over the summer, I have been working to get a disc golf course up there for over five years," Goldberg said.

After a process that began with three baskets for student use in 2005, Goldberg was able to convince Treehaven to commit 30 acres of land for the building of a disc golf course. From there, Goldberg had to find the resources to pay for 15 more baskets, which cost around \$500 each.

"What we found was there was a program through the Professional Disc Golf Association called the

Matching Baskets Program, and the program is only open to colleges and universities who are putting a disc golf course in on their property that will be free for the general public to play," Goldberg said.

Treehaven met those requirements, and the Disc Golf Association provided the UWSP Disc Golf Club with nine new baskets at no charge other than shipping costs, saving them around \$4,000.

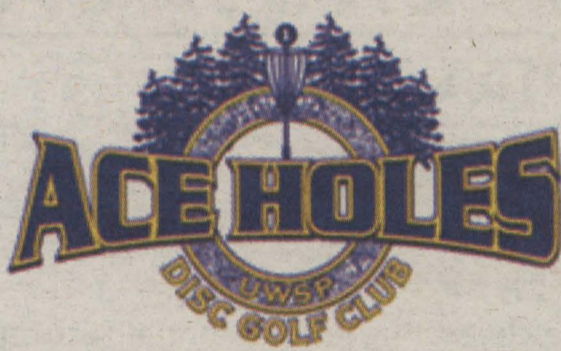
With enough baskets for 18 holes, the Disc

Golf Club now had to focus on the creation

of the course. A task that, according to Goldberg, was made easier by Treehaven's resident ecologist, Kevin Burns, who supplied the Disc Golf Club with anything they needed.

"I've been working extensively with him and he has been cooperating fully in terms of helping us with tools, equipment and supplies we need like woodchips, gravel, and things like that," Goldberg said. "So we have been very fortunate to not have to pay for those things."

The Ace Holes did not have any funding to pay for the course itself, so



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Back to the grind: Pointer swimming and diving look forward to another season

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The approach of a more focused and intense fall training may have the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point swimming and diving team racing a bit slower than usual in the beginning of the season, so that the athletes can have stronger races at the end of the season.

"It's brutal on their bodies, but it's a price you pay to be fast at the end of the year," said head coach Al Boelk about the first two months of preseason training.

The tri-meet that opened team competition was held on Oct. 30 with diving and Oct. 31 for swimming at St. Cloud University. The men's team defeated St. Cloud, 182-114, and UW-Eau Claire, 215-85. The women's team lost to St. Cloud, 219-80, but found success against the Blugolds, 162.5-136.5. Although this meet presented a strong team, Boelk says it doesn't say much about what their season will look like due to the variables that surrounded the meet.

"A lot of athletes were sick. Our women's team swam really solid, especially considering we had to take two girls off the 400 medley relay because of H1N1," Boelk said. "I had to write a whole new lineup for all the relays not long before the meet, it's early in the season and swimmers have one of the longest sports seasons."

The swimmers stay motivated through their long season by the perspective Boelk's coaching style offers.

"I really try to focus on what's important in life to help remind

the kids of who they are. I remind them that family and friends come before anything else and that school comes before sport," Boelk said. "I believe that if someone is happy and balanced as a human being they will perform better."

He also expressed that sometimes swimming isn't always exciting. The team stays in shape through two hour practices of grueling work.

"Nine out of 10 reasons people are at the pool have nothing to do with how fast they swim. It's more about the relationships and the experiences," Boelk said. "When people are happy, the fast swimming just seems to happen."

What the 60 person team boasts as their biggest strength is depth. A team that can place many individuals in seventh and eighth place has a much better chance of victory than a team relying on a few star swimmers.

Of course top swimmers are crucial and score important individual wins, but since swimming and diving is a team sport, the whole team must perform well to secure a win.

"We sent 15 athletes to the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships last year, and of those 15, 11 are returners," Boelk said. "We also have a large, strong freshman class. Top to bottom, I think we have one of the deepest teams out there and this is really where our strength lies; this is how meets are won and lost."

Their next meet, called the "Border Battle," will be held on Nov. 13 and 14 against the UW-Milwaukee and the University of South Dakota and Minnesota State Mankato at the UWSP Aquatic Center.

Sports

Underclassmen adjusting well for women's hockey

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It was a busy weekend for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team who won all three of their non-conference games, including two wins on the road.

The team traveled to beat two teams from the Twin Cities before returning home to complete a hat trick of victories.

On Friday, they defeated Augsburg College, 2-0, in Minneapolis with both goals coming from power plays. They followed with a 4-2 win over Bethel University in St. Paul, which put them on a three game winning streak.

The Pointers continued the streak in their home opener, outscoring Concordia College, 2-1. UWSP goalie Staci Pomeroy recorded the win with 27 saves, 12 of which came in the scoreless third period.

The win puts the team's record at 4-1 as they prepare for their last non-conference games of the season this weekend.

Last year, the Pointers lost a lot of skilled seniors and have a team consisting of younger players.

Sophomore forward Erin Marvin said that the team has had to adjust

to playing with more underclassmen.

"We are a lot younger team this year, and we have a lot more underclassmen than we do upperclassmen," said Marvin. "This year is more about hard work and determination than relying on our skill and our veteran players."

Dana Carothers, a forward from Burnsville, Minn., said the young team has begun developing quickly.

"We're working really well together, and everyone has been doing a really good job of communicating this year," Carothers said.

Carothers added that while many great players from last season are gone, the team is quickly establishing itself and she expects more success in the future.

"I think we're picking it up really fast. We're doing really great even though we lost a lot of important people."

The underclassmen got a taste of the fast, physical hockey that they will see as they enter conference play.

Defensemen Samantha Scheving said she enjoys a little pushing and shoving during the games.

"Everyone says that the girls can't



Forward Erika Greene guides the puck across the ice.

Photo by Dan Neckar

hit, but it's just as rough. Getting physical is what makes hockey so fun," Scheving said. "I think it gets the game intense and that's what I live for."

The team will finish non-conference play against St. Olaf this weekend in a two game series at home.

Carothers said that while their successful start has not been

easy, the team will have plenty of work to do against St. Olaf.

"Those teams were good, but this game is going to be much faster paced."

The teams will face off on Friday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. at Ice Hawks Arena.

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when it came time to build, volunteers stepped in.

"The primary source of the volunteer labor over the past few years has been the Disc Golf Club at UWSP. We've had 10-15 members each year who have participated in these builds," Goldberg said. "We're almost a year ahead of where I dreamed we would be, so it has really been amazing to see the dedication of the students here taking the time to go up there during school semesters and work their asses off."

"It has really been amazing to see the dedication of the students here"

—Goldberg

In designing the course, Goldberg called on two area disc golf experts. The first, as Goldberg called him, is "basically the Stevens Point disc golf god," Randy Schukar, a certified course designer, came to help set up the design and layout. The other is a world-class disc golfer and CNR graduate of 1965 who designed over 30 courses in the Madison area, "Duster" Don Hoffman.

Goldberg believes their expertise contributed to the overall quality of the course.

"You want to look for balance, you want to have equal distribution for shots that favor lefties and righties,

mix up the holes in terms of long and short and take advantage of elevation when you can," Goldberg said. "You always want to maintain a nice flow to the course, and this course has a good flow."

The UWSP Disc Golf Club currently has 60 members and plays in between 12 and 15 tournaments during the school year. Experience and skill level do not matter in this club, according to Goldberg.

"We don't want to just be seen as the place for die-hard disc golfers

because we're going to get those guys and girls. What we want are people that have only played a couple of times or just want to try playing it," Goldberg said. "There's no tryouts or anything like that, you just come out and have fun."

The Treehaven Inaugural Open begins this Saturday, Nov. 14, at 9:30 a.m. and is open to the public; registration for the event is \$30. For more information on this and future tournaments, visit their Web site at <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/discgolf/> or e-mail faculty advisor Goldberg at ian.goldberg@uwsp.edu.

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Arts & Culture

Cornerstone Press to publish book by UWSP alumnus

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In the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point course catalog, under the English section, you'll find English 349. The class is worth three credits like many of the other courses. All the usual things listed in a course syllabus are accounted for, but the class is anything but usual. Every fall, the students who enroll in English 349 come together to form Cornerstone Press Publishing Company. The students read through submitted manuscripts by aspiring authors and choose their favorite to transform from a word document, to a complete book.

This year's book, "Wisconsin River of Grace," was written and illustrated by Stevens Point Area Senior High School and UWSP alumnus Kyle White. The book is a collection of humorous happenings from White's childhood growing up in Wisconsin.

"'Wisconsin River of Grace' is about the mysterious pull of God's Country—Wisconsin," said White. "It's about the way we want a place to belong or, more accurately, the way we belong to places. And it's about how those places shape us."

The book was chosen from 13 other manuscripts written by students, community members and out-of-state aspiring authors. The class was then faced with the task of editing, arranging, printing and selling the book. Each member of the class was given a specific job to see the book through to publication. The class provides practical real world experience in a classroom setting.

"This class has helped me realize what I'd like to do once I graduate. You have a sense of accomplishment once the class is done, since we all

get to publish a book," said associate copy editor Emily Fish. "Hopefully it'll get me a job next year. 'Wisconsin River of Grace' is an awesome book. Kyle's stories are funny and I think that many people will be able to relate to him."

The book's theme is one that hit home for most of the students: growing up in snowy Wisconsin. White now resides in Illinois with his wife and two children, where he runs the non-profit organization Neighbor's House. Though he has moved away,

it's clear in his stories that he hasn't

The class is very confident this year's offering will sell well because of its local flavor.

"You'll never find a book that better describes Wisconsin than this one. In it, Kyle White reminisces about how Wisconsin cast a spell over him as a child and continues to shape his life now that he has left the Badger State," said Professor Dan Dieterich who teaches the class.

The class had planned on publishing an additional book this year by UWSP professor Dr. Richard Barker but had troubles with international copyright law. Though the class has now gone through the proper channels and gotten permission to publish the book, it came a little too late to be published this year. The book will be shelved for next year's class to do with as they wish.

The class has a number of events scheduled to promote "Wisconsin River of Grace" starting this weekend with a book signing by Kyle L. White at Emy J's coffee house from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Immediately following that event, White will be reading passages at the Dreyfus University Center Encore at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Professor Dan Dieterich, who has taught the class since 1978, seemed as

excited as ever for this year's book to find its way into the hands of the public.

"Written by a UWSP alum and then edited and published by UWSP students, 'Wisconsin River of Grace' embodies the best of Central Wisconsin," said Dieterich.

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Illustration by Kyle L. White

forgotten about his first home.

"Kyle White is a true Wisconsinite from Illinois; his book is graceful yet full of delicious sausages," said Lee Wickman.

The class is offered once a year in the fall to take advantage of the most profitable time of year for books, Christmas time. All funds from book sales go back into Cornerstone Press for publications in years to come.

Care packages for soldiers reaches out to student soldiers

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There is a long line of people who know a specific person, who knows that person, who knows another person. This extended line of never ending people grows exponentially until you hear people saying that it truly is "a small world after all." Knowing people throughout the community, the city and out to the world demonstrates that people are all connected and instill a sense of togetherness. Many people have relations in the military, or know of someone who is involved with the soldiers who are overseas. The activity, Care Packages for Soldiers, shows that people on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus can get together and share moments in which they are all connected to each other.

This activity stemmed from Family Days on the UWSP campus, which occurred Nov. 7 and 8. Nichole Bailey, a volunteer and the Special Events Coordinator for Student Involvement and Employment Office, began Care Packages for Soldiers in order for people across the campus with families to reach out to the military in creative ways. Bailey founded this event in order for people with relations in the military to show their love, especially since she was connected to this in her own way.

"I decided to do this event because parts of my family are involved with the military, so this is a subject near and dear to my heart. I figured everyone knows someone

"I figured everyone knows someone who is in the military so it would mean something to everyone."

-Bailey

who is in the military, so it would mean something to everyone," said Bailey.

This cause was something that Bailey wanted to impact the community and campus like wild fire. Since many volunteer activities do not take much time when you look at the big impact it has on the people or place involved, this is a project that can truly make someone's day, week or even year. The project allowed students and other members

Agnes Jones Gallery showcases travel photos

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The Division of Interior Architecture began hosting its first annual exhibit of travel photos in the Agnes Jones Gallery in the College of Professional Studies on Nov. 2.

The exhibit will run through Nov. 13 and features photography by students, faculty and community

members. The content emphasizes photos from study abroad programs but also includes photographs from other travels.

A reception was held last Monday by Dr. Kathleen Julin, a Professor of Interior Architecture and study abroad leader.

Julin began recruiting in September and collected photos from a broad range of trips including many from Greece and Italy, along

with submissions from Egypt and Nicaragua.

"We had students returning and professors coming back, and they were bringing these great photos. We started organizing the exhibit because we knew we had to do something to show them to everyone," said Julin.

Julin said that most of the student

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Letters & Opinion

Food Swings

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In honor of the wonderful upswing in Wisconsin weather, we're going to heat things up in the kitchen this week and try some southern flavor. I recently had the privilege of visiting the great state of Texas, and I have a bone to pick. Not once was I taken to a barbecue restaurant. I'm not usually one to complain about free food, but when I think Texas, I think barbecue.

So, since Thursday night, all I've wanted is ribs and cornbread. Texas is generally known as a beef country, and devout Texas BBQers consider it sacrilege to use anything but; however, we're not in Texas, so to hell with it. In my mind, pork is the greatest gift to mankind; pork ribs are even greater.

When it comes to good barbecue, there is one ingredient that can't be taken out, and that's passion. Barbecue takes time, patience and love. You can't just mix well and bake.

You will need:

2 ½ hours cook time
2 full racks of pork ribs
2 tbsp. Cajun seasoning
2 tbsp. kosher salt
2 tbsp. dark brown sugar
2 tbsp. paprika
2 tsp. black pepper
1 cup red wine vinegar
¼ cup liquid smoke
5 oz. Worcestershire sauce
1 cup water

Now, the process begins. Cut the ribs in half so there are seven bones per piece. Dry with a paper towel. Combine salt, pepper, paprika, Cajun seasoning and brown sugar. Rub spice mixture liberally on the ribs. Stand the ribs in a small enough roasting pan so they stand on their own with about 1/2 inch between each piece. Pour the vinegar, liquid smoke, Worcestershire sauce and water into the roasting pan. Wrap the roasting pan in aluminum foil and bake in a 350° oven for two and a half hours. Halfway through cook

time, flip the ribs over. When the ribs are done, place them on a baking sheet, spread a light layer of barbecue sauce on the ribs and bake at 350° for 10-15 minutes. Serve with coleslaw, macaroni and cheese and jalapeno cornbread (recipe below).

Jalapeno cornbread:

1 box cornbread mix (you can cheat on this one)
2 jalapenos
1/2 cup whole kernel corn
1 tsp cayenne pepper

Place jalapenos in 400° oven. Bake until skin bubbles and browns in places. Allow jalapenos to cool. Then, cut them in half scrape out ribs and seeds and dice until very fine. Dice the corn and mix with the jalapenos. Prepare cornbread mix as directed on the box, add in jalapenos, corn and cayenne pepper, mix well. Bake as directed on cornbread mix box and enjoy. Try adding onions instead of jalapenos for less heat and remember, live to eat.

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of their family, to make cards and write letters to give the military some hope and joy in their busy and tense daily lives.

Ann Whipp, the Veterans coordinator of UWSP, has been helping out with this project immensely in accordance with Registration and Records in order to have the care packages fully stuffed and filled with things that will give soldiers a taste of home. She believes that this project is something beneficial and appreciates all the effort that is being put into it.

"UWSP is mailing a total of 27 care packages which is representative of the number of our students currently deployed. Registration & Records is delighted with the care and attention that has been given toward this effort," said Whipp.

Especially since the holidays are coming up fast, this project offers something that many of the people in the military miss - contact with loved ones and others that support their efforts.

"I think that this is important because they need our support. People may agree or disagree with the issues but we should still support our men and women who are there. They are over there for so many months without their families and friends and the least we could do is take three minutes to color a picture and send it over there," said Bailey.

Wherever you are in life, no matter what station, college, town - the little things count in life. Hold open a door for someone, say hello to a complete stranger and see what comes out of it. Doing small things in life are what matter. Through this project, many soldiers and others will be impacted by three minutes of time that they otherwise would not have received. It's amazing what an impact three minutes can have.

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work came from Greece, where students participated in a culinary journalism program that took them to ancient sites like the Parthenon and allowed them to sample cuisine from Greek restaurants and wineries.

She said the exhibit was also intended to promote the study abroad programs offered by the university.

Julin has lead students throughout much of Europe, including trips to Germany, Greece, Italy, France and Turkey. She said that she tried to not only get as many photos from students as possible. She also tried to get photos with the students as the subject matter.

David McKinley, one of the students who submitted photos from Greece said he thought the exhibition was a great way to gather interest for studying abroad.

"The visual impact is certainly important. I think it helps put a real face on these places that don't show up in tourist flyers or postcards," said McKinley.

He also encourages students to travel even if they are worried about the expense.

"All it took to convince me to travel to Greece and now to China next spring was a few photos and sentences. I don't like to

tell people to wildly spend thousands of dollars when they're already poor college students in a rough economy, but as strongly as I can I want to say 'money be damned!'" said McKinley.

Although the contributions were from a balance of students, faculty and community members, Julin said that she wanted even more work from the students and is looking forward to continuing the exhibit annually.

"We promoted it mainly with word of mouth and we got a good response, but we always want more," said Julin. "I want to see students submit work from anywhere they've been, even if it's only as far as their backyard."

The display will be held through Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Agnes Jones Gallery.

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Confidentiality a high priority in chancellor search

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The search for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's chancellor is officially underway.

The UW System has hired a consulting firm named RPA, Inc. to aid the university in diversifying the pool of candidates, said Abby Tollefson, a student member of the UWSP search and screen committee. She was chosen by student government as one of two student representatives on the committee.

Each member of the committee signed confidentiality agreements not allowing them to participate in one-on-one interviews about specifics of what the committee is doing.

"It is the responsibility of the search committee to choose the candidates. The search firm helps with putting out the advertisements, setting up logistics and organizing the search," said Tollefson. "RPA's experience has been a valuable asset to the larger group so far."

A firm was hired as an effective way to ensure confidentiality for the applicants.

RPA is said to be a highly respected firm and has a lot of experience with similar searches. Tollefson said, "UW System looked at several search firms and found RPA to be the best fit for our search."

RPA is currently working on a search for an assistant chancellor for university advancement

But the ultimate decision is up to Kevin Riley, the UW System president, and the Board of Regents.

Tollefson said because of her experience in the interview process in previous positions she understands the need for the heightened level of confidentiality.

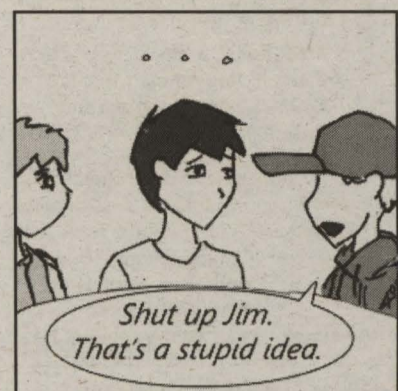
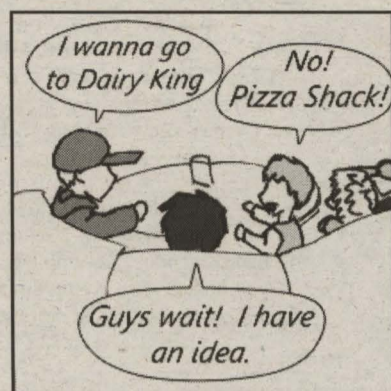
"I want the best person possible to be our next chancellor, and that means respecting the wishes of every candidate we consider," said Tollefson.

Even the search and screen committee meetings are closed-door meetings.

Tollefson said it is an absolute honor to be on this committee. The closed-door policies does not have to put a halt to student input.

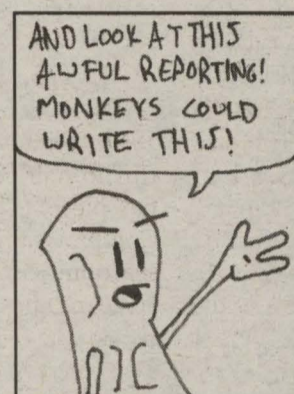
"I also love hearing feedback from my peers along the way, which I absolutely take to heart."

Where I Come From



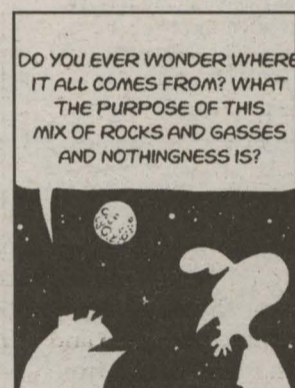
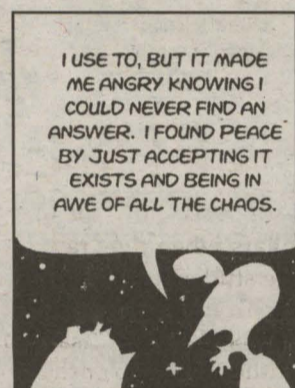
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Having health insurance just got easier for students

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Two weeks ago new state legislation was passed allowing young adults to be able to stay on their parents' health insurance plans until the age of 27.

The law will take effect Jan. 1, 2010. There are some stipulations in order to be eligible.

If individuals are able to get cheaper insurance through their parents' insurance, they are not eligible for insurance through their employer(s) and are of single status they are then able to take advantage of this law.

Private insurance companies, such as Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, only have to abide by federal insurance laws, therefore not requiring them to follow any state issued laws or legislation.

An employee of the company said because they are self-funded the company is exempt from the decision.

There are currently no predictions as to how many people will be eligible or take advantage of the new law.

Many students said they could stay on their parents' insurance by the age of 22 or 25 if still a full-time student anyway.

The responses of those who already are aware of the advancement seem to have positive opinions.

"I thought back on, but now I'm not. The money it costs and stipulations involved are completely ridiculous," said Steve Apfel, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point alumnus.

One stipulation Apfel talked about was that his parents would have to pay half of his "up keep" if he were to move out of his parents.

"I think that in these tough economical times, the prospect of staying on your parent's insurance

is a good idea," said Tim Arnold, another UWSP alumnus. "I think it should be up to the parents to decide if their son or daughter should help pay for the insurance coverage."

"I don't know all the rules but if I can, I'll probably stay on after graduation. My parents have really good insurance and I tend to hurt myself and get sick a lot. I plan on living at home until I get on my feet anyway, so might as well stay on their insurance, too," said Katie Bakalarski, UWSP student.

"I think that it's great. Many young adults right out of college have enough to worry about just finding a job right now. And many move back with parents right away anyway. So it's dependent, yes, but helpful as well," said Aly Gridley, UWSP student.

Gridley said even check-ups could be outrageously priced and this is nice reassurance that one does have some form of health care.

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What's your favorite Sesamee Street character?



"Snuffles"

—Jake
Editor in Chief



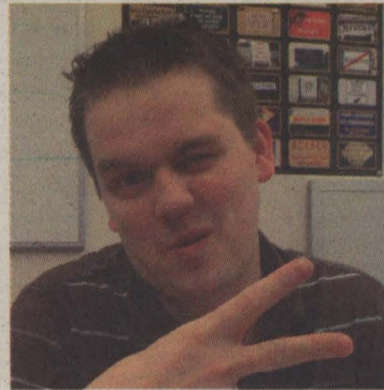
"The cookie monster! Yeah, I
like him!"

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"B & E... cause Ernie is fun
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"I never have actually seen
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