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Obama signs student loan reform into law

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Overshadowed by, but ultimately made into being by the embattled health care bill, a restructuring of the federal student loan program was signed by President Barack Obama.

"We will provide the support necessary for you to complete college and meet a new goal: by 2020, America will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world," said President Barack Obama in a speech on Feb. 24.

The program, which will remove private lenders from the student loan process, will go into effect at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on June 1.

Before this, students who received federal Stafford loans would have to accept the loan, research and choose a suitable lender and borrow the money from one of the banks in the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Now, under the new program, students will need only accept the federal loan and receive their money directly from the government rather than a middleman bank.

With the new program, the federal government estimates it will save \$68 billion over the next 10 years. This will come as the government no longer has to back the private lenders and pay the subsidized interest that isn't impressed upon students, said Paul Watson, UWSP director of financial aid.

The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act will also invest \$40 billion in Pell Grants. The legislation also calls for an increase in Pell Grants

for individuals from \$5,550 to \$5,975 by 2017. According to Watson, 2,697 UWSP students were eligible to receive the Pell Grant this year.

The act will also stabilize repayment opportunities for students



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President Obama has effectively cut the middleman out of the student loan process.

by not allowing monthly payments to exceed 10 percent of one's annual income according to www.whitehouse.gov.

For those going into public service employment, federal student loan debt will be forgiven after 10 years of successful payment. If on a 25 year payment plan, remaining loans will be forgiven after 20 years of successful payment.

Greg Ubbelohde, president of the UWSP College Democrats, thinks the federal takeover of the student loan program will benefit students. The increase in Pell Grant funding and the possibility of a lower interest rate will give more people a chance to go to college said Ubbelohde.

"This is great because the more people we get to educate themselves will improve our society," said Ubbelohde.

UWSP named one of the top schools in the Midwest

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is ranked 54th among the Midwest's best public universities to attend according to a new U.S. News and World Report ranking.

UWSP offers a curriculum and extra-curricular activities that give students a chance to experience college life to the fullest. Students have an opportunity to develop individual relationships with professors and staff.

Unlike larger undergraduate universities, UWSP students have great personal relationships with professors. This is due to a student/

faculty ratio of 21 to 1. The university also has the highest percentage of undergraduate courses taught by regular faculty in the UW System.

"I love this campus because the community is very accepting of the students. Other colleges that I've visited in the UW-system are not very fond of the student body," said UWSP freshman Trevor Fyler.

The community of Stevens Point has a strong relationship with the community. Businesses are extremely active when it comes to sponsoring student organizations for fundraisers and community service events.

"UWSP is more than a university, it is a way of life. One must immerse themselves in this belief in order

Michael Wilson steps down as SGA Executive Director

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On April 8, after resigning from his post as executive director of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's student government association's executive board, Michael Wilson, SGA president-elect, was voted back in as an SGA senator. Neither the vote (15-0-4) nor Wilson's reasons came as a surprise to the other members of the SGA.

"Mike was having a hard time working in the office," said Dustin Klein, SGA vice president-elect. "He was a little bit at odds, I think, with the current president and vice president, and it just wasn't the kind of working relationship that he had wanted."

Believing the position that he was in was more of a subservient one to the current president and vice president, Wilson took issue with the lack of influence he would have on student interests as a result.

"I felt that I could not have a real kind of impact on the students from the position I was holding. I figured the best way I could represent students was to eliminate that bond so that I could really focus on students' interests without any sort of shackles on my feet," said Wilson. "My position was so minor that I took it upon myself to take on a more proactive role by bringing a speaker, by writing my own legislation, by doing my own thing."

Prior to Wilson's resignation, Scott Asbach, the current SGA president, informed members of the SGA's executive board of his own intentions to resign from the executive board.

"I think that's actually how this came about... It was more of an emotional statement than anything else," said Klein. "I don't think that Scott would really resign, nor does he really want to resign. I think when you have a lot of pressure from a lot of different sides, it's kind of hard to take the pressure."

Though Asbach's plans never came to fruition, many would attribute his e-mail as what spurred on Wilson's departure; the pressure that the executive board faced came not only from external sources. Nate Schultz, current SGA vice-president, declined to comment on the matter, believing the issue to be personal.

For his part, Wilson had considered the differing approaches that he had with the current SGA

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administration well before he had accepted the position offered; however, he ultimately believed that as a senator, he would be able to accomplish more than he ever would on the executive board this semester.

"Each administration is going to have a different set of goals. Scott and Nate wanted to make sure that student government became lucrative again so that it was a well operated machine working toward their goals, and they had a lot of their goals done, I think. Their campaign slogan was 'doing things simpler', and they definitely achieved that goal," said Klein. On the goals that he shares with Wilson however, Klein said: "I think the key is communication between the different shared governance groups, helping each other know what's going on."

"I thought about it for a long time, actually since the fall, that maybe the people who hired me would not have the same idea of what representation was that I had, and so I thought that there was a divergence of interests and ideology and there was definitely a clash there, and afterwards there was absolutely no communication to try to bridge that divide," said Wilson. "But I speeded along because I figured the executive staff needed me, students needed me, students were paying me to perform a service and I couldn't just quit. Eventually, it got to the point where I couldn't feel at all comfortable in my position as an employee of the current administration and also a legitimate representative of the students."

Currently, the role vacated by Wilson will not be filled for the remainder of the semester, with Schultz taking over the responsibilities of the position.

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to achieve the complete college experience," said UWSP Advisor, Scott West.

UWSP currently has over 100 student organizations ranging from Anime Club to Public Relations Student Society of America. If there is not something that the student seeks then they have the opportunity to create their own organization.

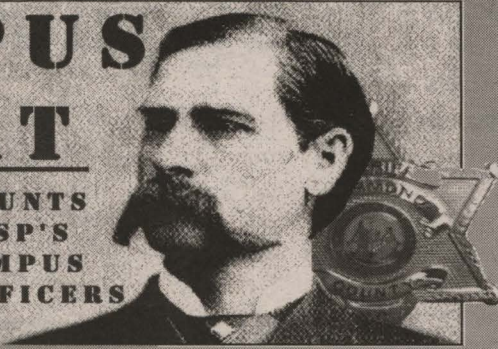
The university also shows their compassion to the students with their study abroad programs. UWSP encourages all of its students to travel and become global citizens while in attendance at the university.

"I studied abroad for a year through the Middle East and Europe and it was honestly the most amazing time of my life. I experienced things I never knew existed and made friendships that would have been impossible if I would not have left Wisconsin," said UWSP Senior, Miguel Campos.

Newsweek ranks UWSP among America's Most Interesting Universities because of the liberal arts and sciences, personal and community wellness, stewardship of natural resources, the expression of

CAMPUS BEAT

TRUE ACCOUNTS
FROM UW-SP'S
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April 08, 2010

09:16

Thomson Hall

TYPE: VANDALISM

The Thomson Hall director reported that vandalism had been done to her office door.

April 08, 2010

10:15

Thomson Hall

TYPE: VANDALISM

The Thomson Hall director reported that vandalism had been done to the first floor men's bathroom.

April 08, 2010

16:08

Pray-Sims Hall

TYPE: DRUG

A CA from Pray-Sims Hall reported the smell of marijuana coming from a room on the first floor. One citation was issued for drug paraphernalia.

April 09, 2010

15:47

Burroughs Hall

TYPE: DRUG

A call came in from students that a bag of pot was found. A group of students was picking up trash

around Burroughs Hall and found the baggie of pot. Officers came to the hall, picked up the baggie and disposed of it at Protective Services.

April 11, 2010

18:08

Neale Hall

TYPE: FIRE

Fire alarm for the first floor of Neale's east wing went off. 911 was called at 6:08 p.m. to request the Fire Department. At 6:14 p.m. the alarm was silenced and reset. It was simply food burning in the kitchen.

April 12, 2010

13:03

Science Building

TYPE: THEFT

A report was made about money that was missing from a desk drawer in the building.

arts and technological advancement in all of our learning and living spaces.

UWSP is ranked as Wisconsin's "greenest" campus according to the Princeton Review. The university is dedicated to becoming reliant on only renewable energy. The advocacy for earth week and sustainability can be seen regularly on campus.

The Dreyfus University Center serves as a place for many students to hold meetings, a study place and a dining facility. Centertainment, Student Involvement and Employment Organization, and Dining facilities are a few of the organizations located in the DUC that work to provide the students on campus with different types of services.

The university offers NCAA champion-caliber athletics to its students. The men's Pointer basketball team just displayed this by winning the Division III NCAA championships last month.

Last but not least, the university's internationally renowned College of Natural Resources draws many people to the area. A short distance away from the campus lays the 275-acre Schmeeckle Reserve, which offers an on-campus refuge and serves as a living laboratory for the CNR students.

Overall, UWSP is a university that contains all the aspects of a larger city and the warm embrace of a small community.

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SIEO and Career Services offer students advice

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As graduation approaches, many future alumni look forward to landing that "real job"—the career they've been preparing for over the last four years.

One of the most important steps to attaining this coveted position is a résumé well-stocked with experiences.

Lorry Walters, a counselor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Career Services office, says whether your experiences are paid, unpaid, volunteer or work, marketing yourself to a future employer is important. Hands-on experience, she says, can do that.

"Employers want the whole package—someone who has demonstrated success in the environment they've been in," Walters said. "They look for balance."

While working is great for the bank account and for loading your résumé, grade point average remains important as well.

"Don't sacrifice GPA," Walters said. "In some fields, it's paramount."

If you're working on campus, regulations already exist to make sure student workers can keep a good balance of work and studying.

Kayla Schmidt, the student manager at the Student Involvement and Employment Office, explains that students are currently limited to 20 hours of work per week.

"The limit is good and bad," Schmidt said. "It makes you budget your time well."

Schmidt says that working on campus holds many benefits, including the power to set your own schedule.

"You can plan your schedule around your events. You work regular hours, no nights or weekends," Schmidt said.

On average, there are about 2,940 students employed on campus, according to Schmidt. Most average eight hours per week and the average wage is \$8.50 per hour, over a dollar above Wisconsin's minimum wage.

In addition to gaining work experience, on campus or off, Walters suggests looking for opportunities above and beyond the minimum of what is required.

"Employers pay attention," she said. "Think of it this way: what do you think employers want? The bare minimum, or more?"

Walters stresses that whether you've held the same job for five years or switched jobs every few months, make your experiences work for you.

"Whatever you've got, make it your advantage. Ask, what did you learn about yourself?" Walters said.

Looking for a job? Try the SIEO Web site. There, you can create a Quest profile. This job-searching tool allows you to enter some information about your desired job fields, how far you're willing to travel and how much you're willing to work. After you've filled out the profile, which you can update at any time, job postings in your desired fields are sent to your UWSP inbox. You can then decide

which jobs you'd like to pursue.

If you're about to graduate and would like more information about finding jobs outside the range of UWSP and SIEO, stop by the Career Services Office at 134 Old Main, or visit their Web page. Online, you can find links to job search engines, information about career fairs and specific guides for your major.

ABLE promotes awareness

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Advocates Backing Lifelong Empowerment of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point promoted awareness on Friday, April 9, by hosting a special event open to all students and community members entitled "The Power of Perception: The Social Reality of Living with Disability."

ABLE is UWSP's student disability organization. Members of the club work closely with the disability services office at the university to educate the community and help students cope with a disability they may have.

"Without disability services and other volunteers, I would have limited rights and opportunities here on campus," said senior Mackenzie Kinney, a member of ABLE who is diagnosed with cerebral palsy.

At the presentation, members discussed ways people respond to disabilities, the academic and social issues that arise with having a disorder and misconceptions people may have about those with disabilities.

Ashley Waalkens, a senior with an anxiety disorder, talked about responses to those with disabilities. Waalkens said that some seem annoyed, while others assume people

with disabilities are incompetent.

President of ABLE, Scott Allen, who is diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, said, "This is superficial," as he pointed to the sweatshirt and jeans he wore. "I could have had a nice suit on and my hair slicked back, but in reality, you didn't learn any less from me tonight because of what I am wearing or because of my disability. You have to look past all of that."

Students join this organization for various reasons. Waalkens said her intent for joining ABLE is to find support for herself and others. She wants to get the word out that there is a good support network on campus.

"The reason I share my story is because awareness is a catalyst for change," said Kinney. "Sharing my story in person at a presentation like this helps others relate more than if they were to hear these things on television."

There are surveys showing that students at UWSP are not using the services offered. The purpose of this club is to educate students on what is available and where to get help, said Allen.

ABLE is currently looking for members to join their organization. Allen said that not all members of the group have to suffer from a disability. Anyone is welcome to join and learn more about ways students and community members can help others at the university.

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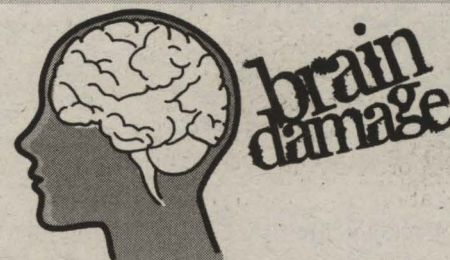
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Science & Outdoors

UWSP alumnus batty about photography

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Dr. Bruce Taubert, a wildlife biologist, photographer and alumnus of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, gave a presentation on his work with bat photography on Monday, April 5 in the Trainer Natural Resources Building.

Taubert has over 30 years experience in wildlife biology and among the four academic institutions he attended on the road to his doctorate, he said no place was a better experience than UWSP. Taubert has been a photographer for the past 40 years and is doing a lot of work with photographing bats in Arizona, which was the subject matter of his presentation.

"I don't know if anyone says anything good about bats," Taubert said. "People have a vision of what a bat might look like but probably have never seen one...I wanted to provide educational material for the public. My science background and desire to have photographs for biologists to use during presentations brought me in."

Whatever Taubert's key inspiration for his work, he has succeeded in producing a large volume of bat photographs that are both high quality and span a large number of diverse bat species. Taubert mainly works in Arizona with scientists that study bats in their natural environments.

Taubert is passionate about his field, but bat photography is no easy task. When he started taking pictures of bats, Taubert was using film and said that he would only get one or two good pictures in a regular 14 hour outing. "When the digital world came in, I kissed the ground," Taubert said.

In order to get high-quality shots of the bats, Taubert uses infrared

beams that cross cave openings or other areas where bats are present. Then, when the beam is broken, cameras positioned at different angles are triggered to flash. This method, in which cameras go off within one thirty thousandth of a second, seems to stop time and produce vivid snapshots of bats in action.

Aside from the difficult process of photographing the bats, Taubert also faces the added challenge of getting to optimal sites for his work. He seeks out both unusual and disgusting places. Taubert has photographed bats in people's attics, expansion cracks under bridges and has crawled through knee-high guano in Mexico, which he said was "one of the foulest places I've ever been in my life," all to get pictures of bats.

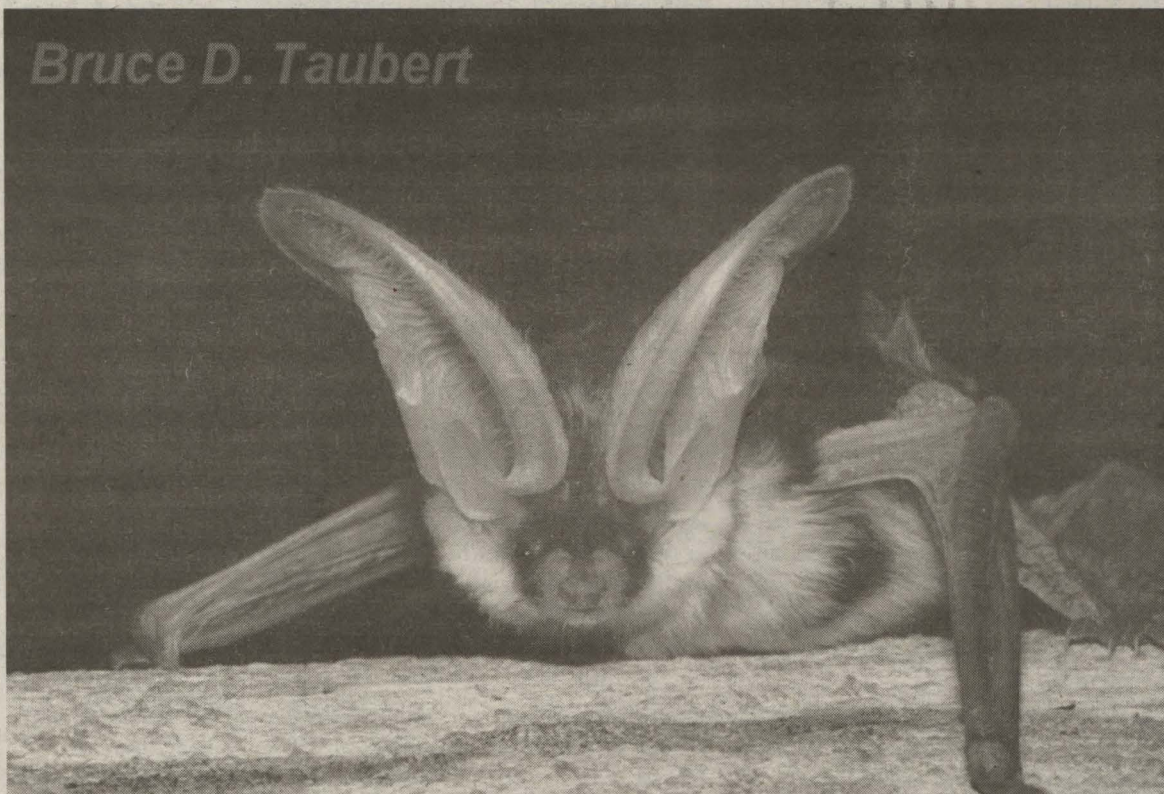
While Taubert loves taking bat pictures, he doesn't love every single bat he encounters. For example, the hoary bat is "the nastiest bat in Arizona...these guys you can't even hold, they just want to eat you." Taubert said it took him six years to get a flying picture of the hoary bat.

On the other hand, Taubert does hold a special place in his heart for a few bat species. Taubert said the lesser long-nosed bat, one of two nectar feeding bats in Arizona, is "one of my favorite bats...they have

week during the spring. After we discovered this would conflict with Earth Day events we decided to merge the two," commented Earth Week committee member Katie Stenz.

The theme for this year's Earth Week is "Happy Birthday Earth Day!" fitting with it being the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Earth Week committee member Margaret Mann commented, "I'm passionate about this week/day because it is one of the few times that people with all sorts of interests take the time to appreciate the earth. I mean, everyone loves to celebrate birthdays and the Earth's is the biggest one of them all!"

With UWSP planning a week-long celebration there is lots of room for many "earth themed" events. These events including a Rhizome Collective: a hands-on sustainability workshop, a sustainable interior architecture lecture by Lyn Falk, a recycled art competition



UWSP alumnus Bruce Taubert captures his passion for bats.

Photo courtesy of Bruce D. Taubert

this strange eating pattern where they lap up nectar with their tongue, but at the same time just jam their head in the flower..."

Taubert's dedication showed in

his picture presentation on Monday in which bats were shed in a new and awe-inspiring light through his photographs.

Green Beat

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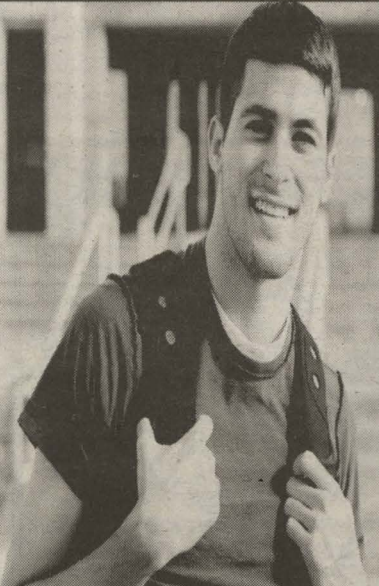
The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point celebrates the 40th anniversary of Earth Day with their second annual weeklong celebration, Earth Week, April 17-23.

Earth Day is a day to celebrate the earth and spread awareness; earthday.net states, "Earth Day 2010 can be a turning point to advance climate policy, energy efficiency, renewable energy and green jobs."

While over 21,247,584 "acts of green" have been pledged for Earth Day on the Earth Day Network Web site not many places have pledged a whole week to the Earth like UWSP.

"The idea for Earth Week came from the desire to host a sustainability

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Canoe trip opens the floodgates to new experiences in Point

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Outdoor EdVentures is holding an Arbor Day canoe trip down the Plover River. The trip will start at Jordan Park and continue to Iverson Park. The Arbor Day canoe trip is open to people with any level of experience of canoeing including those who have never gone before.

Mike Tanner, senior and Outdoor EdVenture rental tech, will be leading the group of 12 students down the river in eight boats.

"We usually try to do something for Labor Day and Arbor Day. Every semester we do a set of canoe trips and what better way to celebrate Arbor Day than by canoeing? Canoeing is fun to do and it's nice since it's local and accessible to us," said Tanner.

For Earth day last year, Outdoor EdVentures also held a canoe trip. Learning is expected to be a major part of the Arbor Day canoe trip, but this should not hinder the trip from being a lot of fun for the group. The majority of the students who signed up for the trip are freshmen, a good opportunity for them to get to know

the area better by allowing them to explore the river.

"This is just a fun and relaxing trip, a good way to spend a Saturday morning. It's pretty easy to canoe but you still have to know how to turn so whether the learning part of the trip involves getting wet or not is a different issue. My favorite part of the trip is going to be watching those who are just beginners of canoeing and who do not know exactly what they are doing yet. The process of watching them figure it out can be amazing, if not comical to watch. It's also just a fun new experience for them as well," said Tanner.

As of now, Mike Tanner will be the only EdVenture leader for the trip. With a full group, the sign-up is now closed.

Also, coming up is a cave trip in Richland Center that Tanner will also be leading. If anyone has any suggestions of trips they would like to go on that they would like Outdoor EdVentures to plan, they are encouraged to let them know.

Many are looking forward to the Arbor Day canoe trip. Seats fill up quickly, and students are encouraged to sign up early for the next trip in order to experience the fun.

SHAC sets the pace for earth week

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On Thursday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m., the Student Health Advisory Committee will be holding an Earth Day Pace Race.

Currently, seven students are participating in the event and will

doing it in a time that is right for you. It is open for everyone with no limit to the amount of runners or walkers that can join. If people show up the day of, it is completely fine as long as we get down their estimates so they can be included in winning prizes."

The Earth Day Pace Race has been around for about 25 years. It was an annual event but had a different name. It was originally known as

"What's great about this event is that it promotes exercise, but it is not about being the fastest..."
—Crevier

be running a course that starts in the Debot Dining Center parking lot, continues around the dorms and ends near the Health Enhancement Center.

The event is open to everyone and the course is a mile long. Participants can guess how long it will take them to either run or walk the mile. Those who guess close to their time estimates have the opportunity to win prizes.

Courtney Crevier, a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and co-president of SHAC said, "What's great about this event is that it promotes exercise, but it is not about being the fastest but about

the Fun Run and participants had the same chance to win prizes by guessing their time.

"They stopped doing it, but we are trying to bring it back," said Crevier. "Originally what we were going to call it was the SHAC pace race, but we found the best date that would work for the event was on Earth Day. We contacted the Earth Week committee to see if we could work our run into their event and they liked the idea so it worked out really nicely."

Local businesses are also getting involved by helping out with the event. Jimmy Johns will be donating sandwiches for the runners, Emy J's donated five dollar gift cards for prizes and other local businesses have donated gift cards as well to help make this run a success.

SHAC also gets involved with the campus in other ways to promote student health issues on campus. They contact doctors at Delzell to raise awareness of health issues, promote safe sex and healthy lifestyles and their services on-campus.

SHAC also looks at the budget to determine what is being spent on health services. For spring break, they handed out kits filled with tooth paste, tooth brushes, sunscreen, condoms and Tylenol. For Valentine's Day, SHAC handed out condom flowers in the DUC.

"We attend American College Health Association Conferences, where we meet with other universities and see how others run their health care center," said Crevier. "The way UWSP runs ours is pretty high up there, as opposed to other universities such as Duke. Actually they admire how ours is run. We think that is cool to be getting compliments from bigger universities and are proud of this."

Crevier will not be participating in the event even though she would like to. Crevier will be helping run the event and is looking forward to its success.

"This year is looking pretty small, but hopefully we will get bigger in the years to come like it used to be," said Crevier.

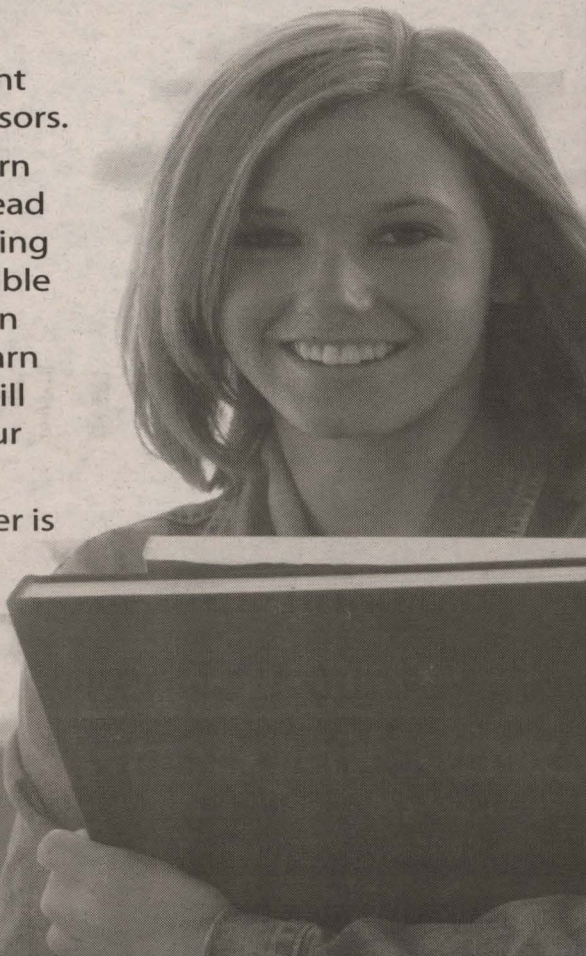
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A look at the upcoming NBA playoff picture



Sadly, Dan Gadzuric will be wearing his other uniform for the playoffs.

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The NBA playoffs start this weekend; here are some musings on both conferences, somewhat respectively.

Eastern Conference

-I have to start with what could have been for the Milwaukee Bucks. I still think they will make a series out of whoever they play, if they can stay close in the rebounding battle, but replacing Andrew Bogut's all around impact will be impossible. What's worse is that Dan Gadzuric probably had a pretty dapper lineup of suits to wear on the bench for the playoffs that will now go wasted. Sigh.

-The most detestable team in the playoffs? For me it's the Celtics who have taken over the spot held in previous years by the likes of the Spurs and Lakers as the team I cheer against with most zeal. The difference is, though, those San Antonio and Los Angeles teams were usually title contenders. Other than that, unless you don't like Kobe Bryant, there weren't many logical reasons to

dislike them. This aging Celtic team is different. After floating through a season of bad losses and closed-door team meetings, Boston is clearly a second-tier team in the East, but you wouldn't know it watching someone like Kevin Garnett. Garnett, for no longer being able to hit open 15 footers on a consistent basis, looks convinced he can make up for this loss of a step by continuing his tired act as most intense mock-enforcer on the court. Problem is, I don't think anyone is too worried about him anymore. All of that yelling at this point may be more of an attempt at convincing himself that he is still relevant more than anything else. I look forward to them losing and blaming Rajon Rondo.

-Somewhat under the radar, or as much as a defending conference champion can be, are the Orlando Magic. Watching Dwight Howard work offensively in the Finals last summer was an exercise in frustration, but this year he looks comfortable in the post, making the outside shooters surrounding him that much more of a threat. It will be most interesting to watch Vince Carter, a member of this talented supporting cast, back on a contending team in the playoffs. Can he stay within the boundaries

of the offense or become the shot-chucking wrench to the system that he at times insists on being? This could decide the fate of the current Eastern conference champions.

-Lastly, inevitably, you have to look at LeBron and the Cleveland Cavaliers. Obviously this postseason is a special version of LeBron's Quest for the Title because of the upcoming summer, but it's also important because this is the best version of the Cavaliers put together since James was drafted. Rest assured, whether they win it all or not, the where-is-LeBron-going? can of worms will be ripped open, it's unavoidable. But for now, I think it's best to focus on the present.

Western Conference

-Many in the NBA community have not been too amused with the Lakers' aversion to effort towards the end of the regular season. No doubt, they are the favorites out West, assuming they flip that switch you always seem to hear about concerning Los Angeles this time of year, but there's a feeling to the Lakers right

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Baseball continues upswing, beats Platteville three out of four

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team played in two doubleheaders against UW-Platteville over the weekend, winning three out of the four games.

The Pointers were victorious in both of Saturday's games, winning 14-5 and 11-10, respectively.

Sunday, the Pointers won the first game 8-5 but lost the second, 11-6.

"We expect our team to compete for our series at home," head coach Pat Bloom said. "We go into the games with a mindset that we want to win all four games but we absolutely feel that we need to take at least three of the four games in the series."

The three wins earned by the Pointers this weekend put them in a good position to build on their success in future games.

"Being able to win three games against a pretty decent team this past weekend put us in good standings, but we could still improve on offense with consistency," said Bloom. "We need to improve on being an overall mentally and physically conditioned team. One that is able to maintain a high level of performance all the way through a doubleheader and four game series."

Bloom commented on needing better production out of the batting order and getting key hits with runners in scoring position, providing their pitchers with a cushion and allowing them to settle in and find a consistent strike zone.

Bloom also said he would like to see improved pitch-making ability.

So far this season, defense has been the key, according to Bloom.

"The best functioning area on our team so far is our play defensively, where our infield has played fairly sound baseball overall," Bloom said. "I feel we have a lot of different options we can go to and still play well defensively but allow us to be more diverse offensively as well."

This is currently Bloom's seventh year coaching baseball at UWSP, where, among other

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Softball team has high hopes for rest of season

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point softball team improved their record to 16-6 after they ended St. Norbert College's 12-game win streak by splitting a non-conference doubleheader on Tuesday.

The Pointers won the first game 6-5, but the Knights came back and ended UWSP's 11-game win streak in the second game with a score of 6-4.

"During the winning streak, the team was hitting well and getting

the job done in all aspects of the game," said assistant coach Ashley Steltenpohl. "We were firing on all cylinders."

UWSP came into the week with momentum after two big wins this weekend at UW-Platteville in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play. The Pointers won a close first game on junior outfielder Kim Liegel's solo walk-off home run over the left center field fence, earning them a 6-5 victory.

The Pointers used the intensity from the first victory against the Pioneers to win the second game 10-1

in five innings on Saturday.

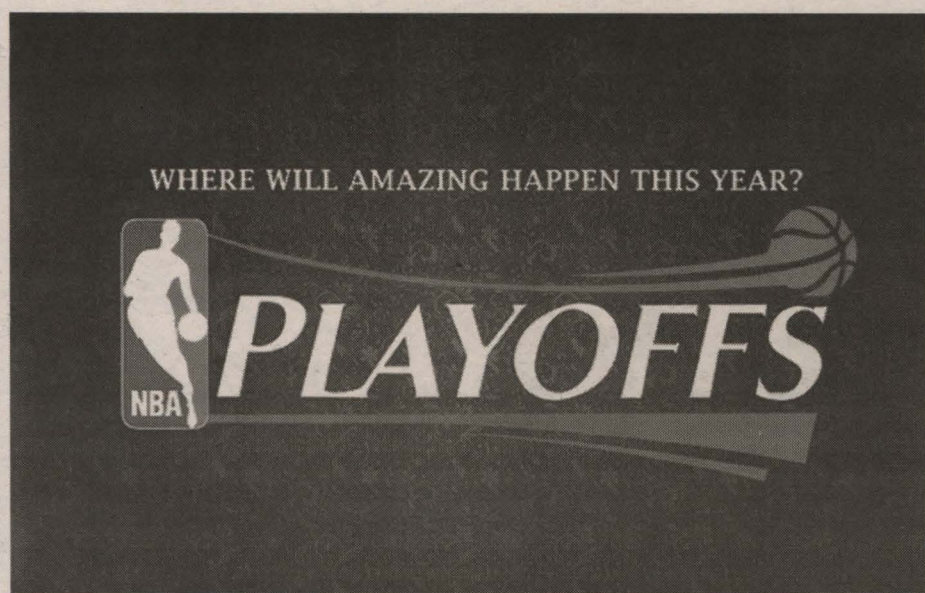
"Currently, we have about half of our season done and still have a long way to go. The girls have been working hard and continue to do so," said Steltenpohl. "We know that there are always things to work on."

This year, the Pointers have three freshmen pitchers who have filled the role quite nicely, according to Steltenpohl.

"They have a lot on their

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Sports



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now that they know something the rest of us don't about these playoffs. It seems the talent level of the eight teams in the West bracket is strong enough to not only challenge but beat the Lakers at some point in the postseason, which I don't think many people believed last year. They don't appear too concerned about this. I still have my doubts as well, but it's hard to argue that at the least, other teams look more interested than Los Angeles does at the moment.

-A team many believe has equipped itself to contend for the Western conference crown are my Dirk Nowitzki-led Dallas Mavericks. Honestly, I don't know what to make of them yet. This "new" team with Caron Butler and Brendan Haywood in the mix has been together for about half a season, which I guess will have to be enough in the on-court

chemistry department. And although I believe they are one of the most complete teams that Dallas has gone with into the playoffs, I'm trying not to put too much thought into it. The playoffs are a stressful enough affair with low expectations; so I'll probably wait until at least the middle of the first quarter in game one to start freaking out.

-Going back to the rest of the Western field, almost every one of the eight qualifiers have been the Team No One Wants To Face at some point this season, starting with the aforementioned Lakers and Mavericks and also including Phoenix, Utah, San Antonio and Denver. Throw in the offensive freak that is Kevin Durant in Oklahoma City and boy, someone will supposedly survive and make it out of this mess, but that's about all I know for certain. It's the playoffs; I wouldn't want it any other way.

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accomplishments, he has led UWSP to five straight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament championships.

"Coaching for UWSP has been really good and we have had a lot of success in the postseason in the past," said Bloom. "We certainly expect to be playing our best baseball down the stretch when it matters the most. Within each season there are new obstacles and challenges and we have been bitten by the injury bug lately and had some guys miss time due to these injuries."

"We're currently trying to find the right pieces to fit in both offensively and defensively so we can get on track and play the type of baseball that we know we can play."

The Pointers now look forward to an upcoming four-game series that will be played against UW-Superior at home this weekend, April 17 and 18, beginning at noon on both days.

"We had a great crowd last weekend and we appreciate the students who take the time to come out and watch us play," Bloom said. "It would be great to see another good student body turnout again this weekend."

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shoulders being so young but are gaining experience as we speak," Steltenpohl said.

Senior starting third basemen Brittany Zelenka is currently out due to receiving surgery on her shoulder earlier in the season, also leading to more freshmen contributions.

"Having a large freshmen class this year is playing a very big part in pushing the returners to improve and fight harder to keep their starting spots," said sophomore Kelly Arndt.

"Overall, everyone has stepped it up this season. As a collegiate team, we know that there is always room for improvement and one cannot ever be totally satisfied," said Steltenpohl.

As coaches and players, the Pointers know that in the WIAC, anything can happen at any time.

"Any team can be surprised, and

if a team doesn't bring their 'A' game, they could fall at any moment," said Steltenpohl.

"We hope to finish in the top half of our conference this season. We have a lot of returning starters from last year so we hope having that the experience will really help us be successful this year," said Arndt.

This weekend, April 17 and 18, the Pointers are away, taking on UW-Eau Claire at 2 p.m. on Saturday and UW-Superior at 12 p.m. on Sunday.



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The Pointers snapped St. Norbert's twelve game winning streak on Tuesday.

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Arts & Culture

"Floyd Collins" makes its UWSP debut

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point production of the musical "Floyd Collins" debuted on April 9 in the Noel Fine Arts Center Studio Theatre and will have upcoming shows April 15-17.

The musical is based on a true story and is set in the 1920s and follows the life of main character Floyd Collins. Floyd is seeking fame and fortune in the story by turning a Kentucky cave into a tourist attraction. In doing so he becomes more of a spectacle than the cave when he becomes trapped 200 feet underground. Above the ground the rescue mission turns into a media circus, but below ground Floyd fights

to retain his sanity between his sporadic contact with the outside world.

Professor Tim Howard, director of the musical and UWSP musical theatre professor, hopes UWSP's performance of "Floyd Collins" can really bring out the true potential of the musical. Howard was originally introduced to the show when he was cast in the first regional theatre production at Actors Theatre of Louisville.

"It was a gorgeous production and I was drawn into this heart wrenching story; but I felt that there was something missing," said Howard, "I wanted to bring a more magical quality."

While at first glance the story may just be an unfortunate guy who gets trapped in a cave while trying to get rich, Howard suggests the deeper meaning, "The show is ultimately

about humanity, the importance of family and the acceptance of one's own fate," he said. "Through non-traditional movement, lighting, set, costumes, sound, props and orchestration, we have attempted to bring a more mystical quality to the story telling."

The production of this musical under the direction of Howard also brought together Roger Nelson who directs the music and Jennifer Wilson who worked with stage management. Aside from staff, there are also many students involved both on and off the stage—a contingent of which even chose to travel to Kentucky to visit the site where the event transpired.

This haunting musical, with music and lyrics by Adam Guettel and the book by Tina Landau, hasn't been around for very long.

The musical's first production was by Playwrights Horizons when it opened Off-Broadway in New York City in 1996.

The musical has received positive critical reviews and won the Lucille Lortel Award for outstanding musical in 1996 and the 1995-1996 OBIE Award for its score. As the musical has only been performed a handful of times before UWSP's performance, the production should be fresh and new for most people in attendance—though the musical has become a "theatre-cult" favorite over the past decade.

The musical, produced by UWSP's theatre and dance Department, comes at the end of the department's season with only Danstage 2010 to follow on May 7-9 and May 12-14.

Brian Imbus to hypnotize the Encore tonight

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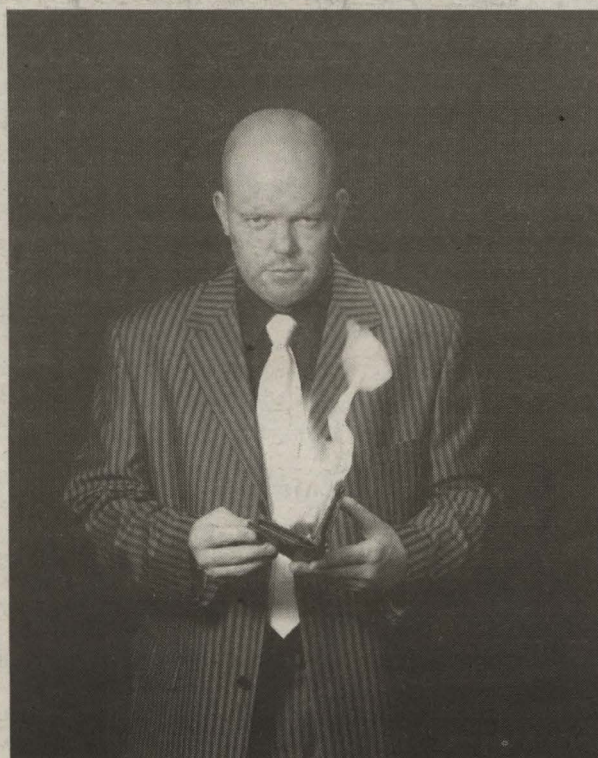
With the lights dimmed and the stage full of unsuspecting participants, the spellbinding illusions of Brian Imbus will be certain to once again hypnotize the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Tonight's 8 p.m. performance in the Encore in the Dreyfus University Center will be Imbus' third performance at UWSP and he will undoubtedly find some new freshman to make sleepy, very sleepy.

"I don't think it's magic; I think it has to do with body language and the way he phrases the questions to the audience or to the participants who he's playing the tricks with. I encourage more parents and students to go see him perform. It will be a fun night," said Hli Dawb, a senior who had attended Imbus' last Encore performance back in 2008. "I'm still trying to figure out how Imbus was able to read other people's minds."

With a figurative bagful of tricks at his disposal, Imbus will rely mainly on the powerful tool of suggestion that college students are all too susceptible to. With no sleight of hand in sight, it will be the sleight of mind that the

keen eye should be keeping watch for. Can a modern college audience actually believe in hypnotism?

"I'm kind of torn on it; it kind of creeps me out," said Katie Bakarski, event coordinator for Centertainment. "However, it's always fun to have a hypnotist, and he kind of does mentalism, and he puts some comedy in there, so he uses kind of a



Courtesy of brianimbus.com

Tonight's performance will be Imbus' third at UWSP

traditional field as well as something different, something that's attractive to our audience."

As a hypnotist and mentalist that has performed anywhere from Las Vegas to Paris according to Imbus' own Web site, Imbus has found his niche as "one of the industry's top requested performers in the business," with colleges and high schools being his forte. As such, he may have found the perfect formula to keep college students on their toes, or at least asleep on them.

"He has been here a couple times, so some people may remember that or his show," said Bakarski. "It's always kind of surprising to go to a mentalist or a hypnotist whom you've never seen before because you never kinda know what they're going to do. You don't know if they're funny or crazy, so it's kinda cool to have someone who has been here before and who people can remember. Then, that gives you a bit of a better idea of what to expect."

However, if his last performance was anything to go by, tonight's audience should be in for a treat, considering the fanbase that Imbus has gained with his previous outing. "I don't remember much of his last performance at UWSP, but I'm looking forward to seeing him performing. I'm hoping to seeing some new tricks," said Hli.

The performance will be held at 8 p.m. tonight at the DUC Encore theatre at no charge to those carrying student IDs and for \$4 for those without. For further information, contact Katie Bakarski at kbaka967@uwsp.edu.

Repo Men:
Repossessing
cinema

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Like the unfortunate organ re-donors in this science-fiction thriller that have been rebuilt from borrowed parts, so too does "Repo Men" suffer the fate of being a movie built upon the foundations of many a science fiction cult classic.

This is all a truly tragic fate, considering the moments of sheer brilliance present in this all too familiar cautionary tale set amidst an all too familiar dystopian future. In 2025, top-dog Remy (Jude Law) has the thankless task of brutally repossessing the artificial organs for which their owners have defaulted payments on. He does so with surgical precision until one day when a fateful slice would open Remy's own heart to the plight of humanity.

With a plot largely transplanted from "Fahrenheit 451" into the world of "Repo: The Genetic Opera," cauterized with a sprinkling of "Blade Runner" and more than a few stitches of "Brazil," "Repo Men" may have become in itself a cautionary tale against a clockwork picture. Also starring Forest Whitaker and Alice Braga, Repo Men is an unapologetically gory affair, fast paced and frenetic, yet suffering from uneven heavy-handedness.

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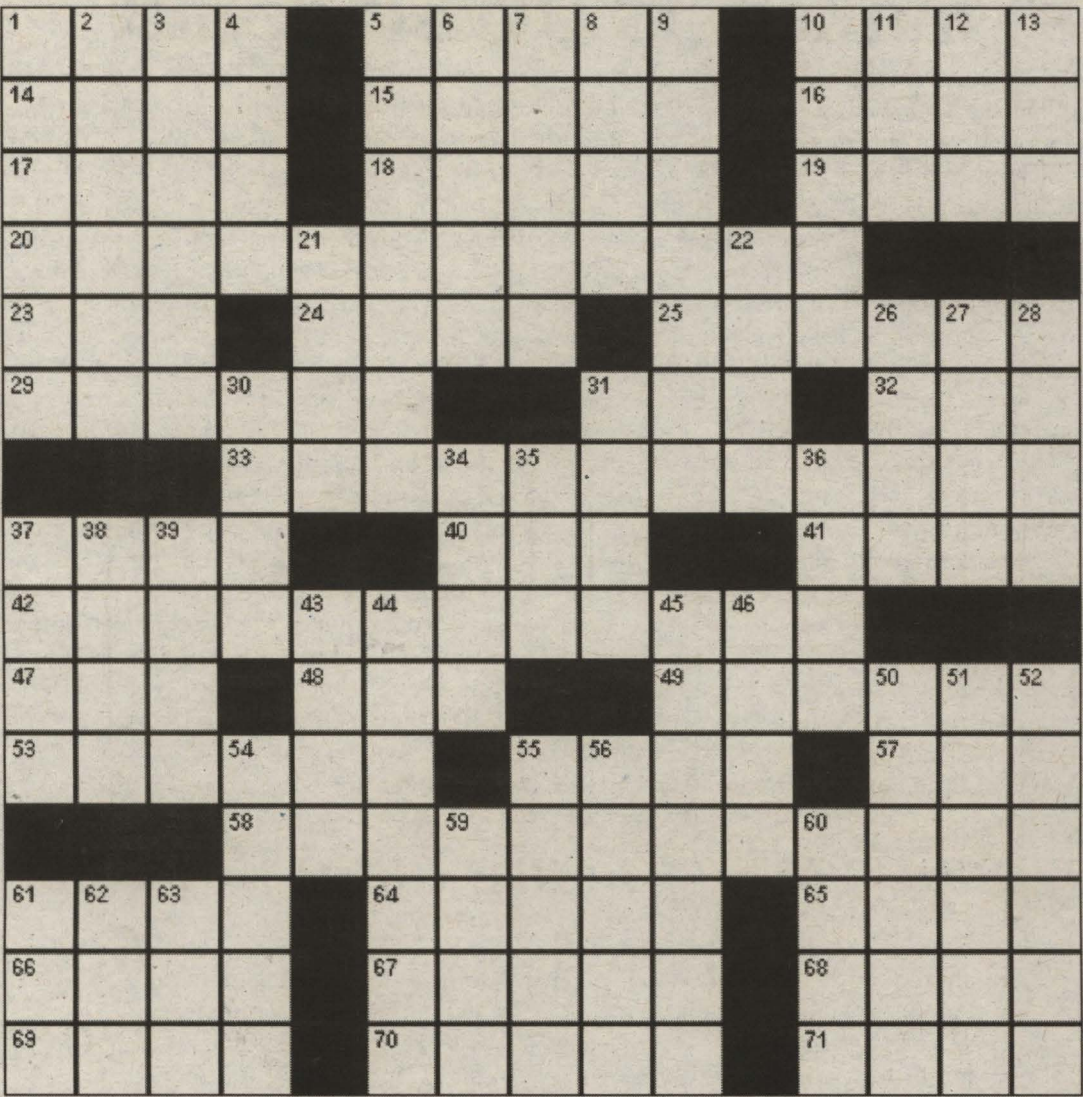
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Across

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- 14- First name in country
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- 17- Hammett hound
- 18- Knobby
- 19- Very dry champagne
- 20- Nerve structure of an organism
- 23- Connections
- 24- Borodin's prince
- 25- Closer
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- 31- Bad start?
- 32- Bass, e.g.
- 33- Renditions
- 37- Wall St. debuts
- 40- 401(k) alternative
- 41- Casual assent
- 42- System of names
- 47- Dernier ____
- 48- Land in la mer
- 49- Monetary unit of Macao
- 53- King of the Huns
- 55- Dramatic troupe
- 57- Ballet step
- 58- Having four wings
- 61- Earthen pot
- 64- Earth
- 65- Additional
- 66- Trompe l' ____
- 67- Computer key
- 68- Banned apple spray
- 69- Bouquet
- 70- Way to cook
- 71- Shed feathers

Down

- 1- Head cases?
- 2- Take as an affront
- 3- Dull
- 4- Early late-night host
- 5- Office head
- 6- Home of the Black Bears



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- 7- Aromatic wood
- 8- Pressure
- 9- Pen name
- 10- Tripoli's country
- 11- Cabinet dept.
- 12- Bud's bud
- 13- Giant Mel
- 21- Seine feeder
- 22- City near Phoenix
- 26- Contest, ethnicity
- 27- Zeno's home
- 28- 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 30- Church recess
- 31- "Darn!"
- 34- Abrading tool
- 35- Man-mouse connector
- 36- Russian no
- 37- Member of a great Peruvian
- people
- 38- Harbor
- 39- Drop
- 43- Egypt's river
- 44- Din
- 45- Arriviste
- 46- Appraise, charge per unit
- 50- Ancient Greek god
- 51- Leading to a result
- 52- Declare
- 54- Pisa place
- 55- Magna ____
- 56- ____-ski
- 59- "All The Way To ____", song by REM
- 60- Quantity of paper
- 61- Alley ____
- 62- "Seinfeld" uncle
- 63- Fleur-de-____

Letter to the editor

In honor of National Volunteer Week (April 18 - 24), I'd like to thank all the UWSP students who volunteered during the past year. In between school, working (sometimes two or three jobs) and other obligations, it is incredible that students still find time to give back to the community. Whether you volunteered one afternoon all year or several hours each week, thank you for finding time to go beyond your day-to-day responsibilities.

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While newcomer Miguel Sapochnik excels at juggling the dramatic with the sterile action set pieces with the deft hands of an early Steven Spielberg or John Carpenter, the picture ultimately suffers in his inability to skillfully suture together those crucial visual clues, thus telegraphing the ending well in advance to anyone paying attention, though having a "borrowed" ending once again does not help matters much either.

Yet in spite of this, the picture remains an enjoyable, if not déjà vu invoking thrill ride. One cannot help but root for the protagonist and empathize with the surprisingly layered, if not clichéd, antagonists. Though it may lack the explosive intensity of a Michael Bay film for example, the intimate storytelling places attention not so much on the action but rather on the situations,

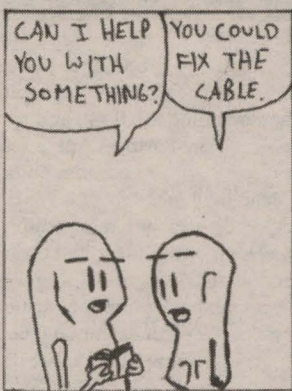
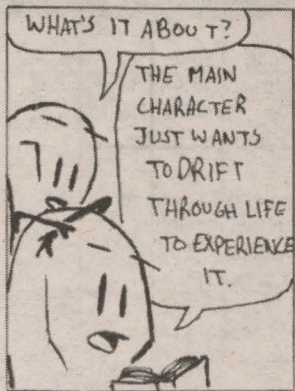
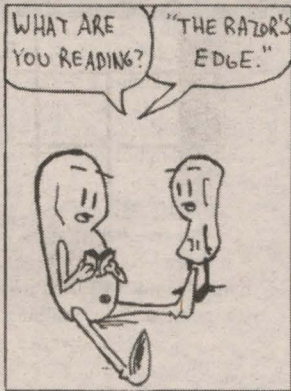
allowing audiences to better connect with this character-driven piece than the more visually oriented science fiction action films.

As such, it should be unsurprising that the cast is mainly comprised of dramatic heavy-hitters that outperform the picture. It is a bold and unusual move, and certainly strange to see not one action marquee name among the cast, with the possible exception of Liev Schreiber. And projecting a more tortured soul than the genre would normally call for, Jude Law, who only recently joined the action scene with his debut in Sherlock Holmes, joins the cast in elevating Repo Men to a clockwork movie actually worth winding.

If only it had been more original, perhaps Repo Men would have become a classic in its own right. However, for a flawed experiment, it is one hell of an enjoyable ride.

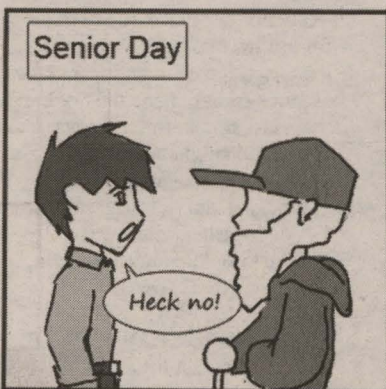
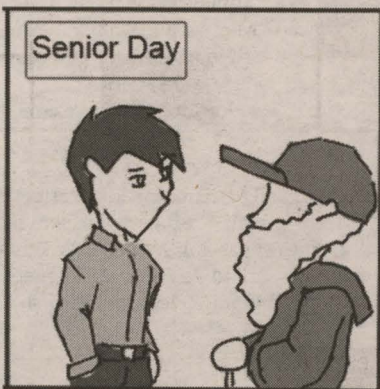
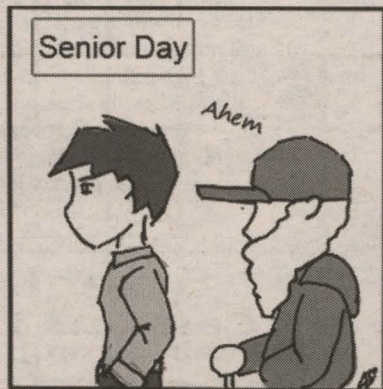
Directed by Miguel Sapochnik, Repo Men was released on March 19, 2010.

Leguminous



by Ty Natzke

Where I come from



by Bryan Novak

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and a presentation by John Stauber, author of "Toxic Sludge is Good for You" and "Global Warming is Good for You: Understanding Government and Industry PR and Propaganda."

For more information about Earth Week and for a full schedule visit the UWSP sustainability Web site at <http://www.uwsp.edu/sustainability>

Saturday, April 17
Screening of "Food Inc." at 7:30 p.m. in the DUC theater.

Sunday, April 18 Bike to Barn to Plate, begins at 10 a.m.

Monday, April 19: Celebrate Tradition
Fact Bombs: become environmentally educated by walking around the campus

"Reclaim the Land," an urban community farm project sit-in at 1 p.m. in the open 4-acre field north of the Centerpoint Mall, directly behind the former Dunham's.

Critical Mass Cycling Event, meets in front of the LRC at 1 p.m.

Material Recovery Facility Tour at 2 p.m., meet at the DUC Ticket and Information Office to catch a shuttle

Geri Weinstein-Breunig: Environmental Definitions Lecture at 7 p.m. in the Laird Room.

Tuesday, April 20: Celebrate Land
Lyn Falk Sustainable Interior Architecture Lecture at 6 p.m. in the Laird Room

Screening of the film, "Back to the Land" at 7 p.m. in the DUC Theater.

Presentation by John Stauber, "Global Warming Is Good for You: Understanding Government and Industry PR and Propaganda" at 7 p.m. in the NFAC Room 221

Wednesday, April 21: Celebrate Water
Bike Registration from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at DUC Concourse Table 1.

Material Recovery Facility Tour at 2 p.m., meet at the DUC Ticket and Information Office to catch a shuttle.

Candlelight Trash Pickup at 5:30 p.m., meet in the DUC Legacy Room.

Frederick Gluck: "Is God Green?"

from 7-8 p.m. in the DUC Laird Room

"Grow a Plant for the Earth" at 7 p.m. in the DUC Encore

Thursday, April 22: Celebrate Life
SSC's Annual Tree Planting at 12 p.m., meet on the lawn in front of Old Main

Sustainable tours of UWSP at 12 p.m. in the LRC lobby

SHAC Pace Race at 5:30 p.m., meet in the driveway of Debot

Rhizome Collective from 7-9 p.m. in the Alumni Room

Friday, April 23 Celebrate Air
Eco-Fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the sundial

Recycled Art Competition, winner will be announced at the Eco-Fair

Weeklong Events
Recycled Art Competition, artwork will be displayed in the Laird Showcases

"Reclaim the Land," an urban community farm project sit-in.

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

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and the campus chapters of Habitat for Humanity and Arts Alliance are hosting an event called "Help Build a Future". At this event, you can learn about area non-profits and how to get involved in volunteer opportunities in the community. There will also be a community art project at the event. On Wednesday, April 21 and Thursday, April 22, there will be booths in the DUC and DeBot giving away freebies to say "thank you" to everyone for volunteering this year. And finally, there is a huge day of service event on Saturday, April 24 called "Be the Change" where students will simultaneously be volunteering all over Stevens Point.

Thanks again for all you do for UWSP and the community.

Shannon M. Williams

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