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John Perkins: An economic hit man takes a shot at UWSP

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It would be a rare event to have a hit man visiting the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and perhaps rarer still, to have a New York Times best-selling economist getting familiar with the students. However, on April 14 in the Dreyfus University Center's Laird room, when John Perkins began his talk at 8 p.m., UWSP scored a bull's-eye on both counts.

Perhaps best known for his autobiographical account, "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man," Perkins summarized many of the topics found in his best-selling works, such as his racy, self-proclaimed status as a former economic hit man, a title he believes to be apt for his part in leading underdeveloped countries into inevitable debt. A debt, Perkins believes, akin to slavery.

"In the beginning, it was easy to kind of buy the company line, but as I continued on down the pathway, I became more and more aware what we were really doing was creating a bigger gap between the rich and the poor," said Perkins.

"I became very disillusioned, and then I had an epiphany experience while I was sailing one time in the Virgin Islands. I was sitting up on the ruins of this old sugar cane plantation, and it was very beautiful

watching the sun set over the Caribbean, and I realized that the sugar cane plantation had been built on the bones of thousands of slaves. And then I realized that the whole hemisphere was built on the bones of millions of slaves, and then I realized that I was really a slave, or I was creating a new form of slavery."

Arguing that the modern business model was a failed system, and that by the Mayan calendar, 2012

assume that the right people are here. It's a nice size crowd; I was very happy with it. I always like the bigger the crowd, the better because the more people I reach, but this was a decent-sized crowd," said Perkins.

And if Perkins aimed to "reach" his audience members, he certainly succeeded as several older audience members were visibly moved during the Q&A segment, when Perkins began to dispense advice on how to deal with local community problems, and the perceived 'injustice' of having to pay Perkins himself to perform.

Sponsored in part by the UWSP College Democrats and various faculty members of the political science and the international departments, Perkins's visit was the culmination of over five months of campaigning by junior Michael Wilson, Student Government Association's president-elect. By bringing Perkins to UWSP, Wilson hopes to allow the student body a chance to hear a slightly different take on international finance.

"I think that whether you disagree or agree, it's always important to listen to different points of view," said Wilson.

"In a democracy, the backbone of a democracy is an informed populace,

therefore the backbone of a democracy is also open dialogue. Whether you agree or disagree to different points of view, it is important to be able to listen to them because that is what this country was founded on: the

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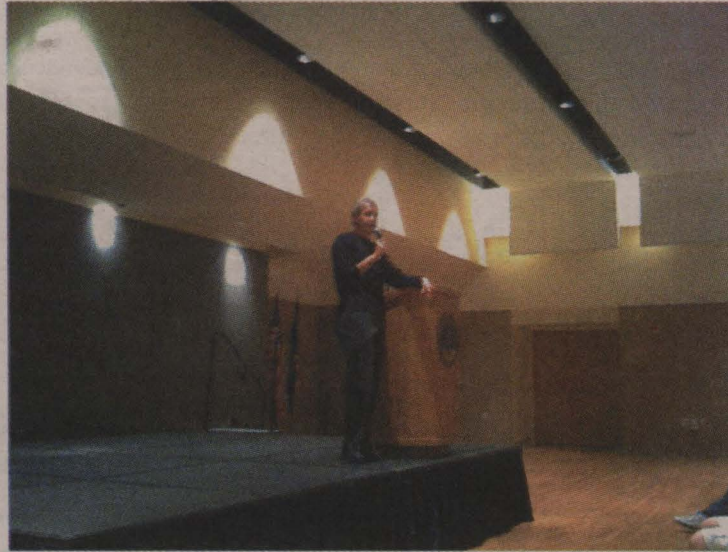


Photo by Alexander Liu

John Perkins is the author of "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man"

"What we were really doing was creating a bigger gap between the rich and the poor."

-Perkins

a global mindset change, one that future generations could be proud of. His pleas, however, may have fallen on deaf ears.

With an eclectic mix of students and older community members, the crowd was nevertheless disappointing in numbers. "You know, I always

John Stauber speaks out against global warming

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Author and community activist, John Stauber spoke to students about public relations, propaganda and front groups that deny global warming on April 20 at 7 p.m. in lecture hall 221 of the Noel Fine Arts Center.

The College of Fine Arts Center sponsored the event for Earth Week. There were approximately 100 students in attendance for the event.

"I never realized how strong of an

impact public relations has on society and how much control it has in molding our beliefs," said University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student, Cortez Edwards.

Born in Marshfield, WI, John Stauber became an anti-war activist while in high school. He said that he believed in

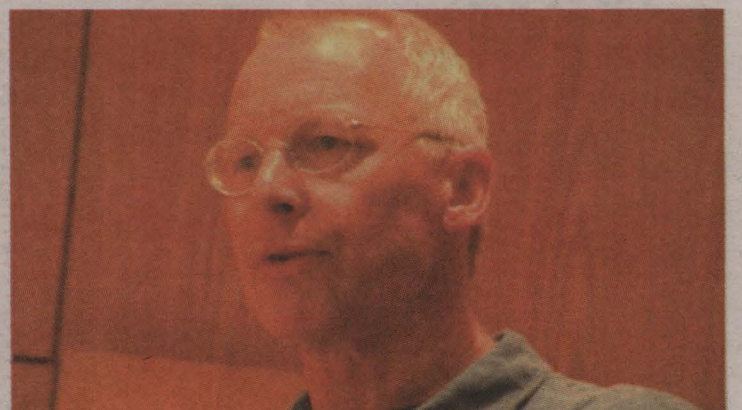


Photo by Jeremy Larsen

John Stauber is the co-author of "Toxic Sludge is Good for You" and "Weapons of Mass Deception," books that criticize the PR industry

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Ron Strege: Making a difference at UWSP

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Ron Strege has been the director of Multicultural Affairs for more than 13 years at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and he couldn't be happier about it. He knows that how he spends his time each day impacts the lives of students on campus.

Strege began his career at UWSP as the Baldwin Hall director in 1994. He held the position for three years and while he said that he loved living in the residence halls, he knew that there was more for him to accomplish at UWSP. That's when he took the position as the Director of Multicultural Affairs.

A typical day for Strege starts out at 8 a.m. with a cup of morning coffee to get his energy flowing. After being sufficiently caffeinated, he makes the rounds to the various resource centers that he directs.

Every morning, Strege walks to the Alliance for Non-Traditional Students, the Multicultural Resource Center and the Native American Center, but these are just a few in a long list of many stops that he will be making throughout the day.

"I think one of the coolest things about the university, at least for my job, is that no day is the same. Every day is different," said Strege.

"Throughout the day a lot of what I do is just meet with different staff members and students as the day goes on. Different groups that I advise. On a good day I meet

with students and really help them get something solved or just kind of pump them up or pat them on the back or kick them in the butt - whatever they need. That's kind of my favorite part of the job."

This semester Strege was nominated for both the University Service Award and the University Leadership Mentor award. The final announcement for the winner of the University Leadership Mentor award will be made at the end of April.

Strege received the service award nomination from students that he works with, and was nominated for the leadership award by the UWSP Student Government Association. Although he did not win the service award this year, he made it clear that it was an honor just to be nominated.

"I think the thing that meant a lot to me was that it was the students that nominated me... that to me was great and I really appreciated it... it's nice to know that people see that you're trying and you're working hard. It was very cool. I was very touched and honored," said Strege.

Students who had worked with Strege in the past shared their sentiments about what a caring person he is as well as the qualities that make him a fine administrator. The consensus was that Strege is an asset to UWSP.

"I worked with him for one of my classes about diversity and he was really easy to work with. I liked his morals and the way that he went about helping minority students on campus," said Alesha Bales, a UWSP senior.



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Ron Strege, director of the Multicultural Resource Center

Non-traditional students, who may have been out of college for extended periods of time, also find Strege's guidance and leadership invaluable. Lynnette Woyak is one of those students. She said that Strege was the reason that she felt she would succeed at UWSP.

"Ron is the type of man that will go to bat for you... he just brings it all to the table and it all gets done. He's Mr. Dependable. He's Superman. He makes it happen...he gives you not just advice but direction. He just gives you very easy steps to accomplish what you need to accomplish," said Woyak.

"I think the reason I stay here is that...we pride ourselves on being pretty student-centered at this university. Our values are that we put you guys first," said Strege.

Strege is obviously very passionate about students and his continuing efforts at UWSP. Hopefully the university will take notice - and as he so often does with students - put more administrators like him first.

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freedom of speech and the need to openly discuss different points of view."

Proving the old adage "be careful what you wish for," Wilson's wish for a diverse array of viewpoints may have come true, as Perkins had to cut short his Q&A session after the questions led to a heated debate among the audience members. While some members may have been content getting an autograph immediately afterwards, certain members, such as senior Kevin Hite, felt that the rushed conclusion to the evening was a letdown.

"I was a little disappointed he didn't talk about how we need to focus on using less and changing our lifestyles, but it is great that he did come here and it's giving a great foundation for a lot of people," said Hite.

For Perkins, the week spent at UWSP was reward enough, allowing him to engage individual students in discussion.

"It's a great opportunity to reach the future leaders of the world and realize that the people that I'm speaking to are the ones with the power to transform things, and part of my job is to inspire and motivate people and kind of empower them to realize that we really can do something a lot better," said Perkins.

"I've really enjoyed my experience here very much. The school of natural resource management is world renowned and this college is a leader in so many ways. It's an honor for me to be here."

CAMPUS BEAT

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



April 14, 2010
12:01
Knutzen Hall
TYPE: DRUG

A CA reported the smell of a "ton of weed" on the third floor. He met with a detective at the front desk.

April 17, 2010
00:48
Parking Lot X
TYPE: DRUG

An officer confiscated a case of beer, open

intoxicants and a 12-pack from an individual in the parking lot.

April 17, 2010
23:34
601 Division St.
TYPE: DISORDERLY

Campus cab driver reported that there was a group of individuals near Steiner Hall with open intoxicants and possibly urinating in public.

April 19, 2010
01:07
900 Reserve St
TYPE: DISORDERLY

The campus cab driver called to report an individual who was refusing to exit the vehicle. They requested assistance in removing the individual.

April 19, 2010
21:06
Knutzen Hall
TYPE: THEFT

Knutzen Hall Director reported that a student's mail had been tampered with. There was a possible theft of a gift card for an unknown amount from the student's birthday card.

April 20, 2010
14:37
1800 Portage St.
TYPE: THEFT

The theft of a bike was reported. The bike was recovered later that day.

April 19, 2010
15:55
Parking Lot X
TYPE: TRAFFIC

An individual called to have a traffic accident in lot X reported. An exchange of information took place. A responding officer cleared.

UWSP hosts Vietnam documentary preview event

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Veteran's Club and the University Library will be hosting a preview screening of an upcoming Wisconsin Public Television documentary entitled "Wisconsin Vietnam War Stories" on Wednesday, April 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the theatre of the Dreyfus University Center.

The event features a 40-minute preview of the documentary which will air in one-hour segments on WPT May 24, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. each night.

Following the preview of the documentary, those attending are encouraged to engage in a discussion of the documentary and the legacy of the Vietnam War.

The documentary features Wisconsin Vietnam veterans telling their stories accompanied by archival video footage, historical photographs and maps of the war.

"The 40 minutes gives you pretty potent stuff," said Colleen Angel, a library services assistant who is involved in coordinating the event. "I will be bringing Kleenex."

Wisconsin Vietnam War Stories is part of a series of documentaries on Wisconsin veterans produced by WPT and the Wisconsin Library

Association. It is the third in the series, preceded by "Wisconsin WWII Stories" and "Wisconsin Korean Stories."

The documentary is composed of interviews conducted by producer Mik Derks of over 100 Wisconsin Vietnam veterans of all branches of service from throughout the state, said Erik Ernest, promotion manager for WPT and son of a Vietnam veteran. He added that the documentary features some stories that veterans are telling for the first time.

"The documentary is interesting because the people telling the story actually experienced the history," said Ernest.

The screening and discussion at UWSP is one of several that are taking place around the state, said Ernest.

The event is part of the Reel to Real program, which strives to educate and raise awareness in Wisconsin communities through film screening and discussion.

Angel expects several Vietnam veterans to attend the event and be part of the discussion afterwards.

One veteran planning to attend is Dick Judy. Judy is a retired business consultant and also served as a professor of business and economics at UWSP from 1985 to 1999. Before coming to Stevens Point in 1985, Judy served 28.5 years in the United States Army, including time as an

operations and intelligence officer in Vietnam from December 1966 to January 1968.

"The film will show things people don't want to believe," said Judy.

Judy believes "Wisconsin Vietnam War Stories" is the first series done on Vietnam veterans in Wisconsin.

The film is part of a larger effort to recognize Wisconsin Vietnam veterans who have not received much recognition for their service in the 35 years since the war took place.

Judy remembers the controversy surrounding the war and the hostility the public had towards Vietnam soldiers during the late 60s into the 70s. On his return from the war, Judy remembers being told by the airplane stewardesses to wear his civilian clothes instead of his uniform and being taken through tunnels under the San Francisco airport to avoid protesters.

Judy also alluded to the many war and government protests that took place around the country including Stevens Point in which UWSP students took over Old Main and Chancellor Lee Sherman Dreyfus' office.

"Nobody said to me 'nice job,' or

'welcome back,'" said Judy.

According to a Vietnam War fact sheet at lzlambeau.org, 165,400 U.S. troops from Wisconsin served in Southeast Asia during the war. 1,241 Wisconsin soldiers were killed in action, while 37 are missing in action.

A long-awaited Vietnam veteran recognition event will occur May 21-23 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay in an event called LZ Lambeau. More information is available at lzlambeau.org.

"I'm glad somebody is doing something about it," said Judy.

Judy hopes the film will better educate people about Vietnam and also encourage other veterans to talk about their experiences.

Judy also hopes the film will bring attention to current soldiers and veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and make it easier for them to adjust to life after war and receive the recognition they deserve.

"It's nice; I'm glad; it's been a long time coming," said Judy.

For more information on "Wisconsin Vietnam War Stories," visit Wisconsinwarstories.org/Vietnam.

ROTC sees steady numbers in unstable times

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The recession may be an urgent issue for soon-to-be University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point graduates. Even so, its effect on student interest in ROTC has been slight.

First Lieutenant Josh Beyerl, who serves as the ROTC scholarship and enrollment officer at UWSP, said that despite the financial support the program may offer, candidates understand that participating in ROTC is not a quick-fix solution to financial concerns.

ROTC at UWSP is a two, three or four-year program that offers students college credits and can lead to a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army if a candidate graduates school and excels in the program. Financial scholarships can be awarded to those that succeed.

Beyerl said the rewards can be more significant than financial benefits. "I don't talk to many people that are simply looking for jobs. I talk to people that are interested in becoming confident and capable leaders," said Beyerl.

Lt. Col. Jeff Kurka, professor of military science at UWSP, said the economy has had little effect on ROTC numbers over the years.

"We have had people try it who primarily looked at the money, and without exception, they quit. There are much easier ways, even in a down economy, to make a living," said Kurka.

Beyerl said that many students that come into his office are members of the National Guard who may have deployed before or during their college career.

Student veterans interested in becoming officers have a \$350 incentive added to the monthly stipend they receive from the Montgomery GI Bill. In exchange for increased financial support, veterans may be required to re-enlist.

Nicholas Rinartz, a 23-year-old UWSP sophomore, is participating in the scholarship option, allowing him to suspend active duty obligations while he attends UWSP.

His scholarship pays for full tuition costs, housing and books. He said if he does not fulfill his academic requirements, he returns to active duty.

Rinartz said returning to school from military life posed unexpected challenges.

"I loved the military, but school was a big change of pace. I'm used to it now, but at first I had a hard time going from a being a sergeant in the field to a student sitting in lecture," he said.

Although Rinartz agreed that joining the military for financial reasons can prove unwise, he joined the Army after his freshman year when he was in need of both financial assistance and a sense of career direction.

"Joining the Army for financial reasons did work out for me, but I got lucky. My orders had me stationed in Japan and I didn't deploy. A lot of my friends didn't get so lucky," said Rinartz.

25-year-old UWSP senior Matthew Haigh said a person is most likely to have a difficult transition to military life if his mind is not clear at the time they decide to enlist.

Haigh joined the military after graduating high school in 2003 and

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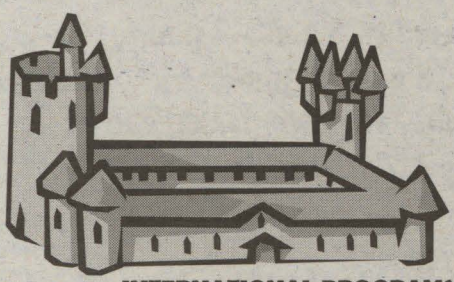
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Late night bus proves an important service

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Completing its first route in September, the late night transit continues to play a huge role in the Stevens Point community.

The program continues to grow in popularity as the school year goes on. "From September to the end of December, 6,090 rides took place on the late night bus and this is not counting Thanksgiving or the beginning of Christmas break. It is picking up more and the number of riders is expected to increase," said Susan Lemke, transit manager.

Due to the growth in popularity, changes will occur for the 2010-2011 school year. Lemke said that because of the frequent use, especially with the east route, the bus routes will change to 20 minute intervals next fall as opposed to the 30 minute intervals that are taking place now.

"About nine out of the ten times

that I go to the bars downtown, I take the bus home. It is always a great way to end the night, knowing my friends and I made it back to our places safe," said Katie DeWitt, student at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"The program is very popular. It is growing and it is necessary. It is eliminating potential dangers, so it is a win-win situation," said Lemke.

The city recently hired a transit supervisor. His duties include reviewing late night transit operations, appearing on site to take emergency phone calls, occasionally riding along and watching the camera system on the bus to provide support for the driver in case of any incidents that may take place.

Records are kept about incidents on the bus. So far only one police report was filed dealing with theft. There haven't been any major problems seeing that students often step in to help out in situations because they appreciate the ride, said Lemke.

According to records from the

Stevens Point Police Department, the bus has reduced the rate of driving under the influence in the Stevens Point area in the few months the program has operated, however, some feel there hasn't been enough time to make that assumption.

"The difference is statistically significant when viewed alone," said

Lieutenant James E. Dowling from the Stevens Point Police Department. Variables would include whether the state may have been funding an operating while intoxicated enforcement program, whether other activity made fewer officers available

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Emy J's hosts Schools for Peace fundraiser

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In recognition of the League of Women Voters' 90th anniversary, the Stevens Point area league is sponsoring Schools for Peace, a community fundraiser on April 29, at 6:30 p.m. at Emy J's, 1009 1st Street, Stevens Point.

Schools for Peace is working to help support the Central Asia Institute and their work educating children, especially girls, in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Contributions make a real difference as the cost of educating children in the Third World is about one dollar per month per child.

The fundraiser will include a presentation by emeritus professor Dr. Neil Lewis on social issues in Afghanistan and Pakistan, a short video about the work of the CAI and a brief book discussion of CAI co-founder Greg Mortenson's books "Three Cups of Tea" and "Stones into Schools."

In 1993, Mortenson attempted to climb to the summit of K2, the second highest mountain in the world at 28,251 feet, on the border of Pakistan and China. K2 has the second highest fatality rate among mountains over 8,000 meters in height, with one climber dying for each who summits.

After his attempt failed, exhausted and disorientated, Greg wandered into a tiny mountain village. The residents shared what little they had and nursed him back to health.

Mortenson promised to raise money and return to help the village build a school. After great effort, including a "Pennies for Peace" campaign at Westside Elementary School in River Falls, Wis., where his mother was principal, Greg was able to fulfill his promise.

The students had collected 62,340 pennies, or \$6,234. It was also the beginning of his life's work.

Mortenson and Dr. Jean Hoerni founded the non-profit Central Asia Institute in 1996. Its mission has been to promote education and literacy in Pakistan and Afghanistan, especially for girls in those areas.

"At great personal risk, one person is doing so much to promote peace and understanding between people and bringing education to girls and boys where it is sorely needed," said Liz McDonald of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin.

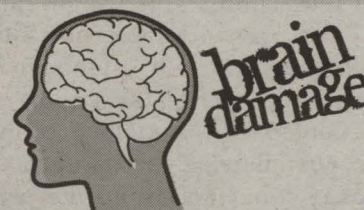
They listen and learn from the local communities served, rather than enforcing external evaluations or decisions of what is best from an outsider's perspective. The philosophy to empower the local people through their own initiative is at the heart of all CAI programs.

CAI has established 131 schools, educating more than 58,000 students, including 44,000 girls. CAI's approach is to engage the villagers in building the schools and providing resources for teachers to educate their students.

Education is the most significant factor in impoverished societies to significantly improve the basic quality of health and life over a generation. It is also CAI's goal to promote "peace with books, not bombs in Afghanistan and Pakistan."

"This event gives college students an opportunity to play a part in Greg's important work. It can inspire college students to realize what one may accomplish if they believe," said McDonald.

For more information on the Central Asia Institute, visit their Web site at www.ikat.org or contact Liz McDonald of The Stevens Point Area League Of Women Voters at (715) 341-4223.



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EENA celebrates Earth Week with annual Eco Fair

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The Eco Fair will be held on April 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. between the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Albertson Center for Learning Resources building and the Noel Fine Arts Center. The Eco Fair is an annual event put on by the Environmental Educators Naturalist Association every Friday of Earth Week. It is to help celebrate the earth and raise awareness of environmental education.

Every year, several bands play at the Eco Fair. This year's bands are Black Spruce Swamp Stomp, whose members attend UWSP, Clinton Miller and Pagowa. Along with great music, you can expect great food as well. Every year there is a new variety of food for people to try. This year there will be soup that is purchased and donated by local farmers. A student has even donated elk meat chili to add variety. Another food to look forward to is the fresh artisan bread.

"This is my first year going to Eco Fair and I am really excited to see all the people show up and what kind of people show up. I can't wait to see how the soup sells because instead of selling shirts this year we decided to go with mugs. EENA in the past would have left over shirts

HEC, but we are hoping for good weather," said Buesgens. "It should be really fun. There are always different booths that can stop by that other organizations and people in the school or community set up so they can get their information out. There are raffles and pretty sweet donations such as bikes and things from the university and things like that."

Donations for the raffle will be accepted until the day before the Eco Fair. EENA will also be holding a free cycle booth this year. The free cycle booth is where you can drop something off at the booth and you can take something back.

"This is a way for people to trade the things they do not want for something they think they might want. It is a great way to recycle unwanted items. It a neat idea and I think it is very interesting," Buskins said.

With plenty to prepare, EENA is kept busy until the Eco Fair.



Photo by Lindsay Buesgens

After a successful turnout last year, the annual Eco Fair is greatly anticipated.

so it's time to change things up," said Lindsay Buesgens, UWSP freshman and correspondent of EENA.

Buesgens was able to get involved with EENA because of her environmental education and interpretation major.

"If it rains we will move to the

The fish tale behind aquaculture revealed

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A national workshop for those in the aquaculture industry entitled "The Four P's - Practices, Presentation, Promotion and the Press - Saving Your Business and Your Markets" will be held May 20 on the UW-Madison campus by the National Aquaculture Association.

The workshop, sponsored by several Wisconsin universities including the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, is being offered in an effort to give aquaculture producers accurate information about the absence of exotic diseases and invasive species within aquaculture farm practices.

Linda Odierno, representative of the National Aquaculture Association, said that a lot of bad information about aquaculture gets out on the internet and statistics are taken out of context by internet groups.

"These workshops are trying to help people answer different questions that come from all these different groups," said Odierno. "It's an opportunity for people to ask frank questions about their concerns in working in aquaculture."

Odierno gave examples of statistics that were taken out of context in a study dealing with harmful chemicals in fish. The study showed that farm fish had higher level of the chemicals than wild fish, which was reported by many different groups very negatively. What wasn't reported though, was that the levels in the farm fish were still well above Food and Drug Administration standards.

While the workshop will primarily deal with ways in which those in the U.S. aquaculture industry can shed a more favorable light on the industry, there will also be sessions addressing the challenges U.S. growers face in competing with inexpensive imports and foreign producers as well as giving growers the skills they need to communicate with local law makers on aquaculture topics. Odierno thinks that local aquaculture could have a very bright future within the environmental movement.

"We import 88% of all seafood we eat," said Odierno. "If we could produce more of this locally, we would produce more jobs - some economists say for every farm job there are four jobs within the community." Odierno also said that if we produced more

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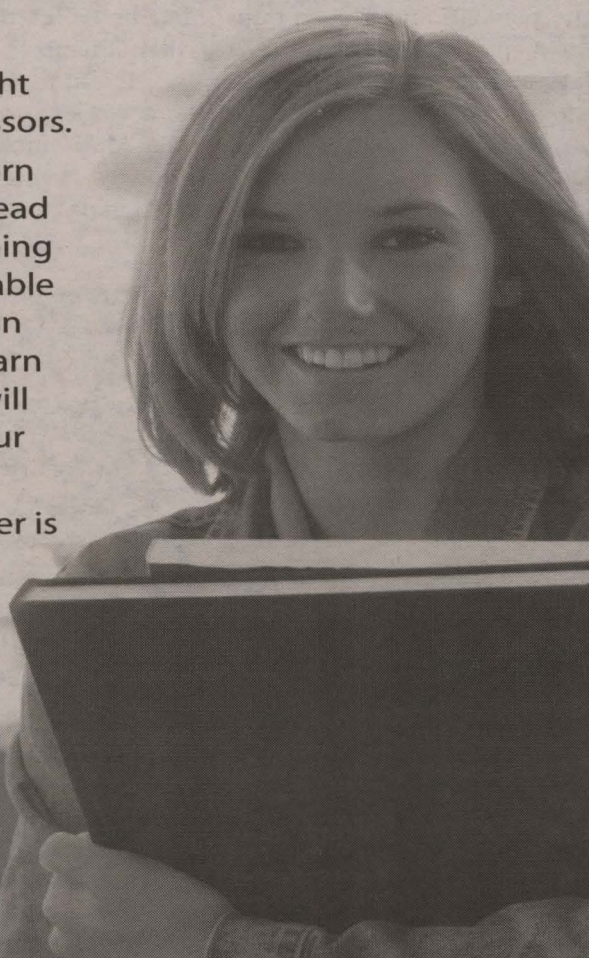
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Last weekend, Outdoor EdVentures hosted University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students on a horseback riding trip to the Wild West Corral in Amherst, Wis.

Thirteen students participated in the trip last Saturday, which was

For others, it was just nice to get outside. "The best part of the trip was probably just the nice weather we had, not too warm and not too cold with just enough sun," said Matthew Gross.

The group did hit a few snags on the trip though, as the Wild West Corral was running pretty late with their scheduled start times for rides. "We had a long wait before we could go riding, so we spent a lot of time petting and feeding the pastured horses. We played with

"My favorite part of the trip was actually learning how to horseback ride seeing as this was my first time."

— Knapton

originally supposed to be a camping trip as well but was shortened to a day-long trip, and it was a positive opportunity for attendants. For Shara Krans, a UWSP student participant, the trip was especially meaningful.

"When I was 16, my family spent the summer on my grandfather's farm who had a retired farm horse named Ben that had been put out to pasture," she said, "I liked to take Ben out for rides every evening, and I really loved the experience of working with him. I haven't been on a horse since, so I jumped at the chance to go on a horseback riding trip."

Though some people on the trip were more experienced like Krans, the trip was enjoyable for others as well. Zackery Knapton went on the trip because he is the Outdoor EdVentures photographer. "My favorite part of the trip was actually learning how to horseback ride seeing as this was my first time...I went on the trip mainly to take pictures, but I enjoy all of the OE trips," said Knapton.

the campground's golden retrievers, explored and played board games," said Krans. This waiting time was even the best part of the trip for some people like Jacob Cox who went on the trip.

"My favorite part of the trip was while waiting to go on the ride I got to play tetherball," said Cox. Overall, there was something to enjoy for everyone on the trip and Outdoor EdVentures counts it as a success. "Everything about the trip was a ridiculous yet funny story," said Gross.

Outdoor EdVentures' next outing is an upcoming canoe trip on the Plover River from Jordan Park to Iverson Park. Outdoor EdVentures' office is in the basement of the Allen Center in room 002 and is open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

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seafood locally, there would be much less transportation involved and thus a much smaller carbon footprint.

Another benefit to U.S. aquaculture that will be outlined in the workshop is that regulations on fish farming in the U.S. control and maintain a high quality of fish as well as the idea that the average consumer likes to buy local products and know where something was produced.

The workshop will be held May 20, at UW-Madison from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include a perch lunch provided by Coolwater Farms. There is no fee for this workshop; however, preregistration is required and can be done online at www.wisconsinaquaculture.com.

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deployed as a combat medic in Iraq.

Like Rinartz, Haigh said he had a difficult time readjusting to academics after Army life. "I noticed the age difference right away. And it took me a minute to get in school mode. My math scores were ridiculously bad."

Haigh said he remains committed to the Army's efforts and plans to serve the obligatory 20 years needed to retire as a career soldier. Yet, he is no longer interested in the front-line medical work that once attracted him.

"I chose to become a medic because I wanted to help people. In combat, I was a soldier first and a medic second. I saw too much," said Haigh.

He said that if people are interested in enlisting in the military or participating in ROTC, they should have concrete reasons for joining and be willing to make a long-term commitment.

"If you're going to do it, do your homework. Recruiters might tell you what they think you want to hear. Know what you're getting into. Then be all in or all out," said Haigh.

From "Stauber" pg.1

During Stauber's work with concerned citizens fighting against the Monsanto Corporation, a PR firm sent a spy to the Monsanto meetings to hear what the businesses, consumers and mothers were saying about the Bovine Growth Hormone that Monsanto was genetically engineering and injecting into cows.

"It shocked me so much that a PR firm would do that. I was embarrassed that it happened to me," said Stauber.

Stauber started the Center for Media Democracy and PR Watch magazine in 1993 in Madison, WI. The organization was started to turn the tables and expose PR firms. The main emphasis of the organization is investigating and countering spin by corporations, industries and government agencies that affect the vitality of our democratic processes.

Stauber criticized the Heartland Institute as a classic front group. Front groups are organizations that appear to be independent or charitable organizations but are actually a shell corporation or shield to a parent company. Heartland Institute is a prime example due to the fact that it has received contributions from companies such as Exxon Mobil, tobacco companies and energy companies.

The Center for Media and Democracy sponsors Source Watch, a website that exposes global warming front groups who claim to be non-profit, but receive profits from organizations whose products contribute global warming.

"Propaganda is very relevant in the United States and is code for PR," said Stauber.

Stauber gives great respect to Edward Bernays, one of the first American pioneers in the field of PR. Bernays believed that the manipulation of public opinion was a necessary part of democracy because most people are too dumb to think for themselves so they have other people to do it for them.

Most Americans would like to think they have freedom of speech and control of their own ideas. With so many organizations using PR in our society it is becoming more difficult to decipher between what is a person's original idea or a company's idea about a service or product.

With the decline of newspapers and the growth of PR in America it is a difficult task to interpret the meanings behind the advertisements we are swamped with on a daily basis.

"It's hard because PR practitioners outweigh journalists, so the real question is how you get the journalists. Getting stuff out in an age when journalism is in massive decline is becoming more difficult," said Stauber.

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Sports

Tree climbing: A thing of the past

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With the knowledge that a boy spends the majority of his childhood days climbing trees, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point chose to offer a major that allows the now men to relive their childhood as a career.

The Student Society of Arboriculture is an organization on campus that gives students hands-on experience in the field of urban forestry. On Saturday, April 17, SSA held the first annual collegiate climbing competition in front of the Old Main building. It could be said that many have been preparing their whole lives for such a competition even if "climbed a tree as an eight-year-old" isn't quite résumé worthy.

Students from both UWSP and Milwaukee Area Technical College competed in six events for a chance to win the top arborist monkey award, a wooden monkey hand-carved by John Wayne Farber, president of SSA. Not all, but certain monkey-like qualities are revered in the world of arboriculture, and the prize captured the finesse of a true climber.

The belayed scramble was an event in which participants climbed approximately 35 feet in a tree as fast as humanly possible. Josh Rasmussen, an urban forestry and forestry management major at UWSP and future head pruning coordinator for SSA, placed first in the event with a time of 30 seconds.

The event was Rasmussen's favorite and the competition, his first. "It made me want to compete more," said Rasmussen.

Another event required participants to throw a weighted bag into three marked tree crotches within five minutes. The secured foot lock event tested a unique climbing method where students used their feet to climb 40 vertical feet of rope without the assistance of tree limbs, which are more often than not, a climber's best friend. Andrew Gollnick of MATC placed first in both skills competitions.

While all of the other skills events were timed, the work climb



Photo by Jessi Towle

Gerard Fry of UWSP preparing to make a cut during the work climb skills event. Fry took second place overall at the first annual collegiate climbing competition.

event tested performance and acted as a practical application for those pursuing careers in urban forestry. Students were expected to climb a tree and ring three bells using both a handsaw and pole saw to demonstrate their skill and form. Gollnick also placed first in this event.

Students were also scored on two written portions of the competition which tested general knowledge and equipment.

Gollnick placed first overall and rightfully claimed the top arborist monkey award. Gerard Fry of UWSP took second place and Tim Reiter, also of UWSP, took third.

"Out of 70-some urban forestry majors, only four competed...that's pretty poor considering we're the largest urban forestry school in the Midwest," said Rasmussen. Although outnumbered, the four proudly represented SSA and UWSP.

The foot lock event was a favorite of UWSP's Mark Ryskiewicz, who will take on the role of inventory officer of SSA next year. He viewed his participation in the competition as a way of networking and preparing for the Tree Care Industry Association conference. TCIA holds annual conferences which allow

students to meet future employers and other climbers. Both TCIA and International SSA host national student competitions.

"The work climb was really fun and the most realistic because you weren't going for speed but efficiency," said Reiter, current head pruning coordinator for SSA. Reiter encourages others to participate in similar events because "you get to meet people from other schools and learn from them."

Other schools like Mid-State were previously at an advantage because of the hands-on experience offered in the classroom. Students at UWSP primarily rely on organizations like SSA for practical work experience. Competitions like the one held on Saturday bring students up to speed so they can continue to represent UWSP positively.

The location of the event will be determined every year by the school which the overall winner attends. Next year, the competition will be held in Milwaukee. While the top arborist monkey award currently resides at MATC, UWSP students will have the chance to win next year in a game of monkey see, monkey do.

Track and field teams head to the Drake Relays

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's and women's track and field teams will travel to Des Moines, Iowa, to compete in the Drake Relays on Friday and Saturday.

Preparation for the relays took place during the months leading up to this point, said men's assistant coach Joshua Kujawa.

"During the week we can only make sure the guys are recovered enough to perform well this weekend," Kujawa said.

"The Drake Relays are the most prestigious meet in the Midwest. The men and women will race in front of a crowd of over 20,000 people with over 8,000 other participants, including some professional athletes," said women's assistant coach Megan Craig.

Lolo Jones, Christian Cantwell, Stacy Dragila, Amy Acuff and Alan Web are a few big names that have been to the meet in the past.

"We, as a team, are going into the relays trying to compete to the best of our capabilities," said junior Nick Dax, participant in sprinting events. "We all want to do well and represent our school. We are preparing ourselves by looking at this as a normal meet trying to improve ourselves as well as our times."

"At a big meet like Drake, mental preparation is just as important as physical," said Kujawa. "As a coach, I will try to prepare the underclassmen for the stresses of the Drake Relays. The huge crowd, top-notch competition and even the mystique of the meet itself can be stressful."

"We put in a lot of hard work, and this part of the outdoor season is where we start to reap the benefits of all our efforts," said Dax.

Kujawa said he believes that of the athletes they are taking to Drake, any of them have the ability to perform really well.

"We are bringing a very talented group; some of the best in the country in Division III," Kujawa said.

"Not only is this a track meet, it's a whole week-long celebration on the campus with a parade, a road race marathon and a carnival during the meet. It truly is an honor to qualify to race at this one and we are all excited," Craig said.

The teams continue to prepare for the conference and national championships as the season progresses according to Kujawa.

"In a way, the meets leading up to our conference and national meets

A team-by-team MLB rundown, way too early edition

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We're only two and a half weeks into the baseball season, meaning nothing can be set in stone just yet. Regardless, it's never too early to look at how everyone's doing so far, and then attach a silly ranking to them. Records are as of Tuesday's games.

30. Baltimore Orioles (2-13). There's not a lot of good to say right now. Instead, I'll recommend watching the television series "The Wire," its set in Baltimore and one of the best shows I've ever seen.

Moving on.

29. Houston Astros (4-9). The Astros are last in every major offensive category in the National League. But hey, Lance Berkman just came off the disabled list, so there's that.

28. Kansas City Royals (5-9). Zack Greinke got horrible run support last season and won the Cy Young Award. Naturally, he's been struggling this year while the offense ranks in the top five of every major offensive category in the American League.

27. New York Mets (6-8). They have called up minor league prospect Ike Davis to generate excitement around this team. Again, we're only two and a half weeks into the season.

26. Chicago White Sox (5-9). The best thing about their slow start? Manager Ozzie Guillen has to answer for it, meaning gems like this: "If the fans are mad at me...just one thing, figure it out, how many people we hold here? 50,000 people? 50,000 people please come here and boo me because at least we're going to have people in the stands."

25. Cincinnati Reds (6-8). The most exciting news from the Reds this year: pitcher Edinson Volquez was served a 50-game suspension for

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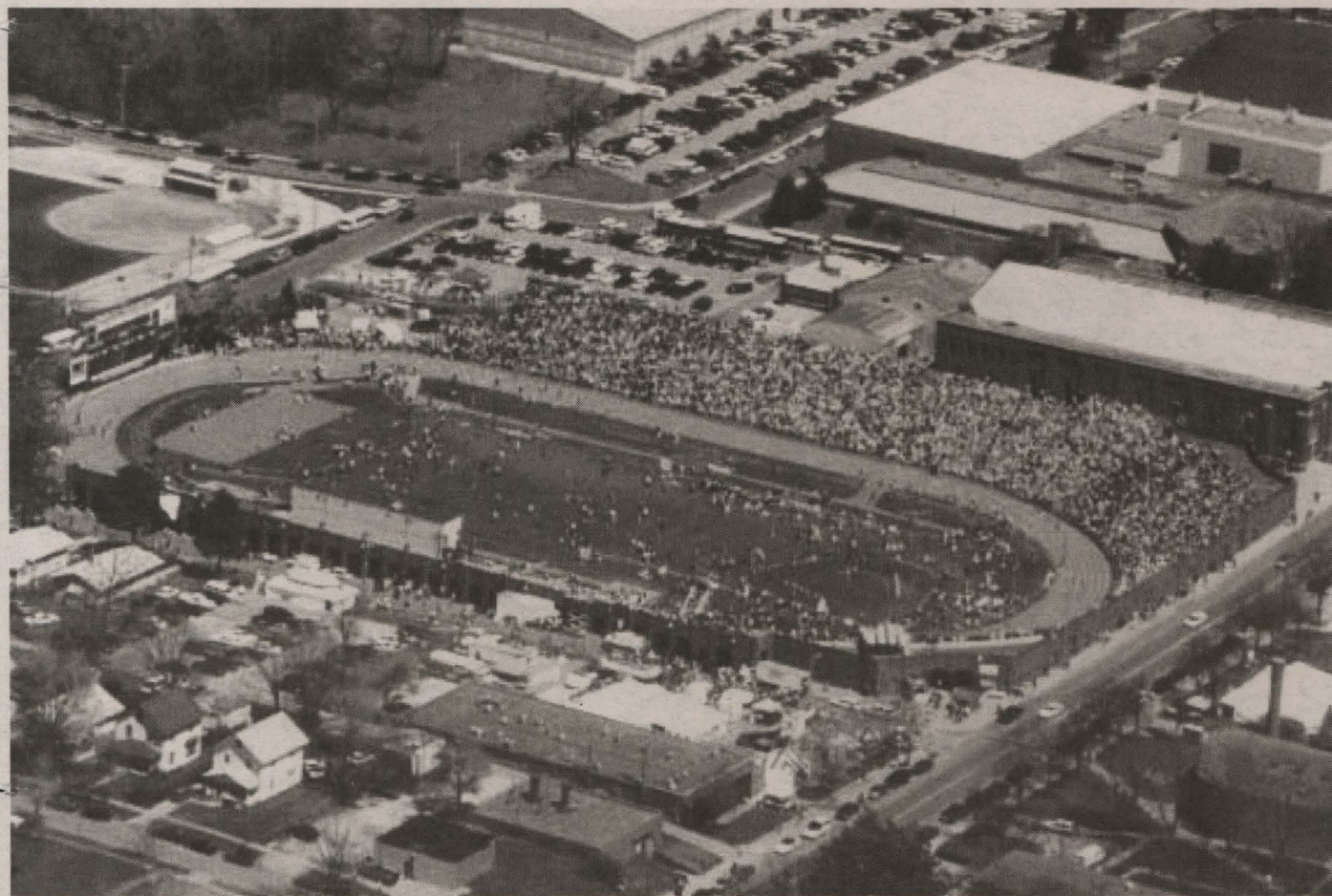


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The Pointer track and field teams will be competing at the Drake Relays this weekend.

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are simply preparation. Conference and nationals are really the only time during the season where our team placing really reflects our ability," Kujawa said.

Last weekend the men's and

women's teams competed at the Augustana Invitational in Rock Island, Ill. The men took fourth place out of eleven teams while the women took second out of ten teams.

"Overall, the meet was a success

in terms of our vision and where we see ourselves going," said Kujawa. "We had six guys get national qualifying marks: David Litsheim and Adam Lang for the 800 meter, Joel Heroux for the 10,000 meter run, Tim Thornburg for the 3,000 meter steeplechase and Jerry Prusinski and Mike Schlichting for the hammer throw."

Craig said that most girls on the team had a season's best at the meet and a few qualified for nationals. The best performance of the night was sophomore Claire Roberts, winning the 1500 meter race and breaking the school record in the process, while qualifying for nationals with a nation's-best time of 4:29.29.

The women national qualifiers include senior Liz Caine for the 200 meter dash, the 4x400 meter relay team of Liz Caine, Chelsea Czarnecki, Kristen Kuber and Kathleen Folbrecht and Kelly Haen for the 10,000 meter run, she is now ranked ninth in the country for that event.

The conference championships for track and field will take place May 7 and 8 at UW-River Falls. Nationals are May 27 through May 29 in Cleveland, Ohio.

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testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance on Tuesday. Whoops.

24. Arizona Diamondbacks (6-8). I can't say much about this team, but did you know the diamondback rattlesnake is the largest rattlesnake in North America? I hope your mind is blown.

23. Milwaukee Brewers (6-7). Things I would rather watch on TV instead of a Doug Davis start: Applebee's commercials, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and Lopez Tonight simultaneously (in picture and picture.) Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern and those weird teenage pregnancy shows; I don't enjoy Doug Davis's pitching.

22. Chicago Cubs (5-9). Unrest and inconsistency; everything seems to be going pretty much according to schedule here.

21. Washington Nationals (7-7). I know they copied the Brewers' sausage races, but seeing the mammoth-sized heads of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln running around is still pretty entertaining to me.

20. Cleveland Indians (6-7). Honestly, why would anyone in Cleveland be paying attention to the Indians right now with Lebron and the Cavaliers in the playoffs? There are bigger things at hand here. Although, if Shin-Soo Choo continues to hit like this...no, nevermind, it's all about Lebron.

19. Pittsburgh Pirates (7-6). This was highlighted in ESPN's Power Rankings but it bears repeating: The Pirates are 7-6 with a run differential of minus-29! What the hell?

18. Texas Rangers (5-8). Wouldn't it be cool if someone's last name on this team was Walker? They could walk around saying, "Hi, I'm _____ Walker, Texas Ranger." It'd be better than Jarrod Saltalamacchia, Texas Ranger, that's for sure.

17. Boston Red Sox (5-9). During the offseason, Boston focused on upgrading defensively. This Monday, with newly-acquired Mike Cameron out of the lineup, ex-Brewer Bill Hall, while running full speed, forgot about and consequently smashed into the centerfield wall going after a home run. I thought this was a good metaphor for the Sox's season at this point.

16. San Diego Padres (8-6). Earlier this week, David Eckstein hit a walk-off home run. This could be a sign for a surprisingly decent year for the Padres, or it could be remembered as the single best moment of their entire season. I think I know what I'll guess.

15. Seattle Mariners (8-7). I like the team they're putting together, plus they have Ken Griffey, Jr. Seattle is where he should've been all along.

14. Los Angeles Dodgers (6-7). So, word is that Matt Kemp is dating Rihanna. That's all well and good, but wouldn't it be much more entertaining if she were dating Manny Ramirez instead? Really, anything is more entertaining with Manny Ramirez.

13. Los Angeles Angels (8-7). World Series MVP Hideki Matsui has picked up where he left off last November, meaning he is raking. I have to say, I miss Godzilla a lot more than I thought I would.

12. Toronto Blue Jays (9-6). The Jays aren't going to play well this season and force me to pay attention,

are they? Without Roy Halladay, I was planning on ignoring them.

11. Colorado Rockies (7-7). I'm no Buster Olney, but after I heard Ubaldo Jimenez threw a no-hitter, I thought, "Oh yeah, that guy was supposed to be pretty good, wasn't he?" It's kind of weird to wonder how this knowledge got into my head without me knowing it. I blame ESPN.

10. Detroit Tigers (7-7). Boy, does this team have a potentially dominant lineup. It was nice of them to try and counteract this by putting Dontrelle Willis in the rotation.

9. Florida Marlins (8-6). Since I'm bringing up a lot of former Brewers, how about Wes Helms: professional hitter? Well, professional pinch hitter, more likely, but check it: in 13 at-bats, he's hitting .462 with an on-base percentage of .533. Maybe he's the next Matt Stairs.

8. Atlanta Braves (8-5). We were hearing about Jason Heyward's brilliance before spring training, more during spring training, and now that he's taking off in the majors we're going to be hearing about this guy a lot. A lot. One more time, we are only two and a half weeks into the season.

7. Oakland Athletics (9-6). For a guy nobody wanted last season, Ben Sheets has pitched serviceably early this year. I can see the rest of his campaign ending in one of two ways: returning to his old form and pissing every Brewer fan off since he couldn't keep it together in Milwaukee, or more likely, a return to his rightful spot on the disabled list. Admittedly, that was an easy one.

6. San Francisco Giants (8-6). One of the craziest Tim Lincecum stats that I've seen: When he gets at least four runs of support, his career record

is 30-0.

5. St. Louis Cardinals (9-5). A scary team, yet boring to write about because simply put, they're good. Pujols, Holliday, Wainwright, Carpenter; all first-rate, you don't need me to tell you that.

4. Minnesota Twins (10-4). You know the commercial with Joe Mauer for MLB 10 The Show? During his banter with the Sony guy, the subject of the two fishing in Mexico comes up, which the Sony guy denies happening by saying, "I'm not even allowed in Mexico." I always wonder why that is.

3. Philadelphia Phillies (8-5). Watching Roy Halladay pitch in the National League is looking like it will be similar to the episode of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" when Charlie flips out at a youth basketball game and starts throwing elbows and blocking shots into the bleachers. Halladay is probably not deranged like Charlie, but his dominance could be just as comical.

2. Tampa Bay Rays (10-4). Pitching is rolling, hitting is rolling, but it would be a shame if things go south and a guy like Carl Crawford gets traded later this season, to I don't know, a team like the Yankees. Such a shame that would be.

1. New York Yankees (10-3). Really, I tried to avoid it, but even Javier Vazquez got a win Tuesday and I have to be somewhat objective I guess. This means the impending five-game losing streak is my fault. But that's okay with you, I'd imagine.

Arts & Culture

Copper Fountain Festival set to give back to students

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University of Wisconsin Stevens Point's Centertainment Productions will host the 14th annual Copper Fountain Festival on May 14 in lot Z on the UWSP campus.

This end of the year party is to thank students for their dedication to Centertainment Productions by having a free event where they can relax, enjoy music and connect with student organizations, all of which are welcome to set up a table and sell fundraiser items.

Christine Klopotic, Public Relations Coordinator for Centertainment Productions, said there are a lot of great things about the festival.

"The musicians this year are fantastic—how often do you get to see nationally acclaimed performers at a free concert in Stevens Point," said Klopotic, "Also, we're going to have some really awesome prizes to give away for people who attend—and everyone who comes will get a free mug."

The music lineup for the festival includes musicians with different styles to appeal to everyone. Mike Droho and the Compass Rose, a Madison band with elements of rock, indie, classical, acapella, R&B and hip-hop, will play from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Front-man Mike Droho said the band is getting amped up for the performance.

"I'm excited about most performances we do; that's just the way I am—I live to perform and entertain, but of all the shows I've done at UWSP, I've always appreciated the

quality of the production put into the shows," said Droho, "We end up sounding great and feeling even better."

Droho's band just played at South By Southwest, the legendary music festival in Austin, TX, and is booked regionally until August, when they will be releasing a live album.

"Come out and see what we're up to; I can promise you that you've never quite seen anything like it," said Droho. Tour dates and other information can be found at Mikedroho.com

The other musicians performing

are Pat McCurdy, who has opened for artists such as Cheap Trick, Kansas, and the Proclaimers and has toured across the nation, will play from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Random Lama, a band from Madison with an acoustic/indie folk sound who often cover music from Dispatch and Jack Johnson, will play from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The festival changes every year, and this year is no different according to Klopotic.

"The festival is special this year because we're really trying to give back to the students more than we have in the past—we have Pepsi, Miller and

U.S. Bank as our main sponsors this year," said Klopotic, "Also, since next fall we will be releasing a new look for Centertainment Productions, this year's festival really marks a start to a new beginning."

The festival is geared towards students but is open and free to everyone—standard charges will be applied for soda and beer with valid ID.



Photo courtesy of Mike Droho and the Compass Rose

Mike Droho and the Compass Rose are all set to perform at Copper Fountain Festival May 14.

Studying abroad in Stevens Point: West meets East

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For most students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, orientation is an all too familiar rite of passage, that transition from the comforts of home to the gradual responsibilities of adulthood. But what if home was not a block away, not a town away and not even a state away? Such is the waking reality faced by the international student.

But how much does the resident

student body contribute to soothing any fears of alienation? Kanishka Bhattacharyya, a freshman who hails from Calcutta, India, concedes that though it may be due to the rural nature of the campus, UWSP has certainly lived up to its reputation as a welcoming community.

"People are really caring and really open to their feelings. I feel that if you walk down the street you greet people whom you don't know, I really like this thing. When you're standing in a line you just start a conversation with a person whom you've never met and will probably never meet,"

said Bhattacharyya. "People want to talk all the time. I really like that."

Though sophomore Ping Ping Lai, a native of Shenzhen, China, may find a few oddities in the clash of cultures, such as the easily satisfied American appetite or the religious nature of the Bible belt, she agrees that this new culture is a welcoming one. Even in her studies as a business major, Lai perceives a change from the rigidity of Chinese education.

"I think here I am more free to do whatever I like, and I think students here are very creative and the professors are very impressive and they like to inspire students to do something that you have never done before. Here, I think you just need to discover something you don't think you can do before," said Lai.

Unfortunately, while

Bhattacharyya and Lai may represent the optimistic image that UWSP aims for, there are some international students who feel that a culture of intolerance brews beneath the surface.

"Some college students, they'll drive and they'll yell to us... We just ignore it though," said freshman Jun-Haeng Lee of Yong Yin, South Korea. "I feel that sometimes people are scared of me because I'm Asian, and sometimes when I play v-ball, when I see their faces, they look like they are trying to avoid me. They look kinda scared. Sometimes I feel like I'm an animal in a zoo."

"I don't think they know us well, and that's the biggest reason why they feel scared because they don't

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From "West Meets East" Pg. 9

know about us well; our thinking, our culture. So, they have to guess about us, and they clearly think bad of us. I'd also feel scared in my country if I saw some foreign student or a foreign worker in my country, but actually they'd also be scared of me."

Yuka Yamaoka, a senior and political science major who had transferred in 2008 from UWSP's sister school, Dokkyo University in Saitama, Japan, believes that even though the racism that she encounters takes on a more passive form, it nevertheless disillusioned many international students, discouraging them even in the classroom.

"You have to speak up. You have to say what you have in your mind. If you don't say no, they will assume you say yes. Most of the Japanese people, or at least me, just keep it quiet and if I don't like it, I still don't say no," said Yamaoka. "Sometimes in the class, if you don't speak English well enough, some people won't even try to understand. It's really hard. They know I'm Japanese, and if I speak well enough they might understand it, but they don't want to understand it."

While Yuka believes that students, especially freshmen, hold these attitudes; the local community cannot be faulted. It is in the classroom, where Yuka feels most uneasy.

"Sometimes in American politics or American literature class, they're not respectful of other cultures. Depends on the class. They speak about what they think, what they know about. They may have never been to other countries or seen other cultures, but they say America is always right. If I say something, maybe from a Japanese perspective, I say it's wrong, they'll say it's right, 'You're in America, you'll have to adapt.'"

Perhaps these attitudes in relating to foreign students may explain why even in this great "mixing pot," the majority of international students

From "bus" pg. 11

for traffic enforcement and whether patrol shifts were short of officers due to vacation, training, sick leave or family leave, said Dowling.

From September 2008 through February 2009 there were 67 arrests in the city for operating under the influence of an intoxicant. From September 2009 through February 25, 2010, there were 37 arrests.

Dowling said that during the 2008/2009 time period, 12 drivers were under the influence of alcohol when involved in an accident out of a total of 326 accidents, which is 3.7 percent, while during the 2009/2010 time period, 15 drivers were under the influence of alcohol out of 633 accidents, which is 2.4 percent.

"Because of a number of variables, I would feel more comfortable having three full years of data before reaching any conclusion," said Dowling.

In addition to drinking and driving, the late night bus service is

choose to self segregate instead of assimilate. Or perhaps the answer simply lies with the student's willingness to assimilate. In any event, the life of an international student is not without its own set of challenges.

also intended to take people off of the streets and sidewalks between the downtown and university area with the intention of reducing theft and disorderly behavior, said Dowling.

Lemke said records show that the first two riders on the late night transit were two young women coming home from a friend's house and they didn't want to walk alone in the dark because of potential dangers. "The safety aspect is incredible," said Lemke.

Many anticipate the program will last. "The bus benefits the community, so I definitely think it will be around for a long time," said DeWitt.

Students pay an additional \$2.44 to their tuition per semester to keep the Late Night Bus running. This total is based on an 8,500-student enrollment.

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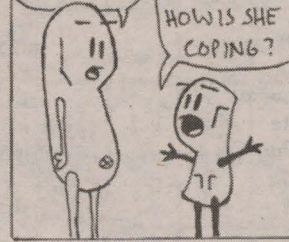
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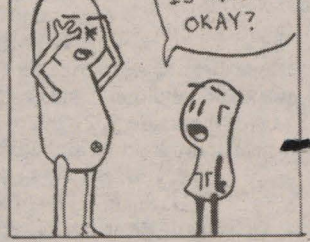
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by Bryan Novak



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Sudoku 9x9 - Puzzle 3 of 5 - Hard

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