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## Nason Family Scholarship awarded

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Student Support Services held the third annual Nason Scholarship Reception on Monday, Feb. 22 in the Founders Room of Old Main.

Kristin Johnson and Stephen Engerman were each awarded \$500 for being the recipients of the Nason Family Scholarship. Johnson said, "The scholarship is like someone gives you a free car and they pay you to drive it."

Engerman found out about the program by accident. While looking for support through disability services, Engerman stumbled upon SSS and was able to enroll in the Education 105 course which still helps him to this day.

Engerman gives special thanks to academic counselor, Roxanne Schuster, who has played a prominent role in his success in college. "It is an honor to receive this scholarship and to be involved with people who care so much about students' success," said Engerman.

Johnson, a junior biology major, is leaning toward a career in wildlife biology. She is involved in many clubs and activities on campus including Women's Cross Country, Wildlife and

Campus Crusade for Christ.

"SSS has also made a big impact on my education outside of the Education 105 course. I was able to get tutoring too for all of my tougher classes at no cost," said Johnson.

The Nason Family Scholarship was started in December 2007 by Victoria and Charles Nason. "SSS was one of the reasons I was able to succeed in school so I want to give back to the program to ensure other students have the same opportunities that I was afforded," said Victoria Nason.

Charles Nason, president of Worzalla Publishing Co., has been very involved in the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Campus. "These students are sensational young people who need a break and it is very important to be giving back to the community."

SSS is a subsidiary which is part of the Multicultural Affairs program. Multicultural Affairs' main goal is to conduct activities and provide services which enhance cultural diversity at UW-Stevens Point. "I believe in SSS and the students that we work with. The Nasons have done a great service by aiding these students with their financial endeavors," said Ron Strege, Multicultural Affairs Director.

SSS is a program at UWSP designed to increase the retention and

graduation rates of disadvantaged students. SSS assists students through specialized advising, counseling, tutoring and study skills instructions.

Melvyn Rousseau, director of SSS, has been working in the office for over 20 years and has been a guide to many students that have come through the program. "I feel that our program helps students who may not have a 4.0 GPA but put in the effort based off their ability and become involved on campus," said Rousseau.

Debra Getzloff, program Assistant of SSS, was chairman of the committee that selected the two students to be awarded the Nason Family Scholarship. Getzloff said, "The students involvement in our program and their contribution in other student organizations were the differences that separated them from the rest of the finalists."

SSS and the Nason family are working to provide an outreach for students who are disadvantaged. They are granting students opportunities that otherwise may not be available for them. "SSS programs are such a benefit because they help students with academic difficulties and are truly concerned with the well-being of the students," said Interim Chancellor Mark Nook.

## SGA: Next generation lacks participation

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With this semester being the last for key Student Government Association staff, such as President Scott Asbach and Vice-President Nathaniel Schultz, all eyes at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point have naturally turned towards who their possible successors will be. Or have they? Recently, a general lack of response brings the future of the SGA into question.

Though Asbach looks forward to passing the torch, it has been a challenge finding someone to continue his work with the SGA. "It seems like I only know of one group running; the rest are kind of up in the air," said Asbach. "I'm signing sheets left and right for them to support them, but I don't know if they'll turn it in."

While the numbers may sound discouraging, it should be worth noting that historically speaking, UW-Stevens Point has had a full senate only once, when then SGA faculty advisor John Jury promised to shave his mustache if there was to be a full senate, and promptly followed through.

Jury's successor and director of the Dreyfus University Center, Laura Ketchum-Ciftci, believes that the reason for the empty senate is two-fold: "The nature of a college student

is they're here for a college degree, and that's where they need to put their emphasis," said Ketchum-Ciftci.

On the other hand, Ketchum-Ciftci believed that the problem was not exclusive to UW-Stevens Point, or any academic environment for that matter. Instead, she believed that mirroring the politics of a national level, the contained social prism of the SGA senate carries with it much of the same problems.

"It's the same question, I think, that we have in regards to involvement on the citizenship level; how many people really vote, how many people are involved in political positions," said Ketchum-Ciftci. "It's the same topic, but you have other things that take away from your direct involvement in politics... It is a problem no matter where you go, but it is something you need to strive to improve."

Still, the SGA has 'Improved', believe some current members of the SGA. Remaining optimistic, SGA staff, such as Schultz, believes that all things considered, not only is the SGA slowly increasing in size, but in diversity as well.

"We just added six new senators, so that's a big thing. We actually have a good size," said Schultz. "I think we're at 21 last semester, and that's nine shy, which isn't a whole senate but students are students first and... it explains why you're here. It's a long commitment, to be honest, with the SGA, and it's not paid, so there's a tradeoff."

"I think we have a very diverse group this year. It's very important that we have different concepts and different ideas brought to the lobby... I've had five side votes so far this year; I don't know if this is common for SGA, but it wasn't last year."

Yet the many students who make up this year's diverse SGA may soon graduate, as is the case with the executive branch, and so the question then remains: how does the SGA intend to proceed?

"It's hard after second semester, when you have people that graduate and you are trying to replace the numbers into the spring semester. And then people start getting, especially if they are close to graduating, interviewing for grad schools and getting resumes ready," said Ketchum-Ciftci. "But the positive thing is if we can get some of those younger people involved, they'll carry through then till next year."

A younger group of senators, though unusual for the SGA, is believed to be the most viable option, and perhaps one that comes with its own set of challenges.

"The senate is fairly young this year, trying to recruit them into the body has been what some of the goal has been. They're all young, which is great," said Ketchum-Ciftci. "Just like anything, they'll be inexperienced, but you have that with college students unfortunately..."

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## News

## UWSP Online Journal Accepting Submissions

CAMPUS  
BEATTRUE ACCOUNTS  
FROM UW-SP'S  
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SECURITY OFFICERS

**Feb. 19, 2010**  
**00:48**  
**May Roach Hall**  
**TYPE: DRINK**

CA from May Roach called to inform Protective Services that an individual in one of the rooms was highly intoxicated. The roommate would not be home until late and requested PS to see if the person was okay. At 1:43 am both officers left the scene and the individual was left in the hands of the roommate.

**Feb. 19, 2010**  
**01:57**  
**Neale Hall**  
**TYPE: TRESPASS**

CA from Neale called to inform PS about a gentleman who was on the premises. He was then restrained in Neale Hall on the 3rd floor kitchen by the Hall Director. The officers on duty were then dispatched to the scene. Five minutes later the Neale hall director called to inform PS that she had escorted him out of the building and that PS was no longer needed. The individual is not allowed to have any contact on campus. When the hall director of Neale was addressed she stated that "she just told him to leave."

**Feb. 19, 2010**  
**17:05**  
**Parking Lot Q**  
**TYPE: DRINK**

An officer reported stopping an individual in lot Q who had thrown a beer bottle.

**Feb. 20, 2010**  
**11:51**  
**South Hall**  
**TYPE: DRUG**

The hall manager of South Hall called to report the smell of marijuana.

**Feb. 22, 2010**  
**15:40**  
**Parking Lot J**  
**TYPE: THEFT**

A report was made about a theft from a vehicle between February 16 and February 18.

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Seeking to formalize the work of students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the upcoming edition of the UWSP Online Journal has finally commenced the process of accepting student submissions. Yet despite the April deadline drawing near, only one submission has been made so far.

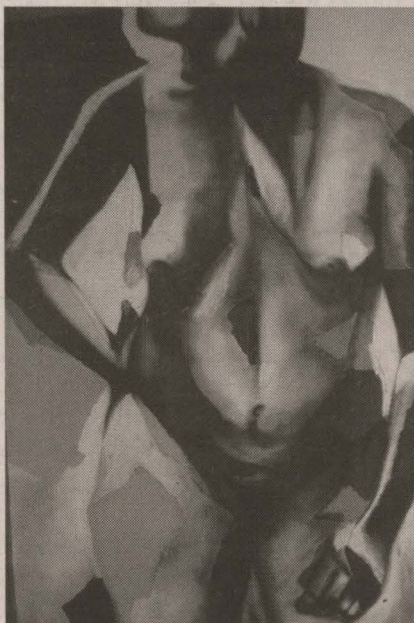
Now in its eighth year, the UWSP Online Journal, begun by Charles Clark, associate dean of the college of letters and science, has unfortunately suffered from a lack of community awareness. With previous volumes each averaging under a dozen entries, it should come as little surprise that this tightly woven collection of student work, ranging from essays to dance, suffers not so much from excessive standards, but low submission numbers.

"It isn't widely known about," said Daryl Fahrner, whose essay on 'The Mayan City of Palenque' was published in last year's volume. "It's a much simpler means of getting something published though, and is still well received on an academic resume."

Padding on an academic resume, however, is not enough of a draw for students, a number of whom were not even aware that they had been published: "I actually didn't know that my work was entered as part of that article," said Shimon Croxton, whose untitled artwork had been published in last year's volume.

"If students who are published in the Online Journal get positive feedback on their work, that would be the best reward," said Ron

Tschida, who began in January as the current co-editor of the UWSP Online Journal. However, contributors to previous volumes received little, if any, feedback from their publication.



Alyson Poepeke's untitled submission to the UWSP online Journal.

Alyson Poepeke, another contributor of an untitled artwork in the previous volume commented: "I don't think the publicity it receives now reaches that broad of an audience. I haven't heard any feedback about that particular piece since it has been published." Agreeing with Poepeke, Fahrner concurred that no feedback had been received following the publication of her artwork either.

It would seem that the UWSP Online Journal itself suffers from a lack of awareness even amongst the faculty, where current co-editor Sue Windjue had only discovered it by chance.

"The Online Journal was a resource I was not aware of. When I read in 'Message of the Day' that

the Online Journal was in need of a managing editor, I looked at the Web site to learn more," said Windjue.

"One challenge is finding faculty members within every college to serve as college-level editors to help students get their work ready for publication," said Tschida.

Yet considering that the UWSP Online Journal is still in its relative infancy, one should expect that with time, perhaps this altruistic effort will certainly reflect the hard efforts of students in the UWSP community.

"For me, being able to provide students a resource that will help them pursue further studies, or future employment, is very rewarding," said Windjue. "The Online Journal is easy to navigate and fun, which I think gives it potential to become a very productive tool for students."

Contributors also enjoy the merits of publication, be they professional as mentioned above, or for the simple enjoyment of being a "claim-to-fame." "I was very happy and excited to get my work published, as I had never had anything published before," said Poepeke, who advises that students should encourage the growth of the UWSP Online Journal, both for themselves, and for the sake of the community. "Even if you're not sure you have a shot at getting your work published, go for it anyway; it's a great opportunity that you don't want to pass up."

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## L&S Research Symposium: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

We are pleased to announce the 11th Annual College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Research Symposium to be held on Friday, April 30, 2010 in the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Science Building A wing from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.

We invite all UWSP students enrolled in 2009/10 with a Letters and Science faculty sponsor to submit an abstract. Faculty members are urged to encourage student participation. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to gain experience giving professional presentations of their scholarly work and for all members of the UWSP community to learn about the exciting work that our students are doing.

Participation may consist of oral or poster presentations and may include creative projects. Interested students should submit electronic copies of their abstracts to their faculty sponsors by no later than March 30. Abstracts must be 1800 characters or less. The abstracts must include 1) the title and type (oral or poster) of the presentation; 2) the name of the author(s), faculty sponsor(s) and department; and 3) a brief description of the research with a

summary of the major findings.

Upon review and approval, the faculty sponsor will then submit the abstract electronically by April 3 on our submission Web site, which will be up and running in the very near future. April 3 is the cutoff date for abstracts to be published on the College of Letters and Science web page and in the Symposium program. Please note that faculty submission of abstracts is required, as this confirms that a faculty member has approved the project.

The submission instructions, along with the program and photos from last year's Symposium, may be found at the Symposium web page: [http://www.uwsp.edu/cls/symposium\\_page.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/cls/symposium_page.htm)

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# Study abroad offers new Liverpool program

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Shopping for Wellies downtown, molding plasticene in ceramics class, a scrumpy at the pub? Spot on! At least for students enrolling in the new Liverpool study abroad program offered by Study Abroad at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The program will be the eleventh semester-long program available through Study Abroad and only the fifth to be offered in both fall and spring semesters.

Students participating in the program will study at Liverpool Hope University, a liberal arts university with a 165-year history in higher education. The university enrolls over 7,500 students and offers over 50 majors for study in arts and humanities, education, business and computer studies, sciences and social sciences.

"Everybody is very excited about the program so far," said Director of Study Abroad Eric Yonke.

This excitement has grown significantly since representatives from Liverpool Hope visited UWSP for an informational meeting earlier this month.

Liverpool Hope Director of Marketing and Recruiting John McCarthy and Liverpool Hope Study Abroad Recruitment Manager Sarah Breckenridge O'Connor emphasized study abroad students' opportunity to be fully immersed in U.K. university life at Liverpool Hope. O'Connor made the distinction between programs in which students are grouped with other study abroad students in classes and residences. "You will live in residence halls with actual Hope students, not others studying abroad. In class you won't be sitting next to someone from America. They may be from Liverpool or Sheffield or Ireland. You will be basically another Hope student that happens to be from the States."

Some other perks listed by the representatives included all students

having their own room, a large, beautiful campus, free wi-fi throughout campus, freedom to take any classes they want and join any sporting clubs or student organizations.

The representatives also pointed out how much the city itself had to offer

travelled to Liverpool last Fall, agrees that Liverpool is a great place to study abroad. "The university was very welcoming and really appealed to us as a good addition to our programs in the region," he said.

The idea of having a study abroad

program goes through whether we send one or 20 students," said Yonke.

Liverpool joins London and Limerick as the third program available in the U.K. and Ireland. UWSP has offered the London program for 41 years. "It's just one more good program we can offer to students," said Koepke.

UWSP student Cassandra Jensen is one student that has already applied to study at Liverpool. "I decided to apply for this particular program because I knew that I wanted to study abroad in a program in which I was able to pick the specific courses that I wanted to take," said Jensen.

Jensen is both excited and nervous about the possibility of studying abroad. "Being immersed in a town where you may be the only American makes me nervous beyond belief. However, due to this, I know that I will be able to fully experience the culture and daily life of the British people, which is absolutely amazing. I expect to be homesick, but I also expect that it will be hard to leave after the fall semester is done. I will have just gotten comfortable with new friends, places and the perfect little cafes and then it will already be time to head back to the U.S.," said Jensen.

At the Liverpool informational meeting, O'Connor mentioned how many students pass on studying abroad thinking they can travel later after graduating. O'Connor dismissed this idea and pointed out that studying abroad is often a student's greatest regret if they don't. "When you have a job, and only two weeks vacation, and a house and a dog, it's hard to make it happen," she said.

The cost of the program is estimated at \$10,500. This includes room, board, tuition and visas. Grants and loans are available to students participating. Students interested in the program or any other study abroad opportunity can get in contact with the UWSP Study Abroad office. by e-mail, phone or just stopping by.

program in Liverpool started last fall when UWSP was approached by O'Connor, a Madison native. "We weren't searching for another program, but we kept our eyes open and this opportunity came up," said Yonke.

"We liked our Limerick program in Ireland and the options it gave to students and we wanted another similar program in the U.K.," said Koepke. Through visits to Liverpool and meeting with their representatives, Study Abroad decided to form the Liverpool program. The program has not been completely approved yet, but Study Abroad is hoping to have it fully approved sometime in March said Yonke. "I don't foresee any problems in getting it approved," he added.

The fact that Liverpool Hope offers a full range of courses similar to those at UWSP is a primary reason that the program appealed Study Abroad. Students can take any course at Liverpool as long as it is approved by the corresponding department at UWSP said Yonke. Another plus is that UWSP does not need to send a minimum number of students. "The



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Liverpool Hope students play cricket on university lawns.

to students. "It's best known as the home of the Beatles, but Liverpool has great parks and museums and fantastic cathedrals to see," said McCarthy.

Liverpool is also the home of two Premier League soccer teams and hosts other sporting events such as tennis and horse racing. The city also features numerous theatre, music and other arts events as well as great shopping and nightlife.

Liverpool's transportation systems also make it easy for students to travel to other places in the U.K. and the rest of Europe. Students can ride trains throughout the U.K. said O'Connor. "If you want to go to London for the day, just hop on a train and you'll be there in two hours," said O'Connor.

The John Lennon Airport is also only 20 minutes from Liverpool Hope. The airport features many low-cost flights to prime European destinations said O'Connor. From Liverpool, a flight to Dublin is 45 minutes, a flight to Paris only an hour and a half, Berlin just an hour, according to a Liverpool Hope brochure.

Mark Koepke, UWSP Study Abroad assistant director, who

## "Taste of Wisconsin" showcases some of State's finest

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The Basement Brewhaus in the Dreyfus University Center will be hosting their "Taste of Wisconsin" event this Friday, Feb. 26, as vendors from around the state will be offering samples of beer, cheese, wine, cranberries, meats and more.

Past vendors have included Three Lakes Winery, Russet Potatoes, Mullins Cheese, Capital Brewery, Nueske's Meats and one of every year's favorites, the Stevens Point Brewery.

Stevens Point Brewery director of marketing Julie Birrenkott said that the event is not just good for the companies that offer samples, but also for the attendees.

"From doing this event in the past,

I think just getting the word out that there are local companies that people aren't aware of helps. People who come will find all of these things they love being produced by Wisconsin companies that they may not have known about," said Birrenkott.

Birrenkott said that the showcase benefits the company by exposing the product alongside other companies from the state. She said that past "Taste of Wisconsin" events have been successful for the company and the university, with tickets selling out and the company gaining valuable feedback.

"I think it's important to showcase your brands along with fellow companies who take pride in being from Wisconsin. It allows us to reach our target audiences, which are students and other individuals over 21

who attend. I think it's important to be part of this because of that alone. It's also great to support the University and their events," said Birrenkott.

The company will also unveil their new 2012 Black Ale to visitors. The special brew won't be available in stores until March 1, so "Taste of Wisconsin" participants will get a sneak-peek at the new beer.

Director of Campus Activities and Basement Brewhaus supervisor Greg Diekroeger said that most of the work for the event is done by the student staff, including organization, contacting and selecting vendors.

"We're trying to promote the Basement Brewhaus as a unique place to hang out on campus that has products and services you can't find anywhere else on campus. We're also trying to showcase some of the unique

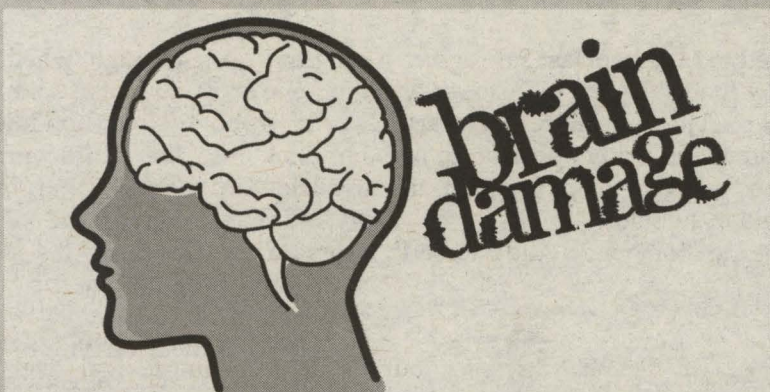
things from Wisconsin in terms of the products and the food that are produced in the state," said Diekroeger.

"I think most taste testers are willing to sample something that they've never tried before. If you didn't like it, you didn't have to invest in an entire bottle of wine, or six-pack of beer, and if you did like it, you'll be able to find it later," said Diekroeger.

Diekroeger said that the Brewhaus will be offering cards for consumers who want to find samples they enjoyed in their favorite grocery stores.

The event will take place in the Basement Brewhaus in the University Center this Friday, Feb. 26 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the University Information and Ticket center for \$25 in advance and \$30 on the day of the event. Students will receive a discounted ticket price.





Look at your zipper. See the initials YKK? It stands for Yoshida Kogyo Kabushibisha, the world's largest zipper manufacturer.

40 percent of McDonald's profits come from the sales of Happy Meals.

315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled.

On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily.

The original name for the butterfly was "flutterby."

Blue is the favorite color of 80 percent of Americans.

Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, never telephoned his wife or mother because they were both deaf.

Colgate faced a big obstacle marketing toothpaste in Spanish speaking Countries because Colgate translates into the command "go hang yourself."

The sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English language.

Right handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left handed people do.

## WISPIRG report shows support for high-speed-rail

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The Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group released a new national report on Feb. 9 showing support for the building of high-speed rail in Wisconsin and throughout America.

The report came just two weeks after the federal government allocated \$823 million to Wisconsin under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to prepare for high-speed rail in the state. The WISPIRG report offers 11 recommendations to help guide this major transportation investment in the state.

"For decades America has been falling behind the rest of the world's rail systems," said Seth Hoffmeister, co-coordinator of the transportation campaign of WISPIRG's University

of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Chapter.

Europe has used high-speed rail in addition to conventional passenger rail since the 1980s. China and Japan both have extensive high-speed rail networks. The total length of China's network is 2,050 miles and Japan's 1,527 miles.

"It moves people away from the idea that everyone has to own a car. Cars are expensive, and we would all be better off if we didn't have to own one. Trains can also run on electricity, which would reduce our dependence on foreign oil," said UWSP Center for Land Use Education instructor and land use specialist Eric Olson of the use of rail.

The report reviews more than \$50 billion in requests from states around the country interested in high-speed rail. For the states that have received

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## BSU strives to support and educate

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Black Student Union is a student organization that is dedicated to creating an environment that will serve as a home away from home and a support system for students.

Consisting of about 15 members, BSU feels that every one of their members' character is more respected and celebrated. BSU is anything but a normal organization. They consider themselves a family.

One of the main goals of BSU is to break down the negative stereotypes attached to the Black community by becoming leaders and educators about Black culture and heritage. "The only way we can disassociate the negative connotations attached with the Black community is by promoting the positive image of our culture," said Cortez Edwards, BSU Philanthropist.

The organization has accomplished this positive image by conducting events including Soul Food Dinner, Gospel Fest and BSU Weekend. Soul Food Dinner is BSU's largest event they host, serving about 300 people each year.

Gospel Fest, an event that has several groups from around the Midwest come to UWSP and performs their versions of gospel songs. "People don't have to be religious to attend this event. It's all about listening to good music," said BSU

member, Jonathan Rodriguez.

BSU Weekend was a weekend where BSU teamed up with Gay-Straight Alliance on a panel that talked about homosexuality in different cultures.

BSU is an organization that is open to all races. The organization embraces the diversity and differences of all cultures. "BSU is just a title, not a label. We have several members who do not consider themselves African-American," said Martina Spears, BSU Treasurer.

Students are taught to love and respect all cultures in BSU. BSU realizes the importance and benefit that comes from being immersed in other cultures. "Television and media can sometimes blind people about their cultures and they may even end up believing the negative stereotypes about their own cultures," said Edwards.

BSU is striving to produce great leaders and teaching students to remain proud no matter what happens. Another purpose of BSU is to appreciate the beauty that can be found in both our similarities as well as our differences. "Being a minority is not always easy at UWSP, but BSU helps me to understand and supports me through the struggle," said Spears.

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

*"Nuttin' is going in this week."*

- Ryan Urban

*"It's gonna be hard!"*

- Jake Mathias

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# Science & Outdoors

## HNW extends an invitation to preserve the hunting tradition

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During a time when Wisconsin residents are falling away from a rich heritage, the Hunters' Network of Wisconsin is devoted to promoting hunter recruitment and retention.

Wisconsin is indebted to hunters as they continually make contributions to preserve habitat, manage wildlife and protect natural resources throughout the state. License sales alone act as a great source of revenue, one that Wisconsin depends on. These profits make their way back into the community by creating jobs and funding educational programs.

Recent hunter trends indicate that hunting throughout the United States is on the decline. The percentage of participants drops every year due to various social factors including time commitments and urbanization. However, the greatest issue at hand is the lack of social connection that exists between novice and experienced hunters.

Identifying yourself as an experienced hunter comes with credibility, but also responsibility. In order to save the tradition of hunting in Wisconsin, hunters are encouraged to take a proactive stance and can do so in a variety of ways.

"We want people to feel a sense of community," said Bret Shaw, environmental communication specialist at the University of Wisconsin-Extension, when introducing the program at the first annual Hunting Heritage conference this past weekend.

Nearly all hunters begin hunting as a result of a mentored experience.

Whether born into a hunting family or ushered into the tradition by an experienced hunter later on, everyone begins somewhere.

Being a mentor has a great influence on preserving the hunting heritage as it provides an opportunity where there may not have been one

factors are more likely to carry on the hunting tradition. With that in mind, understanding the driving force behind someone's interest is crucial to hunting recruitment and retention. Experienced hunters can reach out to newcomers by being respectful of and taking an interest in others' motivations.

The fact that Wisconsin has the most diverse population of hunters in the nation means we must be doing something right. Maintaining this statistic is also important when recruiting new hunters. Many programs throughout the nation exist to promote hunting among various ethnic, age and gender groups. When hunters become involved with programs like these, they extend an invitation to the non-traditional hunter and

make the hunting a welcoming and accepting sport.

The HNW is a joint project of the UW-Madison, the UW-Extension and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The program is paid for with funds from a federal program known as the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act.

According to their mission, "The Hunters' Network of Wisconsin is dedicated to helping hunting and wildlife conservation organizations recruit and retain new hunters in order to maintain Wisconsin's hunting heritage along with the social environmental and economic benefits it provides."

The program seeks to broaden the social scope of hunting by utilizing online technology.

For more information contact [info@huntersnetwork.org](mailto:info@huntersnetwork.org) or visit their Web site at [www.huntersnetwork.org](http://www.huntersnetwork.org) or become a fan on Facebook.



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The tradition of hunting in Wisconsin rests in the hands of experienced hunters who are willing to mentor newcomers.

otherwise. Becoming a hunter is an investment and those who choose to mentor are choosing to invest in the future of hunting.

While mentoring takes into consideration the new skills, techniques and equipment associated with hunting, the unique experience is equally important. Despite unsuccessful seasons in terms of harvest, hunters are known to be a tight-knit group and often press onward for the sake of camaraderie. Helping a newcomer understand the importance of family and ethics is essential to creating the hunter identity. Expressing an appreciation for nature and the health benefits that come with time spent outdoors is equally beneficial. Doing so will secure a hunters' place in a legacy that adds immense character to Wisconsin.

People hunt for a variety of different reasons. It's no surprise that those who are motivated by multiple

money the report encourages them to invest adequate resources into high-speed rail as well as focusing those resources effectively.

"It took decades of sustained investment to build the interstate highway system we take for granted today. Likewise, it's going to take a long-term commitment for the state, local and federal levels to plan and fund America's high-speed rail system," said Hoffmeister.

The report also encourages private investment, finding proper locations that will maximize the system's benefits, cooperation among states and domestic manufacturing of equipment.

The investment into high-speed rail could also help unemployment rates throughout the Midwest by creating 57,000 construction jobs, according to the report.

Despite this figure, republicans in the state fear the line will cost too much to maintain and will be underused. Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker said the state should turn down the money from the federal government unless it came with millions more to pay for operating the new line according to [businessweek.com](http://businessweek.com). Another concern has been raised about how we will power the trains.

"Even when running on electric lines we need to produce the electricity. Europeans use a mix of coal and nuclear power plants to do so. The U.S. may have excess generating capacity in the near future, but if we burn coal and pollute the air and impact the climate just to run trains, then this may not be an acceptable trade off," said Olson.

Of the \$823 million allocated to Wisconsin, \$810 million will go towards the building of a high-speed rail line between Madison and Milwaukee. The remaining \$13 million will go toward repairing the rail line from Milwaukee to Chicago, as well as toward planning a line from Madison to Minneapolis.

The line from Madison to Milwaukee would include stops in Brookfield, Watertown and Oconomowoc. The trip is expected to take about 75 minutes and cost as much as \$33 one-way.

The use of high-speed rail, according to the report, will curb roadway and air travel congestion. The completion of a national high-speed rail system would reduce car travel by 29 million trips and air travel by nearly 500,000 flights annually, reducing carbon emissions by 6 billion pounds.

"The conclusion of the report is clear. High-speed rail offers solutions to economic, energy and environmental problems," said Hoffmeister. If high-speed rail develops in Wisconsin, further investment will be needed for the

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# Science & Outdoors

## Service project allows students to spread their wings

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A service project sponsored by the Environmental Educators and Naturalists Association is underway that will promote butterfly education in elementary schools.

The butterfly project gives students the opportunity to raise monarch butterflies. The students will witness the life cycle of a monarch butterfly, from the egg stage to the moment it hatches from its cocoon. Afterwards, the monarchs will be released.

"We are currently in the collection stage of getting fish tanks and aquariums from people and getting all of the materials for this project," said Alexis Sohlden, president of EENA. "We are still in the planning process right now in order to make this a success and to continue it in the future."

Sohlden has been a part of EENA for three years now and this semester is her first as president. According to Sohlden, the butterfly project is brand

new and was brought up at their last meeting. They hope to get the project done as soon as possible.

Aside from looking into grants from schools interested in participating in the project, EENA is also kept busy as they try to find the best time to raise and release the monarchs.

EENA would also like to go into the classrooms and give an education lecture. This will act as the icebreaker for the project. EENA is also thinking about bringing the second and third graders to Schmeeckle Reserve to see if they can identify monarchs and let them observe them in nature.

"This is really exciting for us and the students and it is a really great idea because I think there is a lot of room for expansion," said Sohlden.

Ideas for expanding this program include getting other kids involved such as high school students who could help with the teaching part of the butterfly project or just getting involved and volunteering. "The expansion possibilities are pretty much limitless," said Sohlden.

EENA hopes that the butterfly project will become an annual project

for the elementary students.

"I want to pass it on after I graduate. If you are going to put that much work and get that much excitement into the classroom, then we should keep it going for other students to enjoy and experience," said Sohlden.

Students with environmental concerns and those who are interested in environmental education are encouraged to join. "You do not have to be an environmental education major, you just have to have interest to join," said Sohlden.

EENA welcomes new members and new ideas. "We are always looking to get involved to try something new, so come check us out," said Sohlden.



Photo courtesy of <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/eena>  
The EENA service project gives elementary school students the chance to raise monarch butterflies.

## Energy efficiency and renewable energy in and out of the home

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The renewable energy movement has encouraged consumers to think about their carbon footprint and their energy consumption and habits. It has also influenced the way some homes, businesses, schools and other government buildings operate. A greater awareness of energy efficiency has also emerged from this movement. Though renewable energy is one

energy for your house or business, bear in mind that energy efficiency is the first step toward reducing your energy consumption, and that may be good enough.

"Renewable energy sources are a great option for Wisconsin because we do not have fossil fuels in our state. What worries me about renewable energy is that many people seem to think that if we just use renewable energy our energy problems will be solved. Focusing all of our attention

Experts in the field have asserted that installing renewable energy generating equipment, such as solar panels for solar electric and solar thermal technologies, is the best way to go. Since these systems are cost-effective and reduce electric bills, it is worth having as long as you have the money to begin with. Another benefit is that once you invest in renewable energy, it is an asset along with your house and property.

Wisconsin will take a considerable leap toward becoming more energy-efficient and less dependent on foreign fuel sources with the support of the renewable energy movement and help from incentive programs. Many questions arise as to whether this change is truly solving the situation or merely covering up the problem. Energy efficiency and reducing energy consumption remains the best solution. Even so, it is important to remember that renewable energy is a necessary option in the long run as our fuel sources deplete and our energy consumption skyrockets.

"Renewable energy is an absolute necessity. It is this generation's great challenge to make renewable energy adopted on a widespread basis. And yes, it is all worth it. My heroes are those who are responsible for reducing tons upon tons of carbon from being released into the environment by their own efforts and through teaching others how to do it," said Jack O'Donohue, attorney and certified site assessor in the renewable energy field.

The movement toward renewable energy and energy efficiency is well underway. As homes and businesses adopt solar and wind technologies and invest in renewable energy,

know that you can take part too by educating yourself and increasing your energy efficiency at home and work. By taking small steps in our daily lives, we can all benefit economically, ecologically and politically.

This is the second part of a three-part series on renewable energy. Check out The Pointer next week to find out how you can become more involved in the renewable energy movement.

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**—O'Donohue**

way to cut costs, especially for larger businesses and residences, the best way for the average consumer to put money back in their pockets involves tweaking their energy output.

"Change out incandescent light bulbs to compact florescent lights, turn off lights when you leave a room, turn down the heat or avoid using air conditioning, buy local, use your car less and unplug things that are not being used," said Carrie Zilkowski, member of the Wisconsin K-12 Energy Education Program and part of the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education. These energy saving options are simple ways to increase energy efficiency and reduce dependency on fossil fuels.

It's clear that opting to be more energy efficient can start any day at any time. If you're an energy consumer who rents or can't afford the capital investment of renewable

on renewable energy is like looking only at recycling. Before recycling we are supposed to reduce what we use and reuse whatever we can. Similar principles apply to energy use. First look at how you can stop using energy and then look at how you can use energy more efficiently," said Zilkowski.

On the other side of the coin, it looks as if renewable energy is becoming more and more available to the average consumer. With new incentives being offered by utility companies and state and federal government, it appears that renewable energy may be more affordable to the average consumer. Every University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student who makes a commitment to reduce their energy consumption and be more mindful of increasing their energy efficiency makes a renewable energy investment once they purchase property and houses.

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public transit systems that will feed into it. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point WISPIRG Chapter isn't advocating specifically for a high-speed rail location in Stevens Point, but will continue to make it a priority by pushing for more funding and keeping Stevens Point visible as plans develop.

"We don't advocate for specific rail lines in Wisconsin to not get bogged-down in debating where lines should go," said Jarod Gregory, WISPIRG campus organizer. "Building a lot of support and attention for high-speed rail in Stevens Point may very well affect a decision to build a rail through Stevens Point."

Currently there is no date set to begin the construction of the Madison-to-Milwaukee line. WISPIRG hopes to generate more support for this effort in the coming weeks to push action forward.



## Sports

# Two overtime victories lift men's hockey to NCHA semifinals

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After their third consecutive game against the University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils, The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's hockey team prevailed in Menominee last weekend with back-to-back overtime wins for their first playoff victory in seven seasons.

The Pointers faced UW-Stout in Menominee for both playoff games, following up their 4-0 shutout victory at home with a miserable 5-1 loss that put them in a tough situation.

The team knew that if they lost the first game, the only way to stay in the playoffs would be to win the second game against UW-Stout, and then defeat them in an additional 20-minute "mini-game" immediately after. The Pointers did just that as they won both games in overtime, ending the series with a goal from freshman forward Johnny Meo.

"The whole team was just excited overall. Stout had been one of our biggest rivals all year, we hadn't beaten them in a regular season game in four years before this season," said Meo. "And with everyone being so excited just from the first overtime and then another in a mini-game—it was pretty overwhelming."

Freshman goalie Nick Graves bounced back with 31 saves after allowing four goals on Friday. Graves

said that head coach Wil Nichol held a meeting before the game with the players and explained how to prepare for the pressure Saturday would bring.

"Before our game on Saturday, coach pretty much laid it out on the line. He told us all exactly what we should expect and what we needed to do to win," said Graves. "As a team we put everything together and played how we were supposed to play."

Nichol said the team was not looking good on Friday, but he was relieved by their performance on Saturday.

"We just came out flat and uninspired. We would've been better off buying tickets and sitting in the stands because we just watched the whole night," Nichol said. "And on Saturday, the team that I know and love was the team that showed up."

The coach said he could feel the stress after his team went into overtime twice.

"I feel like Saturday took about twenty years off my life. But you know, it's my job to be ready for those situations, and know what to say. I've got a great staff with great assistant coaches, and as a staff, we actually were prepared for all of those scenarios," said Nichol.

Next week the Pointers will move on to the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association semifinals to play St. Norbert College. UWSP has yet to defeat the Green Knights this year, and hopes to pull off an upset in Ashwaubenon this Saturday, Feb. 27.

## Tough questions: Why am I watching curling? And do I like it?

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Before the Winter Olympics started, I knew next to nothing about this thing called curling. Last Thursday, when I saw it on our downstairs television with my roommates, I scoffed, as I often do with sports played on ice, and vowed to ignore this new and different thing altogether. I guess I can be a little close-minded sometimes.

Now, after a weekend of watching what I assume is even a bit more than your average Canadian's portion of curling, I can safely say this: I still know next to nothing about curling. But for reasons I don't understand I could (and did) watch it for hours. This troubles me.

Curling seems to put me in a weird, semi-conscious state of

television viewing. I know for sure I'm watching something, I'm not completely aware of what is going on, yet I want to watch more. It's like watching a show at night after drinking Nyquil; I'm there, but



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I wonder if this is what I look like when I'm watching curling.

# Women's hockey ready for playoffs after challenging season

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After finishing the regular season with an overall record of 13-9-3, 8-7-3 in Northern Collegiate Hockey Association competition, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team prepares for the postseason this weekend, where

from high school hockey to college level hockey," Dvorak said. "I learn something new every day at this competitive and demanding level."

This is the women's hockey team's tenth year as a program at UWSP, and they have had a winning overall record in all seasons since 2001-02. They have competed in the national tournament four out of the past nine years, coming back with a runner-up finish and two third place finishes.



Photo by Jamie Novak

UWSP will face UW-Superior in the NCHA quarters this week.

they will be heading to UW-Superior for the NCHA quarterfinals.

Head coach Ann Ninnemann has high expectations for the NCHA tournament.

"We are planning to peak at the end and this is the time where we need to be at our best," Ninnemann said.

UWSP defeated the Finlandia Lions in their final regular season game, 3-1 at the Houghton County Arena in Hancock, Mich. The previous night against Finlandia, the two teams couldn't find the deciding goal, and the game finished tied, 1-1, after an overtime period.

Freshman forward Maren Dvorak has enjoyed the transition since arriving at UWSP.

"It's been a fun experience going

"This season so far, the parody of the league has gotten better. It has been a lot more challenging than in previous years," said Ninnemann. "It is going to be a test of ability. Whoever is able to win out the season and win the conference tournament will have the opportunity to go to the national tournament. That is what our plans are and what we hope and strive for."

The UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team anxiously looks forward to their next match in the NCHA quarterfinals.

"It has been fun meeting new team members, and getting to learn how to play with their style," Dvorak said. "We have been able to compete successfully as a team to get us this far."

there's no way I'm going to remember any details about any of this.

That's why this is so maddening to me. I don't care about any of the matches I've been watching, and even if I did, I'm not totally sure how they score yet, so I couldn't really cheer or anything. Still, if curling is on, I will sit there for hours and watch. Eventually, someone in the room will say something like, "Okay, that's probably enough curling for about a decade, let's change the channel." My eyes will have to adjust to a color other than pure white ice, and

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## Dansaq brings fusion of the arts to stage

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The UWSP Performing Arts Series put on its second show of four planned for this spring semester with the "artistic mixture of dance, music and stenography" known as Dansaq this past Tuesday at Sentry Theater.

"Dansaq" means dance in the Quechua language of the Incas. The Latin American string quartet, Cuarteto Latinoamericano, and the contemporary tap duo, Tapage, adopted the name when they joined forces about 15 years ago.

"Olivia and Mari [Tapage Founders] came up to us at one of our concerts and presented us with the idea of performing together," said Javier Montiel, a Cuarteto member.

Dansaq first performed together in Mexico City and both groups fell in love with the idea of performing together.

"The rhythm and percussion, the tap added highlighted parts of the music and I notice, even when I don't perform with them, I still recognize and feel their parts," said Montiel.

While many would have expected a show called Dansaq to be entirely filled with dance, Dansaq was quite the unexpected mixture. Some have called it a fusion of the arts.

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## Soul Food Dinner hits the spot

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The 17th annual Soul Food Dinner, sponsored by the Black Student Union at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, hosted a night of hearty food, foot-tapping music and an inspiring theatre performance that touched the souls of all attending.

The Soul Food Dinner was held in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center on Feb. 21, with attendees filling the room with hungry stomachs and perked ears. This year the Black Student Union focused on the theme of a journey through history and music and incorporated this theme throughout the night. As each person stepped into the Laird Room, stomachs were grumbling with the intense and enticing smell of soul food.

The emcees Ebony Rhodes and Tony Fuller filled the audience in on the activities for the night. Though the audience was interested in what they were saying, Fuller realized what was on everyone's minds: food. As he read off the menu, whoops eschewed from different spots of the room, indicating that it was about time to eat.

"The much-anticipated menu for the night: catfish, jerk chicken, jambalaya and corn bread. And of course what most of you are here for - peach cobbler," said Fuller.

Along with macaroni and cheese, collard greens, pound cake and sweet punch, the meal brought smiles to the hungry crowd. Though the food was the main event of the evening, other events shined just as bright.

Harlem Renaissance jazz music filled the room, causing many of the dining guests to sing along to the music, or even dance when on the way back for seconds. The atmosphere created a social and comfortable environment for all who attended. Along with the music, Powerpoint presentations of African-American art and important events were showcased at the front of the Laird Room continuously.

The F.L.O.W. Theater Company

humorous skits and moving theater in order to feature the intensity of the dialogue and the healing that comes from reconciliation. This introspective performance highlighted the theme of diversity and showed the audience that we are all one human race.

This up-tempo night with full stomachs, jazz music and theatre performances showcased the Black Student Union's commitment towards the betterment of UWSP's student involvement and diversity.



Photo by Kim Shankland

Attendees enjoy an array of soulfood.

made its appearance towards the middle of the night. This company, originally from Columbus, Ohio, entertained attendees with a unique style of performance. This performance is called choreotheater - a performance that not only entertains, but empowers the audience to become part of the solution. The company performed multiple poems,

that it offers. Dave Marie, the opening speaker for the evening, stated that when he went to college at Stevens Point, there were only 12 African-Americans present. This growth in numbers is phenomenal and continues to grow each year. The journey through the night was one of diversity, understanding, and ultimately an experience all its own.

## Progressive Poney to take over Encore Saturday

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Unrestrained and unbridled, local band Poney has bucked any categorization into a particular genre. Yet one thing is clear: This foursome has quickly taken the local music scene by storm, and hopes to make its mark on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point community with its performance this Saturday at the Dreyfus University Center Encore at 8 p.m.

Steve Proszenyak, a senior at UWSP and Centertainment Production Center Stage Coordinator, feels that though many students may be unfamiliar with their work, the performance will be an eye-opening experiencing for many.

"Bringing Poneys to campus is kind of a social experiment just for me, just because they're so different; they're music is very, very out there," said Proszenyak. "And it's a mix of a lot of different genres, and I wanted

to see how students reacted to their style and sound."

An eclectic mix of genres has been what Poney earned a reputation for carrying out in style. Pinning them down to a specific genre may prove to be an impossible task, making them

**"It's a little bit of everything. It's punk, it's metal. They have elements of many other genres."**

**-Proszenyak**

the Rorschach test of independent music.

"It's a little bit of everything. It's punk, it's metal. They have elements of many other genres. They're very progressive. Their auxiliary percussion kind of reminds me of an African production at times, and everything they do is just so intense," said Proszenyak.

"Alternative metal," said freshman Ryan Fuller, when asked to describe their sound.

As a 5-year-old band, Poney has

already garnered a cult following with UWSP students actively involved with the local music scene.

"They kind of scream: We Are Point," said UWSP senior Tony Kaluzny. "Rich, fulfilling, life changing, they represent Point very

well."

Despite being from Wausau, Poney has firmly found a place in the local community, even while flying in the face of the mainstream. Nevertheless, Fuller believes that for Poney, impressing is what they do best.

"I'm sure people will come in and be like 'what's this?'" said Fuller. "I don't know. There're a lot of kids around here that are into metal, and they play a lot of heavier music."

Proszenyak hopes that following

Poney's performance at The Encore, the band will finally earn a well deserved wider following, while giving students a chance to see this up-and-coming band before they take that inevitable next step in their career.

"So far, they're only on a local label. I mean, they played shows, quite a few shows in Stevens Point, but I think a lot of students never had the opportunity to experience one of their shows, so I wanted to try and bring them here," said Proszenyak.

Following this performance, students can look forward to Poney's first full length album which they are currently recording. Entitled "Sea Myth," a concept album based on the epic poem: "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner."

The performance will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday at the DUC theatre at no charge to those carrying student IDs, and for \$4 for those without. For further information, contact Steve Proszenyak at spros611@uwsp.edu.



Food Swings

This week's feature:  
Egg Skillet

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I hope everyone enjoyed their takeout from last week. I myself had sausage and mushroom pizza from Domino's. This week we are back to the kitchen, the place where dreams are born and the weak go to die at the hands of screaming hot skillets, skin melting steam burns and razor sharp blades that would just as soon slice off your finger as julienne a Vidalia onion. (Julienne means to cut into thin strips.)

February is almost over, and the first whisperings of spring are in the air. In Wisconsin, that means it was almost 40° one day. With tolerable temperatures, you'll want to be outside. Fresh air is great for one's mood, dishes aren't. A one-pan meal is the way to go when you have better things to do than scrubbing dishes. One skillet meals are easy and delicious with little cleanup.

For breakfast an egg skillet is super easy and the eggs make it super cheap and filling.

You will need:

- 6 eggs whisked until smooth
- ½ small onion diced small
- 1 green pepper diced small
- 1 red pepper diced small
- ½ cup sliced forest mushrooms
- 6 breakfast sausage links in ¼ inch slices
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 tbsp butter

Saute onions, peppers, mushrooms and sausage in the butter in a heavy skillet over medium heat until sausage is browned. Drain any excess grease. Add the eggs, stirring every 1-2 minutes until eggs are cooked through. Sprinkle with the cheese. Serve immediately and clean up in minutes.

For dinner you can do something just as simple and equally delicious.

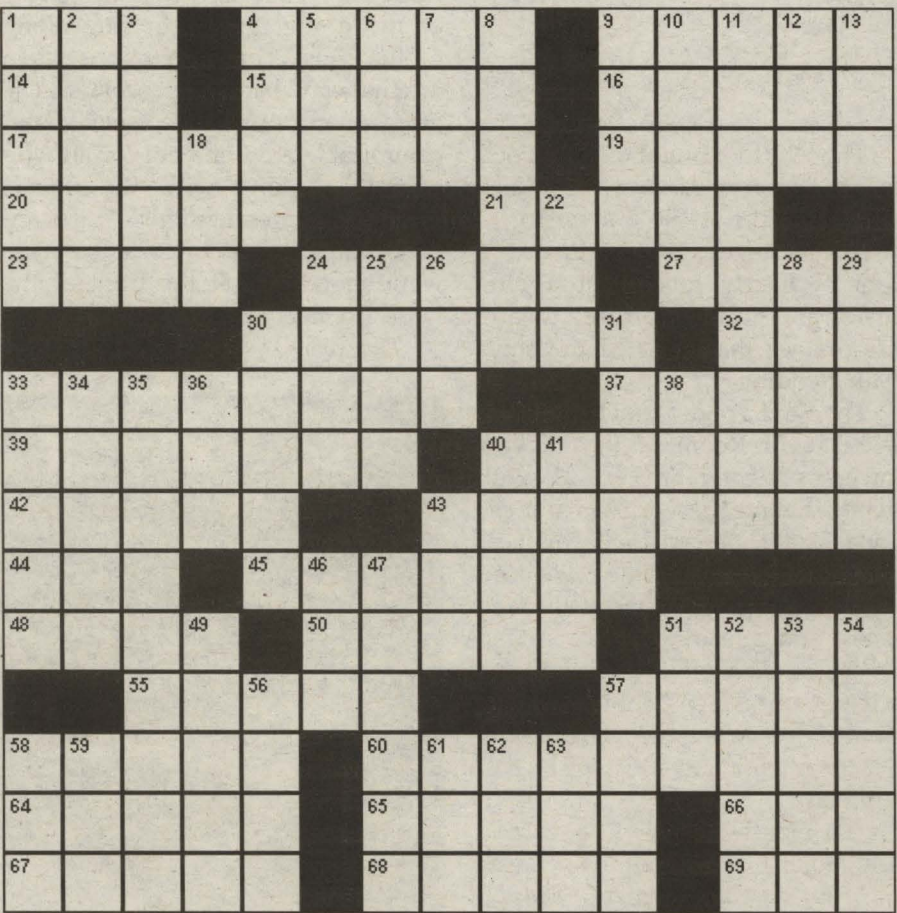
You will need:

- 1 cup diced chicken breast
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- ½ small onion diced small
- 1 green pepper diced small
- 1 red pepper diced small
- ½ cup sliced forest mushrooms
- 1 tbsp red pepper sauce
- ½ cup teriyaki sauce
- 3 cups cooked rice

Saute the chicken in the olive oil in a heavy skillet over medium-high heat until browned. Add in onions, peppers and mushrooms and sauté until soft. Add in the sauces and simmer until hot. Serve over hot rice.

Now, when you're done eating, get out and enjoy the slowly improving weather.

And remember, live to eat.



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Across

- 1- Large body of water
- 4- Fur scarf
- 9- Have \_\_\_ to pick
- 14- Actor Vigoda
- 15- Domingo, for one
- 16- Arm bones
- 17- Pertaining to torture
- 19- Palm fruits
- 20- Pungent bulb
- 21- Imitative
- 23- Russian no
- 24- Actress Berger
- 27- Dry run
- 30- Whirlpool bath
- 32- Date
- 33- Football field
- 37- Fatted fowl
- 39- Situated at the limen
- 40- Covered with thorns
- 42- Of Thee \_\_\_
- 43- Disturb
- 44- After taxes
- 45- Uncovered
- 48- Boris Godunov, for one
- 50- Falls
- 51- Diamond cover
- 55- Golden Horde member
- 57- Cowboy display
- 58- One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"
- 60- Consciousness
- 64- Condescend
- 65- Link
- 66- Court call
- 67- Contour feather
- 68- Molars, e.g.
- 69- Aliens, for short

Down

- 1- Squelched
- 2- Black-wooded tree

- 3- Lofty nest
- 4- Astound
- 5- Thrice, in prescriptions
- 6- Lennon's lady
- 7- Bud's bud
- 8- Artificial
- 9- Autobahn auto
- 10- Explosion
- 11- Immediate
- 12- Not for a Scot
- 13- Pothook shape
- 18- Small child
- 22- La \_\_\_, Bolivia
- 24- Franklin D.'s mother
- 25- Earth Day subj.
- 26- Convent dweller
- 28- Capital of South Korea
- 29- Keyed up
- 30- One who favors warlike policies
- 31- Less cordial
- 33- Reflect
- 34- Ascends

- 35- Counterfeit
- 36- Cacophony
- 38- As a female, you could be queen or worker
- 40- Break, card game
- 41- Pitchfork-shaped letters
- 43- Numero \_\_\_
- 46- Palm Pilot, e.g.
- 47- Off-course
- 49- Babbled
- 51- Freight weight
- 52- Designer Simpson
- 53- Adjust to zero
- 54- Mails
- 56- Spanish snack
- 57- 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 58- AOL, e.g.
- 59- Hwy.
- 61- Itty-bitty
- 62- Chopper
- 63- Furrow

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I'm brought back into reality. After a while, I think all of the stones and brooms and targets just bleed into one another; you really can only watch so much of this stuff. But after every curling marathon, I'm left with is this odd fascination, wondering how in the world this held my attention.

Side-note: One of the reasons may be the fact that, since sometime around homecoming, our house has not been able to find the remote control for our living room TV. This means either what's currently on the tube better be good or hopefully somebody is getting up for something, otherwise that channel is staying put. For the purposes of this column, I hope this isn't the entire reason.

I mean, of all the events in the Winter Olympics: hockey, skiing, snowboarding, even the bobsled or something like that; the only one I have watched for more than three minutes is curling. There has to be a subliminal element that is drawing me in to this. Okay, it might not be that deep, but there's strategy in curling, something to wrap your mind around, more than sweeping brooms in front of a rock. I think what it comes down to is that with any sport, the more you watch, the more nuances you pick up, and the more interested you become.

Most of all though, curling is temporary, it was only here on our NBC affiliates for two weeks, and it won't be back in that capacity for another four years. Between now and then, well, I will probably go back to forgetting about it. No offense to curling, I just have other things to worry about, like finding a job, or something like that.

But after this brief visit, I would like to thank curling for being here, it was something new and different and mysteriously engaging; a welcome distraction from the ordinary, kind of what I think the Olympics are all about. Maybe for next time, I will even try to remember the few basic aspects of the game that I picked up. And I won't change the channel, even if I do have a remote.

## The Pointer

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The combination of dance and live music drew interest to both dance majors and music majors, creating a very diverse audience.

"I was very excited to hear one of the Latin pieces the Cuarteto was

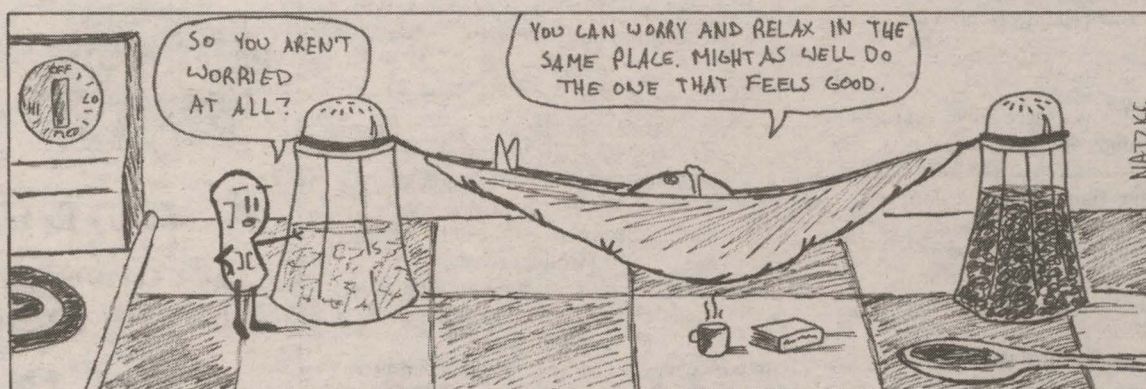
to perform, I had been studying it in class and it was really cool to see the combination of rhythms in the tapping and how it transformed the music," said dance and music major Merry Planton.

While the Cuarteto Latinoamericano had to leave Stevens Point early Wednesday morning, the dancers of Tapage stayed an extra

day. On Wednesday they came to campus and visited the UWSP - Dance Department and held a master class where dance students had the privilege of learning some contemporary tap dancing. For more information on upcoming Performing Arts Series shows visit their website at <http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/pas/>

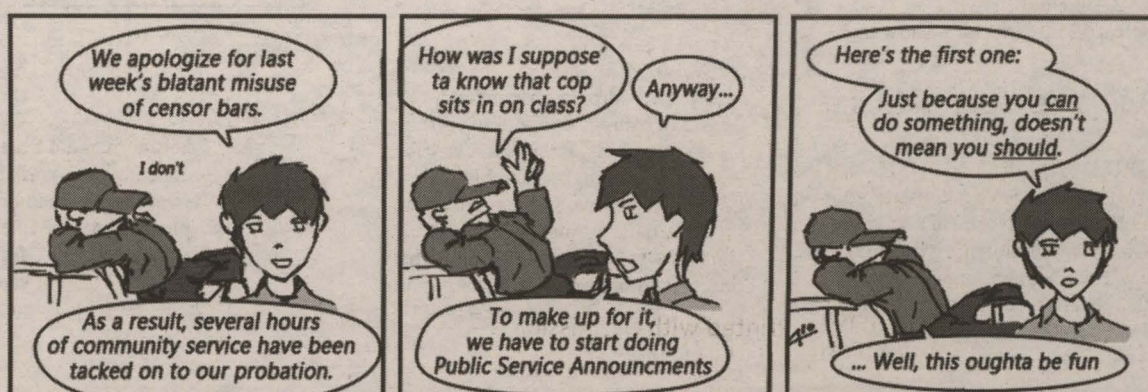
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They can be trained on all the different issues, some of these things are ongoing issues, and... the only way you can have a voice is to have educated people on those issues."

It may take a semester before successors to the current SGA body become comfortable and familiar with their new roles, but even then, the SGA will depend on the response of the student body that it represents. Here, opinions are divided between a general disinterest from students, and a happy medium between the active and the blissfully unaware.

"You always want more visibility; you always want more people aware of what's going on. I can say I'm happy where we are, but I always want more," said Schultz. Until then, perhaps a few more mustaches need to be shaved before those empty seats at the SGA begin to fill up.



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