

# Foreign languages to be required for music and fine arts degrees

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On May 5, one of the biggest decisions that will affect many students of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point was quietly deliberated at the faculty senate meeting in room 118 of the Collins Classroom Center at 3 p.m. Examining various aspects of the general education and degree requirements of UWSP, the senate decided in favor of changing the existing system, and in doing so, made foreign language a required part of certain degrees.

"The goal is to have it implemented in fall of 2011, and there's a reason for this because the higher learning commission will be back to give us an assessment on our general education program in February of 2012, so we have to have a new program put in by then," explained Randy Olson, faculty senate chair.

"The people over at fine arts for theatre, and music and dance are working on an amendment to this proposal because that would be a change to what the degree requirements for those two majors are currently."

As part of the approved general education proposal, the general education committee cited that as part of their 'global citizen' initiative, the degrees of the Bachelor of Fine Arts and the Bachelor of Music would have added requirements, such as the mandating of one year of a foreign language course.

Olson said he understands the pressure on students that such a change would represent, however he believes that the ultimate decision lies with the senate.

"Specifying two semesters of foreign language would be a change for students, and I know that in talking to some of the faculty members that may amount to anywhere from an added semester to an added year to their program that is already a fairly extensive program in terms of credits," said Olson.

As it currently stands, those two degrees offer students the choice of either taking up to seven credits in mathematics courses, or one year of a foreign language. The only degree that requires one year of a foreign language is the Bachelor of Arts, while the Bachelor of Science, historically the degree with the largest number of students, excludes this requirement altogether.

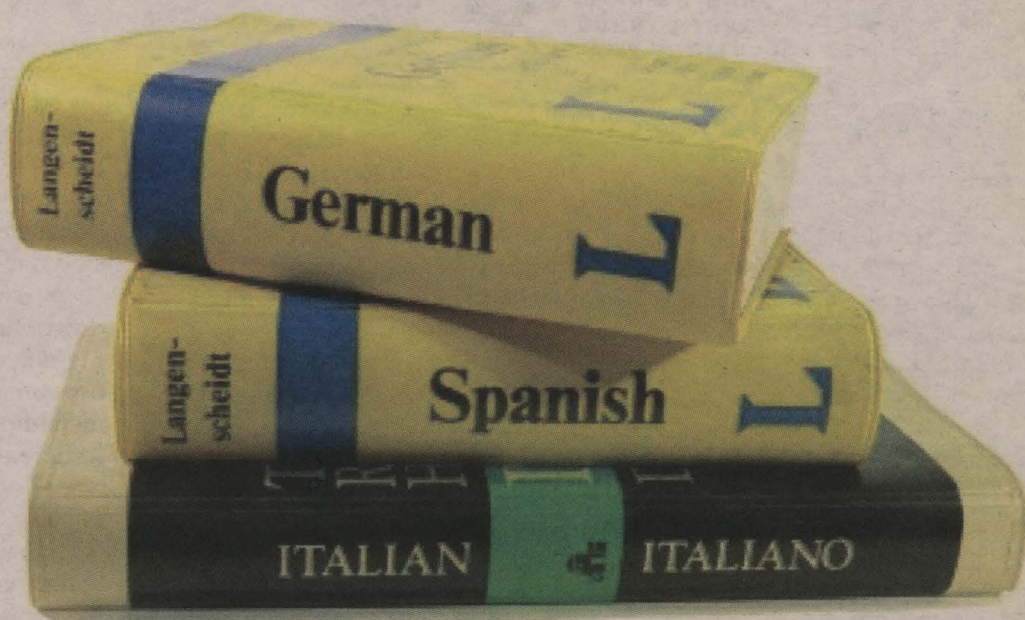


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The foreign language requirements for music and arts degrees will be modified for 2010.

Within the general education committee, the sentiment favors a system whereby requirements, such as the foreign language requirement, would be decided not on a degree basis, but rather, by major. It is believed that this would be the basis for any future amendment.

"There are general education requirements to give everybody a broad liberal arts background and there are majors' requirements, which really is the smoothest way to go," said Olson.

"Now, if a major, and there are many majors that I think should have foreign language as part of it, feels that is important, then the general education committee [says] that's where those particular requirements should be."

While this change may seem a drastic one for the two affected degrees, it is important to note that those two degrees also constitute the smallest portion of the graduation class; of the graduating class of 2009, there were 50 BFAs, and 27 BMs. Students seeking a Bachelor of Science degree have no reason to worry, as Greg Summer, the associate vice chancellor for Teaching, Learning & Academic Programs, cites that it would be an administrative impossibility.

"I'm a member of the general education committee. That committee I think has always believed that it's a good idea for all students to take a foreign language, but that's a different question than whether it's practically realistic," said Summer. "If we were to expect every single student to take a year of foreign language at UWSP, that dramatically changes how we staff, not just the foreign language department, but lots of foreign language departments around campus."

Whether it will affect students that are taking, or are considering taking the affected degrees, will depend on the individual student.

"Anybody has the option of changing the catalogue that their requirements are under. If you're a freshman right now, or if you're an incoming freshman next year, the following year there'll be a new general education program in place," said Olson. "Rather than the 55 to 60 credit that the existing program requires, the 45 credits in the new general education program could be appealing, so I could see some new freshmen next year switching over to the 2011-2012 credits for fewer credits."

As students remain generally unaware of the issue, there has been no reaction to the proposal. Yet those that do, such as senior Thanakich "Ken" Chantavat, who

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currently serves as president of the International Club, remain divided on the issue.

"Well, I'm not going to support them, but I'm not going to object them. If you really want to study a foreign language, you can take a class," said Ken. "It's not necessary to force students to take another language because most international students come here to learn English, but other students can speak English to them, because the international students want to learn English from

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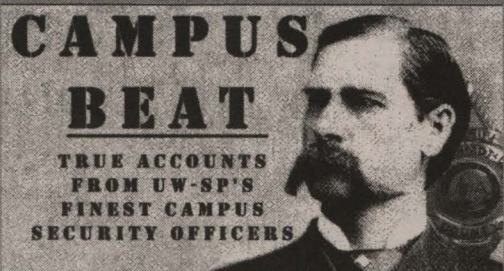


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Pray Sims Hall  
TYPE: DRUG  
The CA from Pray Sims called Protective Services and reported that he smelled pot on the first floor of his hall. He claimed the smell was coming from an individual's room and requested that officers meet him in the lobby of Pray Sims Hall.

May 05, 2010  
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Baldwin Hall  
TYPE: DRUG  
The Baldwin Hall CA called to let Protective Services know that he had found some marijuana. He wanted officers to come pick it up. An officer made contact with an individual there. His room smelled strongly of marijuana. He denied using the marijuana. The issue will be going to Residential Living.

May 07, 2010  
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Burroughs Hall  
TYPE: DRINK  
A person from Burroughs Hall called Protective Services because she had concerns about a resident who was "severely intoxicated"

and because she was having a hard time waking her up. When asked if the student was responsive, the reply was "barely." At 3:11 a.m. an ambulance was dispatched and sent to Burroughs Hall. At 3:30 a.m. a city officer was dispatched to issue a breathalyzer. The student was transported to Saint Michael's hospital.

May 08, 2010  
00:07

Neale Hall  
TYPE: VANDALISM  
The CA from Neale Hall called to report that a student had kicked a phone off the wall in Neale Hall. Afterward, the student wouldn't open the door when the CA knocked and told them to. There was one citation that was given in the incident.

May 10, 2010  
13:21

HEC  
TYPE: THEFT  
A student reported that his ID was stolen from the HEC on May 5. He also reported that the person that took the ID checked out a computer from the LRC using his ID.

## Congratulations Graduates!

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Normally this space is reserved for straight news stories and not for editorializing, but because it is the end of the year and our last issue and my last week here, I can pretty much do whatever I want. (And no one can stop me! Mwah ha ha ha ha!!!)

So I am going to write a few things down for our departing graduates, myself included. I am going to see how many cliché-ridden, ridiculous metaphors I can pack into one piece so here we go... enjoy.

The book "Oh the places you'll go" by Dr. Seuss is a great gift for anyone about to graduate college. Much better than, oh, let's say a nice new car or a check for the first month's rent. Seriously. That book won't be going to my five-year-old niece or nephew as soon as I get home. Promise. And I really promise that I won't try to sell it on eBay for a few quick bucks. Student loans are expensive. Moving on.

Life is what you make of it, but a college degree never hurts. Expect the unexpected. When life hands you lemons, make lemonade. If you're feeling down, then just turn that frown upside down and put on a happy face! Try one new thing everyday. Never stop trying to achieve your dreams.

Our children are our future. Okay, were those clichés enough for you? I hope so because I'm just about tapped out. I would like to get serious for a little bit now, if I may. Getting a college degree is no small accomplishment. It's something that

you should be proud of.

In addition to a sense of pride, a college degree has many advantages. Over his or her lifetime, a college graduate will earn, on average, about \$1 million dollars more than someone with only a high school diploma. Or, if you like this better: a college graduate may earn up to 85 percent more in their lifetime when compared to a high school graduate. In addition, a college graduate is three times more likely to find a job than someone without a college degree.

And just in case you think that everyone out there has a college degree for you to compete with, only about

26 percent of people in the Midwest are college graduates. I thought that was extremely low too, but I looked it up, and it's true! What this means is that your diploma has untold value. And you are about to hold one in your hands. Good for you.

So, I congratulate you. I admire you. I commend you. What you have accomplished is no small feat.

Not everyone can do it. Many first-time college students drop out and never go back. But not you, no sirree! You've made it to the finish line and there's no looking back! Sorry, that was another cliché, I know.

But in all seriousness, I want to congratulate you, the class of 2010 of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. You have made someone very proud. Most of all, you should feel a sense of pride in yourself. You made it. You're going to go far, kid. I have a feeling about you. See you at the commencement ceremony, and CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!



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Students will be jumping for joy on graduation!

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them too."

That sentiment, however, is not necessarily shared by members of the foreign language faculty. Many professors, such as Richard Ruppel, faculty foreign language chair and German professor, believe that the move was a step in the right direction, crucial for the "global citizen" initiative.

"I really question whether anyone can consider themselves a global citizen if they don't speak one other language," said Ruppel. "I think to be a global citizen, it is important

to have a knowledge of a second language because language unlocks the culture and it really helps you understand another culture. It is the key to a culture."

Likewise, Remya Sarma-Traynor, an associate lecturer of Chinese, argues that it is a step in the right direction. "Osh kosh is two years; here is too low already," said Sarma-Traynor. "Other countries, when they are little they learn it, but here, it's college. The younger the better, but we're already late, so we shouldn't delay anymore."

Though the proposal has gone into effect, there is still a possibility that it will be voted out in the future or that amendments will be made to the new degree requirements.

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## Two distinguished staff members retire from TLC

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The Mary K. Croft Tutoring-Learning Center is preparing for the retirement of two of their key senior staff members: Dr. Dan Dieterich and Dr. Bobbie Stokes.

Dieterich has spent over 30 years working in the TLC and is currently a program coordinator in addition to being a member of the English department faculty.

Stokes has been on staff at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point for 27 years. She has spent 23 years in the TLC, including the last 17 as director.

"It's a great, exciting place to work. Every day is different," said Stokes.

Stokes praised the TLC for its positive working environment. "This is the most collaborative environment I have ever served in. There is a rich synergy between senior and junior staff," she said.

The senior staff at the TLC consists of seven professional staff members like Stokes and Dieterich. The junior staff consists of over 170 peer tutors said Stokes.

Stokes said she is proud of the amount of help the TLC gives students. According to Stokes, the TLC helps more than 20 percent of the UWSP student body in over 50 disciplines.

Stokes said she likes the service aspect of the TLC best and gives a lot of credit to peer tutors, emphasizing the TLC's motto "students helping students."

"It's a good place to work. I think it does good things for students," said Dieterich.

Dieterich started working in the English department at UWSP in August 1976 and before long began volunteering the university writing lab, which is now the TLC.

At the time, it was one of three undergrad writing labs in the country, according to Stokes.

In addition to his involvement teaching writing and editing and publishing classes and tutoring at the TLC, Dieterich has been involved in several other experiences at UWSP.

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**-Dieterich**

He has served as the Steiner Hall faculty mentor and helped form the Gay-Straight Alliance, now known as the Gender and Sexuality Alliance. He has also advised the Toastmasters and Habitat for Humanity student organizations.

Dieterich has been recognized by the university with an award for teaching and two service awards.

Stokes helped create a national professional journal while at UWSP called "Issues in Writing" and will continue to work on the editorial board.

Dieterich pointed out that much has changed in his time at UWSP, especially technology, but said he still uses an overhead projector regularly in his classes.

Both Dieterich and Stokes praised the TLC and the university as a whole

as excellent places for professionals.

Dieterich pointed out that UWSP is different than most universities in the freedom it gives staff. "One of the nice things about this campus is that staff are given some wiggle room. They have a chance to innovate, offer new courses and do other things to improve teaching," said Dieterich.

Dieterich added that the university staff and faculty have a good relationship. "The new chancellor will be coming into a good atmosphere," he said.

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with the people they do, but I do," said Dieterich.

"I am in the enviable place of loving what I do," said Stokes.

Dieterich and Stokes said that they will miss working with staff and students at UWSP.

Both have each had spouses retire recently from UWSP and look forward to joining them.

Stokes plans to continue to write and work on projects in her retirement. Dieterich said he will continue to volunteer at the TLC and be involved with many organizations and projects and also work to develop his garden and prairie and spend time with his two dogs, two sons and grandson.

## Students can land jobs in the media

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With graduation approaching, students continue to search for job opportunities in fields related to their degrees; however, graduates looking for media-related careers need to dig a little deeper.

Employers in broadcast journalism often look for those with experience; something recent graduates may lack, said John Gibbons, retired traffic manager at WBAY-TV in Green Bay.

Larger stations often steer college students toward smaller markets where they can gain more experience; however, WFRV-TV in Green Bay has a different idea.

WFRV-TV executive producer Carmelyn Daley said, "I think college graduates might be a bit ambitious to look at first jobs that start in markets our size if they hope to start out right away as a reporter. However, grads should not immediately be dissuaded by these size markets because newsrooms are getting more creative with their positions."

Daley suggested that a college graduate might want to start as a web writer. Other jobs may be explored within the station after writing for the web for about a year.

Another position Daley said graduates should look at is the producer/reporter combination. "When you get into combo jobs you're going to find a bit less competition; the reporters who are already in the field likely won't go for the combo job," said Daley.

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## Sigma Tau Gamma wins non-annually funded student organization award

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On May 5, Sigma Tau Gamma was awarded Non-Annually Funded Student Organization of the year during the University Leadership Award Ceremony.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity is an all-male social fraternity born out of the desires and aspirations that all men are social creatures and that friendships of college men are lasting ones.

Many of the members of the student organization were in attendance as they had the award presented. They stood on stage with

their arms linked to show the chain of brotherhood as President Cortez Edwards accepted the award.

Edwards was also awarded the

be fulfilled," said Sig Tau Associate Educator, Isaiah Matthew.

Sig Tau has become involved on and off campus. The fraternity

Difference Day and Bowling for Kids. The Sig Tau's members have been engaged in many activities but one of the largest is the assisting of the Special Olympics of Wisconsin.

"Special Olympics is one of my favorite events of the year. It's a chance for us brothers to bond and aid in a worthy cause. It also is held in Point so that makes it convenient," said Sig Tau, Doug VenHousen.

In the last five years, the fraternity has grown from five members to well over 20 members. Their dedication to superior performance and development of leaders has served

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University Leadership Award for his outstanding performance and involvement as a student.

"We have become much more active this last year. Our guys have just found a hunger for more that can't

has recently become active with the local Boys & Girls Club and can be seen around performing a number of leadership roles.

The organization has participated in Highway Clean Up, Make a

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Stations that are in smaller markets, like WSAW-TV in Wausau and WJFW-TV in Rhinelander, hold mostly producer/reporter combination positions. Many stations offer tours and accept resumes to put on file for a year in case anything opens up.

Al Lancaster, vice president and general manager of WSAW-TV, said most of the station's reporters are fresh out of college. The news team at WSAW is very small so everyone writes, reports, films, produces and edits, which gives employees the full experience they need to be able to move on in a year or two.

Billie Mielke, human resources assistant for Midwest Communications and graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, said her first job was as a full-time administrative & sales assistant for WRIG, Inc. She later moved up within the company. "Being the administrative & sales assistant, I learned more about the company's day-to-day business and was able to further demonstrate my abilities to those in the company," said Mielke.

Stations also often have opportunities in sales, so for recent graduates sales might not be a bad choice because, like Mielke, new employees can always move up.

Tracy Berg graduated from UWSP in December and lined up a job as the morning news producer for the show "Daybreak" on WXOW-TV in La Crosse.

Berg said she found the job opening on the station's Web site, however there are many other places to find career opportunities.

UWSP has a link on the school website called, "Career Point." Employers list job openings for students to apply directly online. Berg said that "Career Point" was one of the places she looked for opportunities before finding her job at WXOW.

Graduates can easily prepare for a career in the media. "Be sure to check the station's Web site and you will get an idea of what the employer is looking for," said Gibbons. "Also don't ever talk about money or benefits until the second interview."

Berg said that internships and maintaining references from those internships will better prepare graduates when looking for a job. "I had an internship the summer before graduation, and the executive producer at that station was a great reference for me. Plus it turns out that the station I'm at now is a sister station to the one I interned with," said Berg.

Networking is also a great tool to help graduates connect with employers in the broadcasting industry. Web sites like Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn are all useful ways of keeping up with the media world. "Networking is important. Make contact with managers at companies where you'd like to work," said Mielke.

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the fraternity well.

"Sigma Tau Gamma is my family. It has helped me to reach and do things I thought were unattainable but, most of all, it has been the best support group I could wish for," said Sig Tau Web Weaver, Anousith 'Ace' Douangphachanh.

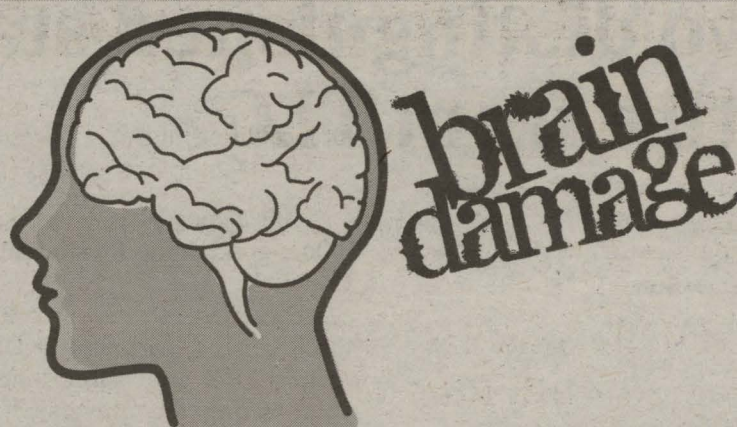
The fraternity has a diverse mix of members. There are people of different ethnic backgrounds but they only see brothers. "We make jokes here and there but we all are colorblind when it comes to people," said vice president of finance Jonathan Rodriguez.

Sig Tau also encourages its members to get involve in other student organizations. The members are involved in all aspects of the campus.

"The more our members get involved in other student organizations, the more valuable they become to the university. It also enriches our fraternity experience because of the richness it brings back to the group," said Sig Tau President, Cortez Edwards.

Members of Sigma Tau Gamma are thankful that they received the award but have no plans of being content.

"This is just the beginning of showing us and other student organizations what we all can become if we strive for great things," said Sig Tau Alumni, Leroy Ysquierdo.



In every episode of TV's Seinfeld, there is a Superman somewhere in at least one scene. (There is plastic figurine on the shelf in the dining area, and a magnetic Superman on the fridge.)

Human semen is ejaculated at a speed of 25 mph.

In a study conducted of university students, at any given time during a lecture, 20% are thinking about what to eat, 20% are listening, 20% are thinking about sex and 40% miscellaneous thoughts.

Dominique Larrey, Napoleon's chief surgeon, could amputate a leg in 13 seconds.

The Pacific Ocean was named thus by Ferdinand Magellan because it was calmer than the Atlantic.

In the 1960's, the U.S. spent millions developing a zero gravity pen for use in space. The Russians just used pencils.

Playboy has been viewed on the moon.

Pepsi was the first foreign product sold in the USSR. In exchange, vodka was sold in the West.

Summer on Uranus lasts for the equivalent of 21 Earth years.

The original zodiac consisted of 18 signs, not twelve.

## Studying Abroad in Stevens Point: Journey to the West

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For many international students in Stevens Point, life at this university would not be too far removed from any American student studying abroad. To witness a culture different, albeit reminiscent of their own, to learn a different language, and to tread carefully over the course of a year or two or more, the international students of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point undergo an intense learning experience.

But where does such a journey begin? For some, an education in the United States is seen as a valuable experience, and college life begins and ends abroad. For others however, the UWSP experience is just another step in their college careers.

"My university and this university are sister schools," said communication major Minami Goibuchi, referring to Dokkyo University of Soka, Saitama, Japan. Despite being a senior in Japan, Goibuchi is recognized as a freshman at UWSP, however it was an opportunity she could not turn down. "My professor told me Stevens Point is peaceful and safe, not very dangerous, and that's one of the

reasons, and this university gave me a scholarship. That's the main point."

Upon setting foot on campus, one can not help but notice the differences that defined the two cultures. Wang Yan, an ESL student from Qingdao City in China explained: "In class, we can talk to teacher, but in China, we can't. We just listen to teacher talk."

"My Japanese University doesn't distribute homework assignments very often. It's pretty easy. Japanese students are very shy because they are afraid to make mistakes. People don't ask questions often; all the time professors are talking, saying something to the students. People are very friendly here, talkative," agreed Goibuchi.

To students who hail from conservative cultures, the clashing attitudes come as a surprise, especially when it comes to what some view as the delicate ritual of romance. "It's a bit different when it comes to dating. Back home, for example, my mom got crazy when I told her I got a girlfriend over here. But out here, people share everything with their parents about dating and everything," said freshman Kanishka Bhattacharyya of Calcutta, India.

Though in the U.S. people may be more open in those aspects of their life, senior Thanakich 'Ken' Chantavat, originally from Chiang Mai, Thailand, wonders at what cost, after realizing that people in the U.S.

may have traded inner openness for a tougher, less approachable exterior. "People don't smile to each other, because in Thailand, even though we're on the street and I saw a stranger, I smile to them and it's normal," said Chantavat. "But here it's weird to smile to someone you don't know, and they will think you're crazy, or a pervert!"

Before she began studying at Stevens Point, Minami had worked two part-time jobs to prepare for the expenses. Working at a restaurant and as an English tutor for high school students, she describes the typical Friday night in Japan as a time of easy relaxation. A major change compared to Friday nights at UWSP.

"When I was studying on Friday night at my dorm, some people talked to me, 'hey Minami, why are you studying on Friday night? You should hang out or go to bar or club or something,' but I don't care about Friday night, but people have a very good emphasis on Friday night here," said Minami.

Those cultural differences grow more apparent when the students take to the street. For Chantavat, one of the aspects that he could not help but find fascination with was in a culture obsessed with taking slow walks.



# Science & Outdoors

## New bill aims at eradicating the litter bug in Wisconsin

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Littering has been an issue in the United States for some time now; however, with environmental

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**—Smith**

movements and concerns about global warming in full swing, there is now a growing concern for the effect

of local litter-bugs.

"One of the reasons I came to this campus was because of its natural beauty and it's really sad to see some of that being destroyed," said University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point junior Christyn Ross. "It's especially depressing to see any sort of litter in Schmeekle, as people should understand the importance of preserving the environment in such a pristine place."

An issue that has been given much attention in the state of Wisconsin is the fact that



Wisconsin welcomes a new law that will increase the fine for littering.

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currently, fines for littering do not exceed \$500. \$500 may seem like a lot, but compared to Washington state, where the littering of a cigarette can incur a fine of up to \$1,025, \$500 doesn't seem like an adequate punishment for the littering of items much bigger and more harmful than a cigarette. Similarly, in California, a first time littering fine starts at \$100 and eight hours of litter cleanup, but after three offenses the

minimum fine is \$750 and 24 hours of litter cleanup.

Wisconsin's stance on littering, at least from a legal punishment perspective, may be disheartening to many, however, there may be reason for hope on the horizon. Wisconsin state legislature is now considering a bill that would raise littering fines from a possible \$500 to \$1,000. While this bill would potentially double the rate of fines, a maximum penalty of \$1,000 would be reserved for only large items like furniture, large appliances or vehicles like cars or boats. This may not seem severe enough to many people who may envy Washington's laws. However, it is a step in a more environmentally-conscious direction.

Spencer Smith, a UWSP freshman, liked the idea of the new legislature. "I don't think there's any excuse for people to litter, especially on campus where there are trash cans

everywhere," said Smith. "Maybe this new law can help to curb litter presence in the state—it's about time."

UWSP sophomore Tabitha Lindsay is in the same position as other interviewed students. "Sometimes I go running in the Stevens Point area, and I hate to see trash on the side of the road," she said. "How hard is it to just throw stuff away where it's supposed to go? I hope this law passes and people take littering more seriously."

A version of the bill was passed last June by the state assembly but was amended last month by the state senate. The senate's version must still be approved by the assembly. Both houses must pass an identical bill before it can go to Governor Jim Doyle for final consideration.

## Local farmers have a hand in connecting community and campus

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The farmers' market is coming to campus on June 8 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The market will be located in the pergola area of the Dreyfus University Center. It will be held every Tuesday until the middle of October.

be fitting too. Planning began last fall and the effort paid off. About a dozen farmers and vendors will be selling their products on campus in June. Some of the farmers coming to campus are part of the Emy J's market downtown as well.

Hayes said, "We hope it will be very successful; right now I'm still getting responses back from a dozen farmers or vendors which is actually

way for local food to be considered for campus dining now and in the future.

"This is about education as well since a lot of students, faculty and staff have never been to a farmers' market before," said Hayes. "Since this is such a small community anyways, it would be nice to know where your food comes from. This is a part of the whole educational piece we are trying

rather than just relying on the farmers' market downtown. This will be an opportunity for the community to be involved in student life.

Hayes said that the idea was to keep it simple and convenient for everyone while supporting farmers. "I'm expecting it to be pretty popular plus the location is good. I hope to see many people there."

This will be an exciting new chapter for UWSP and Dining Services.

**"Since this is such a small community anyway, it would be nice to know where your food comes from."**

**—Hayes**

Mark Hayes, University Dining Services director, brought this event to campus in order to help support family farms and local foods and educate the campus and community.

Other universities have farmers' markets and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point decided a farmers' market on campus would

pretty good because the Emmy Jays market is only six farmers. We are giving the farmers a new location but a different day of the week to sell their goods."

The UWSP farmers' market acts as a way for farmers to work more closely with the community and is a

to do while trying to help the farmers and the Stevens Point university."

The UWSP farmers' market will extend the local market to the Old Main Association as well as the hospital and general community. A new location gives shoppers other options and an extra day to shop



# Science and Outdoors

## Stevens Point and the great outdoors in medias res

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Stevens Point is located in the



The view from atop the billion-year-old Rib Mountain displays Wisconsin's beauty.

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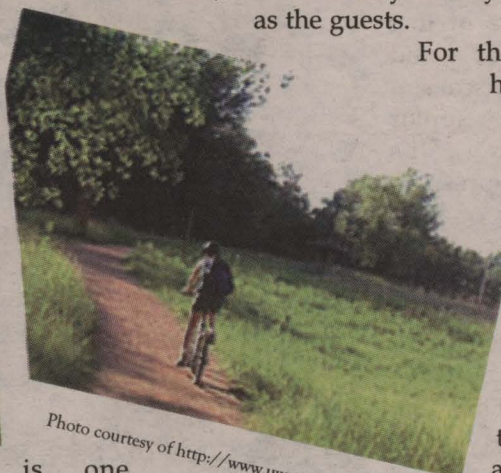


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is one of the more family-oriented campgrounds in the state with shelters that can

The campground contains 101-sites that are tucked away in red pines and orchard trees. Situated at the center of the state, Hartman Creek

diverse landscape and wildlife.

Hunting is also permitted within this state park, in which case, the wildlife may or may not fare as well as the guests.

For those who don't have a vehicle on campus or are opposed to leaving the city, Schmeckle Reserve is nearby. The 275-acre nature reserve is open to the public and acts as a field station for College of Natural

the UWSP Resources.

Various public programs and special events are offered throughout the year that promote a strong understanding of nature and recreation.

heart of Wisconsin, one of the many advantages that comes with attending the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. State and city parks and forests offer numerous outdoor recreation opportunities to those living in the area throughout the year. Summer is a great time for those residing in the city to take advantage of all that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has to offer.

The 1,480-acres of Rib Mountain State Park in Wausau, Wis, caters not only to downhill skiers and

be reserved for parties, weddings or reunions.

Bikers, hikers and horseback riders have access to the miles of trails, three of which includes parts of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail that winds throughout the Wisconsin.

Both Rib Mountain and Hartman Creek state parks allow hunting during open seasons.

Though a bit farther from Stevens Point, the Black River State Forest marks the edge of the glaciated central plains in Wisconsin. Approximately 68,000 acres



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snowboarders during the winter months but provides just over 15 miles of hiking trails during the summer. Those who long to shred up the trails need only make believe during the off-season while enjoying the scenery atop this billion-year-old hill, "one of the oldest geological formations on earth," according to the DNR.

Hartman Creek State Park is located in nearby Waupaca which is perhaps best known for its Chain O' Lakes. Originally a fish hatchery, dams were built on the site, creating four spring-fed lakes. The lakes are a hot spot for largemouth bass, perch, bluegill and other pan fish and are loved by kayak and canoe-goers alike.

presents visitors with many

opportunities to camp, hike, ride all terrain vehicles and enjoy the

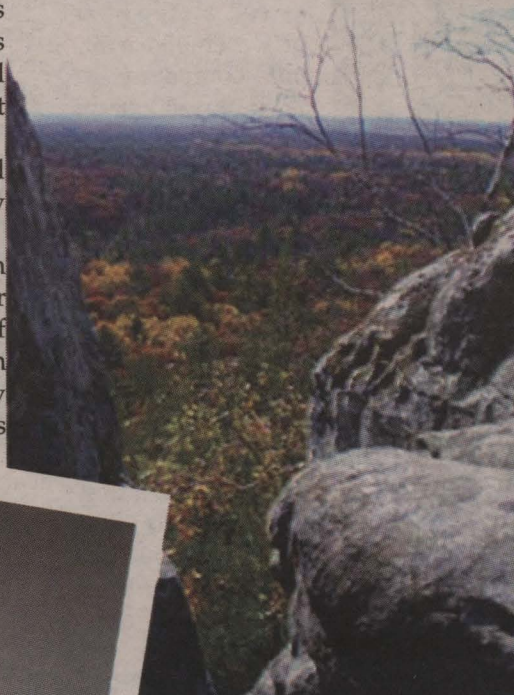


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An additional alternative is the Green Circle Trail which runs through Stevens Point and is also open to the public. The 24-mile nature trail acts as a self-proclaiming tour of central Wisconsin that can be enjoyed at leisure or otherwise.



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Residents of Stevens Point are in the middle of the action, and the slightest interest in the outdoors is all that's required of those who wish to take advantage of nature at its finest

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# Sports

## UWSP baseball heads into the post-season confident

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**"We need to be playing our best ball at the end of the year."**  
— Delorit

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team improved their overall record to 27-13 last weekend, giving them momentum as they head into the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament beginning this weekend.

UWSP beat UW-Stout on Saturday, May 8, 10-8 in the first game and 10-0 in the second. Infielder Justin Jirschele and outfielder Sam Spurney added three RBI each in the 10-8 victory while Josh Krueger led the team with four RBI in the 10-0 win.

After closing out the regular season with a split against UW-Stout on Sunday, the Pointers secured a number two ranking in the conference tournament. UWSP won 13-6 in the first game but lost 5-3 in the second.

Sam Spurney and Jared Surman each scored four runs for UWSP in the first game on Sunday. Steve Considine added two runs while Jeremy Richter, Justin Jirschele and Josh Krueger each scored one. In game two, Brad Archambeau, Justin Jirschele and Dan Douglas each scored a run for the Pointers.

Even with the split on Sunday, the players and coaches

are heading into the tournament on the right track with a 14-8 conference record according to pitcher Joel Delorit, who was named WIAC Pitcher of the Week earlier this week. Delorit leads the conference with 78 strikeouts on the season.

"With the regular season ending, we needed to collectively work out some of the kinks in our game," said Delorit. "The coaches want our entire team to be firing on all cylinders going into the conference tournament. They know that in order to be successful in the post-season, we need to be playing our best ball at the end of the year." UWSP will start the conference



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WIAC Pitcher of the week Joel Delorit has lead the Pointer's strong finish.

### SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

| Date         | Game      | Time     | Teams  | Box Score | Recap |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--|-----------|-------|
| Fri., May 14 | #1        | 10:00 am | #2 UW-Stevens Point vs. #3 UW-Platteville                | Box score | Recap |
| Fri., May 14 | #2        | 1:00 pm  | #1 UW-Whitewater vs. Winner of Game #1                   | Box score | Recap |
| Fri., May 14 | #3        | 4:00 pm  | Loser of Game #1 vs. Loser of Game #2 (loser eliminated) | Box score | Recap |
| Sat., May 15 | #4        | 12:00 pm | Winner of Game #2 vs. Winner of Game #3                  | Box score | Recap |
| Sat., May 15 | #5        | 3:00 pm  | Same two teams as Game #4 (if necessary)                 | Box score | Recap |
| Sun., May 16 | Rain Date |          |  |           |       |

\*Game #5 will be played if Winner of Game #2 loses Game #4

The tournament championship game will be televised on FS Wisconsin and FS North. Remember to check local listings for any changes to the date/time!

**WIAC Baseball Tournament Championship Game**  
Televised Tape-Delay  
Saturday, May 22 - 8 p.m. (on FS Wisconsin)  
Saturday, May 29 - 2 p.m. (on FS North)

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tournament this Friday, May 14, taking on number three ranked UW-Platteville at 10 a.m. in Miller Stadium at UW-Whitewater. The winner will face number one ranked UW-Whitewater at 1 p.m.

The Pointers hope to qualify for NCAA Regionals and the Division III World Series, which both take place at the end of May.

## After outdoor championships, track and field prepares for last chances

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**"I am very sad this is my last season, I love the team aspect of it."**  
— Wolter

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships were held last Saturday, May 8, in Ramer Field at UW-River Falls. The UW-Lacrosse women's team won for the fourth straight year with 189 points while the UW-Lacrosse men's track team won for the 20th straight year in a row with 184.5 points.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's track and field team finished fifth with 96 points. On the men's track and field side, UWSP finished fourth with a score of 104 points.

For some UWSP track members, this is their last year competing. Among them is Allison Wolter, senior distance runner.

"I am very sad that this is my last season; I love the team aspect of it. We get to go out on a long run to wherever and we get to talk about our day and share about what we did that day. Running is a great way to



The Pointers will prepare for the last chance meet which is two weeks away.

relieve your stress and a good way to be involved on campus," Wolter said. "Most people think they don't have time to be in a sport and be a full time student but this is a great way to develop time management skills. I feel I actually get more done because I'm busy compared to when I have an open schedule."

Jerry Prusinski, a senior for the men's team, has participated in the hammer throw for four years and will also be leaving UWSP after this semester. Prusinski took second at the WIAC Outdoor Championships and is preparing for the last chance meets.

"I have two weeks to try to set a new personal record since this is my last chance being my senior year. This is my fourth time going to nationals and will hopefully be my second time placing," Prusinski said. "It's kind

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## Sports

*The world and the World Cup are on the way, plan accordingly*

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As we speed toward the end of the school year, the NBA playoffs are down to only one second round series left to be decided, which has given me time to look toward the sporting future, in particular, next month's World Cup.

The World Cup is something I have done little to no research for, and I don't plan on changing that, yet when it arrives I know I should be paying attention. I was fortunate

by now.

The other reason for this World Cup story is that it coincides with what else has been happening these past four years: the near-completion of my time here at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. In between the last World Cup and next month's, I have scores of memories of this place, some fuzzier than others, most invaluable, and made and maintained friendships that will make me smile and laugh to myself in public areas at random points in the future for a long time. In short, these last four years have been pretty close to perfect.

During that time I've only had to concern myself with the things I

the psychology classes I wanted and going on the dreaded waiting list. I like it here. I don't want to leave right now; life is going pretty swell just the way it is, thank you very much.

But these events, graduation and the World Cup, are coming if I'm ready to leave Stevens Point or not, if I'm ready to see the same ESPN World Cup commercial a million times or not and if I'm ready to move on in my mind or not.

I really tried, as you can probably tell, avoiding thinking about any of this, keeping everything an arm's length away from my brain. But with that said, it's time to stop brushing the World Cup and, more importantly, the post-grad life to the side; it has to happen sometime after all, and it is a pretty big deal, something worth getting excited about. Moving on is the next step, though it's not a bad one, I don't think. We will have to see what happens.

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of sad to be leaving in a way because you work hard for four years, but then at the same time it's kind of exciting to begin the rest of your life and do something different. Overall I'll miss it; there were a lot of fun times."

With the Last Chance Qualifiers coming up, the track and field teams are preparing to go out and qualify and ensure their place at Nationals. They have only two weeks to prepare to set new personal records for the 2010 season.

"I enjoy the camaraderie we have on the team. We have a pretty tight group and I remember coming in as a freshman and after a couple of weeks you pretty much have 30 to 35 new best friends," David Litsheim, junior middle distance runner, said. "I think that's the best part about track and field: the friendships you have. We are also one of the most competitive universities in the nation so if you want to be a part of a good program you should come out for the team because you definitely won't regret it."

The Last Chance Meet will be held at UW-Whitewater on May 19, followed by the Last Chance Qualifier, which will be on May 21. National Collegiate Athletic Association Nationals will be held at Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio on May 27 through the 29.

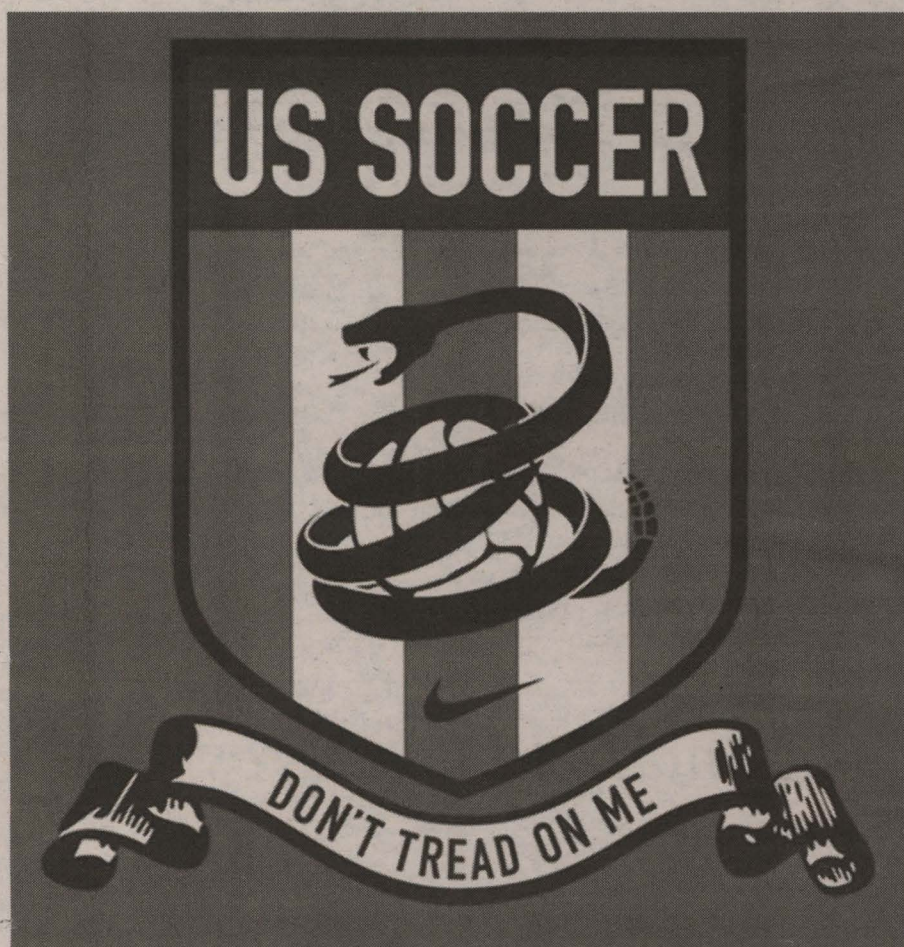


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This column doesn't have a whole lot to do with soccer, but go USA! And this picture is cool.

enough to be in Europe during the 2002 World Cup, traveling with a group of students, and after the trip I felt like I had to watch the next time it came around. This event completely envelops everyone's life, nobody talks about anything else while it's going on and if you can't join in a conversation, then you sir, are an idiot.

The United States would make a surprising run into the quarterfinals that year (yes, I had to look that up) and I do remember anyone we met on the British Isles would say how surprised they were and how happy we must be. I think all we could muster in return was a half-hearted "yeah, go America!" or something like that. It wasn't a big deal at the time, and the U.S. didn't fare so well in the 2006 World Cup, finishing last in their group. Maybe that's why now that it's almost here again, I still can't get that excited, even though I know I should've opened my eyes

wanted to. Sure, I could stop in and say "hi" to different things, like the Olympics for a fortnight or that one time I wanted to be a web and digital media development major, but I could always regress back to my mean and go back to what I knew, or wanted to know, like the NBA playoffs, or what should I do this weekend?

That's why this year and this World Cup are different: as a sophisticated sports fan (or just someone who follows sports, actually), I know I should be excited about it, that it's probably the biggest sporting event in the world and that I should be treating it like the big deal that it is. I shouldn't have to act as if I'm interested, but I'm still not ready to embrace it.

Much like this graduating business and leaving a place I have come to enjoy so much and feel so comfortable in, I just can't get excited about it. I liked the reliability of knowing I wouldn't be able to get into

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## Arts &amp; Culture

# Five albums that will improve the quality of your summer

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Summer is finally upon us. Three months to let loose and make memories with those closest to us. For me, summer is always defined by two things: the people I spend it with and the music that provided the soundtrack for our lives. I've decided to help everyone in the latter category and offer five albums that will make your summer better.

## Japandroids-"Post Nothing"

A nice mix of nostalgia and good song writing, this garage rock up start knows how to tug at your heart strings. Japandroids use big guitar hooks and heavy distortion as a backdrop to pine for the old days and dispel the responsibilities of days to come. Their debut record is full of songs about girls, growing up, getting drunk on wine and resistance to all things that may initiate them into adulthood. "Post-Nothing" is an interesting look at escaping the pitfalls of leaving innocence behind but never losing your youthful ambition. Does that sound like the definition of summer to anyone else?

## Titus Andronicus-"The Monitor"

For those of you familiar with this album I know what you're thinking: How can an album based on a Civil War concept be great for my summer? To that I have but one reply: this is the most sing along friendly record I've heard all year. With group vocals galore and enough passion to blow up New Jersey, Titus delivered their second and best album to date. For everyone taking a long summer drive with friends, this is the album to get you through those long nights on the road pining for sleep.

## The Tallest Man on Earth-"The Wild Hunt"

The Tallest Man on Earth earned a special place in my heart with his breathtaking performance opening for Bon Iver last year at the Barrymore Theater in Madison. This Swedish songwriter had the whole audience silent as he crooned through tracks from his debut "Shallow Grave." He finished the night with a new song titled "the King of Spain," which indicated a slightly new and more confident direction for his songs. That song is the first single from his new album "The Wild Hunt." "The Wild Hunt" isn't that much different from his first record but feels even more effortless and sincere if that's possible. If you can listen to this whole album without getting goose bumps please turn yourself in to the proper authorities because you are a robot.

## The Coral Riffs-"True Romance"

I'm about to introduce you to one of Stevens Point's best-kept secrets. Colin Bares has been making music

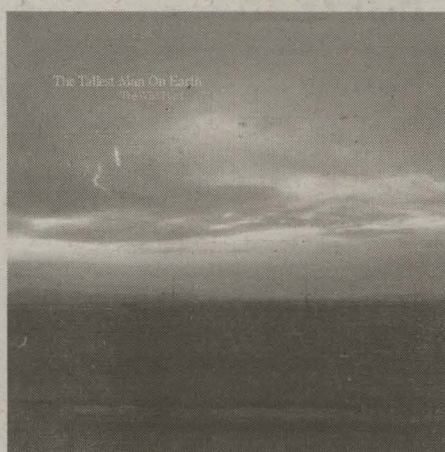


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The Tallest Man on Earth's "The Wild Hunt."

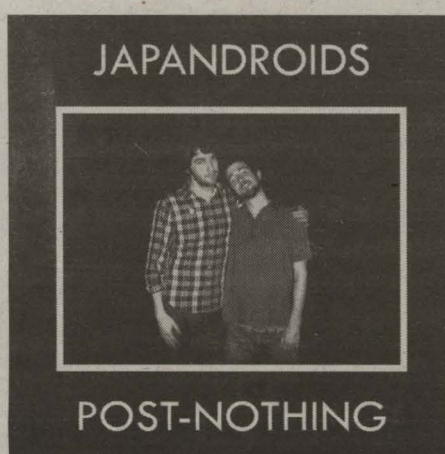


Photo courtesy of polyvinyl  
Post-Nothing is packed with summer sing alongs.

under the name the Coral Riffs for a little while but "True Romance" may be his best release to date and the best part is, he's local. Most of the songs on "True Romance" barely reach two minutes but they each pack enough punch to keep you singing along long after you've turned the ipod off. Simply put, this is a beautiful record and you might just want to save it for that moment when you say goodbye to your summer lover; it'll make you feel better. Bares has yet to release the album in a tangible form but you can find it online via his facebook and myspace pages.

## Kid Cudi- "A Kid named Cudi" (mixtape)

This is a throwback to 2008 but with Kid Cudi's sudden rise to fame I think it's important to understand how this happened. This is the original, the mixtape that started it all for Kid Cudi. This is the mixtape that caught the attention of Kanye West and introduced us all to the pensive nature of a kid named Cudi. The guy is not just rapping, he's thinking and carefully choosing every word. Like Immortal Technique before him, Cudi worries more about what he's saying than making sure people can sing along. Nicely enough, we can, and it makes the songs all the more enjoyable. This is a great album to get a party going this summer without the background noise of careless hip-hop. Careless this isn't, let the dancing begin.

There, five albums that I hope will make your bright summer days even better.

# Flame Shark ready to rock Stevens Point again

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Flame Shark, a band that originated in Madison, Wisconsin in 2004, will be playing at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point on Thursday, May 13.

The band is comprised of Marc Ford, Justin Jahnke, Rusty Lee, Mike Meske and James Ratke. Jahnke fronts the band as their lead singer, songwriter and guitarist. He committed to the band by dropping out of graduate school in Louisiana to move to Madison and pursue his music career.

Ford used to play guitar for the nationally famous Black Crowes and has since hooked up with Flame Shark. "I can recognize honest, real music when I hear it," said Ford of Flame Shark, and has since recorded guitar work for their upcoming album, "Farm Life."

Ford's addition to the band was a dream come true for the other members who had been Black Crowes fans for a long time. "I've been listening to him play for 10 years and now he's played with us, such a beautiful moment for the band," said Jahnke.

Lee, another founding member of the band, is the keyboardist and also does some vocals. He said the band enjoyed their last stop at UWSP at the Encore in 2009 where they played to a sizable crowd. They have also played at Clark Place and Mission Coffee. "Our excitement comes with us for every performance

but we are specifically excited about playing UWSP on Thursday because we love playing to younger crowds that sometimes are not able to attend a 21 plus show," said Lee. "It is a great venue that caters to all ages as live music should be available to everyone."

The band is rounded out by bassist/vocalist Meske and drummer Ratke. Their original drummer, Doug Gay, left to go on tour with blues guru Tab Benoit and later with Old Crow Medicine Show banjoist and steel guitarist Gill Landry.

Flame Shark's style is unique but could be described as rock-n-roll, soul and Americana. Lee cites some of their influences as The Black Crowes, Albert King, Wilco and "Tom Petty on acid."

Flame Shark has played in three national tours as well as over 150 shows in Wisconsin in the past five years. Since the start of the band there have been five albums recorded, 1,500 albums sold and nine original videos produced. They are playing on Friday in Oshkosh and Saturday in Sheboygan; details on those shows, pre-orders of their new album and information on their upcoming fall tour can be found at [www.flamesharkmusic.com](http://www.flamesharkmusic.com). In their own bio on that site, Flame Shark is described as "a band for people who love music, truly love songs, for those who want to let themselves go and be lost in a song or allow the sound to soak into their bodies."

The performance, sponsored by Centertainment Productions, will be in the Encore in the DUC starting at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday.

# Movie Review: "Iron Man 2" Needs Some Buffing

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The gilded surface is worn through and the glint no longer shimmers, but what "Iron Man 2" lacks in fun it makes up for with pathos. Like many a darker second chapter in the journey of a superhero, the true villains would surface as those that dwelled within. Superman, Luke Skywalker and Spiderman all had to fight with who they were, although to be fair, Peter Parker always seemed to run away in any movie regardless.

The same holds true for Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.), who despite facing the triple threat of a passionate senator (Gary Shandling), a fellow industrialist (Sam Rockwell), and a vengeful Russian hacker and possible lion tamer (Mickey Rourke), the

biggest danger still lies within the man in the iron suit. After all, it grows increasingly hard to believe that they could pose Stark any more danger than he already does to himself as we watch Stark happily dish out massive amounts of damage to his own home in a self-destructive downward spiral in a moment that feels all too awkwardly autobiographical by Downey, playing a man coping with the excesses of fame.

An integral point that the movie revolves around: where does a superhero story go after the man of steel outs himself to the world? None of the other superheroes had this problem, and while they're all too busy hiding their identity from the world, Iron Man busies himself protecting his right to save it. It is an interesting and a radical departure



# Food Swings

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This week's feature:  
Norwegian funeral  
hot dish

Happy end of the year, students. For some of us, we're graduating, going into the worst job market since the Great Depression. Others are going to summer jobs washing dishes for minimum wage or working as a coffee making, bagel retrieving intern. Either way, it's the end of an era for many. For me, this is my last week as editor-in-chief of The Pointer. In some ways, it's the end of a long prison sentence.

So today, we're going to be making my last meal. Actually, that sounds a little too cryptic. Let's call it my first meal upon being freed from prison with parole. Everybody has one dish that they hold dear. It reminds them of home. It could be something your mom makes when you're sick, your grandma's chicken

noodle soup or the one dish your dad knows how to make and can only do it once a year.

My favorite meal isn't anything fancy. It's not a special cut of steak or seafood. It's not complicated to make. It isn't even especially interesting. It's just good. It reminds me of my childhood. The other night, in the midst of an overwhelming day of homework and final projects I made this dish and it put the world right. I prepared it in 20 minutes devoured it in two. I went to sleep afterward content in my fullness and dreamy with nostalgia.

My last meal is something I like to call Norwegian funeral hot dish. Yes hot dish. Not casserole. That's as far as I'm going to go into that argument again. The reason it's called this

is pretty self explanatory. I have a Norwegian family. When somebody dies, this is unquestionably served.

You will need:  
1 lb ground beef  
1 lb cooked and drained elbow macaroni  
1 lg. can condensed tomato soup  
½ onion finely chopped  
2 tsp garlic powder  
salt and pepper to taste.

Brown the ground beef. When beef is cooked, add in onions and cook until tender. Mix in macaroni, unprepared soup and seasoning. Stir occasionally over medium heat until hot. Serve with garlic bread.

Enjoy! and remember, live to eat. It's been a pleasure cooking with you over the past year.

## Letter to the editor

Who can believe this year is already coming to an end? It honestly feels like I just registered for classes last week. Well, I suppose technically I did just register for classes...but that's for next year. Anyway, before the year officially comes to an end and we all head along on our merry way, I wanted to squeeze one last letter into the Pointer this year with an issue that I feel needs to be addressed.

Several times this year the administrative body at UWSP has been hung out to dry. There have been claims that the people of this body are power hungry and unjust. I even came across some literature that called the administration "evil" and "tyrannical." This accusation was backed with "evidence" that the students are supposed to run this campus.

Quite honestly I feel rather fortunate to belong to a student body that has as much power to make decisions as our student body does. As students we do have a great deal of influence on how our campus is run. I have voiced several concerns to SGA over the last year, and they have received me warmly with open ears.

I have also worked closely with many members of the administration over the last year. They have been very helpful, capable and accommodating. I can assure you that these people are not "evil." They do not belong to some secret sect that conspires to destroy the student body. They are simply people who are doing their jobs. Although I don't necessarily agree with all administrative decisions, many of them are doing their jobs quite well.

Clearly there are reasons why we cannot give every administrative job to the students. Some of these jobs require a level of expertise that can only be obtained through

years of experience. To give these jobs to students, who are transient in nature, would prevent such expertise to be acquired thus impeding the flow of progress. Why would we not allow someone who is rooted in the community and can focus solely on their job (versus also worrying about their studies) hold an administrative position on our campus? I realize this is coming from my perspective, but it seems to make a great deal of sense to me.

For those who have been writing the subversive literature that has circulated campus, I have a request. Could you please sign your name to the articles that you write? That would make it easier for people to question your sources and the information you provide.

I would like to extend my

appreciation to the entire faculty, student body and staff here at UWSP.

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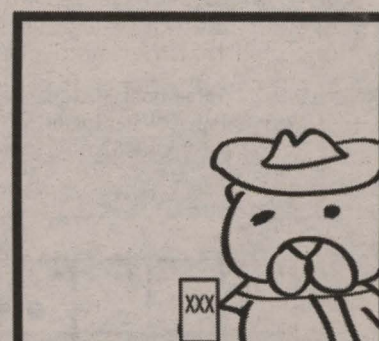
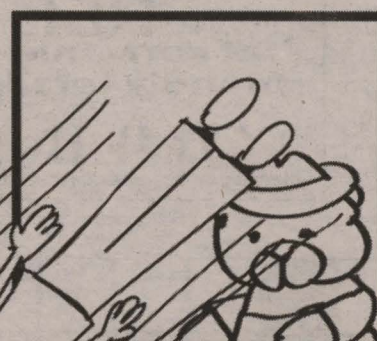
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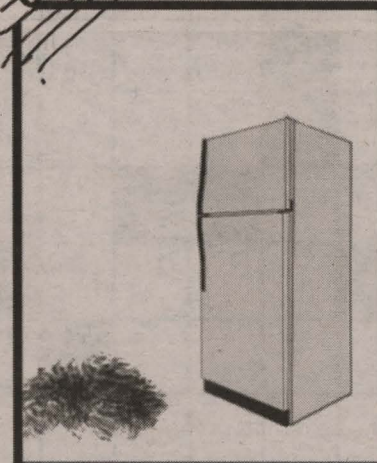
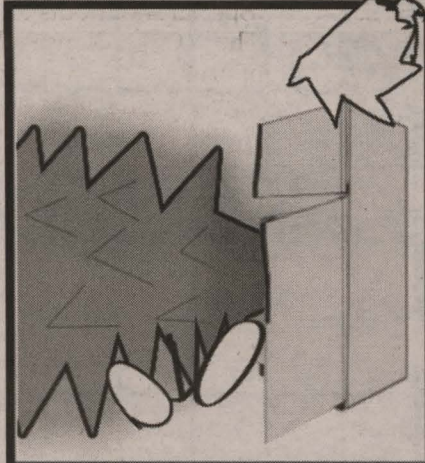
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from the traditional mold but one that ultimately is let down by the script, written by newcomer and actor Justin Theroux, who unfortunately is neither able to do justice to such a bold idea, nor to measure up to his predecessors.

And this is where the movie suffers the most. Where the first entry was fun, exciting and more importantly, fresh, this sequel simply lumbers heavily from action set piece to action set piece, with none of the wit, cohesiveness or direction that made the first so endearing. While the actors all give it their best, they are all ultimately let down by a disappointing script that gives characters a lot to do, yet nothing to do.

Visually, the film cannot be faulted. Directed once again by Jon Favreau, it does have the advantage of being a refreshing take on an otherwise tired genre, but even despite Favreau's best efforts as he once again successfully delivers a different vibe, he can do little as the writing ultimately lets down the picture.

Rourke, as the central villain, seems to be in a completely different movie. A Dostoyevsky tragedy perhaps, which makes his standoffs with Stark all the more jarring. Likewise, Scarlett Johansson has a brief role that contributes little except to help tie this movie into a future "superhero team" movie. More fitting is Rockwell's performance as he plays industrialist Justin Hammer as both the shadowy reflection of, and a man deeply in love with the idea of Tony Stark.

Perhaps therein lies the tragedy of this sequel. It tries too hard to be

like its predecessor, to give audiences a familiar sight through different lenses again but unfortunately glosses over what made "Iron Man" work. No amount of exploding robots or martial artistry can make up for true purpose in a story, which is what this sequel lacks.

Still, "Iron Man 2" gets the job done. Perhaps not as effectively but sufficiently, with more than a few screws left over.

Directed by Jon Favreau, "Iron Man 2" was released on May 7, 2010.

## From "Abroad" pg. 4

"The people in Chiang Mai, they don't like to walk. The public transportation there is not very good. We don't have a subway, we don't have a sky train, that's why everybody has a car. Even though the distance between the two places is not far, we usually drive. But here, people usually walk," said Chantavat.

Ultimately though, it is a matter of give and take. As they observe the different cultural values and attitudes of the American people, and how

different it is from their own, the international student community is likewise curiously regarded by their American counterparts.

"When we're in a class, we don't get much time to interact," said Bhattacharyya, who believes that should not discourage students from approaching him. "When I go to parties or meet people, I see that they want to know about me. They need a conversation starter and they show more interest about my culture, and that's the main thing. It's just that people don't get the push to break barriers."

## From "letter" pg. 10

aboard. We're all looking forward to a great year next year.

Congratulations to all the graduating seniors. Nice work! I wish you well in your future endeavors.

Thanks for the great year everybody. Have a great summer and travel safely. I look forward to seeing many of you next year!

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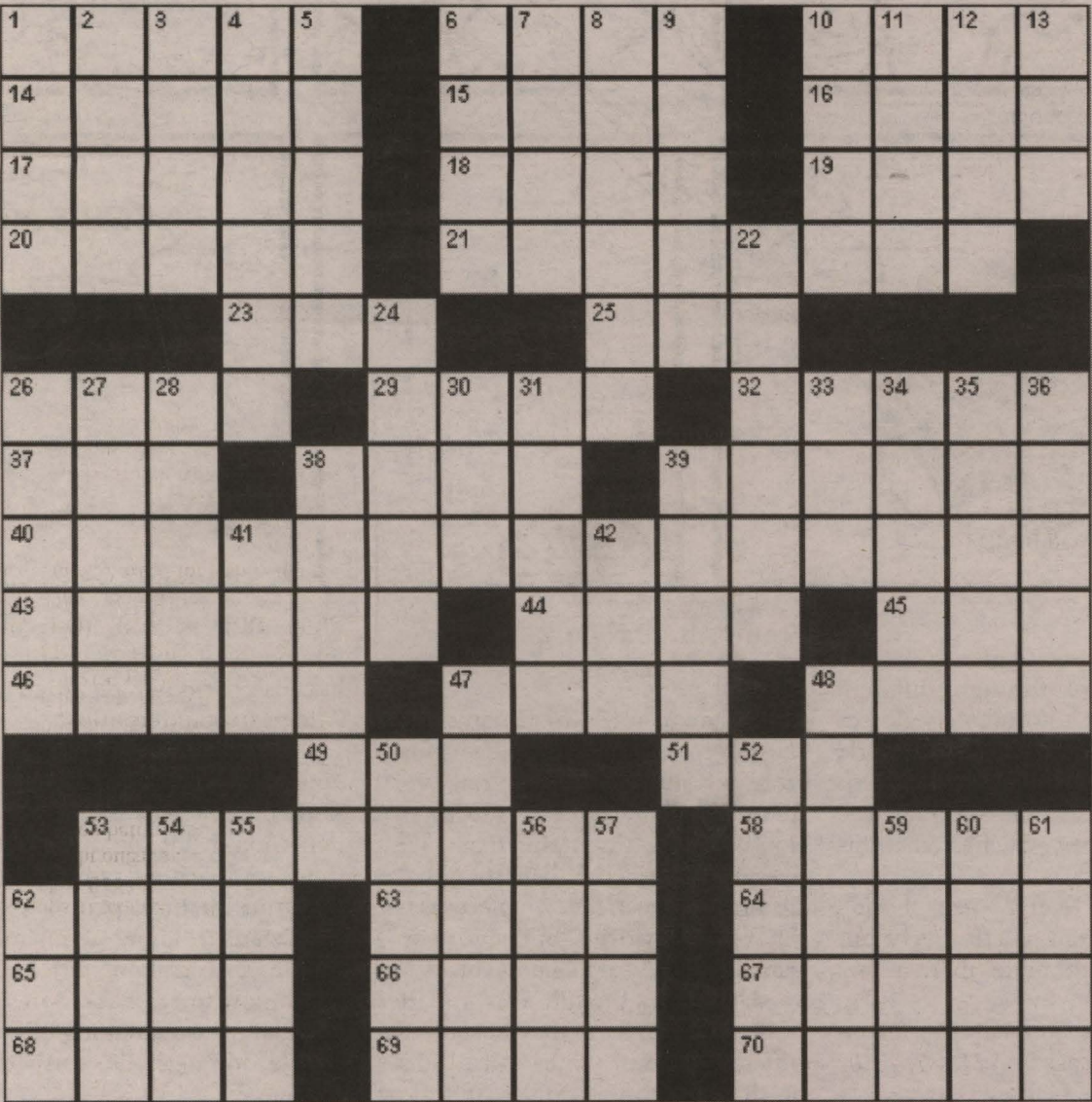
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