

The Pointer

Are you Loko?

- 12 Percentage of alcohol in a 24 ounce can of Four Loko
- 5 Number of cans of beer one can of Four Loko is equivalent to
- 2 Number of cups of coffee one can of Four Loko is equivalent to
- 9 Number of Central Washington University students hospitalized after drinking Four Loko at a house party Oct. 8
- 2 Number of states that have banned Four Loko among other alcoholic energy drinks so far



Photo illustration by Rebecca Swan

Many universities ban alcoholic energy drink from campuses

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The alcoholic energy drink Four Loko (produced by Phusion Projects, LLC) has been making national headlines lately after nine Central Washington University students were hospitalized after consuming several cans of the drink (and possibly other hard liquor or drugs). Also it was banned in Michigan and several college campuses such as the University of Rhode Island. Several states, such as New York and Oregon, are following Michigan's lead and pushing for Four Loko sales bans.

A can of Four Loko, known by many college students as "blackout in a can," is 23.5 ounces and 12 percent alcohol by volume—that means that one can has the same amount of alcohol as a 6-pack of light beer and as much caffeine as two cups of coffee.

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Future grim for U.S. college students?

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For a college student, student loan repayment is that dark and looming storm cloud on the horizon that is slowly advancing. The grim reality is that many students will be up to their eyeballs in debt after graduation, all in the hopes of eventually securing a well-paying job to pay it all back.

FinAid.org reports that the average debt for a college graduate is \$23,186. U.S. Secretary of Education

Arne Duncan recently announced the 2008 student loan default rate at 7 percent, and when the consequences of a default include the withholding of wages, tax refunds and Social Security income, as well as a tainted credit and constant collection calls, defaulting on one's student loans becomes an almost criminal act.

Pell Grants, which are federal funds that help low-income students meet their tuition costs, accounted for \$25 billion of discretionary spending in the last fiscal year, almost double

from the previous year. However, Rep. John Boehner (R-Ohio) has already called for a decrease in federal discretionary spending to 2008 levels, and federal Pell Grants could be one of the items placed on the chopping block in the near future.

UK Education Faces Cuts

In Britain, the new coalition Conservative-Liberal Democrat administration is going through with a proposed £81 billion (\$130 billion)

cut in spending which, according to a story on NPR.org, will include the removal of 500,000 public-sector jobs and a 40 percent reduction in higher education spending.

With such a cutback in higher education, tuition is only expected to rise in the near future, and Britain's Labour Party has predicted that 14,200 teachers would lose their jobs in the Conservatives' first budget.

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NEWS

Free at last, US Bank ATM's are free at last

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"University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students, along with the rest of the campus community, may find it a bit easier to get to their money."

This statement was made in a news release posted on Wispolitics.com on Oct. 28. What it was talking about was the ATMs here on campus owned by US Bank.

If students have not noticed by now, when they go to the ATM to withdraw some cash, they are not charged to do so anymore.

The decision was reached during the deliberations on whether or not to extend US Bank's contract by another five years.

"U.S. Bank recently won renewal of its five-year contract with UWSP. The bank operates three ATMs on campus. One of the stipulations was that it drop ATM fees," the release outlined.

The Student Government Association along with The Centers here on campus conducted a survey last spring to see what students thought of the banking options. The results of the survey were kept secret even until this year.

"That came straight from our students," said UWSP Controller Bo DeDeker. "A campus-wide committee surveyed our students before we



Photo by Samantha Feld

US Bank will no longer charge ATM fees at its campus ATMs as a result of a campus-wide survey indicating that students want no-fee ATMs.

took proposals for the latest banking contract, and the request for no-fee ATMs came through loud and clear."

When The Pointer attempted to contact SGA President Mike Wilson on the issue, he was unavailable or chose not to respond.

Former Vice President Nate Schultz was asked about the US Bank survey last year and only responded simply that he could not talk about the results for legal purposes. The legal issue is that a contract was being

discussed and therefore was not available to be open for discussion by anyone except those who were involved in making the decision.

Regardless of the discussions and deliberations between the bank and university officials, it is a decision that is sure to make most students happy as many students on campus do their banking with US Bank. They may even use their student I.D. card as their debit card, one of the services that US Bank provides.

NEWSBRIEFS

Cholera spreads in Haiti

Nearly 100 people are being treated for cholera in the capital of Haiti, Port-au-Prince. Hundreds of earthquake survivors in camps throughout the city have also begun to show symptoms of the deadly waterborne disease.

With the recent flooding caused by Hurricane Tomas, health experts fear the disease could spread rapidly across other parts of the country. According to the Ministry of Health, cholera has now killed more than 500 people and has struck around 8,000 nationwide.

In the Old Military Airport in Port-au-Prince, roughly 50,000 people are packed onto a derelict airfield where groups such as Doctors Without Borders, the British Red Cross and Partners in Health have been busy constructing a cholera treatment unit.

Cholera risks becoming a national epidemic in Haiti, and with the weakness of the country's infrastructure, the disease could make its way through the river system and infect many sources of water.

NASA to view Mercury

NASA is looking forward to getting an extended view of Mercury in the near future, as its Messenger spacecraft is set to pull into orbit around the planet on March 18.

The craft has gone past the planet three times already, obtaining photographs and collecting data regarding Mercury's magnetic field and effects of solar radiation on the atmosphere.

Messenger will orbit around the planet for at least a year, so scientists will have the opportunity to know more about the geological features of the planet as well as track the atmospheric effects of the Sun's calm phase of its 11-year sunspot cycle.

Debt/Students protest tuition hikes in London

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In late October, roughly 1,000 students from universities in Oxford protested the cuts to higher education, and current protests feature students boisterously storming the London, decrying what they perceive to be a Tory system that "attacks the poor and helps the rich," according to an article by The Guardian newspaper.

A text message obtained by The Guardian from one of the protestors stated, "We stand against the cuts, in solidarity with all the poor, elderly, disabled and working people affected. We are against all cuts and the marketisation of education."

An estimated 50,000 students and supporters were at the protest, and many were driven by government plans to raise the yearly cost of attending a university to £9,000 (\$14,000), which is about three times the current cost.

US Fears Education Cuts

The recent protests in Britain have renewed dialogue in the United States over the future of higher

education funding. On Wednesday, hundreds of people gathered at the Louisiana Capitol building for a rally organized by the University of New Orleans meant to protest state budget reduction initiatives directed at higher education.

A College Board study found that average in-state tuition and fees this past fall rose 7.9 percent. This is especially troubling during an economic period in which incomes have not risen for 90 percent of Americans and rampant unemployment continues to plague the country.

Affordable access to a quality higher education, in the eyes of many Americans, is crucial for not only the economic future of the country but also for enriching the civic, cultural and intellectual spheres of our society. How much funding is allocated to public universities and federal grant programs over the coming years is sure to have huge implications for the amount of students that can afford college and eventually obtain skilled and well-paying jobs and, ultimately, become better, more responsible citizens.

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Walker and UW Regents meet, clashes foreseen

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On Nov. 4, just two days after he was elected Governor of Wisconsin, Scott Walker walked into a meeting with the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents and told them that he wasn't going to raise taxes and that the UW Regents had to help him out in making Wisconsin's universities innovative without raising spending.

It's a lofty goal compared to how other states are handling their budgets for their universities but a trend in the Wisconsin system, according to Ed Miller, Political Science professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

When asked about what Walker's plans will bring to the UW System, Miller had only one word, "Disaster."

"I listened to it, because it's out there, and he didn't say anything. I

think it'll be a disaster for the UW System. He has pledged not to raise taxes at any time and this was an issue with Doyle. He had to start borrowing money from these funds to cover costs," Miller explained.

One of Walker's main issues in his candidacy was the issue of government spending and taxation in the State of Wisconsin, and he often blamed Governor Jim Doyle's leadership for the problems the state is now facing. However, Miller doesn't believe that his explanation for the problem will help fix the situation.

"If you put taxes off the table, you only have 50 percent of the budget to work for."

Still, Walker is going to continue to assert his claims and push his campaign promise to not raise taxes to go to the UW System.

"It's not always going to be easy. But I know, particularly when I think

about higher education, when I think about all the campuses I visited, all the innovation and creativity we see within our campuses and within our system, I'm going to be calling on you to help me out," Walker outlined in the meeting with the Regents.

This is a particular issue to most students because it means covering costs will have to come from somewhere, and that most likely will come from their tuition.

In the discussion with Miller, he outlined a few different possibilities other than tuition, but none of them likely to cover all of them. Those possibilities included grants and gifts. Grants, however, are very time consuming and cost money through staffing to generate.

Gifts are also unlikely to cover costs. This stems from the problem of the recession when more and more people are giving less to charities

across the entire United States; public universities are viewed as the same.

Universities aren't the only ones that will have a problem on their hands in the future; Walker and the Regents might be butting heads over policy matters as well.

Regent President Charles Pruitt made mention that most of the Regents on the board were appointed by Governor Doyle. But he did try to remain optimistic for a working relationship.

"But when all of us walk through this door, we cease being Democrats or Republicans. We instead become Regents of what we think is the finest public university system in America," Pruitt said.

Walker's agenda has yet to be realized, but for some students and the Regents it could be a rocky road until the common ground between the two organizations is found.

Loko/Manufacturer defends drink in light of recent incidents

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As Dr. Sol Sepsenwol of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Biology department puts it, "Four Loko is 12 percent alcohol in a 24 ounce can—that's a bottle of 10 percent wine per can. Given that it's flavored like soda, that people usually don't sip soda from cans and that caffeine and taurine delay the dizziness and nausea associated with feeling drunk, it's a perfect combination for an alcohol overdose."

Phusion Projects, LLC, the makers of the drink, said that they go to great lengths to make sure their product isn't abused and that flavored alcoholic beverages are nothing new, citing drinks like fruit vodkas and Mike's Hard Lemonade. Phusion Projects said their cans feature seven different warnings and that their cans are no brighter or more appealing than labels of established beer brands like Budweiser and Heineken.

In regards to the incident at Central Washington University, Phusion Projects said what happened was unacceptable and appeared to have involved hard liquor and possibly illicit substances which is why they do as much as they can to make sure their products are not abused or sold to underage consumers.

There haven't been any major incidents, or at least any

that have been widely publicized, involving Four Lokos on campus or in Stevens Point, however the product is available at several local stores and it is being consumed by some students.

Jordan Meyer, senior Sociology and Psychology major, said he loves the drink and it shouldn't be banned; instead, people should just be more responsible.

"If you don't drink all the time and you're going out after you drink it [Four Loko], it's probably not the best idea because you can black out pretty quick, but if you're a seasoned drinker it's a good thing to start out the night with," said Meyer.

A story on National Public Radio (NPR) recently discussed Four Lokos and said that one can has the caffeine content of six 12 ounce Cokes. The story touched on Michael Pollan's book "In Defense of Food," which says that Americans are visual eaters (we eat until the plate or drink is empty or gone) which is unlike, say, the French or Italians who eat until they are full or have a drink with a meal. College students tend not to drink one can of something, and the students from the Central Washington University case allegedly overdosed on as few as two cans of Four Loko.

ABC News contributed to this story.

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Pointer Football keeps Falcons Wingless

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The Pointers owned the field Saturday, Nov. 2, against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Stevens Point amassed 548 total yards of offense on their way to a 58-13 routing of the Falcons. Senior receiver Jared Jenkins caught nine passes for 198 yards, and would respond to being held without a touchdown against Whitewater by having four in this matchup.

Sophomore running back Keith Ingram got the ball rolling for Point as he dashed into the end zone from 34 yards out. Junior kicker Jered Fohrman would add the extra point to put the Pointers up 7-0. The defense would then force a punt and senior

quarterback Jake Swank would take over.

Swank would find Jenkins on the very first play of the drive for a 73-yard touchdown, widening the lead to 14-0. Swank would again find Jenkins in the first quarter for a 9-yard strike, making the score 21-0.

River Falls would answer in the second quarter on a one-yard pass to sophomore Nate Brandt from senior quarterback Ryan Luessenheide. However, Point would respond quickly before halftime as Jared Jenkins would score from a yard out for his first rushing touchdown of the season.

The second half played out the same as the first. The high-powered Pointer offense would thrive, and River Falls would continue to flounder. Jered Fohrman would begin the second half's barrage with a 47-yard field goal to distance themselves from

the Falcons, 31-7.

Swank would demonstrate more passing prowess on back-to-back drives in the third quarter. Jake would connect with Jenkins for a third time on a 39-yard strike for a touchdown and then complete a 53-yarder to senior receiver Anthony Aker.

In the fourth quarter, the Pointers would flash the ground game with senior running back Kyle Furhman pounding in a five yard score. Freshman backup quarterback Casey Barnes would add a touchdown of his own, rushing in from 36 yards out to cap off the scoring for Point.

The defense would allow just one score in the second half and would stop the Falcons on their two point conversion attempt to hold them to just 13 points in the game. Leading the defense against the Falcons was senior linebacker Peter Peterson who recorded 10 tackles.

The Pointer defense was able to force three turnovers on the day; an interception by senior linebacker Brandon Stremkowski and recovered fumbles by junior defensive backs Collin Johnson and Ethan Firgens.

Jake Swank completed 15 of his 20 passes for 304 yards, his second highest total of the 2010 season. His four touchdowns were the most he's thrown in a game since Point played at Stout, where he also tossed four TDs. His 73-yard touchdown hookup with Jenkins was his longest on the year.

Point had five players rush for double digits against the woeful Falcons. Keith Ingram led the pack with eight carries for 86 yards.

The Pointers wrap up regular season play with a showdown against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville this Saturday. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Goerke Field.

Womens' Lacrosse Club Launches

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point womens' lacrosse club played their first game ever last Saturday, Nov. 6. The club travelled to challenge the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse womens' lacrosse club. Although the Lady Pointers ultimately lost the match, the opportunity to compete against a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) sanctioned team was priceless.

The womens' lacrosse club was founded by Gretchen Gottsacker, Jena Rock and Talia Margarella three years ago. "Originally there were only six members and only three were, really dedicated; over the years we've gained about twenty members. We also receive funding from the school, which has helped us grow as a club", explained Gottsacker, a human geography & GIS major.

The funding received helped the club make the trip to UW-Lacrosse Nov. 12 for their first match ever. The road trip and game match had multiple benefits for the newly formed club. Gottsacker went on to say, "A lot of these girls have never played before and this was their first time playing against another team, so the game was a huge experience." The road trip gave the club a chance for some team bonding as well.

Captain Gottsacker is the most experienced player on the team with seven years experience playing lacrosse. Talia and Rock have also played lacrosse in high school prior

to their club participation. The three teammates decided to start the club together after briefly meeting each other through chance encounters.

The club plans to continue pushing forward to establish their club as a household name on and off the campus. The club wishes to gain support through community involvement by writing letters to community members and lending their services to the community, which also helps with team bonding.

First and foremost the club is looking to add more games to their schedule as well as beef up their roster year after year. You don't need any experience to join the club; the women's lacrosse club is taking whoever is interested. The womens' lacrosse club has four main goals in mind: gain more members, schedule more games, spread the word and, of course, develop as a team.

The club is planning to schedule two games by the end of the spring semester. If you are interested in joining the UWSP womens' lacrosse club you can contact Captain Gretchen Gottsacker at Gretchen.M.Gottsacker@uwsp.edu.



Photo courtesy of the Women's Lacrosse Club

Men's and Women's Hockey Get Off to a Hot Start

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Men's Hockey

After suffering their first loss of the season, their first game of the season at home, the men's hockey team has managed to string together a four game road win streak. Men's hockey has an overall record of 4-1 and has a conference record of 2-0.

The Pointers have outscored opponents 22-10 since the start of the 2010 season. The men's hockey team was ranked 10th in the United States Collegiate Hockey Organization (USCHO.com) poll this week. The Pointers were previously ranked 15th and 11th in the USCHO.com poll this season.

Other than the team's early 2010 success, Junior Harrison Niemann was named Northern Collegiate Hockey Association's (NCHA) Athlete of the Week. Niemann a Forward on the men's team was also named Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Association's (WIAC) Athlete of the week as well.

The Pointers next game is at the K.B. Willet Ice Arena this Friday Nov. 12. The match is a white out vs. St. Norbert; the match begins at 7:00 p.m. free t-shirts to the first 1,000 fans. The Pointers also face-off against St. Norbert Saturday, Nov. 13 at 7:00 p.m. the game will be played at K.B. Willet Ice Arena.



Photo by Mark Kinslow

Women's Hockey

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team is undefeated since the start of the 2010 season. The fairly young team has managed to tally a 4-0 record so far this season. They have not played any conference matches yet, but have managed to stay undefeated at home and on the road.

Sophomore Staci Pomeroy, the women's team starting goalie, has made 91 total saves thus far. Pomeroy the Roscoe, Ill. native has helped the Pointers outscore opponents 16-6. Pomeroy was named NCHA Athlete of the Week honors this week. Pomeroy has a save percentage of .938 and tallied 40 saves last weekend against St. Norbert.

The women's team jumps back into action Friday, Nov. 19 against St. Norbert at 7:00 p.m. The women's hockey team games are held at Ice Hawks Arena.

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Top 10 best and worst athletic rants of all time

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Recent events have gotten the sports staff thinking about the greatest (or worst depending on how you look at it) rants ever. Following Randy Moss's, "I'll answer my own questions", Mr. Sanders has asked me to come up with my top 10 sports rants ever. After many hours scouring the internet and asking for help from roommates and fellow employees, here's what I've come up with.

#10: June 24, 2000. Mike Tyson, post-fight, after knocking out Lou

"I was gonna rip his heart out...I want his heart! I want to eat his children!" - Tyson

Savarese in 38 seconds: "I was gonna rip his heart out...I want his heart! I want to eat his children!"

Anytime children get involved, the quotes are pretty good. Anytime

eating children becomes involved, the quote becomes top 10 worthy.

#9: September 21, 1998. Ryan Leaf talking to a reporter following a 23-7 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs: "Don't talk to me, all right? Knock it off!"

After completing only one of 15 passes and two picks, you'd be pretty pissed too.

#8 May 7, 2002. Allen Iverson press conference: "We talkin' 'bout practice. Notta game, notta game, notta game. Practice."

Mentioning practice 20 times in less than 2 minutes, only a character like A.I. can pull it off.

#7 Happy Gilmore, while playing mini-golf with Chubbs: "You're gonna die clown!"

I don't know how many times I've seen this movie, but it's to the point where I know every word in it. "Grizzly Adams did have a beard."

"How about I just go eat some hay. I can makes thing outta clay, lay by the bay, I just may. Whadda ya say?"

#6 October 11, 2002. Herm Edwards's press conference during the bye week after the Jets lost to the Chiefs, 29-25:

"You play to win the game. Hello? You play to win the game."

Something semi-funny here. Coors Light did it better than I could already.

#5 July 4, 1981. John McEnroe,

#3 November 3, 2003. Kellen Winslow following a game against Tennessee: "It's war. They don't give a freakin' you know what about you. Nah man, I'm pissed. Imma #@^* soldier!"

"How about I just go eat some hay. I can makes thing outta clay, lay by the bay, I just may. Whadda ya say?" - Gilmore

in-game at the Men's Wimbledon Championships: "You cannot be serious? How can you possibly call that out? You guys are the absolute pits of the world, you know that?"

Pits of the world, McEnroe? Oh yeah, well I use Degree Anti-Perspirant/Deodorant so I don't stink. You stink.

#4 October 16, 2006. Dennis Green press conference after losing to the Chicago Bears 24-23: "They are who we thought they were! And we let'em off the hook." See #6.

Don't mess with Winslow, he's a soldier. Unless you're Ray Lewis.

#2 September 22, 2007. Mike Gundy after seeing an article about why he benched his starting quarterback: "I'm a man! I'm 40! It makes me wanna puke."

Alright, Gundy, we get it. You're old. Get over it.

#1 April 4, 1983. Lee Elia, Chicago Cubs manager after a poor start of the season by the Cubs. Just go watch it on YouTube. It's definitely #1.

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Vs. Mankato, South Dakota,
Milwaukee
Friday, Nov.12
6:00 p.m.

***Men's Hockey**

Vs. St. Norbert
Friday, Nov.12
7:00 p.m.

**Women's Soccer:
Division III Tournament**

At Macalester College
First Round
Friday, Nov.12
7:30 p.m.

***Wrestling**

Pointer Open
Saturday, Nov.13
9:00 a.m.

***Swimming: Men's and Women's**

Vs. Mankato, South Dakota,
Milwaukee
Saturday, Nov.13
10:00 a.m.

***Football**

Vs. UW-Platteville
Saturday, Nov.13
1:00 p.m.

**Women's Soccer: D III
Tournament**

Vs. Northwestern/Concordia-
M'head
2nd Round
Saturday, Nov.13
6:00 p.m.

***Men's Hockey**

Vs. St. Norbert
Saturday, Nov.13
6:00 p.m.



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Cross Country: Men's and Women's

At Augustana College
NCAA Regional Championships
Saturday, Nov.13



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Women's Basketball

At University of St. Thomas
Monday, Nov.15
7:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball

At Lawrence University
Tuesday, Nov.16
7:00 p.m.

Wrestling

At Lakeland College
Wednesday, Nov.17
7:00 p.m.

***Women's Basketball**

Vs. Hamline University
Thursday, Nov.18
7:00 p.m.

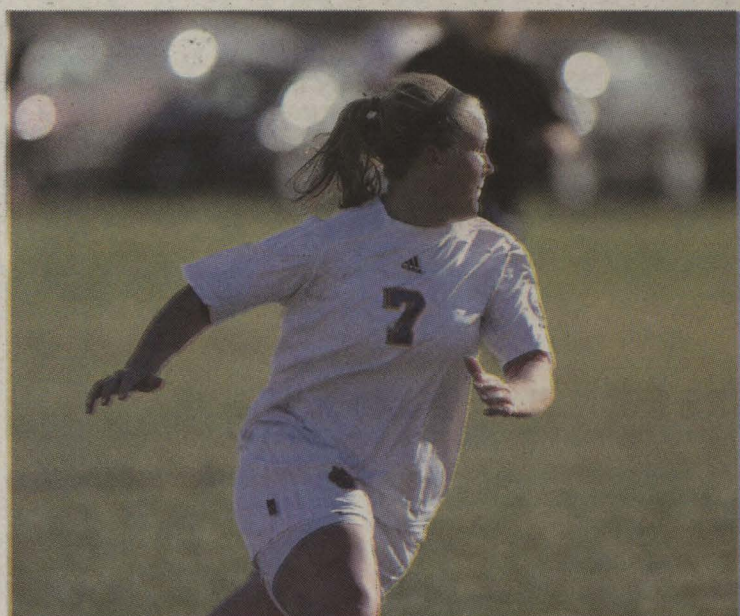
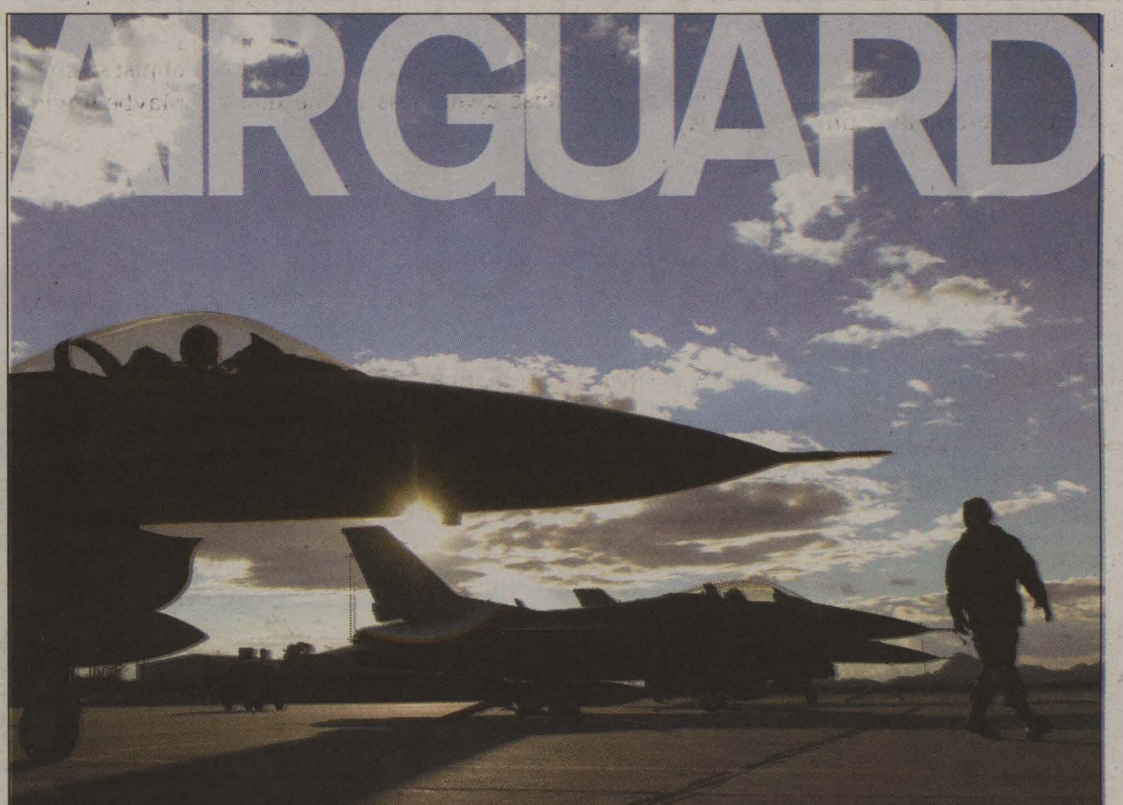


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Schmeeckle in candlelight: Tales from the Marsh

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Ever wondered what a hike through Schmeekle would be like late at night, surrounded by the sounds of wildlife and nothing but a few jack-o-lanterns and tiki torches to light your way? Schmeekle Reserve played host to their annual candlelight hike and campfire presentation on Friday, Nov. 5 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. This year's theme was "Tales (and Tails) from the Marsh," and featured a campfire circle presentation that focused on the wildlife of Schmeekle Reserve.

This year's turnout seemed to be just as big as it has been in years past, with literally hundreds of cars lining up on Northpoint Dr. just outside the Schmeekle Reserve Visitor Center. The event was attended by many college students, high school students and families alike, though the campfire presentation was geared toward a younger audience.

Parents and their children gathered around the crackling campfire just before 7 p.m. to wait for the show to start. Students from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Environmental Education and Interpretation class on campus put on the show as their practicum. Dressed in a variety of costumes including a painted turtle, a midge fly and a great blue heron, each student came out on stage one at a time to give a



Photo by Martin Smith

Schmeekle reserve hosted their annual candlelight hike and campfire on November 5th. This event included presentations from University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Environmental Education students.

little insight into the various mating patterns, migratory patterns and larval stages of Schmeekle's wetland inhabitants.

Jenn Lempa, senior environmental education major, played an insect in the presentation. She said that the point of the presentation was to provide attendees with some basic information regarding the various wetland animals of Schmeekle. Another point was to raise awareness of the many

benefits that the major project to restore Schmeekle's "Moses Creek" will have on Schmeekle's biodiversity and wildlife. The Moses Creek restoration project has been under construction since last summer and will be finished sometime in December, performers noted on stage. "It's a good, fun way to get kids to come outside and learn something instead of just sitting in front of the television. Maybe it will also spark their interest

in a career choice someday," Lempa said.

As the presentation wound down, many of the performers exited the stage area and were replaced by a number of other students ready to tend to the bonfire. Most of the audience then left to go on the candlelight hike through Schmeekle's wetlands, but for those who wished to stay warm in front of the fire there were complimentary fixings for s'mores.

There were also a variety of activities for children to take part in at the visitor center. Kids could make dragonflies and salamanders out of some colored paper and various coloring utensils. There were also a variety of refreshments available for a suggested donation of 50 cents, including swamp sludge (presumably green kool-aid), and ants on a log.

Adrianne Ledvina, senior music education major, came out to Schmeekle on the cold, breezy night to take the candlelight hike. "I've been to the hike for the past couple years, and I've enjoyed it every time."

Missed out on all of the fun this year and want to join in on the many events and activities that Schmeekle hosts every year? You can sign up for their events mailing list by sending your name and address to schmeekle@uwsp.edu. You can also view all of their upcoming events on their web site at <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/schmeekle/>

Vets Club gets ready to honor those serving

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has a reputation of being military-friendly, but even with the label, UWSP veterans may draw more strength from each other than from the campus or greater community.

This year, the veteran publication "GI Jobs" voted UWSP a top military-friendly school. Both administrative and individual efforts contribute to the accolade. Students deployed during the semester are given a clear drop and have their financial or academic losses waived. Their student account is held open, facilitating an easier reentry.

Veterans Coordinator Ann Whip advocates for the 378 student-veterans on campus both before and after deployment, explaining benefits and connecting them to resources.

"The amount of support a deployed soldier gets from the school is unbelievable," said Keith Techmeier, a Marine who has deployed three

times to Afghanistan. "Ann Whip takes great care of us, I can't say enough good about her."

But camaraderie may have been the most significant reason for the meeting between eight members of the UWSP Vets Club Monday night as they gathered in the Brewhaus for a candid discussion about veteran

in Iraq, Afghanistan or Kuwait.

"I've established a sense of trust with enough guys that they can tell me when they're really upset. And I do what I can to help."

Returning veterans face myriad challenges, financial and otherwise. Whip has helped find shelter for a veteran who returned to find he was

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services, gratitude and the meaning of Veterans Day.

Since spring 2008, the Vets Club has offered student-veterans a safe place to be rowdy, to cuss, and to listen to and support one another. As the group covered the agenda's bullet points, they discussed both the appreciation they feel and challenges they face.

"I just really care about these guys and I think that comes across," said Whip, who receives occasional phone calls in her office from soldiers

homeless, and makes periodic referrals to a veterans' counselor for soldiers that may need emotional support.

The dramatic transition from deployment to school proves difficult for many veterans. As a demographic, vets have one of the highest rates of students on academic probation.

And the adjustment from combat to home can be isolating. "When I first got to my hometown, I felt like nobody knew where I was. And the ones that did, didn't give a shit," said

Techmeier.

Vet Club treasurer and National Guard SGT Zach Ruesch said the term "adjustment syndrome" is more accurate than Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Ruesch said the latter is a clinical "buzzword" which may add to the stigma that already surrounds mental health in the military.

"I've seen guys carry around dummy weapons with the firing-pins taken out, just so they wouldn't feel humiliated by other people knowing they've been deemed mentally unfit to carry a weapon," said Ruesch.

The stigma may keep some veterans from seeking help even after they return. Vietnam Veteran Winton Miller is organizing an area Dry Hootch chapter, a non-profit peer mentoring program that offers services to Vets who may have eschewed VA sanctioned services.

Because many VA clubs support or sell alcohol, Dry Hootch is an alcohol-free organization which may be a more appropriate environment for vets struggling with substance abuse

POINTLIFE

Pointer of the Week: David Barth

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Sergeant First Class David Barth 1-128 Infantry, army reserve, has lead a long 21-year military career, a career he still continues along with building the foundations for the second part of his life.

"I've had a bit of a charmed career, I've done some really unique things in the past 20 years," Barth said.

Barth just returned this past January from a year-long tour in Iraq. In the first leg of his latest tour he and his unit provided security or "humanitarian over-watch" for a group of Iranian refugees, the Muiahedine Khalq (MEK), that were listed as terrorists by the Iranian government for a military coup they had attempted in the late 70's.

Then E-7 (sergeant First Class) David Barth's platoon, of which he was platoon sergeant, was moved from the disarmed MEK headquarters in Ashraf to Baghdad to begin moving High Value Target detainees of the Baath loyalist party, also known as the Deck of Cards, to be brought to the Iraq High Tribunal, the equivalent to the American Supreme Court, to be tried for heinous atrocities such as genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

"I met the likes of Tariq Aziz, who was the Deputy Prime Minister for Saddam, Iraq's face-man so to speak" Barth said. "Another one of our detainees was 'Chemical Ali' who was a cousin of Saddam's and in charge of carrying out many of the executions Saddam ordered."

Tariq Aziz was levied his death sentence just last week and Ali Hassan al-Majid, or Chemical Ali, was sentenced four death sentences for genocide of the Kurds amongst other crimes and hung in Jan. of 2010. But Barth's experiences in Iraq were just some of many.

His military career started in 1989 when he joined the Navy right after

high school. He went to boot camp in Orlando, Florida and then went to school for carpentry in Port Hueneme

recruitment.

Barth began his time there in 1993, during the Clinton administration and continued until 1996 doing maintenance and carpentry work.

"In my three years there I got to meet President Clinton about 16 times. Shook his hand, got pictures, and whatnot," Barth said.

Along with working on Camp David's buildings he also helped maintain an underground military bunker. It was nicknamed 'The Site' where dignitaries, the president and the president's family would be housed in times of disaster; whether it is natural, chemical, biological or nuclear.

Barth can talk about his time there today because his 10-year tenure of silence has expired. Previously he was unable to talk about it because the facility he worked on was classified, or "Top Secret."

In 2002-03, his brother, who is a captain in the National Guard, told Barth about the things he was accomplishing in the Guard. Barth, having spent 14 years in the Navy, wanted to try something new so he joined the National Guard.

In 2005, he was deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom for 15 months, 12 of which were spent directly in the Kuwait Naval Base where his unit provided security. The base is used as a military supply hub to be distributed through Afghanistan and Iraq.

He returned in 2006 and had a few years with his family until he was re-deployed in Feb. of 2009 for his latest

tour in Iraq. After he returned home in Jan. 2010 he chose to come to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"They take care of their veterans here," Barth said. "My veteran benefits advisor, Anne Whipp, she takes care of me."

Barth said he was a little apprehensive about going back to school and if he would be able to blend back in and learn. But the discipline and focus that military life gave him has allowed him to do so with ease.

"If you're going to pursue a job in the military, do something you love," Barth said. "The working conditions are hard and when you deploy it's not fun. The success I've had is because I found something I liked."

Barth said that even though military life isn't always an easy one, the tools one can acquire from the experience are tremendous. Having pride and something to believe in make the world a better place, and a good place to start for those who may be interested is the ROTC program on campus.

"When I walk on campus, I can spot the veterans, sure we stand out with our haircuts, but they walk a little differently and carry themselves well, with pride," Barth said.

Being able to separate work from play has helped Barth adjust to life outside the military. "In the 21 years I've been in the military I've always considered it a job. When I put on the uniform I am military, but at the end of the day I take it off and that is my time, I consider myself a civilian," said Barth.

Being in the military doesn't make him forget that he is human. He is a dedicated soldier but never forgets that he is also a father, a student, a carpenter and an American.

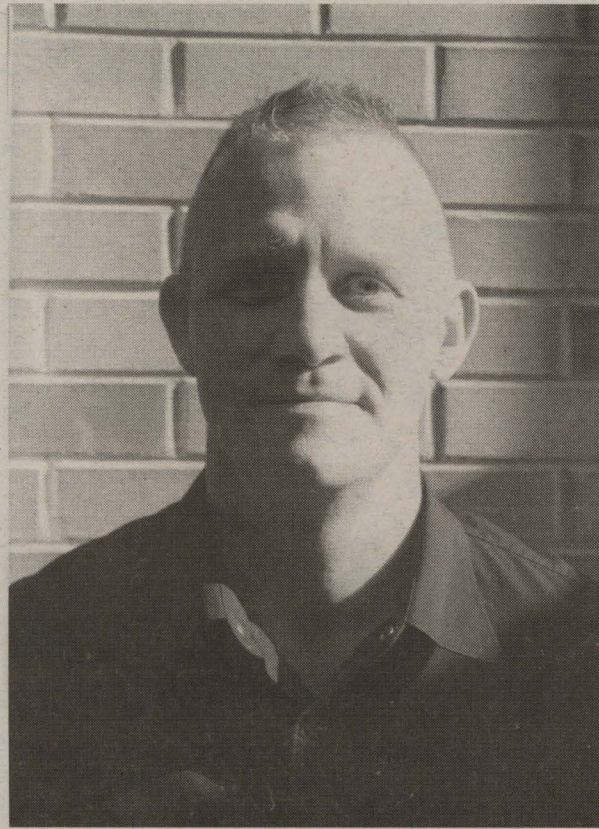


Photo by Nate Enwald

Pointer of the Week, David Barth, began his military career in 1989, and returned this past January from a year long tour in Iraq.

Naval Base, Calif.

He graduated top of his class which gave him the option between 25 different places around the world to pick for his first tour of active duty. He chose Barbers Point, Hawaii.

"Because my father served there, he was a jet mechanic back in the late 60's, and I wanted to go back to where he was to see the area," Barth said.

Midway through that tour, a recruiting team came from Washington D.C. for the presidential Camp David in Maryland. After being interviewed and having his military history extensively scrutinized by Naval Investigators, Barth was accepted into Camp David

formed last month that was based on stories of real soldiers.

As the Vets Club meeting adjourned, Techmeier addressed the topic of Veteran's Day. "It's not that I'm not grateful when someone says thank you, but sometimes the gestures seem empty, pseudo-patriotic. If you really want to help me, just ask me my story."

"We want to talk to people, because if we don't people are going to take their preconceived notion of a vet and apply it to me. It doesn't matter if

you're for war or against it, just don't misunderstand me."

Vets Club members agreed that a great way to contribute to awareness is sponsoring more events like hosting "Soldier's Circle," a play that the Theatre and Dance Department per-

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to connect with other vets.

Vets Club members agreed that UWSP deserves its military-friendly label, but some feel that a more con-

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certed effort could be done to facilitate dialogue between vets and civilian students. Requiring classes which illuminate veteran experiences would be a good way to help the discourse, Miller said.

Army veteran John Matz said,

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Viva! Gourmet

Souper chicken noodle soup

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There's a sickness going around. Our campus' buildings seem to be turning into sick wards rather than learning centers. The CCC is at the height of this horrible turn of events. Indeed, the once peaceful hallways, dominated by sullen, quiet, and tired faces, have become a breeding ground for viruses. A cacophony of coughing, sneezing, and hacking. It must have something to do with the cold weather.

That's why this week I present you with the ultimate comfort for your own sickness or your inevitably sick friend: Chicken noodle soup.

Chicken noodle soup is a beautiful thing. So simple, so delicious. Not only does it comfort me when I'm feeling sick, but it provides my body with all of the good stuff I need to get better.

So next time you think about grabbing that nutrition-less can of processed meat chunks and noodle mush, think again. The work involved is more than worth it. And if you're so down you can't even get out of bed, get a friend to do it.

Now I know lots of people that already have their own personal recipe for this classic. That's why when I sat down to come up with a recipe I wanted to do something different. Not so much with ingredients, but use and preparation rather.

Many people like to boil the whole

chicken. I don't. When I boil it, I just end up with a big pot of flavorful, though very unattractive, cloudy water. Not Viva! Gourmet. Roast the chicken and what do you get? The entire flavor in easy to use drippings, delicious and moist roasted chicken, and crisp skin. Do it my way and you'll have a big beautiful pot of chicken noodle soup with all of the flavor and none of the Swanson.

What You'll Need

1- 3 to 4 lb. chicken
1 T. olive oil or vegetable oil
3 or 4 medium-large carrots, peeled and chopped
2 large stalks celery, chopped
1 medium-large onion, chopped
10-12 cups water or chicken stock
½ tsp. dried rosemary
½ tsp. dried oregano
½ tsp. dried sage
½ tsp. dried thyme
Black Pepper
1½ cups green peas
½ lb. egg noodles
Salt (to taste)

Preheat oven to 375F. Rub the chicken with freshly ground black pepper and coarse salt. Roast the chicken (uncovered) for about an hour and a half, or until a thermometer reads 165F when inserted into the thickest part of the thigh. When the chicken is done, pour off all juices and reserve, including all of those very flavorful browned bits on the bottom of the pan that you can get



Photo by Martin Smith

Martin Smith brings forth the winter season with a steaming bowl of chicken noodle soup.

up by adding a splash of brandy or other high alcohol liquor (this is called deglazing the pan).

Remove the browned, crisp skin from the breast, thigh, and drumstick, roll it up into a tight bundle and chiffonade (thinly slice).

In a large pot or stockpot, heat 1 tablespoon of oil over medium-high heat. Add the chopped onion, celery, and carrot and sauté for 3-4 minutes. Add in the water, spices (minus the salt), and turn the heat down medium.

While the soup is simmering, remove the chicken meat from the carcass. Tear or chop the meat and add to the pot along with the sliced chicken skin and all reserved juices. Simmer for an hour or until the soup reaches desired consistency.

Fifteen minutes before serving, bring water to a boil in a separate pot and cook the noodles to "al dente". Five minutes prior to serving, stir in the green peas. Right before serving,

stir in the noodles and salt to taste.

Dress It Up:

For a thicker, creamier texture add in ½ pint heavy whipping cream and a few tablespoons of roué (melted butter + flour). Garnish with chopped fresh parsley and a sprig of rosemary. Serve with a French baguette.

Dress It Down:

Most grocery stores offer a fully-cooked rotisserie chicken for a decent price, if you don't have the time to roast it yourself.

Healthful/Sustainable Options:

Buy organic chicken and vegetables. Use fresh herbs and spices in place of the dried. Dried spices are more potent however, so you will need to modify the measurements. Cut down on the fat content by substituting low sodium chicken broth for the oily chicken drippings and skin.

Professor takes final bow in musical theatre department

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After 15 years at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Roger Nelson is directing his last show in the coming weeks for the musical theatre department.

Nelson ended up at Stevens Point after a great career in different parts of the country.

"I knew by the time I was five that I was going to New York because I saw the Ed Sullivan Show," said Nelson. "I ended up living there for twenty years."

While in New York, he had many exciting experiences, but the most important one was landing his dream role.

"When I was in high school, we went to New York to sing in the New York World's Fair," Nelson said. "I saw the Fantasticks and decided I am going to be in that show and I am going to play the boy."

He ended up getting that part and then getting the lead, El Gallo, off-Broadway. He spent 20 years in New York, moved to Chicago, and then ended up in Stevens Point.

"The best thing about UWSP is the

students," said Nelson. "They have a great work ethic, positive attitude, talent, and a willingness to try new

things." After directing seven shows and music directing 23 at UWSP, Nelson was ready to exit stage left.

Though he was ready to go, the students are sad to see him leave.

Nelson's last musical at UWSP is Johanna Jackson's, a sophomore musical theatre major, first musical here.

"He's such a nice spirit, and he doesn't let the fact that he worked in New York and knowing all these people go to his head," said Jackson. She feels lucky that she got to experience one show with him, but is sad that others will not get to experience his directing.

"He gives so much to us, and I don't know what it's going to be like when he goes away," said Jackson.

James Hansen, a senior musical theatre major, will be 'graduating' with Nelson at the end of this year. "In science class, they grade a paper you hand in. In musical theatre, they grade you as an individual,"



Photo by Samantha Feld

The "Mystery of Edwin Dood," will be director, Roger Nelson's, final show for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point musical theatre department, after serving the university for 15 years.

Hansen said. "Roger really takes the edge off in lessons."

It is clear Nelson is loved by many at UWSP and will be missed, but he is looking forward to less work in the future.

"Leaving directing will not be hard for me, but working with the students is something I'm really going to miss," Nelson said.

He is not leaving entirely after this musical, though. He will be music directing 'Sunday in the Park with George' this coming spring.

The last show he is directing is entitled Dood, and is a unique show. Eric Schneider, a sophomore musical theater major, and is a cast member of DROOD.

"Dood is about a theatre troupe of the Music Hall Royale performing a musical called Mystery of Edwin Dood," Schneider said.

An interesting aspect of the musical is that the audience gets to vote on certain outcomes, so it is an extremely intimate show.

The show is basically sold out, but it is still worth it to try and get tickets last minute. It will be showing November 12-14 and 17-20.

Puzzles

Sudoku 9x9 - Puzzle 2 of 5 - Very Easy



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 - 73- BLUEPRINT DETAIL
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Answers from the Nov. 4th issue.

OPINION

Sanity just doesn't fit The Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear: Slacktivism at its Finest

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Truthiness. Fear. Sanity. What amazing topics for a rally on the National Mall in Washington D.C., our nation's beloved capital city! Stephen Colbert and Jon Stewart, both satirists that star on late night television shows, decided to hold a rally to counter Glenn Beck's Rally to Restore Honor.

Respectively, both were technically holding different rallies. Stewart's was the Rally to Restore Sanity and Colbert's was the March to Keep Fear Alive. Yet, the crowds were the same and the rallies worked with each other to make a great statement about the American political system and the media that comments on that system. Beck's rally had approximately 87,000 people attend, while Stewart's and Colbert's had an official estimate of 250,000; a crowd nearly tripled by the moderate majority.

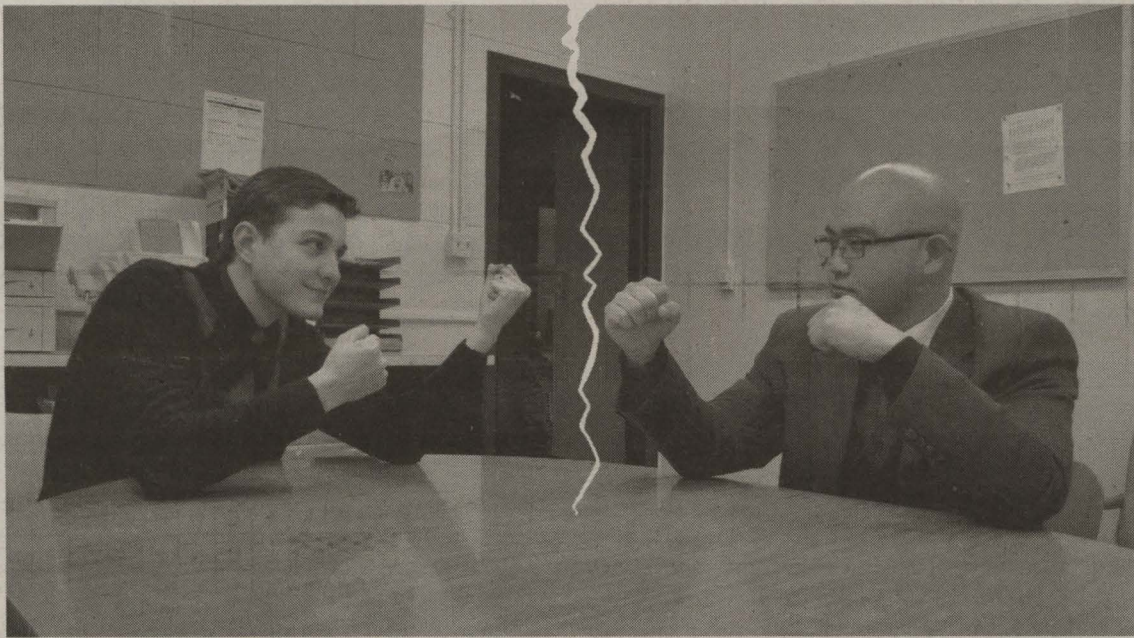
You see, that's just the thing about these two rallies. We hear a lot about the right wing Tea Party movement. We hear that they are the majority and that they are the ones that are sweeping this nation with their movement and their candidates.

To some degree, they might be right, but what the rally showed us was that their movement still doesn't draw the majority. It still

When John Boehner had a messy affair released just a few weeks before the election, the only people to pick it up was an online newspaper called the Huffington Post.

Yet these people get away with it! Because we didn't stand up and call them out on bad reporting, we must face the consequences of an ill-informed public.

That's what the Rally to Restore Sanity was all about. It wasn't just a thing that was comedic, or it wasn't just a trip for people to take to Washington, get drunk, or high, or whatever. It was a march, a display that there is a large portion of America



Dustin Klein, left, takes on John Lee, right, about hot topics.

Photo by Samantha Feld

It still doesn't fit the mainstream, everyday American family.

-Klein

doesn't fit the mainstream, everyday American family.

That gives me hope.

When Stewart gave his speech at the rally, he talked about the media a lot. He talked about responsibility and how they are failing us because they aren't calling people out when it's needed.

He's right; 100 percent completely right. When a video showing Ron Johnson testifying against a bill to provide aid to rape and incest victims was released, the press, except for Keith Olbermann, didn't touch the issue.

When Scott Walker gave himself a \$50,000 dollar increase in pay and cut the Milwaukee County workforce down to size, the news was silent.

Beck, Bill O'Reilly, Ann Coulter, Rush Limbaugh and others on the far right, as well as some on the left, to stop being so dramatic and blaming all their troubles on the Obama administration that's only lasted two years. This rally was a symbol. And it is a time when many Americans, mostly Democrats and independents, who stayed home this election, need symbols.

I know I'm getting real tired of this neo-conservatism taking over the airwaves. I didn't want to live in Nazi Germany, I wanted to live in America, and right now the Tea Party movement sure does seem to be doing a good job of taking away that wish of mine.

I commend Stewart and Colbert for taking them on.

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When Facebook was still young, one of the many popular things that its users did was to "like" various causes such as "Human Rights," "LGBTQ Rights Now!" or "End World Hunger." Being a slave to fashion myself, I joined many of these Facebook causes too. But after a while, I had to get rid of them all, but it wasn't because I no longer believed in human rights or ending

allow us to get things done.

That's all fine and dandy but those are lessons that I already learned from Sesame Street when I was a kid. I didn't need an overrated rally to tell me something that I already learned from a kids' television show. However, that was not the most asinine part of the whole speech. That belonged to his last sentences when he said, "Let me tell you my intention. Your presence was what I wanted. Sanity has always been and will always be in the eye of the beholder. And to see you here today and the kind of people that you are has restored mine."

I'm so glad that Jon Stewart set up a whole rally in our nation's capital just so that he could have some peace of mind without having to set anything that even resembles a cause or a goal. And what a way to lower the bar. At the end of the day, this rally was about one thing - it was for the organizers and the participants to feel good about themselves without actually doing anything. If that isn't a Facebook cause, then I don't know what the hell is.

I also have to disagree with Jon Stewart's attack on the news media and their "amplification of everything." Unlike Jon Stewart who cannot seem to handle a little bit of noise, I believe that there is not enough yelling going on but more importantly, there isn't enough yelling at the other side.

When I listen to Rush Limbaugh bellow on the radio or read Ann Coulter scream in her books, I sure do get a kick when they say that liberals are "blame-America-first" socialists who want the terrorists to win. But the problem with that kind of yelling is that they aren't yelling at the liberals. The liberals get turned off and don't listen. No, they're yelling at me and for what? I already agree with a lot of the things that they say, especially when I'm drunk at three in the morning. For the exact same reason, Michael Moore and Keith Olbermann who screech that conservatives are greedy fascists are yelling at the liberals. Not at me because I'm not listening.

Jon Stewart might have a point here. Perhaps the blowhards ought to be replaced by people who can participate in civil dialogue. Oh, William F. Buckley Jr., how I miss thee. But tone down the yelling? Hell no! Liberals are wrong on most everything and I am not going to stop yelling at them.

world hunger. I did so because of the pointlessness of it all. Yes, I joined the "LGBTQ Rights Now!" Facebook cause but after having joined the "cause," I was not required to do anything. Much like wearing the United States flag lapel on one's blazer is an exercise of pointlessness, joining Facebook causes was the same. Truthfully, it was just a way of telling people that I am a nice guy who cares without actually having to be nice or actually caring about something. It's slacktivism.

The Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear was a Facebook cause come to life. Yes, I enjoyed a lot of the musical selections and some of the jokes got a few chuckles out of me. The rally would not have been great had it ended there but it would have at least ended on a high note. Unfortunately, Jon Stewart could not resist the temptation of sermonizing and what a lousy sermon it was.

These are some of the things that Jon Stewart said in his closing remarks:

- We can have animus and not be enemies.
- Americans work together to get things done every damned day.
- Little, reasonable compromises

POINTLIFE

Film festival represents emerging and established filmmakers

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At the 5th annual Portage County Arts Alliance, Central Wisconsin Film Festival, professional and student filmmakers exposed their passion for their craft.

The event, which was held at local venues including The Garage at Emy J's and The Rogers Campus Cinema, showcased short as well as feature-length films from regional and international film makers.

The three formats exhibited at the festival were traditional narrative, animation and documentary.

The Garage at Emy J's hosted Friday night's collection of short films, which included, "Shadow of Lies," a film noir detective story shot entirely in front of a green screen; "Morning Shift" and "Wild Frontier," two animated shorts created by Green Bay native Steve Dorchester;



Photo by Samantha Feld

Sunday afternoon at the Portage County Arts Alliance Film Festival, a final collection of films has shown.

and "Winnebago Man," a documentary about Cornelius Cook, an elderly man from Madison who lives out

of his 1969 Ford Winnebago.

After the film showings, the audience got a chance to ask questions, and directors got a chance to discuss their films further. This "talk back" session provided much insight into the creation of the films, as well as filmmaking in general.

Rob Thompson, the director of the short film "Shadow of Lies," said that his favorite thing about filmmaking is "the audience's reaction."

Thompson's film was shot in film

noir style, using green screen technology and had a classic comic book feel. According to Thompson, film noir style, "presents a framework that you can take in many different directions."

Steve Dorchester, a Green Bay native, showed two of his animated shorts at the festival. Dorchester's playful animations are made using both cut paper, as well as animation software.

Another central Wisconsin native, Erik Cieslewicz, exhibited his work, a television pilot entitled, "Hard to Be Me" at the festival. Cieslewicz commented on the film making process, and said, "you don't spend this long on something without loving it." The Central Wisconsin Film Festival celebrated the passions of emerging as well as established filmmakers, and through this, worked to provide an enriching cultural experience within central Wisconsin.

Producer pioneers LGBTQ history

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Homosexuality has always been present in history, just like every other aspect of life. However, this history was never told until "Before Stonewall" a documentary that came out in 1984.

Wednesday night, the producer of the film, two-time Emmy Award winner John Scagliotti, visited the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point through Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) to show and discuss his film.

"Thank you very much for coming out...so to speak," Scagliotti addressed the audience.

The film exposed homosexual culture between World War II and the Stonewall Riots of 1969. He talks about the evolution of homosexuality in the military, the thousands of

arrests under the McCarthy administration, homosexual arts and censorship, and the freedom of the hippie movement.

Making such a documentary was a difficult task for the time that it was made. Scagliotti and the filmmakers "had to create our own research and history...we were making this history." The initial reaction to the film wasn't positive. There were no gay films or gay filmmakers during the time that the film was made. Many PBS stations, the station that aired the documentary, didn't or were afraid to air the film.

It wasn't until recently that the film was shown at universities.

Scagliotti looks at homosexual history as many "peaks and valleys. We're moving into a valley again."

He warned the audience about the future of the homosexual community, especially within state universities. He talked about university taxpayer money, and how groups such as the GSA in Stevens Point and other universities could be affected.

Faculty advisor, Julie Schneider, thought that the showing of "Before Stonewall" was "timely in the light of recent protests" and that it was "important for young people to know...struggles started a long time

ago."

Scagliotti is currently working on a prologue piece to "Before Stonewall" that will tell showcase homosexual culture and history from around the world. Scagliotti is also created the PBS show "In the Life," the first show focused on homosexuality on television.

A new episode of "In the Life" will premiere on PBS December 17th at 10 p.m.



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The GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance) executive board members pose for a photo with producer of "Before Stonewall" John Scagliotti (center).

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