



# The Pointer

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## HOMECOMING 2010

October 2-9

### EVENTS

#### ► Thursday

"Stephanie's Singing Bee"  
Laird Room, DUC @ 7 p.m.

#### ► Friday

"Most Extreme Pointer Challenge"  
North side of MAC @ 1 p.m.

Yell-Like-Hell  
Berg Gym @ 8 p.m.

#### ► Saturday

"Float or No Float"  
Homecoming Parade  
Campus streets @ 10 a.m.

All Campus Picnic  
Front lawn of Old Main @ 11 a.m.

UWSP Pointers vs.  
UW-Oshkosh Titans  
Goerke Field @ 1 p.m.

Homecoming Dance  
Alumni Room, DUC @ 7 p.m.

Late Night Program: Dance and Trance  
The Encore, DUC @ 11 p.m.



Photo by Samantha Feld

Representing May Roach Hall, Adam Hintze paints the outer window of the Divepoint Scuba shop, while Teela Davis, Erin Simons and Dan Preiner paint the inside of the store. May Roach won first place for their window painting this past Saturday. The window painting contest was part of UW-Steven Point's homecoming events.

### MIDWEST

## New leader of MREA optimistic of group's future

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Twenty years ago, a small group of like-minded individuals dedicated to promoting alternative energy technologies banded together to form what would be called the Midwest Renewable Energy Association, or MREA.

Thomas Brown, a professor of interior architecture at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, is one of

MREA's original founding members and is now the group's new leader.

Brown has watched MREA morph from a small group of "back-to-the-land" folks to a large group with many resources, and one that has gained mainstream popularity. It began thirty years ago when Brown started designing energy-efficient or "green design" homes in the central Wisconsin area, utilizing sustainable materials

in the construction of roughly fifty homes. He has witnessed the growth of MREA firsthand and attests to its recent popularity.

Before becoming official, the group had put together an event the previous year called the Energy Fair, which featured a wide array of exhibitors willing to give tours and workshops on alternative technologies such as thermal solar and wind, as well as tips for energy-

efficient home construction.

This first Energy Fair was a great success: Roughly 1,000 people attended, and MREA decided to host the event the following year. Now, MREA boasts 21 fairs with more than 20,000 attendees per year.

The organization also established the ReNew the Earth Institute, which MREA's Web site describes as its "demonstration site and educational facility." It features working displays

of wind, solar photovoltaic, solar thermal and masonry stove technologies.

One of Brown's most notable achievements was designing the Mead Wildlife Area Education and Visitor Center, which is a LEED Platinum-rated structure. Platinum is the highest green rating for buildings, as determined by the U.S. Green Building Council.

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## NEWS



Good Grief, a band from Stevens Point, is one of the four bands that will be playing at the SGA concert on Friday.

Photo courtesy of [www.facebook.com/goodgrief](http://www.facebook.com/goodgrief)

## CAMPUS

## SGA holds concert to register voters

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On Friday, Oct. 8, students will get the chance to truly rock the vote.

Student Government Association will be holding a concert in The Encore at the Dreyfus University Center from 7-11 p.m. to promote voting registration and participation

in the upcoming election.

Lybra Olbrantz, SGA's communications and public relations director, said that SGA is "trying to get the message out there that you can do something cool and be pro-active."

The concert will feature four bands, which will provide a variety of musical genres. The first band performing will be Horseshoes and

Hand Grenades, a local folk-style band.

The Ronald Raygun, a band from Eau Claire, will be playing after them. The Ronald Raygun describes their band as "angrier Radiohead, with less vocals."

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## MREA/Non-profit promotes carbon-neutral solutions

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Brown recalls the time when MREA was solely comprised of volunteer members; now the group has 18 paid employees and is partnered with similar groups in seven states across the Midwest.

"Twenty years of hard work on the part of many people who have been, for a long time, preaching to the choir, now are starting to see the fruits of our work come back in a positive way," Brown said.

By garnering mainstream attention, MREA has also attracted members of the younger generation. Although many of the original founding members are still on the board, many under the age of 25 are becoming involved in the group.

Brown hopes that with this new-found youth will come new ways of thinking about energy. He says that many in his generation don't look at the return on their investment when thinking about an energy system such as wind or solar but look solely at the rate of payback.

For instance, an installation of solar panels can have anywhere from a 10-20 year payback. However, someone with several solar panels can take advantage of government programs such as feed-in tariffs, wherein local utility companies purchase excess energy produced from alternative sources for often double the price.

"Typically, if you put a wind sys-

tem or a [solar] photovoltaic electric system on your building, any excess electricity that you don't use you can sell to the utility, and the utility will buy it for the same cost that they sell you the electricity," Brown said.

Germany has become the largest solar energy producer in the world thanks to government-instituted feed-in tariffs, and thousands of homes and businesses have been able to install solar panels thanks to policies such as this.

MREA, however, is a non-profit education-based group, so they cannot lobby in Washington for introduction of such policies. Brown, however, is optimistic that alternative technologies such as solar can soon be within the reach of the average American family.

"The cost is going down, it's a matter of the economy of scale," Brown said.

For instance, a major company involved in the production of solar panels, SunPower Corporation, has an average sunlight to electricity conversion rate of 20 percent, when the average solar panel conversion rate is in the range of 11-14 percent.

SunPower Corp. has also shown that producing electricity with photovoltaic panels is now more cost-effective than natural gas. Brown said that the company believes solar will become cost-competitive with coal in one to two years.

MREA, as an alternative ener-

gy education and advocacy group, is committed to promoting carbon-neutral solutions by giving individuals and businesses knowledge of the costs and benefits of technologies such as wind and solar.

Brown in particular believes that governments, as well as businesses and households, need to shift their attention more towards alternative energy not only because it creates greater energy independence, but because forms of energy such as coal, oil and natural gas are "public resources" whose overuse has an effect on everyone.

"Somebody might say: Well, if I can afford the utility bills, I should be able to...use as much energy as I want, if I can afford it. Well, it's not just about you affording it. That's my oil and my natural gas and my electricity and my landscape that those resources are coming from, and they don't just belong to you because you can afford them, and I don't want them to be used in an inefficient way," Brown said.

This past weekend, MREA hosted the statewide Wisconsin Solar Tour in which homes and businesses all over Wisconsin opened their doors to give guests guided tours of in-home solar panel systems. The group will also be hosting a number of informational seminars this month, one of which is a 'Solar 101' seminar at Outpost Natural Foods in Milwaukee on Oct. 9.

## THE POINTER

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## NEWS

## Feingold leads rally for early voting in Point

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Russ Feingold came to Stevens Point Wednesday hoping to get people out to vote early. Since 2000, this has been a Wisconsin tradition and an opportunity for people on all sides of the aisle to vote and not wait in line.

If you haven't voted before, or haven't voted in Stevens Point, you might be wondering about how to register and what voting options you have. Well, you can register at any polling location on Nov. 2, but registering early can be a big time-saver as you will avoid lines when you go to cast your ballot.

Voters can register at the City Clerk's office, located at 1515 Strongs Ave., before Nov. 2, but an easier way would be to go to the Student Government Association's voter registration concert on Friday, Oct. 8 from 7-11 p.m. in The Encore in the Dreyfus University Center. There will be live entertainment as well as volunteers registering voters. Either

way, remember to bring an acceptable form of proof of residency when registering (the easiest one is a piece of mail with your name on it).

Want to completely avoid polling locations? Absentee or early voting might be your ticket. Early voting can be done at the City Clerk's office from now through Nov. 1. If you don't want to make the trip, absentee voting can be done through mail—a request for an absentee ballot must be mailed/submitted to the Clerk's office and has to arrive no later than 5 p.m. on Oct. 28. Completed ballots must be mailed back/returned to the Clerk's office by Election Day.

U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold (D) held a student rally Wednesday at the Portage County Democratic Headquarters in Stevens Point to have students and community members vote early. Students and others then went to City Hall to cast their early votes.

During the rally, attended by about 70 community members and students, Feingold talked about the

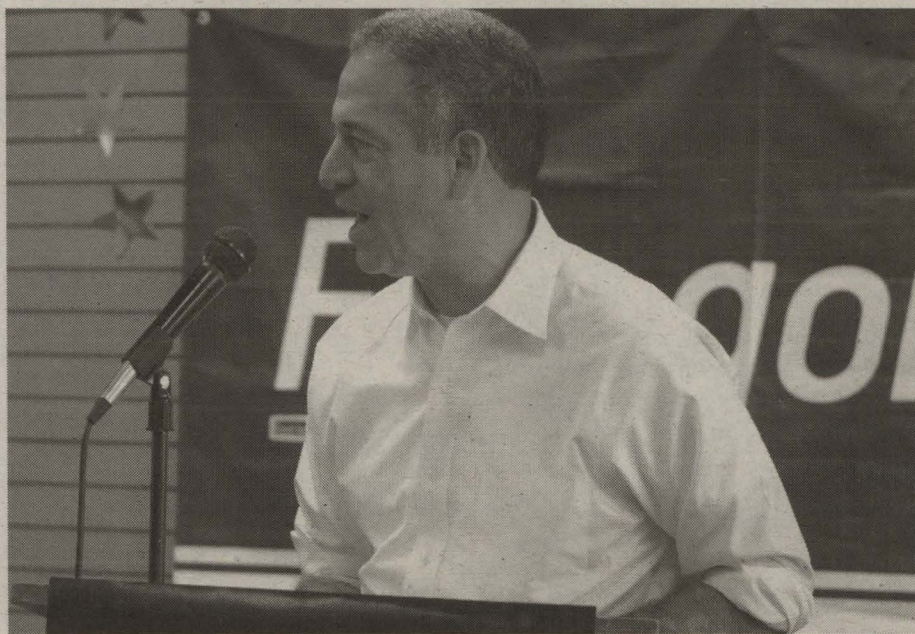


Photo by Martin Smith

U.S. Senator Russ Feingold speaks to a group of about 70 community members and students at a rally at the Portage County Democratic Party Headquarters before leading them to the city hall to cast early ballots for the Nov. 2 election.

importance of voting.

"Nothing is more inspiring in the end than people exercising their right to vote," Feingold said.

Visit [stevenspoint.com/vote](http://stevenspoint.com/vote) for information on absentee and early voting, voter registration, voting sites and more.

## Concert/Students can register to vote at concert

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The next band, Cedarwell, springs from Sheboygan and has had the chance to tour Europe on more than once occasion.

The closing band, Good Grief, from Stevens Point, says that their music sounds like, "when you walk past a school playground during recess and all

one student organization. SGA has had help from WISPIRG in getting food donations from the Stevens Point Co-op and Trigs, which will be served at the concert. The College Democrats will also be helping SGA register students as they enter the concert.

SGA hopes that this concert will promote student voting as the elections draw nearer and

"We're trying to get the message out there that you can do something cool and be proactive."

-Olbrantz

of the kids are running around and screaming and having a fun time," stated their Web site.

Each of the bands will play 45-minute sets with 15-minute breaks in between.

Outside the door of The Encore will be people dedicated to helping unregistered voters register. The admission is free for those who are registered and will register to vote. Along with free admission, students will also receive free t-shirts when they register.

Organizing such an event took hard work, from more than

that it encourages students to take part in the democratic process, Olbrantz said. SGA's goal is to register 1,000 students. Currently they have registered 305 students and are the leading college in the UW System for voter registration.

This concert will not only give students a chance to register but it will also give them a chance to enjoy a variety of music. If you can't make it to the event but still want to register to vote, go online to [www.student-vote.org](http://www.student-vote.org).

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# SPORTS

## Volleyball team confident in strong season

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's volleyball team started off the season strong and has the potential to make 2010 a winning season.

The team started the season 7-0 and is currently 13-6 overall. This season's 13 wins match the team's win total from last year and there are still more than 12 games remaining.

Head coach Stacey White, in her 10th season with the team, credits her team's work ethic for their successful start.

"I think this year we have approached the season with a different attitude and mentality. The practices have become more intense, and the players are working harder than they have worked before and it is paying off," Coach White said.

She also commented on the 7-0 start by saying, "We have a pretty difficult preseason because we only have about a week to prepare before we start playing so we really have to push and stay focused. I think it helped that the players came back wanting to achieve more than last season so they were driven to start out strong."

Not only has the team busted out of the gates winning games, but they continue to electrify Stevens Point by going undefeated at home before Wednesday's "Pink Game" against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

The "Pink Game" was an opportunity for Stevens Point fans to show support while promoting breast cancer awareness.

"Our conference started this event a few years ago, and it has been really exciting to see how much support and donations we

**"I definitely think that we have the advantage when playing at home because of how great our crowd is." - White**

have gained for breast cancer awareness and research," White said.

She also had a couple of things to say about playing at home.

"I definitely think that we have the advantage when playing at home because of how great our crowd is. We were on the road for about three weeks straight, and our team was really excited to get back and play for the home crowd and the support was awesome."

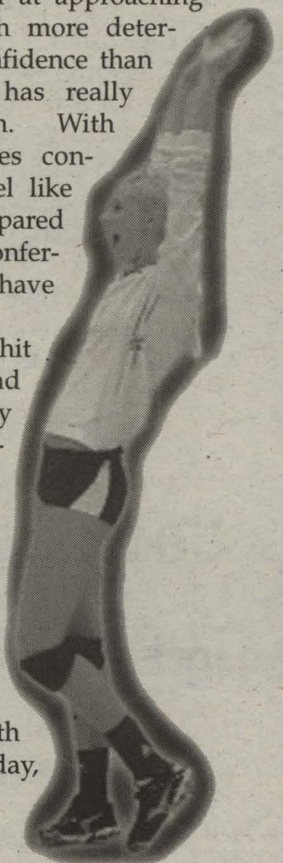
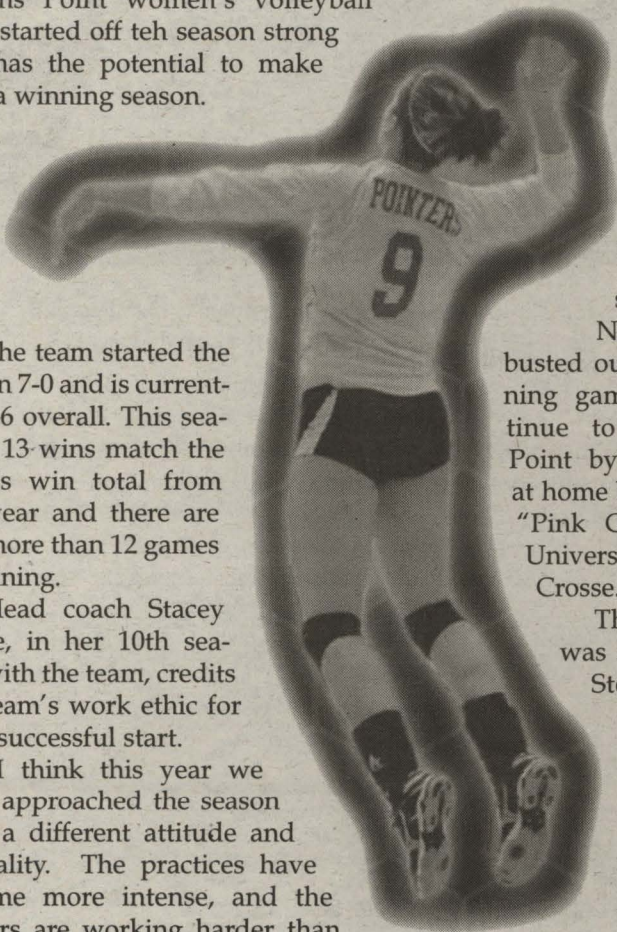
Moving forward, the Pointers know that they need to continue working hard in order to win. With the end of the season full of conference matchups, there is no room to let up.

**"I think this year we have approached the season with a different attitude and mentality." - White**

The success the team has had up until this point is due to the hard work and attitude they have dis-

played since the beginning of the season, White said. When asked about areas of improvement and finishing the season, Coach White said, "We are working hard at approaching the matches with more determination and confidence than before, so that has really helped the team. With preparation comes confidence and I feel like we are more prepared for the difficult conference schedule we have remaining."

The Pointers hit the road and head to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Friday Oct. 8 and Saturday Oct. 9 for back-to-back days of double headers. The Pointers will return to Stevens Point with a home game Friday, Oct. 15 against the University of Wisconsin-Stout.



## Swimming and diving teams splash into season

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Coming off of conference wins, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's and women's swimming teams have high expectations for this year.

The swimming season starts in September and ends in March, making it one of the longest seasons in collegiate sports.

Al Boelk, the men and women's swimming and diving head coach, and is beginning his 14th year of coaching at UWSP.

"Our goal is to make sure we're doing this right, taking care of each other, and make sure we're having fun," Boelk said.

Boelk says there is a great incoming freshman group and makes for a good, well-rounded team.

Beth Ann Abraham, a senior dietetics major, swims the mile, the 200 and 400-yard individual medleys.

"This is my last year and I couldn't be more excited for this season," Abraham said. "We have great team energy already, and I am excited to see what the freshmen will bring to our group dynamic."

Her goal this season is to have fun and enjoy her last legal year in the water with her UWSP family.

Sam Betterley, a senior biology and fisheries major, is also entering his last year of swimming, even though he doesn't graduate until December 2011.

Betterley enjoys swimming the 100m and 200m breaststroke, as well as the 200IM and 400IM.

"I have been swimming for 12 years now, and it is just weird that something I love to do will no longer play such an important role in my life," Betterley said.

Both Abraham and Betterley said that one of their major goals is to go to conference and win the championship.

Boelk is happy with the freshman

class and is looking forward to the upcoming season.

"I'm optimistic about the year," Boelk said. "The freshmen have bought into it, and we all need to row the boat in the same direction."

Their first unofficial meet will be Parents' Day on Oct. 23, and their first official meet is a tri-dual with St. Cloud and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at 1 p.m. on Oct. 30.

For more information about the team or schedule, visit the swimming and diving website through [www.uwsp.edu](http://www.uwsp.edu).

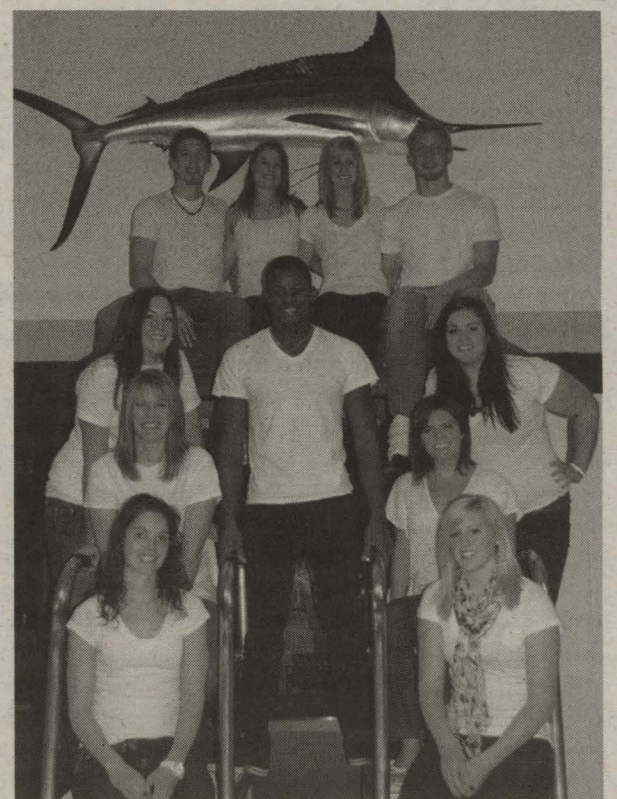


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UWSP swimming and diving team senior portrait.



## SPORTS

## Cross country continues to strive for success

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Both the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's and women's cross country teams have had a positive start to the 2010 season. Stand-out performances include the women's team placing second out of 24 teams at the Augustana Invitational, where the men took first place. The men's team also finished first at the Concordia Invitational in early September.

now we need to take it to that next level," Craig said. The first half of the season has been a good dress rehearsal. Now we need to perfect things for the championship meets like conference, regionals and hopefully nationals."

Craig said the team, who has finished better at every meet in comparison to last year, is focusing on a top three finish in the conference.

The women's team has sustained a few injuries, but Kelly Haen, senior and physical education major, said

Women's team member Nicole Hillman, freshman pre-veterinarian/biology major, said the team has improved through practices, becoming more and more consistent.

Men's head coach Rick Witt said that despite several key injuries, part of the reason the men's team is still

our workouts, mileage and staying focused on our team and individual goals."

Witt looks toward the end of the season, but doesn't want the team to get ahead of itself.

"We want a chance at the conference championship and to make it

**"We have improved drastically from last year and I think our girls are experiencing a new type of stress along with a new set of expectations...now we need to take it to that next level." - Craig**

Women's head coach Megan Craig said she's impressed with the team's progress thus far.

"We have improved drastically from last year, and I think our girls are experiencing a new type of stress along with a new set of expectations...

that with some adjustments, the team is still hoping to qualify for nationals.

"We need to improve on keeping our packs together and working with each other in the race as well as getting our fourth and fifth runners closer to third," Haen said.

doing well is because of the strong leadership of both newcomers and upperclassmen on the roster.

"It can't all come from the coach — you need leadership from team members too."

Witt said that Tim Thornburg has been one of many athletes on the team who really stepped it up this season. Thornburg, a senior and physical science major, said, "The team has done very well running smart, working together, and staying focused — we can improve by continuing to do

to the NCAA championship, but we don't want to be ready too early — we just want to get a little better each week."

Witt may be trying not to think too far into the future, but Terry Witkowski, junior, physical education major can't help but think of the possibilities. "I've got my eyes set on November more than ever before. We don't just want to get there, we want to compete," Witkowski said.

Both teams will be back in action on Oct. 9 at the Ripon Invitational.

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## Pointers drop conference opener

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team was unable to win the spoiler at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's homecoming game Saturday at Carson Park in Eau Claire. The loss takes the Pointers a step backwards after rattling off two straight wins against non-conference opponents.

**The Pointers had an uphill climb the whole game, as Eau Claire was able to get an early lead. - Marcellino-Merwin**

The Pointers had an uphill climb the whole game, as Eau Claire was able to get an early lead. The Blugolds gained 75 yards on 13 plays during their opening drive, ending with a 5-yard touchdown pass to junior tight end Ryan Moertel from Neu.

The Pointers were able to get on the board after junior kicker Jered Fohrman drilled a 43-yard field goal, closing the gap to a four point Blugold lead.

Eau Claire then answered with a field goal by senior Brandon

Raciborski.

Point would show signs of life, however, scoring 10 unanswered points, including a 2-yard touchdown run by senior running back Kyle Fuhrman. The touchdown and another Fohrman field goal combined to give the Pointers their first lead of the game.

Eau Claire stormed back two possessions later as the Blugolds would again turn a long drive into points as they went 78 yards in 14 plays.

Pointers to tie or win. The comeback would be short-lived, however, as the Blugolds' Tyler Janus, sophomore cornerback, would pick off a pass from senior quarterback Jake Swank. The turnover caused on the third play of the drive ended the game.

The win over UWSP was Eau Claire's first since 2007, and their first home win against the Pointers since 2004.

Senior quarterback Jake Swank, completed 13 of 27 passes for 134 yards with one lone interception in overtime. Swank's favorite target of the day was fellow senior Jared Jenkins. Jenkins led all receivers with nine receptions for 106 yards. Sophomore running back Keith Ingram added 95 yards on 21 carries for the Pointer offense.

The Pointer defense was able to cause mayhem in the backfield throughout the game. Stevens Point's defenders combined to sack the Eau Claire quarterback six times, including two each by senior defensive linemen Joe Gallion and Brandon Bruger. It would prove to be too little however, as the Pointers would not be able to stop them.

UWSP jumps back into action this Saturday, Oct. 9, at Goerke Field for their homecoming game. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titans.

Stevens Point managed to hold them to a field goal, which tied the game at 13 all.

After a would be game winning Pointer field goal was blocked by the Blugolds defense, the game went into overtime and Eau Claire wasted no time. The Blugolds went 25 yards in four plays, capped off by a 16-yard strike to Joel Sweeney, freshman running back, from Neu, sophomore quarterback.

The score gave Eau Claire a 20-13 lead with only one chance for the



## SPORTS

## Injuries force packers to make adjustments

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Even with a 3-1 record to start the 2010 National Football League season, one of the top defenses in the NFL, and one of the NFL's top quarterbacks in the sports world, Wisconsin residents can't stop talking about the injury plagued Packers.

Eight players, a good chunk of them starters, did not practice Wednesday and haven't practiced at all this week. Major injuries to Running Back Ryan Grant and Rookie Safety Morgan Burnett were just the beginning for the Packers injury woes.

Starting Linebackers Brandon Chillar and Nick Barnett are still being

assessed for their injuries they sustained last Sunday against the Detroit Lions. If Chillar and Barnett are both unable to play, Linebackers A.J Hawk and Desmond Bishop will start for their fallen comrades.

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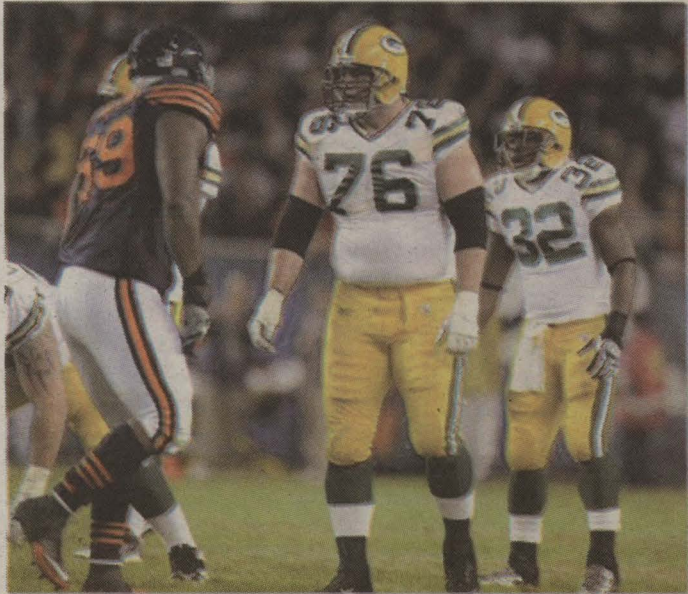


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Linebackers aren't the only injury-plagued entity amongst the Packers; the safety ranks are looking for a replacement for Morgan Burnett and Safety Nick Collins. Collins, a Pro Bowler, was put on the injury report week three against the Chicago

Bears, due to a lingering knee injury.

"We've got a great group of guys that have been around this system and understand what we're trying to do as a team," Collins said. "We just have to put in more time studying film, understanding our game plan for the week. The guys are eager. They're ready. Hopefully I'm going to go out there with them and be ready, and we'll go from there."

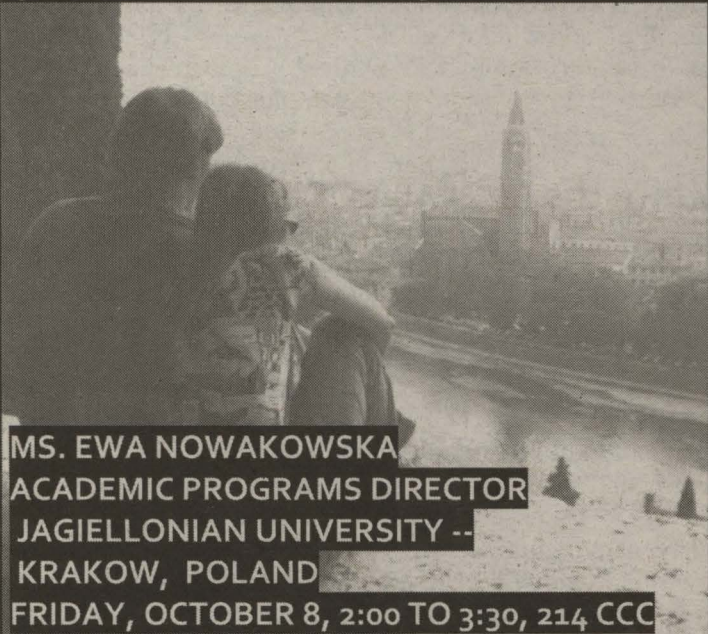
Their team moral doesn't seem to have changed through-out the gauntlet of injuries; the Packers show optimism

despite the injuries to key players. From linebackers to linemen the Packers seem to have a couple challenges their way before they face the Washington Redskins Sunday Oct. 10.



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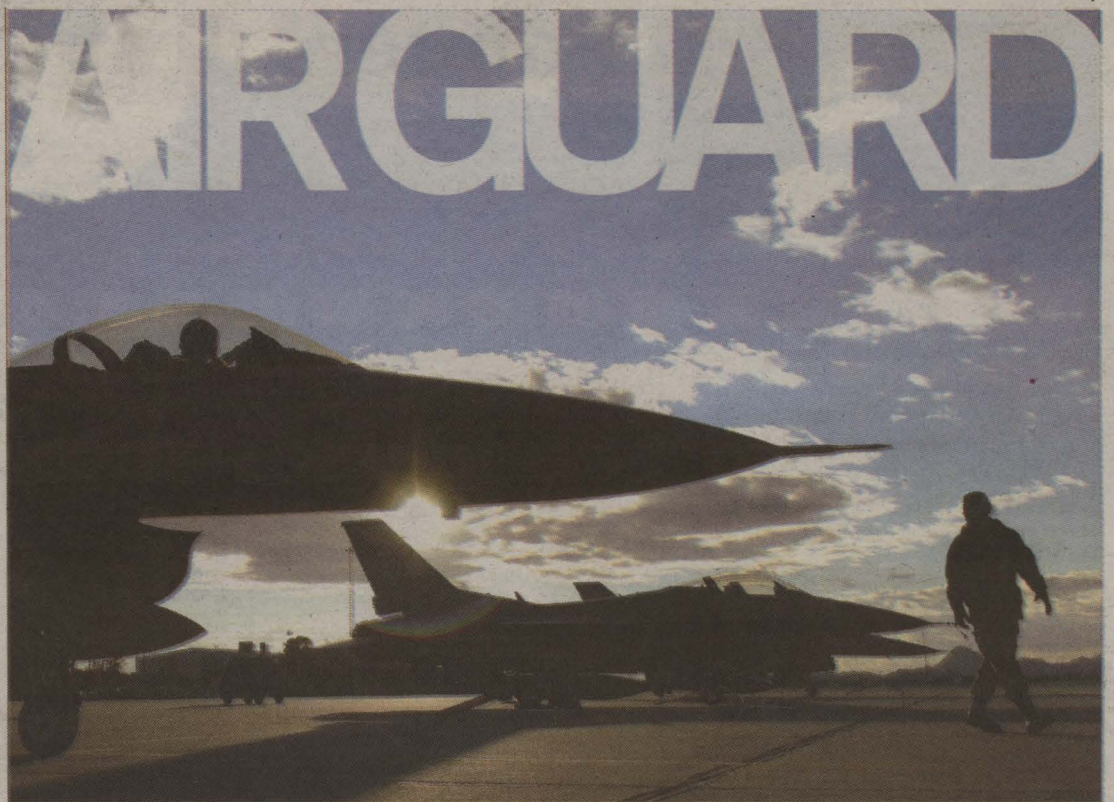
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# POINTLIFE

## Artists hold glass blowing demonstrations on campus

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The Corning Museum of Glass brought its Hot Glass Roadshow to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Glass artists from the museum will be holding daily glass blowing demonstrations until Oct. 11.

The Corning Museum of Glass is

located in the small town of Corning, New York. The museum is, according to Corning glass blowing studio member Eric Meek, “one of the greatest glass collections in the world.”

The Corning Museum of Glass Hot Glass Roadshow uses unique glassmaking equipment to recreate a glassblowing studio environment.

Wherever it travels, Master Glass

Blowers Ian Schmidt and Jamie Perrian create everything from vases to turtles in order to demonstrate traditional blowing techniques on the roadshow. These traditional techniques are comprised of heat, centrifugal force and gravity.

Jeff Heath, a 3D art major at UWSP, explained why he loves glass media.

“Glass is different from any other media in the way it moves, and it does

whatever it wants to,” he said.

The demonstrations seek to exhibit that glass blowing isn’t only mugs and bowls as Meek said, but is a dynamic art from that is always changing.

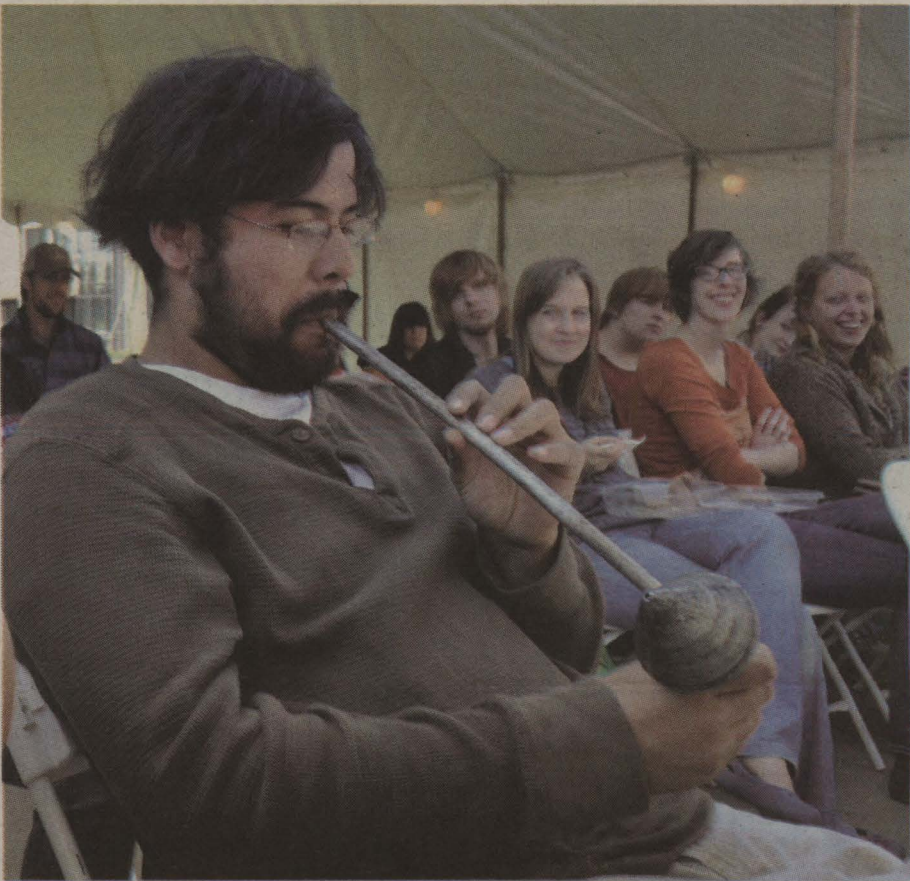
The public demonstrations are free and will also be held from 5-7 p.m. today through Saturday.

For more information on the Corning Museum of glass, go to [www.cmog.org](http://www.cmog.org).



Corning Museum of Glass artist Jaime Perrian answers visitors’ questions.

Photo by Samantha Feld



At the Corning Museum of Glass’s main stage hot shop demonstration, John Dehoyes tries the puffer cone tool, which is used in many glass blowing techniques.

Photo by Samantha Feld

## Students’ study abroad photography showcased

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY SAMANTHA FELD



On Wednesday, the Cultural Bridge Organization held a multi-cultural photography show. This show exhibited student photography from study abroad trips. Ariyal Wagner, communication major and one of the organizers of the show, felt the importance of the show lied in raising awareness of diversity in campus. “These photographs are part of culture and diversity. These photographs don’t lie,” Wagner said.





# POINTLIFE

## Festival of India brings awareness to global poverty

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October 9 marks the 23rd annual Festival of India held at the Stevens Point Area Senior High, an event that offers a unique cultural experience for those who attend.

Jyoti Chander, the festival's coordinator said, "The Festival of India aims at enhancing the understanding of cultural diversity and promoting peaceful co-existence of people from different cultures. The vision is to eradicate dire poverty and to promote social justice for women to create a better tomorrow for Mother Earth."

SHAMA Inc., the organization managing the festival, is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering the low-income women of India through education. "Shama" means the light of the lamp, and is also

an abbreviation for the methods in which they hope to create change. They provide scholarships, teach older women about home industry, promote and teach activism, educate women about medicine and HIV prevention and create Indian-American alliances such as the Festival of India.

Last year, there were more than 500 people in attendance and the festival raised \$4,000 through donations as well as the dinner.

"We have provided over 8,000 scholarships, small business training, including eco-businesses, and our recent international achievement of having 12 of our women trained as taxi drivers in the Commonwealth games of New Delhi which started on Monday," Chander said.

The Commonwealth games are very similar to the Olympics. They

occur every four years and all the members of the Commonwealth of Nations send their best athletes to compete in numerous different sports.

The workshops, which are free, range from discussions on arranged marriages and the caste system, to a class on the finer points of Indian cuisine.

The performances feature William Kowski playing sitar, the traditional stringed instrument of India, and a Bollywood dance performed by Neha Malik and UWSP students. The performances are also free.

The dinner contains several main dishes and sides including vegetarian options. Early reservation for tickets is advised because it helps the festival planners make arrangements, plus, buying tickets at the door is an additional three dollars. The tickets cost

nine dollars with a student I.D. if they are purchased ahead of time.

The festival provides participants with the opportunity to experience Indian culture, something that most rarely get to do. But most of all, the festival gives a rare opportunity to learn about the situation of struggling women in India, and provides a chance to donate and help "plant the seeds of social justice for women in India."

The festival is being held this Saturday, Oct. 9 at SPASH. The workshops begin at 2 p.m., followed by dinner at 5 p.m. The dinner is followed by live performances, which will go until 9 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are available at the Stevens Point Area Co-Op, Kindred Spirit Books, and online at the Festival of India Web site, via Pay-pal.

## UWSP homecoming events fill Pointers' week

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Commentary

Homecoming week on campus is in full swing, and competitions between the halls are fiercer than ever. Window painting this past weekend was a great success, with many creative school-spirit ideas being shown in downtown windows. The pageant on Monday went off without a hitch, and "Price Is Right" on Tuesday brought in the crowds.

A food drive on Wednesday benefited Operation Bootstrap, a community volunteer chapter of the United Way, which locally helps out those needing a temporary lift – hence the name, "bootstrap."

Points for hall teams are stacking up, tensions are rising between the dorms; it's time for you to get in on the action! There are still many opportunities to become involved and help earn points for your hall.

Get involved Thursday night in the Laird Room of the DUC for "Stephanie's Singing Bee." Come cheer on your hall's

participants, and take part in the Pointer Spirit display board contest. Creative signs will be judged by the audience during the Singing Bee, so show up to help 'voice' your opinion!

Friday is packed with competitions, from a sure-to-be-intense "Most Extreme Pointer Challenge," which includes three individually scored events, a relay course, truck push, and tug o' war contest. Also, a "Yell-Like-Hell" spirit-focused event will be held in the Berg Gym within the HEC at 8pm. Difficulty and creativity of the routine and the school pride and energy portrayed within it will be the main focal points of judging; however, crowd involvement and response to the routine is key, so come out and show support!

Saturday is the peak of the week, with a parade starting at 10 a.m., traveling down Isadore to Main, and ending at the Berg Gym. Follow up the parade with an all-campus picnic lunch in front of Old Main at 11 a.m., then head on over to Goerke Field at 1 p.m. for the pinnacle of Homecoming, cheering on your Pointers for the 2010 Homecoming football game

against the UW-Oshkosh Titans.

Finish out your night with the Homecoming dance in the Alumni Room of the DUC at 8 p.m., followed by the Late Night Program in The Encore room at 11p.m.

With so many different activities, you are sure to find something fun in which to partake in between classes this week. All events this week were planned by your Homecoming Council; they applied and

interviewed for these positions, working all year to bring these events especially for you. Come out and show some Pointer Pride this week!

For more information and detailed event descriptions, look up the Homecoming Council on Facebook, UWSP Homecoming 2010, or follow this link from the school website: <http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/caro/homecoming/competition.aspx>.

## Poetry Club kicks off with open mic night

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Poetry Club is officially in business as of last Thursday, Sept. 30.

Prospective members and future officers gathered in the Food For Thought Café, one hour before the first poetry open mic night of the semester, to establish their constitution and set a number of guidelines related to their organization.

The Poetry Club intended to get organized in the spring semester of 2010, says Farrah DeSmet, a junior English

major and president of the poetry club, but never got going due to some technical difficulties and a general lack of support needed to get it off the ground.

When asked why she decided to set up a poetry club on campus, DeSmet replied, "I just couldn't believe that there was no club already, and I thought it would be a good outlet for people to get their work out, share ideas, and meet people."

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*Tired of the same old struggle? Do something Original.*

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# Viva! Gourmet

## Apple Of My Pie

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Go to the store, and what's the first thing that grabs your attention? Well, if you're like me and you hit the produce section first, that's easy: apples!

So shiny, so many colors, so many sizes, so many varieties! They're waxed so heavily they seem to be creating their own light. I can't help but be drawn to them.

Yes, apples are in season again and I'm loving it, so for Viva! Gourmet's first dessert recipe I present to you the mother of all autumnal pastries: apple pie. What else could be more genuinely American? And, on a personal level, more sincerely reminiscent of childhood? The thought alone brings me back.

It's about 3 p.m., mid October that is, so the sun is already starting to get lazy when the final bell rings at my old elementary school. As I walk home, the cold autumn breeze blows through my coat and bites me to my core. I'm not used to this. Where did the summer go?

I walk in the front door of my house, kick off my shoes, throw my jacket over a chair and just then it hits me: the sweet, scrumptious smell of apple pie baking in the oven. This is what autumn is all about. As a personal chef for the rich couple down the block, Mom is putting the final touches on their meal for the day.

But wait. What's that, Mom? The apple pie isn't for us? How could this be? What about my needs? As I stomp through the kitchen and into

the living room to watch Pokémon, she stops me and turns my attention to the dining room table, and there it is: another apple pie already finished baking. Life is worth living again. But I digress.

So, first things first. What type of apple do you use? Well, that's a tough one. Everyone seems to have a different answer to this question. Personally, I prefer honey-crisp apples, keeping in mind that some old Polish lady is probably cursing me out somewhere in the Stevens Point area for writing that. Granny Smith and McIntosh work well too, so just use whatever is available.

### Here's the recipe:

2 lbs peeled, cored and sliced apples (should be about 3lbs before prepping)  
1 T. lemon juice  
3/4 cup sugar  
2 T. flour  
1½ tsp. ground cinnamon

In a large mixing bowl, stir the sliced apples with a tablespoon of lemon juice. Sift together the flour and cinnamon and add all at once to the apples. Stir until the apples are evenly coated. Cover and set aside for 30-40 minutes, stirring every now and then.

### Pie crust:

1 cup flour  
1 stick of butter cut into 8-1 T. sized pieces  
Pinch of salt  
Very cold water



Photo by Martin Smith

Martin Smith shows how you can make the perfect apple pie for this autumn season.

In a food processor or mixing bowl, cut together the flour and butter. Add a pinch of salt. Add water, no more than 1 tablespoon at a time, until the dough just begins to hold its shape—it shouldn't take any more than 2-3 tablespoons of water. Squeeze the dough into a ball shape, and then press until it resembles a round disk. Cover with saran wrap and place in the fridge for 30-40 minutes. While the dough is chilling, make the topping.

### Topping:

2/3 stick of butter, about 6 T.  
2/3 cup flour  
1/3 cup brown sugar

In a food processor or mixing bowl, cut together the butter, flour and sugar. When you're done it should still be fairly dry and stick together just enough that you are able

to make tiny little pellets of topping out of the mixture.

### Putting it together:

Preheat oven to 400F. Lightly flour a work surface and roll out the dough into a large 10 inch circle. Place the dough into a pie pan, patching up any mistakes as needed. Strain out the sugary juice accumulated from the apple mixture, reserving for later use. Evenly distribute the apples in the pie pan and top with the brown sugar mixture, forming into dime-sized pellets as you work. Place in preheated oven for 40-45 minutes.

While apple pie is cooling add the reserved juice (with all of the sugar accumulated at the bottom) plus ½ cup of water to a saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring constantly. After a few minutes of bubbling it will begin to thicken. Serve each slice of apple pie with a good drizzle of this syrup like concoction.

# Student organization making strides in LGBT

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With the recently publicized string of anti-gay related suicides, the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) feel more motivated than ever to help LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bi-Sexual Transgender) students on campus cope with adversity.

Many fear that their parents won't or don't accept them coming out, and college is an opportunity to discover the real you.

Next week marks National Coming Out Week, so this will be a good time to shed light on this controversial issue.

Professor Sue Rankin of Pennsylvania State University says that there are higher depression rates among LGBT students who don't have support on their college campuses. Rankin is the lead professor on a study released in September studying attitudes toward LGBTQ students, among other things. She

said that many students who come out in high school return to a more closeted space in college.

"They're afraid of what may happen if they have a roommate who is not supportive," Rankin said. "So the importance of having visible resources on a college campus to assist students, I think, is tantamount," Rankin said.

According to the study, only 7 percent of colleges have resources for lesbian and gay students and UWSP is one of them.

Safe-zone is something that is operating on campus, and students and staff are involved. Faculty who are safe-zone certified have a sign outside of their door that reads "safe-zone LGBT ally," and shows that they accept and are there for LGBT students.

There will be events held throughout the week to help LGBT students and allies learn about feeling safe on campus.

Events will include a showing

of the movie "Out in the Silence", safe-zone training workshop, and a presentation by a sociology professor and her dissertation.

Michael Waak, senior water resources major, is the president of GSA.

"LGBT youth are more at risk of suicide due to less acceptance and lack of support," said Waak. "GSA is here to help, and it is an empowering experience."

GSA emphasizes that the group is not just for gay students on campus, but also for anyone who has a gender or sexuality, which is everyone.

"We provide a social network for LGBT students and their allies to foster positive social change and make the campus a more positive place," Waak said.

Right now, the group boasts about 30 members, and has about 200 people on their mailing list.

GSA used to stand for Gay Straight Alliance, but it was changed to Gender Sexuality Alliance to make

it broader for students.

April Filtz, junior political science and economics major with a women's studies minor, is employed through multi-cultural affairs and coordinates GSA.

"I think one of our primary benefits is that we are really willing to do whatever a student is passionate about, and it is a great place to become a leader," Filtz said.

GSA has confidential resources for anyone who needs them. They have counselors, a library of books, and many other things to assist students on campus.

They have meetings in the DUC every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in DUC 223.

Their office is located in 070B in the DUC, and is called the Rainbow Center. It is a place to find resources and just a place to hang out.

To get on the mailing list, e-mail gsa@uwsp.edu, and to get more information on upcoming events, check out www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/gsa.



Puzzles

Sudoku 6x6 - Puzzle 5 of 5 - Easy

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16- BLESSING  
17- KING OF COMEDY  
18- CONSUMERS  
19- RESEMBLING A VULTURE  
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22- CLEAN AIR ORG.  
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41- A SINGLE TIME  
42- PADDLED  
46- BARELY MAKE, WITH "OUT"  
47- NARROW OPENING  
48- THREADLIKE  
49- WRITING SPACE  
51- AIRLINE TO OSLO  
52- GODDESS OF FERTILITY IN ROMAN MYTHOLOGY  
53- HAWAIIAN FOOD  
54- DEFORMITY OF A TOE  
57- GET TO KNOW  
59- OFF-BROADWAY THEATER AWARD  
60- INSULT  
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14- CHRISTMAS SONG  
20- COME TOGETHER  
25- NEW ROCHELLE COLLEGE  
26- ALIENS, FOR SHORT  
27- AUSSIE HOPPER  
29- RIVER IN CENTRAL SWITZERLAND  
30- TINGED  
33- PERSON WHO FEARS FOREIGNERS  
34- BIBLIOGRAPHY ABBR.  
36- GAME PLAYED ON HORSEBACK  
37- RACKET  
38- ACTOR BEATTY  
39- LUAU INSTRUMENT  
40- HOPELESSNESS  
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44- MARRY  
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47- FOUL-SMELLING  
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57- DIRECTOR JEAN-\_\_\_\_ GODARD  
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Sudoku 9x9 - Solution 2 of 5 - Hard

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Answers from the Sept. 30th issue.

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# OPINION

## Stimulus good for U.S.

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This year, millions of dollars were sent out to local businesses. The money saved some of those businesses, but more importantly, the jobs that went with them.

Stimulus spending is a topic that is under fire from the fringe right these days. It has become a hot-bed that involves radicals on both sides of the issue, but it seems to me that only the one side has really stood out.

While you will see, or have seen, these people walking around dressed as colonial men and women screaming, "kill the bill!" or comparing President Obama to Hitler, I urge you to take a step back for just a moment and forget about the screaming, anger and, sometimes, violence.

Take a look around. Walk down Main Street in Stevens Point. Think about the busiest part of town where you are from. How many local businesses do you see that hire 10 people or less? A majority, right? Those businesses are, the ones that benefitted from that stimulus.

When I was younger, my-grandpa owned a small automobile shop in downtown Wauwatosa. He never hired more than one person at a time. Now that he is retired, he doesn't own the shop anymore, but still, it makes me wonder how many people are out there that are like my grandpa who could have benefitted from this spending.

Sometimes it is what a government has to do. We have to spend to

get out of a recession. It is not always private sector businesses that will allow for the economy to pick itself up on its own. We have got to start looking at government as the helping hand that it is meant to be.

That is why we have to stop listening to the fringe groups that are out there that hate everything progressives are trying to do. Progressives do not just want to take your money so that we can stockpile it and line pockets of big corporations. In fact, the regulations on them are harsher now as a result of stimulus spending.

Progressives are here and working hard because we believe in the fundamental idea of lending a helping hand when it is needed. And it is needed right now.

Stimulus has allowed a lot of you to keep a job. Stimulus has allowed a lot of our parents, brothers and sisters, friends, aunts and uncles, cousins and everyone else in between to keep working and be able to provide for ourselves and for our families.

Don't fear spending so much, when it can give so much back. After all, without spending, we wouldn't have public universities, police, firefighters, schools, libraries, museums, airports, the city bus, rail service or highways.

It is easy to track the way the money is spent. All you have to do is go on to [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) and you'll find all of the information there. Things that are included are things like what businesses got loans, grants, or have applied and are in the process of getting money. You can see how many jobs have been saved.

## Editorial Board: Walking better than driving

### POINTER EDITORIAL BOARD

What is it about driving that brings out the worst in us? What is it about the fact that once we grip the steering wheel we're overcome with impatience, anger, and discontent?

Is it the long, red stop lights incontinently placed in between you and your destination? Is it the AARP members and punk kid drivers who should have their licenses revoked? Or the speed limit signs that never seem to be high enough?

We all realize that we become monsters when we're behind the wheel. We realize this, but we can't change it.

We're monsters due to various pet peeves on the road. It's always frightening driving at night, because you don't know what's going to pop out at you. It could be a deer, another car or Sasquatch.

It's always scary driving on the freeway, and the draft from the semi-truck next to you might just blow you off the road. And of course the gas prices make driving constantly irritating.

But there is a solution: walking.

Cars are our own personal

bubbles, and they can't be popped because they're made out of metal.

Walking gives you a chance to reflect on life. If you reflect on life while in a car, you will soon be reflecting on how you just hit that senior citizen.

When you see nature in a car, you don't get to fully experience it in all of its grandeur. A car ride is transitory and lame.

When you're walking you can experience nature in its entirety. You

can't experience nature's smells in a car, unless you run over a skunk.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Nature always wears the colors of the spirit." Nature is a mood ring for your life.

Walking can be an adventure whenever you leave a shelter.

"It's like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get," as Forrest Gump would say. I like the sun on my skin strolling down the block...ahhh, yes the simplest form of exercising. I will continue to walk until the day I die and if I'm not walking then, I'm rolling on my longboard.

We're serious about this walking stuff.

**"If you reflect on life while in a car, you will soon be reflecting on how you just hit that senior citizen."**

## Taking money away from people who have none

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This country is in an economic crisis and has an extreme deficit. So what did the government do to help people who don't have any money? They raised taxes. So the people who have no money now have to pay more money, and this is supposed to help them. Does it seem like that doesn't make sense?

That's because it doesn't.

The stimulus bill passed by the congress was put in effect to help the economy and the rising poverty in America. It was flawed from the start. Government spending can only be achievable by three things; tax increases, higher federal borrowing, and by printing more money.

The money that Congress is "putting back" into the economy must first be taxed or borrowed out of the

economy. No new income or demand is created. Money is just being distributed from one group of people to another.

Borrowing money comes from bond purchases that hand over money to the government in exchange for bonds. This money could instead be used for business investment that would expand the economy. And these bonds have to be paid back, putting pressure on future taxpayers.

**The jobs that the stimulus bill created were temporary jobs.**

- Luckow

Making money is dangerous because the more money that is made means that the money in our pockets

and bank accounts are worth less than they were before.

Where the money went from the stimulus bill was also ineffective. The money was given to states and big business and industries for improvements. The problem with this is that the money in big businesses was not spent where it truly needed to be spent. The same problem occurred in the states.

Another goal of the stimulus bill was also to create new jobs. And it has, just not permanent jobs. The jobs that the stimulus bill created were temporary jobs. For example, if the state decided to build a new road as part of the stimulus bill, the workers would be people building the road. Once the road is finished, they would be unemployed again.

Another type of job that the stimulus bill created was approximately 6,000 new government jobs. These jobs are paid for by yet even more

taxes; which is even more money that we don't have. These jobs are also jobs that aren't producing any product; therefore customers can't buy anything to influence the economy.

The stimulus bill is not the way to improve the economy. Taxing people who don't have any money is not going to get them the money they need. Making people pay money that they don't have is not going to help.

To fix the economy the government needs to do the opposite; drop taxes. It has been proven time and time again that when the taxes are dropped people are more inclined to go out and spend money, going directly into and helping our economy.

The stimulus bill is ineffective and detrimental to our future. As a promise to help create more jobs and decrease debt it has turned into an opportunity to reshape the government's influence on the economy.



## POINTLIFE

## Poetry, continued from page 8

Plans or events for the rest of the semester have yet to be worked out, but Poetry Club will play host for a few poetry workshops at the very least.

As the poetry club wrapped up their meeting, the Food For Thought Café was met with a moderate number of people, eager to read for the poetry open mic night.

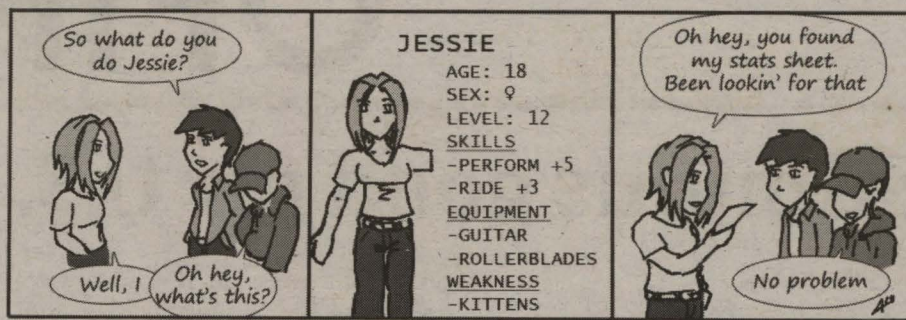
Dr. Patricia Dyjak, poetry professor at UWSP, passed around a sign-up sheet as more and more people showed up at the café. It became clear that everyone was welcome to join in or just sit and listen—No one would be forced to read if they didn't want to.

Dyjak kicked things off by giving a short introduction of the premise of open mic night. "Poetry happens in a community. Poets need to get their

work heard. When a poet reads their work, that is connection," Dyjak said. "You may read one long poem, or two short to medium length ones," Dyjak added before launching into a poem of her own titled "Military Subcontractors".

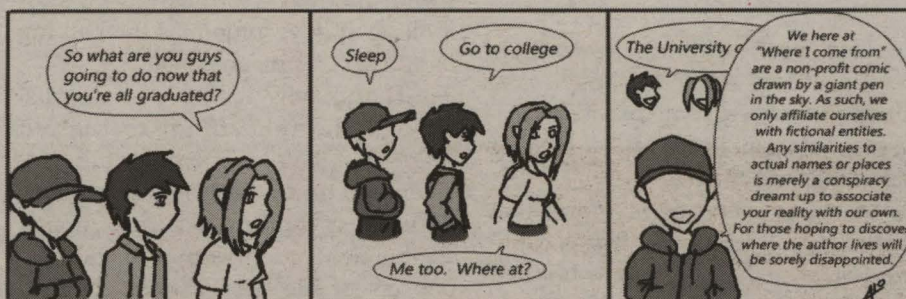
A number of other participants were then called up to the mic, one at a time, to read their own works. However, a select few people read the work of other poets, including an interpretation of one of Oscar Wilde's works.

Missed all of the poetry last week and want to join in on the fun? There will be another meeting on Thursday, October 14 at 6:00 pm in the Food for Thought Café, preceding the second open mic night at 7 p.m.



Where I come from

Bryan Novak



Where I come from

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