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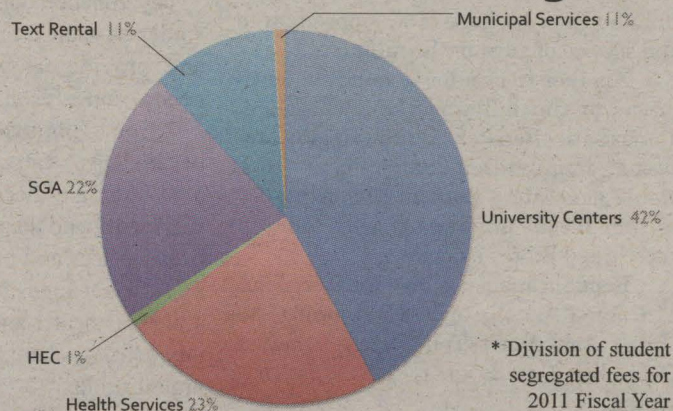
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Ever wonder what that slowly increasing part of your student bill called "segregated fees" is about or confused about what they actually are? Well, according to Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5), segregated fees are described as "student activity fees."

Basically, these fees support student services, programs, activities and facilities used

for them. Every student gets charged \$1,197.50 per year in segregated fees. These fees then get split up between certain departments around campus for generally non-academic purposes. The University Centers gets the biggest piece of the pie at \$504.60, according to the budget for the 2011 fiscal year. Coming in next is health services at \$268.50, the Student Government Association at \$266.40, text rental at \$135.60,

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The plant at the north end of campus, which burns coal, is used to heat the campus' water and buildings.

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Coal used to power "greenest" campus in state

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Many students would agree that the UW-Stevens point campus is very eco-friendly. Those same students might not know that UWSP burns coal at the physical plant on the north end of campus.

Joseph Rohrer, a sophomore forestry major, felt it speaks volumes about our university.

"Obviously, I'm not happy about

[burning coal]. We're supposed to be the greenest campus in the state, so it really says something about the other campuses," he said.

The plant is used to heat the campus' water and buildings, which is why it needs to burn its fuel. The physical plant runs all day long, despite rumors that it only runs at night.

According to Bob Govett, a 20-year veteran of the College of Natural Resources, the State of

Wisconsin and the University work out a contract on the materials they burn. It comes in three different possibilities: coal, wood pellets, or natural gas. The decision about what to burn comes down to one thing: money. The campus burns the cheapest fuel available at the time.

"The coal is purchased under state contract, paper pellets under state contract, and the gas, again,

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COMMUNITY

10/10/10 event gets to work on climate change

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A nationally recognized event has made its way to Stevens Point, and aims to open the community's eyes to the environment and volunteerism.

The 10/10/10 Work Party will balance work with play, in an all-day event.

Trevor Roark, who is part of the band Green Tea, is the main organizer behind the event.

"I've been an activist most of my adult life, starting in my college days at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point," said Roark.

Roark attended the WRE Energy Fair, where he saw the co-founder and global organizer of 350.org speak. 350.org is an international campaign that seeks to find immediate and effective solutions to climate change. It is also the group behind the 10/10/10 event. The "350" is based off of 350 parts per million of CO₂, which is the limit of carbon dioxide scientists say is safe for our planet.

"He challenged people to get involved and get active and do 10/10/10. I used music to help promote and educate others about it," said Roark.

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NEWS

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NATIONAL

Repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" blocked by Senate Republicans

On Tuesday, Senate Republicans filibustered an attempt to modify a key military bill that would repeal the controversial "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy the military employs that prohibits openly gay citizens from serving in the military.

Senator Susan Collins, Republican from Maine, claimed she voted to cut off debate on the bill for "procedural" reasons only and not because of an opposition to the service of gays in the military.

Another reason for Republican opposition to the bill was the inclusion of Democratic Senator Harry Reid's proposed immigration amendment that would generate a path to citizenship for certain illegal immigrants who come to the United States as children.

Republicans such as Senator John McCain of Arizona oppose rescinding the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy before a December 1 study on its effects is completed.

However, McCain's former campaign supporter, Independent Senator Joseph Lieberman, supports the immediate repeal of the policy.

"It ought to go," said Sen. Lieberman. "It's un-American. It's inconsistent with our best values of equal opportunity, who can get the job done, not what your private life is about."

Blackwater provided intel for multinational corporations

The Nation magazine has procured important documents that reveal the role Blackwater Worldwide (now called Xe Services LLC) has played in supplying "intelligence, training and security services" to high-profile multinational corporations as well as the U.S. and foreign governments. Some of the companies Blackwater has been linked to include Monsanto, Deutsche Bank, and Chevron.

The owner and founder of Blackwater, Erik Prince, employed the services of two companies owned by him when working with multinationals such as these. One of these companies, Total Intelligence, has worked as a key ally in intelligence services for the biotech giant Monsanto by supplying the corporation with operatives whose main function would be to infiltrate activist groups who oppose Monsanto's policies.

INTERNATIONAL

Ahmadinejad speaks out against criticism

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of Iran, sat down with American journalists Tuesday morning. He dismissed comments about the incarceration of 500 activists, journalists, and government officials after his re-election in 2009, stating that Americans "don't understand our judicial system." This summer, a woman was sentenced to be stoned to death under the charge of adultery.

He warned America that if they attacked Iran over its nuclear program, they would be in a war that previous conflicts would pale in comparison to. He said that "The United States has never been in a real war, not in Vietnam, nor Afghanistan, nor even World War II."

Ahmadinejad says Iran's nuclear program is peaceful. However, American officials have said it's close to "nuclear weapons capability."

Seg Fees/Fees fund student services, programs and activities

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the Health Enhancement Center at \$11.40, and \$11 for municipal services. 1197.50

Even though these fees may seem like a lot to pay, SGA President Michael Wilson said they are an important part of the campus experience.

"They enhance our experience as college students—educationally and socially—and provide us with the services we need," said Wilson.

Bob Tomlinson, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, said segregated fees are important because they "allow the University and the students to fund activities, services and programs not supported by taxpayer funds such as health services, athletics, theater and other forms of entertainment, student activities and student organizations."

Though segregated fees fund a lot of services, sometimes students don't like paying because they claim they don't use many of the services they cover they claim, said John Birrenkott, assistant to the vice chancellor of student affairs, who works in the student affairs office and takes care of the finances for student segregated fees. He said segregated fees are like a tax because they "are charged to all participants without regard to how many of the services are utilized." He

went on to say, "This is the only way we are able to provide those essential out-of-classroom experiences while you are a student here at UWSP at a reasonable cost."

Tomlinson said that segregated fees come in two forms. The first form is non-allocable, meaning that students have some input in deciding how these fees are spent, but not final authority.

"Non-allocable fees support long term debt payment, personnel salaries/benefits, and athletics to the extent of three years in advance," said Tomlinson.

The second form is allocable, which means that students have full authority deciding on how these are spent, said Tomlinson. Spending of both allocable and non-allocable fees are subject to approval by the chancellor.

Wisconsin is a very unique state because of Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5). Basically, this statute says that the students of the University of Wisconsin System campuses have a voice in how their segregated fee money gets spent. The statute gives the students the right to decide what organizational structure they will come up with to figure out how segregated fees are spent at the university. Currently, UWSP is reevaluating how the organizational structure is set up for our campus.

Energy/23 percent of campus power comes from sustainable sources

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is purchased under state contract," Govett stated.

In an interview with SGA President Michael Wilson the first week of school, he outlined what he plans to do to combat the University's power plan.

"I put a bid in with Wisconsin Public Service to focus on energy and NatureWise to use the sustainability reserve to get solar panels on academic buildings," Wilson stated. "So I'm waiting for the sustainability task force to meet."

NatureWise is the program that WPS puts on for commercial and residential use that uses eco-friendly power sources. According to their website, they use a variety of different elements to power the program.

"Rather than producing electricity using coal, natural gas or other means, NatureWise supports the generation of electricity from a blend of wind and biomass," the Web site reads.

Currently, 23 percent of the campus' energy comes from the NatureWise program, according to the Sustainability Task Force website. The money to pay for the program comes out of Student Government Association funds that are paid for by segregated fees, the student portion of tuition to pay for services and,

Mountaintop mining (MTM) is a form of surface mining that involves the mining of the summit or summit ridge of a mountain.

Entire coal seams are removed from the top of a mountain, hill or ridge by removing the so-called overburden (soil, plants, wildlife and other material lying above the economically desired resource).

- Wikipedia

sometimes, building projects.

This, too, is a concern to the Sustainability Task Force here at UWSP. A solution to bringing a new generation of fuel here at campus could be the purchase of a woody biomass boiler. However, according to Govett, the State does not have the money to allocate the funds for such a building project at this time.

"We've looked at the possibility of putting in a woody biomass burner and that looks promising. We've put together a proposal, we've looked at a site plan, we've run the economic numbers, but it is really up to the State," Govett said.

Whether or not the money is allocated for a woody biomass boiler by the state depends on student interest and lobbying by students and people like Govett and Wilson.

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NEWS

STATE

Feingold, Duffy, request debates with Johnson, Lassa

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For many Wisconsin voters, November cannot come soon enough. With the primary campaigns out of the way and the general election yet to come, Wisconsinites are sure to see every program from the evening news to the Packers game interspersed with political advertisements, which can often be misleading and full of baseless claims.



Feingold

Luckily, a few candidates have agreed to stage this dialogue in a more fitting and informative environment: the debate hall. Over the next few months, the contentious Senate race will feature three debates between incumbent Russ Feingold (D) and challenger Ron Johnson (R).

While the 7th Congressional race will feature at least eight debates between State Sen. Julie Lassa (D) and former Ashland County District Attorney, Sean Duffy (R).

Facing increasing anti-incumbency fervor, Feingold requested six debates from his Republican challenger, Johnson, who only agreed to three. Feingold wants to enter the debate arena with Johnson to clear up some issues he has had with Johnson's stances, and to let the people of Wisconsin see what he has to say to them in person.

"Why would somebody not be ready to stand before the people of Wisconsin and debate?" Feingold asked on "UpFront with Mike Gousha." "It's because he doesn't have any real plans to help fix the economy, he doesn't have any real plans to reduce the deficit he likes to talk about, and he has some pretty extreme views on things like Social Security and Medicare."

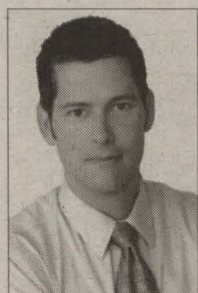
Johnson, however, maintains that when it comes to Social Security, he will be actively fighting for retirees' benefits.

"Russ Feingold and politicians from both parties raided the Social Security Trust Fund of trillions and left seniors an IOU. They spent the money, it's gone," Johnson said in a television ad. "I'll fight to keep every nickel of Social Security for retirees and I'll respect you enough to tell you

the truth."

In the 7th Congressional District race, Duffy has challenged Lassa to a series of twenty debates that is to be staged throughout the course of the campaign season. Lassa has since agreed to eight; so both candidates are sure to get a lot of face time with Wisconsin voters this election.

Both candidates are particularly stressing their individual plans for job creation, which is the primary area of concern for voters this election, with Wisconsin unemployment at 7.9 percent.



Duffy

Duffy advocates getting the federal government out of the private sector's way to give individual businesses more freedom to create jobs. He also supports extending the Bush-era tax cuts to those with incomes over \$250,000, making the claim that any sort of tax increase during a recession could be fatal to economic growth.

Lassa outlined a few key components of her plans for job creation

at a speech at the Labor Temple in Wausau. In the speech, she recommended forming partnerships between small businesses and their local banks and chambers of commerce to get better access to credit.



Lassa

Lassa also voiced her opposition to international trade laws such as the North American Free Trade Agreement, which she says puts American workers at an unfair advantage because such a law follows the lower

labor standards of other countries instead of attempting to set higher standards for all.

The first debate, between Feingold and Johnson, will be in Milwaukee on October 8. The first Lassa and Duffy debate is scheduled for October 26 in Wausau. These debates will aid Wisconsin voters in their decision this November, but, in the meantime, get used to all of those 30-second attack ads.

Work party/Community service day ends with entertainment, food

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This event has a clear aim—to help students learn about what's going on locally with green movements.

The day will consist of volunteering, followed by a musical event from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., all based at Pfiffner Pioneer Park.

Starting at 9 a.m., there will be a coordinator near the band shell giving out projects for volunteers to do in the community. That area will be called the 'hub' for the day's events.

An example of a project is going out into the community and asking businesses to switch out their incandescent bulbs with fluorescent ones donated by Wisconsin Public Service.

Once 5 p.m. hits, the 'party' in Work Party begins. There will be three bands performing: Green Tea, Loose Strings and Cannonball.

There will also be different local businesses catering the event such as Emy J's, Curry in a Hurry, Kitchen 138, and Green Company.

In addition to the entertainment

and food, there will be 20-30 different exhibits from student organizations and local organizations to help promote their movements.

Along with the 10/10/10 Work Party, there are also 3,244 other work parties organized in 163 different countries as of Tuesday, and that number grows each day.

Roark says Stevens Point is considered an eco-municipality, which means that city leaders are geared toward projects and how they relate to the surrounding environment.

-Trevor Roark

This is a way to see what's going on around the community and get hands-on experience.

"The common student doesn't know how to plug in to the community," said Roark. "This is a way to see what's going on around the community and get hands-on experience for their résumé."

There is no cost to enter the event, but there will be opportunities for donations.

For more information about the 10/10/10 movement, go to www.green-teaworldmusic.com, and click on the 350.org icon on the homepage.

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SPORTS

Women's basketball teams up with Habitat for Humanity

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On September 11, 2010, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Women's Basketball team put down their basketballs and picked up carpentry tools to assist local non-profit organization, Habitat for Humanity.

According to their website, centralwisconsinhabitat.org, the group is an "ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to selling affordable homes to qualified applicant families."

Habitat for Humanity, affiliated in name and mission with Central Wisconsin Habitat for Humanity, works in Portage County as well as surrounding areas to build housing for low income families who need assistance buying a home. Habitat for Humanity builds, through monetary and material donations with volunteer work forces, structurally safe and up-to-date homes in which they sell with a 0% mortgage rate to qualified families in need.

One of the stipulations families need to fulfill in order to qualify for eligibility to buy a home is to, "Put in a minimum of 250 hours labor in assisting the construc-

tion of the house, also known as Sweat Equity," said Tom Macak, president and volunteer coordinator.

"The Sweat Equity is really neat because we were able to meet the family the house was being built for," said assistant coach Kole Vivian who headed up the women's basketball team's volunteering.

The Pointers women's basketball team has volunteered at least one day every fall for the past 15 years with Habitat for Humanity.

"In the past 3 years we have worked on 3 different houses around the area, which has been a really cool way to help the community," said Vivian.

This year the girls were tasked mainly with shingling the second half of the roof and frost insulating the house currently under construction at 616 Wadleigh St. here in Stevens Point. The first half of shingling was completed by community volunteers prior to Sept. 11.

According to the women's basketball team athletic website, Brooke Allen, sophomore, commented on roofing, "It was really cool to do something that I've never done before. It was also awesome

to see the finished roof."

"The girls love to get active in the community," said Vivian, "The community has given the team so much support so they take any chance they get to give back."

"Tom Macak is wonderful to work with. He is very organized and the projects always run smoothly" said Vivian.

"Thank you so much to not only the basketball team and their hard work but also for the graciousness from all the other groups and individuals that volunteer with us. We get help from local fraternities, sororities, student organizations, and even some very dedicated professors. We are so grateful for all of their time and help," said Macak.

The team is looking forward to future volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity and plan to keep up with the annual fall volunteering and Macak is happy to have them.

The Habitat for Humanity organization has helped house 20 families here in Portage County and plans to begin their 21st home soon. These homes are made possible by the donations and the labor of volunteers.

Women's golf finds success with young team

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens point women's golf team is building on their early-season success and making a splash again this year.

Women's golf has placed sixth at the UW-Eau Claire Invite, took first place at the UW-Oshkosh Invite, and then took ninth at the Illinois Wesleyan Invite.

The roster is comprised of young players this year—no seniors and only one junior—But success isn't anything new for the team. Over the past four years the team has made it to nationals, and last year Jessica Urban, then a senior on the team, won the division III national title as an individual.

Women's golf at UWSP is lead by Coach Melissa Martin, who has held the position since Feb. of 2010.

"I love helping develop these women into better golfers and into better people in general," said Martin, "I love being around the game of golf—I really missed being involved in it after I was finished playing in college."

Martin recognizes the challenges of a youthful squad, but also sees the upside.

"We are a young team this year, but that's okay—lots of room for improvement and growth over the next few years," said Martin, who went on to say that the team has already accomplished their goal to have more of a team atmosphere this year.

Part of that team atmosphere is Lindsey Beals, freshman and interior architecture major, who said, "My favorite part about being on the golf team is the team itself. All the girls are great and fun to be around!"

Team member Danelle Olson, junior dietetics major, also commented on the young roster, "This year our biggest challenge is the fact that we are so young... this year is a building year for us."

Olson was recently named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's (WIAC) Women's Golfer of the Week after she helped the team win the UW-Oshkosh Invite, where she also won her first collegiate individual title. During her performance Olson shot a 164 through the 36-hole event.

In the past, Olson has also been selected to the National Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar Teams for division III.

Building year or not, the team is off to a great start, and has four meets left in their regular season.

Next up for the team are the UW-Whitewater Invite on Sept. 24 and then the UW-Platteville Invite on Sept. 25 and 26. Coach Martin encourages students to come support the team at their only home meet, the UW-Stevens Point Invite, which is at the Stevens Point Country Club on Oct. 2 and 3.

Service Saturdays: Greener Pastures

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On Saturday Sept. 18, a group of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students woke up early to volunteer for Student Involvement and Employment Office's first Service Saturday of the school year.

Service Saturday allows students the opportunity to give back to the local community through volunteer work. Sept. 18 was the 2010-11 school year Service Saturday kick-off, and Greener Pastures was the theme for this month's event. Students had the choice of completing volunteer work at St. Francis Horse Rescue and Retirement Farm, Inc. or at Schmeckle Reserve.

St. Francis Horse Rescue is located in Rosholt, Wisc. According to SIEO Web site, "St. Francis Horse Rescue is a non-profit organization which provides a quality home for any horse, pony, donkey or mule in need of a safe place to stay, medical care, or a retirement home to live out their days with respect and loving attention."

Volunteers who chose to serve at St. Francis Horse Rescue would be responsible for tasks such as cleaning stalls, washing feed buckets and bailing hay. Volunteers who chose to serve at Schmeckle were responsible for pulling buckthorn (rhamnus

cathartica) from the Schmeckle wildlife population.

"There are always two options for students to choose from," said Shannon Williams, student involvement coordinator for the Student Involvement and Employment Office. "By giving students a variety of opportunities to choose from we are also giving them a chance to be involved with something they actually might have interest in." Hence, September's Service Saturday gave students the chance to work at St. Francis or Schmeckle.

Rachel Rundquist, a maintenance worker at Schmeckle Reserve, led volunteers in the clearing of buckthorn from a plot of land within Schmeckle. Buckthorn is an invasive species brought over from Europe. Buckthorn is mostly used for decorating purposes, such as yard ornaments and hedge roses. According to Rundquist, most of the buckthorn located in Schmeckle came from Sentry's construction and the landscaping of their facility located on Maria Dr.

Buckthorn is spread through the ingestion and relocation of the seeds located in the berries produced by the plant. Buckthorn grows in the form of shrubbery or small trees, buckthorn can grow up to 20 to 25 feet and can choke out native vegetation and wildlife habitat.

"We got a big one here," yelled freshman Julie Martin, a family consumer and science major. Martin and a group of volunteers got down and dirty with the buckthorn Saturday morning. "I didn't think we'd be pulling trees out of the ground," said senior Krystal Moelk, a psychology major.

Although things began to get a bit hairy, volunteers: sophomore Kristen Eggen, an arts management major, sophomore Erica Swenson, a biology major, and freshman Jami Kay, an elementary education major expressed their reasons for volunteering, "We love Schmeckle, the outdoors, and volunteering of course."

Luckily for these willing volunteers, there are more Service Saturdays planned for the near future. Upcoming opportunities to serve consist of operation boot strap and Salvation Army work as well as garden set-up for an AmeriCorps community garden. The garden will donate all crops to local food pantries, which tie into SIEO's vision of local impact.

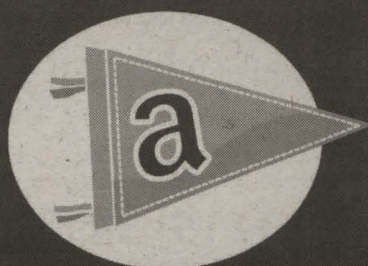
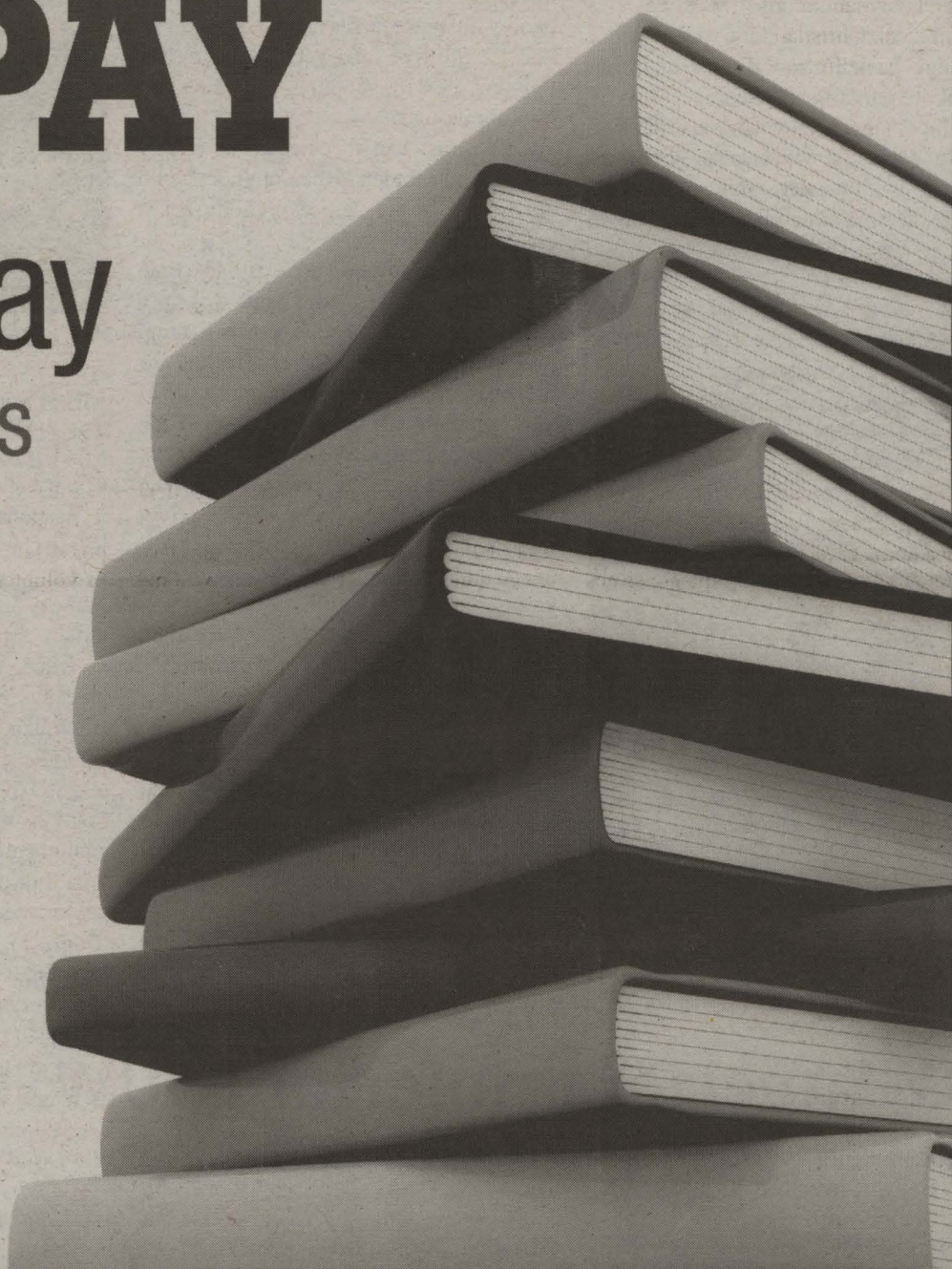
The next Service Saturday will be held on Oct. 30. To register or get involved visit the SIEO office in the Dreyfus University Center across from the Brew Haus and Student Government Association office or visit the SIEO website at <http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/sieo/index.asp>.

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SPORTS

Pointers mash Miners at Spud Bowl

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After dropping their season opener to Willamette University, the Pointer football team evened their record to 1-1 with a 29-10 win over Missouri Science and Technology on Saturday at Goerke Field. Sophomore Mike Griffin paved the road for Point with 138 yards on 20 carries.

The real story of the contest however was the way the Pointer defense bounced back from their dismal performance against Willamette. Stevens Point managed to secure five takeaways in the game; including a pick six by junior defensive back Colton Zimmerman that he took 42 yards for the score.

The Pointers held Missouri S&T to just 56 yards passing compared to 154 yards in the previous game. One reason the defense was able to shut down

the Miners through the air was due to the tenacious play of senior defensive end Matt Lunder. Matt ended the game with five unassisted tackles and a game high two sacks. He also gave the Miner offense trouble with his ability to penetrate and force the quarterback to get rid of the ball in a hurry.

"He's just a relentless player," said defensive coordinator Tom Journell of Lunder. "It's great to have a player with a motor like his. He's definitely one of the top pass rushers in division three."

Once the S&T quarterback made his quick decision it was up to the secondary to make a play, which they did. Four of the five turnovers forced by the Pointers were interceptions including two by Zimmerman.

"We just had to correct our energy level," said Lunder. "Keep up morale and energy and make sure everybody has a positive attitude."

Positive attitudes are easy to come by when everything goes your way in a rebound game such as this. Curtis Krump, junior linebacker, got the ball rolling for Stevens Point with an interception off of S&T quarterback Trent Welborn. Then the Point offense took over and ended the drive with a senior connection between quarterback Jake Swank and receiver Jared Jenkins.

Leading the Pointers in scoring was Jered Fohrman, junior place kicker. Fohrman converted five of six field goals on the day. The most memorable however was the one he missed. After getting stopped just over midfield the coaching staff had enough confidence in their kicker to attempt a 57-yard field goal. Fohrman put a good charge into the kick but came up just feet short of a field goal that even professional players can struggle with.

With the win on Saturday Stevens Point now has a 22-2 all time record in "The Spud Bowl".



Practicing a punt, Jared Fohram, Junior, prepares for the next quarter.

Photo by Samantha Feld

The Spud Bowl however is not just a yearly football game. The Spud Bowl is a game dedicated to a Portage County staple, the spud. Portage County is Wisconsin's leading producer of potatoes. The game serves as the perfect venue to spread the word of the potato industry in the area as well as raise money for the scholarships that are awarded yearly to students who meet the requirements of the Spud Bowl Scholarship.

The players however try not to get caught up in the hype of the Spud Bowl and lose focus of the game itself.

"It's just another game to us," commented Lunder. "Coach talks it up a lot during the week but we know that we just got to come out and get things done."

The Pointers will try to continue their success this Saturday against Albion College out of Michigan who are fresh off their first win of the season as well. The end of that game will signal the beginning of Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play for Stevens Point.

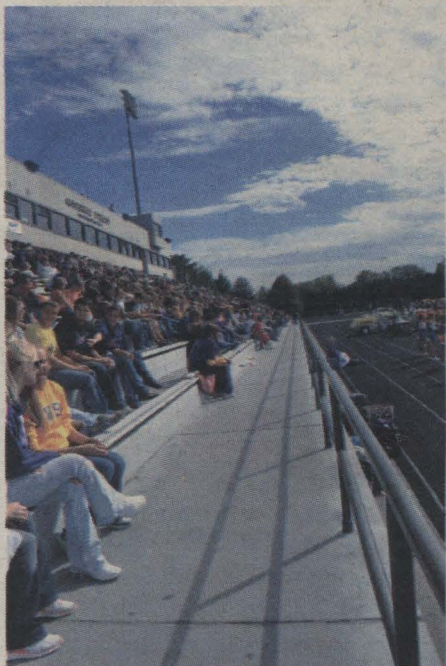


Photo by Samantha Feld

Showing off their school spirit, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students come together to cheer their Pointers into victory.

UW-Superior is inferior to UWSP Soccer

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Women's soccer team has been nothing short of great so far this season. The Pointers have only allowed one goal and outscored their opponents 26-1 on the season. On Saturday the team traveled to University of Wisconsin-Superior and made a statement by beating the Yellow Jackets 9-0.

In Saturday's match up, the Pointers allowed only three total shots and one shot on the goal, which goalie, Liz Hunter was able to save. Along with the great defense that was displayed, the offense was equally as stunning. They marked up 42 shots and 25 shots on goal, in order to wear out and defeat the UW-Superior Yellow Jackets.

While the Pointers were clearly dominant, one player particularly stood out. Kristi Nickels, a sophomore forward, put on quite a show by putting up an assist and three goals to earn the hat-trick. Other key players were Sam Greer and

Jessica Zeisse with two goals apiece, and Sarah Gugel and Stephanie Wolf who got in on the action by scoring one goal apiece. In addition to the goals, Brittany Boyer and Vicki Bieschke each had an assist.

With their stunning performance on the road, the team rolls back into town this weekend to take on the UW-River Falls Falcons in a conference battle that will be worth watching. The Falcons hold a 5-2 record and are at a perfect 1-0 in conference play. Last year the Pointers traveled to River Falls and pulled out a

close win, edging the Falcons 1-0.

After rolling over the UW-Superior Yellow Jackets, the undefeated Pointers will host the Falcons this Saturday, September 25 at 2 p.m. If it's anything like the game they faced off against each other in last year, it will be nothing short of intense excitement. So get out to the UWSP Soccer Bowl and show your school spirit by cheering on your very own Pointers soccer team.



Kristi Nickels leading the charge against UW-Superior last Saturday.

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Artist showcases screenprinting exhibit

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Ellie Honl has been exposed to art her entire life and has now brought her extensive knowledge to Stevens Point with her own exhibit and adjunct professor position at the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point.

Honl's mother is an art teacher, and she always had projects for her to do. That inspired her to focus on art and attend college to pursue it.

"I had my first print class in grad school and I loved it," said Honl. "I liked it because it could look like a lot of different things, such as painting and drawing."

Screen printing is a stencil process that originates back to cave paintings. A mesh screen is used and parts of the screen are blocked out while the open areas have paint squeezed through them.

She has been working on the theme of her exhibit for a few years now.

"I was driving and I saw flocks



Ellie Honl's exhibition entitled "Swarm/Storm" features work from her "Safety" and "Swarm" series and is currently displayed in the Edna Carlestone Art Gallery. Photo by Samantha Feld.

of starling birds, so I started a series of prints and used them as my inspiration," said Honl.

She then decided to create shelters for the birds in the prints. As the series progressed, the shelters became a metaphor for how people cope with problems in their lives.

In her artist statement, she says that her prints series have been inspired by her explorations into psychological disorders and how they affect people's perceptions of reality.

Caren Heft, who is the gallery director at the Carlestone Art Gallery, discovered Honl and thought she

would fit in well here on the UWSP campus.

"I had seen her work before she was hired to teach here, and I thought it was quite wonderful so I invited her to exhibit," said Heft.

She thinks that the work Honl does fits in with students at UWSP because much of it is based in collage.

She said the turnout so far for attendance at the exhibit has been great.

"So far there have been a lot of people," said Heft. "It has been a popular exhibit. We had the Lifelong Learners in and they were really impressed with Ellie's work."

Honl is teaching a screen-printing class this semester and hopes to be around for a while longer.

"I love teaching and this is a great atmosphere and a great caliber of students," said Honl. "My colleagues are also fantastic mentors and artists."

Her exhibit is in Edna Carlestone Art Gallery in the Noel Fine Arts Center at UWSP and will be there until October 3.

Students turn up for music at library's Hoot-en-an-ny

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The second annual bluegrass festival, held Sept. 24 in the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point library, boasted a wide array of booths and a lively bluegrass stage.

Public organizations such as Portage County Library and the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education presented information. There were also tai-chi demonstrations. Booths for on-campus services included the Tutoring and Learning Center, Assistive Technology, and Instructional Media Center.

There were booths for caricatures and a kiosk to have a bookmark inscribed with names in Chinese. There was a dress-up photo booth where festival goers could take a picture portraying a possible career choice, including entrepreneur, explorer, rock Star, or chancellor.

The library staff also transformed the Idea Studio, a conference room available for checkout to students or groups, into a gaming room with a Wii console.

Heather Springer, one of the main coordinators for the event, said that changing the Idea Studio into a fun environment for group team-building is a common occurrence she goes to say that the Information Technology department on campus often checks out the room at the beginning of the year to help the staff members get to know and become more comfortable with each other.

At 11:30 a.m., UWSP Chancellor Bernie Patterson, officially opened the



While at the University library's Hootenanny event, Zach Grycan, a member of the Black Spruce Swamp Stomp Band, performs an original song. Photo by Samantha Feld.

library for celebration by cutting the ribbon. When asked what he thought of this event, he said, "I can't think of a better place to hold a hootenanny than at the heart of the university."

The high-spirited bluegrass stage pumped out music between 12 and 4 p.m. Some of the campus students at the show started up a dance area, saying that the followers of bluegrass are totally different than any other genre of music, and take on an entirely different persona.

Shelby Balz, sophomore, said, "I love bluegrass. I didn't know what

to expect from this concert, but it's nice to see a live band, especially in a library, which seems contradictory." The harmonies of each of the bands, Sloppy Joe, The Loose Strings, and Burnt Toast and Jam, impressed viewers, and several community members commented how amazing it was to hear the bands keeping time together showing

how very well-practiced they were.

While bands performed many instruments were on display, demonstrating the range of sounds and different effects each can make. The dobro, or resophonic steel guitar as it is formally known, was an especially interesting piece, looks like a guitar but is played horizontally with a slider and pick.

Andy Pech, head of library main circulation and student outreach coordinator, said that our Hootenanny event isn't that uncommon. Many libraries now are hosting events to draw students in at the beginning of the semester, to show what services they have to offer and let the students become familiar with the layout of the library.

"It has been shown and proven in studies that if the students come in early in the semester, they will come back and continue to use it. Also, this habit carries over, not just through the semester or the rest of the year, but the rest of their lives. They will continue to utilize these resources, thus doing better in their fields and their futures," said Pech.



Photo by Krista Kemke
Chancellor Bernie Patterson hangs out with attendees.

POINTLIFE

Pointer of the Week: Krista Gerrits

SAMANTHA FELD

Krista Gerrits has been to Africa twice: once to Tanzania, and this past summer, she spent three months in Kenya.

Gerrits, a junior land use planning major, traveled to Kenya through the Global Environmental Management Education center. Gerrits, along with two other University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students, helped create sustainable garden systems for the small village of Mombasa. The goal of the trip was to help sustainably increase the daily nutrition of impoverished families in the village, many affected by HIV/AIDS.

"I worked with sustainability for two of the village farms, learned about crop rotation, and I also recorded crop yields for both farms" said Gerrits.

Gerrits learned a wide variety of sustainable farming techniques that were very specific to the farm, as the farm was certified as an organic farm.

"The village is working to be entirely self-sustaining," explained Gerrits.

One way the village works to be entirely self sustaining is through composting. The gardens are made from compost, which is made from the villages' 'eco-toilets'. These special toilets turn human waste into ash, which is then turned into fertilizer for the gardens.

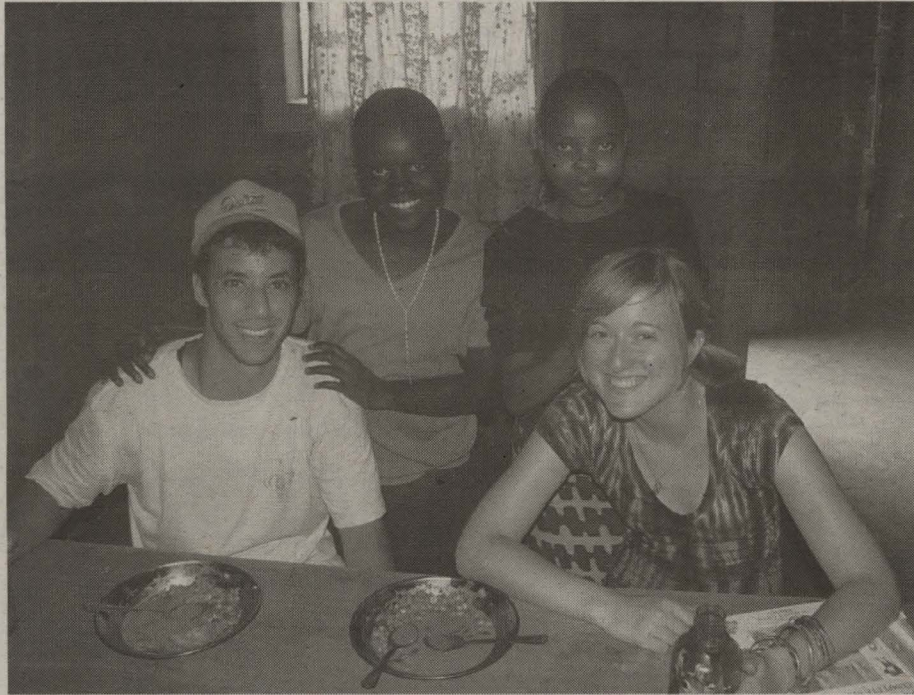


Photo by Alicia Degroot

While enjoying a bowl of Muthokoi, Adam Clifford and Krista Gerrits accompany two of the village residents while they study in their home.

When not working on the farms in the village, Gerrits along with the other GEM workers, would spend their time visiting homes within the village.

"We would help the kids with homework, and play with them. Some of the kids even created a book club where they read 'The Island of the Blue Dolphin'" Said Gerrits.

Gerrits also described how powerful of an experience it was for her to get to know the children of the

village, and to see how happy they were despite where they came from.

Gerrits described the home lives of many of the children. "After attending school from seven in the morning to seven at night, the girls would make dinner over a fire, clean the home, and take care of the younger siblings, while the boys would collect firewood" explained Gerrits.

The GEM workers also traveled to homes in surrounding villages, and watched many HIV testings. She

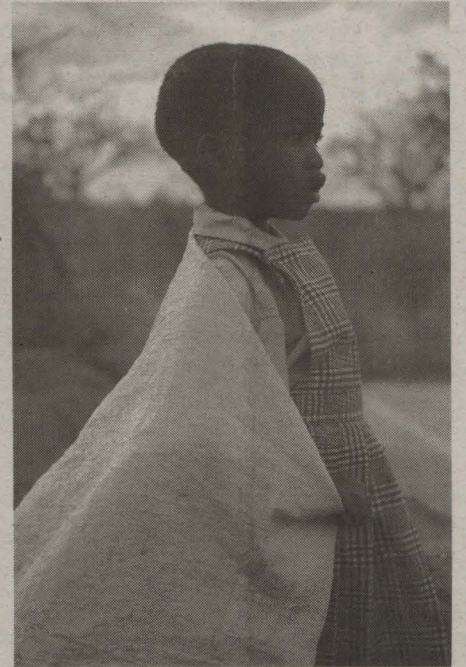


Photo by Krista Gerrits.

Six-hundred sixty children live in the village and many families are affected by HIV/AIDS.

described this experience as being "very nerveracking," and remembers seeing some children living on the street, just on a mattress set in the dirt.

Through traveling to Kenya, working on the sustainable farms, and spending time with the children and residents of the villages, Gerrits' passion for international land use management was increased, and she hopes to filter her passion into a career in international and sustainable land use planning.

VMA Performances

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The The MTV Video Music Awards have etched their place in pop culture as the go-to source for an unforgettable night that everyone will be talking about. That is, until next year's show, according to the MTV website.

The VMAs were hosted by Chelsea Handler in Los Angeles. All of the performances were spectacular, for the most part that is. The performers ranged from Eminem to Taylor Swift. Some of the performers did medleys, some did short clips of their songs, and others did entire songs.

The first performance that I liked was Eminem's opening performance of "Not Afraid." There were a couple of things that I really liked about his performance. The first thing I liked was that he started out in a small room and then walked out onto the big stage from there. Secondly, the big, cool looking drums were sweet and the people playing them looked remarkable. I also liked the stage lights because they looked tremendous. Also, during his performance he transitioned into "Love the Way You Lie" with Rihanna. Great song, but I like them better on the CD rather than live. His performance should have been near the end because it was magnificent, but I liked that it caught your attention at the beginning.

Usher's performances of "DJ Got Us Fallin' in Love" and "OMG" were

great. The male dancers were all dressed like him for the first song. The lights were green and going everywhere. As he was transitioning into "OMG" the lights changed to red and the female dancers came out. The male dancers went off stage and then all of a sudden, they started coming down from the ceiling. Usher's performance was the only performance that had people coming down from the ceiling, which looked sweet. At the end of his performance, the spotlight ended directly on him which was very dramatic.

Linkin Park performed the song "the Catalyst" at the Griffith Observatory, which was an incredible performance. There was lots of fog surrounded the stage and lights everywhere. It looked stunning.

The last performance was Kanye West's performance. There are some people who didn't like his performance at all, but it was a great ending to the VMAs. He performed the song "Runaway." The graceful ballerinas and the rap/hard rock music Kanye sings goes together breathtakingly. It was something I wouldn't have expected to go so well together but it looked amazing. At the end of the performance, the light on one of the screens starts raining gold and it just adds to the spectacular ending of the VMAs.

Those four performances were just a few of the performances that were at the VMAs. Hopefully next year will bring more exciting performances, like this year did.

The future of journalism

POINTER EDITORIAL BOARD

Throughout our careers as students, we have been informed almost daily of the impending doom of the print newspaper. We feel that the decline of print media could result in three possible scenarios.

The first possibility would see only two or three big newspapers remaining in print, from only one or two major news sources. With fewer diverse sources come fewer minds, thus leading to fewer informed citizens. One news source creates only

involved in journalism. This is a problem because journalism is complementary to democracy.

The third, and what we feel would be the most beneficial scenario, would create a well-balanced mix between print and online news services. Online news sources would provide instant and informative news briefs to breaking news stories, and Web sites such as Twitter could be integrated with news services to provide quick and readily accessible information. Print media, from a variety of news sources, would provide

The importance of newspaper lies in factual and clearly reported information. - Editorial Board

one point of view, therefore negatively affecting how people perceive the major issues of the day.

The second scenario would create online-only news sources; this would have an effect on the accuracy of the news and would create a faded line between blogging and news. An organization would have to exist that determines what is news-worthy and what is not news-worthy. An online-only newspaper would mean that there would be fewer people actively

in-depth informational and investigative news stories.

The importance of newspaper lies in factual and clearly reported information. Quality news comes from a variety of news sources without pretense or bias, and it serves the purpose of helping us to better understand the world around us.

The Pointer Editorial Board is comprised of Samantha Feld, Kaitlyn Luckow, and Aaron Osowski.

POINTLIFE

Viva! Gourmet

Nuts for Butternut

Well, it's finally here. Today marks the first actual day of autumn, and from here on out the days are only going to get shorter and colder. So let's all embrace these last few weeks we have left before the inevitable winter that always seems to come far too early. Get outside and enjoy the fall colors, pick some apples, and play some football—just make sure you've got something to warm your stomach when you get back. That's right, it's comfort food season. You know the like: mac n' cheese casserole, roast chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy, beef stew, apple pie. you get the idea. Those all sound mighty good, but for me, nothing says fall comfort quite like squash. Don't get freaked out, squash can be really good when it's prepared properly. It's sweet, it's savory, and best of all, it's cheap.

Now, there are literally hundreds of different things you could do with squash. Roast it, microwave it, boil it, seed it, carve it, make it into an entrée, or an equally pleasing dessert. Not to mention the sheer number of different squash varieties there are. Believe me, narrowing down my options to just one squash recipe was not an easy task. But in the end, I had to go with the most versatile (in my opinion) recipe in all of Squashdom:

butternut squash soup.

There are so many different and fantastic things you can do with the idea of butternut squash soup unbelievable. So, by all means, get those creative juices flowing and come up with your very own recipe. However, if you've never cooked squash before and you don't have the slightest clue where to start, then I've got your fix right here.

You'll need:

4 lbs. butternut squash
1 medium sized onion,
finely chopped
2 T. olive oil, or vegetable oil
1 or 2 tsp. dried chipotle powder
½ cup orange juice
2 tsp. dried cumin seeds,
or ground cumin
6-8 cups chicken stock, or water
Cilantro
Sour Cream
Salt
Pepper

Wash and peel the squash. Remove the seeds and dice the squash into 1 inch sized pieces. Heat a large pot over high heat and add the cumin seeds. Toast for 1 to 2 minutes, until they become aromatic. Remove the seeds to a mortar and

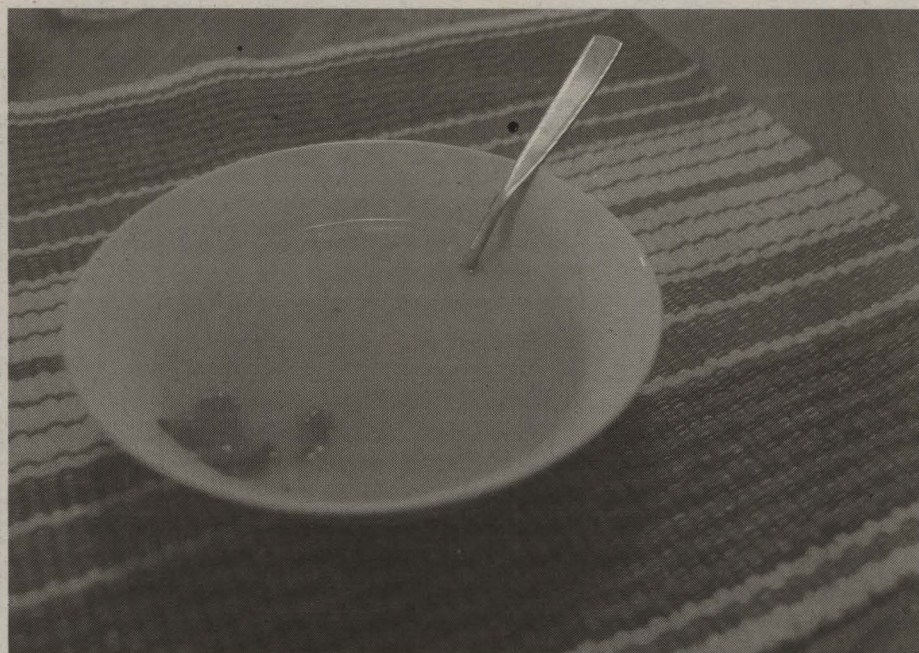


Photo by Martin Smith.

Martin Smith gives you the perfect recipe for the perfect butternut squash soup.

pestle and mash to a fine texture, set aside. Add oil to the bottom of the pot and sauté the onion until it becomes translucent and slightly browned. Stir in the chipotle powder and toasted cumin. Add the diced squash, orange juice, and 6-8 cups chicken stock or water. Turn the heat down to medium and simmer until the squash becomes extremely soft (roughly 20-30 minutes). Puree the soup to a fine, silky texture using an immersion blender or food processor. If you don't have either, you can push the squash through a fine mesh strainer with the back of a spoon, though the texture won't be as nice. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. Ladle the soup into bowls and garnish with finely chopped cilantro and a small dollop of sour

cream.

Dress it up/Extra Garnish: Blacken and remove the skin of one red bell pepper. Puree in a food processor along with 1 T. olive oil, salt, pepper, and one small clove of garlic. Add a small spoonful of the puree to the center of each bowl of squash soup. Using a toothpick, stir from the center and outward in clockwise motion to create a swirl of colors that is sure to impress your dinner guests.

Dress it down: Go with the bare minimum here and omit the chipotle powder, cumin, cilantro, sour cream, and orange juice.

Other healthful/sustainable options: Squash are in season now, so go down to the farmers market and pick some up from a local vendor.

Blood Drive Preview

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Next week students at University of Wisconsin Stevens Point will get the chance to save lives in a matter of minutes.

On Sept. 27 and 28, the University will be holding the first of four blood drives this academic year. The Student Involvement and Employment Organization will be collaborating with The Blood Center of Wisconsin, the sole supplier of blood for St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point.

With an average heart transplant requiring 4-6 units of blood and a liver transplant requiring 10 units, the 140-165 units collected each blood drive last year made quite an impact. This drive's goal has been set even higher at 120 units on both days.

Shelby Balz, a sophomore, said, "knowing that you're making a difference is very fulfilling."

To encourage donations this year, the blood drive coordinators are trying something new. They are working with the Residence Hall Association to coordinate a competition between residence halls. Donors living in the residence halls simply need to tell the registration aides which hall they live in. At the end of the drive, the scores will be tallied and the hall with the most donors will receive a pizza party courtesy of RHA.

Donors must be over the age of 16

and weigh more than 110 pounds. When arriving to donate, participants should have a driver's license, student ID, or donor card. Giving blood takes just over an hour from registration through rest time. In fact, the actual donation process takes around fifteen minutes. Although it only takes an hour, students are encouraged to leave plenty of time before the start of their next class, at least an hour and a half. But don't let the requirements or your fears of needles discourage you; there are many opportunities to volunteer outside of the act of donating itself.

Meghan Rossmanith, blood drive coordinator, said, "Volunteers are the backbone of blood drives. They provide much needed support to the staff by helping donors relax and getting them food and water when needed."

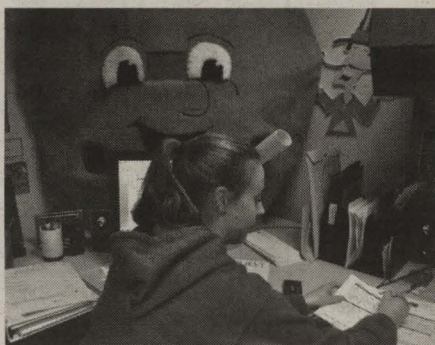


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In preparation for the September 27th and 28th blood drive, Meghan Rossmanith, blood drive coordinator, creates a calendar of events promoting it.

Much like the donors, volunteers are welcome to schedule appointments by emailing Rossmanith, or by arriving at the registration desk the day of the drive with a helping hand and an hour of their time. Positions include registration, donor, and canteen assistants. Balz, a former blood drive volunteer said, "helping out is a great way to meet new people."

So whether you decide to donate or volunteer at any of this year's blood drives, participation is always deeply appreciated. And who knows, maybe

your blood will save someone's life.

The drive will be held in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center. The donation center is open from 10 am to 3 pm, allowing ample time for students to donate at the convenience of their busy schedules. Appointments are encouraged and can be made by e-mailing Rossmanith at sieodrive@uwsp.edu or by calling (715) 346-2260. Of course, walk-ins are welcome but may be subject to longer wait times.


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Sudoku 9x9 - Puzzle 2 of 5 - Very Hard

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Sudoku 12x12 - Solution 5 of 5 - Hard

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Answers from the Sept. 15, 2010 issue.

OPINION

Obamacare: You exist, therefore you're regulated!

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In March of this year, the Democratic 111th Congress made history by passing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law. Although pro-reformers celebrated the passage of this bill, it deserves all reasonable people's ire as it contains some of the most anti-free market laws that have been passed in recent memory.

As though the national deficit is not a catastrophic problem as it currently is, this law expands Medicaid eligibility and subsidizes insurance premiums while dictating to private insurance industry how to conduct its own business.

However, the most offensive part of this law is the Individual Mandate. The

law states that by 2014, people who do not have health insurance will have to pay a tax penalty to the federal government. According to a recent report in the Christian Science Monitor, by 2014, a person without health insurance would have to pay one of three different fines, whichever is greater: \$695 for each uninsured family member, up to a maximum of \$2,085; or 2.5% of household income.

Just as it is wrong for states to force citizens to purchase car insurance, it is also wrong for the federal government to force citizens to purchase health insurance.

Of the two, however, the latter is more insidious because in regards to the

former, people who refuse to purchase car insurance can choose to not own a car and still get by with other modes of transportation. The latter, however, forces people to purchase health insurance simply for being alive.

The Individual Mandate is flagrantly unconstitutional but don't tell that to Senator Harry Reid. The good senator believes that the Commerce Clause that states that Congress has the power to "regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes" allowed him and his cohorts to push ahead with their unconstitutional agenda. Never mind that when the Commerce Clause was added to the Constitution, it was strictly intended merely to regularize cross-border commerce and prevent interstate trade wars.

As far as Senator Reid and his like are concerned, the fact that you live in this country means that Congress will effectively try its damndest to micro-manage your daily life.

Of course, Obamacare's supporters will claim that by extending health care coverage to everyone, even at the point of a gun, will improve health and save lives. What utter nonsense! If saving lives was our goal, the large number of uninsured Americans probably shouldn't be our first priority considering the fact that the Institute of Medicine estimates

that two to five times as many Americans die from preventable medical errors than from a lack of health insurance.

Or if our goal was to make health insurance more affordable, the Individual Mandate would have the opposite effect as special interests have time and again shown to be able to force the consumer, meaning us, to pay more and more for minimum benefits (by being able to continually define what the minimum benefits packages consist of) via the lob-

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bing of legislators. The latest example of this being the rise of coverage costs in Massachusetts thanks to Romneycare.

I, for one, am opposed to this insanity that the Democrats call health care reform that will neither save lives nor reduce coverage costs and hope that after the mid-term elections this November, Obamacare will be rolled back to never be heard from again.

Health Care Reform

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When it comes to the topic of health care, many of us are tired of even hearing about it. But I've got news for you: it is not over yet.

When historic health care reform passed last March, we were able to take a step back and look at what was wrong with the bill and what was right with it. I am of the persuasion that the bill was, overall, a good thing. But there is still more work to be done for America's future.

Looking at the good things first, we'll remember that this bill eliminated pre-existing conditions as qualifiers for obtaining health insurance.

This is extraordinary in itself, as many Americans do have pre-existing conditions that range from cancer bleeding disorders, asthma, diabetes or possi-

about the system. Not because everyone shouldn't have insurance, but because this bill did not put limits on premiums. This bill did not put a public option for people who cannot afford the insurance that was mandated to them.

It is interesting that in 1994 the Newt Gingrich Republicans proposed this same idea as an alternative to Bill Clinton's universal idea, and now they say it is the worst thing that could happen to this country.

The Republicans don't want you to be healthy for their gain. And it's about time that we have them stop playing with our lives when there are people in Congress that want to introduce real options for us that would make it easier and cheaper to stay healthy.

That is why the work continues. It depends on people like us to stand up and raise our voice to tell the Tea Party, who so violently told us no on this bill, that we

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bly even just constant diarrhea.

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This bill also allowed students and young adults to stay on their parents' insurance plan until they are 26 years old, which means that we don't have to worry about insurance until all of our school is done. With more demanding academic standards across the disciplines, most of us don't get out of school in the planned four years anymore.

Now, finally we get to the meaty, more controversial part of the bill. When 2014 rolls around, everyone will be mandated to have insurance. If they don't have insurance, they will pay a possible fine in taxes.

This is where students should beg to differ. This was the wrong way to go

need to be healthy. If we're not healthy, we can't work. If we can't work, we can't pay the bills, we can't put food on the table, we can't make sure that our money goes into the economy. Everything in this country relies upon the health of its citizens.

That is why we need true universal health care in this country. A system that would allow any American to walk into a health clinic, hospital or pharmacy and get the medication, treatment and care that they need. It is not only vital to the country but to our jobs, friends and our families.

That is why the work isn't over. That is why we need to keep on keeping on, and tell the fringe right that we still exist, even if we can't scream as loud as them.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

SGA appreciates The Pointer taking the time to write articles about the work we have undertaken on behalf of the student body. Regrettably, last week the article titled "Budget controversy leads to upcoming referendum" was lacking in thorough reporting and accurate investigation. For the sake of student information, we would like to ask for the following corrections.

The article stated "there will be a campus-wide referendum on Sept. 13 and 14, pending student senate approval." There were no final dates for a referendum and any details regarding dates were in the confidence that the information was unofficial and specifically off the record.

The article also misrepresents the staff of SGA. In various places throughout the article it is believed that one member, Michael Wilson, is the sole proprietor and organizer of attempts to reinstate UW-System policy. The article also states that students have been grappling with this issue since last year, whereas this has been at the forefront of student governance since at least as far back as 2001. Numerous students

have brought this issue to the Student Government Association, currently and for almost a decade.

Lastly the article mentions that there are five "shared governance" groups that handle segregated university fees (SUF). This is unfortunately disingenuous, as there are at the most, only four student governance groups that allocate segregated fees.

Although SGA values the hard work and dedication of The Pointer and its service as a media outlet to the students of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, SGA would appreciate if its reporting were accurate in its representation of the university. As many will learn in any journalism class; the responsibility of any reporter is to the truth.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime.

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Involvement Fair

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Students gathered in the Laird Room and Encore of the Dreyfus University Center for the annual Student and Involvement Employment Office's Student Involvement Fair.

In attendance were 107 student organizations and seven non-profit groups that were aiming to recruit new and returning students to their member list.

"I couldn't even tell you how many students attended. To me it

seemed like the whole university. I would guess over 1,000 though," said Barb Grunwaldt, program assistant.

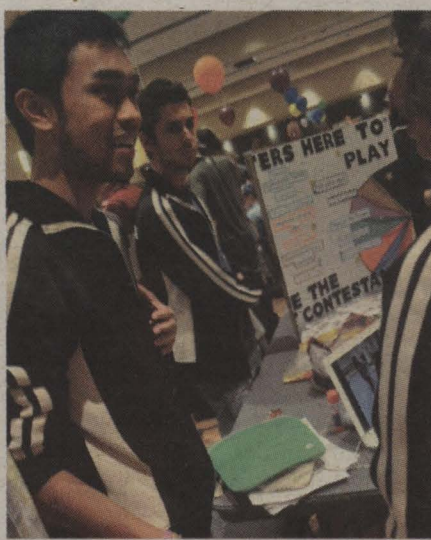
The theme of the event, "Don't be sorry to advance to the involvement and volunteer fair," had a board game theme and awards were given out to the organization with the best-decorated booth according to the theme. The best decorated was the fraternity, Theta Xi. The best decorated non-profit organization was Mead Elementary School.

The next involvement fair will be held in the same location on Feb. 10, 2011.

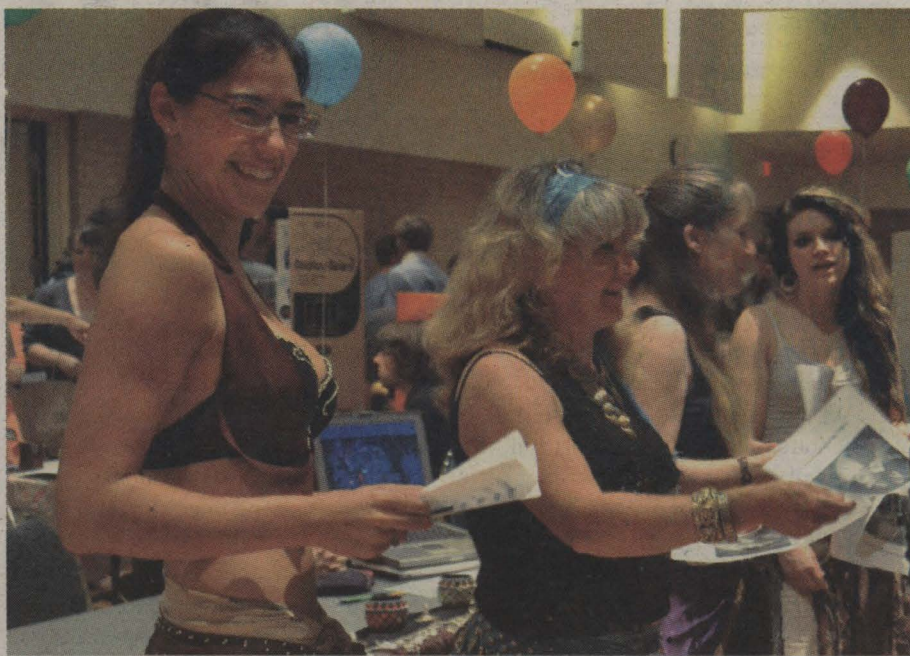


Recruiting members, Polish club officers promote their club to students.

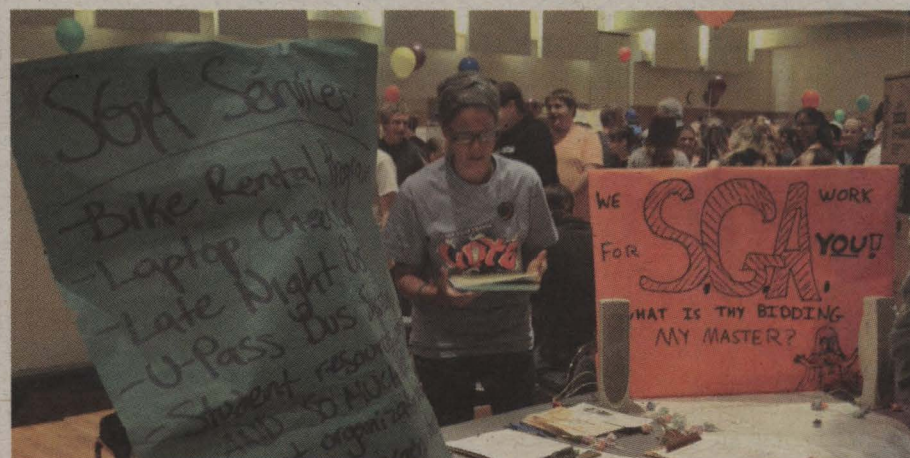
Photos by Samantha Feld.



Members of the homecoming committee introduce students to this year's theme and give a preview of some events to come.



Above: Members of the belly dancing organization promote their organization through a variety of flyers and small demonstrations. Below: Members of SGA talk to students about the role of SGA on campus, and the roles they can take within the organization.





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