

College students are usually not the most significant demographic to politicians. However, on Tuesday, 7th Congressional District republican candidate Sean Duffy held a 'Meet and Greet' for students in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center. Duffy talked about the imporelection.

The College Republicans sponsored the event, which provided free pizza for all. Patrick Testin, President of the College Republicans, made the introductory speech for Duffy. Testin noted the role his organization has played in getting Duffy's message to college campuses through events such as this.

cance of student involvement in politics. He recommended students join any organization that helps to get the vote out.

"Whether it's with the College Republicans or on the other side with the College Democrats, it's important that students are involved in the political process," Testin said.

Duffy also emphasized this point

such as the national debt are to college students' futures. He specifically points to the 2009 federal spending level of \$1.4 trillion and the projected \$1.3 trillion budget for 2010. Duffy believes massive government spending such as this is unsustainable and detrimental to future job opportunities for college graduates.

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The Wisconsin River overflowed its banks as a result of the heavy rain last week. This sort of flooding typically only occurs every 100 years.

LOCAL **Community reacts to '100 year flood'**

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Sam Morgan is director of years in this area." operations at the Wisconsin Valley

The company worked during the

CAMPUS **UWSP** to offer 4-year nursing degree

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Already boasting a pre-nursing degree, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is adding a new Bachelors of Science in nursing completion program to their repertoire.

The program will be run through the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and will be made available to nursing students who went to technical colleges for their associate degrees.

The program was created to help those who earned their associate degrees finish their last two years and earn their bachelor degrees.

Susan Raab, who is head of the School of Healthcare Professions at UWSP, has been one of the primary faculty members at work on this program

"[This program] will increase the opportunity for students in the area who are interested in nursing," Raab

After experiencing six inches of rain last week, the residents and workers of Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids are picking up the pieces and starting to get back to normal.

Last week, the area experienced the worst flood seen for a long time, and are still trying to fix the damages.

Improvement Company, which oversaw the operations of the reservoir system.

"According to the reoccurrence level, the Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids area fell under the category of a 100-year flood," said Morgan. "That means that this sort of flooding is usually only seen once every 100

flood to control the flow, but the reservoirs had filled up due to the wet Wisconsin summer.

Connie Tomski is a resident of Wisconsin Rapids, and also has a son attending the University of

said.

The department has been working on the beginnings of this program for the last five years, and it is just in its fledgling stage Raab said. Classes within the nursing completion program will

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"We have to get this under control. That debt is going to create a lower standard of living for the next generation. You're going to pay it off one way or another. I think your generation of college students should be concerned about it," he said.

Duffy stated that his concern with the federal deficit is a key discrepancy between him and Democratic State Sen. Julie Lassa, his opponent. He claimed Sen. Lassa has a record of approving what he views as one massive government expenditure after another.

"If you think that stimulus bills, bailouts, tax increases and more government mandates and regulation are the solution, then I would say that Julie Lassa should be the one you should vote for," he said.

Duffy bases his economic policy off of the core ideals of free enterprise and American capitalism; concepts which he says have "made this country great."

He believes that when government gets out of the private sector's way, it creates a positive environment in which businesses can help create jobs.

Whether students decide to vote for Duffy or Sen. Lassa come Nov. 2, both Testin and Duffy would agree that high student participation in the political process is important to both their future as well as to the vitality of American democracy.

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Photo by Samantha Feld At the 'Meet and Greet' on Tuesday night, Sean Duffy discusses his plans for congress, if he gets elected on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

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Flooding/Residents get back to normal as water recedes

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Wisconsin- Stevens Point. She witnessed first -hand what the flood-ing could do.

She lives across the street from the Wisconsin River, and after the flood, her backyard was a river as well.

"[The Fire Department] came up on a rubber raft and told us we had to evacuate," said Tomski. "They said if we stayed we would have to sign a waiver, so we elected to evacuate."

Tomski experienced a bit of water damage in her basement, but aside from that she didn't get hit too hard.

One of the reasons she wasn't affected too badly was due to ade-

the basement," Tomski said.

For Morgan, things went according to plan when planning for flood efforts.

"I think it worked out as well as possible, but when you get that magnitude of rain on top of a wet summer, it was inevitable that significant flooding would occur," Morgan said.

Tomski is happy that nothing too terrible happened to the house, and is glad the ordeal is over.

"It was an inconvenience. On Friday, we didn't know how high the water was going to get, and it was the same on Saturday so it was really stressful," Tomski said.

Now that the flooding is over, residents are trying to get things back

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quate preparation, she said.

"We did some sandbagging Friday night, and then did some more on Saturday around the windows of to normal and start fresh. If this really was the '100-year flood', hopefully the community won't have to deal with its consequences again.

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NEWS

High-speed rail is a major issue this election

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Later this year, construction will begin on an \$810 million high-speed railway between Madison and Milwaukee. According to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, this section will be part of a 3,000 mile passenger railway system radiating from Chicago and running through nine states.

The \$810 million in federal funding was received in 2009 through the Federal Railroad Administration for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The railway has been a hot topic in the Wisconsin gubernatorial race between Republican candidate, Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker and Democratic Candidate, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett.

"This is a classic example of runaway government spending, it is fundamentally what is wrong with Washington DC, and it's fundamentally what is wrong with Madison," said Walker in a recent news conference.

Walker has also spoken about the ongoing costs for the state that the railway would impose on taxpayers.

Barrett supports the railway project. He stated that the railway would create construction and operational jobs, as well as spur economic growth.

The Wisconsin Student Public Interest Research Group, which has a chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, also sup-

ports the rail line and claims that in addition to boosting the economy, the railway would cut carbon emissions, stop urban sprawl and reduce highway traffic and dependence on foreign oil.

Scott Simpson, senior web and digital media development major, said he would like the plan more if the train would run from Madison to Eau Claire and then to the Twin Cities, instead of running from Milwaukee to Madison and then on to Minneapolis-St. Paul.

"I think it's a great idea, but I don't think we as a country have the money for it at the moment," said Simpson.

There is no railway section planned in the Eau Claire area; however, there are feeder bus routes planned to extend from the Wausau/ Stevens Point area to Green Bay, a stop proposed for a later date.

"I think the railway is a good idea because it will reduce car usage and encourage environmental conservation," said Breanna Radermacher, a senior graphic design major.

While environmental benefits could certainly be one of the effects of the rail project, Tim Larsen, senior and mathematics major, said he thinks the biggest impact from the railway will be long-term economic growth.

"It will definitely be expensive to get up and running, but I think the railway will help our state generate money and jobs in the long-term," Larsen said.

> With construction running



Construction will begin on a high-speed rail between Madison and Milwaukee later this year. The rail has been the subject of much contention between Republicans and Democrats.

tem is scheduled to be in service in 2013

through 2010, the high-speed rail sys- Midwest rail system can be found on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's website, www.dot. state.wi.us.

The exact map for the proposed

Nursing/Program could enroll 16 students in first year

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be starting next semester, and the program itself should be on its feet within the next few vears

Carole Paulson, assistant professor in the school of health as well as the UWSP faculty coordinator for the program, sees the benefits of this new degree program.

"It is a very good program for our community and it offers a chance to advance education," Paulson said.

as their home campus."

Since UWSP lacks a fouryear nursing program, many students find themselves having to enroll at another university to complete their nursing degree.

According to U.S. News and World Reports, University of Wisconsin-Madison's nursing program is ranked 19th in the country, and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's at 32nd. Thus, it comes as no surprise that UWSP ends up outsourcing its pre-nursing students to universities such as these that have much more prestigious programs in place for nursing certification. With this new program, the UWSP School of Healthcare Professions hopes to attract and retain students with their expanded curriculum and eventual goal of a nursing certification program. If it succeeds, UWSP could rise to one of the top.schools for nursing in the state.



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Paulson and Raab have already had numerous inquiries concerning the program, and news of its inception has roused a great sense of interest on campus. Once it gets going, the program hopes to enroll 16 students in its first

"I think it will bring in additional students, as well as non-traditional students," said Raab. "[The students] will be able to declare UWSP

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Rugby addiction sweeps UW-Stevens Point

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In a tight battle that was fought down to the last few seconds Saturday, the Point's Black and Blood, Rugby team, beat the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire 22-19. This brought their record to 2-1-0.

Rugby has gained popularity in this hemisphere in recent years, and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has had a team since 1979. The season is well underway for the Men's and Women's Rugby teams on campus.

The Black and Blood have a sizable roster of 33, and are trying to build from last season's success, when they took third place at the All Saints Tournament in St. Cloud, Minnesota on April 17-18.

Chris Lyon, in his second season as a prop for the Black and Blood, has played rugby for ten years and is a veteran of two tours in Iraq as an infantryman machine-gunner.

"We have been through much adversity as a team...this fall we have the goal of state playoffs in our sights, and our next two games against Milwaukee and Platteville will go a long way towards determining our success," Lyon said.

That adversity has included Max Ames, one of the team's top backs, coming back from serious injury. Men's team vice president/match secretary Johnathon Matz, sophomore and public administration/ policy analysis major, said of Ames' injury, "He was knocked out cold and had a seizure as a result of the hit...we came together as a team and fought back for him-we played in his and our seniors' honor at this past game against UWEC.'

The UWSP's Women's Rugby

team (0-1-1) has had their share of adversity as well.

"We graduated some very experienced players last year and have two coming back from knee injuries-we're working hard to keep everyone as healthy as possible right now," said Sarah Thomas, women's team president, senior and sociology major. "We've got a handful of new girls this year that seem to be catching on really quickly and learning the game well."

Both teams agree one of the best things about beingember is being part of a team. "We want to make

on the team knows that there is a sense of loyalty-we play for each other," Matz said.

Women's team member Allison Heller, senior and communicative disorders major, echoed Matz's sentiment, "By far, the best part of being on the team is friendship. We're all a bunch of goofs and I've made my best friends here at Point through the rugby team."

Both the men's and women's teams encourage anyone who's interested to come to a practice and try out the sport – why? "It's like crack. Once you are on it, you are hooked for life," Lvon said.

The men's team plays next on Oct. 2 at UW-Milwaukee. The women's team will play their last home match on the fields near lot Q on Thursday, Sept. 30 against UW-La Crosse.



sure that every member The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's rugby team forms a line up during their game.



Pointer forwards pack into a scrum to move their team up the field.

Photo by Krista Kamke

Pointer Athletes Earn WIAC Athlete of the Week

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breakout game in The Spud Bowl, Lunder helped lead the Pointers to a women's tennis team. Saturday, Sept. 20 against the Missouri 29-10 win, allowing no points in the

"Personally, I feel very good

This last week in sports was a good one for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Pointers. A total of three Pointers earned WIAC Athlete of the Week accolades.

For the Pointer football team, Running Back Mike Griffin and Defensive End Matt Lunder both put up some high numbers against Missouri Science & Technology. In addition, the Pointers No. 1 women's singles tennis player, Rachel Brown, put together a streak of wins to help boost the tennis team.

Stevens Point's, Mike Griffin, a sophomore running back, had a Science& Technology Miners. Griffin

helped the Pointers eat up the clock and yardage by rushing 20 times for 138 yards and catching two passes for seven yards. Griffin's 145 yards accounted for nearly half of the Pointer's total yardage and earned him WIAC Athlete of the Week honors

On the defensive side of the ball, Matt Lunder, a senior defensive end, was "doing work," disrupting the Miner's offensive plans. Lunder went after the Miner's quarterback, hitting him six times and dropping him for a loss twice, resulting in a loss of 13 yards. With six tackles in the game,

second half.

Brown, a sophomore and undecided major, put on a clinic in her three tennis matches last week. Brown started the week off by defeating Elizabeth Larson of Lawrence University in straight sets, 6-4 and 6-4. She continued her roll through UW-Stout's, Allie Hinman by again taking straight sets, 7-5 and 6-4.

She then took her game to Beloit College, and beat Alexandra Hinck 6-0 and 6-3, to top off a perfect 3-0 week. Brown also teamed up with Taylor Wueve to win two out of her three doubles matches, completing an undefeated week for the Pointers

about now I ve played so far and I hope to continue that throughout this season and help my team as best I can," Brown said.

When asked about earning the WIAC Athlete of the Week honors, she commented, "I was honored to have been chosen for this award, but I won't put any pressure on myself because of it. I always try to go out onto the court thinking that I have nothing to lose."

These student athletes work hard in the classroom every day and then go above and beyond what is expected of them every time they go out and represent our university.

SPORTS

Pointers raise money to support a cure for cancer

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When University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Football Head Coach, John Miech, was approached with the idea of having what is believed to be the first pink game in NCAA history, He was all in. When he asked the team how they felt about the having the pink game to raise money for breast cancer research, the idea was met with 100 percent approval.

"We've all had loved ones who have passed away from cancer," said Miech. "I think everyone on this team has been affected by cancer somehow."

That everyone includes Mike Griffin, sophomore running back.

"You can only make steel when you put it in the fire,"

- Miech

Two years ago, Griffin lost someone that he described as almost a stepmother to him, a woman that he was

incredibly close to. An event such as the pink game really struck a chord with him, he said.

When asked Saturday after the Pointers' 59-14 rout of the Albion Britons what he thought about the pink game he said, "This is really big. It shows that you don't have to just give money here or donate there. It opens our eyes to new events and it brings everyone together who might have lost someone.'

Griffin said that in a way he did mentally prepare himself a little more for this game than others, however, physically he stayed consistent.

Treating every game like a normal game is something Miech promotes.

"There's never a big game. As soon as a coach says it's a big game, kids try too hard and make mistakes.'

The Pointers came out with big results this week. After the team donned their white and pink jerseys, they began an offensive onslaught that lasted four quarters and produced over more than 400 yards of offense. Stevens Point rushed for 248 vards. The ball was shared between Griffin, sophomore Keith Ingram and senior Kyle Fuhrman.

In addition to the run game, Point got it done through the air as well. Jake Swank, senior quarterback, was 14 of 24 for 217 yards and two scores.



Photo by Samantha Felc

Showing their support at the pink Pointer game, Adam Diedrich, fresman; Jacob Larsen, freshman; Andy Keifer, sophomore; Dan Lenzner, sophomore; Ben Krueger, sophomore; Jake Vogt, sophomore; Tanner Deering, sophomore; and Buck Bartz, sophomore support future pointers.

The first of Swanks' touchdown passes was to Anthony Aker, senior wide reciever, who led all receivers with 110 yards on five catches. The second was senior, Jared Jenkins who led the Pointers with seven receptions.

The Pointers found the end zone on defense and special teams as well. In the first quarter, Joe Mleziva, senior defensive back, picked off Albion quarterback Spencer Krauss and took it 50 yards for the score.

Peter Peterson, senior linebacker, picked up a short punt and returned it sweat drenched hero. Brings new meaning to the saying "Give the shirt off your back."

Two of the most heralded spectators of the day were former Green Bay Packer receiver Bill Schroeder and former Pittsburgh Steeler and Stevens Point alumni Clint Kriewaldt. The men were there to help with the day's fundraising.

In the first NCAA pink game that the nation has ever seen, \$20,400 dollars was raised to help fight cancer. The proceeds from the pink game t-shirt sale and the game jersey auc-

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team sports pink numbers in support of the Colleges Against Cancer's pink pointer game.

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steel when you put it in the fire," Miech said, regarding his players being tested. "We jumped on them really quick in the first quarter. We didn't make them look as good as they really are because we played so tough."

During the game the fans had the opportunity to sign up for an auction to win their favorite players' game worn jersey, then after the game the winner got to go down and take it right off the shoulder pads of their

Cure Foundation and Bill Schroeder's Circle of Friends Foundation.

> Along with the help of local sponsors including Team Schierl Companies, Eastbay, U.S. Venture, Fuze, Ice Mountain Water, and Schoep's Ice Cream, the university was able to make the pink game an overwhelming success.

> "We're going to march on cancer, and we're going to beat it, said UWSP Chancellor Bernie Patterson said when he spoke after the game. The Pointers will play their first conference game Saturday, Oct. 2 at the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire.





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Planetarium brings "Bad Astronomy" to UWSP

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Ever wonder if aliens really exist or if we'll ever reach contact with them? Was the moon landing a hoax? A presentation at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Allen F. Blocher Planetarium Sunday, helped to shed some light on these questions.

Well, if you didn't already know, our own university does have a planetarium, and it is quite active. In fact, every Sunday for the rest of the semester, the planetarium will host a presentation on a variety of topics related to astronomy. Last Sunday, the program was titled "Bad Astronomy," lending its name from the books and presentations by "Bad Astronomer," Phil Plait.

Planetarium and observatory director Dr. Randy W. Olson introduced us to the"Bad Astronomy" program by Phil Plait.

"Imagine you're one of those robots in MST3k [Mystery Science Theater 3000], if you're familiar with that program, as you're about to see something totally weird," Olson said.

The video projected on the ceiling gave the audience some insights into the myths and misconceptions of astronomy. Astronomy, Plait puts it, is a science, and as a science it is backed by a process of questions, research, hypothesis and discovery. Astrology on the other hand is based on belief, rather than scientific evidence.

talks about Plait how Hollywood likes to put a spin on our understanding of space. Remember those explosions in Star Wars that you could feel through the floor? Not possible in real life, says Plait, as sound has no resonating medium in space. Everything would be silent.

Plait continued to debunk a

number of myths, including the first alleged UFO sighting in 1947. He says that even if a UFO could travel at the fastest possible velocity (the speed of light), it would take hundreds, if not thousands, of years for a UFO to reach our planet.

Next on his list was the allegation that the moon landing was a hoax. Plait cites a number of the most compelling arguments for a faked moon landing and debunks them one at a time. No stars in the background? They're too dim to see, given the exposure time of the camera used on the moon.

So why does the flag appear to wave in an otherwise windless environment? An astronaut produced the waving motion as he twisted the flag (held up straight by two perpendicular metal bars) into the surface of the moon.

Before diving into "Bad Astronomy," Olson started things off by giving attendees a quick rundown of what you might see if you were to take a look at the sky on a clear night in Stevens Point. As the lights dimmed, Olson pointed out Venus in the southern sky, which is brightest in the early evening, and a number of other constellations.

Olson then took us into the country, far from the city lights of Stevens Point, where a number of previously invisible constellations made their appearance. Among these, Pegasus and the faint glow of the Andromeda galaxy - the farthest thing humans can see with the naked eye

Missed the presentation last Sunday and want to learn more? There will be a repeat of the same presentation every Sunday through Oct. 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the Allen F. Blocher Planetarium.

> well as films to research the topic. preparation and research. They also spoke to actual veterans in Due to the fact that it is a travelling order to accurately portray medical show, the set design had to be flexible

UWSP theatre department tells soldiers' stories

Every Sunday the department of astronomy will be hosting a special presentation.





The reality of war is something someone rarely sees, but in October, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Theatre Department is bringing real life stories to the stage in their production of Soldiers Circle.

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Playwright Russell J. wrote Vandenbrouke Soldiers Circle in 2008. Vandenbrouke is the Department Chair for the theatre program at the University of Louisville.

While in Russia, attending a performance of a play he had written, Vandenbrouke encountered a memorial for Russians who had died in Afghanistan.

"I wondered how many young

Soldiers Circle follows the experience of a company of 15 soldiers as they grow from a group of enlisters to a band of brothers and sisters. Director Steve Trovillion Smith thought that the play was important. Not only is it timely but also relatable to the students. The characters are based on real life experiences of real soldiers in Afghanistan. It takes place in the present day and the characters are around the same age as the students, making it something they can relate to.

men and women from Louisville died

at war in the same place on earth,"

said Vandenbrouke.

The preparation for putting on such a work required an intense amount of research. The production team looked at blogs, memoirs, as care, training, marching and weapon handling. Smith also had two military advisors from the military sciences department to help him bring the play to life.

The costumes of the play were equally well-researched. Smith said that they were told that Soldiers Circle is, "more accurately outfitted than some movies."

Lizzy Joanis, a senior drama major and costume designer for the play said that even though it wasn't a period piece, the costuming was just as difficult. In a contemporary play like Soldiers Circle, the costume department had to focus deeply on accuracy, which took a lot of

and compact enough to fit into one truck. It made set design slightly more complicated.

The play will be UWSP's entry to the American College Theatre Festival this year, where universities from all over the country showcase their work. If the play makes it to the regional competition, the production will be travelling to Michigan to perform. In January, the play will also be performed at Wausau's Grand Theatre. It is the first time that the UWSP Theatre Department has ever

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performed there.

The play also features actors performing a cappella musical numbers as well as actual photo and video footage from the war.

Soldiers Circle gives students the chance to see a play about people their age who are in the midst of war. Smith stated that the play was about the troops, not politics. Vandenbroucke stated that the reason he wrote the play was that "citizens in a democracy are responsible for decisions-governments make on their behalf, but our knowledge is based on spin, patriotism, best-foot-forward, and Hollywood make believe."

He hopes that the play will give the audience knowledge about what soldiers have to learn on their own.

Soldiers Circle will be performed at the Noel Fine Arts Center in Jenkins Theatre October 8-10th, and 14-16th.



Photo by Samantha Feld

Scott Frost, senior design and technology and arts management major, works to prepare the set for another night of rehearsal. Frost is the stage manager for Soldier's Circle.

He hopes that the play will give the audience insight into what soldiers have to learn on their own.



Photo by Samantha Feld

Lizzy Joanis, senior drama major and Hilary Landowski, senior design and technology major, prepare for a night of rehersal. Joanis is the costume manager, and Hilary is the props manager for the Theater Department's performance of Soldier's Circle.

Pointer of the Week: Vaughn Forsythe

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Vaughn Forsythe, a senior at UW-Stevens Point, is a man who loves the water. His dedication to swimming surpasses that of a mere sport. When he talks about his swim team training he speaks of it not as a job or a task, but rather like one would speak of breathing. Training that has led him to make the Barbados national swim team and aspire to higher goals.

When Vaughn was four years old he began his aquatic trek. At that time he was living in Barbados, an Island in

the Caribbean Sea, where he learned the basics of swimming and practiced until he was eight years old.

He took a break from swimming to focus on his studies in school, but got back into the water to and began his successful swimming career.

"I originally got back into it to get in shape and, you know, for the girls," said Forsythe. "I didn't really get good until I was 13 years old, though. That's when things started coming together."

At the age of 13, Forsythe made his first national team, there he qualified for the Caribbean championship. He continued to compete in various national



championships until he reached the age of 16.

That is when he moved to Florida by himself to live in a house his new coach owned. where He lived there for six months until his mother was able to move to the United States with him.

In Florida he finished his junior and senior year of high school at North Broaward Prep where he made state finals, which brought him more recognition and a ticket to the Grand Prix meet in British Columbia, Canada.

While he was applying to colleges all around the United States, he met some members from the Badger Swim team of UW-Madison. It was the Badger team that told him about Stevens Point.

"I came to see Stevens Point in December, which was different because I had never really seen snow," said Forsythe.

But because of the weather, his flight back to Florida was delayed for two days that allowed him to spend some extra time with the Point swim team. He said that gave him good bonding time with the other swimmers.

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Forsythe said that he wouldn't be here at UWSP today if it weren't for the support of his parents and his Florida coach. The time spent away from them has been hard on Forsythe but the team has stood in like a family for him and given him moral support whenever he needs it.

Coach Boelk agrees that having team support is a valuable benefit not just for Forsythe but also for everybody involved in sports.

"This time of year I tell all the freshmen that I couldn't imagine going off to college without a team period, let alone being that far from home," Boelk said.

Forsythe is preparing himself for next summer, where he plans to compete in the Central America and Caribbean Swimming Championships. Then he's off to Shanghai, China for the FINA World Championships in July of 2011. He will finish his summer with the World University Games in August 2011.

After he graduates next year, while others head off to their new careers, Forsythe will continue his diligent training in order to prepare for his next great challenge, the 2012 Summer Olympics games in London, England.

Pointer of the Week Vaughn Forsythe.

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Point swim coach Alan Boelk had unique ideals about swimming that appealed to Forsythe.

"Coach Boelk doesn't have overly complex ideas about swimming. I like to keep things simple," said Forsythe "there's no need to make getting to your goals complicated when it doesn't have to be, so I really connected with him."

Between bonding with the team, and finding a coach that shared his views on reaching goals, he chose to come to **UW-Stevens Point.**

"I'm glad I came here to UWSP because it helped me find myself as a person, this whole experience has allowed me to find things about myself I didn't know before," said Forsythe.

"Vaughn's training has been beyond the rest of the team in that he needs to swim year round for his international competitions, when everyone else takes time off he just keeps training," Boelk said. "I'd say in his whole life he has swam significantly more than anyone else I've ever coached. It is a part of him."

Forsythe is still looking for the ideal post-college place to commence the extensive year-round training needed to qualify for the World Olympics. His team, friends, and coach all believe that he has what it takes to make the next step and reach his goal of competing in the 2012 Olympics.

Viva! Gourmet

When the moon hits your eye

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Mmmm, pizza. I love pizza, don't you? I think you'd be hard pressed to find someone who doesn't. Warm, cheesy, gooey pizza falling off a delicate, cracker-thin crust. It makes my mouth water just thinking about it. Here's the thing: You don't need a stone-fire oven to make a good pie. Sure, it helps, but making a great pizza at home is much easier than you may think. In fact, I believe that once you get a taste of what I've got to offer you'll take Toppers off your speed dial.

Now, not only is it cheaper and healthier than ordering out, but making a pizza with your friends and loved ones can be a very rewarding experience. Some of my fondest memories as a child come from "pizza night" at the Smith house. Mom would get the dough going , and my siblings and I would help to roll it out from time to time. Each one of us would get our own mound of pizza dough; we'd choose our ingredients and go to town. So when you make this recipe, I hope you'll invite over your friends and/or loved ones and make some memories of your own.

So what makes the perfect-tasting

pizza? Well, if you asked me, I'd tell you it's a balancing act- allowing. each and every ingredient to speak for itself, while coming together in perfect harmony (no double cheese or meat lover's pizza for me). Balancing flavors is a common theme in the best of cuisines. Traditional Italian cooking is all about using the simplest, freshest ingredients and allowing them to speak for themselves. Here's what you'll need:

Dough: .13 oz. dry yeast (half an envelope, roughly) 1/2 cup warm (not boiling) water 1¹/₄ cups flour 2 T. olive oil 1/2 tsp. salt 1 tsp. sugar

Dissolve yeast in warm water and let stand 10 minutes. Combine flour, oil, salt and sugar in a bowl and pour in the water mixture. Knead for 5-10 minutes until it comes together. Cover and let rise until the dough doubles in size, roughly 45 minutes. While dough is rising, begin making the sauce.



Martin Smith shows how you can make this delicious pizza.

Sauce: 6 oz. tomato paste 1 T. olive oil 2 cloves of garlic, minced 2 cups water 2 tsp. basil Salt Pepper

Add olive oil to the bottom of a pot over medium-high heat. Add the minced garlic and sauté for about a minute. Add the tomato paste; sauté for another 1-2 minutes. Mix in the water until you have a nice smooth texture. Add basil, salt, pepper and reduce to desired consistency.

Finishing the pizza: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly flour a work surface and roll out the dough (as well as the dough permits) into a rectangle-like shape. Grease the Photo by Martin Smith

bottom of a baking sheet with a tablespoon of olive oil and stretch the dough across the surface. Top with sauce and whatever toppings you desire. Bake on the middle shelf for 10-15 minutes, or until the crust browns.

Dress it up: Think outside of the box with your choice of ingredients and make your own original pizza. Chopped fresh basil makes a nice garnish. Red wines such as merlot, or pinot noir would pair nicely.

Dress it down: Yes, you can buy the prepared pizza dough rounds at the store, but for the price and the quality of many of those, what's the point?

Other healthful/sustainable options: Buy fresh tomatoes skin, seed, and grind them to make a fresh tomato paste, or buy the organic prepared tomato paste.

Harvest the autumn season

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We appreciate the fall season and embrace every day of it, because we know that the days of winter are quickly approaching.

We love fall clothing, because it doesn't involve getting as intoxicatingly layered as winter makes us become.

Back to school time has always been an exciting part of the fall season, and it often reminds us of the joy of going back to school when we were younger.

Halloween is the greatest fall holiday. On Halloween we get to be as creative as we want, and dress up in one or thirteen different costumes, eat as much candy as we desire (or shaft kids of their candy) and watch

of culinary perfection.

Fall is the perfect season. Fresh, crisp air, bold, beautiful colors and freshly harvested food make it the ideal seasonal experience.



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scary movies all night long. The fall weather is absolutely perfect. It is perfect for all sports and is the perfect running weather. Fresh, crisp air offers the perfect weather to spend an afternoon outside, hiking through the beautiful northern woods of Wisconsin, marveled by the colors of the leaves.

The food is always the best in the fall because it's freshly harvested. Apple and pumpkin pie, homemade chili or a delicious roasted vegetable dish makes any fall evening complete. Thanksgiving encompasses the greatest foods of the harvest season into one evening



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Brisk weather, warm clothes and delicious food make up the Editorial Board's favorite season.

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OPINION

Nuclear Energy: Not so safe anymore

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On April 26, 1986, reactor four exploded in the Chernobyl nuclear plant. The event made it impossible for the city of Prypiat, Ukraine, a city of 49,000, to be inhabitable.

Even a few years before that, on March 28, 1979, the Three Mile Island nuclear plant had a partial meltdown. The meltdown didn't result in any deaths, and the reactor has since been removed, the plant is still operational, but it leaves an eerie feeling for a lot of people.

Nuclear power is something

that's not to be toyed with. If it wasn't for those standing up against this source of power after disasters like this, it could be sweeping this country.

Some advocate the idea of nuclear energy has a lot of potential. They say it's a greener solution to coal plants or oil plants.

To an extent, they are correct. Nuclear plants have a less harmful effect on the atmosphere; at least when you take away the nuclear waste that has to be stored or reused somehow.

The reason that I bring this up is because a lot of the time nuclear waste goes into building nuclear weapons. If it doesn't go into that certain type of reproduction, it is stored,

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no way to guarantee the worker's, the city's or the earth's safety.

For a second, take a step back and ask yourself a question. Would you want to work at a nuclear plant? Most would say, no. Why wouldn't you want to work at a nuclear plant? Because you wouldn't feel safe.

Every day you would be exposed to the danger of nuclear radiation. For those of you who don't know what radiation sickness is like here's a preview.

In the first 12-48 hours, you would experience nausea and vomiting, as well as dizziness, headache, fatigue and weakness. Seems like the flu, right? Well, after that initial

Nuclear Energy: It's what we need

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When most people think of nuclear energy, they either think of the Chernobyl disaster or Homer Simpson bringing home that glowing nuclear rod at the end of work every day for the past two decades.

The fact is that the lack of support for nuclear energy in the United States is mostly due to the political framing of the issue rather than the reality of it.

As unbelievable as this may sound, nuclear reactors are indeed safe. In the case of Three Mile Island, tures of 1,440F for 30 minutes and must be leak proof when immersed in 100 feet of water for eight hours."

There was also a secure nuclear waste storage facility being built in Yucca Mountain in Nevada. One of the criticisms levied by environmentalists was that such a move could contaminate ground water. Except that Yucca Mountain is located in the desert and the site was chosen for its lack of ground water.

But did you notice how I said, "was?" That's because President Obama scrapped that plan and now individual reactors have to continue storing their waste material right outside their buildings.

Due to these nonsensical argu-

ments given by environmentalists, no new nuclear reactors have been built anywhere in the United States since the mid-1970s. This is ironic because since third generation nuclear reactors, that utilize modern technology, and can supply more efficient, cheaper and safer energy have not been allowed to be built. We have to rely on first and second generation nuclear reactors that are not as efficient or as cheap or

Photo by Samantha Feld

as safe. The opposition to nuclear power represents a political, not a scientific, viewpoint. The anti-nuclear groups are fundamentally hostile to capitalism and production this is because Gaia is not just a mythological Greek goddess but a real sentient being and they wish to extinguish the light of our industrial society.

However, there is one criticism of the nuclear industry that is not untrue - indeed they receive much government aid and Republicans and Democrats alike lavish the industry with various subsidies that are handed out. And in all honesty, the industry receives much conservative praise simply because the left distrusts it just as most members of the left embrace wind and solar energy simply because of conservative attacks. Conservatives must realize that this is not a sufficient rationale to support nuclear energy and must also agree to have the industry taken off the government dole that breeds sloth in both individuals and corporations so that it will be forced once again to be innovative and competitive or die.



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

day you'd start this: fever, hair loss, bloody vomit, and, in some cases, you would start to bleed from

your behind. Your survival rate for the exposure is about 50 percent of the time.

People from Prypiat experience this. People who worked in the plants experienced this. And we have to remember that radioactivity doesn't go away. It, in fact, can last the Nuclear Regulatory Commission stated that the incident "led to no deaths or injuries to plant employees or members of the nearby community." Yes, Chernobyl was a disaster, but it was a single accident that resulted from a lack of maintenance of a near-derelict nuclear reactor that was ancient even by Soviet standards. According to a finding by the Cato Institute, "during the past 40 years,

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but it's not always stored in the safest manner, either.

Often, it's put into barrels and is stored in a cave or in a man made mountainside. Although, sometimes all you see is a concrete hangar that is constructed with thin walls.

And while we've made strides towards being safer and making repairs on older plants, there still is

more-than 400 years and affects the entire world because of the winds of the earth. Everyone was affected by the Chernobyl disaster.

Today, Prypiat still remains so radioactive that the population remains at zero. It's a ghost town. If you see pictures of the town, and it's almost haunting to look at. A school that stands with broken windows and swings that only move when the wind blows them, an iconic ferris wheel that was never operated, a housing unit that looks as if it had gone through a world war and been deserted.

This is what nuclear energy has the potential to do.

there has not been a single fatality, or even a serious injury, resulting from the operation of civilian nuclear plants in the United States."

Furthermore, the transportation and storage of nuclear waste material is not nearly as dangerous as environmentalists would have you believe. According to a report that was written in the Christian Science Monitor in 2002, the Department of Energy decreed that prior to being transported, "spent reactor fuel has to be loaded into stainless-steel casks weighing from 60 to 120 tons that are designed to withstand a 30-foot fall onto a hard surface such as concrete; and a cask must withstand tempera-

Photo Narrative: Artists serve a vital role in society

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The role of the artist is to undertake unpopular challenges, which are often rejected by society.

"The artist's role in society is to present concepts and ideas that challenge and enrich peoples' understanding of the world" - Ryan Wiesenfeld, junior art major.





has to tell. Stories that cannot be told with words alone.