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## Tom Barrett speaks with College Democrats

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When Tom Barrett, mayor of Milwaukee, stopped by Stevens Point on his campaign tour for state governor Sunday, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College Democrats were on hand to receive him.

The four student representatives

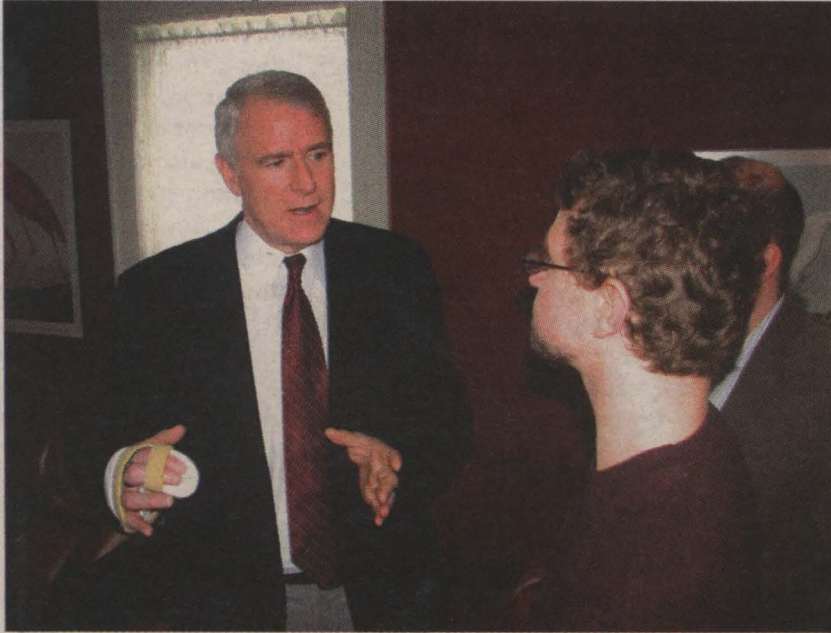


Photo courtesy of Ryan Alexander (Barrett of Wisconsin)

Mayor Tom Barrett answers a question for UWSP College Democrat Josh Barchet.

joined with other supporters from Stevens Point at the home of Mike O'Meara, where Barrett shared his views on the upcoming election from 1-3 p.m.

Also in attendance were state senator Julie Lassa, state representative Louis Molepske Jr. and candidate for lieutenant governor, Henry Sanders Jr. Yet Barrett still managed to find time for the UWSP College Democrats, who learned a little more about the man who may be governor.

"He said, and I love this line, nobody cares if a democrat or a republican keeps the water running, or picks up the garbage in a city," said Greg Ubbelohde, president of the College Democrats. "There was a multi-million dollar budget problem, there was a deficit, and the way he fixed it was he found the money from other programs, he didn't borrow the money."

"In the culture we live in, it would be perfectly fine, or nobody would really care if he borrowed the money, and I think it's pretty cool the fact that he didn't, because it's fine for a politician to be thinking about the future when he's in front of TV cameras, but doing this, he was in his office, with his financial advisors. He wasn't scoring any points, he was just trying to do what was best for the city of Milwaukee, and that's the kind of stuff we don't hear unless somebody says it."

Following his speech, Barrett spent a few moments engaged with the UWSP College Democrats, allowing them to voice their concerns, which he listened to with genuine

interest.

"You can tell that he really cares when he asks me questions about my personal life in general," said freshman James Stark. "Tom Barrett is very passionate at what he does. I like what he had to say at the party. Barrett told us, 'It's time for some supervision in Madison.'"

Ubbelohde feels that it is important that members of the UWSP community recognize the importance

of the electoral race on the university system.

"Obviously the main power affecting the university system is the board of regents, but I mean since the governor is one of the most powerful elected officials in the state, he can make strong suggestions, so of course he can influence tuition through bills and things," said Ubbelohde. "I mean governor Doyle has done that, he's got a proposal that he's trying to get through now that will give some lower income students some money from the state. He's put it into the budget and it needs to pass state legislature."

Stark further noted the importance of how the upcoming elections would impact the biggest issue that Barrett may soon face: The job market for students who are about to graduate.

"He's not afraid to make the tough decisions. Mayor Barrett doesn't want to take out loans. He wants to adequately spend taxpayer money, without putting us in further debt when we'll have our own families to worry about," said James Stark. "He wants to clean up irresponsible spending to create a better future. When we finally get out in the job market, it should be easier for us to find jobs due to the fact he's rewarding businesses for hiring more people with tax credits."

Though Mayor Barrett may hail from Milwaukee, he expressed a fascination with Main Street as he walked through the town mingling with the local business owners. In particular, he mentioned that his

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## SGA passes smoking ban resolution

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On Feb. 25 in the Dreyfus University Center Legacy Room, the Student Government Association discussed a very controversial issue, a smoking ban resolution on campus.

This is a very heated debate because many people believe that being able to smoke is a person's right and having that taken away would be a violation of one's personal freedoms.

"I believe that as a campus that has the National Wellness Conference each year we should continue to be a leader in health and wellness and that is why I support the resolution," said SGA senator Sarah Bodine.

The resolution would get the ball rolling toward a smoke-free campus. The bill is not about enforcement or penalization at this stage. It is more about expressing SGA's opinion about eliminating smoking from the campus.

There are many students who are strongly against the smoking ban resolution. Some students believe that if the smoking ban is passed then it will put University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on a slippery slope.

"I'm all for promoting healthier options, but last I checked, people that are 18 years old have a right to use tobacco products," said SGA senator Patrick Testin.

Most smokers are trying to quit. It is a physical addiction that is difficult to discontinue. "I live in the residence halls and I smoke. It would be a huge inconvenience for students to have to leave campus to smoke. It is turning one group of students against another," said SGA senator Seth Hoffmeister.

It is proven that secondhand smoke negatively affects people who don't smoke. A majority of people who smoke know the ill effects associated with smoking and still continue to take the risk because they feel that it is their right.

The smoking ban is a very delicate subject because if smoking is banned on campus then people who still continue to smoke may be looked at by some as second-rate citizens.

Non-smokers should also be entitled to the same personal rights as students who smoke. Should those that don't smoke have to endure and suffer those who do smoke?

People who don't smoke are also entitled to personal freedoms. Students believe that staying healthy is a major one of those liberties. "I want to know, since when is encouraging students not to smoke going down a slippery slope? I feel that smoking violates the 4th amendment, to be

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# UWSP to offer gifted and talented teaching certification

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is the first in the state to offer teacher certification in gifted and talented education.

"What is of ultimate importance is the quality of education provided that will meet the needs of all pre-K through 12 students. Teachers holding the gifted and talented certification will be highly qualified to meet these needs," said Patricia Shaw, UWSP education department head.

The program, approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in January, consists of 12 graduate credits. Those seeking the certification will take courses in gifted and talented fundamentals, curriculum, psychology and a practicum.

According to Shaw, due to the

current budget climate in Wisconsin and other states, many gifted and talented programs and teachers have been reduced or cut from school districts.

"Teachers who are knowledgeable about the needs of gifted students and who hold certification in the area of gifted/talented education will be highly valued and much more marketable," said Shaw.

Gifted and talented children are identified through a matrix that measures high ability and achievement measurements. Most schools identify students in the 95th to 97th percentile and up as gifted and talented, according to Christine Gould, associate professor of education at UWSP. A specialist in gifted and talented education, Gould developed the certification program.

"A gifted student might know at least half of what a teacher's going to teach on the first day of school," said

Gould.

The students, knowing most of the material being presented, have a lot of downtime and repetition in the classroom, which can become problematic and lead to disaffection with school and behavioral problems, according to Gould.

The certification will help teachers to accommodate the gifted and talented learning along with typically developing students.

"Teachers have basically three strategies they can use," said Gould. "One is acceleration, where the child is placed with older children."

Teachers can also use enrichment and differentiation strategies to teach these students. Through enrichment, the gifted student is taught the same material but on a more complex and difficult level.

Teachers using differentiation will change the teaching content, product and process for each student

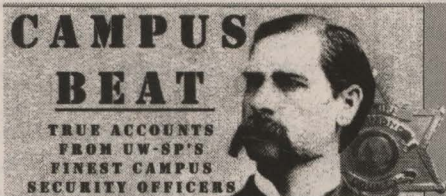
so that everyone is doing something appropriate for them.

"It is a new way of teaching and it requires very effective management skills on the part of the teacher and a really strong knowledge of curriculum," said Gould.

Ginny Carlton, Wisconsin Environmental Education Board administrative program specialist, took an interest in gifted and talented education after her son was determined gifted and talented.

Now in ninth grade, her son is taking an advanced online course and algebra II, a course normally designated for juniors, an example of acceleration and enrichment.

The university also offers two programs for children with high academic ability. Gould runs both the programs, College Days for Kids and Youth in College.



**Feb. 24, 2010**

**17:42**

**Parking Lot Q**

**TYPE: THEFT**

A student came in to report that two tires were stolen off her car.

**Feb. 26, 2010**

**18:21**

**Thomson Hall**

**TYPE: DRUG**

CA from Thomson hall reported a strong smell of marijuana coming from the north wing of the third floor.

**Feb. 26, 2010**

**22:30**

**DUC**

**TYPE: VANDALISM**

Building manager at the DUC reported that an intoxicated male individual broke a window at the DUC. The individual that was accused of the window incident was found, and confessed to intentionally throwing his elbow into the window. Alcohol was involved in the incident.

He stated that he did not think the window would break.

**Feb. 28, 2010**

**22:27**

**South Hall**

**TYPE: DRUG**

A call was received from the South hall CA about a suspicious smell on the first floor.

**March 2, 2010**

**13:06**

**DUC Dining**

**TYPE: THEFT**

An employee of DUC dining services reported that someone went through the food line and did not pay.

**March 1, 2010**

**09:17**

**301 Reserve St.**

**TYPE: VEHICLE**

A woman reported that she hit a construction vehicle with her vehicle near the new residence hall construction site. An officer was contacted and the city police department was notified. A protective services officer responded to the call, and at 9:34 a.m. city officers took over.

## Corrections and Clarifications

In last week's "UWSP Online Journal" article, Sara Windjue was mistakenly identified as "Sue Windjue." Also, from the same article - Charles Clark is not the

sole founder of the online journal. He is the co-founder, along with Professor Diane Bywaters of the Department of Art & Design. The Pointer regrets the errors.

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secure in my person," said SGA senator Dustin Klein.

There was talk about having a shelter or place for people to smoke around the building since the residence halls require that students smoking must be at least 30 feet away from the building. "I am not going to pay my tax dollars for people to smoke cigarettes, if that's the case non-smokers should also have their own location," said SGA senator Hanna Lindsay.

Although smokers are free to smoke on campus currently, all smokers must get adjusted to the statewide ban that will be enforced in July. After much heated debate the smoking ban resolution passed with a 10-7-1 vote.

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children "would absolutely love Gepetto's Workshop."

"Mayor Barrett most definitely made quite an impact on me along with everyone else at the party. A guy like Tom Barrett to come to Stevens Point with his busy schedule means a lot to the community of Stevens Point. This just goes to prove how much he really cares about his job to be," said Stark.

Yet for a small town such as Stevens Point, the political tide that began with the electoral race shall soon continue washing through the streets. As Ubbelohde advises students, and community members alike: "Keep your ears open about political events, both from UWSP college democrats and the republicans. It is an election year, so candidates will be coming through. There'll be all sorts of interesting ways to get involved."

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# Adventure Tours hikes and bikes to 25 year mark

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Adventure Tours of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Health Promotion and Human Development office is marking 2010 as its 25th year leading wellness-oriented trips around the world.

"It's a big marker that the university is proud of," said program manager and trip leader Cathy Scheder.

Adventure Tours started in 1985 when assistant director of International Programs Mark Koepke decided to lead a bicycle tour in Europe. Koepke explained that he was an avid cyclist at the time and wanted to combine it with his interest in travelling to learn about history, art and language in other cultures. The tour was called "Europe by Bicycle" and was the first of over 30 trips led by Koepke since 1985.

The tours started out as mainly bicycling tours in Europe. Eventually hiking tours were added and, today, Adventure Tours features walking tours, kayaking, horse-assisted backpacking, skiing, snorkeling and

and Australia.

Adventure Tours was run through the International Programs at first, but eventually moved to the Department of Health Promotion and Human Development. Professor Emeritus of Health Promotion John Munson, who has led trips throughout Adventure Tours' history, took over the coordinating of the program for the department.

"I didn't have any idea we'd go so many places when it first started," said Munson.

Munson emphasized the tours' focus on the aspects of wellness and learning. "Sensitivity to wellness is what we focus on, but also learning about other cultures, languages, food, history and seeing wonderful places," said Munson.

"We provide stimulus and support for fit people who also like to travel," said Corey Huck, a trip leader and assistant professor in the Department of Health Promotion and Human Development.

Another primary goal of Adventure tours is to enhance the image of UWSP and the School of Health Promotion and Human



Photo courtesy of UWSP Adventure Tours.

John Munson posing with participants in the Isle of Man.

Tours' veteran trip leaders, having led biking and walking trips since 1993. Ruppel is one of 14 trip leaders at Adventure Tours. Like Ruppel, most of the trip leaders are associated with UWSP in a way other than Adventure Tours.

Munson praised the fact that many UWSP faculty members lead or participate in the tours because they bring their experiences to their students. "Students get to know faculty very well on this campus and the faculty pass on their experiences and encouragement to students," he said. Munson believes that this has led to an increase in UWSP students participating in international travel such as UWSP Study Abroad.

He also pointed out that faculty members bring their own expertise and interests to the trips as well as knowledge of foreign languages.

"For me, it's a chance to explore Europe in a way I couldn't otherwise," said Ruppel.

At Adventure Tours' inception, participants were UWSP students. Since then, the program has shifted to an older, broader age group, but anyone in good health with a taste for travel is welcome to participate.

"People from various levels of fitness, age and income participate," said Huck.

Alumni and faculty, who receive a five percent discount, are frequent participants in Adventure Tours, but are only a quarter of the total participants, said Scheder.

"People come from all over Wisconsin and across the United States," said Ruppel.

Munson believes that Adventure Tours has attracted so much interest and been successful for so many years as a result of several factors, starting with being open to people interested in a tour.

"We are very approachable and user-friendly; clients can connect a face to the person sending an e-mail or talking on the phone," said Huck.

Huck contrasted this attribute to commercial operations that often operate and interact with clients in a more impersonal way due to their large-scale business nature.

Munson also pointed out that

the group aspect of the trips also make them a great option for people who are reluctant to travel alone and would like to travel in a small group with a social atmosphere where they can make new friends. "Friendships develop through every trip. By the end of the trips everyone knows each other very well," said Munson.

"It's a great opportunity to meet many wonderful people from many walks of life," said Ruppel.

Adventure Tours also offers trips at a very competitive price compared to commercial operations said Munson. This is attributed to the fact that Adventure Tours is non-profit and exists purely to promote wellness, continual learning and the university's image.

Adventure Tours is proud of the fact that it has attracted people from all over not as a result of advertising as much as participants enjoying their experience and passing the word to others.

"For participants, the fact that they keep coming back and taking more trips, they like what we have to offer," said Ruppel.

Ruppel also noted that many participants repeat trips and bring friends along. "Word-of-mouth sells trips," he said.

One of Adventure Tours' satisfied participants is Stu Nelson, who, along with his wife Meryl Lee, recently took a trip to Costa Rica with Adventure Tours. "They are very well-organized, have a little something for everybody's interests and skill level and the leaders are remarkably well-prepared," said Nelson.

Nelson also liked the fact that Adventure Tours takes care of the all the travel planning and makes it easy for he and his wife to travel to foreign places. "We have gone on a couple trips and we will keep going," said Nelson.

Anyone wanting to know more about Adventure Tours can go to their Web site, call them at 715-346-4080 or e-mail bikehike@uwsp.edu.



Photo courtesy of UWSP Adventure Tours.

A gorgeous day for a hike.

other activities in addition to its traditional hiking and biking tours.

Adventure Tours has covered many of Europe's most historical, natural and cultural destinations in its history and has just in recent years expanded to include domestic tours, as well as trips to Central America

Development. "It gets the university's name out there in Wisconsin and beyond," said Richard Ruppel, a trip leader and professor of German and comparative literature as well as Chair of the Foreign Languages department at UWSP.

Ruppel is another of Adventure



## UWSP CNMT gets national game design recognition

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This week, GamePro Magazine and The Princeton Review included the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's department of Computing and New Media Technologies in their first-ever list of the "Top 50 Undergraduate Game Design Programs" in the United States and Canada.

The recognition comes from a joint project between the American video game magazine and The Princeton Review, a test-preparation company that is also known for its annual college rankings including "Best Value College," "Best Professors," "Best Dorms" and more. The list has already gained attention from news outlets such as USA Today and Marketwatch.com.

The review based its list on a survey conducted last semester researching several criteria from 500 schools including the quality of the curriculum, faculty, facilities and infrastructure, as well as scholarships, financial aid and career opportunities presented to students.

The UWSP Career Services office conducts their follow-up studies for UWSP graduates every year, offering a look at the number of graduates employed within and outside the field of their major

within their first year of graduation.

The two programs offered by the CNMT, Web and Digital Media Development and Computer Information Systems both see over 70 percent of their graduates working in the field within one year of graduating, one of the highest rates across campus. While the CIS major has been at UWSP for over fifteen years, the WDMD program started only seven years ago. This recognition confirms that the young program is already making strides and creating industry buzz.

Assistant professor of multimedia and web development Anthony Ellertson said that he believes the program is garnering attention because it helps students become well-rounded with their skills, excelling in both visual design skills and the technical side of the process as well.

"Years ago, digital agencies who were creating games and Web sites would typically divide project staff into two categories: designers and developers. These agencies are now looking for people who can do both: people who are good with visual design, but also skilled with coding and programming and bringing the two principles together," said Ellertson, who calls these dual-wielding developers "hybrids."

Ellertson said that prospective students are interested in the department because it is a creative, fun and challenging industry to work in, with a high demand for employees. He also said that WDMD

and CIS graduates have been able to work for some excellent agencies.

"Our alumni work with some of the most advanced companies on the Web today, including Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, Target, Disney, Hasbro and more," said Ellertson.

WDMD and CIS double-major Brett Widmann said he thought the major was deserving of the title, and attributed the success of the program to its ability to keep course material relevant and current.

"I really enjoy the fact that it's a very progressive, and fittingly aggressive program where in some of the classes the course curriculum changes almost every semester. We're keeping up to date to the best of our abilities, so it's always good to know that we're working with the latest technologies being used in the industry," said Widmann.

Widmann said that the students work together often and have a faculty that comes from many backgrounds and disciplines.

"We're actually a very tight-knit group of people because of the facilities available where we can all work. There's a lot of teamwork involved and group interaction with different perspectives and ideas brought to the table, which helps drive the creative process and push the program to its maximum limits," said Widmann.

GamePro magazine will include the list in their March 9 issue.

## UWSP hosting new dance event

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Sigma Tau Gamma will be hosting its first annual Stevens Point's Best Dance Crew on March 11 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Alumni Room of the Dreyfus University Center.

The contest will have multiple teams consisting of at least 1 to 5 members.

The event is open to all University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students.

"This event is about highlighting the skills and talents of the UWSP students in a fun and social environment," said Isaiah Matthews, Sigma Tau Gamma member.

The grand prize is a \$100 gift card while there are many other prizes granted to the dance teams for other categories.

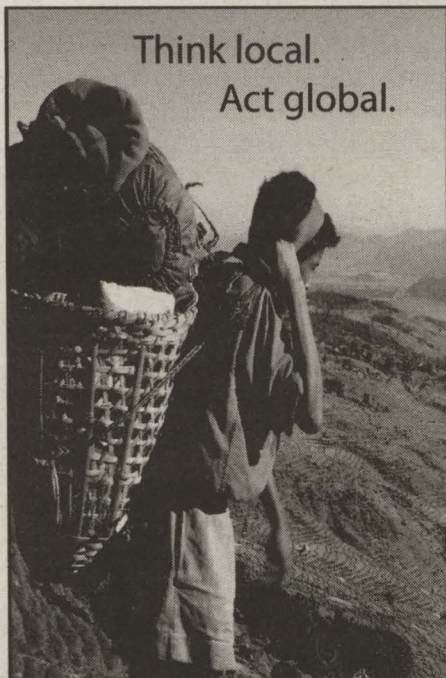
Teams must register at the Information and Ticket Desk by March 9. The cost to enter is \$20 per team. The cost for general admission is \$4 per person.

The judging will be done by the audience. The audience's loudness for the participants will decide the outcome of the event.

Along with the competition, local rock band Blacksheep will be in attendance to perform a show.

Proceeds will go to the Boys and Girls Club of Portage County.

For more information contact Deontae Griggs @ (715) 218-4470 or dgrig028@uwsp.edu.



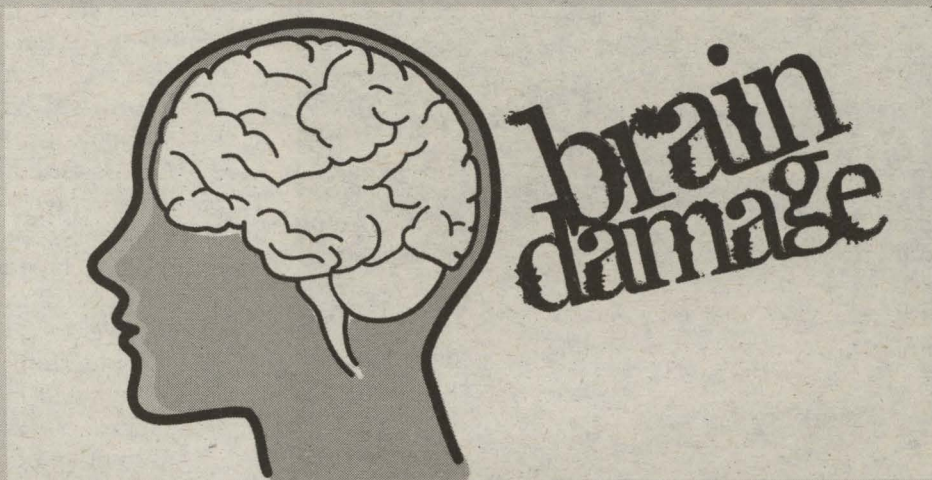
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It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the "honey month," we know today as the honeymoon.

In Shakespeare's time,

mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase "goodnight, sleep tight."

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David, Hearts - Charlemagne, Clubs - Alexander the Great, Diamonds - Julius Caesar

The first novel ever written on a typewriter was "Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain.

The youngest pope was 11

years old.

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven is \$6,400.

The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work is Alaska.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.



# Science & Outdoors

## BOW encourages women to spread their wings

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Women at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point don't have to be enrolled in a natural resources program to experience the benefits of an accredited outdoor education. Becoming an Outdoors-Woman is a non-profit educational program that gives women exclusive opportunities to bond and develop outdoor skills.

A program that's appreciated nationwide and beyond, BOW is rooted in Stevens Point. Christine Thomas, dean of the College of Natural Resources, founded the program in 1991. It's been growing ever since with recognition in 43 states, Canada and New Zealand.

"Women have told us that BOW has changed their life. That's a powerful endorsement that we're proud of," said Peggy Farrell, director of both the Wisconsin and

are equally divided between shooting and hunting, fishing and non-harvest recreation including canoeing, camping and survival.

Over 80 workshops are held throughout the continent every year with more than 20,000 women in attendance. The workshops are usually weekend-long events held at

usually cost between \$200 and \$300 depending on the event.

"That's a lot of money for college students, but we have a scholarship fund to help offset the cost for those who otherwise couldn't afford to go," said Farrell. "Students can also earn one college credit by participating in BOW."



Women have the opportunity to hunt wild turkeys through BOW.



photo courtesy of www.uwsp.edu/chr/bow/

campus or resorts. Hot showers and clean bathrooms are an added luxury.

"Some people say it's kind of like Girls Scouts for grownups, but classier," said Farrell.

At the state level, Farrell plans and hosts programs throughout Wisconsin, designs workshops and finds exceptional candidates and facilities to promote BOW. As the director of International BOW, Farrell works

Be safe, have fun and no politics. These three rules are upheld at workshops and are surprisingly effective at creating a comfortable, supportive and educational environment.

While participants must be at least 18 years old, women over the age of 90 continue to benefit from the BOW program. It just goes to show that there are no restrictions to becoming an outdoors-woman.

Whether you're interested in attending the events or have the skills required of instructors and volunteers, BOW motivates all women to broaden their horizons. In some cases, students who volunteer are invited to attend workshops free of charge.

"I think it's something nearly magic to see a group of 60 to 100 women from all walks of life spend a weekend together, cheering each other on, building confidence and making new friends," said Farrell.

For more information, to look at a calendar of events or to register, visit their Web site at <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow>.

**"I've been with BOW since 1995 and feel privileged to be involved."**

**—Farrell**

International BOW programs.

The BOW program breaks down barriers by encouraging female participation in outdoor skills activities. When it comes to enjoying the outdoors, having no one to go with is an overplayed excuse. BOW provides the social network, thus rendering the loner excuse useless.

Workshops are offered throughout the year and include activities that

closely with states and provinces and organizes an annual conference to improve the programs offered.

"I've been with BOW since 1995 and feel privileged to be involved," said Farrell.

Because BOW is a non-profit program, funding is made possible through workshop registration fees. Women 18 years and older can participate in workshops which

## TAPS offers experience and culture

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This semester, three University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students traveled to Germany as part of a pioneering multinational program in paper science and engineering. They worked in different paper mills as part of UWSP's Trans-Atlantic Paper Science and Engineering Dual Degree Program. They were able to do so through prestigious internships.

The three students include senior Scott Gewiss, senior Katherine Mess and junior Stephan Chastain. Scott Gewiss is interning in Albbbruck, Germany, Katherine Mess in Woerth,

**"This paper machine has set several world records for speed."**

**—Mess**

Germany and Stephen Chastain in Ravensburg, Germany.

The TAPS Dual Degree Program is a four-year program that includes German language training and cultural studies in Finland and Germany to help with language barriers and students' transit.

"The language barrier was a little tough. Aside from the engineers and secretaries, there weren't many people that I could speak English with," said Mess. "I think that hindered my ability to learn from others as well as to do more work there."

During the four-year program, the junior year focuses on theory and internship at a partner institution that can be in Germany or Finland. The senior year includes course work and ultimately, graduation.

"I worked in the lab of the test liner machine. This paper machine has set several world records for speed. I mostly just ran tests for them and the testing was to determine the sticky content of the sample, which they thought might be influencing the run ability of the machine," said Mess of her two-month internship in Papierfabrik Palm in Woerth, Germany. Mess wanted to learn as much as possible during this last work experience before getting a permanent job.

With the internships completed, the three have left Germany and are traveling to other areas.

"We are heading to Munich on Monday, March 1. Then we have a trip to Brussels and Amsterdam planned Wednesday," said Gewiss.

Stephan Chastain leaves for Munich around March 5 to join them.

"I'm really excited to move to Munich on Monday. I think it will be more fun than the small town I'm in now," said Mess.

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## Sports

# Men's basketball ready to begin the NCAA tournament at home

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With the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title in hand, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team is looking to take the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III tournament by storm when they play Carleton College in the first round tomorrow at home.

The Pointers won their second

to them twice in the regular season.

Guard Jerrell Harris and forward Scott Hoelzel posted 10 points, with Louis Hurd scoring 12. Senior guard Matt Moses led the team with 16 points and seven rebounds. Moses also scored 23 points the previous game against UW-Stout in the WIAC semifinals.

Moses said that his performance was entirely dependent on his team's ability to play solid defense and create opportunities to score.

"I guess individual stuff doesn't really matter, because I know that all of us as a team just want to win. Everybody on this team is trying to see how far we can really take this," said Moses.

**"Everybody on this team is trying to see how far we can really take this."**

**-Moses**

consecutive WIAC championship last weekend against UW-Whitewater 67-53, securing a huge road victory and their sixth trip to the NCAA tournament. The game marked the team's first win against UW-Whitewater this year, after losing

The guard said that while UWSP has been successful in his college career, he wants to see the Pointers finish this season with a national title.

"Since I've been here, we've been in the NCAA tournament every year, but we haven't gotten over the hump

of getting to Virginia and winning the title, and I know that's what's on everyone's mind," said Moses.

UWSP head coach Bob Semling said that while this is not

Moses' first time gaining attention, he does think the

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Jared Jenkins and the Pointers defeated UW-Stout and UW-Whitewater to win the WIAC tournament.

## How Ben Grieve explains the outlook of the Milwaukee Brewers

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One of my favorite quotes from an athlete came after Ben Grieve, when he still played baseball, struck out looking to end a game in 2003. His manager at the time, Lou Piniella, was upset that Grieve took the third strike looking, and when he asked Grieve in the dugout why he didn't argue the call with the umpire, Grieve responded with something along the lines of "it doesn't really matter."

I don't know why but this line always stuck with me. With most athletes in today's age of overkill understanding that the watered-down, safe statements are the best statements, you never expect to hear someone say "it doesn't matter." It was honest, and because he played for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at the time, it was funny because it was true.

Well, I think he meant that arguing the call wouldn't have changed the outcome, but Piniella got on one of his run-out-every-groundball-like-they-

did-in-the-old-days baseball manager's rant and bashed Grieve after the game. He was now a guy who "didn't think it mattered" if his team won or lost, the malcontent of baseball. It only made sense that when he became a free agent after the 2003 season, he signed with the Milwaukee Brewers.

My feelings for the Brewers are on a platonic level; I want them to do well and succeed in life; I just don't have very strong emotions towards them. I hope they understand. The one thing I love about the Brewers however, is my yearly tradition of

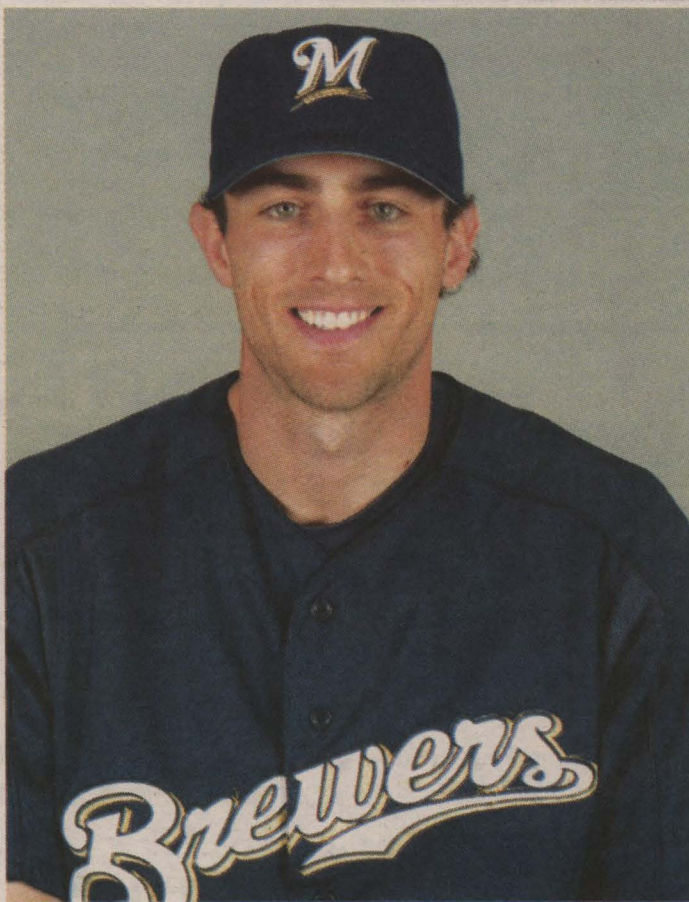


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Remember Ben Grieve? I know I do.

trying to find the most random, seldom-used utility man or relief pitcher and dub him my "favorite" player. I look for the underdog or someone that fills out the end of the roster, and then annoy everyone around me with made-up stories about him.

Ben Grieve was a perfect match for me. He didn't play regularly, didn't produce much when he did and had the general look of "yawn" at any given moment. It looked like he was embodying his quote from a year ago. And this was okay at the time; the Brewers didn't seem to be going anywhere anyway.

Before they finally sold the team, it appeared the Selig family couldn't be bothered with any on-field happenings like wins and losses. After the sale, coincidentally, the youth movement of Prince, Hardy, Hart and Weeks happened. Then Braun happened. Then C.C.

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# Sports

## Women's basketball rallies to win WIAC, moves on to NAAs

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Trailing by 13 at halftime, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's basketball team used a second half surge to push past UW-Whitewater and secure their place in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament with their third consecutive Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Association tournament championship.

After a lackluster first half,

contributing factor for the win, bench scoring.

"Our reserves gave us a huge lift," Egner said.

The Pointer bench outscored UW-Whitewater's 27-3 for the game and 15-1 after halftime.

Their third WIAC tournament championship in as many years gave the Pointer women an automatic birth into the NCAA tournament. For the program, this is business as usual.

"Every year our goal is to win the WIAC tournament and get the automatic qualifier for the NCAA Tournament," Egner said. "We are excited to be playing in the NCAA



Photo courtesy of Doug Wojcik/Stevens Point Journal

Freshman guard Josi Schultz shoots en route to UWSP's third straight WIAC title.

allowing the Warhawks to shoot 48.5 percent from the field, head coach Shirley Egner said the team was disappointed with how they played in the first half.

But the team battled back in the

tournament."

Off the court, Egner was recognized for her brilliant coaching career by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association, who elected her into their Hall of Fame. She will be

**"Our players never gave up; they competed until the final horn. It was a great comeback win."**

**-Egner**

second half, eventually taking their first lead with under three minutes to go, using stifling defense to hold UW-Whitewater to 25 percent shooting from the floor.

"We were able to get some defensive stops which cut into the Whitewater lead to start the second half," Egner said. "Our players never gave up; they competed until the final horn. It was a great comeback win."

Egner also noted another key

inducted with, among others, the late Marquette University head coach Al McGuire.

"Being inducted into the Hall of Fame is a huge honor and very humbling," Egner said. "I have been very fortunate to coach exceptional athletes throughout my coaching career."

The NCAA tournament will

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## Group of wrestlers heading to Iowa for NCAA championships

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new to Engelland; his freshman and sophomore year he also qualified.

"It has been going pretty well for me this year," said Engelland. "Our team did not do as well as we hoped but with a lot of new guys we hope to do better next year."

Johnson commented on how Joe Mileski had been ranked nationally previously this season and believes he has a good chance of placing.

"I also feel strongly that Chris Karl and Jordan Schulte have a chance," said Johnson. "Overall if the four wrestle well and get all of their things together they can come back

Four University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point wrestlers will be competing in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championships in Cedar Rapids Iowa this weekend, March 5 and 6.

The four include Jordan Schulte in the 165 pound weight class, Ben

**"Overall if the four wrestle well and get all of their things together they can come back with All American awards."**

**-Johnson**

Engelland in the 184, Joe Mileski in the 125 and Chris Karl at 174.

"Overall it was a long season where we started out pretty well but struggled in the end," Johnny Johnson, head wrestling coach said. "But being a young team gives us the opportunity to grow for the next year. For nationals, we attend every year and we are taking four members this year."

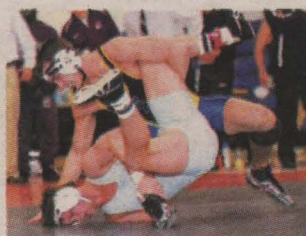


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Junior Ben Engelland will bring his undefeated record to the NCAA Championships.

One of the four is junior Ben Engelland, who is undefeated for the season and second ranked nationally. Going to nationals is not

with All-American awards."

Engelland has been determined and knew he would do pretty well individually when starting out. When talking about the beginning of the season he told of having a close match in the first tournament held at UWSP.

"I got through it but ever since then I have been taking it one match at a time. You have to put a lot more pressure on yourself since wrestling is more individual. You cannot put blame on other people when you are not wrestling well," said Engelland. "I'm pretty hard on myself about the mistakes I made but overall the outcome of this season has been good."

"For champions, it's like any other match; I just have to take it one match at a time. It's been a good year and I hopefully will keep it going."

Johnson and the four will anxiously prepare for the big weekend ahead.

"We are very excited to be going down there," Johnson said.

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senior has been more consistent.

"Over the last several weeks, I think he is really stepping up. Matt's done this before, and what I like is his consistency. He's always been capable of being aggressive and putting up strong numbers, and being efficient, and he's been doing that at a consistent basis," said Semling. "It could not happen at a better time for us for Matt to really be playing with that look in his eye, and playing very confidently."

The Pointers will have to face a team that Moses himself

said was on fire, Carleton College from Northfield, Minn.

Carleton is coming off a 78-71 overtime win against Gustavus Adolphus College and an exciting 73-67 upset victory over St. Thomas, who had until then a 55-game winning streak against Carleton in their home arena.

"That says a lot about how well they're playing this time of year," said Semling.

The Pointers will host Carleton this Friday at the Quandt Fieldhouse. Tipoff is set for 8:00 p.m. following the other first round game between St. Norbert College and Hope College.



## Arts &amp; Culture

## International Club readies 40th annual international-dinner

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Preparations are underway for April 3, when the International Club of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will host its 40th annual dinner and entertainment at 5pm in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center.

As with previous years, the upcoming event promises to showcase entertainment, cuisine and artifacts from the various cultures represented within the International Club.

"We will have a variety of countries representing the whole world," said Darina Markozashvili, the publicity chair for the International Club. "Japan, China, Mexico, Thailand, Georgia, Korea, Middle East, Columbia and many, many more!"

As with previous International Dinners, this year will be no different in capturing the essence of the multicultural organization behind it.

"The International Club is one of the largest and most active student organizations on campus made up of both international and American students. The group promotes friendship, understanding and social interests," said Markozashvili. "This year's dinner theme is 'Together Our

World is Sweeter,' which reflects the club's motto, 'One World for Peace.'"

But how does the International Club of UWSP intend to turn a peaceful world sweet?

"Our idea is that we try to make it less serious and more fun since our life is so stressful with all the bad economy and natural disasters," Thanakich Chantavat, president of the International Club, explains, "We can make the world a better place to live, a sweeter place, for all of us. We will use traditional candies from

**"We can guarantee that all the food selected to be served at the dinner is delicious, authentic, and meaningful in its own way."**

—Chautavat

all over the world to decorate tables, rooms and the stage, so each type of candy will represent people from each part of the world."

Though the candy-coated dinner and the saccharine entertainment of the evening consisting of music, dance and fashions, will be the International Club's main focus in showcasing the various cultures, there also will be a silent auction planned so that attendees will be able to bring home another part of the world, albeit sans candy.

"This is voluntary from many people from other countries, and

many people bring from their countries when they went back or mom and dad send it to them, so it's very precious," said Yuka Yamaoka, coordinator of the silent auction, describing the 20-30 items that attendees can expect to find at the auction. "There is a lot of Chinese stuff, and really, really interesting things from other countries. So you'll see something you like, or somebody you know will like."

To celebrate its 40th consecutive year of hosting the International

dinner and entertainment, the International Club of UWSP hopes to outperform recent International dinners in spectacle. With plans already laid out as of last fall, and auditions for the performances commencing next Friday, March 12, the International Club of UWSP promises an evening unlike any other.

"We are working hard to make this an amazing evening," said Markozashvili. "We have been planning this event for a long time and the officers, advisors and many dedicated volunteers are working very hard to make this happen."

Yet what would a dinner be without the food? As with every other aspect of the event, the International Club promises something befitting the 40th anniversary of what many members feel is the most important night of the club.

"We are planning to have the dinner a bit more special than in the past," said Chantavat. "We can guarantee that all the food selected to be served at the dinner is delicious, authentic and meaningful in its own way."

However, while members of the International Club of UWSP have been heavily involved preparing for the event, they stress that volunteers are still needed to ensure the evening be a successful one.

"For I-Dinner we need lots of volunteers, that's what we always need," said Yamaoka. "And also I-Dinner should be really, really fun for every person cause it's our 40th annual. It's gonna be huge; we're gonna have lots of good food from all over the world so everybody can enjoy!"

The performance will be held at 5 p.m. on April 3 at the Laird Room of the DUC at \$12 to UWSP students, and for \$15 for non-students. Tickets can be booked in advance at the DUC tickets office on a first-come first serve basis. For further information, contact Darina Markozashvili at dmark264@uwsp.edu.

## A Lesson from eastern Europe

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I have traveled to a lot of places in Europe. In the past six months, I have lived for extended periods of time in four different homes with four very different groups of people. Yet, nothing has left a greater impression upon me than the one consumer item they seem to share in common: clothes drying racks.

Just what are these wired wonders? They are stand-alone racks typically

made of stainless steel, plastic or a combination of both on which one can hang about one week's worth of laundry. They are the indoor-version of your mother's clothesline in Small Town, USA. Even better, they are lightweight and typically fold up for easy closet storage.

They are all over Eastern Europe. I can't say much for the West as my stay in Germany was on an energy-

conscious organic farm where drying racks, even in the cold Bavarian winter, were the norm. But in Poland, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Hungary, it is not uncommon to see makeshift clotheslines strung on high-rise balconies or to find more



photo by C.J. Groshek

Stand alone dry racks can save money you would spend on dryers.

than one of these little drying racks lurking in attics, spare rooms and bedrooms.

The prevalence of these little energy saving numbers inclines the typical dryer-using American to wonder just where all the drying machines are. When I rejoined my studying group in Budapest, we were all a little

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## Poet Coming To Point

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At 7 p.m. on March 10, spoken word artist, Gabriela Garcia Medina, will be coming to University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in the Dreyfus University Center Encore to perform her poetry in an unique perspective and style. Gabriela is an award-winning poet who has spoken throughout the world, including

People listen to poems and study poems because poems are beautiful works of art," said William Lawlor, professor of English.

Today's poetry is vastly different from classical poetry. Though it shares many of the same elements, differing and freer ways of writing has been established. Women with different ethnic backgrounds are now heard more and more throughout today's society, not only in poetry, but in novels, politics, and other influential areas of our world. This

**"Gabriela's message is unique and she found a way to tie in entertainment with social justice issues."**

—Bower

South Africa, Cuba, and Brazil.

Being immersed into new cultures and ways of speech is a great experience for any college student. Poetry is a special literary work of art that is given to the expression of feelings, incorporating a distinctive style and rhythm. Each person can become involved in poetry, since poetry is in our daily lives.

"Poetry is fun. Poetry is a great diversion from the humdrum world. Poetry provides special insights about human beings and life in general. Poetry is therapeutic. If emotions accumulate within people, poetry serves as a constructive way to release emotions. Poetry is an aesthetic object.

outlet is essential in order to learn and understand about other people's cultures and ways of life.

"The voices of women and individuals from various ethnic and minority groups now echo throughout poetry today, which reflects both the expansion of the traditional Western canon and the decolonization of many 'third-world' countries. Everyday experience is often the subject matter of today's poetry, an emphasis born out of poets' desire to write from a more democratic, less hierarchical perspective," said Sarah Pogell, assistant professor of English.

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# Arts & Culture

## 90FM Reviews: "Fight Softly" by the Ruby Suns

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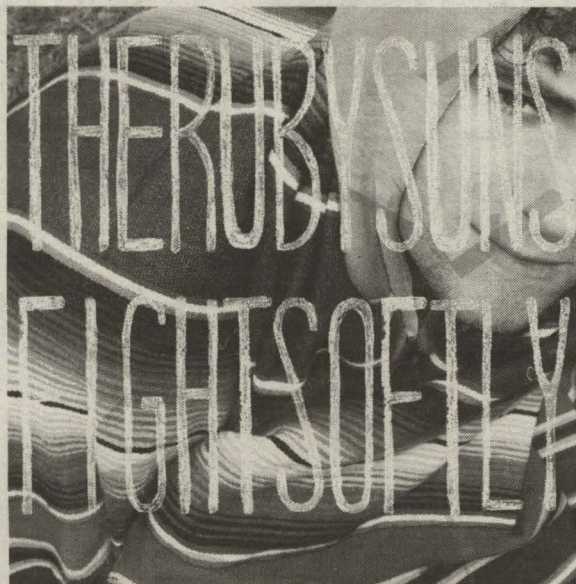
The first time I heard The Ruby Suns, my mind flooded with images of tropical wonderment and kittens, fuzzy kittens. Their last album, *Sea Lion*, immersed me in catchy waterfalls of Hawaiian shaved ice whilst multi-colored penguins waddled around to the magnetic pound of tribal drums. That adventure happened roughly two years ago now, and just when I was thinking, "I wonder when the Ruby Suns will come out with a new album," fate answered.

The new Ruby Suns album is entitled "Fight Softly," which I could argue is a reference to the infinite layers of synthesized booms, clicks, pops and shakes simultaneously calling you to bust out some body-trunk rotations. Basically, this album is 45 minutes of bouncing around your bedroom to pop songs with a smile on your face. Sub Pop Records is once again the label behind the unique world music meets electro-pop mind of New Zealander Ryan McPhun who conceived, wrote, arranged, performed and recorded "Fight Softly" entirely alone over the past two years.

This kiwi represents a large populace of artists worldwide sitting on their laptops for 12 to 15 hours a day editing bleeps and bleeps into perfectly symmetrical polyrhythms. On many tracks I can count up to eight separate dance hooks weaving in and out of each other with perfect clarity. This album probably took just

as much patience to perfect as it did imagination to create.

As much as the beats are danceable, McPhun has so much more to offer in his song craft. Both the vocal and synthesized melodies and hooks are diverse enough to keep you wondering what's next while still maintaining a cohesive flow throughout the album. While



— photo courtesy of Subpop

Fight Softly was released March 2nd on Subpop Records.

the beats keep funky fresh, McPhun executes huge sweeps of melody ala Phil Spector's "Wall of Sound." I want this guy's synthesizer so bad it pains me to think about how expensive it probably is. The synths actually sound unique to this record, which means McPhun probably spent the first year of his latest transformation just tweaking and adjusting effects. To top it all off, "Fight Softly" holds it down as far as lyrical topics go. Topics include dreamlike trips to hidden

swimming holes, lovable pit bulls named Mingus, and honest accounts of everyday happiness that come off as, well, honest. I apologize if I am straight up blowing this guy right now, but credit is due for the quality of this album.

Now I am going to drop the bomb that music elitists everywhere will most likely deploy themselves upon listening to "Fight Softly": this album sounds a hell of a lot like Animal Collective's recent success story "Merriweather Post Pavilion." Upon the very first wave of indiscernible noise heard on "Fight Softly" I had already made the reference in my head. The tones, the beats, the mood, I couldn't help but make the connection. Then, an esteemed colleague, friend and fellow 90FM DJ of mine relayed the same initial response to me before I even said it out loud. You know what though, I think this album sounds like "Fight Softly" by the Ruby Suns and that's final. Enough remnants of McPhun's past work can be found here to merit the opinion that this

is way more than some guy trying to ride the Animal Collective train, which seems to be the new direction of many experimental pop musicians these days. In the end, it doesn't matter who is copying whom or what ironically lame t-shirt you're wearing, tasteful music is simply enjoyable to listen to. Now run along and Tweet about something pointless.

## "Wolfman" lacks real thrills

Ty Natzke

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We are bogged down by bad monster movies. The fad seems to be to throw attractive people that can't act into the role of vampires or werewolves, and make them go to high school forever.

"Wolfman" is more of a classical look at the monster movie when movies were starting to get big. High school is not here and thankfully, that's not the only good thing to be said about the film.

As the movie begins, we instantly get a feel for what the movie is about. A lone man is in the woods, lantern in hand, searching for something. He turns to face a silhouetted beast, who slashes at his stomach and face with huge claws. The man stumbles away from the monster to seek refuge in a crypt in the distance, and a shadowy wolfman dominates the screen.

The rest of the story follows the man's brother, Lawrence Talbot, played by Benicio del Toro, as he returns home to help solve his brother's disappearance and murder. While investigating the rumor of the wolfman, Talbot is bitten by the beast and barely survives. After a miraculously short recovery, Talbot discovers that his trials are not over.

Lawrence Talbot is hunted, captured and sent to London after a night of rampaging and murder. After a month of torturous treatment from health professionals, including ice baths and multiple injections, Talbot is given a large audience to prove he is not afflicted with lycanthropy. After transforming and escaping his constraints, Talbot proceeds to kill his doctors and break out into the streets of London, which is one of the best scenes in the movie. Seeing the wolfman running and jumping from cars and rooftops is pretty thrilling.

The next morning, Talbot wakes up and begins his trek back home to settle the score with the original werewolf, which results in a short-lived werewolf on werewolf fight and the rushed conclusion of the film.

This film loves "surprises," which makes it a little predictable. Things pop out all the time and suspense is the bread and butter. This is especially delicious when the plot takes you in between the full moons, where things should be safe. Luckily, Talbot has a lot of frightening hallucinations. However, frights that linger, these are not.

But that leads to the biggest problems with "Wolfman," which is that the big events always happen a month apart. Important story elements occur during the months, including a half-baked love story and growing tensions between father, played by Anthony Hopkins, and son. Of course, the film is the human story

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Gabriela Garcia is being brought to Stevens Point in order to share her view of the world and culture that she has experienced through the use of poetry. Her words are very passionate and direct towards her audience. Her poetry covers various subjects from social justice issues to lingerie.

"Gabriela's message is unique and she found a way to tie in entertainment with social justice issues. This combination creates an individual experience that only Gabriela can give the students," said Savannah Bower, Issues and Ideas Coordinator for Centertainment Productions.

Centertainment of UWSP wanted to bring Gabriela to Stevens Point because of her previous performance in Minnesota in which many experienced her show first hand. Her honesty and openness moved them to decide her appearance at UWSP this spring.

"Students should expect an outstanding performance. They will leave with a better idea of what spoken word art is and a desire to know more. Gabriela's performance inspires people to be passionate," said Bower.

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shocked to discover that laundromats are practically nonexistent and very few people own personal dryers. In fact, we were informed that drying our clothes on racks indoors was a great way to humidify the room during dry winters.

And maybe, just maybe, the Europeans are on to something. Without even calculating the energy savings (it's 93.6-260 kilowatt-hours per year for just one one-hour cycle every week just in case you're wondering), this clothes-drying method does have its merits, especially when it comes to the pocketbook.

When I lived in the States, I paid \$1.25 for a one-hour drying cycle every week and some weeks required more coinage than others. By not using a dryer all year, I could have saved from \$65 - \$130. That's easily enough money for a cell phone payment, a couple of utility bills, or a few bags full of organic produce (and that stuff is not cheap).

Conversely, drying racks are just a one-time \$10 payment, and for the record, hang-drying clothes inside does humidify dry rooms during the winter quite nicely. That's even less money and energy spent on a

humidifier.

Naturally, there are disadvantages to this system. When set up the racks do take up a lot of room and there are really no large living spaces in Europe (at least not in my budgeted experiences). Depending on the temperature and the moisture already present in the air, hang drying your clothes could take days. The extended drying time means some clothes must be left out of the weekly wash, so the enterprising American abroad should think twice about washing everything at once. Oh, fresh-out-of-the-dryer warmth is also out of the question.

I am not sure how I will dry my clothes upon returning to the United States this summer, but I have a feeling I will think twice before using the dryer. Perhaps this is a lesson we can all glean from our European friends.



Letters & Opinion

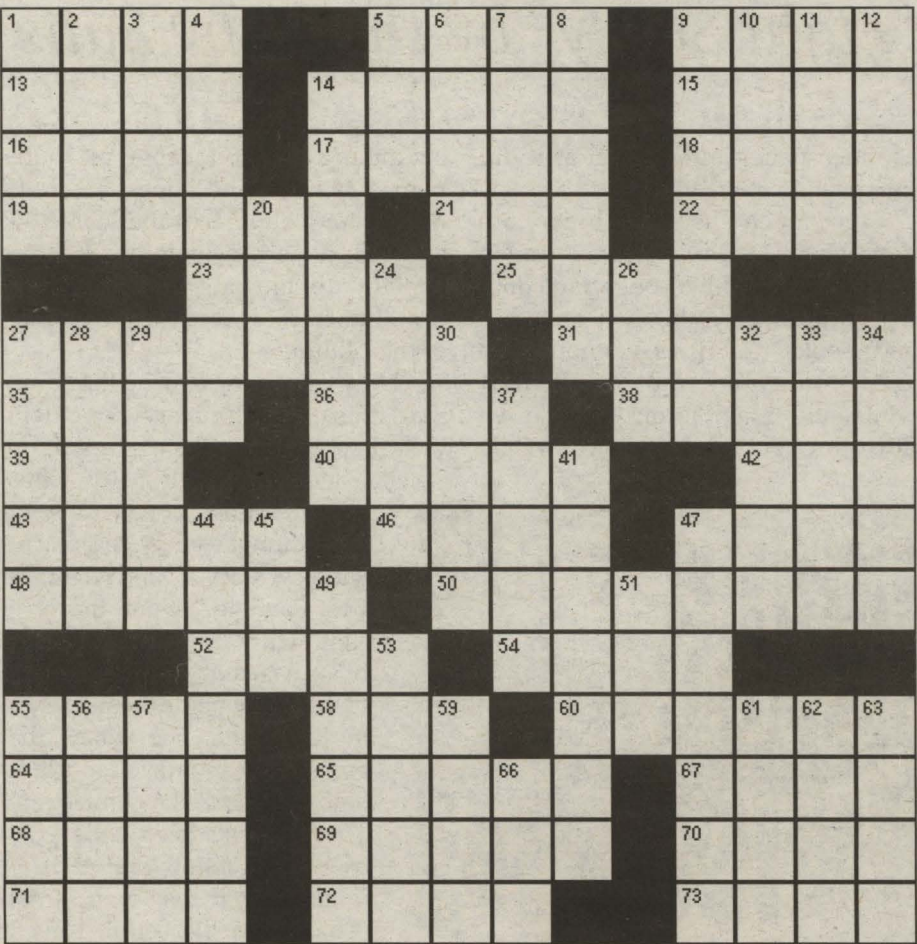
Hello Pointers!

My name is Matt Muelling, and I hope you have a little time to read about the upcoming Student Government Association elections. I am a senior music education major, a coaching minor and a candidate for the SGA's vice presidency alongside my great friend Chad Haanen. There are many reasons why we want to assume leadership responsibilities in SGA, but one of the biggest ones is SGA itself. Our idea of student leadership is very clear: fighting for every voice. Within SGA lies the opportunity for every voice to be heard. However, that opportunity is seldom one that is embraced by the student body. Our campus is run with input from students, but generally only from a loud few. With the help that Chad and I can offer as leaders, you can change that.

First, we need to involve SGA with the students. As a fine arts student, I spend a lot of my time striving towards perfection in my craft. I understand that it is the same outside of the arts; students work hard at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. If students don't have time to actively seek out what SGA is doing, they shouldn't be punished for their hard work and studying by not knowing where their tuition money is going. This is why Chad and I want to involve SGA with the students, and we will do that by working closely with student organizations around campus, to make sure that they have the funds, numbers and power to do what they feel is important for both themselves and the student body as a whole. Student organizations are the voice for the hard working and passionate students here at UWSP, and we will fight for every voice to be heard.

The next step towards making SGA responsive to every voice is to involve the students with SGA. Although we will bring SGA to the students, there is still a need for more students to step up to SGA. In order

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Across

- 1 - Idle away time
- 5 - Category
- 9 - Autos
- 13 - Conductor Klemperer
- 14 - \_\_\_ New Guinea
- 15 - It's blown among the reeds
- 16 - Asian sea
- 17 - From Bern, say
- 18 - \_\_\_ majeste
- 19 - Lunatic
- 21 - Aliens, for short
- 22 - Lecherous look
- 23 - Zwei cubed
- 25 - Golfer Ballesteros
- 27 - Lasting for an extended period
- 31 - Bind with a tourniquet
- 35 - Comics canine
- 36 - Film \_\_\_
- 38 - Sherpa's home
- 39 - Brit. lexicon
- 40 - Like a \_\_\_ bricks
- 42 - Actress Peeples
- 43 - Cram
- 46 - Rain cats and dogs
- 47 - Dispatched
- 48 - Compositions
- 50 - Star-shaped

Down

- 1 - Rich soil
- 2 - Other, in Oaxaca
- 3 - \_\_\_ impasse
- 4 - Leafage
- 5 - Cutting tool
- 6 - Mayberry moppet
- 7 - Corrodes
- 8 - Pendent ornament
- 9 - School
- 10 - Busy as \_\_\_
- 11 - Ascended, flower
- 12 - Clairvoyant
- 14 - Crown of ancient Egypt
- 20 - Perform in a play
- 52 - Rebuff
- 54 - Biblical birthright seller
- 55 - Draw with acid
- 58 - Buddy
- 60 - Reverence
- 64 - Actress Petty
- 65 - Fine fur
- 67 - Make indistinct
- 68 - Langston Hughes poem
- 69 - Perrier rival
- 70 - Canadian gas brand
- 71 - In stitches
- 72 - Nailed obliquely
- 73 - Spoils

- 24 - Band
- 26 - Bordeaux, e.g.
- 27 - Unfettered
- 28 - "Awake and Sing!" playwright
- 29 - Nest
- 30 - Legendary ruler of Crete
- 32 - Sleep disorder
- 33 - Spoil
- 34 - Delight
- 37 - Path
- 41 - Add more ice?
- 44 - Mode
- 45 - Island of Denmark
- 47 - Doze
- 49 - Group that is part of a larger group
- 51 - Philosopher \_\_\_-tzu
- 53 - "Hooray!"
- 55 - Some Ivy Leaguers
- 56 - Carry
- 57 - Black bird
- 59 - Off-Broadway theater award
- 61 - "\_\_\_ sprach Zarathustra"
- 62 - Sudden blast of wind
- 63 - Archer of myth
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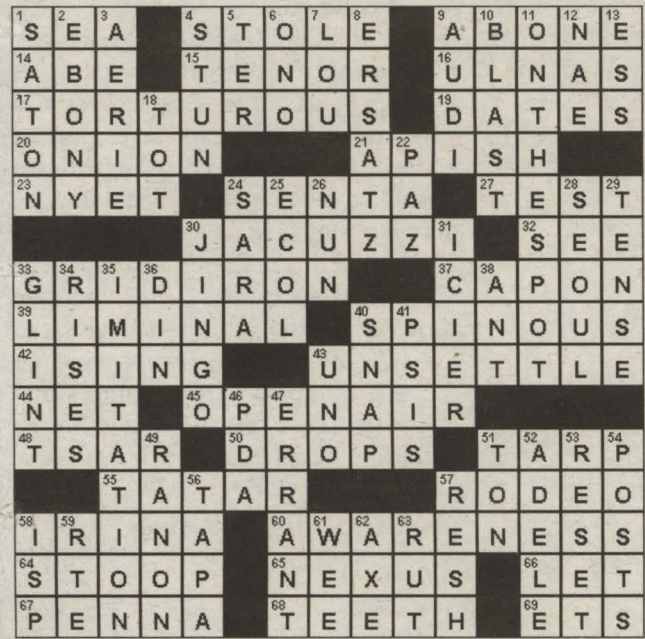
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more than a monster story, but you never quite get behind the characters and empathize with them like you should.

Werewolf movies are not that original, which hurts "Wolfman." In fact, werewolf stories have been told throughout Europe since the 12th century and in Native American legends. Werewolf stories were launched into contemporary movie popularity by 1941's "Wolf Man," which continues to influence monster movies.

Since the 2010 film was based on the 1941 version, the two Wolfman movies have a lot in common. The newest version looks much better, but the computer graphics are almost as distracting as the slow fading to fur in 1941. There have been better transformation scenes from werewolf movies in the 1980's. Heck, look at Micheal Jackson's "Thriller."

"Wolfman" is not the greatest of monster movies, but it is enjoyable. Although it doesn't have the staying power as the movie it is based on, it's worth a look for fans of monster movies that aren't diluted with vampire love stories.

"We do produce more energy on-site than we use," said Krszjanek. In this way, the ReNew the Earth Institute in Custer is a demonstration site for best practices in the renewable energy field. People can tour the facility to get an idea of how best to reduce their impact on the environment.

Since the renewable energy movement is becoming more and more prominent, and people are becoming more aware of energy-efficient practices, the next logical step is to educate yourself and get involved. MREA is a good place to start.

If you'd like to learn more, MREA provides many books, DVDs and other resources for anyone interested. You can check out their Web site at <http://www.the-mrea.org>.

Volunteer opportunities and internships are always available, and all UWSP students are invited and welcome to attend the energy fair and workshops.

## MREA puts their green where their mouth is

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Now that we've taken a look at the renewable energy sphere, let's take a look at one of the leaders in the industry. The Midwest Renewable Energy Association is a non-profit organization located just nine miles east of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in Custer, Wis.

The MREA's mission is to promote renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainable living through education and demonstration. They are considered a national leader in the renewable energy field. In fact, the organization recently received a \$3.3 million grant from the Department of Energy to organize a regional solar training network.

This organization is a great resource for UWSP students who would like to get into the field or learn more about energy efficiency and renewable energy practices.

The MREA strives to train and educate through the classes, internships and volunteer opportunities they provide. They hold workshops to educate people on the best way to use renewable energy in their houses or businesses and counsel people on how to be more energy-efficient.

MREA property includes a newly built classroom building to conduct more workshops at once. They also have training roofs for students, in order to practice installing solar

panels in their installation workshops.

"A great way to get a basic introduction to renewable energy is to take our workshops. All of our basic 101 workshops are one day. It's a nine to five class that can teach you about solar electric/solar hot water wind energy - one class for each technology. It's a great way to see if you're interested in it before you pursue it," said Gina Sinisi, communications coordinator for the MREA.

The energy fair is an influential event for the MREA, community members and people involved in the renewable energy field all over the nation. Held each June, this event takes place at the ReNew the Earth institute on the MREA property in Custer.

The fair is host to thousands of people from all over the U.S. who connect with and learn from each other as they eat, drink, listen to music and camp.

Last year 23,206 people attended the energy fair, with 270 exhibitors and 344 volunteers. This energy fair is unlike any other. Though it contains great food, bands and social connections, it also hosts influential keynote speakers, such as Ralph Nader.

"It's the Woodstock of renewable energy. Basically throughout the weekend, that's Friday through Sunday, we have over 250 workshops, which are held in tents that are set up here. There is something going on from 8 a.m. until midnight everyday. On top of that, we have

exhibitors from a bunch of different companies and organizations. Then there is a food corral with a bunch of great food," said Eric Krszjanek, membership services coordinator of the MREA.

The fair is held the third weekend in June each year. This year it will take place in Custer from June 18-20.

The MREA is always looking for volunteers for this event. It's a great way for students and community members who are interested in renewable energy to volunteer and get to know influential people in the field.

"There are a variety of tasks that people are able to volunteer for varying from working the information booth to helping move compost. We really appreciate the help for that, and it's a great networking event, so you get to meet people involved in the industry and it might help further your career," said Sinisi.

While it's clear that MREA talks the talk, they also walk the walk. Renew the Earth Institute harnesses renewable energy whenever possible. The building utilizes passive solar design with south-facing windows, a long overhang, metal roof and a sand bed underneath the structure.

Solar photovoltaics are also used as a major source of renewable energy for the MREA. Dual arrays are used throughout the property in order to generate the energy for utilities inside the building, such as the refrigerator. Other energy-efficient designs, such as wind turbines, are also utilized to generate more energy.