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The UW-Stevens Point football team claimed a victory over UW-Oshkosh after coming back from a 14-point deficit during their homecoming game at Goerke Field Saturday. **SPORTS, PAGE 4**



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## SGA referendum may change student government

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On Friday, a student government referendum will occur on campus that, for some, has been a long time coming.

Students will have a choice to make for two of their shared governance groups on campus: The University Centers Advisory Policy Board and the Student Government Association.

The decision students are charged with is whether or not UCAPB should be a sub-committee under SGA.

The two organizations have been in a battle over who controls the segregated fee approval process. SGA

argues that segregated fees must pass through the SGA Finance Committee by law and UCAPB argues that policies have not been violated and the segregated fees they deal with are non-allocable and cannot be touched by students.

The structure of student shared governance on campus changed this week when the Student Health Advisory Committee agreed to become a sub-committee of the Student Life Issues Committee of SGA.

The move was considered a success by the executive members of SGA. At their weekly meeting, it was a highlight in a discussion led by Vice President Hans Schmid.

Schmid has high hopes for what will be coming, assuming the referendum passes.

"The budgets will go to SGA finance committee like they do with every other student organization on campus... There you have a chain of responsibility," Schmid said.

However, SHAC's decision was not welcomed by all of the members of student governance. UCAPB Chair Kathleen Gould was disappointed with the way things were handled by SGA.

"I don't agree with the decision because I don't agree with the process used by SGA," Gould said.

The decision will change the way things are handled with the

fees process. Now, instead of SHAC approving their budget independently, SGA Finance will have the opportunity to recommend different opinions or options for SHAC to do when they discuss the health service on campus.

UCAPB will have a similar option to mull over at their meeting next week after a proposal made by SGA to become a sub-committee of a committee like SHAC.

When asked what his role was in the process, Schmid said, "I'm going to go over what we feel should be their new structure. I'm just going to be looking for constructive input."

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# NEWS

## 10/10/10 global work party: celebrates climate solutions

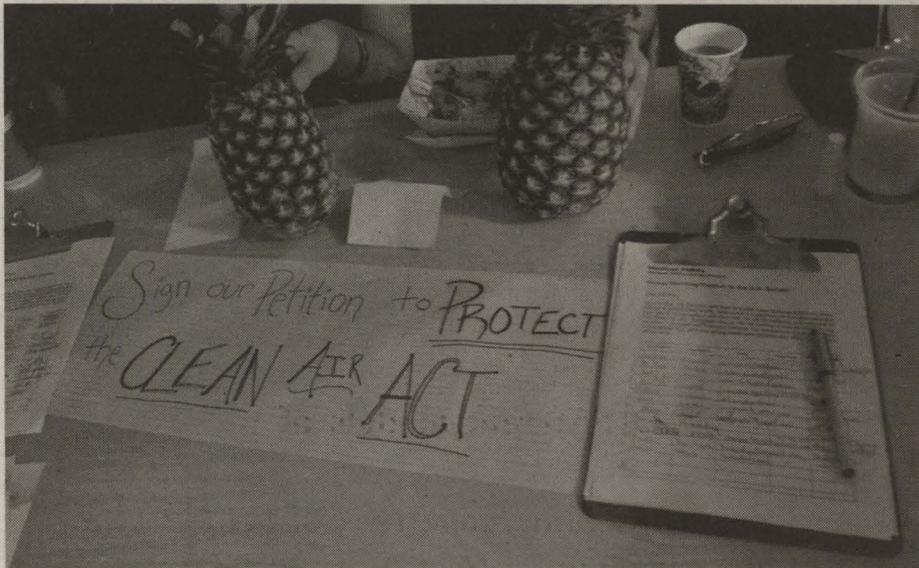


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Participating in 350 Org's 'global work party,' members of the Stevens Point community worked on projects such as eliminating buckthorn from Shmeeckle Reserve, and cleaning the campus garden all with the goal of sending the strong message to leaders that if a community can work on solutions to end the climate crisis, then leaders can, also, work to end the climate crisis.

In preparation for a successful summer growing season, Kate Carson, senior, Sara Theierfelder, senior, and Katrina Hittner, senior, clean the soil of the hoop house.



WISPIRG was present at the 10/10/10 event, asking attendees to sign a petition protecting the current state of the clean air act.



The global work day ended with a party where Green Tea performed.



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## NEWS

## Faculty conference promotes critical thinking

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The phrase 'critical thinking' usually arouses feelings of fear and anxiety amongst college students. It's the part of the class where you have to think about and communicate your ideas, and almost any student would much rather be burdened with monotonous multiple-choice questions than forced to answer a 'critical thinking' question.

However, this Friday, interested faculty members will gather for a day-long conference to discuss just why such critical thinking skills are important for students both in and out of the classroom. The 4th Annual Critical Thinking Conference, as it is called, will be held on Friday, Oct. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Legacy Room of the Dreyfus University Center.

The conference will feature presentations from five professors on three different methods of argument analysis. Dona Warren, professor of philosophy at the University of

Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will be speaking about the Box and Arrow Method, which is an approach that attempts to draw a diagram of an argument to see how different ideas support each other.

"Critical thinking skills are notoriously hard to teach," Warren said. "Having different models of

with one another. She says they all help to bolster the same core set of skills, all of which help us to have a better grasp on reasoning.

"Rather than just looking at an argument and saying, 'I don't know, it just doesn't seem good to me,' you can actually articulate why it seems good to you. It takes away the

this middle ground, then, comes a more charitable and empathic interpretation of another's argument.

"Critical thinking helps you to intelligently engage issues to allow you to say, 'Hey, people who disagree with me are saying some importantly right things. I disagree with them in some respects and this is what they are,'" Warren said.

She also hopes that such methods of thinking eventually make it into the public sphere; especially politics, which she says is riddled with name-calling and absolutist ways of thinking.

To those students whom view the development of critical thinking skills as a daunting task, Warren gives some sage advice.

"It's a skill that, once you learn it, you have it, and it can make a lot of things a lot less work. [It's] like driving a car. It might require a little bit of work to learn it, but once you have it, it indicates a certain level of adulthood," Warren said.

To Warren, critical thinking is a skill which can always be improved upon. But she maintains that one cannot watch someone else do it, one must engage in it on one's own. As

### Finding a middle ground between these two extremes is what Warren hopes students get out of thinking critically.

presenting visually the chains of reasoning enriches the instructional repertoire of people who are teaching critical thinking in their classes."

The two other methods discussed are the familiar scientific method and the Toulmin method, which is a form of argument analysis which tries to understand the 'how' and 'why' of a particular argument.

Warren hopes the conference will help others see how these three approaches share a lot in common

hunch," Warren said.

Warren also says she believes every student has the capacity for critical thinking but that some students get "luckier" than others by asking the right questions at the right time. To her, teaching critical thinking skills in the classroom is a way of "leveling the playing field" by posing such questions to all students.

Outside of the classroom, Warren hopes that skills such as these allow students to escape from two ways of thinking that most people revert to: absolutism, in which one believes that

**"Having different models of presenting visually the chains of reasoning enriches the instructional repertoire of people who are teaching critical thinking in their classes."**

there is only one right answer to a question and that any opposed to it are deceived, and relativism, in which one believes that all points of view are equally valid and which Warren labels as somewhat of a "defeatist" position.

Finding a middle ground between these two extremes is what Warren hopes students get out of thinking critically. With

an important academic as well as life skill, she speaks to its importance for each individual.

"If you don't think critically, you are going to go where other people want you to go when they want you to go there. Nobody wants to do that," Warren said.

Dr. Warren, who teaches a critical thinking class, said she is willing to answer any student questions regarding critical thinking in the classroom. She can be reached at [dwarren@uwsp.edu](mailto:dwarren@uwsp.edu).

## referendum / SHAC becomes committee of SGA

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Gould, however, didn't accept the proposal and introduced a resolution to all of the shared governance organizations on campus supporting the idea of a referendum to decide rather than deals made between organizations.

"I'm going to pass that [resolution] along to the chancellor, because as much as they think that the group wasn't being fair at this, here is my solution to working together," Gould said.

Regardless of the outcome of the referendum, student shared governance is changing on this campus to become more compact. SHAC's decision is only the first move. The board is set for the next move by SGA and UCAPB with the presentation at the last UCAPB meeting, and the referendum results.

The next move will have to be made by one of the organizations, and it all hinges on the referendum and student vote.

Ballots will be sent in a survey through e-mail and will be available from Oct. 15-20.

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# SPORTS

## Pointers bite back at homecoming game

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After the Pointers lost a heart-breaker to UW-La Crosse last weekend to open conference play, they got their revenge against UW-Oshkosh Saturday at Goerke Field. Stevens Point's Homecoming game started shaky as the Titans jumped out to a two touchdown lead which they held nearly the entire first half.

But thanks to a high powered passing attack led by senior quarterback Jake Swank, the Pointers were able to right the ship and defeat the Titans 41-17.

The Homecoming hype seemed to wear on the Pointers as they allowed the Titans to dominate the game for most of the first two quarters. Point had seen enough, however, and would find a spark in the form of senior receiver Jared Jenkins.

"A lot of the time they look to me to make a big play, and I just try to come through," Jenkins said.

Jenkins did not disappoint. After Oshkosh forced Point to punt after a 3 and out, Jared would pin the Titans deep inside their own territory as junior corner Colton Zimmerman would down the ball on the one yard line.

After threatening to drive downfield, Oshkosh would make a game-changing mistake as junior linebacker

Curtis Krump picked off a lazy Titan pass and took it back into scoring position. Swank then lofted a fade into the end zone for Jenkins who would make an off-balance catch for the five yard score.

"I tell the quarterback and the offensive coordinator if they throw a fade it's a touchdown. So if they do it, I gotta come through," Jenkins said jokingly.

Junior kicker Jered Fohrman would then add a 26-yard field goal to bring the score to 14-10 Oshkosh.

The Pointers were not out of big plays just yet. After taking an Oshkosh punt, the offense would only need 15 seconds before Swank again found Jenkins, this time on a 55-yard touchdown bomb, and after Fohrman pounded the point after through the uprights, the Pointers headed into the locker room with a 17-14 halftime lead.

The Pointers came out swinging in the second half as well. Stevens Point scored 24 points in the third and fourth quarters, 17 of them were off of UWO turnovers. On the other side of the ball, the defense only surrendered a field goal.

After a Swank touchdown pass to senior receiver Anthony Aker early in the fourth quarter, the Pointer defense crushed any hopes the Titans had of making a late run in the game. The offense controlled the ball for nearly ten minutes as they played

slow, grind-it-out football to run the clock out.

Sophomore running backs Mike Griffin and Keith Ingram combined for 94 yards in the fourth quarter. On the last play of the game Ingram dashed for 23 yards which allowed the clock to tick out, sealing the deal for the Pointers' Homecoming Victory.

Jake Swank completed 13 of 32 passes for 228 yards, his long being the 55 yarder to Jenkins. Swank threw four touchdowns to three different receivers against two interceptions. The offensive line was able to protect Swank well for four quarters, only allowing one sack.

Anthony Aker led the team with six receptions for 76 yards, while sophomore receiver Theo Maglio added 3 of his own for 66 yards and a touchdown.

After turning the tide in the second quarter, the Pointer's defense played stellar the rest of the game. The Pointers were led by Krump, who recorded 15 total tackles, a forced

fumble and the momentum swinging interception in the second quarter. The defense forced four turnovers during the game, all of which were converted into points.

"I'm very proud of our guys," Jenkins said after the game. "We could have easily folded, but we fought back."

The Pointers will try to continue their winning ways Saturday against UW-Stout at Don and Nona Williams Stadium in Menomonie. Kickoff is at 1p.m.

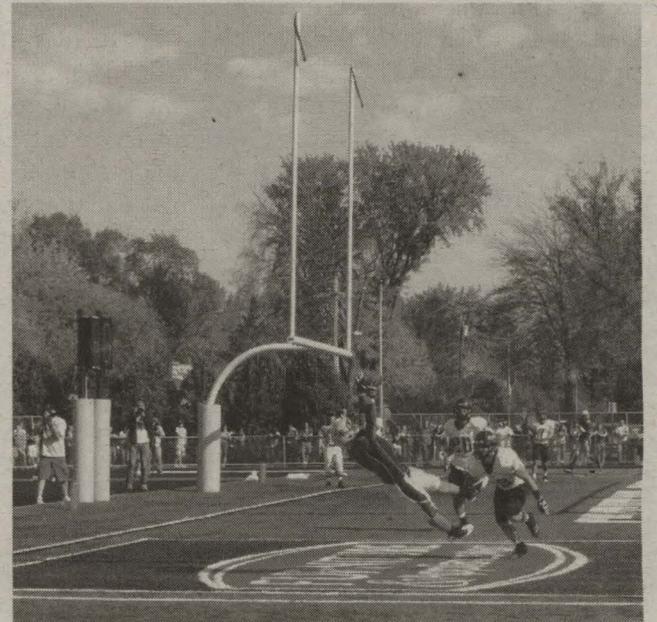


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Jared Jenkins, and Point's wide receiver, makes a controlled falling catch in the endzone for Point's first touchdown to rally them to in the first half.



The UWSP Dance Team takes the field to perform a kick routine during halftime at the Homecoming football game.

Photo by Krista Kamke

## Marathon Running Club hitting its stride

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The of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Marathon Runners is gaining popularity this year. President of the club, Jake Pourchot, senior, math major said "The club is the most active it's been in a long time, maybe ever!" They've already added about 40 members this year.

The group offers five to ten group runs per week, and has meetings once per month, with occasional talks on health topics. They also have pasta dinners, and offer advice for those wanting to run half or whole marathons.

Besides their group runs, they have fun runs to locations like Belt's.

They're also putting together a team for Make a Difference Day.

Members benefit in several ways from joining the club, but one substantial benefit is the fact that they get reimbursed for all race fees for approved events. Anyone can run with the club, but members must pay a yearly \$20 fee to benefit from reimbursement; however race fees can be from \$20-\$100 and up per individual race. A lot of people just join, because they like to run.

"I love running because it allows me to escape the stresses of life," Pourchot said. Sometimes all the little things in life build up to the point where it's overwhelming, but I'm able to reflect when I run and put things back into perspective."

Joshua Nemeč, senior, wildlife

management major, said, "I usually run to stay in shape and enjoy some fresh air after being in classes all day."

While the club isn't a "team," many members still feel a sense of camaraderie.

"The most exciting thing about the club is the opportunity it provides to meet new people. In my opinion, running with someone is one of the best ways to get to know them," Pourchot said.

Katlin Lesmeister, health promotions/wellness major, is a newcomer to the group and said, "it's nice having other people running with you that are passionate about the same interest, keeping you motivated to run and meet new people." Lesmeister continued, "Running is the best cure for anything!"

One common misconception that the club runs into is that people think that they will have to run a marathon if they join the club, which Pourchot said they absolutely don't have to.

"We have members who have run marathons and who would love to help you train for a half or full marathon if that is your goal, but it is not required. A majority of members have not done a half or full marathon and are not currently training for one," Pourchot said.

Coming up this month, the club will have a number of races: The Freak 5K in Eau Claire, Reach the Peak 15K in Wautoma, Halloween 5K in Plainfield and the Wisconsin Dells half/full marathon. They also plan to have a pasta dinner social later this month.

## SPORTS

## Pointers soccer back to their winning ways

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After their first loss of the 2010 season, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's soccer team returned to their winning ways. After falling against Wheaton (Illinois) Oct. 5, the Pointers didn't waste any time tallying their next win.

Sophomore Forward Kristi Nickels, led the Pointers to victory over the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater last weekend on Oct. 9. Nickels, a native of Appleton and graduate of Appleton West, completed a hat trick, scoring three goals against the Warhawks. The Pointers defeated UW-Whitewater 3-0, which advanced their record to 11-1 overall and 6-0 in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play.

The Pointers success is a continuation of last season's unexpected, but outstanding, 2009 finish. The team lost one game away from the sweet sixteen round of the National Championship Tournament last season.

"We did more than what we were expected to do," said Kelly Lloyd, a senior defender who is a pre-physical therapy major.

Lloyd, a Fond du Lac native, expressed the team's desire to pick up

where the team left off last season. Considering the Pointers only lost one starter from last year's team, it shouldn't be a problem for the ladies.

Goalie, Liz Hunter said, "We really have a set foundation. We've set higher expectations for ourselves this season."

Hunter, a senior business administration major, has been a force to reckon with. The Stevens Point Area Senior High graduate has received WIAC defensive athlete of the week honors with her abilities to string together multiple shutouts against opponents. Shutouts result in opponents not scoring any goals throughout the match.

The team's strength comes from the depth of quality players on the roster.

"All our teammates are pretty awesome. Everybody plays a big role in our success, everybody plays hard at practice and everybody that plays and doesn't play is very supportive of each other," Hunter said.

Lloyd was also anxious to praise the team's work ethic.

"We're only as strong as our weakest player; our toughest competition is who we play in practice and we keep each other sharp," she said.



Photo courtesy of UWSP Women's Soccer

UWSP women's soccer seems focused and poised to reach the goals they set for themselves at the beginning of the season.

Although they were eliminated by Augustana (Ill) in the second round of the 2009 Division III National Championship, the UWSP women's soccer team 2010 season expectations and goals have been more than humble.

"We play it one game at a time, but we set goals at the beginning of the season and one of them is winning conference and ultimately, to win the National Championship," Lloyd said.

Despite the team's success thus far this season, Lloyd and Hunter both would have never predicted the blowouts their team has laid on opponents.

Hunter explained, "I don't think we expect to blowout teams ever. I think it just happens; sometimes

we beat good teams by a lot. It just depends on the day."

No matter what happened last season for the women's soccer team, they seem focused and ready to get through the second half of their season. It is expected to be a tough haul for the remainder of the schedule, but they have depth on their side. With freshman players eager to contribute to the team's success, they should be able to make their way back to the National Championship Tournament.

Jeanette Lapinski, a freshman midfielder and native of Port Washington, expressed her excitement about her first year on the team.

"I feel we are learning a lot from the other players," said Lapinski. The UWSP women's soccer team will be competing this weekend at the Point Soccer Bowl near Lot Q at 12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 against the St. Thomas Tommies.

## Pre-Season Poll Shows Stevens Point as a Leader in NCAA

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After winning their third national Championship in seven years, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's Basketball team has been picked to win NCAA Division III again this year.

In the Coaches Pre-Season Poll, there are three panels of 25 voters from each of the NCAA's eight regions. The voters are coaches, college sports information directors and media members.

With this knowledgeable panel, UWSP was voted as the top pick for the 2010-11 season.

They defeated Williams College in Salem, Va. with a score of 78-73 last year for the NCAA title and are looking for another NCAA title this year.

Last year, their statistics showed 29 wins with only four losses, which is a highly impressive number in comparison.

After their win last year, head coach Bob Semling was named National Coach of the Year. One of the team's captains then senior Matt Moses was named the Final Four's Most Outstanding Player.

The Pointers lost three players last year, including Moses, who tallied 1,124 points in his career, which is 20th on the school's all-time scoring list.

They have recruited six new players for their 2010-2011 team, and the outlook is promising for their careers at UWSP.

Although their season opener is not until Nov. 16, the excitement is building about the poll and the upcoming season looks promising.

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## SPORTS

## It's that Time of Year Again: Hunting Season

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Regardless of the incredibly warm weather Stevens Point has been experiencing, the leaves continue to change and fall. This can only mean one thing: hunting season is here.

With Wisconsin's vast wooded areas and open fields, it's no surprise that Wisconsin is one of the best places to hunt whitetail deer. Many people in Wisconsin love hunting, and students in Stevens Point are no exception.

Whitetail deer bow season started Sept. 18 and runs until Nov. 18, which is just two days before the ever anticipated 9-day gun season. Kyle Raleigh, a junior elementary education major, has already gone bow hunting and will continue bow hunting until gun season begins.

"I prefer to bow hunt because it is a longer season and is more recreational and challenging to me," Raleigh said. "I also find bow hunting slightly more relaxing than gun season because there are fewer people and I enjoy the warmer weather." "I

use bow season as a chance to scout for gun season."

But due to its popularity, there are a lot of people, like Raleigh, already talking about and preparing for the gun season. According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, last year's whitetail deer harvest was only about 330,000 deer, compared to the previous five-year average of about 492,000. This is a good enough reason for Junior Land Use Management major William Risse to begin his preparations.

"I usually start scouting for gun season about three weeks before opening day. This is when we set up our stands and clear shooting lanes," said Risse, who has been hunting for eight years now.

"Sometimes we grouse hunt while scouting for gun season," he said.

While hunting is a sport, for many people it is more than that. Junior broad field social science major Dan Soulier said, "I don't hunt for numbers, I hunt mostly for food and sustenance for the family. We try to get as many deer or other animals as



Junior Joe Lewandowski, an avid bow hunter, anticipates a successful season with such a promising trail cam photos. Photo courtesy of Joe Lewandowski

possible so that we don't have to live off of supermarket meat departments. It is better quality meat at a greatly reduced price, and it's a great way to experience nature and all of its many splendors."

Risse added, "Hunting is a time for me to get away from the stresses of my regular schedule, be with friends and family and spend time outside. What more could a person want?"

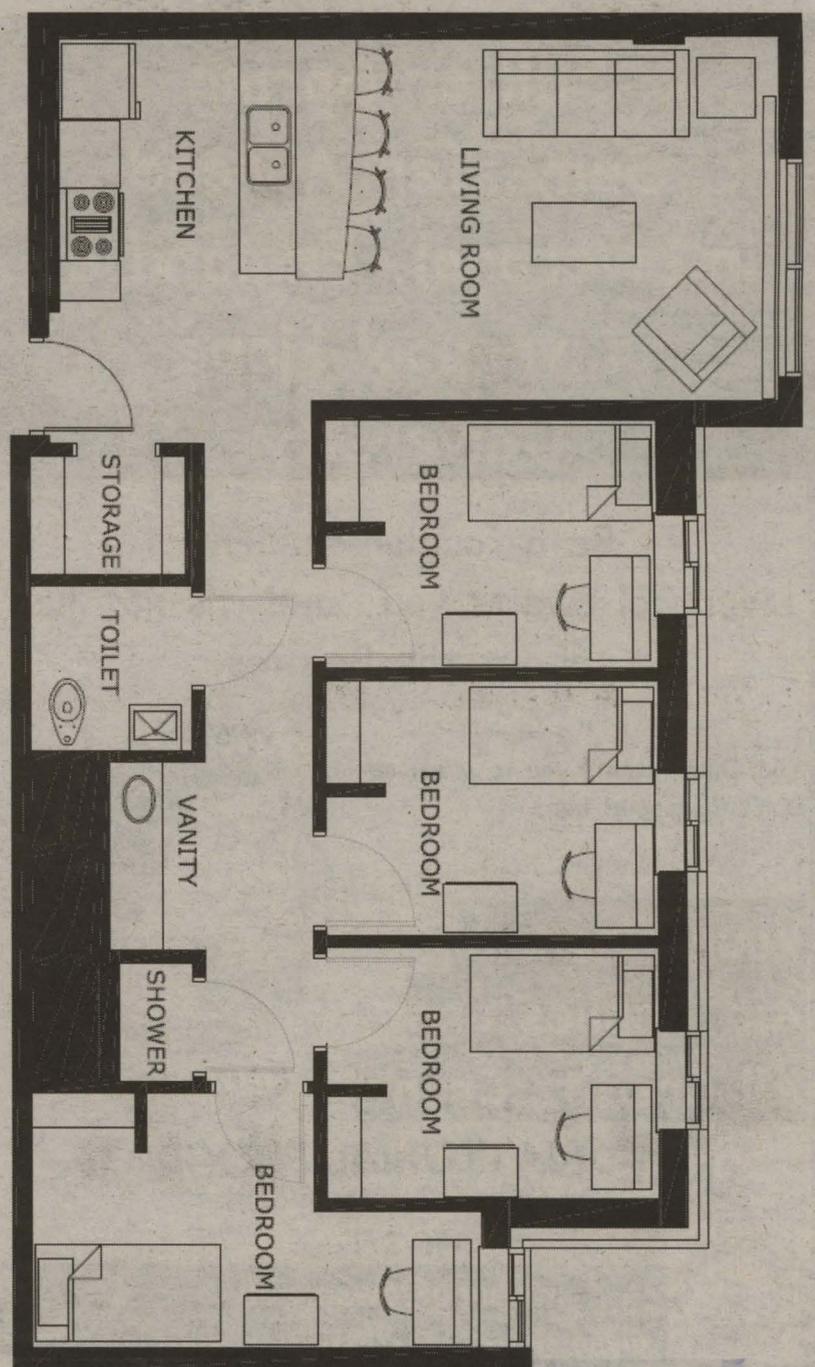
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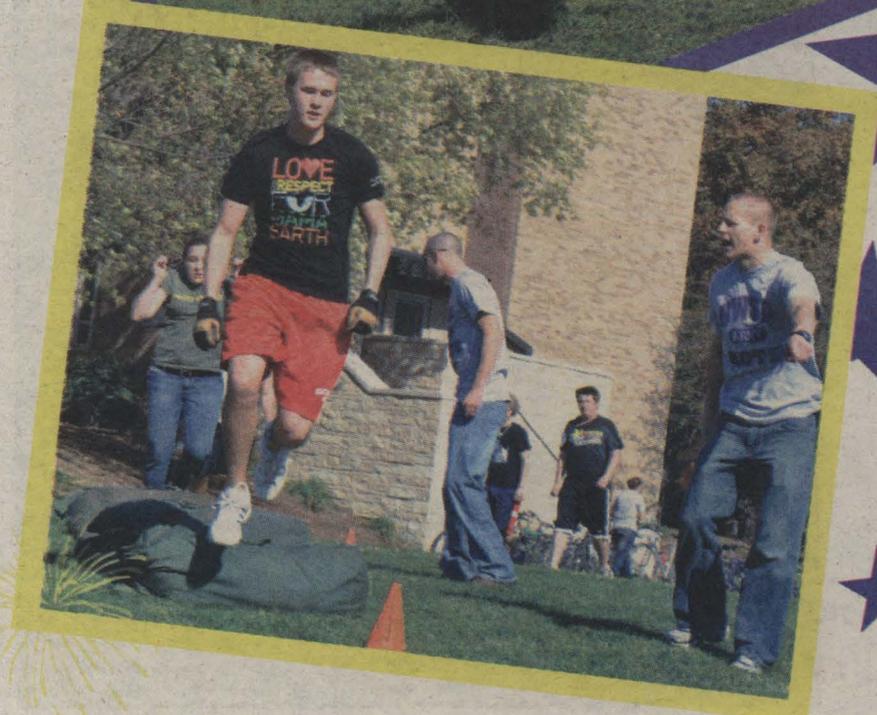


# POINTLIFE

## Pointers here to play: UWSP Homecoming 2010 photo narrative

Throughout this past homecoming week University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point students were truly "Pointers Here to Play" throughout this past homecoming week. Celebrating pride in the university, students raced through obstacle courses, sang their way through singing bees, and created team cheers. Students found new ways to celebrate, and found new causes for pride in their university.

Photos by Samantha Feld and Caleb Rabe



## POINTLIFE

## Pointer of the Week: Per Henningsgaard

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Per Henningsgaard is in his second year as an assistant professor in the English department at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Henningsgaard teaches Freshman English, but also teaches a very unique course on editing and publishing.

UWSP's editing and publishing class has been running on campus for 20 years. The class publishes one to two books each semester by authors from the college, Stevens Point and around the nation. During the summer, Henningsgaard sends out press releases asking authors to send in manuscripts, from which the final picks are made.

This semester, the class had 26 manuscripts submitted, but chose only one—they also inherited a book from the last class. One of the books they're publishing is a translated memoir by Richard Barker, a UWSP Spanish professor. The other book is called "Jake the Grizz and the World's

Fastest Snowboard," a book by Kit Kiefer from Plover.

The first of the books that



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Pointer of the week Per Henningsgaard

Henningsgaard called "riveting," while he said the second is hilarious fun and geared toward a younger audience.

Other courses that Henningsgaard teaches include business writing and independent writing, which he said he more "coordinates" than teaches, since students in the course come to the Tutoring and Learning Center once per week to work on any style of writing they'd like to with staff.

Of the business writing course, Henningsgaard said, "at college we get taught how to write essays, but in reality, when you leave college you'll probably never write an essay again." Because of this, the course is geared towards more practical, workplace-style writing.

Henningsgaard

received his doctorate in English and cultural studies in Australia, where he also taught Australian literature, creative writing and post-modernism from 2005-2009. This put Henningsgaard in the interesting position of teaching Australian literature to actual Australian students.

"It was a pretty interesting process to convince students I was qualified, but by the end they came around," said Henningsgaard.

Henningsgaard will be launching a new class on the history of the book next semester. He said he hopes it will take off just like the editing and publishing course. He said that in the end, the best part about teaching is seeing results—seeing a difference in students you work with.

When Henningsgaard isn't teaching, he enjoys playing intramural Ultimate Frisbee, running and his DJ spot at 90 FM—he said his favorite current artist is Tallest Man on Earth. Henningsgaard is also the faculty mentor for Smith Hall, and said he really likes joining them on their rock climbing excursions.

## Children find themselves up a tree on campus

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Perhaps you were one of those children who had the insatiable urge to climb trees, or maybe you had one of those friends growing up that would seem to spend more time scaling trees than playing in sandboxes.

Well, those kids who love to climb trees got their chance to do so safely at the Student Society of Arboriculture's annual Kid's Climb in front of Old Main on homecoming weekend. Interested and eager children were strapped securely into a harness by a member of SSA and

it's members of the SSA who get right up there and prune them.

In an attempt to raise awareness and interest in arboriculture in youths and parents, the SSA holds these Kid's Climbs every homecoming weekend. Whether the families are visiting the campus or are local residents, they enjoy the event.

"I saw a number of the same kids and parents from last year, they loved it so much the came back for more. We even had a hard time getting a few of the children to come back down from the two trees we set up, the tallest of which was the most popular," said Arts.

SSA does several other activities in addition to the kids climb. Pruning trees isn't only for aesthetic value, it has a practical use too. Keeping braches away from power lines and out of adjacent home windows is an important part of urban forestry,

along with maintaining sustainable tree growth and keeping them healthy.

According to the website, [www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/ssa/](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/ssa/), a prerequisite for the actual climbing class of the

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**"We do a number of climbs throughout the year, its really good hands experience for a career in Forestry."**

assisted in climbing up the via a system of ropes and pulleys.

The tree climb is an event for kids, parents and anyone else who wants to give scaling a tree a shot under the supervision of SSA.

"We saw an average age of 5 to 12 year olds who wanted to climb, but the event is open to all ages, we even had a few parents climbing," said Laura Arts, a senior at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and member of SSA who oversaw the event.

SSA, a branch of Wisconsin Arborists Association, is a student organization that is active in the maintenance of local urban forestry in Stevens Point. If you have ever wondered how the trees stay so shapely,

The kids also enjoyed a number of activities on the ground as well, such as games and a variety of play equipment. Next year, Arts plans to come up with an encouragement system that rewards junior climbers for their journey upwards along with more activities for the children waiting their turn.

The turn out for this year's climb was bigger than last year and she expects, along with some of the same faces, a new crowd to fill the branches next year as well. She also made very clear that an interested party doesn't have to be a kid to attend the "Kid's Climb," the event is open to anyone with a mind to find themselves up a tree.

# Viva! Gourmet

## Mix it Up With Stirfry

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Just earlier this week while walking to class: taking in the vibrant fall colors, the crunch of leaves below my feet and all the beautiful weather we've been having recently, it hit me: we're going on week seven. We're only another week or two from the half waypoint to freedom—and you can see it on the faces of students all over the campus.

You can see it in the music major that pulled an all-nighter in the NFAC last night, the English major who has three papers due to tomorrow or the natural resources major who had an exam at 8 a.m. and has two more to go before the day's finished.

As I was thinking of the recipe I wanted to share with you this week, I kept three criteria in mind: quick, easy and nutritional. Quick, so you can get on with your studying. Easy, so you're not wasting too many of those valuable brain cells. Nutritional, so you can stay healthy after another sleepless night. Guessed it yet? Stir fry of course.

What is a stirfry, really? Well, it can be a lot of things, I suppose. I mean, the only criteria is that you must: a. stir and b. fry. However, more often than not, we associate the stir-fry with some type of Asian inspired dish. And in the case of this issue, you would be right to do so. That's not to say you can't get creative with it though. Mexican inspired?

Just off the top of my head: sliced green bell pepper, onions, ground cumin or chipotle spiced pork, served

over a bed of steamed rice with a pico-de-gallo.

By now, you're probably wondering just what the title is all about. Well, if you think about it, it's an important distinction to make. Making a good stir-fry is all about technique, the most primary of which is knowing how to fry something over high heat.

Let's say you're using thin strips of beef, broccoli, and bean sprouts.

First, and most importantly, you must have everything cut and prepared before you even start, and that means having a pot of steamed rice on hand as well.

Second, don't crowd the pan. If you're cooking for more than 2 people, then do it in batches or you'll just end up boiling the beef in its own juices.

Third, fry before you stir. As tempting as it is to move things around in the pan, the more you leave it alone the better texture you'll get. Finally, use common sense. The beef isn't going to cook as fast as most of the vegetables so don't add the bean sprouts until the end.

Now that you're armed with the most fundamental techniques, here's the recipe:

#### Sauce:

1/2-cup soy sauce  
1/3-cup water  
1 inch ginger, peeled and grated  
2 medium sized cloves of garlic, peeled and grated  
1 T. cornstarch



Photo by Martin Smith

Martin Smith stirs up some crazy goodness while making the featured stir fry.

In a small mixing bowl whisk together the first four ingredients. Add the cornstarch and whisk until it is well incorporated. Set aside. You can half or double this recipe depending on how many mouths you're feeding, but this one should be good for two or three plates.

#### You will need:

Vegetable oil (soybean)

#### Ingredient Suggestions:

Beef, cut into thin strips  
Water chestnuts  
Broccoli  
Red Bell Pepper  
Bean Sprouts  
Shiitake Mushrooms

Add 1 T. of vegetable oil to a medium sized skillet (or wok if you have one) over high heat. Add the beef and fry for 2-3 minutes, pouring off any excessive juices accumulated at the bottom of the pan. Add your other ingredients and fry until they are cooked but not soggy—they

should still be somewhat crunchy when you're through. Add the sauce to the pan all at once, stirring constantly. Once the sauce begins to thicken, take the pan off the heat and serve immediately over a bed of steamed rice.

**Dress It Up:** Serve with plum wine or green tea. Garnish with finely sliced raw green onion and/or pickled ginger.

**Dress It Down:** Most freezer sections offer a variety of stir-fry/veggie mixes for a decent price if you don't have the time to cut and prepare all of the dry ingredients. Just thaw them well and drain off any excess water or you'll just end up with a bunch of mushy slop.

**Sustainable Options:** Just about every ingredient I've mentioned can be bought locally or organic. The farmers markets are starting to dry up, but the Co-Op on the corner of 4th Ave. and 2nd St. is open every day.

## Brandi Carlile makes her way through Stevens Point

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Brandi Carlile, who is best known for her song "The Story," will be heading to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus on October 15.

Steve Prosenyak, who is a senior double major in music and arts management and the concerts coordinator at Centertainment, knows a lot about Carlile but didn't book her.

Carlile picked up a guitar and began singing at 15 and then had her first gig when she was 16 in her home state of Washington.

"At 16 she began to perform as a back-up singer for an Elvis impersonator," said Prosenyak. "After that, she started to tour around the local Seattle scene."

She then released a few recordings before she was discovered by Dave Matthews when her band performed at the 2003 Sasquatch Music Festival. Shortly after, she was signed by Columbia records, and has now played with many different bands

from Tori Amos to Maroon 5.

"Her band is unique because it consists of her, another guitarist, a bassist and a cellist," Prosenyak said. "She does not have any drums in her band, so it makes it a stripped down sound." Her sound could be classified as folk/rock/pop also with a singer-songwriter vibe. It is a laid-back sort of sound.

The opener for Carlile will be Katie Herzig, who is a Grammy-nominated performer who became interested in performing at the end of high school. She started a band while attending the University of Colorado, called Newcomer's Home, which stayed together for nine years. She started her solo career.

Herzig co-wrote a song entitled "Heavens My Home," which received a Grammy nomination in 2007. The two together will make for a great team, and both represent a very folk/singer-songwriter vibe.

The concert will be held in the Laird Room and doors open at 7:00 p.m.,

with the concert starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the

Ticket and Information Center in the Dreyfus University Center.



Musician Brandi Carlile.

Photo courtesy of www.brandicarlile.com

# POINTLIFE

## Puzzles

Sudoku 12x12 - Puzzle 2 of 5 - Easy

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- ACROSS**  
 1- HIT BACK, PERHAPS  
 6- DARKEN  
 11- BAD-MOUTH  
 14- OPEN, AS A GATE  
 15- BLUFFER'S PLOY  
 16- METAL-BEARING MINERAL  
 17- COOL!  
 18- CHURCH INSTRUMENT  
 19- AUTHOR FLEMING  
 20- ICONS  
 22- \_\_\_ DOMINGO  
 24- DUPED  
 28- JACKFISH  
 29- SEA OFF GREECE  
 30- CORPORATION  
 32- MUSICAL COMPOSITION FOR TWO  
 33- SEVERE  
 35- SOME NEST EGGS  
 39- CATCH A VIEW OF  
 40- BESIDES  
 41- ONE WITH A GLAZED LOOK, PERHAPS  
 42- CLOCKMAKER THOMAS  
 43- HIPBONE  
 45- BRAIN WAVE  
 46- ROOM AT THE TOP  
 48- TO SHOW A DIFFERENT SURFACE  
 50- MARK USED IN ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS  
 53- TREE PLANTATIONS  
 54- METAL SPIKES  
 55- BASIC MONETARY UNIT OF DENMARK  
 57- ANTIQUITY, OLD-STYLE  
 58- PROPOSE, PERHAPS  
 60- ESSENTIAL OIL  
 65- APPLICATION  
 66- CHOU \_\_\_  
 67- LARGE WADING BIRD  
 68- ACCEPTABLE SCORE FOR A PROFESSIONAL GOLFER  
 69- DUPE  
 70- SERAGLIO

- DOWN**  
 1- FLEE  
 2- CHEMICAL ENDING  
 3- ATTORNEY'S ORG.  
 4- CMDR DATA'S WAS NAMED SPOT  
 5- RUSSIAN SLEIGH  
 6- YOUNG  
 7- BRITISH NOBLEMAN  
 8- DELVES  
 9- THIS \_\_\_ STICKUP!  
 10- MONTHLY  
 11- PERFORMANCE  
 12- ANGRY  
 13- SPANISH MISTER  
 21- STUDIES  
 23- AUDITORY  
 24- THEY GET HIGH TWICE A DAY  
 25- AWAKEN  
 26- ALL THUMBS  
 27- YOU CAN'T FIGHT THEM  
 28- SLOTH, E.G.  
 30- PHOTO FINISH?  
 31- LANGUAGE OF PAKISTAN  
 34- ANKLEBONES  
 36- TRAVELS ON  
 37- ATTENTIVE, WARNING OF DANGER  
 38- CHAIRS  
 43- T.G.I.F. PART  
 44- EARTH'S SATELLITE  
 47- ELEPHANT OR WARTHOG, E.G.  
 49- VIOLATION OF TRUST  
 50- GET THE BETTER OF  
 51- LIGHT WOOD  
 52- BIRD THAT GETS YOU DOWN  
 53- ACCOUNTANT'S SHEET  
 55- SEAWEED  
 56- BACK  
 59- VANE DIR.  
 61- SONG SYLLABLE  
 62- PAVING MATERIAL  
 63- HYDROCARBON SUFFIX  
 64- "LOSING MY RELIGION" BAND

Sudoku 6x6 - Solution 5 of 5 - Easy

3	5	1	2	4	6
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2	4	3	5	6	1

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Answers from the Oct. 7th issue.

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# OPINION

## Minimum Wage: Not making the cut for American citizens

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A single mother who works three jobs in Omaha, Neb. told George W. Bush her story once. His response was that it is "uniquely American."

Unfortunately, this story is all too common. While some may find that it is an extremely admirable thing to do, and don't get me wrong, it most certainly shows she loves her family very much, it's wrong to even allow this to happen in this country.

Single moms, like college students, are plagued with the idea of a low minimum wage. Congress took ten years to raise the minimum wage while inflation rose and devalued the money people were earning.

Today that money still isn't where it needs to be. The current minimum wage is at \$7.25. That isn't just for college students either; it's for single moms, dads, families, students and everyone out in the work place.

That means that children have to sacrifice a good meal, or parents might have to turn off the electric for a few days in December during the coldest days of the year.

Some cities have looked at this and said we can't allow that to happen. Of those cities, most have raised it above ten dollars, some going even as high as \$13 an hour.

**Instead of a mega corporation making \$4.5 billion dollars a year, they might make a billion dollars less. Does that sound like irreparable harm to you? Not to me, it doesn't. - Klein**

Now that is a real wage. A wage that can pay the bills while still feeding their families. A wage that can still make sure kids are getting the school supplies they need while replacing those jeans they tore up on the playground.

That's something to me that trumps corporate greed. When raising minimum wage threatens a company's profits in a minimal percentage, then I don't have a problem with it, and neither should the American people.

Instead of a mega corporation making \$4.5 billion dollars a year, they might make a billion dollars less. Does that sound like irreparable harm to you? Not to me, it doesn't.

The only thing that is irreparable harm is that if we don't act now to raise minimum wage, the country will continue to fall behind in helping its citizens make a decent living.

After all, this country was founded on the pursuit of happiness. A per-



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

Photo by Samantha Feld

son can't be happy if they don't have a job that they can take pride in and still pay the bills with.

That is why the minimum wage is an important issue for you, for me, for the entire country.

While we wait to act on this issue, we allow our country's cash to inflate and devalue its citizens.

We are all a part of this world, it's time that we started acting like it, and that means raising the minimum wage now, not waiting.

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Proponents of minimum wage laws claim that workers deserve a "fair" minimum wage, as though government could simply legislate wealth into existence. If it were possible for Congress to do so, it would have long ago passed laws prohibiting poverty and ensuring that every one of us could be wealthy. For good or for ill, however, ours is a world of scarcity, and wealth is a product of the law of supply and demand, not of legislative fiat.

Simply stated, if the government forces the market to raise prices of a good or service above its market value, the demand for that good or service will typically fall, and some of the supply will become "disemployed." Unfortunately, in the case

tion by claiming that as businesses are forced to pay their workers higher wages, they will push that cost to consumers by forcing them to pay higher prices for goods and services. This is called cost-push inflation. However, cost-push inflation does not result from minimum wage laws. The actual result is far worse. What actually happens is that larger businesses that are more profitable can absorb these costs. For them, it will be business as usual.

Small businesses that have lower profit margins, however, will be forced to make one of two horrible decisions - either eliminate workers (which means that workers who are not let go will find their jobs becoming more demanding than before) or go out of business.

But what about those who live at the bottom rung of the economic ladder and are absolutely struggling? One of the tear-jerk emotional responses that proponents of minimum wage gives is that current wage rates do not permit full-time workers to provide for their families. My first response would be that seeing as this is the same argument used each and every time Congress decides to raise minimum-wage, it would appear that Congress is insane as the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, each time expecting a different result.

My second response would be that this example is just that. An example that does not reflect reality. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 76 percent of all minimum wage earners are not heads of households.

So, if minimum wage laws don't help the poor, young people and/or small businesses, why do we have minimum wage laws? The simple answer is special interests. Larger businesses won't mind seeing some of their smaller competitors go out of business; unions want to create barriers to employment so that those who earn higher wages will now also have their jobs protected from a higher supply of workers; and most members of Congress are usually campaigning for reelection.

So, can government do anything to help the poorest and least employable people and small businesses? Yes, the government can indeed do three things to help. It can cut government spending, cut taxes and get the hell out of people's way.

of minimum wages, the disemployed goods are workers.

How many of you have been rejected from being employed because you have too little or no prior experience for the job that you applied for? Part of the reason is that as young workers who have little job experience due to this nuisance called college, especially during a downward economic cycle, many employers feel that we are not worth the continually rising minimum wage rate. Basically, minimum wage laws make the least employable among us unemployable.

What this means is that not only are we denied immediate income, we are also denied the ability to gain any experience so that we may be employable at higher wage rates in the future. Considering this, young people should be opposed to minimum wage laws more adamantly than most others.

Some opponents of minimum wage rates argue that it leads to infla-

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Photo by Nate Enwald

The Student Society of Arboriculture hosted their annual Kids Climb on Saturday in front of Old Main.

student organization is Forestry 395: Tree Care Techniques. Once that is completed a member is free to attend the many tree climbs the group holds besides the annual Kids Climb. "We do a number of climbs throughout the year, its really good hands experience for a career in Forestry," Arts said. "But you don't have to be a urban forestry major to be a member of SSA or even to get up in the trees, we do lots of other stuff too."

The SSA members visit conferences of like-minded foresters and ecologists that share ideas and management techniques around the state held by the Wisconsin Arborists Association. They also participate in other conferences nationwide such as the upcoming Tree Care Industry expo in Pittsburg, which is the largest meeting of arborists in the world.

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## Belts' last day means the last taste of summer

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Photos by Samantha Feld



Some would call it completely unreasonable to wait in a half a mile long line just for ice cream, but to the residents of Stevens Point, Belts ice cream is the way they define the seasons. This past Sunday, October, 10th, residents of Stevens Point got their final taste of summer in the form of a Belt's ice cream dessert.



After waiting in line for an hour, Junior Krista Gerrits finally reaches the front of the line for a final taste of summer.



Jocelyn Herman and Emily Grawey savored every last drop of Belt's icecream on the final day of the season.