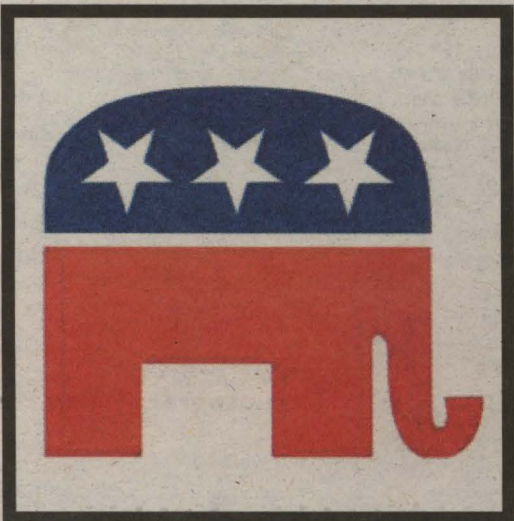


The Pointer

Students voice election opinions

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"I don't feel like I'm getting the whole story from any of the candidates."

- Ortega



Student voters have been a coveted demographic of candidates looking for an edge ever since they proved their influence in the 2008 presidential campaign. Grassroots campaigns and utilization of social media, such as Facebook, were crucial in getting out the young vote in that election. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's student body is quite diverse and considers a range of different issues important in this voting season, but the fact is, not all of them will end up exercising that right to vote come Nov. 2.

Isaac Ortega, a senior and math education major, is one of those students who

doesn't plan on voting Nov. 2. "I don't feel like I'm getting the whole story from any of the candidates," said Ortega, "and if I do vote, some dirt will most likely be dug up on that candidate and I'll feel bad that I voted for them."

Scandals within the government on a state and national level have certainly been on the rise in the past few years, leaving many voters wary of their decisions and nervous about voting. Murphie Mezzano, junior business administration and Spanish major, said, "I'm probably not going to vote because I don't feel like I'm getting enough

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CAMPUS

Referendum results in: UCAPB to become SGA committee

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In a much-anticipated move from student groups on campus, the Student Government Association held its referendum on the student segregated fee funding approval process.

The question that students were asked to decide upon was whether or not to dissolve the University Centers Advisory and Policy Board completely and give the duties it is charged with to SGA, also known as option 1, or to keep the group as is and put it

as a subcommittee under one of the SGA committees already in existence, or option 2.

The results were in last Wednesday evening and announced at the Thursday Senate meeting. Out of 936 students participating in the referendum, 583 chose option two in a two-to-one win over the dissolution of UCAPB.

In a lot of students' views, the question did not allow for any wiggle room on whether UCAPB could remain a sovereign entity separate from SGA.

Kathleen Gould, UCAPB chair, was upset at the outcome and the process that got the referendum rolling.

"I don't feel that the wording of the referendum was fair because if students chose option 1 UCAPB would be under SGA and if they chose option 2, UCAPB would still be under SGA. Where does it say that there is a third option that things stay the way they are?" Gould outlined in an e-mail statement.

Michael Wilson, SGA President, felt that the process had a lot of miscommunication as well.

"As we went through this pro-

cess of offering students authority over their budget, which started on a rocky road and because of miscommunication, and I take all responsibility for that, we've built a very constructive and diplomatic process that not only has brought this issue to the students' forefront, but has fundamentally altered their direct involvement in how they spend their money," he said at last Thursday's Student Senate meeting.

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NEWS

Vote/Undecided voters critical in election

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truthful information." She did say that while she won't vote, she thinks America needs to focus less on the rest of the world and figure out how to fix itself.

For other students, the economy and available jobs are the biggest issues in this election. DaMara Pryor, sophomore music performance and Biology major, plans to vote for Russ Feingold and said job security for college graduates and small business taxes are important issues to her. "I really don't think any of the other candidates are qualified and I think Feingold has done a good job in the past," said Pryor.

While some student voters are sticking with incumbents, others are hoping to elect new candidates. Dan Rowan, junior sociology major, said he plans to vote for Sean Duffy and

Scott Walker, and hopes they will positively influence the economy and greatly reduce government spending. "I'm not the biggest fan of some of the ideas and policies implemented by those in office and I think a big change is what we need to get the nation back on track," said Rowan.

Other students still, are undecided—the category every candidate, regardless of party, cares the most about. Senior and piano performance major Rory Bolton said that while he plans to vote, he is still undecided as to which candidates he'll end up going with. Bolton may be undecided about candidates, but he cited small town taxes, education and job security as the most important issues to him in this election. In many tight races around the state and nation, undecided voters such as Bolton will be the most critical voters for candidates to secure come Nov. 2.

Voter information:

Students can register to vote on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 2 by taking their driver's license or state-issued I.D. card to their polling place along with a proof of residency. Proof could be a utility bill or a housing contract. Housing contracts can be obtained by going to Residential Living Office, 601 Division Street.

To find your polling place log onto www.stevenspoint.com/vote. Please remember that even if you live on campus you may not vote at the Dreyfus University Center.

The Student Government Association is providing free vans to drive students to off-campus polling stations. The vans will be running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will pick students up at the Noel Fine Arts Center, Prey-Simms and Burroughs halls.

Referendum/Vote changes how student segregated fees will be allocated

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Regardless of how students feel about the process, there will be some serious changes in how student fees are allocated.

Prior to the Student Health Advisory Committee's decision to become a part of SGA, there were five shared governance organizations. The three that deal with segregated fees are SGA, UCAPB and SHAC. Then there is the Residence Hall Association, a group that deals with student housing and programming in the residence halls, and the Dining Advisory Board, a group that makes decisions on how student dining is run or the options provided to students on dining.

Students in various organizations have criticized this model over the past several years as being divisive and taking power away from students. Michael Wilson is among those, along with some of the SGA executive staff.

In a discussion after the SGA executive meeting, Seth Hoffmeister, the Student Life Issues Director, spoke about his take on the referendum. When asked about the wording, he spoke about the legality of it.

"We can't ask students to keep breaking the law," he said.

One of the main arguments by SGA is that the way student shared governance was running on campus was against system policy and against the law.

This is outlined on their website by citing case law and different Wisconsin Board of Regents policies.

However, the university administration has brought into question SGA's claim that laws have

been broken. In a memo drafted by Bob Tomlinson, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, he refers to the UW System Policy as well as case law as opinions rather than law.

Tomlinson had some merit in his memo. UW System Policy is only an interpretation of the Wisconsin statute 36.09(5) and the interpretation can be either followed or handled differently depending on the school. SGA disagreed.

With the referendum completed and the student body's opinions in, all that remains is the final idea of how the structure of the newly merged groups will look.

SHAC will be a subcommittee under the Student Life Issues Committee, a permanent committee under SGA. UCAPB is on its way to becoming a permanent committee under SGA as well, although their structure and their membership will be organized differently.

Gould has strong opposition to this idea.

"They plan on dropping people's positions from the board and adding new ones. I don't agree with this because if we are supposed to become a subcommittee of SGA, I feel that we should keep our current structure because the students voted for us to become a subcommittee, not to have our responsibilities taken over by SGA. If SGA feels they can restructure the board to the way they want, it is wrong," she stated.

Most likely this board will become much like a regular SGA committee. It will be composed of students and a paid executive member. When asked if she was offered a position as the executive on this board, Gould had reservations.

Referendum Results

Respondents: 936

Option 1

Response Total: 353
Response Percent: 38%

Option 2

Response Total: 583
Response Percent: 62%

* By choosing option 2, students voted to keep UCAPB and make it a subcommittee.

"I'm not sure what is going to happen about the chairperson. It depends on if they make the chairperson a paid position and how many hours a week the chair must put in. I already have a job on campus that I work 15+ hours a week. The chairperson is currently a non-paid position," Gould said.

These decisions are all yet to be made and SGA and the administration on campus are currently deliberating them. The verdicts are not final in any case.

However, students in different organizations across campus await the final process that will be laid out by SGA and how the changes will affect them.

Until then, the board is set for SGA to make their final moves and heavily favors them after the results of the referendum.

UCAPB is not sure what they will do and have not discussed the matter since the results of the referendum.

Gould could not speak for UCAPB on how they would take the referendum.

"I'm not sure how UCAPB will deal with the results," she said.

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NEWS

Candidates on the issues

■ Where candidates stand on the issues that matter to students most

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES



TOM BARRETT (D)

HIGHER ED

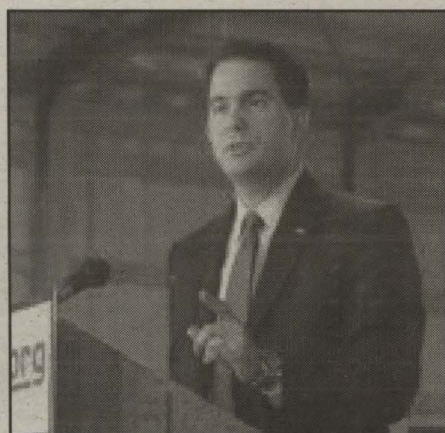
Supports a commitment to higher education and raising or keeping funding levels the same for higher education to lessen the burden on families and students paying for college, tech school or other post-secondary education.

HEALTHCARE

"Tom will continue to support these successful initiatives, and will fight to make sure that Wisconsin gets its fair share of federal resources so the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act works for Wisconsin working and middle class families."

ECONOMY/JOB

Barrett believes that targeted tax cuts will help stimulate job growth as well as job creation. He has laid out a 60 page plan outlining where he feels these cuts should be made.



SCOTT WALKER (R)

HIGHER ED

Walker, on his website, does not mention higher education, but rather focuses on k-12 reform in regards to merit pay and charter schools.

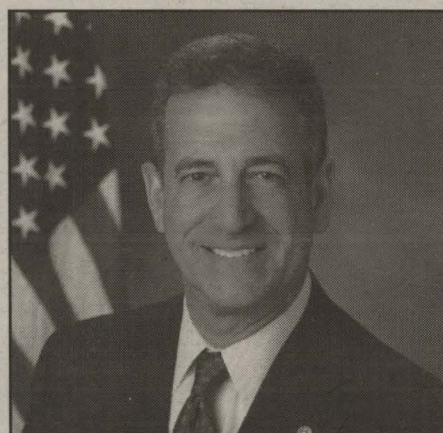
HEALTHCARE

"We must make quality, affordable healthcare available to hardworking families through market-based solutions like competition, transparency, and tax incentives, not Canadian style programs that put bureaucrats in charge of personal health care decisions. You should be able to choose your doctor, not have government make that decision for you."

ECONOMY/JOB

Walker has a six-step plan he outlines for creating jobs, and it focuses on (1) Lower taxes, (2) Eliminate bureaucratic red tape, (3) End frivolous lawsuits, (4) Improving education, (5) Making healthcare affordable, and (6) Investing in infrastructure.

SENATE CANDIDATES



RUSS FEINGOLD (D)

HIGHER ED

Feingold has been considered a leader in the area of higher education by most Democrats in the State of Wisconsin. Through opening the door on discussing more funding to universities and college, he has ensured more families and students are able to receive Pell grants.

HEALTHCARE

Feingold voted for the health care bill reluctantly because it did not offer a public option. He has often referred to it as a skeleton to fill in with muscle and tissue and a good start towards something better.

ECONOMY/JOB

Feingold has been a strong advocate for curbing corporate handouts. He supports Congress working together to reform the tax structure on large corporations and taxing middle class and small business less in order to stimulate job growth from the bottom up.



RON JOHNSON (R)

HIGHER ED

Johnson's website does not touch on the issue of higher education but focuses on local school districts. He does not believe in federal mandates for local areas such as the No Child Left Behind Act.

HEALTHCARE

"Ron will vote to repeal the Health Care Bill and replace it with market-based solutions that will include: portability, malpractice reform, mandate reduction, insurance purchase across state lines, lower costs, and a safety net for those with pre-existing conditions."

ECONOMY/JOB

Johnson asserts that government does not create jobs and it all falls in the private sector. Therefore he focuses on relinquishing regulations on businesses and higher tax cuts for corporations.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES



JULIE LASSA (D)

HIGHER ED

"Make college and technical college more affordable so that any student who wants to attend can afford to do so through increased grants and low interest loans."

HEALTHCARE

Lassa supports the health care bill that was passed but believes it needs improvement. She supports opening more of a public market for health care in order to provide for competition and open health care for people who cannot normally afford coverage.

ECONOMY/JOB

Lassa is one of the main crafters and players in the CORE Jobs act in the State of Wisconsin that allowed employers to have a tax cut as an incentive in job creation. She is complimented in keeping thousands of jobs in the state and wants to take this idea to Washington if she is elected.



SEAN DUFFY (R)

HIGHER ED

"Education doesn't end with high school graduation. The cost of attending a university or technical college continues to rise and the rate of unemployment for recent graduates is at an all-time high. I will work to create a business climate that encourages job creation so our graduates can work and live right here in Wisconsin."

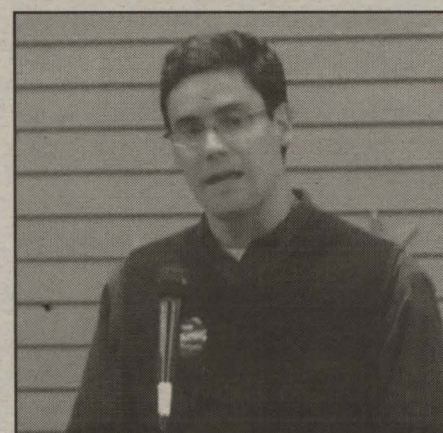
HEALTHCARE

Duffy supports the repeal and replace mentality. He also has been on record supporting Paul Ryan's budget that eliminates much of Medicare and Social Security.

ECONOMY/JOB

Duffy, much like most Republicans, supports lowering taxes to stimulate job growth in the private sector. He believes that it is not government's role to create jobs but rather the private corporations.

STATE ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES



LOUIS MOLEPSKE (D)

HIGHER ED

Molepske supports the idea of higher education, especially in Stevens Point with creating the nursing program at UWSP and the Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology.

HEALTHCARE

Molepske supports the BadgerCare initiatives. He also believes that getting rid of things like BadgerCare and Medicaid would be a serious blow to the people in his district as well as the state.

ECONOMY/JOB

Representative Molepske was also the primary Assembly sponsor of the Connecting Opportunity, Research, and Entrepreneurship (C.O.R.E.) Jobs Act, which promotes job creation by expanding the opportunities for funding and development for small business.



BOB SCOVILL (R)

HIGHER ED

Scovill's website does not outline anything on higher education.

HEALTHCARE

Scovill supports efforts to get rid of the mandated health insurance law through a statewide effort to sue nationwide leaders on the healthcare law.

ECONOMY/JOB

Scovill supports massive tax cuts and deregulation towards businesses, families and corporations across the state.

SPORTS

Homegrown: The ultimate team in frisbee

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Running like the game of soccer, catching passes like football and throwing like Frisbee. "I have played most all other sports at some point in my life and nothing compares to ultimate," said Mike Murphy, one of the team captains for Homegrown, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's ultimate team.

Ultimate is the actual name of what the public knows as Ultimate Frisbee. While some students may think Ultimate is just a group of people throwing a Frisbee back and

forth, it's actually an incredibly grueling sport.

"It takes large amounts of determination and effort to play Ultimate," said Murphy. "It is an extremely fast paced game."

Just a couple basic rules for those of you who don't know what Ultimate is:

- The field is the same length as a football field, with the end zones included and is played by teams of seven.
- Play starts with a coin flip or rock, paper, scissors, and the losing team "pulls," similar to a kickoff in football, to the opposing team.
- A player cannot run with the Frisbee after catching it.
- Points are scored when a team catches the disc from a teammate in the end zone.
- After each point, the team scored upon goes to the other end zone ("loser walks") and receives the pull.
- Games go to 15, win by two, or first to 17.
- There are no referees, so "Spirit of the Game" is extremely important

Homegrown is coming off a third place finish at the Real Eau Claire on Oct. 23 and 24 and are getting ready for the Halloweena in Winona, MN Oct. 30 and 31.

The team is looking to improve from last year's strong finish. Homegrown advanced through sectionals and regionals, just coming up short of going to nationals. This year, the team has its sights set high. "Last year we took 13th in the central



Photo by Scott Simpson

region," said Murphy, "Our biggest goal is to make it to college nationals, which only the top 20 teams in the nation are invited to. We are too big for DIII, so we are up against schools such as UW-Madison, Ohio State Michigan State, and Florida."

Ultimate is a fun and exciting sport, with a large following of dedicated players and fans. "Ultimate is a community in itself, with some of the best people I have ever met," said Murphy. "We commit a lot of time to Ultimate, with two hour practices twice a week. In the fall, we have six tournaments, one or two during

the winter, with at least three in the spring."

Homegrown is always looking for more people to join. "I would encourage anyone that's interested to come to a practice and check it out," said Murphy. "All you need is the desire to be competitive and have fun at all times. We can teach the rest."

For more information about Ultimate, go to www.whatisultimate.com. For more information about Homegrown and how to join, check them out at <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/ultimatefrisbee/> or friend them on Facebook.

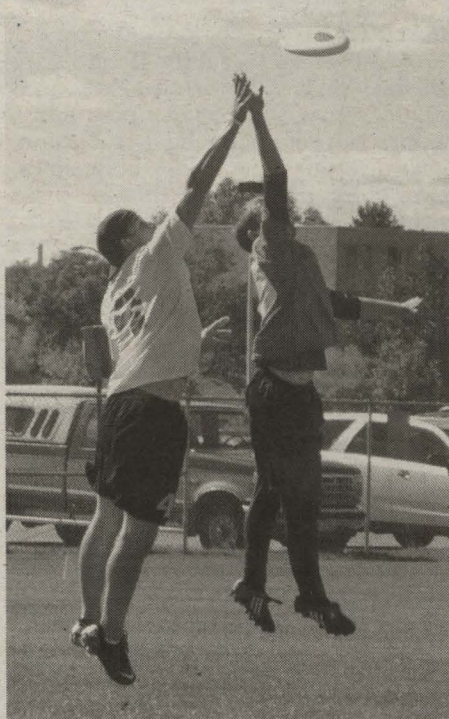


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Purple and gold swim meet kicks off season

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's and women's varsity swim teams recently kicked off their season with the UWSP hosted Purple and Gold Meet. The Purple and Gold Meet is an inner squad rivalry amongst the UWSP men's and women's swim teams.

The Purple and Gold Meet is an annual meet for the swim program. The main focus is to gauge the athletes readiness for the season. The men and women are separated equally in a showcase of UWSP's swim team talent prior to the start of the season.

The two teams' first official sanctioned meet is this weekend, on Oct.

30, a tri-dual meet for the Pointers. The Pointers will host the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and St. Cloud at the UWSP Aquatic Center.

Both the men's and women's teams are eager to continue where they left off last season, in which both teams won the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship. "I can't speak for the boys, but the girls are aiming to win conference again this year," explained Beth Ann Abraham, a senior captain on the women's swim team this season.

The Pointer's seem poised to do just that with a solid incoming freshman class and a large group of returning swimmers this season. "The majority of the team does often return, that's why every season all seniors on the team are named cap-

tains," Abraham said.

As Beth Ann took a study break from the team's mandatory freshmen study table, which as a captain, Abraham oversaw as captain, she explained how it feels to be back in season. "It felt good to be back in the water to be racing again, but it was hard. I'm still a little out of shape. I mean, it's the start of the season. I'm getting back in the groove," Abraham said.

Although the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse has been the usual suspect the last couple seasons, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire seems to be an early front runner with their pre-season banter about the pool side Dawgs.

No matter who becomes the Pointer's rival in the 2010 season, the WIAC Championships for swimming

and diving belong to both the UWSP men's and women's teams, so respect must be given.

Two teams who mainly focus on 100 percent team effort and outcome, while also focusing on dominating their individual events. The UWSP men's and women's swimming and diving teams are ready to compete and aim to repeat as WIAC champions.

"As our assistant coach likes to say, it's always summer in the pool, so come on out to a meet. Give us a shot," Abraham added as a call for support amongst the student ranks. UWSP's first official swim meet is this Saturday Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. The meet is an uncommon tri-dual meet for the Pointers against UW-Eau Claire and St. Cloud at home at the UWSP Aquatic Center.

SPORTS

Tough start for hockey

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's hockey team opened the 2010 season last Saturday, Oct. 23. The Pointers were looking sharp in their new uniforms and were ready to match up against the Lawrence University Vikings.

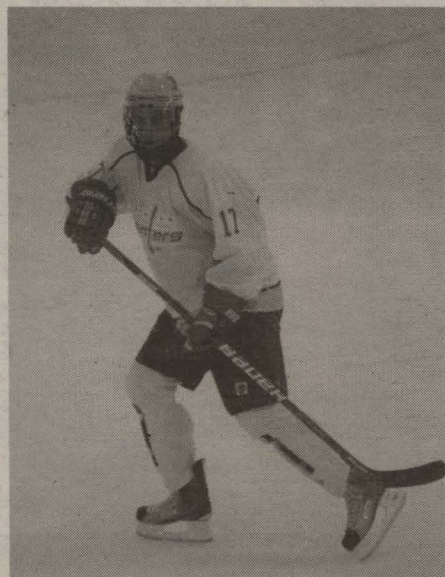
As always, K.B. Willett Ice Arena was full of eager UWSP hockey supporters. There were 1,327 hockey fans in attendance for the 2010 season opener.

The first period was full of first game jitters and both teams were a bit sloppy. Both teams skated back and forth on the ice, managing to score a goal apiece. With a power play and 12:24 left on the clock, Lawrence's Brad Scurfield got the assist from Josh DeSmit to score the first goal of the game.

After Scurfield's first goal of the season, the Pointers received a power play and scored with just over a minute left in the first period when junior Chad Boeckman assisted sophomore Alex Handy with a goal.

With the game tied 1-1 in the first period, both teams were looking to settle down. In the second period, the Vikings settled in first scoring just 1:30 into the period, but the Pointers would not let up.

Five minutes into the period the Pointers were moving the puck well and sophomore Brandon Busse scored a goal to tie things up at 2-2. With only 1:15 left in the period, Vikings' John Orrico received the assist from Reijo Wahlin to put Lawrence up 3-2. The Pointers felt their backs against the wall in the 3rd period and took to the ice with a purpose. The Pointers started the period with a power play.



Then, sophomore Johnny Meo scored a goal just 52 seconds into the third quarter, tying the game at 3-3.

The Pointers continued to play strong defense and moved the puck well, as sophomore Jake Skjodt gave the Pointers their first lead of the night with about 12 minutes left in the period. The Pointers would not be able to hold off the Vikings though, as more goals were scored by John Orrico and Brad Scurfield. Scurfield scored with 1:39 left in the game while being down a player, to shatter the Pointers' hopes of winning.

The Pointers head coach Will Nickel weighed in at the end of the game, saying "we knew that coming in they're good and they played hard and we knew they were going to until the end and obviously we didn't want to lose, but that's why we scheduled them because it's going to be like that all the way through the NCHA. Hopefully our guys understand now, and it didn't cost us any points so that's the good news, but obviously we wanted to win, so we're



Photos by Mark Kinslow



disappointed with the outcome."

The Pointers are heading to St. Scholastica to take on one of the most elite programs in the nation Friday and Saturday Oct. 29 and 30. "It's the work ethic that Lawrence had, multiplied by ten and that'll be St. Scholastica next weekend. So I think it's going to be a wakeup call for our

guys, we'll see how we respond, we're in the storm, that's what I told the boys. We're in the storm right now so we either point fingers and we abandon each other or we embrace this storm and get better and that's the interesting and fun part about team sports," said Coach Nickel in regard to last weekend's game.

Pointer women's hockey preview for season

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With the alumni and purple and gold game behind them, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team has set their sights on their first game of the season. The Pointers will travel to Northfield, Minnesota to face St. Olaf College Oct. 29 and 30 for their first game.

The Pointers are energized to play an unfamiliar opponent this weekend, since it will be their first non-conference game of the season. Although the Pointers have only played non-sanctioned games amongst themselves and alumni, those games were very competitive for them.

Dana Carothers, a senior, and communication major, said, "It's fun to play with the alumni, cause we played with a lot of them. It's really fun to see some of them and it's good competition. We play hard and they play hard." The women's hockey program is excited for the seasons' challenges.

There are three senior Pointers amongst a fairly young roster with about 13 returning players. Junior Samantha Scheiving added, "We have a lot of hard workers this year eager to learn and play their role." Scheiving, a communication major and native of Minnesota, is confident and optimistic about the play and determination of the new talent.

Carothers, one of the only three seniors on the team, agrees with her teammate and is excited to witness

their new teammate's transition to the faster-paced college game. Carothers and Scheiving aren't the only members of the women's hockey program that feel this way.

Head Coach Ann Ninnemann also feels the incoming freshman will play a large role in the program's success this season, especially for a young team facing a lot of adversity. "We are excited; we have nine new faces and thirteen returners. We have quite a bit of experience coming back, and we're looking to finish top of the conference," said Coach Ninnemann.

The program is looking forward to an epic season, there seems to be a subtle buzz in the air due to the addition of two new hockey programs added to the conference. The Pointers open up conference play against St. Norbert Nov. 19, one of the newly

added programs to the Pointers conference.

Although the ladies don't start conference play until the face-off against St. Norberts, their non-conference match-ups are no cake walk. Coach Ninnemann explained, "the non-conference teams we schedule are all competitive teams, so this weekend and next week should be good challenges for us to prepare for conference play."

The Pointers receive great support from the community, but encourage students to come out and support your UWSP women's hockey team. The ladies are ready to kick-off the 2010 season this weekend at St. Olaf this Oct. 29 and 30; their first home game will be against the University of St. Thomas Friday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Ice Hawks Arena.

SPORTS

Pointers ground Eagles

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What seemed like a potential shootout early on, quickly turned ugly for the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. After a quick field goal, the Eagles wouldn't contribute to the scoreboard again until the fourth quarter. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Pointers, however, found it frequently and would go on to defeat UW-L 31-17.

The Eagles wasted little time as they received the opening kick and proceeded to drive downfield. The UWSP defense would manage to hold UW-L to a 42-yard field goal, which put them in the hole early.

The Pointer offense would take over after the UW-L kickoff, but not for long. UWSP would control the ball for less than a minute before being forced to punt it away. However, the defense would again hold, forcing the Eagles to punt as well. The Point offense would get another crack at a touchdown in the first quarter, and this time they would capitalize.

After senior quarterback Jake Swank's first completed pass went for a 1-yard loss to sophomore running back Mike Griffin, Point decided to get back to the ground game. Two plays and 32 yards later, Griffin was in the end zone for the Pointer's first touchdown of the day.

Both defenses would showcase solid performances later in the first quarter as UW-L would force and recover two fumbles. UWSP was able to stop them from converting the turnovers into points, and the first frame would end with Point on top 7-3.

In the second quarter the Pointers were able to add points to the scoreboard yet again when senior running back Kyle Furhman knifed into the end zone from one yard out. Furhman's physical running would be an important key in helping UWSP wear down the Eagles. After junior kicker Jered Fohrman tacked on the extra point, the Pointers would head into the locker room with a 14-3 lead and their minds set on increasing it.

Point added 10 more points in the second quarter thanks to a 22-yard Furhman field goal that capped off a 12 play, 83-yard drive for the Pointers. Then, Jake Swank connected with senior receiver Jared Jenkins on a 23-yard strike to widen the lead to 21 points. Swank would again find Jenkins in the fourth quarter for the Pointers' final score of the game, making the score 31-3.

UW-L would make a late run in the fourth when sophomore running back Bakary Dao would punch in a 7-yard score to bring the score to 31-10. The Eagles would score once more when the backup quarterback, freshman Mike Butterfield, found fellow freshman Tony Bilderback in the end zone for a touchdown with 11 seconds left in the game. It would prove to be too little, too late, as the Pointers would walk away with a convincing 31-17 victory.

Swank completed 10 of 22 passes for 194 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. Jared Jenkins led the Pointers with 7 receptions for 177 yards and caught both of Swank's touchdown passes.

Kyle Furhman led the Pointer ground attack against the Eagles. Furhman pounded his way for 121 yards off 25 carries, both career bests.

The Point defenders recorded



three sacks on the day, one each by seniors Matt Lunder and Brandon Bruger and another by sophomore linebacker Andy Roloff. The Pointer defense also caused two turnovers in Saturday's game; a fumble recovered by senior defensive back Peter Peterson and an interception by junior defensiveback Collin Johnson.

The Pointers will take their show on the road this Saturday when they square off against conference leading University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. "We're going down into the firestorm," said head coach John Miech. "If you want to win conference you have to go through Whitewater, and I think they know we're one of the last teams who can beat them."

If Point can pull off the upset against Whitewater they will be forced into a tie at the top with the Warhawks. If Point loses this weekend and Oshkosh loses, they will remain tied for second but would own the head-to-head victory over the Titans.

The battle begins this Saturday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. at Perkins Stadium in Whitewater.



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Pumpkin carving contest inspires creative jack-o-lanterns

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Photos by Nate Enwald

At the Dreyfus University Center, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, students got a chance to hone their pumpkin carving skills.

The contest, coordinated by Nikki Truskowski of Centertainment Productions, gave students the opportunity to cut into a pumpkin in preparation for Halloween in the Encore room at the DUC, free of charge.



In the spirit of Halloween, students carved pumpkins in the Dreyfus University Center Encore.



After the event, students show off their creative pumpkin carvings.

"I figured, because it's almost Halloween, that we should have a Halloween themed event," said Truskowski. "I really like to theme my events, like for Earth Day I'll defiantly have something to do with sustainability. This year I might be able to even have an Easter scavenger hunt."

Participating students had the choice of two different classes to enter their pumpkins, the first being

the Classic Pumpkin carving and a Creative Pumpkin carving.

In the Classic category they were given the option to free hand carve or use paper cutouts of traditional faces. The Creative category was for those who desired to carve images and other shapes into their pumpkin rather than the usual Halloween faces.

Students who chose one class or the other didn't have to worry about competing with each other because both categories received their own

1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners.

The winner of the Creative category were Kara Reese, who took first, second went to Brian Pratt, and Michael Van Offeren took third.

First place, in the Classic category, went to Mackenzie Koughl, second place was awarded to Shelby Hartig, and Kalsey Ballard took third.

As a surprise to participants a third class of winners was announced at the end of the contest by Truskowski called the "Tried Your Best" category as a way to include more people into the event.

The winners for the 'Best Effort' category were Kim Kiesner who took first, Cai Dickman took second, and Devin Wobschall scored third.

"I think this is a great idea, with Halloween coming up so soon and for a weekend event they had a really good turnout, and everyone loves to carve pumpkins," said Carrie Javenkoski, a contestant in the carving contest.

The prizes for the contest included gift cards to Target, Halloween cups and plates that resembled spider webs, along with other winnings. Also, every participant received a 'goodie' bag of candy, just for being pumpkin artists.

"I'm surprised, there's actually a lot of creativity going on here," said Tate Cameron, the administrative budget coordinator for Centertainment Productions, who was assisting Truskowski with the contest.

Cameron also said that although this was the first Pumpkin carving contest here on campus, students may be able to look forward to similar contest next year because of the great turn out of interested people.

Truskowski's future Centertainment plans include presenting the Illusionist Reza from Las Vegas, which is set for Nov.13 at 8 p.m. in the Encore.

Art exhibit honors Mexican tradition

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Day of the Dead, or Dia de los Muertos, is a time-honored Mexican tradition that is still a very important cultural holiday.

Carlsten Art Gallery, located in Noel Fine Arts Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, is showcasing an exhibit dedicated to honoring the Mexican holiday.

Carlsten Art Gallery Director Caren Heft was excited to see an exhibit like this come to the gallery.

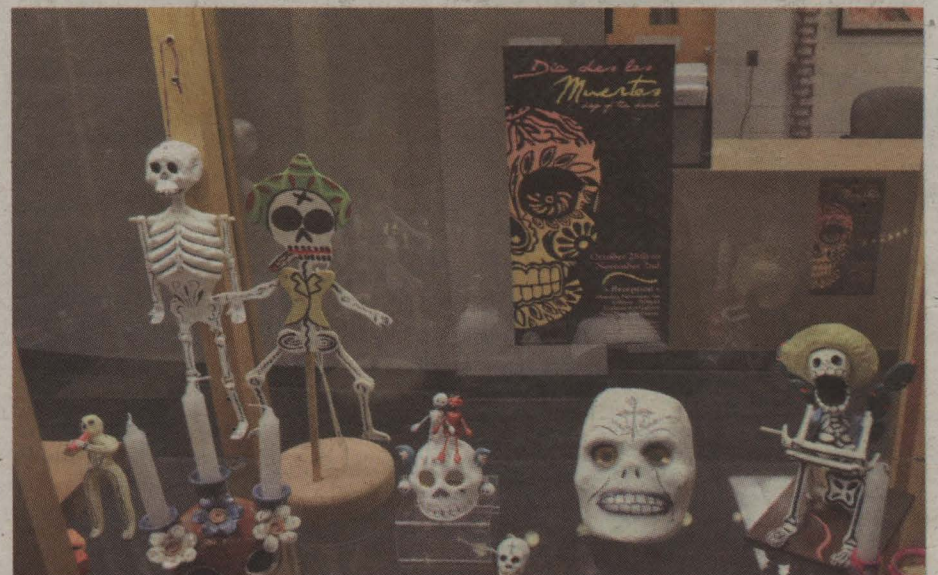
"We have Student Alliance for Latino Studies and Advancement (SALSA), Spanish club, International Club and Carlsten Gallery Student Advisory Committee (CGSAC) all participating," said Heft. "Of that

group, we have two Mexican nationals who are art students and one arts management student."

Day of the Dead is one of the biggest holidays celebrated in Latino culture. Lise Hawkos, who is an art instructor at UWSP, really took an interest in this exhibit and the idea behind the holiday.

"In Mexican culture, it's a time when they celebrate and prepare for the visits of their departed loved ones," said Hawkos. "It's not a spooky or scary time; it's really a festive and happy time."

One of the most important aspects of the holiday is creating an altar for the loved one.



Dia de Los Muertos is a holiday celebrated by many in Mexico. It focuses on the gatherings of family and friends to pray for, and remember, relatives who have died. Catrinas, as seen in this image, are among the most popular figures of the Dia de los Muertos celebration.

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Pointer of the Week: Michael Waak

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Michael Waak is president of the Gender and Sexuality Alliance, a student organization that has become increasingly active over the past two weeks.

Waak, senior water resources major, was born in Green Bay. He tutors, and works at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point water research lab.

"My interest is in the sciences but this is my passion, this is what I love to do" said Waak, of his position as president of GSA.

He has always held an interest in progressive activism, and began as treasurer of the club his sophomore year and has been president for the past two years. One of his goals as president was to turn the GSA from strictly a social group into a political

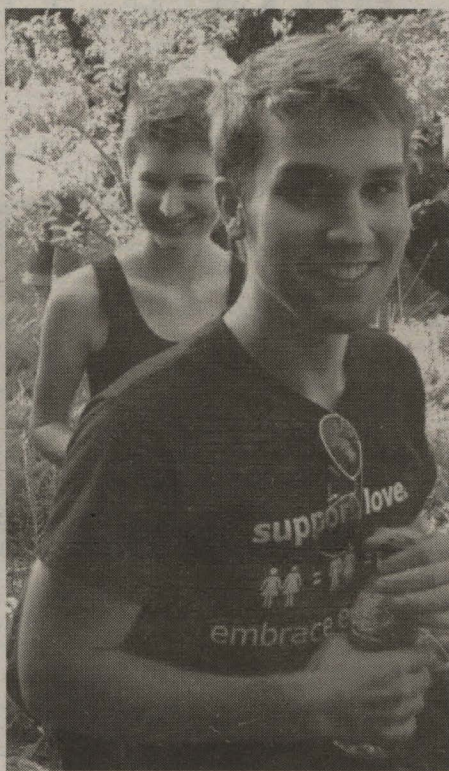


Photo courtesy of GSA

Pointer of the week Michael Waak

group as well.

"Over the years the GSA have struggled with whether or not to be a social or political club," he said. "People will see the social benefits through political action." The recent protests put on by the GSA are proof of the organizations' new political stance.

The second of the two protests, which took place on purple day, saw Waak featured on Newsline 9 out of Wausau.

Purple day was to show support for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, and Queer community in light of the recent suicides that took place as a result of cyber-bullying.

The recent years have seen a steady improvement in the number of students involved in the GSA. 70 people attended the welcome back picnic at the beginning of the year, while last year there were only 30 attendees.

Last year there were 30. The improved turnout was something that

Waak was noticeably excited about.

"By being president I have learned a lot of skills, and I hope that my future employers will see value in those skills" said Waak. He hopes that he can help blaze a trail for other LGBT students that want to make a career out of the sciences. "Science is not a field that you usually think of when you think LGBT."

There are several events that the GSA is planning, but the biggest is a screening of "Before Stonewall", a documentary about the beginning of the LGBTQ rights movement. The director of the documentary, Greta Schiller, will also be in attendance for the screening of the film. Waak is proud to be a part of the changing role of the GSA and encourages any and all students to get involved.

GSA meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Dreyfus University Center 223.

Study abroad program: Experience of a lifetime

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photos courtesy of Becca Brossard

Many students have heard about studying abroad, but now the question is, what's keeping so many from experiencing it? Doing research may seem like the last thing you want to do, but this time the pay off isn't just a letter grade, but could be the experience of a life time.

The first step is finding the best place for you to travel. There is a large list of places that the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point can take you. There are 10 semester long programs, and more than 20 short term study tours over the winter interim and both the spring and the summer break. There are countries offered in all areas of the globe.

With money sometimes being tight for many students, finding financial support can be a relief during the

process.

"With an average of about 500 students per year taking advantage of the study abroad programs, the vast majority are eligible and do get financial aid," said Mark Koepke, assistant director of study abroad programs.

The study abroad staff is more than willing to help out all students to make sure that each payment is made on the deadline. Workstudy, financial aid, and scholarships are available for those who need extra financial support.

There are many reasons to study abroad and Ariyal Wagner, senior, was able to find enough reasons to spark her interest in travels.

"I adore Greek cuisine, making the Food and Wine trip to Greece my best choice," said Wagner. "I also wanted to see lives being lived outside of the United States, and to lose that sense of being sheltered and explore what else was out there."

The Greek trip takes you to ancient sites important to Greek culinary history. Wineries, cheese shops, restaurants, and olive groves are just a few stops that are on the list of places to visit. Cooking classes from a professional chef on a remote, beautiful island is just one of the highlights. Writers, film-makers, photographers, and anyone who knows how to enjoy a good plate of food are encouraged to take this trip.

Some students take advantage of the traveling as freshman and others wait until they have a solid view of their field of interest and their professional goals.

"Taking courses in the classroom is only one part of learning, but going on my Biology trip to Alaska gave me the best hands on practice and showed me what I could really be doing after I graduated," said Mandi Reininger,



Becca Brossard, junior, philosophy major, is currently studying abroad in Liverpool, England.

senior at UW-Stevens Point.

Roughing the Alaskan terrain can be seen as a challenge, but with a good group of classmates and a fun professor leading the way, this experience can turn out to be life changing. Tagging native birds to the area is one of the adventures these students will encounter. Wildlife activists, biologists, and any student looking for a different type of camping are encouraged to experience this trip.

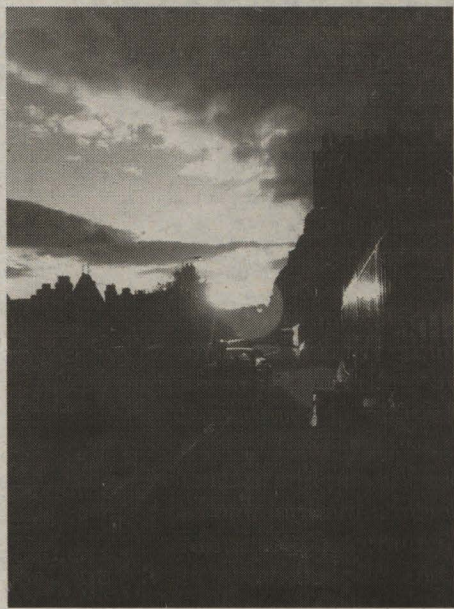
Koepke said that London is the most common destination, "the internships in London and the semester in

Britain are based there."

After finding your ideal destination comes the paperwork. When it comes to meeting the deadlines, the sooner you start, the better.

Taking one trip is experience in itself, but would it be worth to try yet a second trip? "After I got back from Alaska, I immediately started saving for my next trip to Costa Rica," said Reininger.

Deadlines to apply for each semester can be found at the study abroad program website: <http://www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad/>.



While studying in Liverpool, England, this current semester, Becca Brossard photographs the Edinburgh sunset.

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Viva! Gourmet

Have your spaghetti and eat it too

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Take a deep breath; it's just about over. Midterms, I mean. This past week has made me realize, more than ever, just how much work it truly is to be a full-time student. Class, work, study and repeat. That's been a pretty good description of my week.

So, for all you students out there who've spent more than your fair share of hours going to class, studying and attempting to pay off your bills, I salute you. This recipe is for you.

Spaghetti with tomato sauce. Not the most gourmet concept I suppose, though given the circumstances I can't think of a better way to end a week of utter misery. More than a bit of old fashioned comfort food— this recipe is homage to a simpler time, if you will. A time when you could have your cake and eat it too. Yes, I remember some of my first encounters with this holy duo.

My parents wouldn't let me at it without a bib. As soon as they set that plate of spaghetti in front of me, they knew what I would do. I couldn't control myself. I was young and I lacked a certain amount of table manners. Plus, spaghetti is just pure fun.

There are few things in the realm of food more satisfying than slurping up a giant plate of spaghetti without a care in the world. I can't help but recall that one snapshot buried somewhere in the photo drawer at my parents place.

There I am, no more than one and

a half years old, sitting in my high-chair in nothing but a diaper and bib, spaghetti sauce covering most of my arms, torso and face. A big fat grin on my face as I grab for another pile of noodles. Why do I tell you this? Well, I'd be willing to bet that many of you have a similar story to tell.

More than that, I hope that when you make this recipe, you'll remember the good old times when food was just pure fun. Now go on; slurp it. Makes a very generous four to five servings

Ingredients:

2 T. olive oil
1 large onion, chopped
4 cloves medium cloves garlic, finely chopped
Dried red pepper flakes
2 6 oz. cans organic tomato paste
1 28 oz. can organic whole peeled tomatoes
1½ cups water
1½ tsp. dried basil
½ tsp. dried oregano
Black pepper
Salt
1 lb. spaghetti
Fresh basil, chopped (optional)

In a large pot, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the onion, garlic plus a pinch or two of dried red pepper flakes. Sauté for 3-5 minutes until the onion becomes translucent. Add in all of the tomato paste and sauté for another minute. Wash your hands, here comes the fun part.

One at a time squeeze the toma-

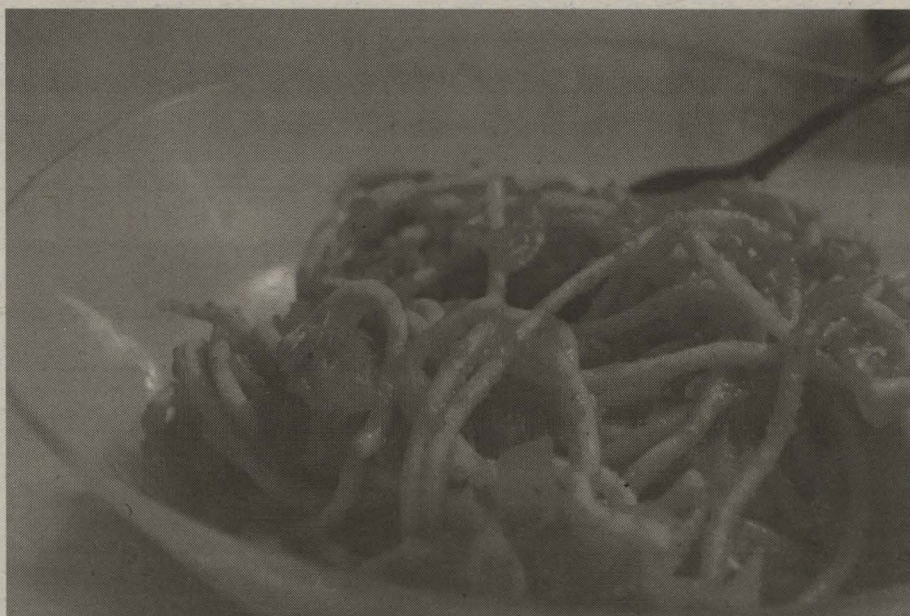


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Comfort food does its job after midterms.

atoes through your fingers and into to the pot, so all of the juices are incorporated. You'll want to wear an apron while doing this, because you're likely to get hit with a few stray bursts of tomato juice.

Break up any overly large chunks of tomato with the back of a spoon once in the pot. Add in the reserved tomato juice from the can, water, basil, oregano and freshly ground black pepper to taste.

Turn the heat down to medium and simmer for 40 minutes to an hour, until sauce reaches desired consistency. Season to taste with salt.

While the sauce is simmering, bring a generous amount of water to a boil in a large stockpot. Add in the dried spaghetti and cook just shy of al dente, as indicated on the back of the box. Strain the pasta and finish cooking in the sauce.

As most any Italian will tell you, this is very important. Finishing the pasta in the sauce will help them to fully absorb the rich flavor of the

tomato sauce (as opposed to just ladling the sauce on each plate).

Dress It Up:

Garnish with chopped fresh basil and grated Parmesan cheese. Serve with your favorite red wine— Shiraz and pinot noir work nicely.

Dress It Down:

You don't have to use organic tomato products, but it will taste better if you do.

Other Healthful/Sustainable Options:

Substitute whole wheat pasta in place of the regular variety. Once again, you can get each and every ingredient from the local Co-Op. You can substitute fresh tomatoes for all of the canned products, but for this time of the year when tomatoes are scarce and relatively flavorless, I find organic canned tomatoes to be a very suitable option.

Percussionist Neeraj Mehta Visits UW-Stevens Point

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Renowned percussionist Neeraj Mehta visited the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point last Sunday, Oct. 24 to give an informational lecture/workshop and a concert later that evening.

Both events focused primarily on Danish percussion music as an art form and the contributions such music has made to the world of composition. Famous Danish composer Per Norgard, in particular, was alluded to throughout each event.

Mehta said, "For me, Per Norgard is a true visionary, philosopher, and composer. I find humanity and compassion in his music, as well as a distinct take on modernism."

The lecture/workshop that Mehta gave was on Norgard's works and compositional techniques in particular. Per Norgard, as it was explained by Mehta, was born in 1932 and currently lives in Copenhagen, Denmark. A renowned teacher and composer, Norgard has taught at the Danish Academy of music and has

had a number of renowned protégés, including Mehta himself for a brief period.

Mehta went on to reveal some unique insights into the compositional style of Norgard: A system that he calls the "infinity series". "Norgard discovered the infinity series", said Mehta, "but Danes are modest. He'd never tell you that himself."

Students attending the event seemed to go from a state of utter confusion to a relatively decent understanding of the concept, as Mehta went through his presentation. At the end, students were allowed to test out their understanding of the infinity series on a variety of percussion instruments. Within ten minutes, the room was filled with the musical styles and improvisational techniques explained by Mehta.

The concert then, which began roughly three hours later in Michelsen Hall, was equally unique and exciting.

Students and faculty members alike gathered in Michelsen to hear Mehta perform. At 7:30 p.m. the hall went pitch black. Then suddenly, in an act that seemed to make everyone jump out of his or her seats, Mehta

struck a deafening first note on his drum, suddenly lighting up the stage in a red hue. The man who stood on stage was not so much the man that students had worked with earlier that day, but rather a masked spirit, a theatrical representation of the music written by Poul Ruders.

Attendees we're equally stunned by the rest of the concert, including Danish music by Per Norgard, Wayne Siegel, and Ole Buck. Mehta used many elaborate set-ups throughout each of these pieces, sometimes including more than five or six percussive instruments per piece.

One such piece titled "Rejang" by Ole Buck included wooden wind chimes strung up in the far corners of

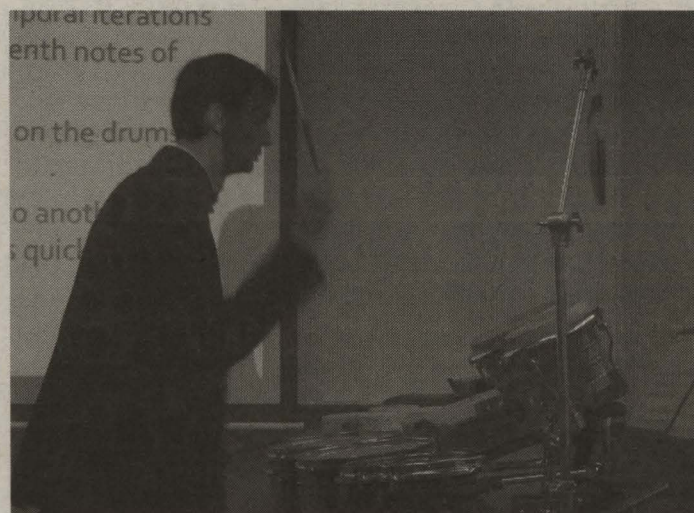


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Neeraj Mehta demonstrates the Infinity Series at a lecture/workshop on Sunday.

the hall. Long lines of rope tethered these chimes to Mehta's set-up on stage; As Mehta pulled on them the chimes would create an eerie off stage effect.

Adrienne Ledvina, a senior music major here at UWSP attended both events. "I think it's great that UWSP can get people like [Mehta] to visit. I feel like I really got something out of his presentation, and the concert was amazing", Ledvina said.

Puzzles

Sudoku 6x6 - Puzzle 2 of 5 - Easy

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- 12- BOAT OFTEN MADE OF BIRCHBARK, CANVAS, OR FIBERGLASS
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- 15- HOODWINK
- 16- NUT OF AN OAK
- 17- MAKE ___ FOR IT
- 18- FORMERLY, FORMERLY
- 19- PECUNIARY
- 21- WATER CHANNEL
- 23- TKO CALLER
- 24- CORNERSTONE ABBR.
- 25- BOTANIST GRAY
- 26- PASSES BY DEGREES
- 30- FLOWER SEGMENT
- 32- WHITE POPLAR TREE
- 33- STORAGE BUILDING
- 37- DEXTROUS, LIVELY
- 38- PREHISTORIC CHISELLIKE TOOL
- 39- SOME NEST EGGS
- 40- BREEDING STALLION
- 42- DICE GAME
- 43- IMMERSE
- 44- END OF A THREAT
- 45- DADAIST JEAN
- 48- BLOTTO
- 49- CLEAN AIR ORG.
- 50- LARGE BEER MUG
- 52- ONE WHO LIVES IN A SMALL COZY HOUSE
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- 28- ANDEAN COUNTRY
- 29- SNOW CONVEYANCES
- 30- ANALYZE A SENTENCE
- 31- FRANCE'S LONGEST RIVER
- 33- SAUSAGE
- 34- ORSK'S RIVER
- 35- ENERVATES
- 36- "___ QUAM VIDERI" (NORTH CAROLINA'S MOTTO)
- 38- CLEAR BROTH
- 41- GAP
- 42- BOXES
- 44- CHOOSE
- 45- ALL TOGETHER
- 46- MAKE LESS TENSE
- 47- MICHELANGELO WORK
- 49- SEEMINGLY FOREVER
- 51- ADVERSE FATE
- 52- PRISON
- 53- ORGANIZATION TO PROMOTE THEATER
- 54- DOLLOP
- 55- BRITISH NOBLEMAN
- 56- HOAR
- 59- METAL-BEARING MINERAL

Sudoku 9x9 - Solution 2 of 5 - Very Hard

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OPINION

Guns sure do make killing easier

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We often hear the phrase "guns don't kill people, people kill people." There's still a problem with that argument: guns certainly make it easier. It also doesn't rule out the accidents that happen with them.

In the fall semester of 2009 at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, I took a class called the Milwaukee Community because back in the day, I was really into the whole urban planning thing.

One of the things that we were studying at the time was the different cultural communities in the city. So we headed to the United Community Center on 6th and Wells. It's a Latino community center in the heart of the south side.

At the time we went there was a display that had been put up for the Day of the Dead celebration. One part of this exhibit was a section of flags made by kids in the community for family members that had died from gun violence: none of them were over 18. All were casualties of accidental shootings; they just got shot because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

It's always been interesting to me

it's the police and they're asking you to come in and identify the body of a victim that was involved in a shooting. You find out that it wasn't anything but the fact that he or she just walked out of school at the exact moment when someone shot at somebody else and missed.

What can you say to that? How would you feel as a parent knowing this is a possibility?

That's why gun control laws are needed. That is why they are in place. It's not about protecting the hunter or gun fanatics: It's about

protecting the victims of violent gun crimes.

Licensing, certain gun type bans, safety course requirements, thorough background checks, and

The only thing we have to lose at this point is victimization of innocent people by accident.
- Klein

how people blame this on the black market. They say if guns aren't going to be purchased legally, then they will be purchased illegally.

True, but guns, at least most guns that end up being used illegally, were originally purchased through legal means.

We can look to Columbine or Kip Kinkle, two school shootings in Colorado. In both cases guns were used that were purchased legally.

Imagine being a parent for a brief spell: You come home to turn on the news when you see there was a shooting and a child died. Your son or daughter isn't home and you start to worry. Eventually, the phone rings

a long waiting period are only the tip of the iceberg we should be hitting when it comes to the violent crime battle that has plagued the United States.

The only thing we have to lose at this point is victimization of innocent people by accident. The only thing we have to lose is the abrupt end or decline of incidents like Columbine or Virginia Tech. The only thing we have to lose is crime rates going down. And none of that sounds too bad to me.

So the next time you read about a child caught in the cross-fire ask yourself, "what could have stopped this?"

Gun-control laws: pure asininity

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Any time a tragic public shooting occurs and is well-publicized by the news media, from Columbine High School to Virginia Tech University, the gun control movement becomes re-energized, which oftentimes leads to candlelight vigils or a "Million Mom March." Yes, the deaths of innocents are tragic and survivors of such senseless violence should be able to mourn. However, mourning is one thing and the gun control advo-

may wish, and hope, gun-control laws cannot make guns disappear. This genie has been out of the bottle for a very long time, and the only thing that gun-control laws do is attempt to reduce the availability of guns. The sickest part of all this is that gun control laws only limit the availability of guns to law-abiding citizens. Criminals, on the other hand, can circumvent such laws via other means such as borrowing or stealing guns or purchasing them on the black market. Criminals - 1. Us - 0. Furthermore, because criminals have other means of attaining guns, the increase in the

cost of guns as a result of regulation, taxation or prohibition only affects legitimate gun-owners. Criminals - 2. Us - 0. Just like the prohibition of alcohol in the past or drugs in the present, the only thing that such laws actually do is create black markets, which leads to violent dispute resolutions and general disrespect for the law: outcomes that are much worse than any negatives of the guns themselves.

One of the favorite arguments of gun-control advocates is that lower murder rates in foreign countries that have stricter gun

control laws vindicate their position. However, this is yet another patently false argument. For example, both the Swiss and Israeli governments allow their law-abiding citizens to own guns and carry concealed weapons, and yet, both countries have very low rates of homicide. There is simply no correlation between gun control laws and murder rates.

A popular bumper sticker slogan states that guns do not kill people; people kill people. People can roll their eyes at such cliché slogans but it does not change the fact that that slogan is based on some level of truth. So as opposed to trying to reduce or eliminate the number of guns available via asinine gun control laws, people should be more concerned about the root causes of crime such as the equally asinine War on Drugs, which probably generates more crime than any other government regulation.

The Second Amendment states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Gun control advocates should do well to remember that.

cates' reaction is another, for gun control advocates rely on emotions rather than logic to make their political case.

Gun control advocates often claim that if there had been stricter laws, the tragic events of Columbine or Virginia Tech would not have happened. This is a patently false argument. In the case of Columbine, the two shooters violated about 20 firearms laws in amassing their cache of weapons (such as their school's gun-free zone policy and not to mention the law against murder). According to a study that was conducted by "Americans for Gun Safety," by 2005, there were approximately 20,000 gun control laws already in existence throughout the nation. In all actuality, the one little secret that gun-control advocates never bring up is that none, absolutely none, of the 20,000 or so gun control laws were able to prevent those tragic occurrences.

How gun control advocates can claim that yet another law will change that with a straight face is beyond my understanding.

Currently, the FBI estimates that there are over 200 million privately owned firearms in the United States. As much as gun control advocates



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

Photo by Samantha Feld

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Day of the Dead, continued from page 7



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The Carlsten Gallery Student Advisory Committee, The Spanish Club, and Salsa, will be sponsoring the Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) event in the Carlsten Gallery. The reception will be held on Nov. 1 in the gallery.

Often, they will adorn the altars with photographs, religious statues, and personal things that the deceased would have appreciated.

They also put out food and drink for the loved ones so that they are well cared for when they return on that day.

Día de los Muertos is traditionally celebrated Nov. 1-2, honoring children and adults.

"They will congregate at the cemeteries and have picnics, because it is about the idea of death not being the end," Hawkos said.

In the exhibit, there will be three altars showcased. There will be a traditional altar, a contemporary altar, and one that shows that an altar can be made in any fashion.

Along with the altars, there will be a slideshow of images depicting how it actually looks in Mexico, along with a few adornments from local schools.

"One school made paper flowers,

another school made masks and another one made drawings for the exhibit," Hawkos said.

The closing reception for this exhibit will be 4-7 p.m. on Nov. 1 and will include many traditional aspects of Day of the Dead.

At 4 p.m. there will be coloring and paper assembling activities for children for the school groups that go to see the exhibit.

At 5 p.m. a traditional mariachi band from Madison will be coming to perform, and there will be traditional Mexican food available.

"The people of Latino or Hispanic descent are a really underserved population on campus," Heft said. "I wanted to do something for years that involved that particular group of students."

The exhibit will open Oct. 29, and will be closing Nov. 2. It is open to the public and free of charge.



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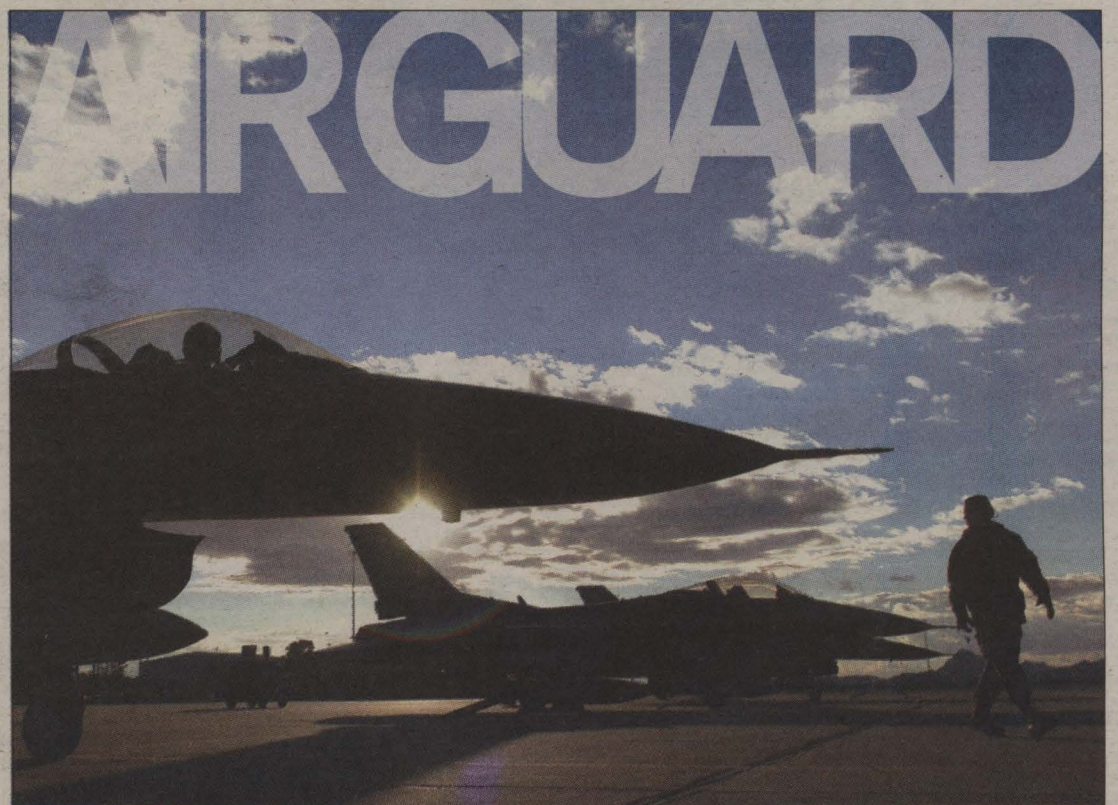
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