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Citizens voice opinions on budget at public hearing

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Hundreds of citizens turned out to voice their concerns about Governor Walker's proposed budget Thursday as the Joint Finance Committee held its first public hearing in the Quandt Fieldhouse. Turnout for the hearing was drastically lower than initial estimates, as local police had said they expected up to 30,000 people to show up for the hearing.

Exact numbers were hard to come by as people had been filtering in and out all day. Approximately 217 people had signed up to speak, but there were some no shows. About 200 more submitted written testimonies that were inserted into the official record for lawmakers to review.

"[I] was very pleased with the amount of individuals who came out and testified," said State Senator Lena Taylor, although she wished the hearing would have gone on longer to allow those who didn't get the opportunity to testify the chance to speak to the committee.

The vast majority of those who did get a chance to speak were in opposition to the proposed budget.

"I feel like a mosquito at a nudist colony," said Dr. Bill Hettler, when referring to this budget. His advice was to take the budget and just start over on it. "I know what I am supposed to do, but I don't know where



Photo by Samantha Feld

The first Joint Finance Committee hearing was held on the UW-Stevens Point campus last Thursday. Hundreds of people turned out to voice their concerns about Gov. Scott Walker's proposed budget.

to start."

Hettler is the former Director of Health Services at UW-Stevens Point and was a co-founder of the National Wellness Institute.

"This budget rips the heart out of Planned Parenthood funding. The top reason why young people drop out of college is unplanned pregnancy," Hettler said. He also stressed that this

bill was a disaster for low-income citizens.

This sentiment was echoed by a number of other people, including UWSP student Gregory Hartman, who criticized the proposed repeal of the Wisconsin Contraceptive Equity Law. The law, passed in 2009, provides for equal access to contraceptives and STI testing for both men and

women.

"People who rely on these social programs are not burnouts," said Rachel Hanson, a freshman at UWSP. "They are your friends and next door neighbors." Hanson said that members of the committee needed to "wake up" to this fact.

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CAMPUS

Public Records: Students have right to privacy

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Recently, Head Copy Editor Molly Halgrimson of the Pointer Newspaper acquired a stalker.

Halgrimson has two jobs: one for the Pointer and another at a local department store. One of the store regulars began harassing the female clerks until he was removed from the store after several offenses.

"He was eventually kicked out for doing it to me and some other girls too," Halgrimson said.

After he was removed, he began hunting her down on Facebook and via her school email address. She was

forced to restrict access to her information held by the school database.

Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has designated the following categories of information as public unless a student chooses to have any or all of the information withheld:

- Name
- Home address
- Home telephone number
- Local address
- Local telephone number
- E-mail address
- Place of birth
- Major/minor field of study

and college

- Participation in officially recognized university activities and sports

- Weight and height of members of athletics teams

- Attendance (including beginning, ending, registration and withdrawal dates, credits carried in a term, current classification and graduation dates)

- Degrees and awards received (type of degree and date granted)

- The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended

- Name of parents or guardian

- High school from which the

student graduated

"Anybody who calls our office can access that information, as long as it's easily accessible to us," said Associate Registrar Ed Lee.

Under Wisconsin's Open Records law, the university must comply with public record requests made by prospective businesses looking for newly graduated students for potential employment.

But what does that mean for students?

Each year, the university sends out an annual notification to all students

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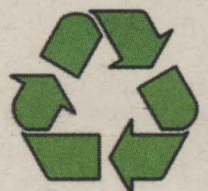
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NEWS

CAMPUS

Academic staff votes in favor of union

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point academic staff has voted to unionize despite efforts by Governor Scott Walker to leave collective bargaining by the wayside.

The vote was held on March 31, passing by a margin of 283-15 in favor of joining the American Federation of Teachers-Wisconsin, an affiliate of the national AFT.

Andy Felt, an associate professor in the UW-Stevens Point Department of Mathematical Sciences, led the effort for the academic staff and helped organize with AFT.

"Since February 11, Wisconsin's public employees have shown the world that we won't back down and we won't be silenced. Too much is at stake—not just for us, but for Wisconsin and all its working families," Felt said.

UWSP joins UW-La Crosse, UW-River Falls, and UW-Stout in voting yes to organizing with AFT-Wisconsin.

The move to unionize can be

seen, by some, as anti-Walker sentiment.

"Since the announcement of his anti-collective bargaining bill, over a thousand faculty at UW-La Crosse, UW-River Falls, UW-Stout and UW-Stevens Point have stood together and voted "Union Yes" in the face of Walker's extremist tactics," AFT's website reads.

Felt also saw the correlation between the vote to unionize and the

"Too much is at stake—not just for us, but for Wisconsin and all its working families."

~Felt

recent events that have shaped the political landscape in Wisconsin.

"Gov. Walker has used every tool in his box to silence the voice not only of Wisconsin workers, but also of academics who dare question the motives of him or his political party. I believe this vote gave UWSP faculty cause to stand in solidarity and say, 'We will not allow intimidation to silence our voice,'" Felt said.

The legislation known as the Budget Repair Bill, introduced in mid-February, passed the Assembly and the Senate after the fiscal provisions in the bill were removed to bypass the quorum rule. They were then signed by Walker and implemented before the law had been published, a final process that the Secretary of State holds.

A district court in Dane County, however, has said that the law cannot be implemented while the challenges remain on whether or not passage of the law through committee was legal, therefore leaving UWSP's academic staff in a state of limbo until the court's decision is released or appealed.

For Felt, though, it's just a step. He plans to work with staff and students in the future under the new union to advance the university.

"That's why UW-Stevens Point faculty turned out in overwhelming numbers to vote in favor of a union today. Together, we will continue to use our collective voice to advocate for our profession, our campus, and our students. Today is just the beginning," Felt said.

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One student literally asked if Rep. Kleefisch needed some coffee.

"Joel, do you need some coffee? I can not count the number of times you have yawned and sighed and acted like you don't want to be here," said Steve Decker, a Navy veteran who previously attended UW-Platteville.

Decker also had strong words for the committee's Co-Chair Rep. Robin Vos, asking him not to start his time until he had stopped texting on his cell phone so Vos could give Decker his full attention while he gave his testimony.

Later, Decker spoke to reporters about the apparent lack of attention being paid by committee members.

"It's why we are here. It's their job. If they're not willing to take it seriously they need to give it to someone who does. I'll do it." Decker said he was under no illusion that today's hearing would change anything, "It's sad to say but everyone is just wasting their breath."

Decker's concerns could be legitimate after both Co-Chairs Vos and State Sen. Alberta Darling had expressed that these hearings tend to only give one side of the story to reporters.

"I've been through many budgets and very seldom do you see a regular taxpayer," Darling said. "The taxpayers don't come. The regular person

does not come."

Vos jumped in to clarify that everyone who was speaking has a vested interest in a program that is possibly being cut.

When asked why regular taxpayers do not attend these hearings, Darling said, "I think most of it's because they work. It's been suggested we have hearings on a Saturday or a Sunday, or after work." When it was pointed out that as co-chairs they could have scheduled a hearing on a weekend, Darling said they had looked at that option.

"For the most part, elections are where people know their voices are heard," Vos said. "Most people get the chance to go and vote in November." Darling added that there was a "silent majority."

Representative Louis Molepske said Darling's comments were a "slap in the face to hard-working citizens who took the time to speak to their government. It seems to me unless you agree with her budget proposal she doesn't want to hear from you."

Taylor felt that the committee did in fact hear from a lot of regular taxpayers.

"I think we all have a vested interest in the education system of Wisconsin. It's not just about defending the system for current students. It's so we will have an economy so that your kids, my grandkids will have a UW system to go to."

Letter to the Editor

Behind the scenes at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point lies a well oiled system that aids the University in running as smoothly as it does. One of those systems is the UWSP grounds department. Not only does the grounds department clear snow in the winter, and cut grass in the summer they also collect food scraps from dining services on campus to be used for composting. The grounds department also collects yard waste and adds this waste, along with the food scraps, to a compost pile. This pile is turned and rotated until the finished product can be used again to aid in campus landscaping. This is a slow process because of the amount of days Wisconsin has that are below freezing.

The UWSP grounds department also has a small vermiculture operation. Vermiculture is composting with the aid of worms to speed up the process. This process is fast but not large enough to handle the amount of food the University produces.

The University is committed to sustainability not only through composting but also through completing a greenhouse gas inventory to help understand the campus carbon footprint, joining a regional organization to promote ride share options, having existing residence halls that operate with 53% green energy, co-hosting the

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NEWS

New research may create vaccine for HIV and malaria

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Thirty-three million.

That's how many people in the world are affected by AIDS; according to globalhealthfacts.org. Along with more than 81 million people affected by malaria.

"Almost all of the people I interact with in Kenya have malaria, people are exposed to it from the time they are born since it is so common and widespread," said assistant forestry professor Holly Petrillo. Petrillo is the leader of the Sustainable Natural Resources and Community Development study abroad program in Kenya.

A new study might change this.

Engineers out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have created a new nanoparticle that could lead

to vaccines for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and malaria. The new nanoparticles, called modified liposomes, can carry versions of proteins that are normally produced by viruses. These proteins create a strong immune response like those of a live virus, but are safer.

There are two parts of the immune system that can disable or kill foreign viruses and bacteria: anti-bodies and killer T-cells. Killer T-cells destroy cancer cells or virus-infected cells within our body, but they can only do this if these abnormal cells display the abnormal molecules inside them.

"We think when we're getting vaccinated that we're getting both [anti-bodies and T-cells]. Almost none of those vaccines have the killer T-cells," said University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Biology professor Sol Sepsenwol.

The new nanoparticles carry the vaccine's virus proteins inside of cells where they will be visible to the killer T-cells. If the nanoparticles put a piece of HIV or malaria inside of a normal cell, a killer T-cell will see it, multiply many times, and kill any cells infected with the real virus.

Many studies claim that its research may lead to a cure without real promise. "This article is different," Sepsenwol said. "It is about creating a vehicle...It could make vaccines much more effective."

Although the information is promising, it will be a long time before the research could actually be practiced. Many steps have to be taken until these findings can be tested on humans. Sepsenwol stated that researchers should wait at least five years before beginning human testing.

Petrillo mentioned that there are small steps that can be taken in the meantime.

"Although malaria is common throughout the regions of Africa where I have worked, it doesn't mean that it is easier to deal with when someone falls ill or dies from it," Petrillo said.

Petrillo said that simple things such as buying mosquito nets and improving access to antiretroviral medication for HIV/AIDS could make a big difference right now in combating the disease's spread.

"Improving access to these drugs would drastically improve the lives of millions of people while we are waiting for a vaccine to be developed," Petrillo said.

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Climate Change Summit-Wisconsin Communities Take Action, building a new residence hall that will meet or exceed LEED Silver standards, and having a roof on the campus library that contains five different types of plants that effectively absorb up to one inch of rainwater.

As students at the University it is important to us to see our college practicing the types of sustainability that our professors teach to us. We are a group of students working to better the current conditions of composting on campus. The current system is in excellent working order but a more efficient system could be in place. We, as the campus composting group, are working with the campus to aid in

the purchasing of more equipment to help make the process more efficient.

We also would like to inform not only the students of UWSP but also the public of the wonderful job the campus has been doing in remaining in line with their sustainability goals. The finished compost product is used in aiding in the campus landscaping. This is a great example of sustainability, and it saves the campus money. If you would like to know more please join us on April 20th at the UW-Stevens Point sundial for the Eco-fair. We will have a booth explaining in detail how the University compost. We will also take a closer look at the composting process.

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Privacy/Students can restrict access to personal information

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via the campus e-mail system, which alerts students to their rights under FERPA.

Students have the right to view their records that are held on campus, to question or ask for modification if something is wrong, and to restrict directory information.

"The most common reason students restrict their information is because of cruddy circumstances, stalkers, and the such," Lee said.

Although stalkers and creepers do happen, Molly's case isn't exactly something that happens regularly.

Out of the thousands of students here on campus, fewer than 10 of them have either of the two types of restrictions on the accessibility of their information in the student database.

The first option students have, under FERPA, is to engage a full restriction on their profile.

Although this protects a student who may be having particular social problems, it also restricts campus use of the information such as e-mail list-

ings. If a professor needed to look up a student, he or she would not be able to because the student's name would be removed from the database.

Or perhaps an employer is looking for records of a student having graduated from the university. Because the student engaged full restriction, the university cannot provide any information to the employer, and is therefore unable to verify graduation.

"We take the request for full restriction very seriously," Lee said.

The second and most common option among the small number of students who restrict information is to restrict their address and phone number listing from other students.

If a student logs into the school website and clicks on the "find people" tab, he or she is able to search any student's phone number, school e-mail and home address. Whereas if any of the general public would sign in as a guest they would only be able to access name and school e-mail.

For more information on Database rights and restrictions, visit www.uwsp.edu/reg-rec/Ferpa.aspx.

Senate decides to take no action to bypass chancellor

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Vice Chancellor Brad Van Den Elzen rose to the podium at the Student Government Association's Senate meeting Thursday to speak about whether or not the administration at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point would accept the university's new segregated fee approval system as set up in the Senate.

"I think it's been a long time coming," Van Den Elzen said.

According to Senator Patrick Testin of Letters and Sciences, Chancellor Patterson has been wavering on whether or not the new changes to the process will be approved.

SGA made the first move to make the changes in late February to bring all segregated fee funding under one body.

The University Centers Advisory and Policy Board and the Student Health Advisory Committee held the power to approve budgets for over two decades before they came under fire from SGA and President Mike Wilson.

SGA moved to implement the changes with a bill titled the "Lee Sherman Dreyfus Resolution." The bill would allow SGA to move forward and allow them to move the changes past the Chancellor's office to the President of the UW System, Kevin Reilly.

The motion was made to move the legislation forward by Testin, but no second was found. Thus, the legislation could not be voted on.

Wilson spoke to the need of pass-

ing the legislation at that meeting.

"We do need to be able to bring this to the UW System president's desk. He can within 20 days choose to resolve this issue and surpass the chancellor," Wilson said.

Van Den Elzen, however, disagreed.

"My suspicion is that this could be perceived that if we're moving forward with positive conversations on this, and if you choose to go down this path, it makes the issue more public, and it makes people have to take more of a defensive stance, and I'm not sure that that stance will contribute to the situation," Van Den Elzen said.

Senators still showed lack of support for the move last week, including Vice President-Elect Liz Westberg.

"We need to table this, it's a slap in the chancellor's face. He's going to continue to work on this issue," she said.

The bill did end up being tabled, meaning that the senate can bring up the bill for a vote at any meeting for the remainder of the current session, which ends at the last day of the semester.

Wilson hopes that they will bring up the bill despite the fact that he cited the chancellor has been working with SGA.

"He, in fact, said he hadn't even read [the legislation] yet," he said.

Senators will have the option to take up the bill next week, which will most likely be discussed during the approval of their agenda.

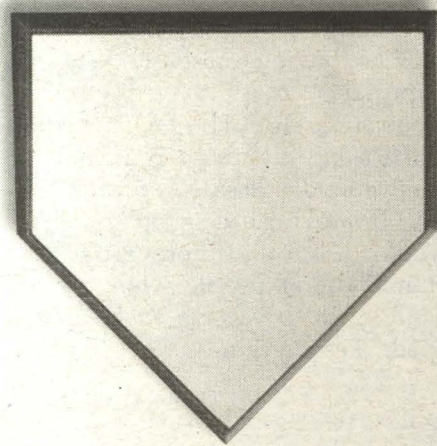
Students have the opportunity to voice their opinion on the bill, which can be found on SGA's website, <http://www.uwsp.edu/stu-org/sga/>, during public forum on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Legacy Room of the Dreyfus University Center.



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SPORTS

Pointer Baseball Take to the Diamond



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The Point Men's Baseball team kicked off their 2011 season with a spring trip to Florida. The boys posted a 6-and-3 record against teams from across the nation before returning to Wisconsin. Once they were back home the Pointers swept a double header against Edgewood College, racking up 33 runs in two games.

In the month of April the Pointers have achieved a .500 record at 3-3. They split a double header against Ripon College, highlighted by an 11-7 victory in the first game where senior catcher Jordan Rennie belted a grand slam over the right field wall.

Point hit a road block when they began WIAC play against UW-Whitewater. Their four game series against the Warhawks ended in a 2-2 tie, as both teams swept a



The UW-Stevens Point baseball team broke out the bats on March 30th.

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double header each.

Leading the way for Point at the plate is sophomore utility man Dan Douglas. Through sixteen games Douglas is hitting .412 with 28 hits and 10 RBIs. Junior third baseman Justin Jirschele leads the team with 21 RBIs in 65 at-bats and trails Douglas by just three hits.

Senior righty Scott Williams has eaten up 27 innings, posting a 4.94 ERA. Williams has faced 112 batters this season and has accumulated a 4-to-1 strikeout to walk ratio.

The Women's Softball team shared the success of a triumphant spring trip. In a four game invita-

tional in Marquette, Mich., the girls won 3-of-4 games, including an 8-6 victory over host Finlandia. During their Florida road trip the Pointers went 8-and-2, scoring 68 total runs while allowing only 30.

The regular season began roughly as the girls lost four consecutive games, three of which were one run differentials. However, they were able to right the ship in the second game of a double header versus UW-Superior. The girls stole a 5-4 game against the Yellowjackets, much to the pleasure of the relatives in the crowd for the annual Parent's Day. The girls followed that game up by

splitting another double header with the UW-Stout Blue Devils.

On Tuesday, the Pointers had their best outing of the season as they swept a two game series against Marian University. The potency of their game was shown once again as the offense pounded out 24 hits, during their 7-5 and 15-5 victories.

The baseball team jumps back into action on the 16th when they take a weekend road trip to UW-La Crosse for a four game series. Softball plays again the 16th as well when they travel to Platteville for two games, followed by a double header against La Crosse.



The UW-Stevens Point baseball team is ranked 10th in the conference.

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SPORTS

The Self-Defamation of Manny Ramirez

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What was there not to love about Manny Ramirez? The dreadlocks cascading out the back of his helmet. His bat slashing through the zone, driving another homerun up and out of the field of play. The accent soaked interviews filled with his confusing yet genius mannerisms.

All the good memories we have of Man Ram proving to the world why he is one of the greatest right-handed hitters of all time are now tainted by a new memory. Now instead of being remembered as a colorful player with a bat of solid gold, Manny's legacy will be that of many recent "Hall of Fame Sluggers." The fans' adoration for him will be replaced by anger and resentment now that he has taken his once heralded name and tarnished it.

Everyone knew Manny was different. Fans embraced him when he put on one of his absolute awe-inspiring hitting displays. Then when Ramirez was accused of being a head case the fans wrote it off as "Manny being Manny." But even though he was worshiped throughout Red Sox Nation and beyond, Ramirez had a way about him that was off putting to some. Many saw him as an immature and flashy Dominican import. But for every one fan who was anti-Ramirez, there were four more who found his talent and personality captivating.

He became the savior of an organization that had floundered for years when he helped the Red Sox break the curse of the Bambino. With Manny the Sox won the World Series in 2004, their first since 1918, then again in 2007. But Manny wanted more. In the midst of an ugly contract dispute Manny turned on his team, forcing management to make a move. Ramirez was soon traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

In L.A., Manny put up Manny numbers like usual. He finished his first season as a Dodger with the third best batting average in the League and placed fourth in the National League MVP voting. The Dodgers rode his dreads all the way to the N.L. Championship where they lost to the eventual World Series Champion Philadelphia Phillies.

Ramirez believed his performance warranted a hefty new contract. "Gas is up and so am I," said Manny in regards to his new asking price. He eventually signed a two year, \$45 million dollar contract after dragging negotiations into the start of spring training.

But has anyone heard of a team signing a player like Manny to a contract like that then sending him down to the minors? Neither have I, but that's where Manny was delegated following a 50 game suspension by Major League Baseball. Ramirez tested positive for performance enhancing drugs and under Bud Selig's new, stricter rules regarding PEDs: a player's first failed drug test results in a 50 game suspension.

Manny fans were shocked. His former Red Sox worshippers were now the proud owners of two possibly tainted championships. Dodger fans went from believing they had locked up a superstar to discovering they had inherited a cheater. Ramirez was allowed to play AAA ball during his 50 game Major League suspension but upon his return, the eyes on him had changed. Somehow he had retained his Manny image, but the feelings towards him were mixed.

Now anywhere Ramirez went, his record would follow. Teams now had second thoughts about him, and fans no longer fell at his feet like they used to. So when the Dodgers decided to waive Ramirez during the 2010 season it didn't come as a huge shock. The Chicago White Sox claimed Ramirez off waivers, utilizing his bat in 24 games towards the end of the season. However when the White Sox didn't extend their hand during the offseason, Manny became a free-agent. He was scooped off the pile by the Tampa Bay Rays and got a chance to start anew, with a familiar face. The Rays had signed Ramirez's former Red Sox teammate, Johnny Damon, and the two now had the opportunity to revitalize what seemed to be dwindling careers.

Ramirez had played just six games with the Rays before the Breaking News began to flash on ESPN's ticker. "Manny Ramirez announces retirement." Ramirez was batting below .100 through the first six games, so the first thing that came to mind for many people was, "Manny can't hack it anymore so he's hanging up the spikes."

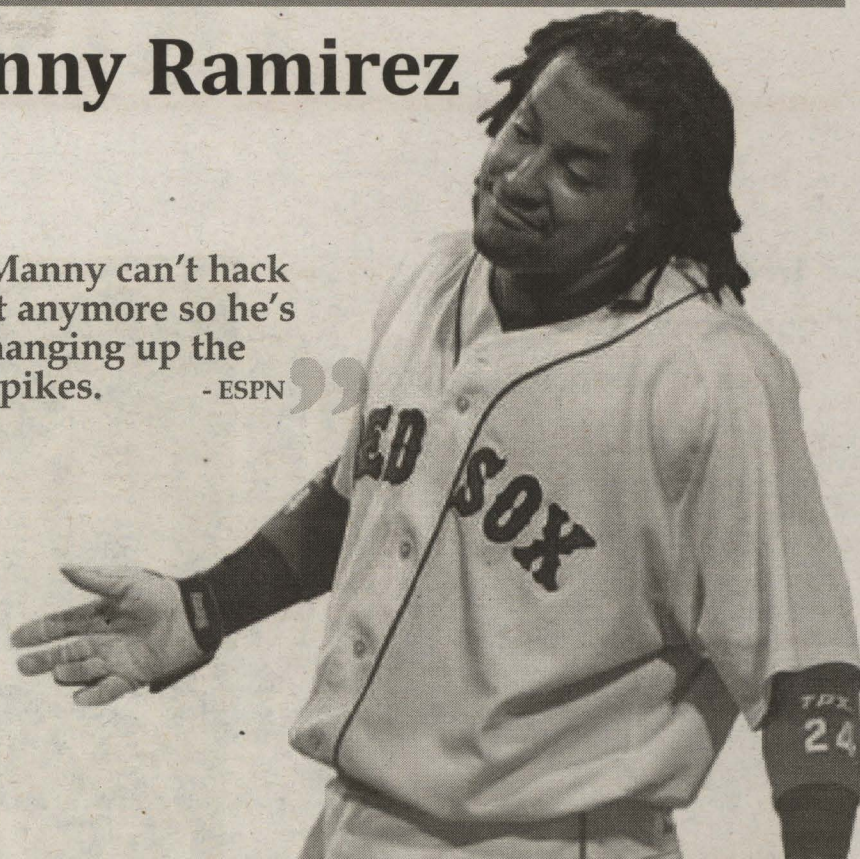
However the truth was something that was more than depressing, it was just plain dumb. In the coming days fans began to find out that just when Manny was beginning to earn back some trust and gain some forgiveness, he took what he had regained and smashed it. A second positive drug test was made public, and rather than face a 100 game suspension for a second offense, Ramirez chose to call it a career.

Had Ramirez served his 100 game suspension and come back, he may have no longer had a home with the Rays. After missing well over half of the season, his one year contract would have run out very quickly. Nobody would have blamed the Rays if at that point they decided to cut ties with Manny. After being cast out of Tampa Bay, would anyone really have jumped at the chance to salvage the only player ever caught by the MLB steroid police twice? Especially since the punishment for a third positive test is a lifetime suspension.

When you look at the numbers: 2,574 hits, 555 homers, you start to think that they are Hall of Fame type credentials. But when the name is attached to the stats, people immediately have second thoughts. There is widespread skepticism among baseball people whether Manny should be in Cooperstown.

"Manny can't hack it anymore so he's hanging up the spikes."

- ESPN



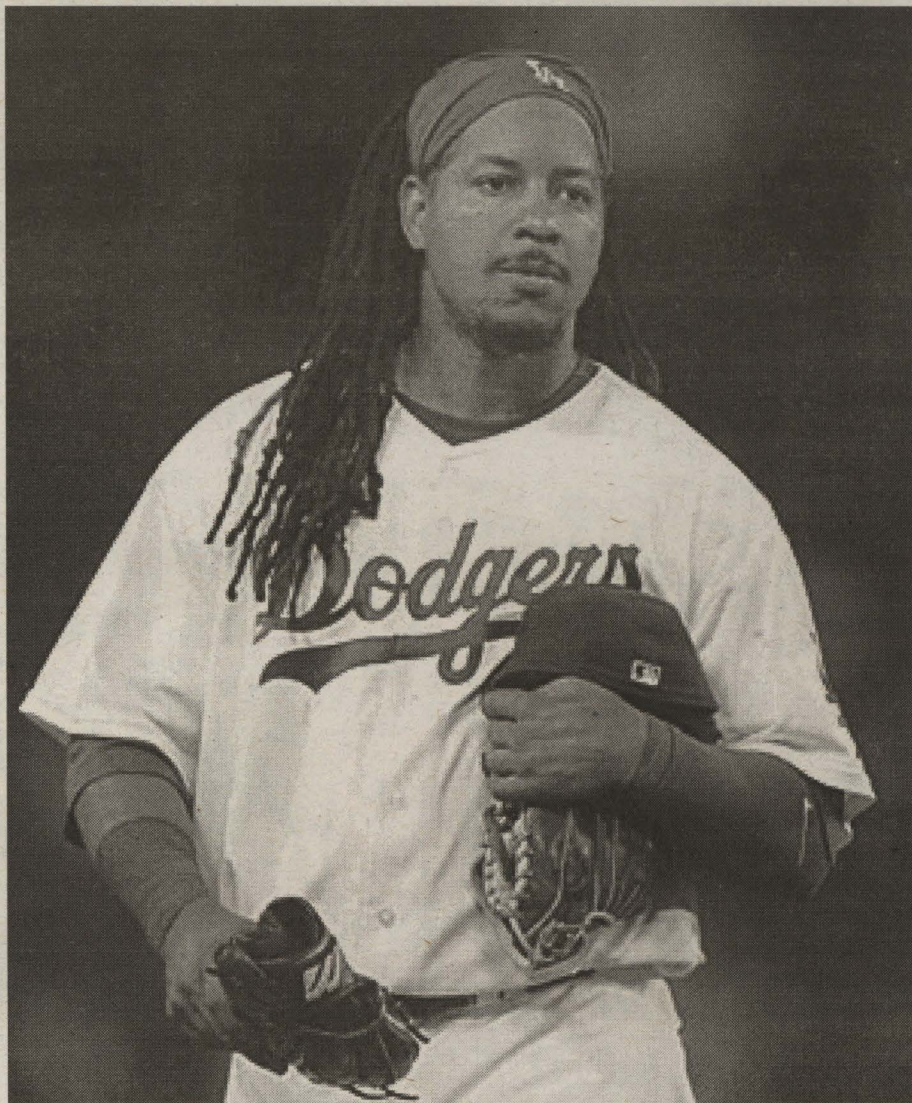
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"It is very embarrassing to have it happen once," commented former Major League pitcher John Smoltz. "It's very stupid to have it happen twice. Three times, I don't even know what word I could come up with."

So Manny has managed to save himself from an absolutely crushing John Smoltz adjective, but that's about all he has saved himself from. He has gone from one of the most iconic players in the history of the game, to a cheating pariah. What should have been a surefire Hall of Fame career is now certain to become a stat sheet highlighted by an ever damning asterisk.

He took the skill that made him what many scouts thought of as the

greatest hitting talent they had ever seen and used it to his advantage. But when it wasn't enough he committed what is the new great sin in baseball. He has joined the ranks of sluggers like Mark McGwire and Rafael Palmeiro, who's once shining careers have faded due to self inflicted wounds. Baseball fans have proven to be forgiving once a violator has shown that he is truly remorseful and has taken steps towards repentance. But in the case of Manny Ramirez, only time will tell if the fans can forgive someone who took advantage of their good nature not once, but twice; and broke a major rule not once, but twice. Right now, no one is smiling at Manny being Manny.



http://www.celebritysmackblog.com

TRIVIA 42

Trivia teams battled questions, along with a lack of sleep, while competing in the 42nd annual world's largest trivia contest.

MERCHANDISE

90FM staff member sells some Trivia merchandise



Photo By Dan Neckar



Photo By Samantha Feld

ANSWERING PHONES

The 90 FM studio was packed Saturday evening with volunteers answering phone calls from trivia teams.



Photo By Mark Radue

54 HOURS 54 HOURS 54 HOURS



Photo By Samantha Feld

PARADE

Every year the trivia contest begins with a parade that goes throughout the city, celebrating the beginning of the annual contest.



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TRIVIA SCORES

In **1st place** with 11,165 points is
THE ANTI-SOCIAL NETWORK

In **2nd place** with 11,150 points is
DAD'S COMPUTERS

In **3rd place** with 10,975 points is
FESTIVUS FOR THE REST OF US

In **4th place** with 9,230 points is
TIN MAN

In **5th place** with 8,245 points is
GRADUATES OF A LESSER GOD

In **6th place** with 8,230 points is
COLLECTIVE FOOLE

In **7th place** with 8,135 points is
UGLY UNDULATING UVULAS

In **8th place** with 7,610 points is
WHATSAMATTA-U 35% BEEF 65% MEATDRESS

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THE OZ

Oz featured with trophies for the top teams.

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TRIVIA TEAMS

Glued to computer screens, and cell phones, trivia teams search for the answers to questions any way they can.



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ANSWERING PHONES

90 FM staff members answer eager phone calls from teams, Saturday evening

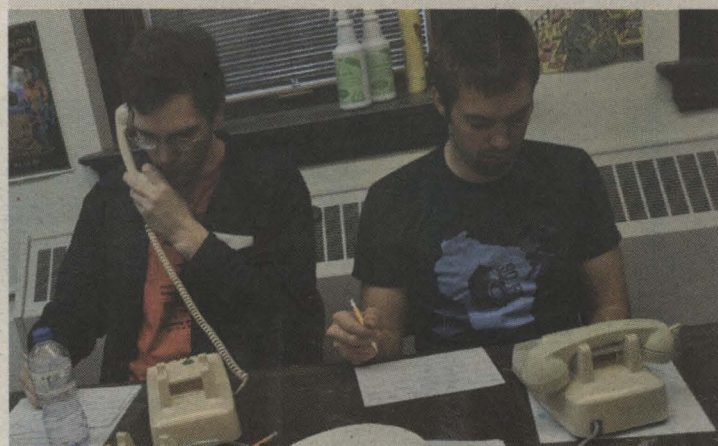


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DJS ASKING QUESTIONS

Powered by caffeine, and the seemingly never-ending supply of food, 90 FM DJ's question trivia teams.

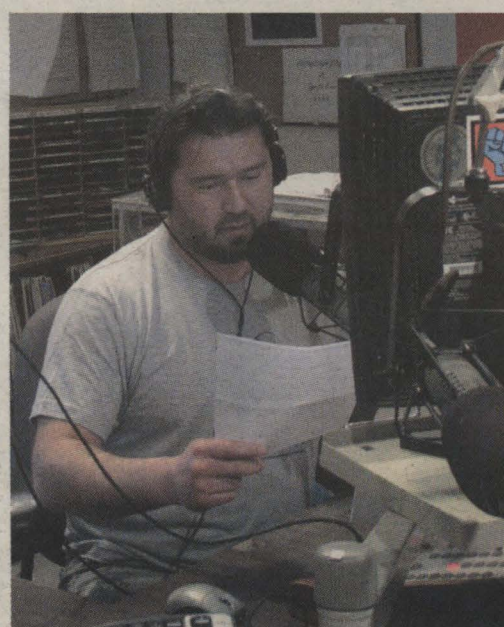


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DJS ASKING QUESTIONS

90 FM radio DJ's stayed up, tirelessly, asking trivia questions.



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ANSWERING PHONES

State senator Julie Lassa answers phones to collect answers during the "Celebrity Phone Shift"



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REGISTERING

Registering for Trivia 42

POINTLIFE

Post Secret founder visits UW-Stevens Point

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The "Most Trusted Stranger in the World" visited UW-Stevens Point Wednesday night to talk about his world famous project Post Secret.

Frank Warren, the creator of Post Secret, shared some of this favorite post cards with the crowd gathered in the Laird Room.

Post Secret began in 2004 as a community art project in which local people could send in a secret written on a postcard with no return address as to keep the sender's anonymity.

What began as small local art project rapidly grew into an international phenomenon. Warren now

receives millions of postcards with people secrets from all around the globe.

"Almost every secret I get there is a piece of artwork on the face of the card, a picture, a drawing, or a drawing to help convey the emotion behind the secret," said Warren.

After Post Secret boomed into success, Warren agreed to make a series of books constructed out of some of the post cards sent to him to form a narrative of secrets from all around.

Warren said that some of his favorite secrets he was unable to publish because his publishers were afraid that large department stores

would not carry the Post Secret books. He went on to say that sort of business tactic indirectly censors his book and what is contained in them.

"Not one copy of any of my books have been sold in Wal-Mart, I hope they never do," said Warren.

The purpose of the Post Secret movement is to allow people to have an outlet to share things without fear of judgment to the world around them.

Warren said that people have admitted to him by email that Post Secret has changed and even sometimes saved their lives by being able to either get something off their chest or having read something inspirational that resonated with their soul.

Warren has been very active in helping keep suicide help hotlines and programs stay open, virtually all money made is donated to charities to help the global society.

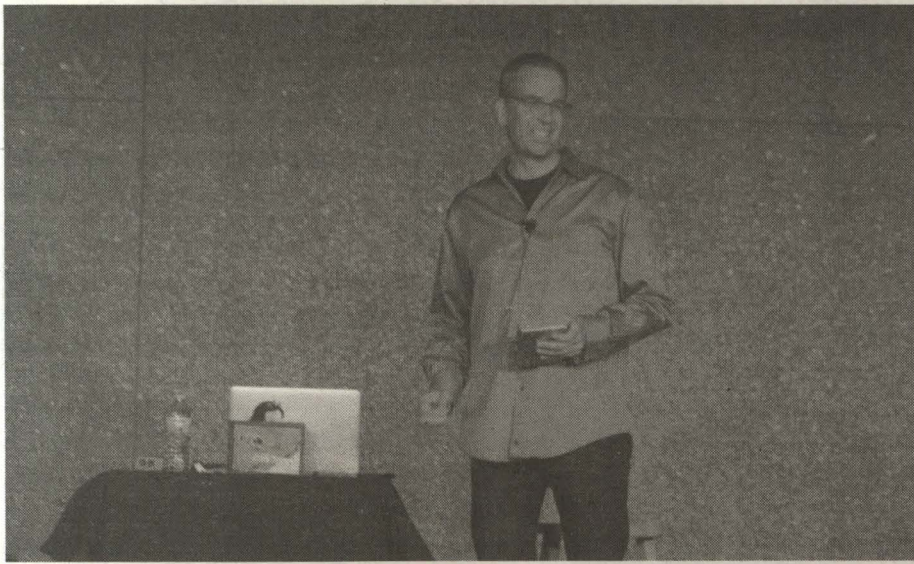


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Replace your snowshoes for hiking boots: Places to hike near Stevens Point

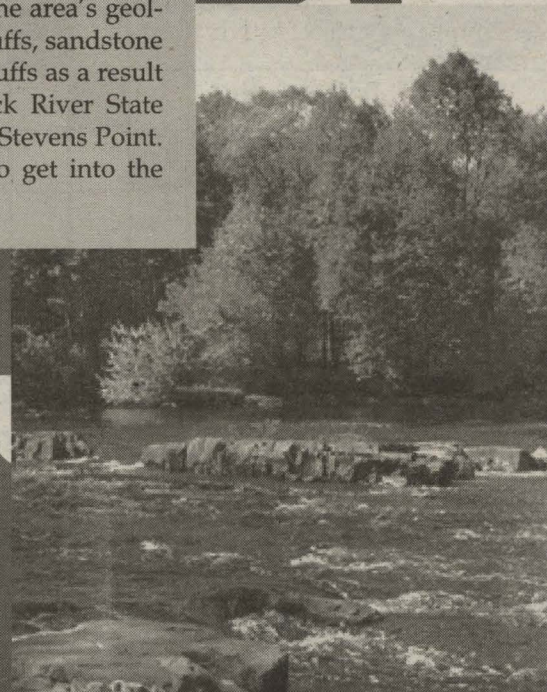
Rib Mountain State Park

Rib mountain a billion years old and is one of the oldest geological formations on earth. It is home to 15.1 miles of hiking trails. Rib Mountain is located in Wausau and is 30 miles from Stevens Point. It is also home to the Granite Peak Ski area. There is a fee of \$3 to get into the park.



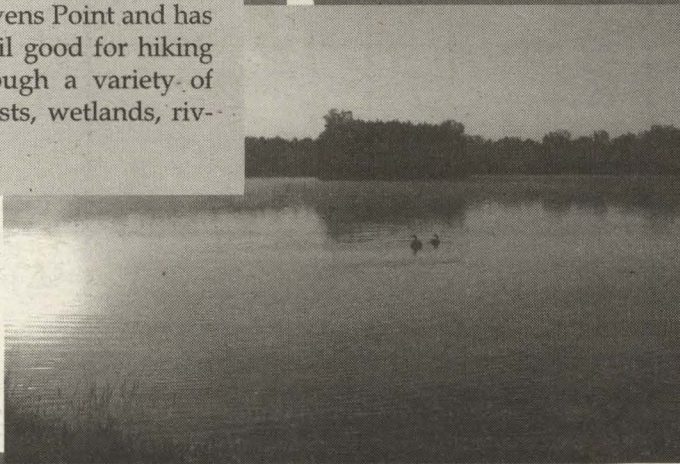
Black River State Forest

This park has over 68,000 acres of land which offers opportunity for hiking and camping. The area's geology has unglaciated bluffs, sandstone hills, and castellated bluffs as a result of glacial activity. Black River State Forest is 72 miles from Stevens Point. There is a fee of \$3 to get into the forest.



Green Circle Trail

The Green Circle trail is located right here in Stevens Point and has 30.5 miles of trail good for hiking and biking through a variety of ecosystems: forests, wetlands, rivers, and lakes.



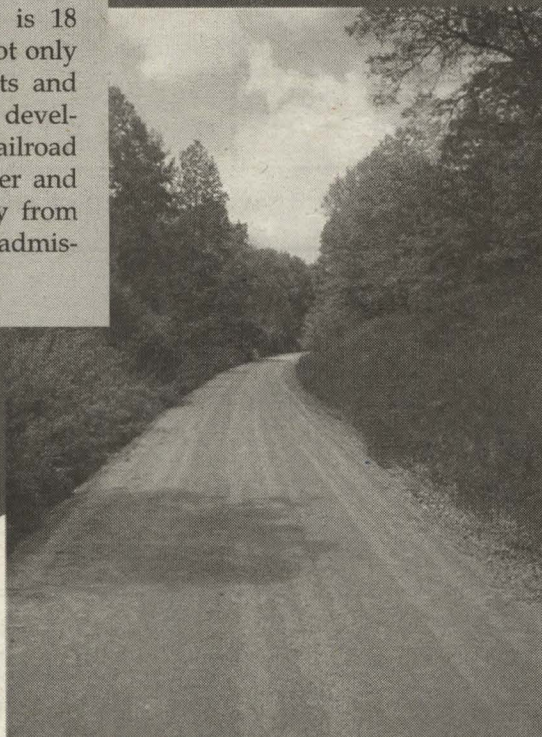
Standing Rocks County Park

Standing Rock has 10 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails as well as an 18-hole disc golf and archery course. The park provides a mixture of hills and rolling areas. It is 14 miles away from Stevens Point. There is a trail fee of \$8 required.



Tomorrow River State Trail

The Tomorrow River Trail is 18 miles long and is open to not only hikers, but also to bicyclists and horseback riders. The trail is developed along an abandoned railroad grade. It is located in Plover and Scandinavia, 17 miles away from Stevens Point. There is an admission fee of \$4.



Puzzles

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30- SNAP

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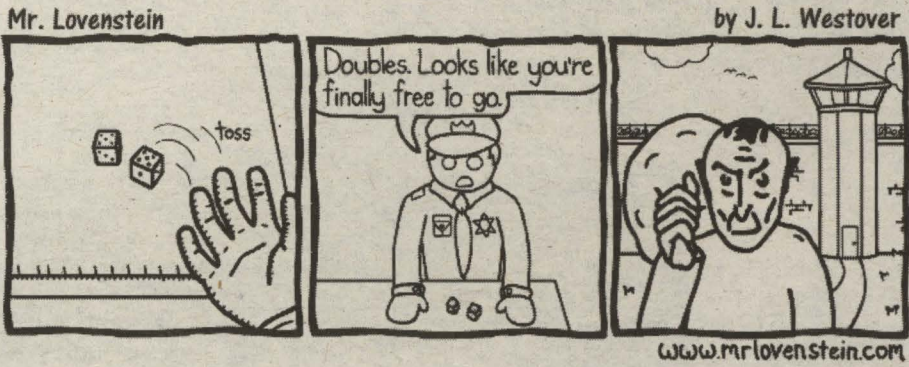
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Sudoku 9x9 - Puzzle 4 of 5 - Medium

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Answers from the April 7th issue.

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Answers: 1. Free for all; 2. Toucan

OPINION

Not intended to be a factual statement

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Senator John Kyl likes to kick little kittens. That was not intended to be a factual statement.

That was the same response that Kyl's office gave after he said on the floor of the United States Senate that "90% of what [Planned Parenthood] does is abortions," while holding the federal government hostage over pap smears and mammograms. In the real world, where those of us who are fortunate enough to not call ourselves Republicans live, only 3% of what Planned Parenthood does involves abortions.

Yet, what gets recorded in the congressional record is Kyl's lie.

I guess anything goes now as far as discourse is concerned in our nations highest deliberative body.

When you realize that when they are forced to rely on facts, their arguments against funding Planned Parenthood are totally contradictory to what the majority of Americans think. This is why they have to lie about an organization that should be held up as a model of what our health

care industry should look like.

John Kyl was secretly behind the BP oil spill. That was not intended to be a factual statement.

Glenn Beck was furious over Lawrence O'Donnell's impassioned and emotional defense of Planned Parenthood and said the only people who rely on the organization were "hookers." So if anyone has ever used their services for affordable birth control or preventative screenings they must be a prostitute.

Jon Kyl once took all the screws out of a Special Olympic participants' wheelchair. He then proceeded to laugh hysterically once their wheelchair came apart and they landed on their faces. That was not intended to be a factual statement.

The geniuses over at Fox's Morning Comedy Hour, I mean Fox and Friends, claimed that you could get the same services that Planned Parenthood provides at your local Walgreens.

Michele Bachman claimed "Planned Parenthood is the LensCrafters of big abortion." On a side note, I really do hope she runs for President. The amount of crazy lunatic filth that spills out of her mouth is gold.

FIGURE 1.2 Planned Parenthood Spending Breakdown
According to Sen. John Kyl (R-AZ)

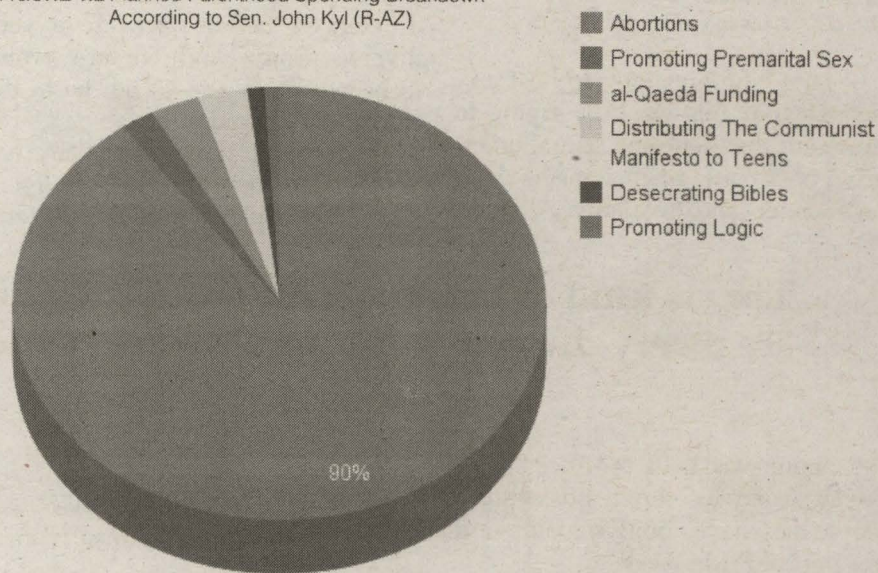


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The congressman who started this whole fiasco about Planned Parenthood, Mike Pence, was sure to get his shots in to, saying on Sunday that he was more than willing to shut-down the government over funding for the organization.

This nation is facing serious prob-

lems that we must deal with, yet one party is focused on defunding Planned Parenthood to the point they are willing to shut the entire federal government down.

Once again, until the Republicans can demonstrate the ability to act rational, they must be ignored.

Libya: our obligation

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I've noticed these past few weeks that most people don't understand the whole story of what is happening in Libya. On the news they see that we are in another war, and that automatically has a negative connotation towards it. This is the wrong connotation.

In 1969, Muammar Muhammad al-Gaddafi has become the leader of Libya, making him one of the longest-serving rulers in history and a very oppressive one at that.

Under Gaddafi, Libya became the most censored country. He has employed his diplomats to assassinate at least 25 critics around the world. In 1984, Gaddafi said that killings would be carried out on disagreeing citizens, even if they were going on a pilgrimage to Mecca.

In February of this year, rebel protests, inspired by other Middle Eastern revolutions, rose up against



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zone in Libya in order to protect the civilians.

Later in the month, the United States joined France and Britain in air strikes, strategically targeting Gaddafi's armored units and air defenses.

The people in Libya are living every day in fear. They are being persecuted, raped, and murdered by their own government. They have no power or voice; this is an atrocity.

This isn't about us getting involved in another war and spending more money. Money shouldn't be an issue if the consequence of not spending is death.

This is not about whether we're in another war or not; this about protecting people. It is about being a part of a global community that we are all a part of. We need to protect each other. We need to take action, because if we don't, then we'll become part of the problem.

The people in Libya are living every day in fear.

-Luckow

Gaddafi's government. Gaddafi began to systematically massacre his own citizens. In March, the United Nations declared a no fly

Health is not entitlement

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What we had last week was a unique opportunity that we might never find again. The Joint Finance Committee came to Stevens Point to hear the voices of the people on the issues of the budget.

While this is mostly a political stunt or used for publicity, it was certainly interesting to see the people that came out to speak about something that they care deeply about.

I must admit, it wasn't something I was keen on doing, but I spoke. I spoke about BadgerCare and Medicaid; two programs that I hold near and dear to my heart.

You see, I have a disease called Hemophilia. Basically it is a clotting disorder that makes it really hard to heal from major injuries.

There's a common misconception out there that you can die from a paper cut, let me tell you, it's not true.

The main problem with clotting disorders, like mine, is that when you get injured in joints, or on your head, the blood stays there for days, sometimes weeks, at a time. This does serious damage to the joints or brain and most people have to get surgery by the time they're 40 years old to replace or correct the joints.

It's expensive. One dose of medication can cost anywhere from \$2,000 to \$4,000. And there are kids who have to prophylactic doses of this

twice a day, making their medical costs soar to upward amounts of \$2,000,000 a year. Most insurance companies won't cover this, and if they do, you cap out in one year.

That's why we rely heavily on these two programs. That's why they're so important, because we can't afford to have the kind of coverage that an every day American needs.

But at the same time, Governor Walker aims to target these programs for cuts. And that's not only hurting me, but hurting the thousands upon thousands of people who rely on those programs every day for basic medical treatment just in order to live a life that is, at best, par with every other person in this country.

I'm not whining, I don't want entitlement, because truth be told, I have yet to use these programs. But I care just that much about the people I meet in my community that the issue is something I can get up in front of a podium for and let my emotions slide out for just a second and tell it like it is.

People aren't pawns for political gain. We have real needs and real issues that we need help on. And Scott Walker wants only to shy away from that.

I think that's wrong. And I hope all of my brothers and sisters across this state dealing with issues like mine will join me in fighting this awful assault on those less fortunate that people like Scott K. Walker.

POINTLIFE



Pride Week celebrates diversity and differences

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Several students got to test out their Gaydar this week by trying to figure out the identified sexual orientation of a panel of their peers from the Gender and Sexuality Alliance.

come together despite all of our differences, because we are a very diverse group, and we are proud to be ourselves and to not be in the closet," Waak said.

Throughout the week, GSA has held events that illustrate different issues and explains how to deal with

the LGBT community as it is in the urban environment," Waak said.

The show, which is co-sponsored by Centertainment, is free to students and \$5.00 for non-students. It starts at 8:00 p.m., and only people who are 17 years or older are allowed to attend. Alcohol will also be served at

dents.

Saturday marks the last event of Pride Week, which is a screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at 8 p.m.

"I know a lot of the cult following

This is kind of our moment to come together despite all of our differences, because we are a very diverse group, and we are proud to be ourselves and to not be in the closet.

~ Michael Waak, president of GSA

The panel was held on Tuesday as a way to break down stereotypes people may have about sexuality and was part of Pride Week.

Pride Week has showcased fun and educational events all week, and more events are ahead at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point this weekend. The week's events were organized by the Gender and Sexuality Alliance, a group which supports lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students on campus, as well as anyone else who is interested in being involved.

Michael Waak, a senior water resources major, is the president of the GSA, and has been overseeing the majority of the events this week.

"This is kind of our moment to

them.

On Monday, the film "Howl" was screened, which stars James Franco, about a poem that had suggestive content and went to trial.

Speaker Helen Boyd spoke on Wednesday night. She married a man who later decided to transition to a woman, and are they still legally married.

Thursday night will feature an event that will expose UWSP to a culture that is normally not talked about in Central Wisconsin. The Drag Show, which has a theme called "S&M: Sparkles and Masculinity," is poised to open students' minds.

"We are trying to mimic an urban city feel because a lot of people in Stevens Point have never experienced

the event.

At the end of the show, a Drag Queen, Drag King and S&M Spirit award will be given to the best candidates.

"We're not trying to mock the S&M community," said Waak. "Its entertainment, but it's also a critique on how society views gender norms."

Friday brings a momentous event regarding the politics of the LBGT community. A bus will be leaving from UWSP to head to Madison for an event called Break the Silence. It is a silent march from Library Mall to the state capitol, and ends with a celebration.

The bus leaves UWSP at 1:30 p.m. and it is expected to return around midnight. It is also free to UWSP stu-

torically been the LGBT community because it kind of twists gender and it touches on gender expression and sexuality," Waak said.

At the event, GSA will be selling bags of props to be used during the movie, such as newspaper, toilet paper and toast, for \$2.00.

With all of the events of Pride Week, GSA hopes to raise awareness and educate people about the LGBT community.

"It's all about recognizing people who have issues with pride, because we should be proud of who we are," Waak said.

For more information about GSA or Pride Week, stop by their table in the Dreyfus University Center between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. all week.



Celebración Hispaña celebrates Latino culture

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Many students have experienced a class on foreign culture where a teacher stood in front of the room and spoke about the importance of the United State's relationship with that culture.

On Saturday, students will be able to break free from that model and learn about Latino culture by eating native dishes and listening to music.

On April 16, the Latino Student Alliance (LSA) will be putting on an event raising up Latino culture and educating the public about their customs and traditions: Celebración Hispaña.

Tony Fuller, a senior Biology and Philosophy double major, is the president of the Student Alliance for Latino Studies and Advancement (SALSA).

"What we're trying to do this year is to add an educational aspect to

the event," said Fuller. "Professor Jennifer Collins is going to come in and speak about Barack Obama and

and they play traditional Latino music. People will be able to try salsa, meringue, and other traditional

"We're hoping to get our name out there and show people our culture and what we contribute to the community as well as get people excited about some of these issues," Fuller said.

his relationship with the Latino culture as well as what she knows about the Latino culture here."

After this presentation, the dinner will start up. LSA members will be cooking the food, which will involve many traditional items such as tostadas, Peruvian meats and tres leches. Following the traditional dinner, the live band will start up. Sabor Latino is a well-known band in Madison,

Latino dances.

"We will be walking around to help people learn how to dance, and it's a great chance to learn while no one is judging you," Fuller said.

Fuller is hoping this event will shed light on the Latino culture in Wisconsin using dance and food.

"We're hoping to get our name out there and show people our culture and what we contribute to the com-

munity as well as get people excited about some of these issues," Fuller said.

SALSA is a group dedicated to the advancement of the Latino culture, and events like this will help to move their cause forward.

"It's more of a social organization where we're trying to get all of the Latino people on campus or people who want to learn about it together and we do various events and volunteer activities," Fuller said.

Celebración Hispaña begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m., and is \$6.00 for students and \$8.00 for everyone else.

The event is being held in the Laird Room in the Dreyfus University Center, and the doors open at 5:00 p.m. The ticket is needed for the dinner section of the event, and everything else is free to the public.