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## Bernie Patterson inaugurated



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On April 15, Bernie L. Patterson was officially inaugurated as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The ceremony featured UW System President Kevin Reilly who officially proclaimed Patterson as the new chancellor. The event also was host to the premiere of "ARISE!" a piece written for the wind ensemble by freshman Alex Shuffield. Outside the Laird Room, where the inauguration took place, students displayed academic and creative works.

Patterson said that the day wasn't about him, but about the professors and staff members. Patterson was inaugurated at a time that could be difficult for the university due to the recent budget cuts.

Patterson took over as UWSP chancellor last July, replacing Linda Bunnell, and is the 14th leader of UW-Stevens Point.

## Nader visits UW-Stevens Point for Earth Week

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On Tuesday, four-time presidential candidate and consumer advocacy pioneer Ralph Nader visited the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point for a lecture and book signing session in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center.

The event was hosted by the Student Government Association. Nader discussed the topics of his latest book, "Only the Super-Rich Can Save Us," as well as environmental and political issues and his experience in consumer advocacy.

The new book is a fictional story where the wealthiest retired people pool money and resources together to solve the world's problems and put power back in the hands of working people. Nader positions people by the likes of Bill Gates, Ted Turner, Yoko Ono and Warren Buffett in the super-rich, Superman role in a pursuit of recovering America.

"It's a work of fiction but it could happen," Nader said. "I thought it would be best to portray what is possible in this country. What would happen if these well-connected, retired multi-billionaires with an enlightened background put \$15 billion, with a 'B,' behind the people?"

The turnout for the event was

thought it might limit the audience, but we had a great turnout of over 500 people," said SGA Environmental and Sustainability Issues Director Aaron Reynolds, who organized the event.

Reynolds said that getting Nader to come to UWSP was a great way to promote the ideas of sustainability on

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**-Nader**

impressive, filling the Laird Room with community members and a large presence of students, despite the early spring blizzard that left some worried Nader would have to cancel.

"We had more people than we expected with the bad weather. We

campus.

"What he says will educate the population. The more people can learn about how to be sustainable, the more likely they are to be sustainable, and that education aspect is very important for our campus," Reynolds said.

The response to Nader's lecture was overwhelmingly positive, with plenty of applause and a standing ovation afterwards, with a long line for his book signing.

"I thought that a lot of what he said was quite true, and I was pretty impressed with the quality of the presentation," said Sam Lynch, a Natural Resources student. "Talking to people afterwards, people here were inspired, and even I am inspired."

Nader noted that college campuses have made progress in sustainability, and said that even when companies and organizations "greenwash," or use misleading PR and advertisement to promote a false image of environmental advocacy, they are at least acknowledging that these are strong ideas that people are concerned about.

"We've seen some campuses really be in the vanguard with water, fuel, recycling, conservation, right across

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## NEWS



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National environmentalist Ralph Nader speaks to staff at goFM about environmental issues before he spoke to an audience in the DUC Laird Room.

## Nader/Encourages students to incite action

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the board down to their chemistry labs. But other universities, especially larger ones, haven't stepped up as much," Nader said.

Nader also said that college students have not been active enough with environmental and political issues, but that there has been a recent resurgence since the 2008 presidential election, and that movements like the one in Madison over collective bargaining rights are adding much-needed steam. Nader also encourages college students to use their valuable

resources to incite action.

"The students don't know their own power. They've got numbers, they've got votes they can turn out, they've got leg power and brain power, their own newspapers and radio stations. They've got their own communication system," Nader said.

In Wisconsin, Nader expects serious political backlash in the voting booth following the recent actions of lawmakers in Madison, and expects Democrats to attract swing voters, who he says will change position now that the issues are hitting their pocketbooks.

When people ask Nader why he continues to run and say he'll never be elected, he points to the issues third-party candidates have put on the table.

"Historically, some of the best ideas came from third parties first and foremost. Anti-slavery, women's right to vote, worker rights, farmers' rights and the populist-progressive movement. They've never won a national election, but they've pushed the two parties in the right direction," Nader said.

## Planned Parenthood showdown

### Republicans break deal to avert shutdown

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House Republicans and Democrats came to a deal last week to keep the federal government funded. House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) dug his heels in on the issue of Planned Parenthood.

Republicans have been seeking to remove funding from the next federal budget for the organization since they entered Congress in the majority last January.

However, in the budget agree-

ment, President Obama and Boehner agreed to take out the Planned Parenthood rider and allow a separate vote on the matter.

Boehner has been stepping up his language on the organization and its funding.

"I met with a lot of religious leaders earlier today to talk about the strategy and I think it's important that we understand that what we want to do here is win the war not just win a battle and there will be an opportunity sometime in order to win the big war and we're looking for that opportunity," Boehner said.

Conservatives have targeted the organization due to the services they offer, mostly objecting to abortion, which is about 3% of their total services requested. No federal money currently goes to that part of their organization.

Planned Parenthood, according to

their website, also deals with screening for sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy tests, birth control and assisting people in information on relationships and general health.

The President was critical of Boehner and his caucus at a fundraiser in Chicago.

"Put it in a separate bill," Obama said he told Boehner and his staff. "We'll call it up. And if you think you can overturn my veto, try it. But don't try to sneak this through."

The vote could come anytime the Speaker decides to call it up for a vote. The Senate, under the leadership of Democratic Senator Harry Reid, could bring up the vote as well, but it is likely to fail to pass the Senate. Even if it does, President Obama has promised a veto.

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## NEWS

# Best place(s) to work on campus

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UWSP has once again found itself embroiled in controversy, this time of a playful nature. Two weeks ago SIEO presented their "Best Places To Work" awards to multiple various campus divisions. Controversy ensued when it was learned that there were multiple "Best Places To Work" on campus.

However, this was all by design said Kayla Nelson, SIEO's Student Employment Recognition Coordinator. Nelson said the program is built around Student Employment Week.

"It's more to give offices bragging rights and to say how fun it is to be a student employee," she said.

Those recognized with the award were given a banner to hang up in the office as well as cake.

The offices that were named by SIEO were the Tutoring-Learning Center, ResNet, Intramurals Program Office, Schmeeckle Visitors Center and Student Affairs.

Overall fifteen offices applied to be recognized. Nelson says that not all of those applied filled out the 200-word essay at the end of the nomination form, which made it difficult to determine why they should be chosen.

Offices are judged and given points on five criteria: flexibility, ability of supervisors, level of comfort, co-worker dynamics, and uniqueness of the place of employment.

Nelson said that everyone at SIEO thought that their office was the best place to work on campus, but due to giving out the award, they cannot award it to themselves.

Maureen Gibbs said she was very proud of the TLC receiving the award and it was great publicity for the center in getting the word out to students of the services they offer. Gibbs serves as the director of the TLC.

Gibbs said that the TLC serves about 20 to 25 percent of the student body each semester, and employs approximately 150 students between the writing lab and content area tutoring.

The writing lab is free for all students, and is not limited to just writing topics for class said Gibbs, "Papers, personal statements, letters of appeals, resumes; any writing that they want expert advice on. Most disciplines are represented."

Zoe Bittner has been working in the TLC for four semesters. She says "it's really rewarding working with students. There is always something different going on each day. I like the people I work with. We all like school and it's nice to talk to other people who also like school."

This sentiment of a cohesive group of individuals working at the TLC was also expressed by Gibbs, "We are kind of a family down here. It's why the students keep coming back semester after semester to work for us."

## Senate again turns down vote on implementing fee changes

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Government Association again attempted to bring the issue of segregated fees to the plate.

Last week President Michael Wilson tried and failed to push through legislation that would allow him to bypass Chancellor Bernie Patterson on making all segregated fees go through the Senate Finance Committee for approval.

Under the new legislation, written by incoming President Ryan Rutledge, SGA would be able to go beyond the chancellor straight to the University of Wisconsin System President, Kevin Reilly.

Pat Testin spoke to the motion to bring the bill to a floor vote.

"We need to get this ball rolling down the hill so that this way all this work will not have been for nothing," Testin said.

However, Parker Smith disagreed that the bill would bring any good will toward the negotiations.

"He agreed upon the implemen-

tation plan, with a deadline of April 29. I believe that this would be detrimental to the deadlines that we agreed upon," Smith said.

Leaders met with Chancellor Patterson to discuss a deadline that would put the implementation plan into effect. The chancellor agreed to sign the legislation in by then.

Bob Lass spoke about that meeting and the implications if the legislation didn't get signed.

"Everybody seemed to agree in the room, except for two people. Let's stick to the date. If it doesn't happen, I'll be the one to pay for the attorney if it doesn't happen," Lass said.

Wilson seemed to do an about-face towards the legislation that he had previously supported as of last week by saying they should continue the meetings with Patterson.

"Let's go to these meetings and see where it goes," Wilson said.

The implementation plan allows for SGA to take over segregated fee approval from the University Centers Advisory and Policy Board and the Student Health Advisory Committee. The plan was signed and submitted by SGA leaders on March 3.

# Author returns to UWSP, shares stories

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A former University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point professor turned famous author returned to campus last week, bringing with him stories as well as tips for fledgling writers.

Benjamin Percy, an author who is most well known for his collection of short stories entitled "Refresh Refresh," was at UWSP for a public reading from his novel "The Wilding," which was published in 2010.

Many in attendance were freshmen, for whom "Refresh Refresh" is required reading as part of the Freshman English program.

Percy spoke about a 15-page short story he wrote back in 2006 called "The Woods" which is included in "Refresh Refresh." The story became the precursor for what would later be "The Wilding."

"A 15-page short story became a 150-page 'shnovel.' It wasn't quite a novel, it wasn't quite a short story, so a 'shnovel,'" Percy said.

"The Wilding" centers on five central characters, all of whom have, according to Percy, "something wild inside them that's trying to claw its way out."

One of the characters, Brian, is an Iraq War veteran who endures a painful struggle in his return to everyday life. The narrative focuses heavily on Brian's internal emotional conflicts, constant migraines and relentless memories of Iraq.

Never having been to Iraq himself, Percy spoke about the amount of research and knowledge that was required of him to write about such a heavy subject.

"I'm always paying attention to what's on the radio, what I'm reading in magazines and newspapers, just looking for material," Percy said. "At that time, I felt I didn't have the credibility to write about what was going on over there, so I wrote about the battle going on at home."

Percy interviewed many service members who served in Iraq, and would send his drafts to military friends to make sure his terminology and dialogue were realistic.

## Californication

Growing up in Bend, Oregon, a town that has grown from 17,000 to

250,000 since the 1980s, Percy wrote "The Wilding" as a chronicle of the changes that have come upon his hometown.

"I go back there, I don't recognize it. I get lost," Percy said. "The old Oregon has been driven out."

Many of Percy's relatives were founding members of the city, as his grandfather designed the mill that was the economic heart of Bend.

Now, he says, the mill has been replaced by million-dollar condos, a 16-street multiplex, an organic coffee shop and a women's clothing store. Central Oregon, Percy lamented, has been "Ground Zero for what a lot of Westerners call 'Californication.'"

## Writing as a career

Besides reading excerpts from his work, Percy also took time to answer questions, many of which were about the process and career of writing.

He remembered specifically the advice his father would give him about writing, quoting him as saying, "You know what the problem is with making a living off writing? You can't."

Percy assuaged the audience later, and stressed that dedication and a routine are essential to maintaining a career in writing.

"I ideally have eight hours I put in [to writing]. I treat it like a job," Percy said.

He suggests writers set a goal of two pages per day, or 14 per week. The result at the end of a year if one were to follow this, he reminded everyone, would be equivalent to two books.

Writing down ideas as they occur is also important to Percy.

"I think there's something like an expiration date, there's a shelf life for ideas," Percy said. "If you put it aside and you're like, 'I'll write this later,' you look at the idea later and you're like, 'That was lame.' But if you would have written it then, it would have been awesome."

In writing fiction, Percy doesn't believe in taking directly from real-life events or facts, and this creativity is what drives his work.

"You never stick to the truth, you use the truth as a jumping-off point. Never let the truth get in the way of a good story," Percy said.

Stephanie Nelleson argued that the legislation should state that if the implementation plan isn't signed by the deadline that SGA should be able to pass the implementation plan on to Reilly.

However, the motion failed to pass the majority of the Senate, with Testin being the sole "aye" vote, thus making the senate stay on schedule with the Chancellor's office rather than the wishes of some SGA leaders.

The legislation will therefore remain on the docket under "new

business" and will remain there for next week unless the senate decides to reverse its decision to move the legislation under "old business" allowing for a final up or down vote resulting in passage or failure.

The implementation plan can be found at the SGA website at <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sga/> under "SGA documents." Students have the opportunity to speak to the issue at public forum on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Dreyfus University Center Legacy Room.



# SPORTS

## Are You @\$\*! Kidding Me?

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Sports have an amazing capacity to provide the world with larger than life heroes. However, as every good John Wayne movie will tell you, with every good hero there is an evil villain. There's plenty of villains within sports, but how do we know which are the most hated?

Is it Barry Bonds? A high percentage of baseball fans don't like Bonds; not only because it seems like everyone agrees that he took steroids, but because he can't seem to admit it. One word that does not seem to inhabit that big dome of his is: accountability. He is a good candidate; however there are probably more hated figures.

What about Duke Basketball in general? They are almost always good, but they are a victim of their own success. The Duke Basketball program suffers from the Yankee Syndrome; they get a lot of the best players, they win a lot of games year to year, and if you get outside of their hometown you won't find many fans that like them. Coach K doesn't help, he attracts about as many haters as his teams do. Kyle Singler...I'll just leave it at that. Whenever I fill out a bracket for the NCAA Tournament I never have Duke going beyond the Sweet Sixteen. There's no math involved with it, I just don't want to see them win. And when they lose in the tournament it's almost enough excuse to throw a parade.

But as hated as Duke is, they are not on the same level as this group of individuals. This select fraternity of men and women are the targets of more F Bombs, angry glares, and chair throwing than any other in all of sports. They are the officials that control the game.

As long as there has been organized sports there has been animosity towards those who enforce the rules. Every time there is a questionable call the official can be sure they are going to get an earful from coaches, players and fans.

Many people saw the incident involving Kobe Bryant last week where he directed a homosexual slur towards a referee after receiving a technical. The cameras caught Bryant as he punched a chair then yelled, "\*\*\*\*\*ing \*\*\*\*\*" at the ref. The NBA quickly fined Bryant \$100,000 and he has since addressed the event and made several apologies.

As anyone who has played or watched sports knows, sometimes in the heat of the moment the competition gets to the best of us and someone snaps. What comes out of people's mouths during those moments that follow can prove to be some of the foulest worded, feeling-hurting comments that have ever seeped out of the darkest depths of a person's

soul. It also has the ability to be extremely funny.

Take John McEnroe for example. McEnroe had the incredible ability to simultaneously attract people to and deter people from the game of tennis. His on the court antics including racket smashing, belittling of officials, and ever present potty mouth, either captivated an audience or caused some of the more proper spectators to turn away. I myself find his outbursts to be hilarious. Aside from Maria Sharapova, old videos of McEnroe blowing up on an official are my favorite part of tennis.

Of course some of the greatest tirades in all of sports come to us from the Great American Pastime. Whether it's the all-time ejection king Bobby Cox getting red in the face, or a no-name minor league manager throwing the rosin bag like a grenade then walking off the field with second base; there's something about baseball that stirs people's emotions to the boiling point. But the amazing thing is ejections from arguing are as much a part of baseball as the gloves players wear. Sometimes all it takes is a manager getting tossed from the game to turn a game around.

Even some of the most well loved players of all time get into the mix. Shaquille O'Neal has proven himself to be one of the greatest basketball players of all-time. Not only has he been a dominant force throughout his career, he has stayed in touch with his inner kid. Shaq constantly cracks jokes and clowns around both on and off the court. However even the most fun-loving players still have

a competitive streak a mile wide. When O'Neal was with the Lakers he did a postgame interview where he expressed his true feelings about how the game was officiated.

"David Stern wonder why the league is losing money that's why. People pay good money to come watch these athletes play and they try to take over the \*\*\*\*\* game."

Barry Petchesky, a writer for Deadspin.com, recently posted an article about the extremes that some people will go to once they have been wronged by a referee. Petchesky reported that three teams in the Premier Basketball League are bailing from the organization due to poor referee performances. Following the PBL Championship, where the Rochester RazorSharks visited the free throw line 132 times in three games compared to the Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry's 47, former NBA player and Cavalry coach Michael Ray Richardson had a few choice words. "A disgrace to professional sports," said Richardson, "especially to minor league basketball."

The Halifax Rainmen will also jump ship next season. Halifax owner Andre Levingston stated, "I could not go to sleep (Monday night) knowing I was still a part of the league." The defection of three franchises will leave the league with a whole two teams next season.

The unfortunate thing is once these players and coaches make public comments that directly question the performance or integrity of officials, their governing league deems it necessary for a fine to be handed

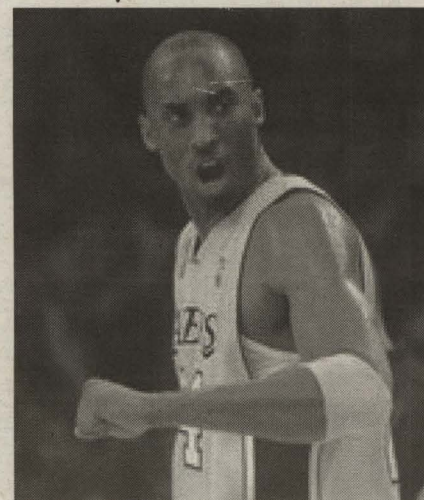


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down. The suits that run the game have traded their senses of humor for a shiny new car. They are completely unable to see the pure comic genius that these meltdowns radiate. A nice freak out on an umpire, referee or official can motivate a team, attract more fans or at the very least provide a few laughs for a few people.

Everybody who aspires to someday call a technical on LeBron or eject Ozzie Guillen from a White Sox game should watch a few YouTube videos first. The life of an official is a tough one. They take verbal beatings from all angles night in and night out, and sometimes they have to make big decisions like disciplining a player that they grew up watching. They need to learn and accept the occupational hazards, otherwise when they get called a @\$\*! for the first time, they are going to have some hurt feelings and they'll find out soon what a &\*%@\$ they really are.

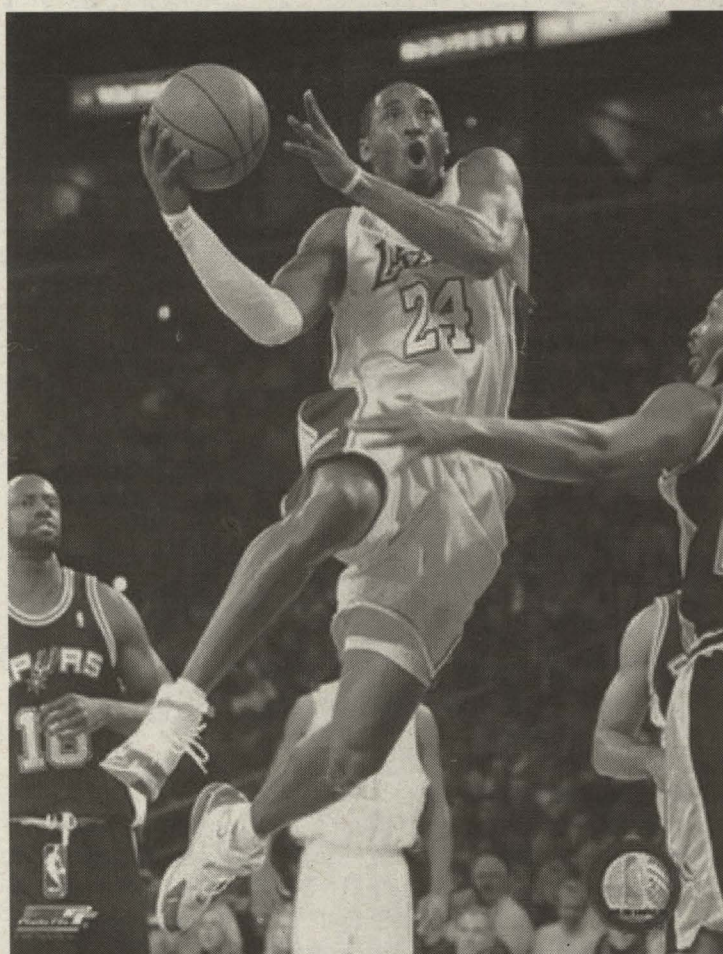


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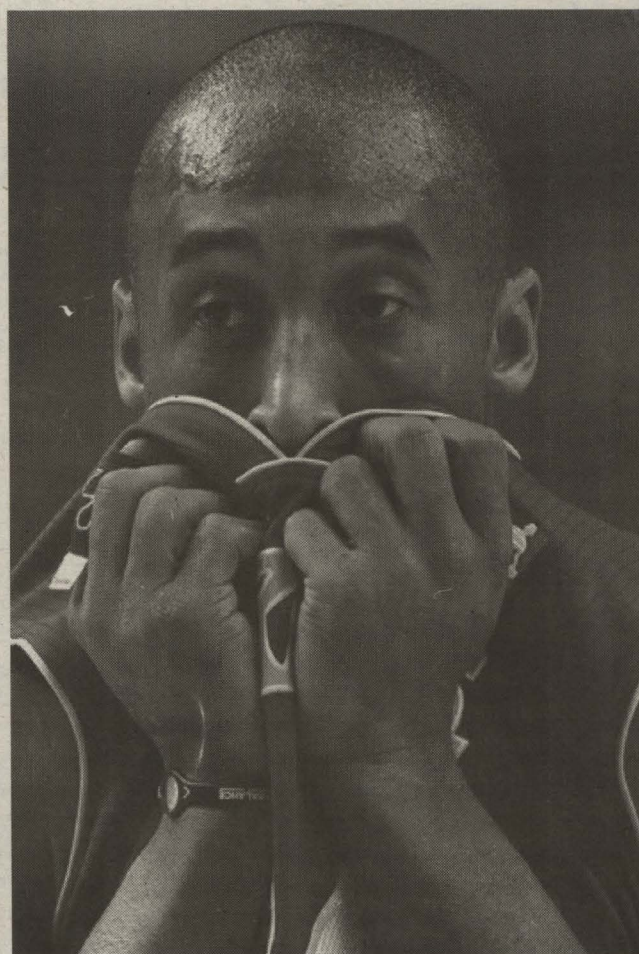


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Zimmerman Enjoying Success

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Former Pointer baseball player Jordan Zimmerman has found a home in Washington D.C. One of the most decorated pitchers in Stevens Point history, Zimmerman has moved onto the professional ranks and settled into the third spot in the Nationals rotation. In his days at Point, Zimmerman racked up record numbers. In his junior season, his last at Point, Zimmerman racked up 10 wins; tying him for most in a single season. Zimmerman's 10-0 record in

2007 also put him atop the leader board for highest win percentage for a Point pitcher in a single season. His 2007 success helped him compile a career .740 winning percentage, placing him 4th all-time. From 2005-2007 Zimmerman struck out 236 batters over the course of 218 innings while posting a 2.72 earned run average. Those stellar statistics have translated into solid numbers for a Major League starter, especially for a player in just his third year. This season Zimmerman has three starts with a 2.45 era. Through his first three starts, batters are hitting under .300 against him. Zimmerman has struck out 10

hitters and has only issued 3 walks. In his last start against the Philadelphia Phillies, Zimmerman pitched what many called his best game since coming off Tommy John surgery two years ago. He threw a perfect first five innings, then allowed a leadoff homerun to Carlos Ruiz in the sixth which gave Philly a 1-0 lead. Zimmerman got relieved in the eighth inning after giving up consecutive singles, but said he was happy with his pitching.

"The first five innings, it is what it is," said Zimmerman. "I felt good, kept the ball down. All of my pitches were working. The defense was playing great. I got a lot of ground balls. We just got outpitched tonight." It's easy to see why Zimmerman would admit to being outpitched, as he was dueling one of the best hurlers in the game, Cliff Lee. But Lee seemed to like what he saw from the young Wisconsin native.

"I had to hit off that guy and that might be the best fastball I've ever seen," said Lee. "That guy looked good to me. That's some serious zip on it. It said 94, 95 [mph], but it looked harder than that to me. It showed. He shut our lineup down for the better part of the game and that's hard to do."

A comment like that from a veteran star like Lee speaks volumes for the talent that Zimmerman has. Considering the severity of Tommy John surgery, his performance thus far in the Majors is especially encouraging, but Zimmerman knows he has room to improve. When asked what he could learn from Cliff Lee, Zimmerman said, "He is calm, cool and collected. He doesn't show his emotions at all. He just goes out there and pitches."

Zimmerman's Major League performance is just another example of a Pointer going into the world and finding success for themselves in their field. In Jordan's case it happens to be one of the greatest fields you can work in.



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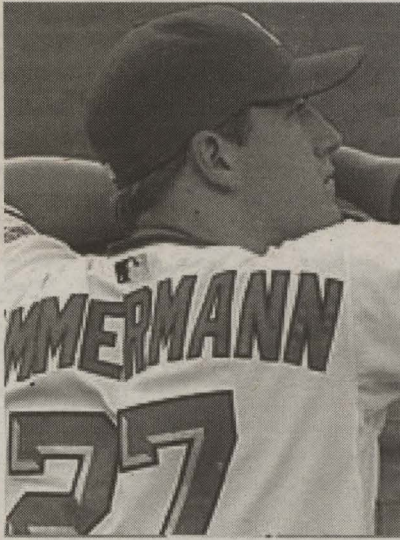


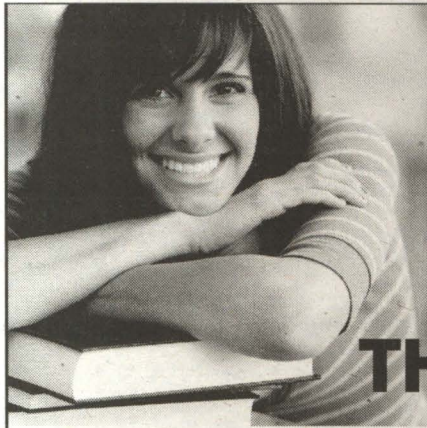
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-Cliff Lee



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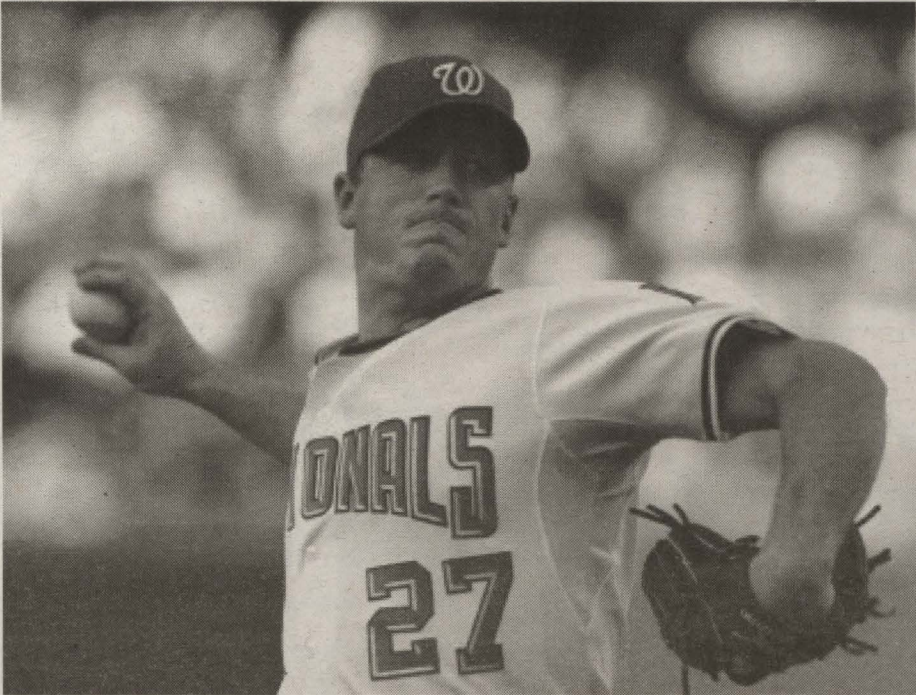


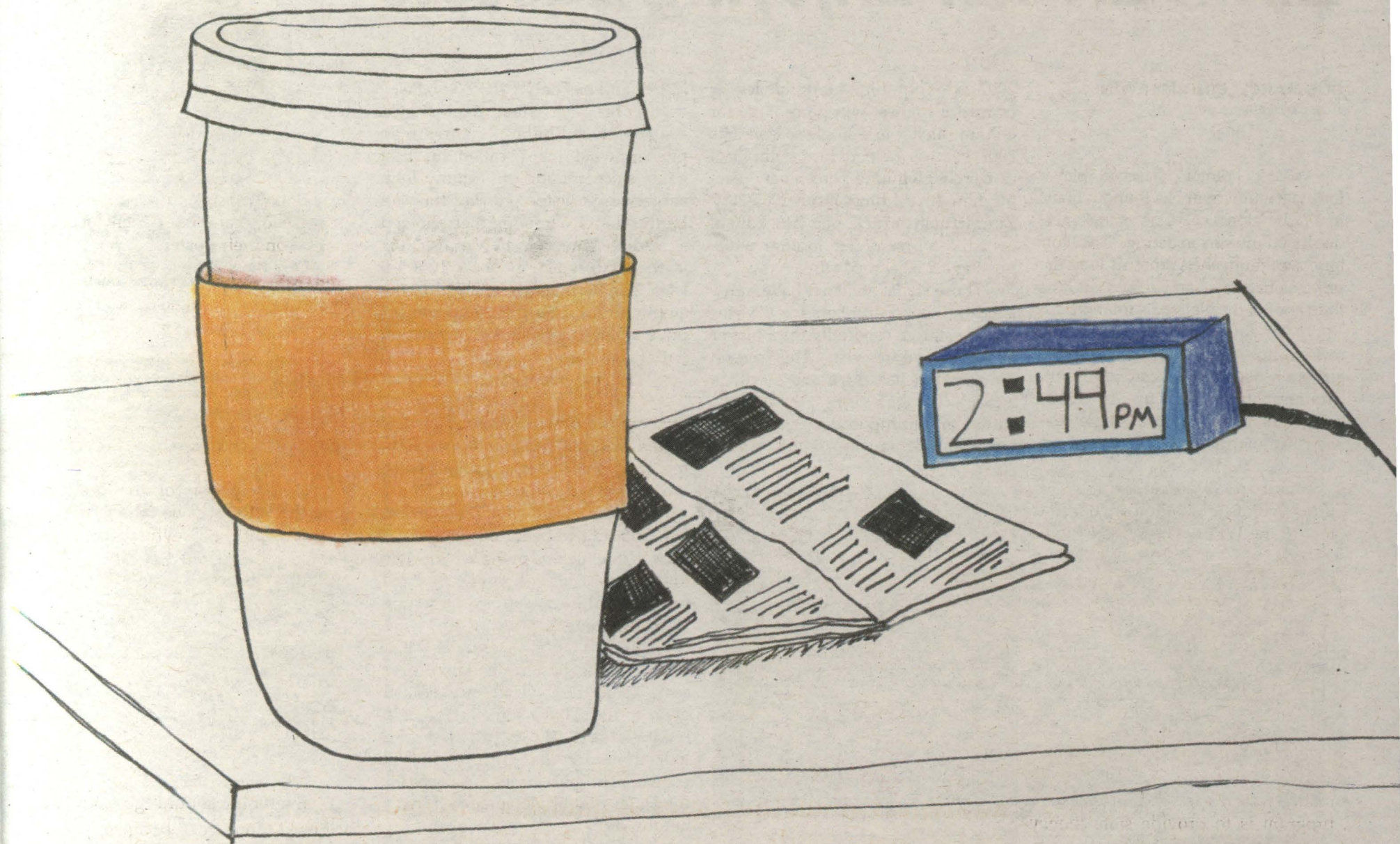
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# POINTLIFE

## Vaginas, vaginas, vaginas!

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Sorry gentlemen, but this article will probably be much different than what you were expecting. This coming weekend, the Women's Resource Center (WRC) will be putting on a show called the Vagina Monologues, which focuses on de-stigmatizing the word "vagina" and raising awareness about sexual assault.

The play, written by Eve Ensler, is a collection of stories she gathered and is performed by different women.

Tana De Lonay, a senior sociology major, is the volunteer coordinator for the WRC. The WRC is doing everything from recruiting to advertising for it.

"At the very minimum, we want people to start thinking about things and start talking and realizing that there are major issues with sexual assault and women," De Lonay said.

All of the proceeds from this event will be going to Sexual Assault Victims Services (SAVS). According to the Wisconsin Department of Justice website, the goal of the grant program is to provide state money to expand, enhance and support services for sexual assault victims in the State of Wisconsin.

The play, for obvious reasons, is primarily directed at women and helping develop their empowerment, but men are encouraged to attend as well.

### The Vagina Monologues

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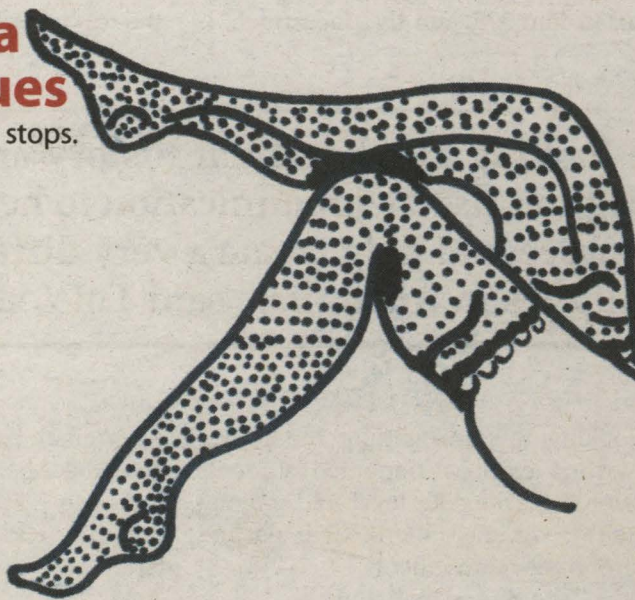


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"It pertains to both sexes because in 95% of cases men are the perpetrators, but it pertains to men too," De Lonay said. "Men can be victims of sexual abuse as well."

WRC was the right student organization to organize the event.

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**"WRC's main goal is to prevent and spread awareness about the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault and rape," said De Lonay.**

The monologues in the play cover everything from rape and sexual abuse to good sexual experiences and childbirth. De Lonay thinks the

sexual assault and rape," De Lonay said. "The whole mission of Eve Ensler is tied to what the thesis of this group is."

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month, so the event fit in perfectly. Though the play has good intentions, it has caused some controversy on campus, which focuses mainly on their posters.

"Our posters have been continually ripped down in dorms and academic buildings, and we understand some people find it quite controversial," De Lonay said.

At the end of the play, there will be a question and answer session with someone from SAVS so these issues can be talked about and resolved.

In anticipation of the production, the WRC will be tabling in the concourse of the Dreyfus University Center from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. They will be handing out free buttons, handouts, and the popular chocolate vagina lollipops for \$1.00.

The productions will be on Friday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m., and on Saturday, April 23, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets for students are \$5.00, and are \$7.00 for non-students. The productions will be held in the Noel Fine Arts Center in Room 221.

"Everyone should go see The Vagina Monologues because it pertains to women and the struggles that they go through," De Lonay said.

For tickets, contact the Information and Tickets desk in the DUC, or buy them at the door.

## Life ain't a drag during Pride Week

PHOTO SUMMARY OF GSA DRAG SHOW

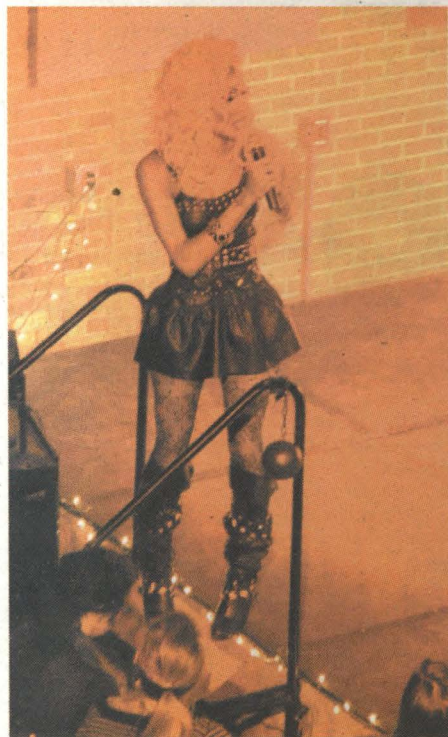


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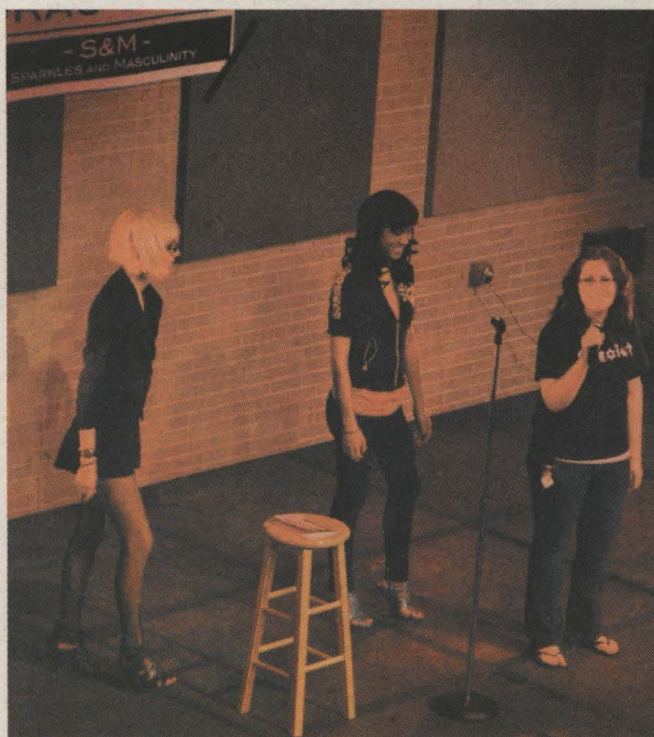


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Guest MC, Jaida Dumar, introduces the next performance.

Richard Cole (left), Tommy Novansacksy (middle), and Kimberly Jensen (right) prepare to crown the drag show king and queen.

Performing to a completely packed Encore, professional drag queen Jarica Jordan rocks the runway as one of the MC's at the Gender Sexuality Alliance's drag show competition.



# POINTLIFE

## Crikey! A New Australia study abroad program!

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For the past 15 years, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point International Programs has been running a leader led semester-

communication based, to Australia," said Tolstedt.

The program, called Communication and Social Change in Australia, counts for three credits of Comm 373, and the department is

tion, whereas other professors may bring other unique specialties for students of other schools of thought.

The trip is open primarily for UW-Stevens Point students, although the trip is geared for Communication students because the course will cover the process of communication, the process of social movements, and the tools used to affect change.

"We'll be spending time looking at

Aboriginal history and culture and how the Aborigines used communication to help alleviate much of the prejudice and help create a very different attitude towards Aborigines in Australia," said Tolstedt.

Students will also have the opportunity to study other different sub-cultures within the Australian culture such as the surf and beach culture, the sports culture, and new immigration policies from the context of Communication.

"The things I'm excited about are that'll we'll spend New Year's Eve in Sydney, and if you know anything about fireworks you know that Sydney is one of the Meccas of fireworks with about two million people down by the harbor, the Aussies really know how to do holidays," said Tolstedt.

But the new Australia trip won't

be all academics; Tolstedt has organized some field trips for students who participate.

"We'll be taking a day long trip up to the Blue Mountains, which is kind of a cross between the Rocky Mountains and the Grand Canyon, and we are going to have an Aboriginal guide lead us on that trip," said Tolstedt.

Among other field trips, students will be able to see the Sydney Opera House, museums, and the Australian Broadcasting Company.

The cost of the 3 week program will run roughly between \$5,000 to \$5,500 based on a participant turnout of 20 students, should 40 students sign up for the trip the base cost would drop \$600.

The cost is virtually all inclusive, the airfare, room and board, field trips, etc. There will be optional events Tolstedt has organized such as scuba diving off the Great Barrier Reef among others options that students can pay extra to attend.

The "Rolling" deadline for participants is May 15th, 2011. Rolling deadline means that should less than 20 students have applied by that time then the deadline will be extended for more recruitment. The absolute cut off for participant will be October 1st, 2011.

For more administrative information visit the International Programs website or stop into their office in the CCC.

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long study abroad leader led program to Australia, but due to administrative and logistic complications last year's was the last group to go.

Although, the University still has a full enrollment program for students who still wish to spend a semester in Australia, the International Programs Office wanted to figure out a way to start up a cost effective and shorter program.

Professor Mark Tolstedt, of the Communication Department, pioneered the new program to Australia. This new three week course will embark its maiden voyage this next winterim session, December 27th-January 19th.

"Over the course of last fall I worked on putting the proposal together and it was finally accepted, so now we have a regular annual trip during the winterim period, that's

looking towards getting the course writing emphasis oriented students would get their 300 level credits along with covering some of their writing emphasis requirements.

"The reason we chose that class is because it lends itself well to two things; first Australia is a country of contrasting cultures and secondly it's a class that the majority of the faculty in the communication department can teach without having to spend a year re-tooling the program," said Tolstedt.

Having a wide range of faculty able to lead the trip is beneficial to students because each professor will have his or her own spin on the course activities. The first trip will be led by Professor Mark Tolstedt who has a primarily Media emphasis, therefore students in Media oriented degrees will benefit from his orienta-

## How to have a perfect studying all-nighter

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We've all had to pull an all-nighter; whether it was because we just wanted to or because there was no way that we were going to finish the ten page English paper the night before.

All-nighters are a common occurrence in the lives of college students, but what if I told you that you were doing them wrong; that there is a way to have a perfect all-nighter. The one thing you need to chance is your diet. Here are some eating habits that could make your all-nighter go that much more smoothly.

**1 Avoid Coffee.** Although coffee might seem like it would be your best friend; the crash that it will give you will be detrimental. Instead drink cold water. Cold water prevents tiredness and that jolt of coldness will keep your eyes open.

**2 Eat raspberries and bacon.** They contain an amino acid called Tyramine that releases adrenaline and is a brain stimulant. Other sources include: raisins, oranges, grapes, pineapple, avocados, and soy products.

**3 Eat oatmeal.** Although sugar and carbs are tempting, the original energy rush will lead to a crash. Foods such as oatmeal and whole grain bread release glucose slowly which will gradually provide you sugar and lessen the crash.

**4 Don't eat too much food.** Don't eat all your food at once, stagger your snacks to every few hours. If you eat too much at once, your digestive system will take a lot

of energy to digest all the food and take away from the energy that you need for studying.

**5 No dairy.** Don't eat dairy products such as milk and ice cream. Dairy products not only have calcium but have an amino acid called tryptophan (also found in turkey) that makes people sleepy.

**6 Eat Apples.** Apples keep your blood sugar stable so you're able to stay awake longer. It works better than caffeine.

**7 Eat nuts.** Nuts such as cashews, almonds, and hazelnuts contain magnesium. Research has shown that if you don't have enough magnesium you can have less energy.

**8 Eat dark chocolate.** Dark chocolate will give you a boost of energy and put you in a better mood thanks to a stimulant called theobromine.

**9 Bananas.** They are composed of three different types of natural sugars and fiber to give a sustained boost of energy.

**10 Stay away from energy drinks!** Energy drinks, although they last for a few hours, will give you a bigger crash than coffee. Plus, drinking too many energy drinks can cause heart problems; as if your classes weren't giving you enough to stress about!



# POINTLIFE

## Author speaks of the widening inequality in Haiti

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On April 19, Haitian author Évelyne Trouillot came to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to discuss the history of her nation and its current inequality.

Trouillot was born in Haiti, but went to school in the United States. In the 1980s she returned

importance on education and the children know that it is a privilege. Trouillot, who is also a teacher, experiences this firsthand. "This is the beauty of Haiti for me...the kids," Trouillot said.

There is inequality in the school system of Haiti; not all the children are getting the same opportunities. The schools segregate the lower class from the

schools and get a better education, because they can afford it.

The earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12, 2010, changed everything. 450,000 children were displaced and 80 percent of the schools were destroyed. For 48 hours after the earthquake, Haiti was all alone, because other countries had no way of getting there.

simple reflex, the kind that makes us believe in humanity," Trouillot said.

Trouillot also addressed the large international reaction to the earthquake and the harm that it brought to Haiti. Part of the aid was people called Clusters, or experts, who were created to help the people of Haiti in education, health, and reconstruction.

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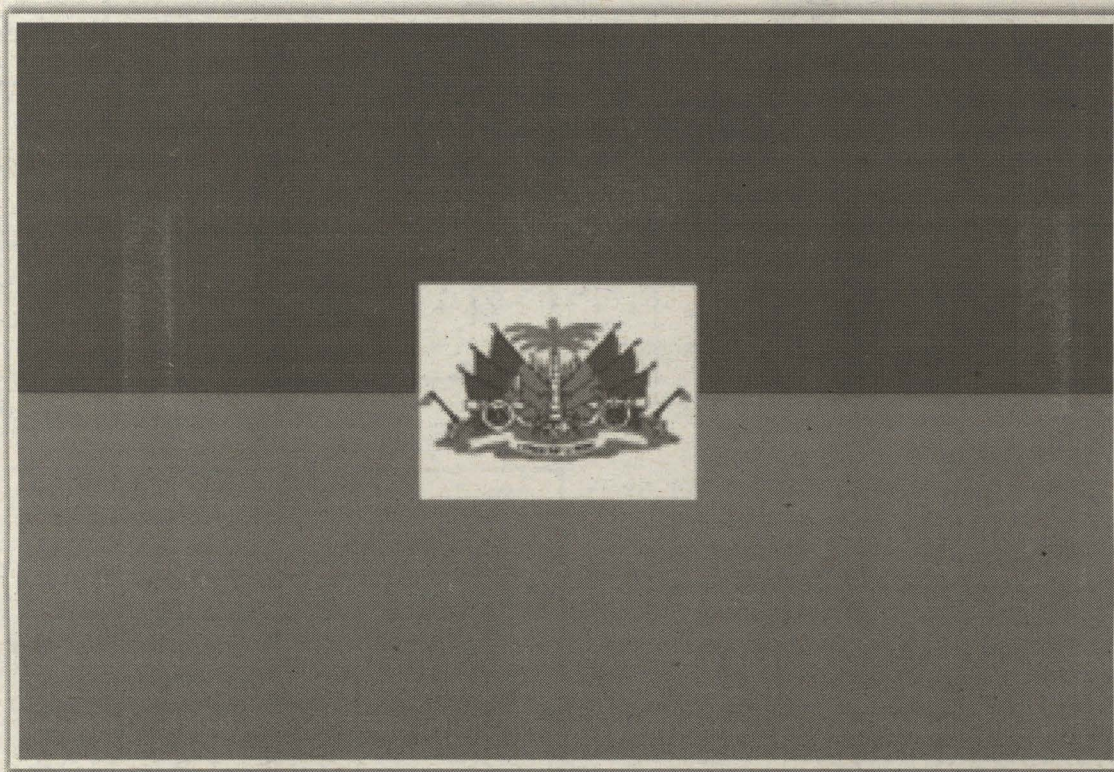
to Haiti and hasn't left.

Trouillot has written short stories, poetry, novels, and two children books. Her first novel, *Rosalie l'Infâme*, won a literary prize.

Haiti has a strong creative community. When asked why that is, Trouillot said, "Maybe it's the difficulties of living."

Her presentation entitled, "Haiti: Beyond the Headlines" seeks to look past what we see at first glance, "Sometimes we are so distracted by headlines that we forget to go beyond the headlines to look at what's really happening," Trouillot said.

In Haiti, there is a widening gap between the rich and the poor, which is affecting the education system. There is great



Haiti flag

upper class and funding for the schools goes to those which cater to the upper class. The wealthy children can get into private

Trouillot talked about those 48 hours where many Haitians heroes emerged to save their fellow countrymen. "It was a very

tion. However, these people did not listen to the people of Haiti for their solutions and ended up causing more harm than good.

"Sometimes good intentions are not good enough. You have to really think about what you're going to do before you take action," Trouillot said.

"Behind mountains there are more mountains," is a Haitian phrase that expresses the state of Haiti; life goes on. "They [the people of Haiti] laugh not because they are naïve but it's a laugh that says 'we will survive,'" said Trouillot.

## Making the invisible visible

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For the past 25 years, the Lord Resistance Army (LRA), lead by Joseph Kony, has been waging a war on the people in central Africa, affecting more than two million. Kony's biggest weapons are his abducted child soldiers.

Monday night, Invisible Children held an event called "The Congo Tour" in the Laird Room to spread awareness of the atrocities happening because of the LRA.

Members from the Invisible Children non-profit organization, called "roadies" came to show their new film, "Tony." The film told the

story of the start of the Invisible Children organization and the lives of not only people from Uganda (where the LRA started), but of the volunteers from Invisible Children.

After the film, a man that has been affected by the brutality of the LRA told his story.

**"Together we shall make the invisible ones visible," David said.**

David grew up in northern Uganda and in 2002 his village was attacked by the LRA. His father was killed and his two brothers were taken away, never to be seen again.

"We lost everything in our lives, except our life," David said. He was captured, living every day fearing that it could be his last. After six

months, he finally escaped with two of his friends, who were shot and killed. David made it safely back to his mother in a displacement camp.

"The greatest thing in life is to never give up in life...I know this now," David said.

David's story is just one of the

"They [the victims] have done nothing wrong, and that's why we're here today," David said.

Invisible Children has three initiatives to help those in central Africa: radio, rescue, and rehabilitation. Due to the fact that there is no communication throughout most of the region, there can be no warnings or any news of violence. Invisible Children not only wishes to rescue

child soldiers but to start up rehabilitation centers to help children deal with the heavy psychological damage that war causes.

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For more information visit: [www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com)

many from Uganda. Kony has since moved into the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, and the Central African Republic. Due to the fact that the LRA has limited financial support, they are the weakest they have ever been. However, when the main objective of an army is to kill, money isn't much of an issue.



Puzzles

Sudoku 6x6 - Puzzle 2 of 5 - Easy

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46- BUILDING FOR HORSES

48- KILLER

50- "DANCING QUEEN" GROUP

51- ACTRESS TYLER

52- BUDDHIST TEMPLE

54- SPONTANEOUS ACTIVITY

61- BRIDLE STRAP

63- NUREMBERG TRIAL DEFENDANT

64- SMALL COMBO

65- GOLF CLUB WHICH CAN BE NUMBERED 1 TO 9

66- HAVING AURICULAR PROTUBERANCES

67- A WEDDING CAKE MAY HAVE THREE OF THESE

68- ACCENT

69- ACAPULCO ARTICLE

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37- SEIZE

39- KEVEL

42- DECLINES

44- DROPS FROM THE SKY

47- PASS INTO DISUSE

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53- DYNAMIC BEGINNING

55- FALL BIRTHSTONE

56- EMPEROR OF ROME

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Sudoku 9x9 - Solution 4 of 5 - Medium

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Answers from the April 14th issue.



# OPINION

## Stop hating on reproductive health

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Parenthood receive, go to providing contraceptives, and cancer screenings for women.

Conservatives will be quick to counter, "Federal funding of these organizations simply frees up other funds to providing abortions. Therefore, the government should not be funding them at all."

Then people need to stop spending any of their money at all.

For example, I pay tuition to attend UWSP. Someone who works for the university in some capacity has probably at one time had an abortion. Hence, my tuition has gone to help pay for someone else's abortion. For people who are serious about reducing the number of abortions that occur annually in this country, increasing the amount of funding these organizations receive towards providing highly effective contraceptives for both men and women would be more effective.

Planned Parenthood estimates that the number of unintended and unwanted pregnancies that are averted by contraceptives from their organization at 612,000. This equates to about 291,000 abortions that were averted.

Overall, Title X funding prevents 2 million unwanted pregnancies each year, resulting in 800,000 fewer abortions annually.

There should be absolutely no worry about an organization like Planned Parenthood. "Oh, a not-for-profit organization that helps women make medical decisions and provides counseling, STD awareness, cancer

Conservatives like to argue against Planned Parenthood and other family planning services saying that a majority of their services involves abortion, even though only three percent of Planned Parenthood services involve abortion. Therefore they should receive no federal funding. After all if something is morally objectionable to some in the country, then all funding towards that program should be cut-off.

Well, then, by that logic, we should pull out all of our military troops from Iraq, and Afghanistan. Why stop there, disband the entire Department of Defense. After all I bet I could find a lot of people in the country who are opposed towards the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as any money going to the military.

If we were to not fund any program that some people in the country found morally objectionable, then nothing in the budget would ever get funded, simple as that.

Getting back to the Planned Parenthood issue.

In the real world where grown-ups and serious people live, no federal funding that goes to Planned Parenthood, and other Title X programs, is used to pay for abortions. There is a federal law, the Hyde Amendment, which prevents any funds these programs receive towards paying for abortions. The funds these programs, like Planned

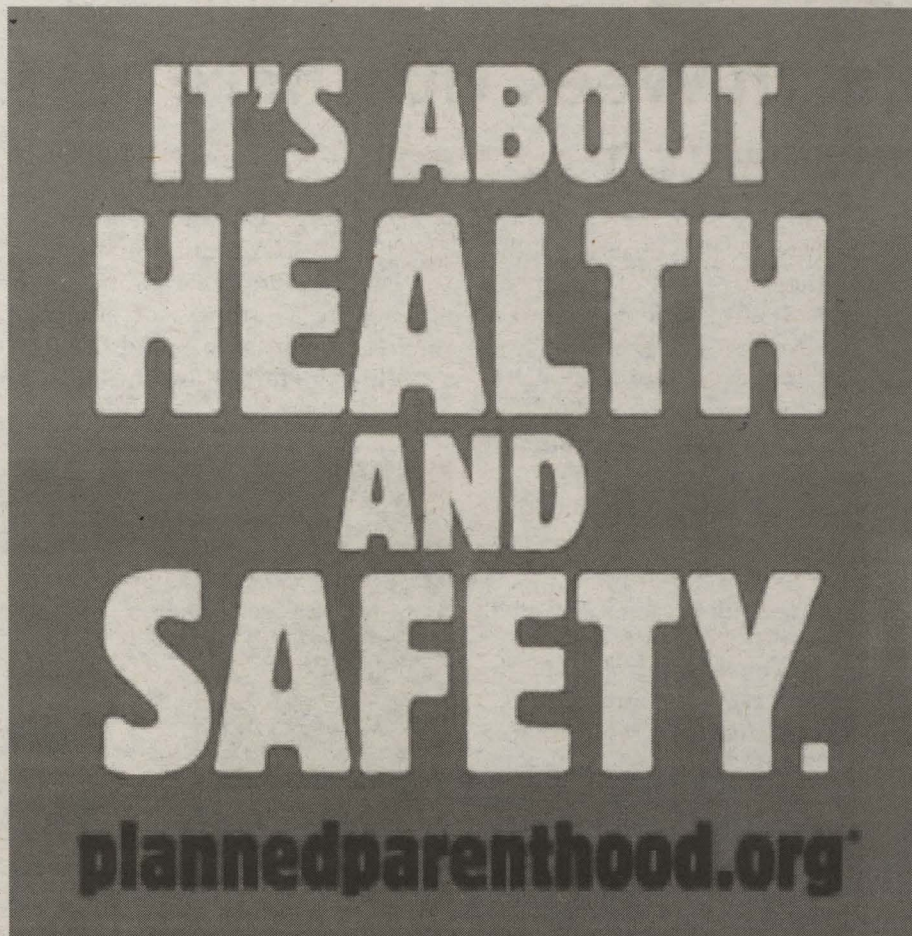


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screenings and birth control? We should fully fund that place."

The organization is exactly what it says it is, Planned Parenthood. It's the exact opposite of just about every woman who has needed an abortion, an unplanned pregnancy.

I don't understand this idea of state forced unwanted pregnancy.

Conservatives should be up in arms about a government that is large enough to force every woman to carry every pregnancy to term.

I will give conservatives the issue of abortion if they agree to give everyone in this country universal health-care and to fully fund early childhood education and nutrition programs.

Conservatives cannot have it both ways. They cannot say "no Planned Parenthood and abortions," while at the same time saying "no health care to those who need it the most." Now for those who find it morally objectionable to publicly fund contraceptives, or providing information and counseling on birth control, these facts aren't going to change their minds one way or another.

However, the answer seems clear, those of us who are serious about preventing abortions should be adamant about providing public funding for Title X programs.

## Letter to the Editor

I am writing in regards to an opinion piece published in the April 14th edition of The Pointer entitled, "Not intended to be a factual statement." There were two things about Mr. Carlson's piece that prompted me to write this letter.

The first was the author's use of wheelchair bound Special Olympians as a crutch for an attempt at humor. I cannot speak for the entire readership of The Pointer but I would like to think that I am not the only one who found this joke out of line. While a joke like this may fly on an episode of South Park it is my opinion that there is no room for it on the pages of The Pointer and I think many would agree.

Secondly, I think Mr. Carlson missed the boat with this piece. I understand that this is an opinion piece but what I failed to understand was Mr. Carlson's opinion. Between the bashing of the GOP, failed attempts at humor and a doctored up

graphic the author offered little to no insight or opinion on the matter at all. It is unfortunate that this piece headlined the section over two other pieces that were well written, insightful and portrayed the opinion of their authors articulately without stooping to ridicule and name calling.

In closing I'd like to offer up an opinion of my own. I think that what Mr. Carlson and perhaps Democratic law makers fail to see is that it doesn't matter whether Planned Parenthood spends 90% or 3% of its budget funding abortions. What does matter is that millions of American tax payers, including myself, view the taking of an innocent life (an abortion) as wrong. Why then should we be expected to fund through our tax dollars, no matter 3% or 90%, something that we find immoral or perhaps even illegal?

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## POINTLIFE

# Earth Week

## April 16-22

### Earth Week title here

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Earth week this year was honored by the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point student organization Environmental Educators and Naturalists Association (EENA) by hosting the annual Eco-Fair on Wednesday in the Encore room of the Dreyfus University Center.

"We tried to have more activities for this year's fair, like having raffles and opening a trade booth for people to leave and take items, making rain-sticks, tie-dyeing t-shirts, making playdough, and making recycled birdfeeders," said EENA activities coordinator Kelsey Olson.

The fair sported a plethora of informational booths from environmentally oriented organizations such as the Society for Ecological Restoration.

According to their message board, their purpose is to develop an ecological awareness and assist in the recovery of ecological integrity by learning the natural process of the ecosystem through awareness, education, and hands-on experience.

Other booths included a table of children's artworks set up by Children are the Hope and

the Midwest Renewable Energy Association, to promoting this year's Energy Fair in Custer, WI.

"The EENA's mission here at the Eco-Fair, and year round, is to spread the awareness of environmental stewardship," said Olson.

EENA, started in the 1970's,

is a student organization unique to UWSP. They work in association with the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education, which is a statewide educational program, but EENA isn't a chapter from a larger national organization.

EENA uses funds collected from events, such as the Eco-Fair, to make traveling to schools around the community to educate youths about the importance of environmental responsibility and teach them the tools to act accordingly.

Businesses from around the area donated and sponsored the event. Community farmers donated organic soups for event patrons and the Main Grain bakery in Stevens Point baked bread rolls to share with the people.

The Eco-Fair itself is a free event. But people could bring in their bicycles to get worked on by the UWSP Cycling Club. A basic tune-up was \$5 or an advanced tune-up for \$10.

People could peruse the raffle items donated by local businesses, and purchase a ticket or two; all proceeds go to support EENA programs and student professional development.

Items in the raffle this year included a bicycle, crafts, and gift certificates from Hilltop Pub, Perkins, Green Tea, Blue Bead and much more.



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The Environmental Education Organization discussed its goals with students and community members at the Wednesday Eco-Fair.

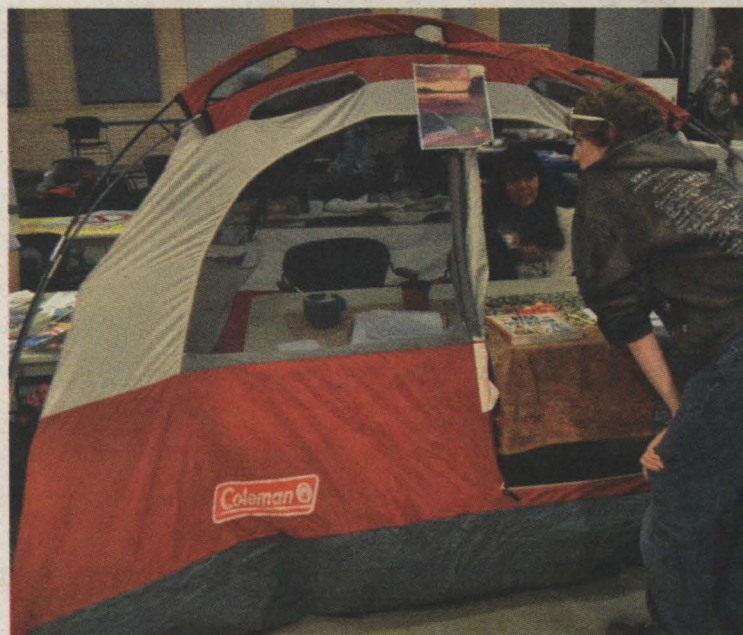


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Informing and Educating: the Eco-Fair on Wednesday gave the public, as well as students, a better understanding of how UWSP is promoting sustainable lifestyles.

## A brief history of Earth Week

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Earth Week began in Philadelphia, PA, in 1970 by an assemblage of students, businessmen, and grassroots organizers who were concerned for the environment and driven by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson's call for a national environmental teach-in, which later became known as Earth Day.

Over 20 million demonstrators and thousands of schools participated in the very first Earth Day.

The goal of the Earth Week Committee, which was originally comprised of 33 members, was to raise public consciousness of environmental issues and offer promising solutions to them.

The very first Earth Week is known as one of the most successful public events in the city's history.

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