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News

Police and Political Turmoil

A Q&A with Stevens Point Police Sergeant Tim Davy

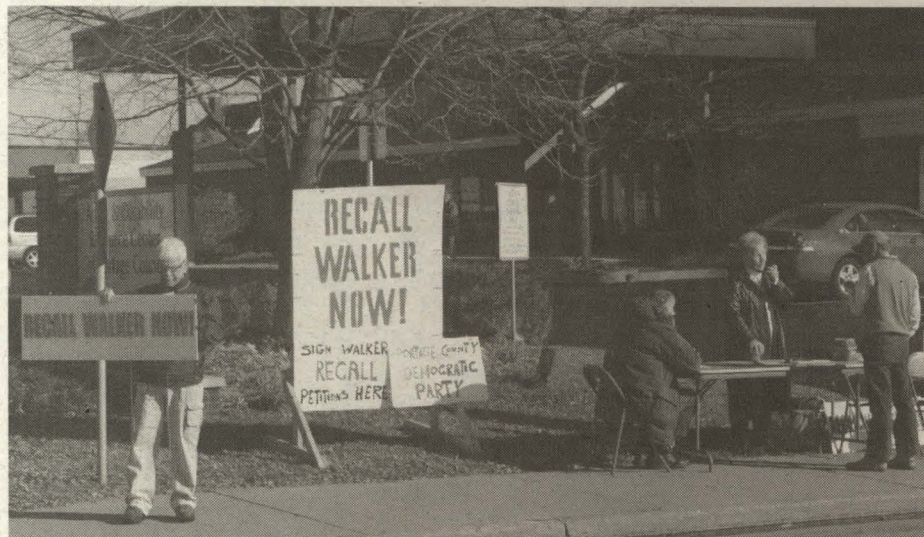


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Recall petitioners are legally allowed to set up on public sidewalks near private businesses.

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Whether it is the video from Occupy Oakland of Iraq War Veteran Scott Olsen being struck by a police teargas canister or a California officer pepper spraying students at point-blank range, controversy over the recent tactics used by law enforcement has spread through the media.

There has been increasing talk that police brutality is on the rise, and many see it as excessive repression of protestors who are using solely non-violent means. After the recent raid of the Occupy Philadelphia encampment, retired Philadelphia Police Captain Ray Lewis expressed his discontent with current law enforcement officials.

"It's a travesty of democracy, the way the police are totally suppressing the people's right to assemble and to protest," Lewis said. "I joined the force to protect people's rights to assemble and protest, not to squash them."

In an effort to gauge local law enforcement's feelings of the current political unrest, some of which has spread to Stevens Point, *The Pointer* sat down with Stevens Point Police Sergeant Tim Davy to talk about some

hot-button issues, as well as see what has been happening locally.

Q: What is Stevens Point law on dealing with nonviolent protests? In the city's view, when do protestors take it too far and where are they allowed to occupy?

A: "Sometimes it is a real grey area. It is a discretionary type of thing ... The last one of any substance was the folks who wanted to have the community garden. That was one of those things that is 'spirit of the law versus letter of the law, let's just wait and see how this runs its course.' That, I think, was handled pretty well because the vast majority of people who were involved in it, from the folks running the community garden, they wanted to get their word out, and they succeeded in doing that."

Q: What issues have local police been dealing with recently?

A: "Right now, one of the things we're keeping an eye on is the Walker stuff that's going on. That's popped up all over the place and we have a lot of people calling to complain. We have the Walker people calling to complain about the people complaining. That's where we find ourselves in law enforcement frequently: in the middle."

I look at what's going on in New York, and I look at the cops that I know have nothing to do with that, and they're right in the middle of it. The Wall Street people are at home, they're in vacation in Barbados. They're not worried about it. You have the people occupying the bridge and getting their word out and law enforcement is on the front lines, and I think it kind of stinks sometimes. Now, make no mistake, we know that going in—I'm not looking for pity there; no one put a gun to our heads and told us to be cops. But the same thing with the Walker thing right now, you have both sides chirping at us saying, 'Do something about this.'"

Q: In what situations are police allowed to use things like pepper spray?

A: "Pepper spray and Tasers are just one step below deadly force. I've never used either one. You have to look at it individually. The officer that uses it, it's usually with someone who's combative, and that was the big uproar with [UC] Davis. ... One of the things about that is that people talked about outrage with that, and I thought that was a little strong. See, when I was growing up, it was Kent State and Jackson State with people getting killed. [Using pepper spray] is a discretionary judgment call on the officer itself."

"There's going to be a whole generation of cops coming up that hopefully are going to deal with not only concealed carry but things like passive resistance. This isn't new ... the '60s and '70s kind of kicked this off. The '60s and '70s were a volatile time and I've got to tell you, the cops really weren't prepared for it. I think, more and more, we've become more prepared, but I think we've got a long way to go."

UWSP faculty union will be the first to register under Gov. Walker

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The newly formed labor union representing faculty at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point (UWSP), will make history when it charts with its national organization.

The Stevens Point Academic Representation Council (SPARC), will be the first union local to register under Governor Walker, whose term has been marred, in large part, by his controversial anti-union measures.

In order to become chartered as a union within the national American

Federation of Teachers (AFT), SPARC had to meet specific membership requirements, create its constitution and elect officers.

Among other SPARC officers, Andy Felt and Tim Krause from the Department of Mathematical Sciences were elected President and Treasurer, respectively, and Nerissa Nelson from the UWSP Library was elected Secretary.

"Our main concern is the long-term health of this great institution," Felt said. "Right now, UWSP and the whole UW system is on life support, and Walker has his foot on the

jugular. We're standing as one for the students and public servants of this state."

In addition, Andy Held from the Academic Advising Center was elected as the Vice President for Membership Recruitment. Due to a recent membership drive, SPARC now represents over 200 UWSP faculty and a growing portion of its academic staff.

Jeremy Solin, who directs UWSP's LEAF Forest Education Program, is a member of the academic staff who has not yet joined SPARC, but is looking forward to doing so.

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[full circle thinking]

Biogas Basics

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With fermentation technology known about for hundreds, if not thousands of years, we are just now recognizing the potential of biogas. "Enough biogas could be generated in Wisconsin to power about one-third of the state," said Erik Singaas, Director of Research for the Wisconsin Institute of Sustainable Technology and Associate Professor of Biology at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. In comparison, 60 percent of Wisconsin's electricity currently comes from coal shipped in from out of state. The remaining 40 percent is made up by nuclear power, natural gas and renewable energies like hydroelectric, wind, solar and biomass gasification.

What is biogas?

Biogas is the result of the conversion of waste products in an oxygen-lacking (anaerobic) environment to a gas comprised mainly of carbon dioxide and methane with small, varying amounts of water vapor, hydrogen sulfide and possibly ammonia. This process is commonly referred to as anaerobic digestion. Biogas is very similar to natural gas in that methane is a major component.

The use of Biogas decreases greenhouse gas emissions by capturing and combusting methane, releasing carbon dioxide instead. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, methane is roughly 21 times more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.

Across the U.S., commercial waste diversion through anaerobic digestion and composting is becoming a popular practice (catching up with other countries like India, China and parts of Central America and Africa). As an example, San Jose, California will have source-separated

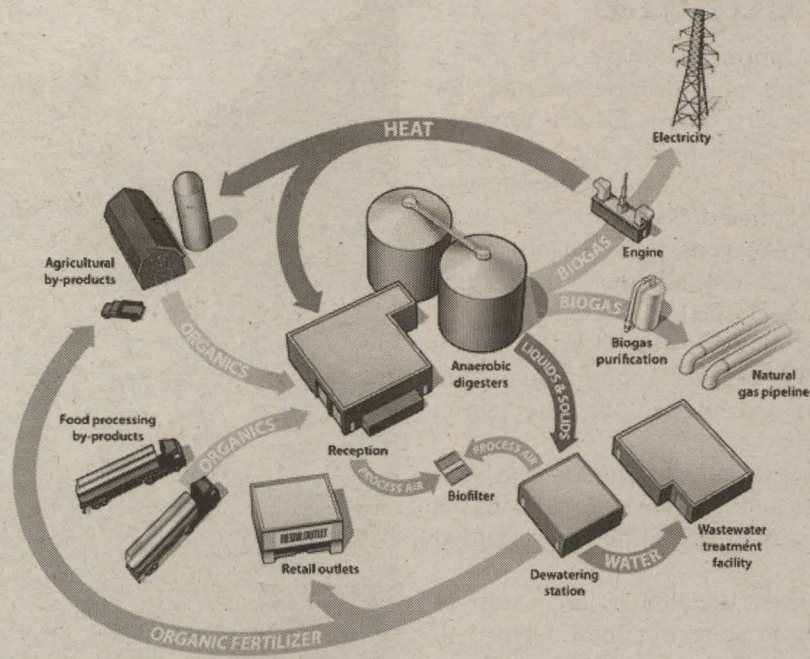


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Organic residues such as food scraps and animal wastes enter the anaerobic digester, where they are converted to biogas and digestate. The biogas is used similarly to natural gas. The digestate can be used as a fertilizer.

organic waste collection which runs on self-produced energy from biogas and sells a finished product, compost and electricity, while collecting a tipping fee. This is the first large scale green energy and municipal solid waste compost facility of its kind in the United States. Several municipalities around the country and world are considering, if not already planning or building, this type of system - renewable energy from organics recycling.

Biogas can be used in several ways.

1. Electricity

A Bloom Energy Server® is a 100 kilo Watt fuel cell which turns natural gas or biogas into electricity through a combustion-free, electro-chemical process. The energy Servers® are about the size of one parking space and can be linked in series. That is, connected together to reach a desired output.

Biogas can also be combusted in slightly modified internal combustion engines to generate electricity and heat. The latter can be used to heat air for offices and warehouses or

water for greenhouse and dwelling type applications. In fact, the Stevens Point wastewater facility combusted methane generated in their anaerobic digester for electricity generation from the 1940's to the 1960's.

2. Fuel

Fair Oaks Farms of Fair Oaks, Indiana has rolled out a fleet of compressed natural gas (CNG) powered milk tanker trucks. The trucks will run on biogas created at the Fair Oaks Dairy anaerobic digester, which is capable of processing manure from 10,500 cows. Their switch alone will reduce their diesel fuel consumption by more than 1.5 million gallons per year.

3. Fertilizer

Aside from producing biogas, anaerobic digestion results in a liquid, known as supernatant, and sludge. The liquid is often used as a fertilizer, while the sludge is commonly composted or dried and pelletized. Both can also be done, then used as a soil amendment or potting mix.

Wisconsin and biogas, a story of destiny

Wisconsin, host of the 11th Annual Biocycle Conference on renewable energy, is among the leaders in the biogas realm. Anaerobic digesters are appearing at feedlots and dairies across the state. Even Ben Brancel, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, has voiced support for biogas and an increase in renewable energy production in the state.

Biogas is not something that is simply casually passed or played off as a squeaky chair, shoe or weird new shampoo. Biogas is a real fuel, created by responsibly managing real waste. Whether whey from cheese production, manure from cattle, brewery mash or food scraps, the end product is locally usable and producible with environmental benefits at all scales.

[global community]

Peace activists calling for an end to the war on drugs in Mexico issued a plea for governmental protection against paramilitary attacks. The call for accountability came after Norma Andrade, a prominent women's rights activist, was shot five times on Tuesday.

Thousands of activists, including Canadian indigenous peoples protesting against tar sands, rally for climate justice outside of the UN Climate Change Summit in Durban, South Africa.

Despite the Occupy Los Angeles site evacuation, after an LAPD raid, activists pledge to upkeep their movement without the campsite.

In Georgetown, Guyana and Moscow, Russia--the capitols of two countries where the legitimacy of recent elections is being challenged--police forces have cracked down on protesters.

Feminist and gender justice groups stage SlutWalk campaign, where females demand respect and an end to sexual assault, in Singapore.

Protestors from Occupy Wall Street along with other activists occupied and opened up a foreclosed territory in Brooklyn to a struggling family of four. The property was believed to have been foreclosed by Bank of America.

Traveling at 11 miles per second, NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft has entered unexplored territory at the edge of the Milky Way. The craft has sent back images of Saturn's rings, Jupiter's red spot and its moons Europa and Io, and winter on Uranus.

In an interview with Barbara Walters, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad claimed that the deaths of over 4,000 people at the hands of the Syrian Army are not his fault, though opponents say as commander in chief of the army he is responsible for all force utilized.

Governor Walker's Department of Administration announced a new policy by which protestors in the Capitol and other public buildings will be fined if they don't have permits to gather with four or more people 72 hours in advance. Opponents of the policy point to the Wisconsin Constitution, which states that "The right of the people peaceably to assemble, to consult for the common good, and to petition the government, or any department thereof, shall never be abridged."

The U.S. and South Korea have resumed talks on whether to allow South Korea to enrich uranium and reprocess spent nuclear fuel. The U.S. has prohibited North Korea from doing so, and South Korean officials state that reprocessing spent fuel is essential to reducing their stored nuclear waste and for expanding nuclear power.

Days after the first parliamentary elections in Egypt, the interim military rulers reaffirm their power in order to write a new constitution. Gen. Mokhtar al-Molla claimed this was so no "organized minority," such as the Muslim Brotherhood, could put their stamp on it.



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Bloom Energy Server in use at Ebay headquarters in San Jose.

Sports

Curling the Stone

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Curling, which is thought to have originated in Scotland over 500 years ago, has finally worked its way into the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point intramural block 3 for 2012.

In curling, two teams of four meet at a curling sheet where they play eight ends. The curling sheet is generally about 150 feet long and approximately 15 feet wide.

Players slide, or "curl," a "stone" down the ice with the objective of having several stones closer to the center of a ring, called the "house," than their opponent. The house is a series of four and eight rings 12 feet in diameter around a center point.

Each stone closer than the closest opponent's stone to the center is worth one point. Teams alternate curling stones down the sheet until each player has curled two stones, totaling 16. The final stone thrown is known as the "hammer" and is usually what teams base their strategy on to defend or attack. Each set of 16 curled stones is called an end.

There are four positions which work together, hopefully like a well oiled machine.

"Everybody has a key role at all times," said Paul Doruska, Stevens Point Curling Club board member and Associate Professor of Forest Measurements at UWSP.

The first position, the "lead," delivers the first stone towards the house at a desired velocity or "weight." The second and third positions, which are called "second" and "third," use brooms to help control

the stone's trajectory and weight. The fourth position, called the "skip," sits behind the house and directs where the lead, second and third should place the stone. Depending upon what the skip says, sweepers can add 10-15 feet to a curl and bend the stone's trajectory up to three feet.

"You've got to be aimed correctly with the right weight ... if it's going too fast there's not much you can do with it, but if it's going too slow ... recognize it because you can adjust how hard you sweep to fix the shot in the middle of it," Doruska said.

All positions rotate so everyone can curl. The third and skip need to be the most well rounded players since they will curl into a group of

stones located near the house.

There are three main shots: guards, draws and takeouts. A guard does exactly that, guard a well-placed stone or make an opponent's shot more difficult. Draws are thrown to directly land in the house. Takeouts are used to remove or displace an opponent's stone.

"It is a gentle person's sport in that there are etiquette and rules that you have to follow, but it's self-patrolled - you have to call your own fouls," Doruska said. "Before each game starts everybody shakes hands and says, 'good curling.'" The same routine is done afterwards, as well.

However, curling is more than a game; it is also a social gathering. After a game, "Eighty people sit around and talk about who knows what for an hour or so afterward," Doruska said.

Anecdotal evidence indicates that even during games players of oppo-

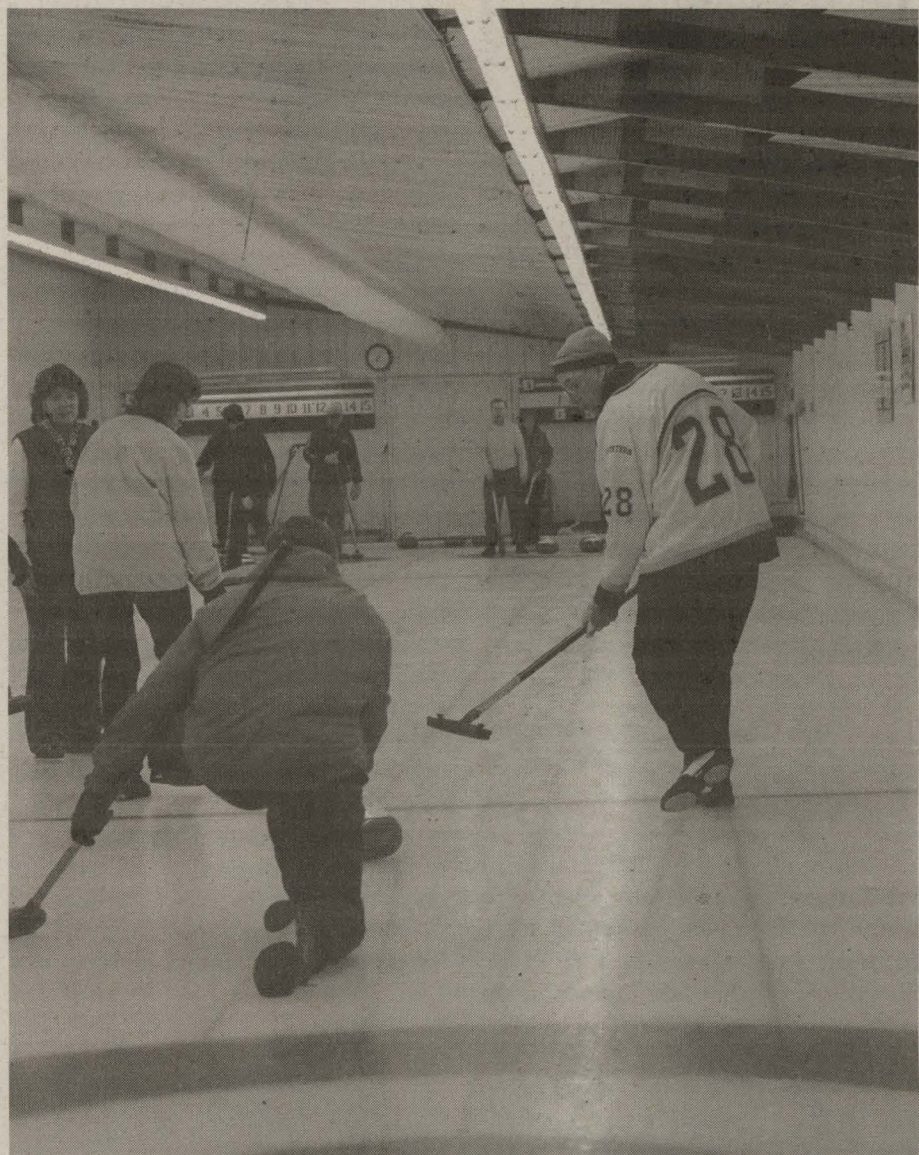


Photo by Jack McLaughlin

In curling, two teams of four alternate sliding large granite "stones," as they are called, (weighing between 38 and 44 pounds) along the curling sheet towards a set of rings called the "house."

site teams complement each others' plays. Even a step further, each club hosts two to three "bonspiels." per year. Bonspiels are open, weekend long tournaments held in a round robin fashion. Clubs are expected to attend several of these bonspiels every year.

Curling as well as many other intramurals offer physical activity, social interaction and mentally stimulating activity which can help reduce stress and improve overall quality of life. Why not check one out for yourself?

Men's Hockey Splits Weekend Series Against Eau Claire

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's hockey team faced off against UW-Eau Claire at K.B. Willet Arena over the weekend. The Bluegolds took Friday's game 4-1, but Point bounced back on Saturday with a 2-1 victory.

"I think we were a little mad about the loss on Friday night so we used that momentum to win on Saturday," said sophomore forward Kyle Heck.

Eau Claire didn't waste any time getting on the board Friday, scoring on a goal from sophomore forward Jared Williams. The goal was assisted by fellow sophomore forward Jon Waggoner and sophomore defender Alex Olson.

Senior forward Luke Nesper tied up the game, assisted by Heck and

senior forward Jon Madden, before the first period ended.

The 1-1 score would hold until late in the second period when Eau Claire's freshman forward Ross Andersen found the back of the net and gave the Bluegolds a 2-1 lead.

Andersen would score again in the third period, both of his goals assisted by junior forward Kurt Weston.

The final score of the game came late in the third period when Williams would get his second goal of the game on a Devin Mantha assisted goal.

Each goal in Friday's game came evenhanded. Eau Claire had 19 shots on goal while Point had 20. Freshman goalie Brandon Jaeger was in the net on Friday for Point, recording 15

saves and a loss. Junior goalie Nick Graves replaced Jaeger for Saturday.

"When Nick plays well and makes some big saves, it pumps us up and gets us excited. That carries over to the offense," Heck said.

Graves allowed an early Bugold score in the first period when sopho-

more forward Brian Nehrig found the back of the net, assisted by junior forward Travis Peckskamp and sophomore

defender David Donnellan, just inside the 15 minute mark.

Heck would answer in the second period when Nesper and freshman forward Will Aide set Heck up at the net.

"Both players were shooting the puck and got Eau Claire's goal to make saves; I was just there to put in

the rebound," Heck said.

Heck would rebound another shot from Nesper in the third. Junior captain defender Jon Bockmann also recorded an assist on the final goal of the game that put Point up 2-1. Heck's two goals were his sixth and seventh of the season as he continues to lead the team in scoring.

When asked about his scoring abilities, Heck deferred the praise to his team.

"My teammates helped out a bunch, I was just lucky enough to be the one to score," Heck said.

Heck has nine points on 31 shots, and just three penalties in his 11 games played.

The Pointer men's hockey team heads to Menomonie next to face off against the UW-Stout Blue Devils. The game starts Friday at 7:30 p.m.

sports

Men's and Women's Basketball Honor Parents and Alumni



Photo by Jack McLaughlin

Seniors Cassie Badow is passing the ball to her teammate.

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Alumni of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point came to watch the women's basketball team triumph over UW-Superior, 74-55. Shortly after that, the men's team

followed suit with an 85-47 defeat of Superior in front of the Parents' Day crowd.

Women's head coach Shirley Egner navigated her team through a close first half with the Yellowjackets. Superior was never more than seven points down to the Pointers and went into halftime with a two-point deficit.

Junior guard Liz Althoff paved the way for Point in the second half. The Yellowjackets connected on a layup to tie the game in the start of the third, and at one point got out to a three-point lead. But Althoff got hot after a steal and fast break layup, followed by a three-pointer.

Senior guard Cassie Badow sank a three pointer after Superior got within one point, sparking a 12-0 run. The Lady Pointers would continue to add to the lead throughout the second half, building a 19-point lead as time expired.

The Lady Pointers struggled in the first half, shooting just 23 percent from the field, but they came out stronger in the second half, shooting 53 percent. Superior shot poorly as well in the first half, converting on only 25 percent. They didn't fare much better in the second half, hitting on just 38 percent.

Badow and junior guard Sam Barber led the Pointers in rebounds

with five apiece. Sophomore guard Alyssa Olp had a game high four steals, equivalent to Superior's team total. Point shot well from the free throw line, converting 23-of-25.

A blemish on the girl's stat sheet was three-point percentage. The Pointer's were just 3-for-11 from behind the arc.

The men's team, honoring Parents Day, came out strong in the first half. After Superior sank the first jumper of the game, Point sophomore guard Trevor Hass sank a three, which gave UWSP a one-point lead. Once the Pointers had the lead, they never lost it.

The men's basketball team shot well throughout the whole game, converting 55 percent of their attempts while Superior shot just 38 percent from the field. The men's team also gathered 35 rebounds, 15 more than Superior. Hass led the Pointers with nine.

Point shot 45 percent from the three-point line, hitting 9-of-20 from outside, while the defense held Superior to under 27 percent.

Hass recorded six of Point's 18 assists on the night. Senior guard Dan Tillema led Point in scoring with 21, with Hass contributing 20.

The Pointer men's team held a 20-point lead at halftime en route to



Photo by Jack McLaughlin

Seniors Whitney Verdegan is waiting for the perfect moment to pass the ball.

their 38-point victory. The 85-47 win brought the Pointers to 5-1 on the year, their only loss coming to St. John's University in November.

[This Week in Sports]

Photo by Jack McLaughlin
Football coach John Miech.

John Miech stepped down as head football coach Monday. Miech has been on the Point football staff for 30 years, 24 as head coach. Miech led the Pointers to 156 wins, a school record, and fourth all-time in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Defensive Coordinator Tom Journell takes over as Head Coach.

The Men's and Women's swimming and diving team both finished first in the Wheaton Invitational this past weekend, accumulating scores of 890 and 816, respectively.

With a time of 3:01.9, seniors Sam Davy and Ryan Farmer, with juniors Eric Emerson and Joey Clapp set a new pool record in the 400 freestyle relay.

Women's hockey swept St. Norbert this weekend with scores of 1-0 on Friday and 2-1 on Saturday. They face Eau Claire this Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Brewers General Manager Doug Melvin had a "spur of the moment" meeting with Prince Fielder's agent Scott Boras Wednesday.

Packers linebacker Erik Walden officially charged with misdemeanor disorderly conduct-domestic abuse after a fight with his girlfriend. Head Coach Mike McCarthy says the situation is "under review" by the organization and the league.

Photo by Jack McLaughlin
Juniör Michelle Lunneborg from the UWSP Women's hockey team.Photo courtesy of brewersbeat.mlblogs.com
Brewers General Manager Doug Melvin.Photo courtesy of sportsillustrated.cnn.com
Packers linebacker Erik Walden.

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USA SUMMER CAMP: This is an English language program for Japanese students, elementary school age through college. During the summer, UWSP counselors take part in the camp program for four-five weeks.

During the program the students from America will act as camp counselors, working with the Japanese students on a variety of English language drills and activities. Counselors will also participate with the Japanese students in recreation activities, meals and variety of social activities. This is a VERY rewarding program, but be prepared to work hard. It is a wonderful way to enhance your résumé, especially if you are going into an educating field.

COST/COMPENSATION: UWSP students pay ONLY \$950-1150 to cover costs such as UWSP tuition and mandatory health/travel insurance. **Included:** Round-trip air transportation, host family arrangements, food and lodging during all assigned days at the camp program, transportation expenses between host family's home and the camp program, three UWSP undergraduate credits, health insurance policy for stay in Japan through the UW-System.

DATES: The period of stay in Japan will vary from team to team. Departures from the United States will range from late June to early July. Returning dates will range from mid to late August.

Japanese language ability is not required to apply
for this program.



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Stepping Out: Afterimages 2011



Photo by Samantha Feld
"The Absence Of," choreographed by Maria Danson, explores how burdens hinder and hurt yet bring us closer to those who love and inspire us.



Photo by Zach Schwaller
"Nothing Isn't," choreographed by Lindsay Olsen, is focused around the uncertainty of intimate relationships.

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Stepping Out

Every student has their own talents that make them unique. With 9,000+ students on this campus, the Theatre & Dance Department utilized many to produce Afterimages, a show comprised of 10 dance acts. This production will perform on December 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 10 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 11, at 2:00 p.m. in the Noel Fine Arts Center Studio Theatre. As a student run program, the costuming, lighting, music, spoken word, stage crew, directing, choreographing and dancing have been directed and created by students. The graphic design students were even used to create apparel to increase awareness of the event.

What is it?

"[Afterimages] is an important part of the dance department that gives the students the opportunity to collaborate, get to know each other, see others' works, and develop a creative voice by discovering who they are as artists," said Michael Estanich, the faculty mentor for Afterimages.

An example of this creative voice is Erica Thomes, who choreographed 'Impressions' to the songs 'Lamentations of the Heart' by Phillip Wesley and 'This is Not America' by AHN Trio.

"It's a contemporary ballet that shows how relationships and friendships affect you when they enter your life. Jillian Uphoff, Alyssa Albers, Madelyn Mickelsen, Breanna Ratkawiak, and myself are the dancers," Thomes said.

Experience in a Legacy

Gaining experience isn't the only

reason students like to participate in Afterimages. "Because this program has been going on for 20 some years, students look forward to contributing to this legacy," Estanich said.

Courtney Holcomb is no exception. "I've been dancing since I was 3 so I love getting the opportunity to express myself and communicate through movement." As a senior (along with Erica Thomes), they have carried a big impact as student directors, choreographers and dancers. These directors have been in charge of communication between faculty and students, promotions, and facilitating the process in general. "My favorite thing about Afterimages is that it gives students an idea of what it will be like to work outside of the university," Holcomb said.

Through Afterimages many dancers hope to gain experiences that will not only help them in school but after

they graduate.

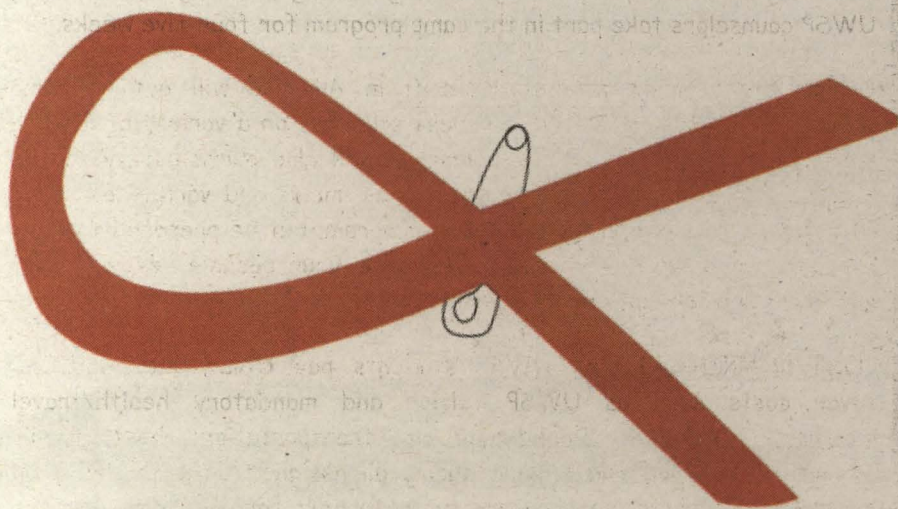
"Right now my tentative goal (after graduation) is to move to Chicago to pay off loans, hopefully perform, and open up a non-profit dance organization to help children in poverty express themselves somewhere in Latin America," Holcomb said.

"My goal is to audition for dance companies and choreograph. I love choreographing. I have been teaching dance for a while now so I would enjoy continuing with that path as well," Thomes said.

How To Get Tickets

Tickets are available at the University Information and Tickets Office in the DUC or online at www.uwsp.edu/centers/uit/ordering.asp. They are \$17 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens, and \$12 for youth.

World AIDS Day: inspir(RED)



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As the fight for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) continues, red ribbons continue to be displayed across the world. Last Thursday, individuals across the globe, including at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, showed off their red ribbons in honor of World AIDS Day. Students at UWSP gathered for an awareness

walk through campus to show support for those living with HIV/AIDS and to commemorate those who have died.

Guest speaker, Dr. Matt Reynolds of University of Wisconsin - Madison's AIDS Vaccine Research Laboratory, followed the walk with a presentation about the origin and development of HIV as well as prospects regarding a vaccination.

"HIV and AIDS are often used synonymously, but are actually two different things. HIV is the actual

virus while AIDS is the final stages of the HIV infection that often leads to death," Reynolds said.

Lead by Example (LBE), a student volunteer organization to help the campus and community, put on the awareness event to give students the opportunity to show support and learn about HIV and AIDS.

"Our mission statement says to bring people together through service and awareness, so we took it upon ourselves to show how HIV and AIDS don't only affect individuals all over the world, but also how it affects individuals in Wisconsin and Portage County," said Sayaka Schatzke, president of LBE.

Reynolds put the disease in perspective, noting that with 33 million people living in today's world with HIV, approximately 6,300 of them are living in Wisconsin. In the 30 years since the AIDS outbreak began, over 30 million people have died and twice as many have been infected with HIV.

Thankfully, there is treatment for the disease to reduce the viral reproduction. Although the treatment makes the disease livable, it is not a cure. Reynolds explained the difficulty in finding a vaccine for the disease since the virus is always evolving and often turns into a retrovirus, meaning

it becomes dormant. Once the cell becomes dormant, it becomes very difficult to see the difference between the HIV cell and a healthy cell.

"There are so many different types of HIV because the virus is constantly changing and mutating. With the many different viruses and the possibility of drug resistance, these treatments don't always do the job, so while these treatments are great, an AIDS vaccine would be nice," Reynolds said.

To collect funds for the research of a cure, (Product)RED has been created with a goal to get rid of AIDS by the year 2015. With 1,000 babies born each day with HIV, (RED) wants to eliminate the transmission of the virus from the mother to the child and deliver an AIDS-free generation. To fight for an AIDS-free generation, stores such as Nike, Gap, Apple and Starbucks are partnering up with (RED) to raise profits. It's as simple as purchasing a (RED) product to help find a cure.

Although a cure for the disease has yet to be discovered, scientists like Reynolds continue the struggle to find a vaccine to prevent infection and get rid of the red ribbon forever.

[a vague attempt at something delicious.]



Cooking with what You Have

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A conundrum that I frequently have while in the kitchen, usually when I run out of groceries, is deciding what to make for dinner while hardly having anything to cook with. I open cupboard doors and let my eyes scour the shelves for some sort of inspiration.

There are good times and bad times, times where I feel I make a very delicious dish out of almost nothing at all and times I microwave frozen French fries, add a slice of American cheese and spit it right back out. Cooking is an adventure; cooking with barely anything is more survival of the fittest. Sometimes you have to weigh two thoughts: "Is this technically edible?" with "Will this

taste good?" I think it's quite possible to scrounge the very bottom of your food reserves and be able to make something that is not only edible, but also quite delicious as well.

I don't know what you have in your kitchen, but in mine, I usually have a stock of uncooked pasta that's left over from a spaghetti dinner. A simple recipe that I do quite often to use the leftover pasta is to sauté butter with slices of garlic and a finely chopped onion in a stainless steel pan on medium heat. With this, you can add the butter to the cooked pasta. Top the pasta with parmesan cheese, fresh cracked pepper, and paprika.

The best thing about this dish is that you can add sautéed leftover vegetables in with it, and you don't need to have any one ingredient besides the pasta and butter - the rest

is optional.

Another thing I seem to have quite a bit of is macaroni shells. Obviously, the best use for these would be to make good old mac and cheese, which is actually quite easy to make with stuff lying around and can be done all in one pot. First, boil and then drain the macaroni when al dente, return to the pot and add 2 to 4 tablespoons of butter (depending on how much pasta you're making). Toss to coat the pasta in melted butter. Whisk together an egg or two (again depending on however much pasta), with 1/4 cup of milk, a dash of salt, a dash of pepper and 3/4 Tbsp. of mustard (dry, yellow, or whatever you have). Stir into the macaroni shells and add however much you want.

Again, there are a variety of ingredients you can add or subtract

from this recipe, but all you need really is macaroni, butter, milk and cheese (not American cheese slices). You can throw some shredded lunch meat or leftover cooked hamburger into the pasta if you want to make it Hot Ham, Mac and Cheese or Cheeseburger Macaroni.

Not knowing what everyone has in their pantry or cupboards means that it's up to you to try to make a meal out of thin air. The most important part is trying out what you have available to you, and using that to make a meal or dish. Potatoes? Mash em'. Eggs? Make an omelet. Leftover potato salad? Slap on a piece of bread with a slice of ham and have a sandwich. You can make a barebones meal into something great with a little bit of clever thinking.

Video Games: Good or Bad? Where & How Do You Learn?

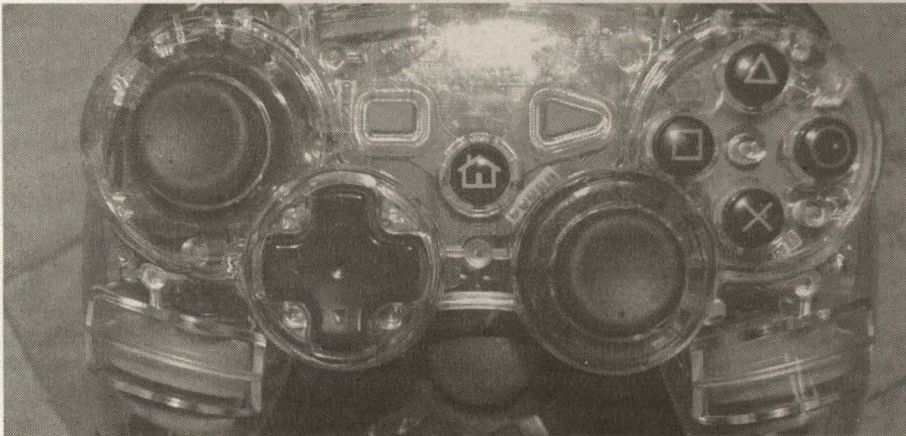


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How has video game play affected your life?

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Jumping through obstacles, racing cars, and shooting aliens is more than just the basis of a Will Smith movie; it's the basic theme of most video games. While these games may be a fun and thrilling cure for boredom, many students find themselves living through a video game character for hours on end, which may be putting their school work at risk.

Mike Schrauth, a business administration major at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, began playing video games such as Sonic the Hedgehog and Power Rangers on his Sega Genesis when he was just four years old.

"I would say video games affect my life in a good way most of the time. I learned when I was younger that if you get too into them they can get in the way of other things like homework, errands, etc," Schrauth said. "Video games have taught me how to manage my time, but I still occasionally slack off and play them a little too much."

Casey Stanke, a biology major at UWSP, also began playing video games at a young age, starting with the original Playstation.

"I don't really let games take over my life, but I will admit they do

sometimes interrupt my study time which is a bad habit to form," Stanke said. "As for having a life, I would much rather hang out with people than sit in front of a TV playing games. I just like to play video games to help me just momentarily get away from all of the stresses of college life."

Recently hitting the video game market are Skyrim and Modern Warfare 3. Although tempting to purchase, many college students struggle to justify the high costs of these new games.

"Skyrim seems like a really cool game with tons of stuff to keep someone busy when they are bored, but I haven't played it," Schrauth said. "I didn't buy Modern Warfare 3 either, but my roommate did. It's alright, but I can't justify spending \$60 on a game that comes out every year and barely changes."

Cost is also a factor for Stanke, who has yet to play both Modern Warfare 3 and Skyrim.

"I haven't played them yet for a couple of reasons. For one, I have never been a big fan of Call of Duty. People make such a big deal out of it and that kind of ruins it for me," Stanke said. "Skyrim is a game that I would like to play, but I don't have any money to go out and buy it."

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"Learning spaces need to stimulate thinking. They can be loud or quiet, crowded or sparse. They are effective as long as they stimulate, motivate, and keep people thinking," (Herman Miller, 2011).

College campuses are transforming in a radical way from formal, individualized work and study spaces to collaborative epicenters that seek to engage students, promote them to work together and that can change based upon the technology and needs of the space at any given time. Lounge spaces and community areas are increasing, mobile or integrated technology is in high demand with the use of iPhones, iPads, iPods, laptops, etc...often all of them being used by a single student at one time; the quiet study spaces are transitioning into café settings bringing in the "Starbucks" mentality of working in an atmosphere of increased socialization rather than

an isolated study space.

The question becomes: "Where do you learn best?" What is your "Hub" so to speak that allows you to feel engaged to your work, to the people around you? It could be the Basement Brewhaus, the many University Center lounge spaces, the LRC, or even in your own room. Do you need your favorite tunes playing in the background or complete silence? Every generation of students is different, bringing a multitude of learning styles and preferences to the campus. The challenge is to have spaces that meet each one of these needs making you, the students, as effective and successful as possible.

Please send your feedback on how you learn to: cnick@samuelsgroup.net. Your responses will remain anonymous, but will be featured in a future article with other fun and interesting facts related to the many ways in which learning styles are dictating the many changes on campuses nationwide.



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Pointers For a Successful Gym Season

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COMMENTARY

With winter break coming up, the gym is starting to get fuller by the day with those trying to get in better shape to face friends and family at home. To those of us who work out fairly regularly, we know that this is merely a passing trend and the gym will get back to normal by March at the latest.

While some of those who are now undertaking the process of going to the gym have some sort of history with working out and sports, most do not. In the hopes of aiding the transition to a world that may seem alien to the uninitiated, here are a few tips to aid in the endeavor that maybe will help provide a foundation for a long lasting fitness regimen.

Set Realistic Goals

One of the biggest keys to starting a fitness program is to set realistic goals. Do not show up at the gym with the expectation of dramatically transforming your body overnight. Start with some small goals like being able to run a little faster/longer or lift ten pounds more than what you currently do and then build off of that.

Know what you are doing

This one may be hard for those just starting out, but before you step into the gym you should know the proper way to the exercises you plan on doing. Not only are you going to benefit more from the exercise but also you are going to reduce the risk of injury. Also by knowing exactly

what you plan on doing for that training session it prevents you from choosing exercises from an 'a la carte' menu and keeps you focused on the task at hand.

The Allen Center features free personal training sessions each month for members. For those with no real experience in the gym, this is an excellent resource.

Plan a time to go

Devote a specific time in your day to go to the gym and work out because if you don't, you won't. By setting aside a time to go you will avoid the potential temptation to find an excuse to skip the gym- and trust me, I've heard them all. No excuses.

Mix up your routine

Doing the same thing at the gym each time you go gets boring. You can avoid this by mixing up your routine and keeping things interesting. That means, girls, get off the treadmill and out of group fitness classes and hit the weights, and guys, it wouldn't hurt to try zumba once.

Do not be afraid of free weights when working out. Machines are wonderful things for beginners, but they can only take you so far before your muscles are craving something else. Not only will you get a better lift from free weights but it works stabilizing muscles that are otherwise ignored when using machines.

Go to the gym to work out, not socialize

While developing a social group that goes to the gym together will help you keep coming back- after all it's why group fitness tends to be well

attended- it shouldn't keep you from focusing on the task at hand, and that is to get in the gym and do work.

I see a lot of people spending too much time in the gym talking to their friends and catching up on gossip from the previous weekend's parties. By the time they are done talking it is twenty minutes later and then they leave because they feel accomplished for having spent so long in the gym.

While on this topic, wear proper workout attire. That means leaving the ugly Christmas sweaters for the kegger on Friday (I'm looking at you Tweedledee and Tweedledum from the Cardio Center last Thursday night). You are not there to show off your latest thrift store find to your friends. Not only do most gyms require it in their policies but also you just look like an idiot!

Know your limits

You know your body the best and therefore should know what you are capable of doing. It is nice to challenge yourself and test your limits but always have a spotter ready to bail you out in a pinch. At the same time, test yourself for the right reasons. Trying to break through a plateau that has gotten you in a rut is one thing, trying to impress the cute girl who is working out nearby is the wrong one.

Listen to music

This last one is something that helps me out immensely. I listen to music because it helps motivate me to bring it each workout. Not only does it help pump me up but it also helps me focus and get my mind right when lifting. You should lis-

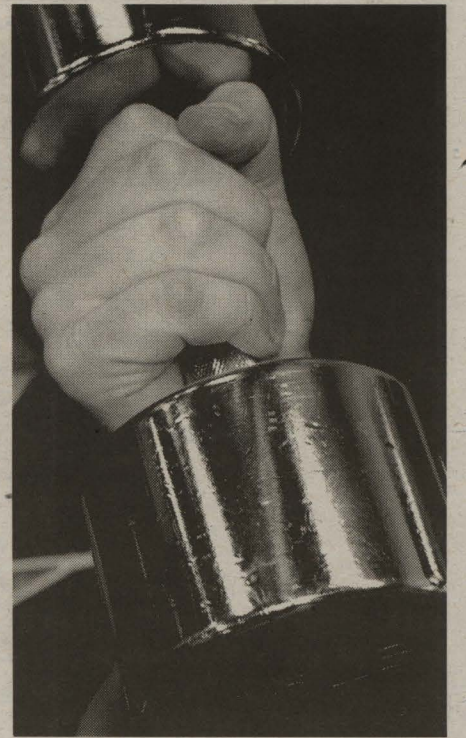


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ten to whatever motivates you, so if that means you get it up for Justin Bieber or, god forbid, Nickelback, it shouldn't deter you from bringing it into the gym. Personally, I listen to Tiesto's Club Life podcast that is free on iTunes each Monday.

These are just a few tips that I have found useful in maintaining a somewhat regular gym schedule. There is a lot more information out there and don't be afraid to ask for help from your fellow gym goers. Most would be more than willing to give assistance if needed; we all started somewhere and know how it feels.

Season of Light

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In the weeks before winter break, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Physics and Astronomy Department is offering two free holiday-related programs open to all ages on Sunday afternoons. The Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, in the UWSP Science building, is hosting "Winter Wonders" and "Season of Light" to give a look at different traditions and customs practiced around the world and how they relate to astronomical events that shape present-day holiday customs.

"Winter Wonders" is a family-friendly program that follows two teenage girls as they learn about various religious events during the time of the winter solstice. The program also examines the solstice customs of the peoples of central Africa, China, Native Americans, the Inuit, the Incas and more. The program ends after looking at a few of the monuments that the ancient people built to the winter solstice.

The second program, "Season of Light," is an examination of prominent holiday customs such as the Yule log, Christmas lights, the lighting of the Menorahs, and, in Mexico, luminarias, where they are believed

to light the path for Mary and Joseph. "Season" also traces the evolution of Santa Claus from Sinterklaas in the Netherlands and Belgium all the way up to the present-day icon clad in red and white. The program finishes with a look at what might have been the Christmas star which, according to legend, led the three wise men to the newborn Jesus.

"Other than seeing the dark night sky with all the constellations, [her favorite part] was the explanation of the ceremonies of the different countries," said Mary-Lou Susan, a Stevens Point local who attended the "Season of Light" program.

The holiday programs are not the only shows presented in the Planetarium. On Mondays at 8 p.m., The Night Skies of Fall takes a detailed look at the stars and constellations that are visible outside during fall and early winter. After the program, visitors are allowed to view some of what they saw during the program through the UWSP observatory's telescope, weather permitting.

The shows on Sunday, Dec. 4, were filled largely with adults and children, leaving some wondering why there weren't more UWSP students attending the programs.

"I am surprised that there aren't



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The Planetarium in the Science Building offers holiday programs.

more students, it's a great show and it's free," Susan said.

Dr. Randy W. Olson, director of the Blocher Planetarium and astronomy professor at UWSP, says that student attendance varies in such a way that's unpredictable, but in the end still quite a few visitors, students and community members alike are attracted to the planetarium each year.

"We do have quite a few visitors when you take a look at the numbers. We have somewhere between 12 and 14 thousand visitors every year," Olson said.

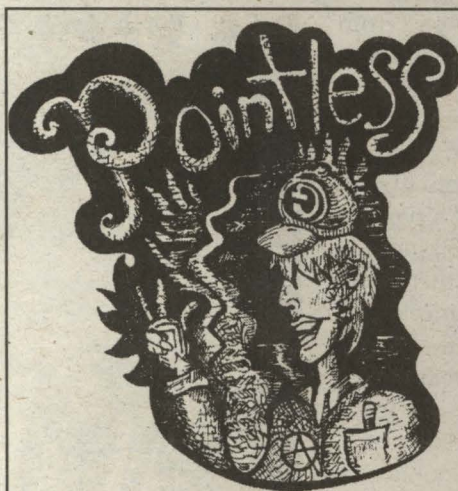
"Winter Wonders" and "Season of Light" will occur two more times

before winter break, on Dec. 11 and Dec. 18 with "Winter Wonders" starting at 2 p.m. and "Season of Light" starting at 3:15 p.m. with doors opening 15 minutes prior to the start of the programs.

The Blocher Planetarium programs will continue in spring with "Skyquest," an educational program for all ages detailing one woman's journey to become an astronomer starting from a young age. The second program in spring will be "Journey to the Stars," which takes a look at the distances that exist in the universe and how astronomers discovered some of the wonders in the universe.

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Opinion

Perry's ad campaign: offensive, scary

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As the days to the 2012 presidential race come closer and closer I have only become more and more frightened by the Republican candidates. (And seeing as how I generally associate myself as Republican, that terrifies me.)

Rick Perry's new \$1.2 million ad campaign for the Iowa caucuses is scary and utterly offensive to say the least. His ad starts off by saying "I'm not ashamed to admit that I'm a Christian." Perry is of course, playing to his extremist conservative Christian voters. However, this statement begs the question: Why would you be ashamed to admit that you were a Christian? Certainly he has never been oppressed before for stating such.

However, Perry does manage to attack a group of people in this ad that have been oppressed: "But you don't have to be in the pew every Sunday to know that there's something wrong in this country when gays can serve openly in the military, but our kids can't openly celebrate Christmas or pray in school."

Perry here is making a comparison that shows that he thinks that on one side there's gays in the military

and on the other side there are kids that want to pray in school. If kids wanting to pray in school are the images of what's good and right, then to Perry, gays in the military are just images of what's wrong in the world. I was raised Christian and I was raised to think that oppression and prejudice are what's wrong in the world. If you want respect for your religion, Mr. Perry, then show some respect for others who don't necessarily believe that same things that you do.

In this ad, Perry attacks President's Obama's decision to repeal Don't Ask Don't Tell, calling Obama's actions "a war on religion," a war that Rick Perry vows to end. I'm quite sure that Obama didn't sign the repeal on Don't Ask Don't Tell because he wanted to start a war with Christians. He says that he'll "fight against liberal attacks on our religious heritage." What Rick Perry doesn't seem to remember from his first grade history class is that this country was founded on the idea of religious freedom and the fact that the church should always be separated from the state.

Rick Perry's ad campaign is just another thing to add to the long list of mishaps within the Republican primary race.

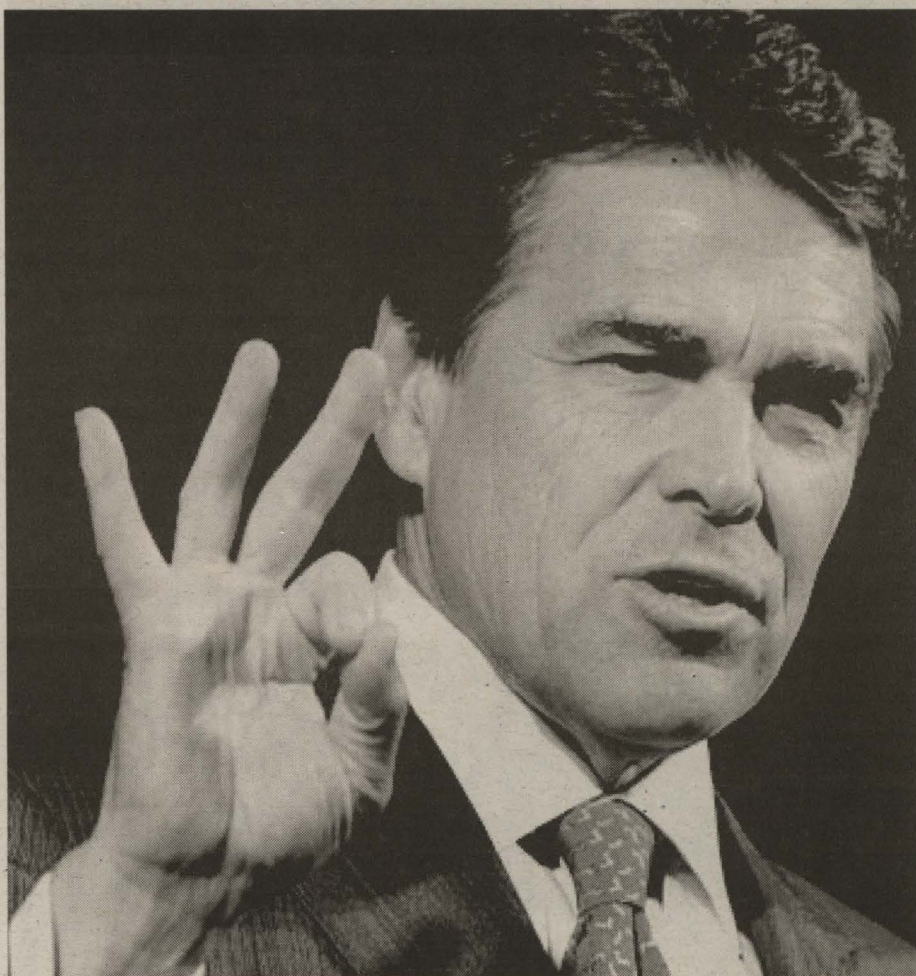


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Rick Perry's representation of the Republican Party is disheartening to some.

Herman Cain: The Pizza President That Never Was

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Good riddance Herman Cain. Your decision to end your campaign to seek the nomination for the Republican Party and face President Obama was a smart decision from a personal perspective. While I am glad that you are no longer campaigning, because the country has bigger problems to worry about than discussing your latest gaffe, I will regret not hearing what latest nonsense came spewing out of your mouth.

Ultimately it was the revelation that Cain had allegedly been carrying on an extramarital affair for the previous thirteen years that ended his candidacy, which is surprising because Newt Gingrich has had two affairs, both while his wife was sick and in the hospital, and is currently the front-runner for the nomination.

The fact that it took an alleged affair, after numerous sexual harassment claims, to end Cain's candidacy is probably par for the course with the way this nominating process has been going so far. The amount of things being said by the candidates that flies in the face of reality is downright scary.

It wasn't the fact that Herman Cain said military intervention would not work in Iran because it was mountainous that anyone questioned his candidacy. Maybe he forgot that we are currently engaged in a

decades long war in Afghanistan, one of the most mountainous countries in the world.

When Herman Cain said he was worried that China was trying to acquire nuclear weapons, despite the fact they have had them for decades, his poll numbers didn't budge.

Cain couldn't even recall basic facts about the military intervention in Libya and whether he supported the president's role. He finally managed to say he disagreed but only because he wasn't sure if the president spent enough time analyzing the situation. Didn't spend enough time analyzing the situation? Are you kidding me? He was the editor of the Harvard Law Review, pizza man.

Throughout his campaign it seemed like Cain was ambivalent about foreign policy issues, and maybe rightly so. With the economy being the number one issue among probable primary voters it was an easy thing to focus on, at the expense of all issues, no matter how important they may be to the overall course of our country.

The more his campaign went on, the more I started agreeing with Rachel Maddow's assessment that it was all a performance art project. While I will miss hearing about what other nonsense Cain can come up with, I have this strange feeling that the other candidates in the field will more than make up for his absence.

SGA: Table DT, Students Need More Time

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With disproportionate budget cuts affecting higher education statewide, differential tuition has been called on to make ends meet at UW-SP. The \$250 million already cut, and 65 million more looming on the horizon, will impose a potential 8% increase in tuition for the next two years, in the event that differential tuition is implemented.

Ironically, the justification for this auxiliary tuition is that it is needed to maintain the quality of education, including tutoring services, course availability and advising. Yet what is left out of the equation is the impact on diversity and a consideration of graduation rates. An unintended result of the massive impending tuition hike is that disenfranchised socio-economic groups will have a more difficult time attending college.

Many of these students depend on financial aid, which is increasingly difficult to obtain, and the diverse, cosmopolitan college atmosphere will suffer. Moreover, as tuition

climbs at a steady 8% for the next two years, many students will find themselves financially exhausted before they can graduate. Instead, they will have spent perhaps several years accumulating debt, which they now must pay off with lower-paying jobs and few benefits.

Differential tuition is being billed as the savior of our educational experience, but in light of its likely effect upon diversity and graduation rates, it is unlikely it will maintain the quality of higher education we expect from Wisconsin. Right now, Student Government holds the power to stop this deal. Students hold the power right now. They are being rushed to approve it by the end of this semester. If they vote on it and approve it, they'll ignore the results of the survey they issued, and therefore ignore the opinions of the students they represent. But they can say, "the students aren't comfortable with this; let's give it more time." They could also go for the option of rushing the package, as admin wants them to do.

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15 QUESTIONS FOR PER HENNINGSGAARD

1. NICKNAME: "The Professor" on 90FM

2. FACULTY POSITION: English professor

3. CLASS/UNIVERSITY PET PEEVE: Tiny desks - what's with that!?!

4. FAVORITE STEVENS POINT RESTAURANT: Rusty's Backwater Saloon

5. LAST CONCERT YOU WENT TO: Brother Ali



6. MY FERRIS BUELLER DAY OFF WOULD BE: Surfing at Coral Bay, Western Australia followed by pond hockey in Stevens Point. impossible distance.

7. CURRENTLY READING: Whipped Not Beaten by Melissa Westmaier

8. CURRENTLY WATCHING:



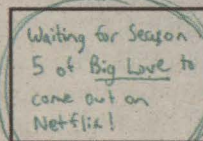
A. The Office



B. The News



C. Fringe



D. Other- Specify! Waiting for Season 5 of Big Love to come out on Netflix!

9. PET PREFERENCE: YOU'RE A...



A. Cat Person



A. Dog Person



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12. OR Always!

13. ARCH NEMESIS



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OR



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Football in general.

14. CELEBRITY CRUSH



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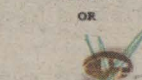


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