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# Students and swing states to decide next election

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If there was ever a year for Wisconsin college students to step up and be sure to vote for who they want to be president, next year is it. With predictions of a close presidential race already being made by Gallup, Wisconsin will be one of the major battlegrounds.

Wisconsin is one of 12 "swing" states whose ultimate leaning towards Democrat or Republican will decide the fate of next year's elections.

"Swing" states are political environments that show trends of majority voting either way, depending on the political climate, or are showing recent signs of political shift. Along with Wisconsin the rest are Michigan, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, New Mexico, Iowa, Ohio, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Colorado.

Public opinion of the government and the economy are at an all-time low, as Obama's job approval is at only 43 percent, while only 25 percent

of Americans think the economy is getting better. President Obama has his work cut out for him to be re-elected—recent polls by Gallup show that disenfranchised voters are starting to think about switching to the other side of the red state/blue state fence.

**"A really, really, really narrow sliver of people in a really small group of states will decide who is the next president of the United States" -Steve McMahon**

"A really, really, really narrow sliver of people in a really small group of states will decide who is the next president of the United States," said Democratic strategist Steve McMahon.

Wisconsin is among these small pockets of voters, making UW students' votes even more valuable than usual.

The way the voting system is set up isn't directly based on popular

opinion, but rather the fate of the nation is in the hands of the Electoral College, who have the American peoples' trust to take popular opinion into consideration when making their decision.

Obama will likely start off the campaign race with roughly 196 electoral votes from solidly Democratic states while the Republican nominee with about 191 and a candidate needs 270 votes to win the race.

This means that the 12 swing states will receive a disproportionate amount of attention from the campaign managers. So Wisconsinites can expect to see a saturation of political ads in the media and an abundance of local organizations springing into action to sway public opinion.

With the burden on them to make the decision, Wisconsin voters along with the other 11 states will have a responsibility to take the next elections seriously and get everyone out of the house to vote.

## Israel prepares a military strike on Iran, warning international community

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Israel prepares a military strike on Iran, warning international community

Israel's minister of defense, Ehud Barak, who is reportedly seeking cabinet support for a military strike against Iran, announced on Tuesday during an Israel Radio broadcast that if attacked, Israel's home casualties would amount to no more than 500.

The escalating rhetoric of war from Israeli officials is taken as a warning that the international community must prevent Iran's access to nuclear weapons, or else. Media reports about increasing tensions between the two countries may also affect their intransigent stances.

Barak's counterpart, Iranian defense minister Ahmad Vahidi, responded Tuesday that Iran was fully prepared for combat and would offer a "crushing response to those daring to attack" Iran, specifically referencing Israel.

Israel, the largest recipient of U.S. military aid, has one of the largest nuclear arsenals in the world. President Obama's 2011 budget allocated \$3 billion from U.S. taxpayers

for direct military assistance to Israel.

The United Nations' International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) published a report last Wednesday claiming there was "credible evidence" that Iran was seeking the construction of a nuclear weapon. In its analysis of Iran's nuclear program, it detected activities associated with nuclear energy production and others "specific to nuclear weapons."

Denying the IAEA's accusations as "absurd," Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced Wednesday that it would not retreat "one iota" from its nuclear program, according to the Associated Press.

France, the United Kingdom and the U.S. issued statements about their concern for regional and international security. The Israeli cabinet expected these results, which could provide the international support for what could be "the last chance for coordinated, lethal international sanctions that would force Iran to stop," Barak said.

However, Iran has two key allies in the United Nations Security Council; China and Russia both hold veto-wielding power over sanctions. Their veto could call Israel's "last chance" bluff—making the situation all the more uncertain.

China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei called for diplomacy and dialogue. Russia warned against the "intentional and counterproductive exacerbation of emotions" and announced additional sanctions would not be approved by the Security Council, as they "would be perceived by the international community as an instrument for regime change," according to a statement from its Foreign Ministry office.

Experts in the U.S. argue Iran is already in a weakened state, as a result of a combination of factors, which might render it unable to really pose a threat to the international community. It has been under heavy U.S.-sponsored economic sanctions for years, thereby weakening its peoples' economic opportunities; its rivalry with Saudi Arabia is heating up; internecine struggles between its president and its supreme religious leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei are weakening its government leadership; and its most important Middle Eastern ally, Syria, is under intense pressure as a result of the mass protests that began during the "Arab Spring" earlier this year.

However, Ahmadinejad might look to Libya as an example of what not to do: it denuclearized under international pressure a few years ago, leaving itself open to NATO bombs. In a similar justification as that used by the U.S. nuclear proliferations program, Iran's search for nuclear weapons might be a deterrent against military action.

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## news

## [full circle thinking]

# Wisconsin Energy Outlook

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How and from where do Wisconsinites get their electricity? Or as electricity junkies of the future will say, "Where'd you get those electrons, Rufus?"

Wisconsin currently gets 60 percent of its electricity from coal. The majority (80 percent) of that coal is shipped in by railcar from Wyoming. Wisconsin's coal consumption is just above the national average.

The second largest energy source in Wisconsin is nuclear power from two plants on Lake Michigan - Point Beach Nuclear Plant (one of the oldest operating plants in the United States) and Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant. Nuclear power supplies 17 percent of Wisconsin's electricity.

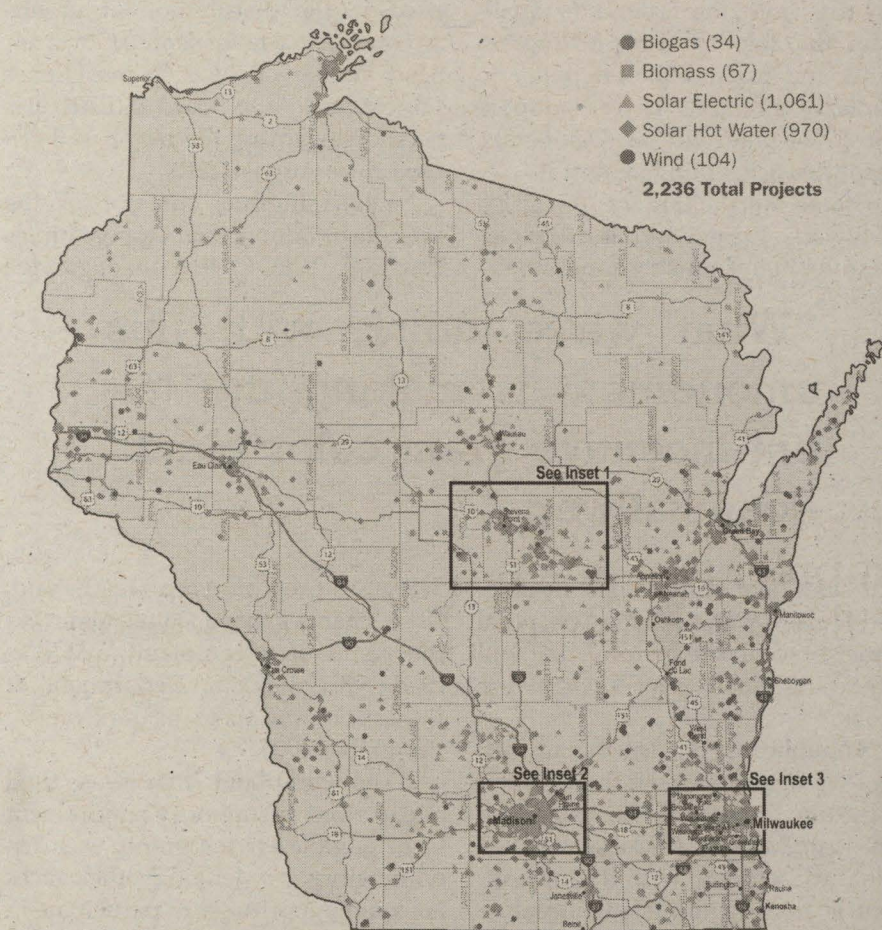
Natural gas piped from Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Canada is used to produce 16 percent of Wisconsin's electricity. Natural gas heats about two thirds of Wisconsin homes.

Other renewable energies produce about two percent of Wisconsin's electricity and have significant room to grow. Technologies are advancing and the costs of production are going down, which means capital investments required are decreasing. Soon, costs will be comparable to conventional sources of energy.

According to the United States Energy Information Administration, "In 2006, Wisconsin adopted a renewable portfolio standard that requires utilities to produce ten percent of their electricity from renewable sources - including solar, wind, hydroelectric power, biomass, geothermal technology, tidal or wave action and fuel cell technology that uses qualified renewable fuels - by 2015."

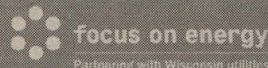
With an impending cost of carbon, renewable energies will be getting more attention. From an efficiency standpoint, producing energy close to where it is consumed is desirable. To improve the efficiency further, feedstock should be sourced as close as possible to where it is used. Most renewable energies are great at that. What's more, Wisconsin sends money out of state to produce energy that could be produced here.

Wisconsin has all of the utility-scale hydroelectric power it can, and large-scale solar farms are not yet practical in these Northerly climates.



## Wisconsin Renewable Energy Project Map

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Map and Legend courtesy of WI energy-

However, there are significant wind farm opportunities along Lake Erie and across the driftless region.

You may be aware that Wisconsin has lots of bovine inhabitants (livestock), cheese, food scraps and organic materials that may have waste components. These "wastes" could be collected and processed at a facility, which would turn them into biogas and finished compost.

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Biogas, the result of the anaerobic (without oxygen) decomposition of biodegradable materials, is currently and can be used in the same manner as natural gas or methane.

"Enough biogas could be generated around 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.

So, what will be the future of energy in Wisconsin? We do not know. With so many technologies devel-

oping and blossoming, it is unclear as to which ones will be adopted. There is also a conflict as to which model to follow, just like Einstein and Westinghouse's debate in the early 1900s over alternating current (AC) and direct current (DC).

"We have two competing models and we don't know yet what model is the best model economically. The current model, which is centralized generation, with scale advantages that come from a big central power plant, or the distributed model that is more economic. The regulatory incentives favor the former, not the latter. It all comes down to if there will be a cost for carbon," said Richard Kauffman, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Energy.

Carbon is a big issue right now, as the United Nations may become a global regulatory force. International standards would need to be followed along with United States' state and local regulations. This makes planning and development difficult, and may be a deal-breaker for investors.

Never fear--in case of emergency, Wisconsin's forests have enough biomass to provide nine years' worth of electricity.

## [global community]

Ohio labor organized a successful referendum campaign that, through a statewide vote of 62 percent, repealed a law by Governor John Kasich that imposed controversial limits on public employee collective bargaining rights

On Tuesday, through a vote of 105 in favor, one against and one abstention, the Mexican Senate passed a National Security Law amendment that upholds constitutional individual guarantees and limits role of military in internal conflict against organized crime

Starting Wednesday, Occupy Wall Street protestors will be on a two-week march from New York to Washington, D.C., stopping at a number of other occupations along the way and concluding on Nov. 23 at the White House

In a Tuesday night referendum, Maine voters widely rejected a Republican proposal that would ban same day voter registration on Election Day, defending their right to register at the polls

Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) have intercepted and detained a group of activists heading towards occupied Gaza to deliver aid supplies; this is the third flotilla to approach Gaza to challenge the Israeli blockade. Israel attacked the first flotilla in 2010, which resulted in the UN-condemned execution of 9 passengers, including a U.S. citizen

Thousands of Haitian citizens plan a lawsuit against the United Nations for reportedly bringing a cholera infection to the country and failing to contain it; more than 6,000 Haitians have died since the outbreak in October of 2010

Arizona state legislator Russell Pierce, architect of Senate Bill 1070, the first in a series of harsh anti-immigration laws, has lost his senate seat in the state's first-ever recall election

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou will step down from their respective offices after facing pressure from their parliaments regarding their handling of unsustainable national debt

Despite an agreement to restore ties with Washington, Bolivian President Evo Morales--a former coca union leader--insists that U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and U.S. "anti-drug" agents will not be allowed into his country

An anti-abortion initiative that would grant personhood to fetuses was rejected by 58 percent of Mississippi voters

IAEA announces it has not, despite international community and media overreaction, decidedly concluded that Iran has reconstructed its nuclear weapons program

The international human rights group Human Rights Watch claims its research points to Mexican military and police participation in at least 24 killings, 170 cases of torture, and 39 disappearances



# news

## Race-based grant qualifications to change

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In the Wisconsin State Assembly last week, an amendment was put forth that would remove race as a requirement for Talent Incentive Program grants. The proposed amendment immediately drew support for Republicans and fire from Democrats.

The Talent Incentive Program is a \$4.4 million program that offers grants between \$600 and \$1800 to underprivileged students who are attending college in the state. In 2010-11, the Talent Incentive Program granted \$3.7 million to 2,476 students in the University of Wisconsin system, the average award being just more than \$1,500.

Currently, to apply for Talent Incentive Program grants, the student must be in financial need and a "non-traditional student." "Non-traditional student" must be one of several criteria to qualify, including being handicapped, a first-generation college attendee or black, American Indian, Hispanic or Hmong.

State Rep. Peggy Krusick, D-Milwaukee, proposed the amend-

ment that would remove being a minority from the criteria to qualify for the Talent Incentive Program grants and expand the eligibility to people of all races. It was adopted on a 57-34 vote with all Democrats, except Krusick, voting against it.

State Rep. Tamara Grigsby, D-Milwaukee, said, "What it is is racism in its highest institutional level."

**"What we're doing with this amendment is making the talent incentive grant color blind."  
-Joan Ballweg**

That sentiment was echoed by Rep. Brett Hulsey, who called the proposal a "racist race to the bottom" that will only result in minorities losing access to jobs.

Republicans felt that the amendment was a step in the right direction for the universities of Wisconsin. State Rep. Joan Ballweg, R-Markeson, said "What we're doing with this amendment is making the talent incentive grant color blind."

However, there is evidence that

the race-based criteria hasn't been used in the distribution of grants. According to a letter sent to Governor Scott Walker on Nov. 3, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) has been disregarding the race-based criteria since August 2010.

Kevin Ingram, director of the Wisconsin Educational Opportunities Program (WEOP) that manages the

formally applied to Talent Incentive Programs. As of last February, 51 percent of grants went to minority students while 49 percent went to whites.

In 2010-2011, 162 students enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point received Talent Incentive Program grants totaling \$256,377. When asked about how this amendment would affect minority students on the UWSP campus, Shantanu Pai, the Multicultural Issues Director for the Student Government Association, said that he doesn't believe it will, but wonders when cut backs on minority programs will stop.

"Over the years, there has been an organized attack on programs of such (a) nature...The idea behind creating programs that provided funding to the marginal section was to level the playing field. When does (cutting back) stop?" Pai said.

With Nov. 2 being the State Senate's last planned session day this year, Democrats objecting to the bill containing the amendment to the TIP can delay the passage of the bill until the Senate reconvenes in January.

TIP grant program with HEAB, said, "The changes have come about as the result of a complaint that was filed with the U.S. Department of Education. And that was done on (in) September 2006."

The complaint that was filed alleged that the minority requirement to be eligible for the grants was discriminatory by denying other races an equal opportunity to participate in the program.

The policy change hasn't been

## UWSP Sounds the Alarm at Budget Forum

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Members of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point administration painted a dire picture during the first of two student forums to discuss how the university is dealing with the budget lapse that the state has imposed.

Last month the Department of Administration informed UWSP that the university had to give back \$1.9 million in funds from this year's budget, and could possibly be forced to give back another \$1.2 million by June 30.

While a lapse is a temporary cut that should be reimbursed in future years, the administration says in their

minds it is a permanent cut.

"For this year the lapse really is not going to affect classroom instruction if we can help it, depending on the size of the lapse," said Greg Summers, Interim Provost. "We have the lapse covered for the initial \$1.9 million."

However, if the state were to ask for the additional \$1.2 million, Summers says, "I really couldn't tell you where that revenue would come from. We haven't been able to identify the source for that big of a lapse."

Al Thompson, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, says the university has already sent back the initial

has seen a steady decrease over the past 40 years. Today the university receives only 17 percent of its budget from the state.

"We are at a difficult crossroads as a campus," Thompson said. "The reality is that there are going to be larger class sizes, less teachers, less faculty, and holding up the time to graduate" if current budgetary trends continue.

The UW System is about 7 percent of the overall state budget, but has been asked to give back about 38 percent of the total lapses mandated by the state. Some agencies have been exempted from these budget

lapses like the Department of Transportation and Department of Corrections.

"The implicit message from the Department of

Administration is that higher education in Wisconsin is not a high priority and that's an unfortunate place to be," Summers said.

There were about 20 students in attendance at the forum and the administration was wondering how they could better get this information out to students so they get involved.

It was suggested to put up large posters around campus detailing how tuition was increasing while the amount received from the state has steadily decreased.

The next budgetary forum is scheduled for Thursday at noon in the Laird Room in the Dreyfus University Center.

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**-Greg Summers**

security system on hold.

"We had a lot of faculty and staff leave after the last round of budget cuts... we've taken a number of those positions and we have not gone forward with searches for them. That's inevitably going to affect classroom instruction," Summers said. "We lost a substantial number of people last year. We could lose a substantial number of our best people this year."

Thompson wanted to stress that all decisions are based on a set of guiding principles. "We want to make sure the level of instruction is high," he said, though students are going to see changes.

UWSP used to receive half of its budget from the state in the 1970s but

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# Sports

## Pointers' Quick Start Not Enough To Stop the Titans

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Saturday marked the last day the seniors of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team would step on Goerke Field as football players.

The Pointers lost 38-24 on Senior and Parent's Day to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's second best team, UW-Oshkosh. The loss comes a week after falling to the top ranked UW-Whitewater.

The Titans were coming off a two game losing streak to UW-Whitewater and UW-La Crosse while Point is coming off two wins in their last three games. Point's second ranked defense in the WIAC would match up against Oshkosh's second ranked offense.

Point was able to get on the board early, cashing in on a Titan fumble on their opening drive. A 10-yard run from junior running back Keith Ingram gave the Pointers a 7-0 lead. Ingram's touchdown was his fourth of the year.

Oshkosh answered with some big plays, including a 26-yard run by junior quarterback Nate Wara. Wara then found senior wide receiver Garrie Fox for a 36-yard touchdown pass tying the game less than a minute after Point's score.

Junior defensive back Colton Zimmerman quickly reversed the momentum on the ensuing kickoff, taking it 62 yards down the field to set the offense up on the Titan 30-yard line.

Freshman running back Ben Wetzel concluded the short drive with his second touchdown of the year, giving Point the 14-7 advantage.

A streak of scoreless drives for both teams was broken by the Titans. After getting pinned deep in their own territory, senior wide receiver Justin Budiac lined up at running back for the Titans' first play of the series. After 97 yards, Budiac was standing in the end zone for the Oshkosh touchdown.

"That 97-yard touchdown hurt us bad," senior linebacker Curtis



Photo by Jack McLaughlin

Colton Zimmerman, junior, tackles an Oshkosh Titan player.

Krump said. "With that they gain the momentum."

The ensuing point after failed to split the uprights, keeping the advantage in favor of Point, 14-13.

After a scoreless Point drive, Oshkosh took over with just enough time in the second quarter for a score. Budiac would again find the end zone, this time from five yards out to end the half. The Titans would convert a two-point conversion to gain a 21-14 lead going into the half.

The Titans moved quickly on a couple big plays in the second half, including a 49-yard Wara pass to sophomore wide receiver Caleb Voss. Wara would connect with Budiac from just inside the 30-yard line making it 28-14, Titans.

Point then surrendered a fumble that Titan junior linebacker Taylor

Goodman would recover, setting up a short field for Oshkosh. The high-powered offense was held without a touchdown, but freshman kicker Nate Ray would connect on a 19-yard field goal, taking the Titan lead to 31-14.

Point's following drive would result in a 33-yard field goal from senior kicker Jered Fohrman. The kick helped close the gap, but not for long. The Titans would answer with a touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Nick Olla from 35 yards out to Voss.

Down 38-17, Point got their final score on a 22-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Mitch Beau to senior wide receiver Klint Hischke.

The touchdown was too little too late, as the Titans would run the clock

out to hand the Pointers a 38-24 loss in their final home game of the season.

Krump weighed in on the future of Point's starting quarterback, Mitch Beau: "I believe (Beau) has the chance to be a very good quarterback. He just needs to keep up the hard work in practice and the off-season," Krump said.

Point's final game is against the UW-Platteville in a Spud Bowl rematch, which Point lost 26-3 on Sept. 10.

"It's the last game of the year and we all want to finish it on a high note," Krump said. "We as a team have worked too hard not to win this last game."

Kickoff is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Saturday at Platteville.

## Pointer Volleyball Earns NCAA Division III Wild Card

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After a second place finish in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament, the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point women's volleyball team earned a wild card spot in the NCAA Division III tournament.

The Pointers were the number one seed heading into the WIAC tournament Friday night. Point defeated

UW-Platteville 3-1, and two-seeded UW-Whitewater defeated UW-Eau Claire 3-2.

Both teams were propelled into the championship match Saturday afternoon. Historically, Whitewater has been dominant over Point with an all-time 39 wins and 19 losses to Point.

Point came to the court confident, energized and ready to face a formidable opponent.

"We wanted to really focus on playing hard and together as a team and staying relentless on defense. We needed to pass well and serve tough in order to neutralize UW-Whitewater's fast offense," Head Coach Stacey White said.

The first match was point for point-both teams fighting ferociously to counter the other. The UW-Whitewater Warhawks took the match (27-29) ending Point's 18-game winning streak.

The second match was similarly competitive, ending with Point on top with a 25-18 win.

The Warhawks rode their momentum through the third and fourth matches, winning 25-18 and 25-19, claiming the WIAC championship.

Coach Stacey White was awarded

the WIAC Coach of the Year for her honorable efforts.

The Warhawks were awarded an automatic bid into the NCAA DIII tournament following their victory on Saturday.

After two days of anticipation it was announced Monday that the Pointers had received the wild card bid for the NCAA DIII tournament. Point will face the central region's number one ranked Cobbers of Concordia in Moorhead on Friday, Nov. 11, at 8:00 p.m.

"I am so excited for these young ladies...We're going to the NCAA championship. You can count on it. One other thing, GO POINTERS!" UWSP Chancellor Bernie Patterson said.



# sports

## Solid Finish for the Wrestling Team at the Pointer Open

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Several members of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point wrestling team competed in the tournament style wrestling match held at Stevens Point Area Senior High Saturday. The individual based tournament featured several other universities from the Midwest.

In the 125-pound weight class, sophomore Lance Fabry finished fourth. UW-Oshkosh's Zach Mueller finished first. The field also featured Point junior Jordan Poirier and freshman Ryan Osse, who both won early but couldn't maintain their momentum and fell shortly after.

At 133 pounds, Point freshman Bryce Krejcarek couldn't record a win in his debut, while UW-Madison's Matt Kellher finished first.

The 141-pound class featured UWSP junior Jordan Kust, who finished second after falling to Northern Illinois University's Ethan Davis.

"We put it on ourselves to be better," Kust said. "We know what we need to do."

Kust and Junior Ryan Conat led the way for Point, finishing second in their weight class.

Junior Shane Sweeney competed in the 149-pound weight class and, after an early loss in the double elimination tournament, recovered and pulled out a fourth place finish. Sweeney initially lost to St. Johns' Joseph Hessing, and then faced Hessing again, falling in the consolation championship.

The 149-pound field also featured James Berden, freshman Mack Glasby

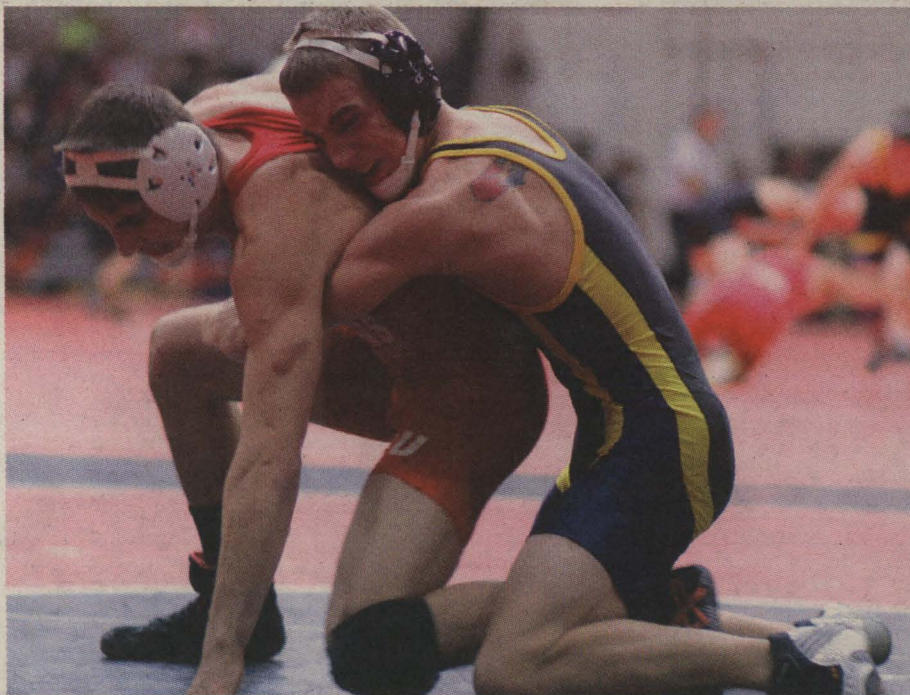


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The Pointers officially opened their season Tuesday night with a duel against Lakeland college.

and sophomore Ben Thome, who all moved on to the second round. Thome was the only one to make it past but would fall in the third round.

The 157-pound bracket featured Point junior Ben Strobel, who fell to UW-Parkside's Nick Fishback. Strobel made it past the first round in the consolation bracket and then fell to NIU's Eddie Breen. Parkside's Dillon Bera would finish first.

In his 14th season, head coach Johnny Johnson is looking to improve on his already impressive resume by sticking to his strategy. According to Kust, "He's always making sure we are stronger than our competition."

Junior Jordan Schulte competed in the 165-pound class for UWSP and got off to a quick start but fell to future winner Nicholas Schuler from

St. Johns University. Schulte had a chance for third place but fell to the fifth place finisher Cedric Gibson of UW-Whitewater.

Schulte then went to the fifth place bracket where he fell to Chris Stevermer of St. Johns, giving him a sixth place finish. Sophomore Bill Langford also competed in the 165-pound weight class but like Schulte, fell to Whitewater's Cedric Gibson.

Freshman Nick Lecher and Ryan Conat competed in the 174-pound class. Lecher fell early but Conat was able to post a second place finish, losing to UW-Parkside's Luke Rynish in the championship match.

Point freshmen Dan Diebitz, Andy Borchardt and sophomore Dylan Clucus competed in the 184-pound weight class where the young

group fell early. Borchardt was able to make a move in the consolation bracket but fell to third place finisher Mitchell Hagen from St. Johns University.

In the fifth place bracket, Borchardt got his momentum back and defeated UW-Oshkosh's Ryan Heath for a fifth place finish. Oshkosh's Sam Engelland ran the table for the championship in the 184-pound class.

Junior Dustin Wozniak was the lone representative in the 197-pound group for Point. Wozniak put in a strong effort towards the top two spots, but fell short after losing to second place finisher Jody VanLeenen from UW-Oshkosh.

Wozniak would recover, dominating the consolation bracket for a third-place finish. Darren Faber from Wheaton College would defeat VanLeenen in the championship match for the first-place rank.

"Overall, we did a good job" said Kust, who was impressed with the way everyone performed, saying the team may be young but they are experienced and ready.

Team competition began on Tuesday against Lakeland College. Prior to the meet, Kust was confident in his team, saying, "We beat them last year so no reason why we couldn't beat them again," referring to the several returning wrestlers from the victory last year.

The Pointers dominated the Muskies with a 40-8 victory.

The wrestlers will not return to Stevens Point until December 9, when they face Carroll University Club.

## [This Week in Sports...]

Boxing legend "Smoking" Joe Frazier dies Monday at the age of 67 from liver cancer. "The world has lost a great champion. I will always remember Joe with respect and admiration." —Muhammad Ali. The three Ali vs. Frazier fights are some of the most memorable New

England Patriots waive defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth on Tuesday. Haynesworth was claimed off waivers by Tampa Bay Bucs on Wednesday. The Buccaneers are Haynesworth's third team in two seasons.

The Penn State board of trustees has fired 84-year-old head coach Joe Paterno and university president Graham Spanier in the wake of child molestation charges applied to former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky. Paterno admits he should have done more to bring the scandal to light, and Spanier claims he was never informed. An in-depth look at the Penn State fiasco can be found on The Pointer's website, pointeronline.uwsp.edu.

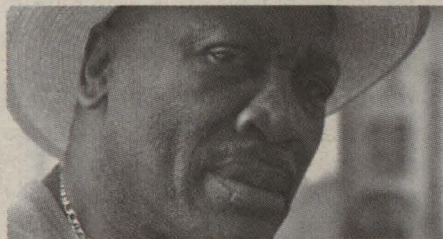


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Smokin' Joe Frazier

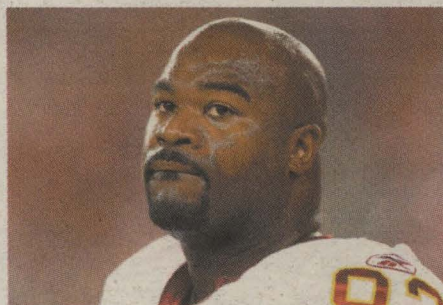


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Defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth



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Penn State football head coach Joe Paterno

## Are you Graduating?

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# Pointlife

## True Life: I'm Addicted to Coffee

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It's hot, it smells good, it's good enough to have every day, it makes us nervous, and it keeps us up all night. There are many reasons why we worship coffee, but is it really the coffee that we are all falling madly in love with, or is it the caffeine that is hidden inside?

Beginning the day with a cup of Joe has become a ritual for many people. Especially for college students, brewing a pot the moment the alarm goes off in the morning is a necessity. Without the immediate kick of coffee, many of us have difficulty doing even the simplest of activities, like walking to class.

Kaitlyn Luckow, a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, became dependent on caffeine in high school. But like many people, she hated the bitter taste of coffee. Now that she's older and a more experienced coffee drinker, she appreciates the taste.

"I started off with lattes and now I just drink black coffee. It's kind of my life-line. You kind of need it to survive as a college student with all-night study sessions and whatnot," Luckow said.

Thankfully, there are benefits to drinking coffee. Not only does it wake us up and keep us energized on even the worst days, but if consumed in moderation (about two to four cups per day), coffee drinkers are at a lesser risk of getting some cancers as well as Type II Diabetes.

"Coffee is good in moderation, but it's just like drinking red wine. There are benefits, but if you're drinking a bottle of red wine every night it's probably not good for you; same with coffee. If you're drinking eight venti lattes a day, it's probably not too good for you," said Bri Tarpey, a

senior at UWSP and Starbucks barista on campus for three years.

Depending on how much caffeine you are used to consuming in a day determines how sensitive you are to its waking effects. Unfortunately, with heavy drinking (more than four cups a day), there are also negative effects such as increased blood pressure, insomnia and symptoms such as headaches and difficulty concentrating during withdrawal.

"If I don't have caffeine I literally get sick. That's probably not good, but I love it," Luckow said.

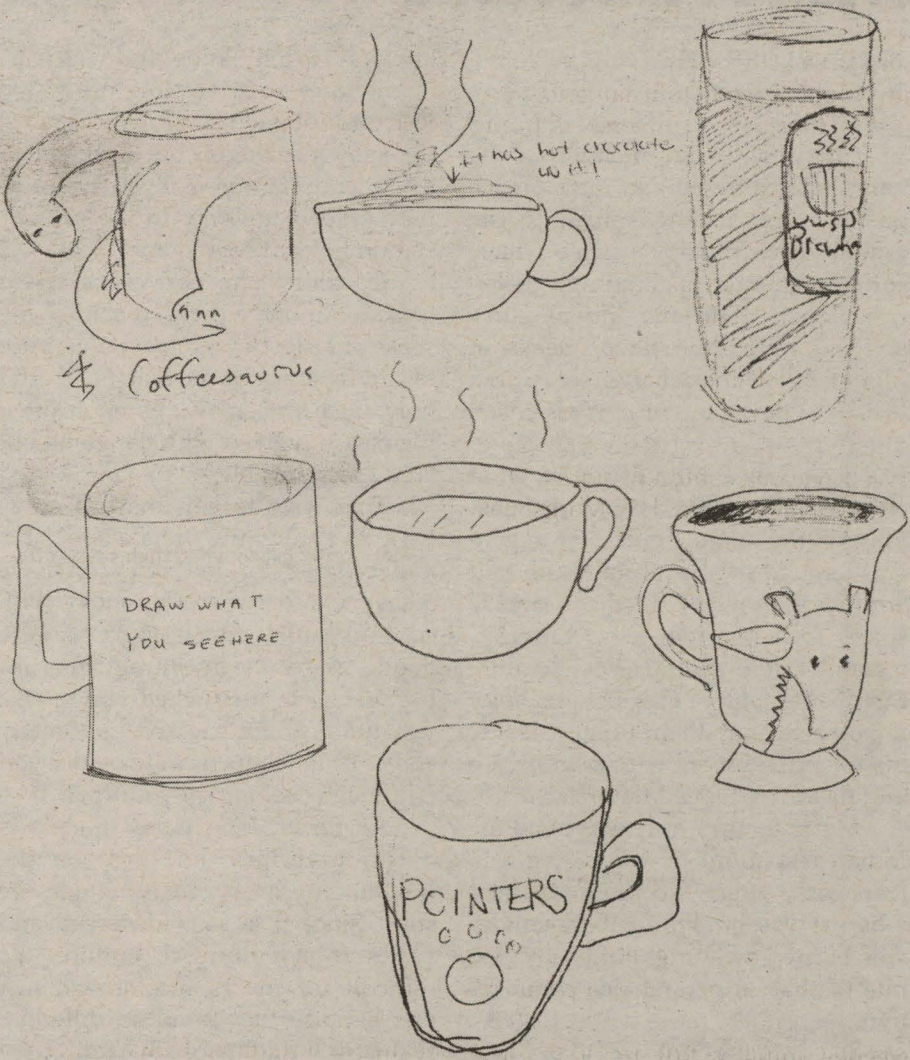
"I used to drink a lot less coffee before I worked with Starbucks, but now that I work here I probably drink four cups a day when I'm on a coffee-drinking high. I drink a lot more coffee than I probably should," Tapey said.

Many may have heard over the years that a side effect of coffee is that it stunts growth. Thankfully, that age-old tale isn't completely true. If it were, all of us coffee addicts would be walking around at three feet tall. Unfortunately, if grandma is downing Folgers like it runs through the faucet, chances are she can't reach the cupboards any longer.

Why is this? Because there is a correlation between coffee and the loss of bone mass in the elderly, but that is due to the fact that the majority of the elderly are already lacking in calcium, causing them to shrink, and thus explaining why grandma is so short.

Tapey often notices the "regulars" who come in to Starbucks, making several trips in one day, often staying for refills. Fortunately for these people, caffeine addiction is accepted in our society. This makes for good news to all those whose life without it would be unbearable.

[students draw their favorite coffee mugs]



## 15 QUESTIONS FOR DENNIS ZYLKOWSKI

1. NICKNAME: Standy Bandkerst

2. FACULTY POSITION: Custodian

3. CLASS/UNIVERSITY PET PEEVE: Ignorance

4. FAVORITE STEVENS POINT RESTAURANT: Emy J's

5. LAST CONCERT YOU WENT TO: Fire Clapton

6. MY FERRIS BUELLER DAY OFF WOULD BE: Hiding under the bed

7. CURRENTLY READING: Kafka

8. CURRENTLY WATCHING:

A. The Office B. The News

C. Fringe D. Other-Specify! Asteroid Hitting The Earth

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

A. Cat Person B. Dog Person

10. iPhone OR Android

11. Facebook OR Twitter None

12. Bicycle OR Car

13. ARCH NEMESIS

Chicago OR Minnesota

14. CELEBRITY CRUSH


Angelina Jolie OR Jessica Alba

Annette Bening

15. Coffee OR Tea

## [survey: students' coffee habits]

information based off of 27 students randomly surveyed in the Dreyfus University Center

	OUNCES OF COFFEE DRANK PER DAY		# OF PEOPLE
	0-8		9
	8 to 16		10
	16-24		3
	24+		5
YEARS OF DRINKING COFFEE		# OF PEOPLE	
0-3		6	
3 to 5		11	
5 to 7		3	
7+		7	



## [a vague attempt at something delicious.]



### Curry: The Multinational Dish of Awesome

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Curry. The mere mention of the name creates tremors in my stomach and a warm feeling spread to my tongue. It is in curry's name I have suffered through a blindingly spicy, ridiculously delicious Indian curry and summited the flavor peaks of Mount Delectable Thai Green Curry. What I'm trying to say: curry is amazing.

If you're a bit unsure of what curry is and you're wondering what I'm ranting about, curry is a general term for dishes from South and Southeast Asia with the primary spices found inside being turmeric, coriander and cumin. Each culture that makes 'curry' uses its own spice mixture to suit their unique tastes, but it's often served with jasmine rice and naan, a leavened flatbread.

My first curry ever was in a little Indian restaurant in Manhattan as a teenager. I wish I could remember where it was, but I think that memory was burned away right after my first bite of that curry and rice combination.

To say it was hot was to say that jumping in a pit of lava was a relaxing Jacuzzi. It was the most amazing sensation; my entire body began to burst into sweat, my mouth started to water uncontrollably, and I began to silently weep into my napkin. I can't imagine what a passerby would think: "Oh, that guy is a curry virgin."

It was curry, but with each bite, with each taste bud dying to the intensity of the Scovilles punishing my virgin tongue, I felt hair begin to grow on my chest. I cannot recall how I made it home that evening because by the end of the meal, I couldn't see

anymore. I don't know if it was tears or my taste sense stealing my vision to try to toughen my tongue against the spicy onslaught, but I remember my friends laughing hysterically as they guided my way to the subway station to head back home.

Of course the next week I was back for more when I regained my sense of taste, but the inevitable truth to any spicy food is that no matter how much you enjoy it going in, often the parts involved with the going out aren't as enjoyable.

That isn't to say that all curry is spicy, only my friends are jerks and ordered for me. You can have a savory and sweet Thai curry with coconut milk, which is very, very good. Or you can simply not ask for such hot curry when you're at a restaurant or cut back on how many chilies or how much chili powder you add when cooking on your own.

As for making curry, there's is a billion recipes out there on the internet for every curry under the sun. Since it is so widespread and varies from culture to culture, it's difficult for me to recommend just one because they're all so different. However, I think a Thai Green Curry would be a pretty good place to start for newcomers since the coconut milk tends to cool down a recipe.

To find ingredients such as curry paste and fish sauce, look to local Asian markets. They often stock a variety of different curry pastes for different curry dishes. The closest Asian market to campus is the Asian American Market located at 2824 Stanley St. and there is also one across town called Lor's Market & Vietnamese Restaurant at 3511 Church St.

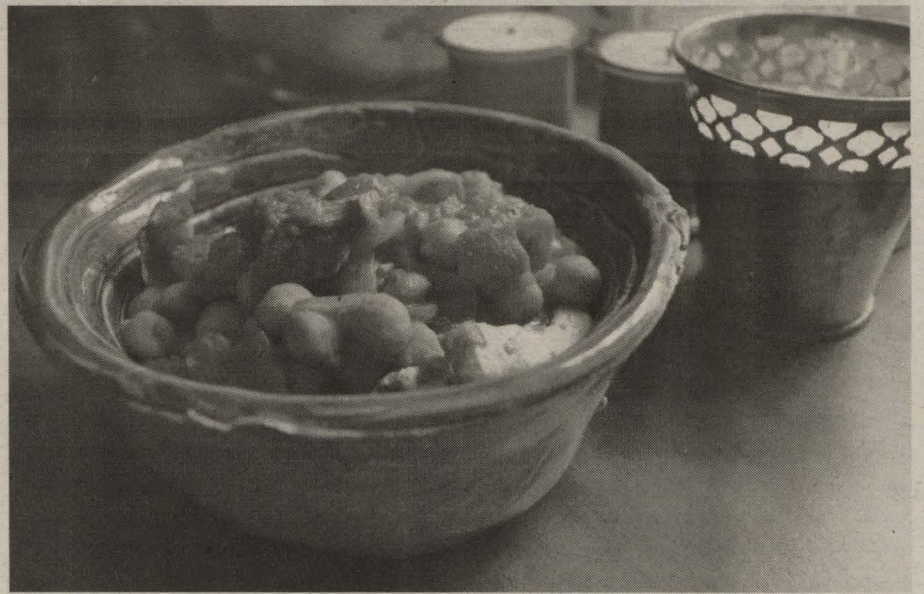


Photo by Samantha Feld

The main spices found in curry dishes are turmeric, coriander, and cumin.

#### Thai Green Curry Chicken

##### Ingredients:

1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into 1-inch cubes

1 tablespoon dark soy sauce

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

2 tablespoons cooking oil

2 tablespoons green curry paste

2 green onions with tops, chopped

3 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped

1 teaspoon fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped

2 cups coconut milk

1 tablespoon fish sauce

1 tablespoon dark soy sauce

2 tablespoons white sugar

##### Directions:

•Toss cubed chicken in 1 tablespoon dark soy sauce, then in the flour, coating evenly (An easy way to do this is using a plastic freezer bag which you can throw away when you're done. Put in the chicken, then soy sauce, shake the bag, add the flour, shake the bag). Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium high

heat, add the chicken, and cook till browned, about 5 minutes, then remove.

•Reduce heat to medium and stir in the curry paste. Cook for a minute then stir in green onions, garlic and ginger; cook for another 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Return the chicken to the skillet, stirring to coat the chicken in the curry mixture. Then stir in the coconut milk, fish sauce, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, and sugar into the chicken-curry mixture. Allow to simmer over medium heat for 20 minutes until the chicken is tender. If the curry is too mild for you, add some extra chili powder or cayenne.

Feel free to substitute chicken for tofu if you're a vegetarian. Also, you can add vegetables of your choice to the curry by quickly cooking them through after you take your chicken out. Green bell peppers, white onions, broccoli, mushrooms and snap peas all work really well with this dish.

Serve with jasmine rice and naan and enjoy with an IPA!

## Capturing the Moment

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Accomplished film directors do not only appear in Hollywood, as demonstrated this past weekend at the 6th annual Central Wisconsin Film Festival. The festival included award winning independent films from short films, to documentaries and feature films. Each of these productions were picked from submissions based on quality filmmaking craft, uniqueness of concept and vision, original subject matter, entertaining stories and diverse ideas.

Screenings took place in Amherst, Stevens Point, and Marshfield from November 4-6. After each screening, the directors, if available, conducted scheduled "talkbacks" where they would discuss the film with viewers. These directors were primarily stu-

dents or recent graduates with some sort of Wisconsin affiliation. The festival is a good way for these film directors to mature their craft and test it on an audience.

"The Central Wisconsin Film Festival showcases emerging and established independent film and video makers. Established in 2006, CWFF supports film and video makers that demonstrate a high regard for moving images as artistic expression. CWFF's intent is to promote understanding, tolerance, entertainment and social awareness while providing a stimulating and enriching cultural experience within central Wisconsin," said Jim McKnight, director of CWFF.

A film that caught a lot of attention was "Francesca" by director Justin Daering, a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Madison, which premiered at the Sentry Theater @ 1800 on Saturday. "Francesca" is about a

vulnerable teenage girl who deals with the aftermath of being abducted. Her rescuer, a tough talking police captain, is then unexpectedly put in charge of the girl.

Starring Debra Lopez and Ashlee Fuss, "Francesca" is one of the first films under Justin Daering's own production company, Naturalfilms. It took off in 2002 and has since been moved to Los Angeles. Naturalfilms and "Francesca" are not Justin Daering's only accomplishments, however. He is also well known for working as a production assistant on the set of "Public Enemies" and a creative intern for "Hotel Rwanda."

Justin can be reached at justindaering.com, Facebook, or www.naturalfilms.com. For more information on how to submit a film of your own or the film festival for next year, check out www.artspartagecounty.org.



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A Handycam may be used to make films.



## Veterans share diverse war experiences in discussion

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Mid-State Technical College (MSTC) have put together a series of public events entitled "Visions of War" to share the experiences of United States veterans.

The free to the public collaboration opened Monday, Nov. 7, on the MSTC campus with a panel discussion. Four guest speakers who fought in various wars throughout recent history shared their life stories, reasons for joining the military and experiences overseas.

Jesse Albrecht, who grew up in Amherst, Wisconsin, started the panel by discussing how his modest background led to a career in the military. He joined the 101st Airborne Division and was deployed to Kuwait as a medic.

"That experience was eye opening because I was doing a job I wasn't really trained for, or even equipped for, so I had to learn on the fly," Albrecht said.

Albrecht said that there was a lack of foresight from his superiors to put him in the position as a medic. He was unprepared and without some basic equipment, such as special clay plates to put in his vest to protect him from bullets.

"They don't care; all the millions of dollars that they put in there they somehow can't get a few hundred-dollar plates to you, it opens your eyes," Albrecht said.

The second speaker, John Peters, was deployed during the Persian Gulf conflict

in 1990. Peters talked about how he had trained to do a job for so long that he was excited to apply the skills they worked so hard to hone.

"It turned out to be a waiting game, the best way I can describe it is it was like doing hard time," Peters said. "Think of yourself as a firefighter, you train to fight fires and all you do is train, train, train but you never get to put out any fires."

Peters explained his love-hate relationship with the military, and how he learned many lessons despite it being a hard life. He spent most of his time training or waiting, far from home and his family, but he knew they were doing some good in the world.

The next panel guest was Vietnam veteran Phil Kallas.

Kallas was drafted into the 101st Airborne Division when he was 21 years old and thrown into battle in January of 1970.

"When I left here I just knew I was not coming home," Kallas said.

Kallas was only in Vietnam for four months, from January to May of 1970, but he endured and survived many gruesome battles.

"My experience was really a whole lot different than everyone else in Vietnam. I was there for a very short time," Kallas said. "In that four months I earned three purple hearts and lost my arm."

During his last mission in Vietnam, Kallas' squad was waiting out the night for resupply by a bridge when it came under RPG fire.

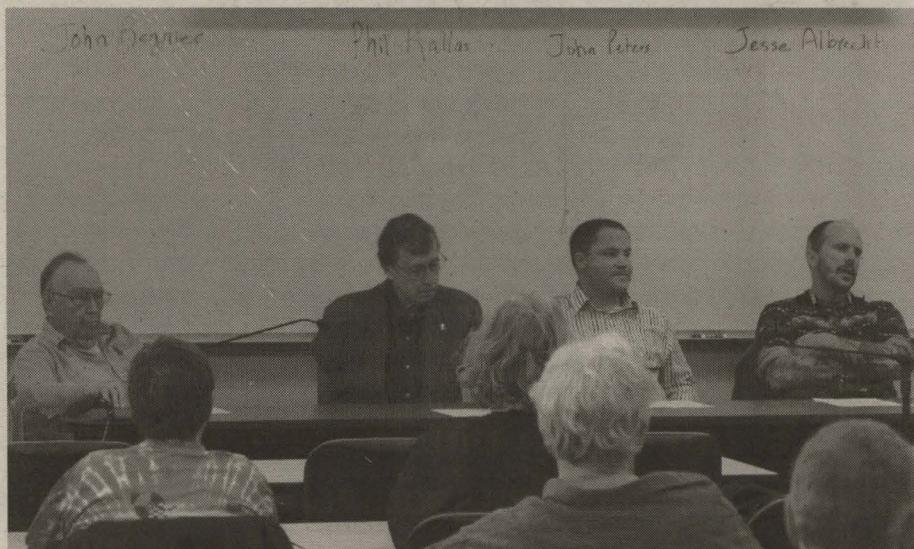


Photo by Nate Enwald  
Veterans of foreign wars recount their experiences in service for a panel discussion.

"I was the only one that survived," Kallas said. "Ten of our guys were killed then and there and nine died later. I think I joined them for a little bit but I was revived."

He went on to tell how the Medivac helicopters were not flying in to take out wounded because there was too much enemy fire, but one pilot flew in anyways and saved Kallas. Years later he looked up the pilot who saved him, and since then they have become lifelong friends.

The last speaker was a WWII veteran named John Regnier.

Regnier was also a medic and was part of the liberation of Bastogne from the occupation of Germany during the battle of the Bulge, one of the bloodiest battles

of the entire war.

He explained that even though his medical unit was miles away from the front line, they were still far into enemy territory and cut off from reinforcements and supplies, struggling to assist the wounded pouring in from the front line.

"The human carnage I saw was of epic proportions, I have not and never will forget it," Regnier said.

Future installments in the "Visions of War" series include film screenings, artist talks and poetry readings, all taking place throughout the month.

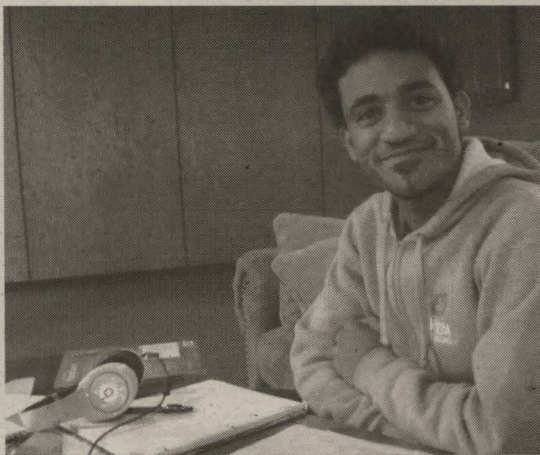
For more information on the events, visit the "Visions of War" website located in the UW-Stevens Point web directory.

## [what are you listening to?]

On the sidewalks, in coffee shops, and everywhere in between students are always listening to music as they go about their day. We sent our Multimedia Reporter Rachel Hanson around campus to stop random students with headphones on and find out what Pointers were listening to. Find the full-length videos online at:

[www.uwsp.edu/pointeronline](http://www.uwsp.edu/pointeronline).

ARABIAN MUSIC



Nedal from Saudi Arabia works on homework with his perfect soundtrack for productivity: Arabian music, relaxing and just a little sad.

MAC MILLER- "UNDER THE WEATHER"



Brock Roberts listens to his newly downloaded album by Mac Miller. We caught Roberts listening to Miller's song "Under the Weather."

CEE LO GREEN- "FORGET YOU"



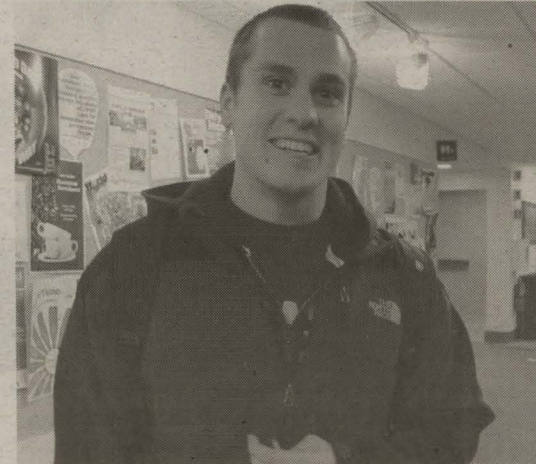
Sonya studied in the Brewhaus while listening to Cee Lo Green's hit "Forget You." She says that it the perfect "pump you up," music.

SILVERSON PICKUP- "DREAM AT TEMPO 119"



After Kiah Hardy heard one of Silversun Pickup's songs "Lazy Eye" on Guitar Hero, she began exploring their music further, and we found her listening to the song "Dream at Tempo 119."

PRETTY LIGHTS

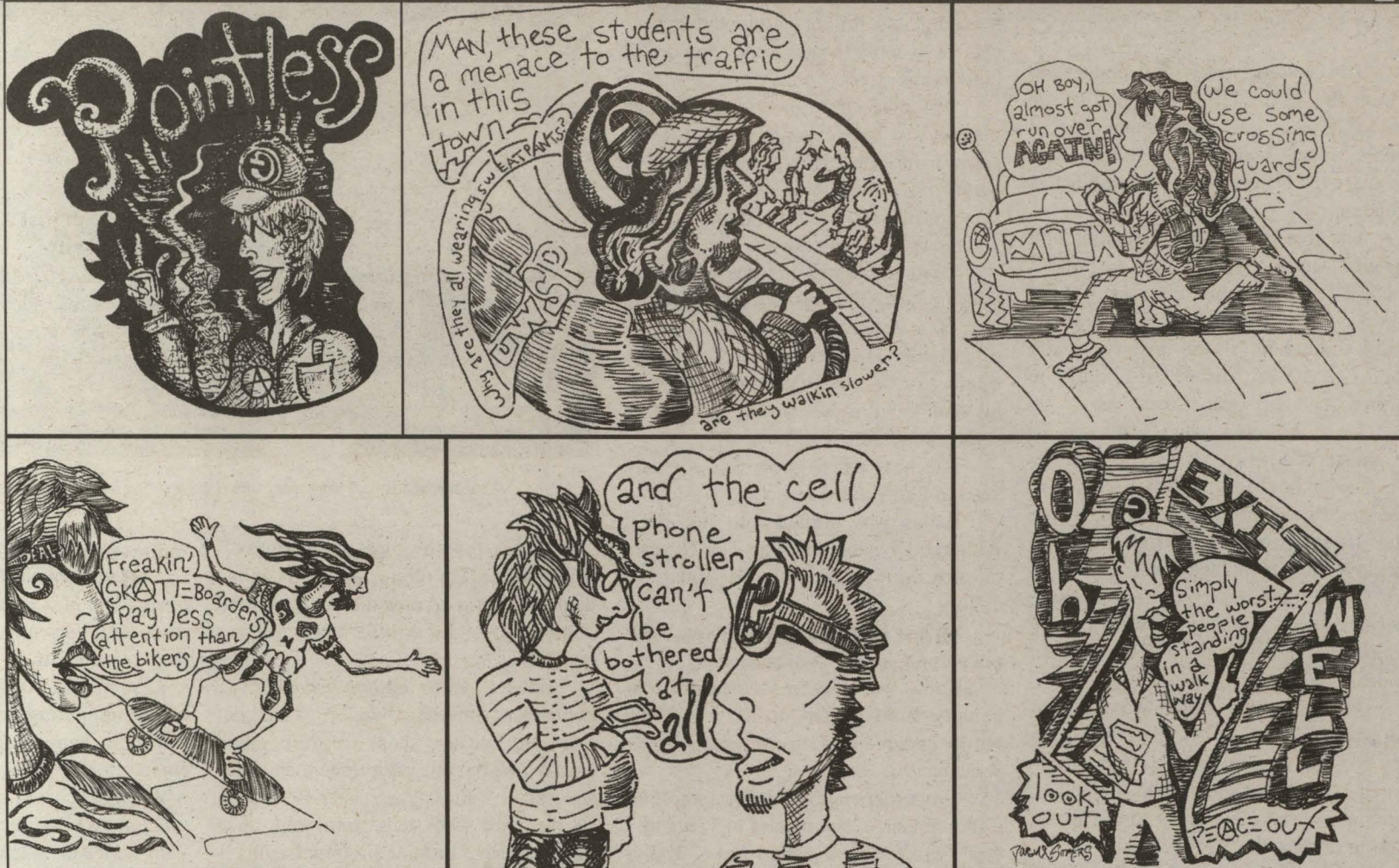


Josh walks through the Dreyfus University Center and listens to the electronic artist Pretty Lights. Josh got interested in Pretty Lights after his brother introduced him to the artist.



## pointlife

## [comic of the week]



Comic by Douglas Somers

## [photos of the week]

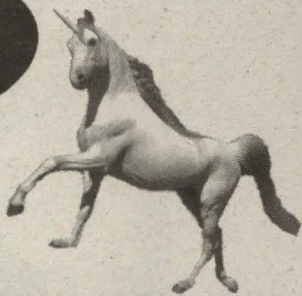


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# Opinion

## Modern Warfare 3: A How-To

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Video games are often the best option we have when we want to escape from this dark and depressing world. They allow us to release tension, focus on something less trivial, and hone skills that can serve us for the rest of our lives.

However, video games can often become so engrossing the player can become addicted and obsessed. They may become irrational and moody. An uber-gamer may begin speaking in tongues, endlessly reciting formations from Madden and rambling on about their Kill-Death Ratio.

As someone who has played video games since childhood I have seen both ends of the spectrum. I have friends who are nothing more than recreational gamers and just play for something to do. I also have friends that will be buried with a con-

troller in their hands.

Now there's nothing wrong with being intense about gaming--most of us have been there. But you need to know how to enjoy your gaming experience properly. I offer you some playing techniques that will help relieve some stress.

•**Take time to get to know the game.** This isn't a random hookup, it's a courtship. Treat the game like it's a girl you want to date. Be patient, but know when to show a little hustle. Pay attention to the physical attributes. Find sturdy things to hide behind, be mindful of where enemies spawn and where they like to attack from.

•**Beat campaign before you start playing online.** I know many people, especially little kids, buy these games just so they can go online and pawn some NOOBS. You're missing out on so much. The makers of the game spent quite a

while crafting a wonderful storyline that is both thrilling and engaging. They're not just making a game, they're creating a tale. Reward their efforts and play campaign.

•**Know when to slow play.** My roommate found out the hard way that running in guns blazing is a sure way to get killed quickly. Real soldiers don't do it, neither should you. Hide behind things, crouch, and peek around corners. Using a tactical and calculated approach and slowing yourself down will save your life and make you appear more experienced.

•**Shoot with purpose.** My aforementioned roommate is arguably in the top 10 worst shot category. Watching him burn through an entire magazine and not hit a soul was painful and depressing. It doesn't take 20 bullets to eliminate an enemy; three well placed shots will usually suffice. They put sights on guns for a reason. Aim, fire. This way you can save

yourself time and ammo. Anybody can volley 200 rounds from a 50 caliber and kill five guys. It takes skill to do it with just a few bullets. Show some maturity.

•**Remember that it's just a game.** Nothing that is happening on the screen in front of you is real. You are not actually getting shot and you are not actually repeatedly dying. The only thing that's real is your poor skills and poor attitude. Like any game, there are people out there better than you. Once you accept this fact you'll stop throwing controllers and swearing gratuitously.

•**Have fun.** If you spend \$60 on something and it doesn't do anything but piss you off, it probably was a poor investment. You might as well have bought a bunch of sandpaper and wore them for underwear.



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## Why Battlefield 3 Multiplayer Owns Call of Duty's Multiplayer

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Am I the only one sick of running around in circles and getting shot in the back? Seriously, the last time I played Call of Duty MW2 all I remember was constantly getting fragged out in the back of the head. But I'm sure it had nothing to do with the circular maps or lack of any structure to the environments.

I was once an avid Call of Duty fan; but I fell off the COD bandwagon after the utter failure that was named "Black Ops." It doesn't even matter that it was a Tetrarch production, the Call of Duty formula is old and worn out.

I don't care if they fixed some bugs, beefed up graphics, or made some minor tweaks for the newest installment. Simply put, it's just a reiteration of all of its predecessors and quite frankly lacks the innovation and quality of its competitor Battlefield 3.

In every respect, battlefield is a better game and worth every penny

spent. Let's examine:

### Sound:

I know it's a weird place to start, but it is quite honestly what I love most about this game. The sound is impeccable, rich, and layered. I call it the "music of war." All the shouting, the gunfire crackling in the distance and right next to your head, tank engines roaring, explosives punching through the air, debris crumbling off buildings, bullets whizzing by, jets piercing the sound barrier, mortars whistling, and your soldier's heavy breath as he grows weary from running come together in a symphony of terror and blood. It's glorious.

### Gameplay:

Again, blows the COD franchise out of the water. It's diverse and balanced. With the implementation of specific yet customizable classes the player really has to form certain strategies to win the match. The scouts can either be geared up to snipe long distances or be set up to run in and get behind enemy lines to plant equipment. Or the Assault class can be set up to hit hard or heal and

revive your teammates.

Team play is key in BF3, and you are rewarded handsomely for it. No more running off all Rambo style to single-handedly take a flag or stab the entire enemy team in the back, teamwork is the only way to get things done. Let's not forget the use of vehicles and aircraft. At first the idea had me concerned that having vehicles in multiplayer match would be unbalanced, but Dice Entertainment really took their time making sure that everything has its strengths AND weaknesses. For example, the tank is...well...a tank, and does what tanks do best: kill everything.

However, an engineer can whip out his Javelin launcher and bust it up, or perhaps a craft support gunner could sneak behind it and plant some C4. Everything has its purpose, and if used correctly can earn you lots of points to level up your class selection or overall rank, as well as provide for some gruesome watering hole tales.

### Graphics:

They are beautiful and detailed.

Granted, there are a few glitches here and there where a uniform comes up funky looking or a character is half in a wall. Those do happen, even if they are rare. Aside from that the environments are rich and come alive. One thing that adds a whole new level of awesome is the completely destructible surroundings. Have an enemy squad camping in a house giving you trouble? Hop in a tank and bring the whole thing down on their heads. And when the dust clears, wander over and gloat over their mangled corpses in the wreckage.

Lastly, the draw of the visuals is of epic proportions. It is best witnessed from a helicopter or a jet high up in the sky, smoke rising in the distance over rolling desert hills, or on some maps you can see a city off in the distance with a huge battle raging. Sometimes I find myself distracted from the mission at hand and just watching the back-drops of the game.

So put down your tired and over-formulized COD and trade it in for BF3. You won't regret it. Personally, I'll never look back.



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