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News

Recall Effort Begins on Campus

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Students kicked off the Recall Walker campaign Tuesday night in the Encore of the Dreyfus University Center to the bluegrass music of the Back Alley Blossoms.

November 15 was the opening day for signing petitions calling for Governor Scott Walker's recall and, if the movement collects enough signatures (roughly 540,000 statewide) Walker will have to go through another election where he may or may not be re-elected.

"I think our chances are really good because there are things like this going on all over the state; it's not just here, it's everywhere," said Brent Bednarek, a volunteer at the opening event.

The night started with Representative Louis Molepske Jr. giving a brief speech encouraging the movement, followed by a concert by the local bluegrass folk band, The Back Alley Blossoms.

"Don't sign the forms because someone tells you to do it, sign them because you want to. Sign them because you want to take control of your government; this is your chance to have equal expression. Do it because you believe it, and live what



Members of the Back Alley Blossoms, Rachel Reichert (left) and Jenny Radke (right) perform at the Recall Walker event.

you believe," Molepske said.

According to a recent poll taken by St. Norbert College and Wisconsin Public Radio, 58 percent of state residents agree with recalling Walker.

Molepske said he hopes that the act of putting pressure on the governor will get them to recognize that the people of Wisconsin don't like the agenda he's pursuing.

"This is the truest form of democracy. It's people deciding whether or not their representative should face another election because their agenda is so far from what they said they were going to do," Molepske said.

With recent massive budget cuts to education, BadgerCare and other

government agencies, residents have growing concern about the future of job security and affordable medical care in Wisconsin.

"I hope that the student population realizes what is at stake. I think this is one of the biggest political, non-election things to happen in Wisconsin in a long time," Campus Democrats President Calvin Boldebeck said.

Should Walker be recalled, both sides of the political spectrum will campaign in an entirely new election.

There has been no candidate announced yet by the Democrats to run against Walker, should the recall campaign be successful.

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City Faces Lawsuit over Center Point Mall

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The owner of Center Point Mall has filed a lawsuit against the city of Stevens Point to halt its condemnation and return development control to Third Court LLC, a Valley Bank of Iowa entity.

The City of Stevens Point along with the Community Development

Authority (CDA) have deemed the site "blighted" (in need of removal) and are seeking to demolish parts or all of it, to be eventually replaced by Mid-State Tech College (MSTC).

Third Court LLC is requesting for a permanent injunction prohibiting the CDA and the city government from taking control and tearing down the Center Point Mall.

According to the lawsuit, "By

proceeding to exercise eminent domain authority over the Center Point Mall, the city and the CDA have breached agreements and/or duty of good faith and fair dealing with Third Court."

The lawsuit claims that the city and the CDA were the cause of said "blight" and in turn negates the claim by the city. In other words, they claim the city can't seize and demolish a building for problems they caused.

Also, Valley Bank's lawsuit claims that tearing down the mall to replace it with a new MSTC branch violates previous operating agreements between the two entities to keep the mall a "first class retail shopping center."

"The City and the CDA are obligated to support the covenants of the Operating Agreements," Third Court LLC said.

The city's latest bid to the mall's holding company was \$910,000, but Valley Bank has rejected the offer.

The case has been set to be heard by Judge Thomas Flugaur on January 17, 2012.

The city attorney's office was not available for comment on short notice, but remained open to further inquiry on a later date.



A corner of the almost entirely vacant CenterPoint MarketPlace mall.

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news

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Legos® of the future

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A few weeks ago in a Forest Entomology lecture my mind was blown when I learned that trees communicate stress with allelochemicals. And now that I had finally come back to reality - POW! Mind blown again! This time it was a conversation with Erik Singaas, research director for the Wisconsin Institute of Sustainable Technology (WIST) and associate professor at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point.

"We are working with what is called sludge—anything in industry that they don't want, they call sludge. Our analysis show that the so-called 'paper sludge' is about 50 percent cellulose, which we can now digest into glucose and we can use that to feed to microbes that make isoprene, butanol or other compounds," Singaas said.

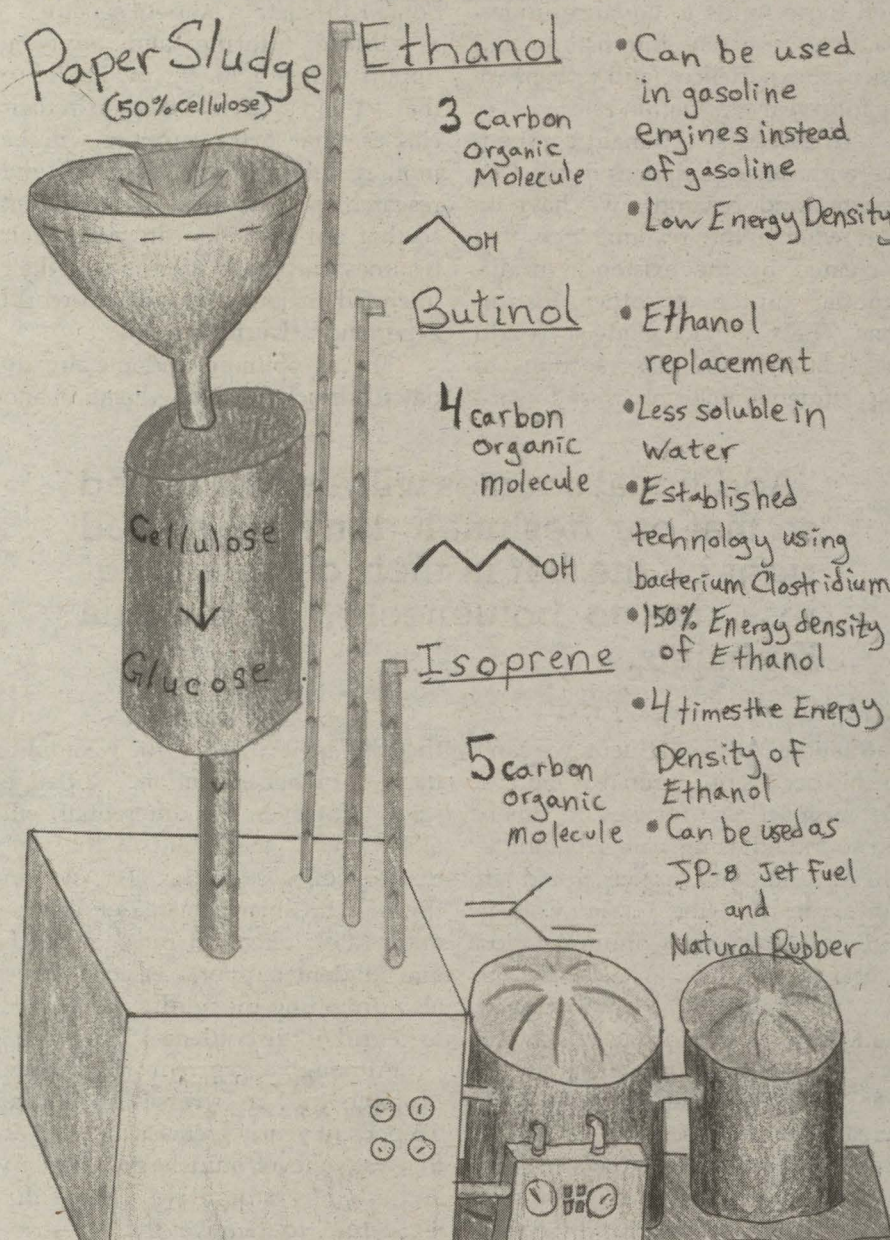
"Isoprene is a 5-Carbon organic molecule. It occurs naturally and is the basis of terpene chemistry," said Paul Fowler, executive director of WIST. "Ethanol is an interesting bio-fuel from the point of view of road transportation fuel. But if you want something which is more higher performing than you need [something with] more energy per unit volume... You have four times more energy potential in the isoprene than you have in the ethanol."

This property of isoprene means that it is a suitable "drop-in fuel for aviation fuels, so-called JP-8s, and... isoprene is also the repeating unit in natural rubber," Fowler said.

Biomass-produced butanol (biobutanol) can be used in unmodified gasoline engines. "Before there was a large petrochemical industry, really we're talking before 1910—that's where all butanol and acetone came from - fermentation technology. So, it's really reviving something that existed," Singaas said.

WIST has several researchers working on these types of biofuels, and multiple partnerships with companies interested in them as well.

Don Guay, director of laboratory



Infograph by Brian Luedtke

services and associate professor at UWSP, is "figuring out how to take pulp mill waste, which is essentially a cellulose feedstock, and convert that feedstock into glucose," Fowler said. "Really a fundamental part of the emerging bioeconomy...once you get to glucose, you can essentially go in any direction."

A partnership with a company in Wausau, WI, called American Science and Technology, in cooperation with Kelly Klass, paper science and engineering laboratory manager, is in the process of commissioning

a pilot plant to scale up production and provide potential customers with samples of materials. This is an essential stepping stone for the widespread adoption of this practice.

The big question that was asked - and answered - is, "How do we take redundancies in infrastructure and use that to our advantage? Fowler answers: "Use it to establish new industries producing things that the global economy needs, rubber for its tires, fuel for its jets."

This is only the beginning and I am tickled pink.

WIST and Integrated Paper Services reach understanding

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"The agreement is between the Wisconsin Institute of Sustainable Technology (WIST) or essentially the university, and Integrated Paper Services, Inc. (IPS) to jointly market and operate services to the paper industry using the pilot paper machine and associated equipment with that machine," said Paul Fowler, executive director of WIST.

According to www.IPStesting.com, "Integrated Paper Services, Inc.

is an independent physical testing laboratory specializing in personal care product, medical devices, non-wovens, fiber analysis and the pulp, paper and allied industries."

WIST has worked with and plans to work with Appleton, WI-based IPS for a number of years. This agreement is an opportunity for WIST and IPS to operate together in a formal working relationship.

"There is a lot of interest in some of the work from Gerry Ring in the paper science and engineering department. They have devel-

oped a way to increase the recyclable content of paper without making it weaker. There are issues that if you use too many recycled fibers the paper becomes less rigid. They are doing some work and testing on our paper machine to demonstrate that for the paper industry. So in terms of renewable resources that is a really important thing," said Erik Singaas, research director of WIST and associate professor at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point.

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A day after 200 arrests were made during a forcible removal by the NYPD, Occupy Wall Street protestors return to Zuccotti Park in Manhattan despite a recent court ruling upholding the city's ban on backpacks, tents and sleeping bags in the park

Oil company TransCanada has complied with the federal government in rerouting its proposed Keystone XL tar sands oil pipeline in order to avoid an important state aquifer in Nebraska's Sandhills region

Syrian army defectors attack an intelligence complex near Damascus in defiance of President Bashar al-Assad's attacks on civilian protests—meanwhile, the Arab League is set to meet up to vote on suspending Syria's membership in response to Assad's crackdowns

Oscar Ortega-Hernandez, a 21-year-old man, was arrested in PA after suspected of shooting at the White House last week—one bullet was reported to have struck a window

Dozens of Kuwaitis stormed parliamentary buildings demanding the ousting of Prime Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammad al-Ahmad Al-Sabah—tension has been building in the country as it has been alleged that 16 MPs received \$350 million in bribes

In a visit to Australia, President Obama announced a plan to deploy 2,500 Marines to the country to bolster military alliances in Asia—it is the first expansion of the military since the end of the Vietnam War

Columbia's main rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, named Timoleon Jimenez as the group's new leader, after the previous leader was killed in a Colombian military operation

The U.S. Supreme Court announced it will conduct a thorough review of President Barack Obama's healthcare reform law—the review is expected some time around July 2012

Greece's new coalition government, headed by Prime Minister Lucas Papademos, securely won a parliamentary vote of confidence—the vote gives Papademos support to put through long-term budgetary reforms and secure the country's second massive bailout deal

Mario Monti, an ex-European commissioner, sworn in as Italy's new prime minister to deal with the country's financial risk to the stability of the Eurozone—much of Monti's staff is comprised of technocrats and former finance officials rather than politicians

news

Campus Compact: A Burden and a Rescue

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As the university struggles to meet budget cuts and lapses, a solution is in the works.

Imagine a new stream of steady revenue (say, \$5.5 million annually) that can be used to upkeep the programs that we'll be otherwise forced to dismantle. The only catch is, this money is going to come from students through an increase in the cost of our tuition.

Differential Tuition, or what the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point is calling the 'Pointer Compact,' will most likely be implemented by next academic year.

"In a nutshell, a differential tuition is a tuition students pay on top of their regular tuition," said Parker Smith, Speaker of the Senate for the Student Government Association.

The program is defended as a necessary evil that could resuscitate the university's competitiveness, although the funding for such a project should ideally come from the state. "If money is being cut from our university, we need to cover it somehow," Smith said.

"It's a tough dilemma for the students. Should they make up for the lack of support from the state by footing the bill themselves? I believe it will improve the quality of education the students receive, but so would more state support," said Andy Felt, professor of mathematics and member of the Academic Research Council's (ARC) executive board.

UWSP is one of three UW campuses that don't have differential tuition. UW - Eau Claire implemented it two years ago, even as stu-

dents widely rejected the proposal in a referendum, and now has an extra \$1,200 per student added to its operating budget (2012-13). UWEC has used these funds to advance undergraduate research, internships and practical experiences, and to increase the four-year graduation rate.

"If UWSP is to remain competitive with other campuses in the UW System (and beyond), we have to acknowledge the revenue gap that is created by the existence of differential tuition at other institutions. The Compact pledges to add an additional 160 class sections to help students make progress toward

"Additional courses will also be added so that our freshmen don't get stalled right off the bat in their degree progress due to bottlenecks," said Sonia Kurhajetz.

graduation. At the moment, we can't do this because of limited resources. The compact also focuses on timely and sound advising, career planning, tutoring and other services," said Jeff Morin, dean of the UWSP College of Fine Arts and Communication (CoFAC).

Specifically, differential tuition "will allow for increased course sections (through the hiring of 20 new full-time instructional staff), increased tutoring services, increased advising for undeclared majors, more undergraduate research and for students to meet new General Education Requirements," according to Student Government President Ryan Rutledge.

"Additional courses will also be added so that our freshmen don't get stalled right off the bat in their degree progress due to bottlenecks," said Sonia Kurhajetz, a student senator.

"More tutoring and advising opportunities will be available so that, should students struggle in their classes, that extra support will be more readily available. Capstone and research opportunities will be present so that our students can build their resumes and learn more about their intended majors through real-world experience," Kurhajetz said.

"In my opinion, students already pay too much for their education and

budget bill. However, SGA has been working with various legislators and the Chancellor on a bill that will allow those schools currently without a differential to go through the process of getting one in place," Rutledge said.

"Our efforts to put a differential tuition plan in place at UW-Stevens Point are advancing. We are receiving bipartisan support for that effort in the Legislature," said Chancellor Bernie Patterson in an email to faculty and staff.

The ARC and the faculty union discussed the Compact and chose not to take a stand. "The Executive Board did see both sides of this coin. We'd also like to know what students think of it," Felt said.

Kurhajetz noted that a survey via student email accounts would allow students to voice their opinions on differential tuition. The survey will be sent out and open from Thursday, November 17, at 8 a.m. to Monday, November 21, at 8 p.m.

Students can also contact their college's senators or speak during Public Forum at the weekly student government meetings, held on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Legacy Room of the Dreyfus University Center.

"The implementation of the Pointer Compact affects all of us now and will affect all of us in the future," Kurhajetz said. "We are one Point and need to come to a united front on this issue."

"When I compare our college budget to those around the system and with colleagues across the country, I know that we are doing more with less. I worry that we will come to a breaking point in our ability to genuinely provide a transformative experience for students," Morin said.

the state isn't fulfilling their commitment to higher education," Rutledge said. "However, the differential will allow UWSP to remain in the top tier of colleges in the UW system through the increase in our graduation rates, retention rates, research and student support services while also providing the additional faculty to get rid of the bottleneck [courses]."

Although the current state budget prohibits tuition increases above the 5.5 percent yearly increase allowed at the system level, student government and administrators have lobbied the legislature to remove these restrictions for UWSP.

"Currently, no new differential tuition is allowed under the biennial

WIST/UWSP to work with paper industry

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Together WIST and IPS are developing a broad range of services and jointly marketing and promoting what they are capable of.

"Collecting their expertise and our expertise, bringing them together, being able to offer a much more substantial service to the paper industry as a whole," Fowler said.

One of WIST's goals is to become less reliant on state and federal funding and increase income and revenue streams from the private sector.

"It's another mechanism, if you like, for helping to diversify revenue streams on campus. The way to sort of increase private sector funding is to offer a service that the private sector wants to buy. And so we've been focused on demonstrating that there is a value in working with WIST to the private sector and IPS have seen that. We've already seen an increase in business from the paper industry coming to us and coming to IPS as a direct result of our agreement. That means more revenue coming into the

university eventually," Fowler said.

WIST sees the agreement "as being the template for a number of other agreements that we could develop with similar companies in the region. We wouldn't want to do another for the paper industry but in terms of analytical...there are little niches that we can sort of play to there," Fowler said.

This means a whole lot for students looking for valuable hands-on experience with the newest scientific technologies. The idea is simple: rent out equipment for a service or maintenance fee to industry. There are machines used once or twice a semester in labs across campus that could be generating income, or paying for themselves (cost of upkeep, maintenance, and operation) and the next newest version.

"It's regularly used, regularly maintained, that works for everybody. It's a model we would like to roll out step-by-step," Fowler said.

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Sports

Pointer Football Ends Season with a Loss

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team played their final game Saturday against UW-Platteville. The Pioneers secured a season sweep of the Pointers with a 51-7 victory.

Both teams struggled early, trading scoreless drives until late in the first quarter when the Pioneers capitalized on an 85-yard drive.

Pioneers' junior quarterback John Kelly completed a 13-yard pass to sophomore running back Ryley Bailey for the first score of the game.

Pointer sophomore quarterback Mitch Beau struggled, throwing five interceptions on the day. His first came early in the second quarter when Pioneer freshman defensive

back Matt Van Den Heuval intercepted the pass intended for senior receiver Mike Mullins.

Platteville failed to take advantage of the turnover and was forced to punt.

Point began moving the ball with balanced play calling, but the Pioneer defense

would intercept another Beau pass on the Platteville one-yard line by freshman defensive back Jaylan Bailey.

Platteville would again fail to take advantage of the turnover and return possession to the Pointers. The next three drives featured three straight turnovers, two by Point.

Platteville's junior running back

The Pointers finished the season 4-6 overall and 2-5 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Lee Vlasak would take advantage of the third Pointer turnover by punching in a one-yard touchdown. After the extra point failed to split the uprights the score stood at 13-0 Platteville.

On the ensuing kickoff, junior defensive back Colton Zimmerman would cough up the ball for the Pointers' fifth turnover of the half.

Two plays later Kelly and Bailey would connect again for a touchdown from seven-yards out to make it 20-0, Pioneers.

After a scoreless drive for the Pointers, Kelly led the Pioneers down the field finishing the drive off with a six-yard pass to senior tight end Jake Wiederholt to give Platteville a 27-0 advantage at halftime.

Freshman linebacker Jacob Zilbar would intercept Beau on Point's opening drive of the second half. Platteville would add to their score after the interception on a 44-yard field goal by sophomore kicker Zach Litchfield.

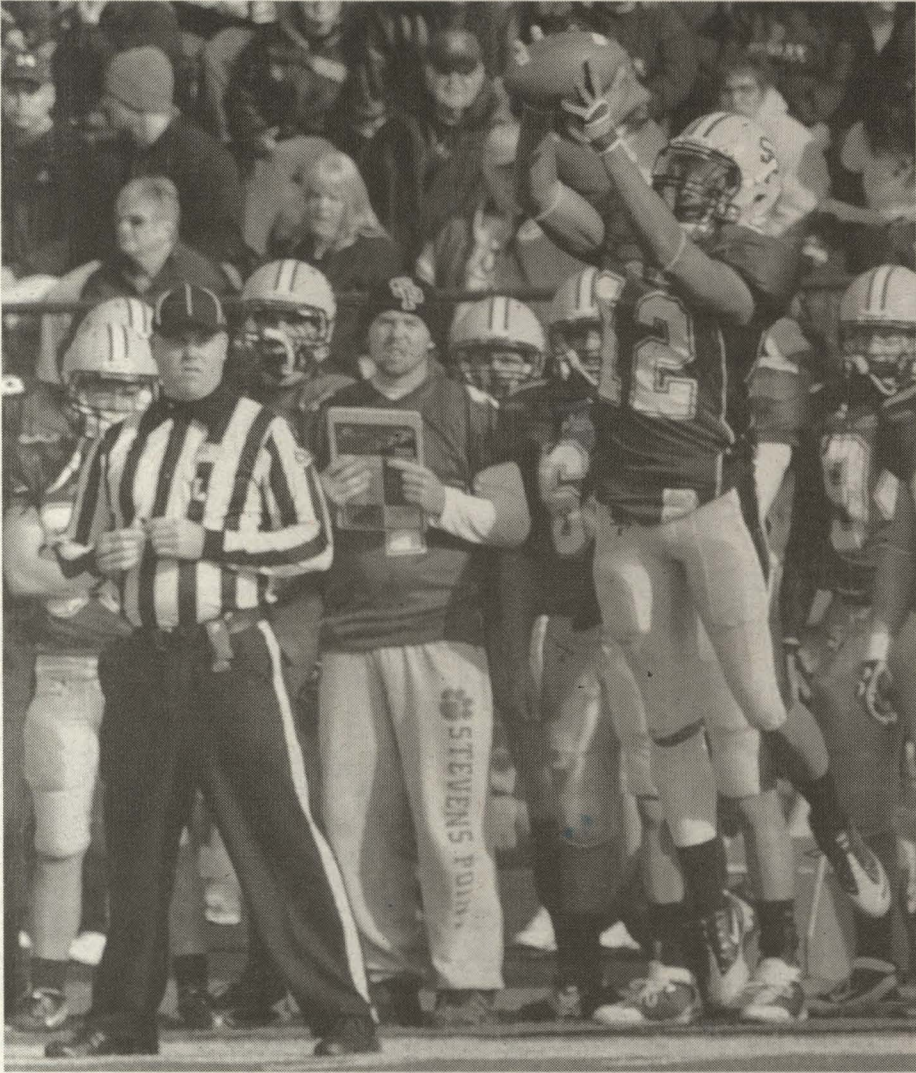
After exchanging scoreless drives, Point got on the board with a Beau pass to freshman running back Alex Wallace. The 44-yard drive took just over 30 seconds and cut the Platteville lead to 30-7.

Platteville would answer with a Kelly touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Paul Reit. The Pioneers would score again after an interception at the end of the third quarter by senior defensive back Connor Wilson. Senior running back Chad Roscoe would finish the drive with a one-yard touchdown run, taking the score to 44-7.

Wilson would pick off Beau again, returning it 40 yards for the touchdown, giving the Pioneers a 51-7 score. The interception by Beau brought a change at quarterback, which called for sophomore Casey Barnes.

Barnes failed to turn in a score, and the Pointers punted the ball back to the Pioneers. Platteville ran the clock out to end the lopsided game.

The Pointers finished the season 4-6 overall and 2-5 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.



Junior Theo Maglio makes a catch. The Pointers played their final game of the season this Saturday.
Photo by Jack McLaughlin

	JOE MLESIVA	CURTIS CRUMP
What is your most memorable game?	UW-White UW-Whitewater in 2008. Beating UWW at their homecoming.	The most memorable game of my career was flying down to Willamette. Then game day was awesome--first game of my senior year, and it was just a tough battle, and in the end we pulled out the victory. It felt so good to fly back to Stevens Point in the win.
If you could play any other position, what would it be?	Wide Receiver...Colton Zimmerman and Kody Morgan couldn't even cover me this year in drills!	I would have wanted to play both defensive end and fullback.
What advice would you give to younger players?	Play one game at a time with Angry Dawg Pride.	To be successful you got to make sacrifices and work your butt off, because in the end it'll all pay off. You just can't do the work and expect to win, this is a tough conference and you got to give it all, you got to have a chance for success. Don't let your time slip by here--it's a short window to get all that you want to accomplish done here, so don't miss something that can be great.
Who was your favorite opponent?	UW-Whitewater...Love playing great opponents.	Whitewater was my favorite team to play, because you're playing the best team in the country and that's the best test for a team to play the top dog. I knew I needed to bring my best game against them because if you make one little mistake they will jump all over it and make you pay. I really just loved the challenge of playing them, because everyone thinks they will just roll us and I wanted to show them that's not true and we can play with the best.

Pointers Cruise in Regular Season Opener

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COMMENTARY

The UWSP men's basketball season opened with a bang on Tuesday. The Pointers outscored non-conference opponent Lawrence University by 22 points and dominated the entire game.

The win stemmed from a combination of well executed plays as well as a stand out performance from

senior guard Dan Tillema. Tillema led the team with a career-high 29 points.

Lawrence came up short only scoring 58 points, 19 coming from the Vikings sophomore center Davis DeWolfe.

Stevens Point took an early lead, putting up 12 points after just over three minutes of play while Lawrence was only able to score two. By the end of the half the Pointers went up 39-21 due to a last second three-pointer by Tillema.

The second half was just as much of a blowout, as the Pointers continued to increase their lead.

With 15:20 left in the game Stevens Point held a 51-30 lead due in large part to the number of rebounds the Pointers were able to get. UWSP collected a total of 36 rebounds while Lawrence could only get 29.

The game ended with a score of 80-58, Pointers.

The win was expected but continued success for the rest of the year

will have to be earned. Stevens Point is returning six letter winners from last season's squad, but only one of five starters.

Brothers Dan and Tyler Tillema (Randolph, WI) will be asked to carry the bulk of the scoring load this season as they averaged 9.9 and 9.1 points per game respectively in 2010-11.

After three games on the road the Pointers will return home on Saturday November 26 to take on Buena Vista.

sports

Pointers Fall at NCAA Regional



Photo by Isao Vatsdal
Kati Rau goes for the ball at the opening round of NCAA Division III Championship Tournament match.



Photo by Jack McLaughlin
Alexis Hartman, freshman, hits the ball across the net.

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For the first time since 1986, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point volleyball took on the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament last weekend in Moorhead, Minn.

The Pointers fell 2-3 to the tournament's hometown team, the Cobbers of Concordia-Moorhead. The Cobbers are the central region's top-ranked team and the seventh-ranked team in the nation.

The teams played a thrilling back

and forth game as Concordia won the first and third matches; the Pointers won the second and the fourth. The teams remained just two points from each other throughout the entire fifth match until Concordia scored the final two points.

"I'm very proud that we made it to the NCAA tournament and I'm very proud of how we played," said junior left side Kati Rau. "We fought until the end and never gave up. If we would have made a few less errors the game would have been ours." Rau lead the Pointers with 16

kills at the tournament.

Sixty-six teams throughout the nation competed to be named the Women's Division III Volleyball Champions. The Pointers lost in the first of three rounds of the tournament. The loss was the final game for the Pointer volleyball season, but the team is already looking forward to next year.

"Knowing how far we got this year, we are all beyond excited for next year. We expect to go farther next year. All we need to do is tweak a little bit of everything and we'll def-

initely be the team that other teams need to look out for," Rau said.

Christina Brinkman, who led the Pointers with 350 kills this season, is also very proud of how well the team played at the tournament.

"This was an amazing season. Our team has improved so much," Brinkman said. "We were picked to finish at the bottom of the conference at the beginning of the season and ended up winning conference and making it to the NCAA tournament. We are all really excited for next season."

[This Week in Sports]

The Green Bay Packers defeated the Minnesota Vikings 45-7 on Monday Night Football. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers completed 23-30 passes for 250 yards and four touchdowns.

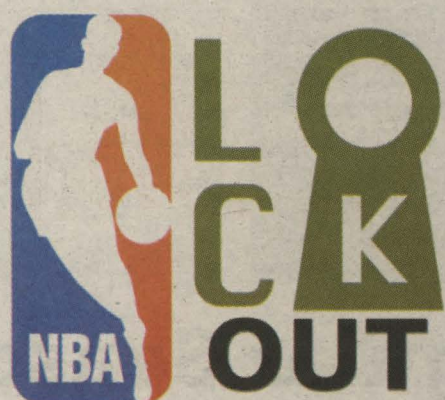
The NBA Players Association rejected the owners' final collective bargaining agreement and has decertified. Multiple players have filed antitrust lawsuits against the owners and the League has cancelled all games through December 15.

In an interview with Bob Costas, former Penn State defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky admitted to "horse play," touching, and showering with young boys, but maintains he is innocent of sexual abuse charges.

Former Green Bay Packer Hall of Famer Forrest Gregg has told the Associated Press that he has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Though the cause of Parkinson's is unknown, Gregg and those close to him attribute it to the multiple concussions he suffered during his playing career.



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The Green Bay Packers



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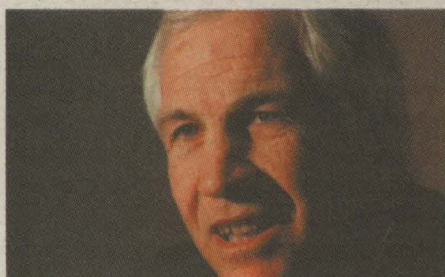


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Penn State Defensive Coordinator Jerry Sandusky

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www.uwsp.edu/commencement

- RSVP online to walk at the ceremony
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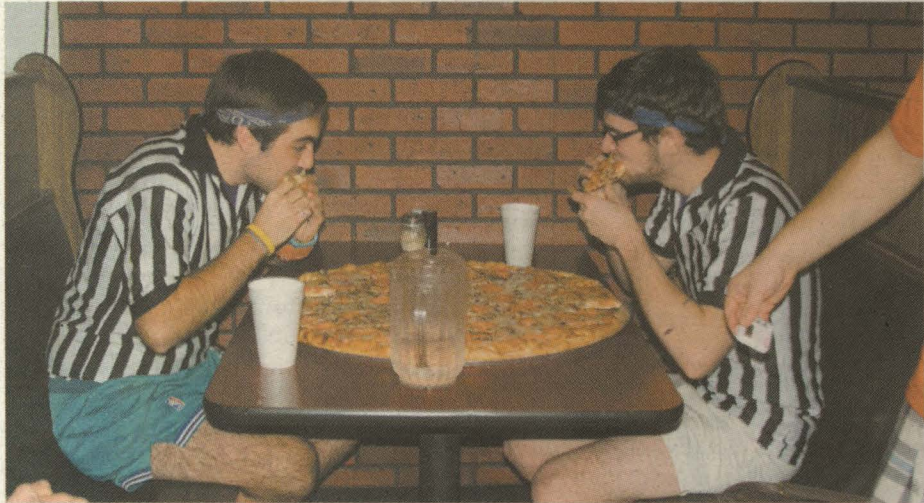
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Two Students Inches from Polito's Hall of Fame



Eric Schreiber (left) and Edgar Wyman (right) sink their teeth into the first bite.



At the end of the challenge, three lone pizza squares remained.

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Three slices were all that separated two brave young men from competitive eating glory. The task: the Polito's Challenge of eating 12 lbs. of pizza in one hour. The reward: \$500 cash.

On Saturday, Edgar Wyman, senior sociology and social work major, and Eric Schreiber, junior English major, attempted this monumental task, known to many in the Stevens Point area as one of the most difficult competitive eating challenges in existence.

Despite a strong, surging start, the duo fell just short of completing the challenge, as three lone pizza squares remained after the 60 minutes had elapsed.

Commenting on his decision to take up the challenge, Wyman said, "This was the dumbest thing I ever did in my life."

Despite Wyman's sarcastic self-derogation, according to his girlfriend, Natalie Schmitt, eating is one of Edgar's passions. She notes this in his and Schreiber's dedication to preparing for the challenge.

"Well, they started training on

Monday, so every night and during the day they've eaten large amounts of food," Schmitt said. "They've kept a positive attitude, even when they haven't been able to finish some of their training food."

Several of the pair's friends were in attendance, cheering them on throughout the hour and providing moral support. Strangers and employees alike began to take notice when victory seemed within their grasp. The remaining slices proved too great a task to surmount, and the buzzer rang with three squares remaining.

"I felt really strong at the start; it was going down really easy," Schreiber said. "And then it got towards the end, and I felt just the worst imaginable feeling ever."

Wyman echoed these sentiments, lamenting the quagmire of nausea the duo became mired in.

"At the beginning, I felt like it was pretty easy," Wyman said. "At the end I just felt like—well, like 20 minutes went by and I only took like eight bites or something—I just felt like I was going nowhere."

By the end of the challenge, Polito's employees began to bring out courtesy garbage bags. Schreiber

was able to expel the pizza from his stomach, while Wyman was unable to purge himself.

Although Wyman and Schreiber's bid at Polito's fame fell just short, General Manager Phil Johnson was amazed by how much they ate as competitive eating amateurs.

"We have four stores and there have only been two teams [to complete it]—in La Crosse and Oshkosh—and they were both professional eaters," Johnson said. "Our second year in Oshkosh we were open we had two girls that almost did it, and this is the closest anybody's ever came besides them."

Though they didn't earn the \$500 prize—each earning a Polito's T-shirt for their efforts—Wyman and Schreiber were extremely proud, despite the overwhelming nausea.

"I'm pretty proud of us," Schreiber said. "I'm proud of Eddie, and I'm proud of myself, and I think we did good, just not good enough. But we'll get 'em next time."

If you find yourself brave enough to tackle the Polito's Challenge, visit their store in downtown Stevens Point or call (715) 341-9980.

[INTENSE TRAINING: WHAT THEY ATE]

MON	3-5 SERVINGS OATMEAL 1 HEAD CABBAGE 16 PANCAKES
TUES	3-5 SERVINGS OATMEAL 3 LBS. RED POTATOES
WED	3-5 SERVINGS OATMEAL 2 CUPS COOKED RICE 4 BOXES MACARONI & CHEESE (FAILED)
THUR	3-5 SERVINGS OATMEAL 4 LBS. FROZEN PIZZA
FRI	2 LBS. CAN OF FRUIT 2 CUPS COOKED RICE 2 LBS. PASTA 1 HEADS OF LETTUCE 1.5 LBS. PINEAPPLE

Different Eating Options

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Sick of the same old food? Debot just not cutting it anymore? Looking for more options on places to eat...or just healthier options? For those who don't know, the CPS Cafe, located in the College of Professional Studies building, actually serves more than coffee. They serve sandwiches, soups, desserts and more wrapped into a low-lighted atmosphere.

As an environmentally conscious cafe, their goal is to 'provide home-made, healthful food from local, sustainable farms.' This attitude is the reason some workers enjoy working here so much.

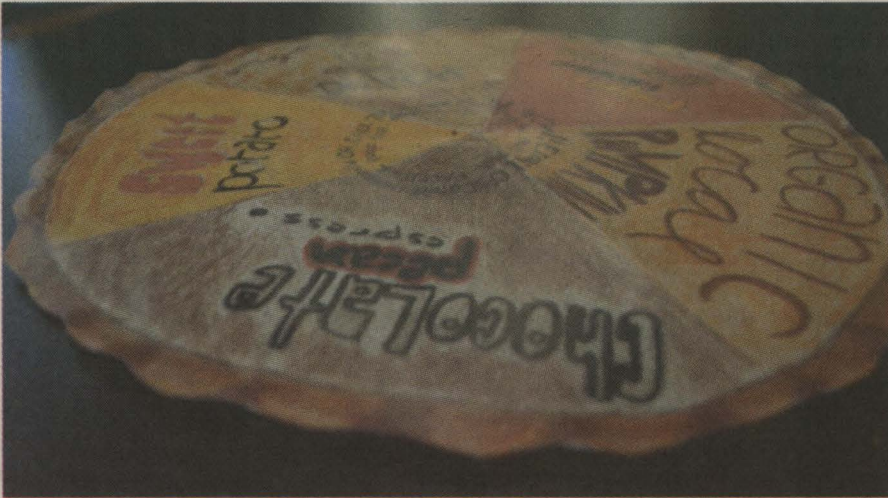
"I like what CPS stands for (sustainability and local food); I've worked here for four years and it has been a great learning experience to

showcase abilities in a professional atmosphere," said Kathleen Bradley, a dietetics major working at CPS Cafe.

The food also makes an impression on students.

"I usually go to the Homegrown Cafe for snacks but, when it's open, I prefer to come to the CPS Cafe for a meal," said Jenna Stark, a student that can often be found in the CPS Cafe. The recipes for each dish on the menu are actually from a combination of the students in a 400-level food and nutrition class and the local farmers that make the ingredients sold from the CPS Cafe.

Another offering by the CPS Cafe through the holidays is their holiday pie sale. These pies include: Dutch Caramel Apple: \$8.50, Pumpkin and Sweet Potato: \$8.00, Chocolate Espresso Pecan: \$15.00 and Walnut



Pies including dutch caramel apple, pumpkin, sweet potato and more, are made to order at the CPS café.

Cranberry Custard: \$12.00. The proceeds from sales will be going towards improvements on the cafe.

"Last year was our first time doing holiday pies and it was a big hit with the students so they've come earlier and the sales have increased. My personal favorite is the chocolate

pecan espresso," Bradley said.

Pies can be ordered by emailing the cafe at hphd@uwsp.edu or by calling the cafe.

The CPS Cafe is open Monday-Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

[a vague attempt at something delicious.]

Chicken Dumpling Soup

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The worst part about this fall weather is that after a long day of classes, you still have to walk home through the wet and cold. You probably run in the bathroom, take a hot shower and put on your warmest sweaters and sweatpants. But before you take that shower, put on a pot of soup so you'll warm up even faster.

This is a favorite recipe of mine: chicken dumpling soup with really easy to make dumplings. It only takes ten minutes to throw together and about 30 minutes more to cook. I add copious amounts of hot sauce and it thoroughly warms me up after a bike ride home from class through the slush and snow.

Chicken Dumpling Soup

Ingredients:

1 pound chicken thighs and wings
3 carrots, peeled and broken
2 stalks of celery, cut in half then sliced
Half an onion chopped
4 cups of chicken broth, 2 pint containers
3 Tbsp oil
Bisquick and milk
1 tsp kosher salt
Extra salt and pepper to taste
Hot sauce optional

Directions:

•Heat a large pot on medium high heat, add half the oil to the pot and add the chicken to the pot. Fry chicken for 5 minutes, flip, cook until chicken reaches 165 degrees throughout. When thoroughly cooked, set aside on a cutting board and let cool.

•Add the rest of the oil to the pot; add the vegetables and kosher salt, let sweat for 5 minutes. While the vegetables are cooking, start pulling the meat from the chicken bones with a fork until all the bones are bare. Add the shredded chicken to the vegetables, then pour in the chicken broth. Lower the heat to low and let simmer for 20 minutes covered.

•Combine Bisquick mix with milk. I don't follow the box's measurements, I usually add about $\frac{3}{4}$ c. into a bowl then add tablespoons of milk until the Bisquick is sticky, but not runny. If it is runny, just add more Bisquick. You then add tablespoon drops of the Bisquick into the soup until there is no more room. Cover and let cook for 5-7 minutes until the dumplings puff up and are spongy instead of sticky.



Thoroughly Modern Millie: A Review

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Goodness! If you're looking for a sing-songy tap-dancing good time, Millie is the one for you. Thoroughly Modern Millie is a musical about a young woman's quest for monetary love in the Big Apple, but what she finds is not what she's looking for.

The leading lady Millie Dillamont, played by Allegra Berglund, has everything a leading lady should have: exceptional singing, superb dancing, and a dash of comedic timing.

The chemistry goes beyond just the leading man and lady, the whole cast had a great ensemble unity. This was demonstrated through their ensemble song and dance numbers.

The musical itself opened with a song and dance number, which showcased the set and the era of the production. The set highlighted New York City's skyline and the exuberance of the flapper era. The staging of the jazz ensemble in the musical made its way onstage and became part of the show rather than just background music. Spotlights at specific moments in the production really added to comedic moments of the play.

A standout performance for me was in Erica Figurin's portrayal of Muzzy Van Hossmere. She was very well-casted, which was highlighted in her songs (her voice drawing the audience in) "Only in New York" and "Long as I'm Here With You."

Tim Howard's directing brought together all the elements of dancing, singing and comedy into a very enjoyable evening of theatre.

I recommend that everyone attend Howard's production of Thoroughly Modern Millie as it was a refreshing, humorous and approachable play for those less inclined to go to the theatre.



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Veteran's Club Honors Fellow Vets' Sacrifices

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November 11 is a day that, each year, the nation takes a step back from the monotony of everyday life and gives thanks to the men and women who step up and serve our country in the nation's military.

The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point's Veterans Club showed their appreciation for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice by participating in the Remembrance Day Roll Call, a nationwide program where the names of the 6,320 soldiers killed in the decade-long wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were read.

The group had initially planned to have volunteers read for 10-minute blocks, but there were so many volunteers that eventually some blocks had to be doubled up.

"After the Chancellor sent out an e-mail to campus about the event, within hours the volunteer list was full," Reusch said. "We could have done three readers per slot."

The group had set up a Google document where anyone could sign up and have access to. By Friday the document had over 500 views.

The group says they were happy with the amount of support the event received, considering it was held on a Friday this year.

"The event was more to get people thinking about veterans and their contributions," said Amanda Folz, a former Air Force linguist. "People were curious what was going on and

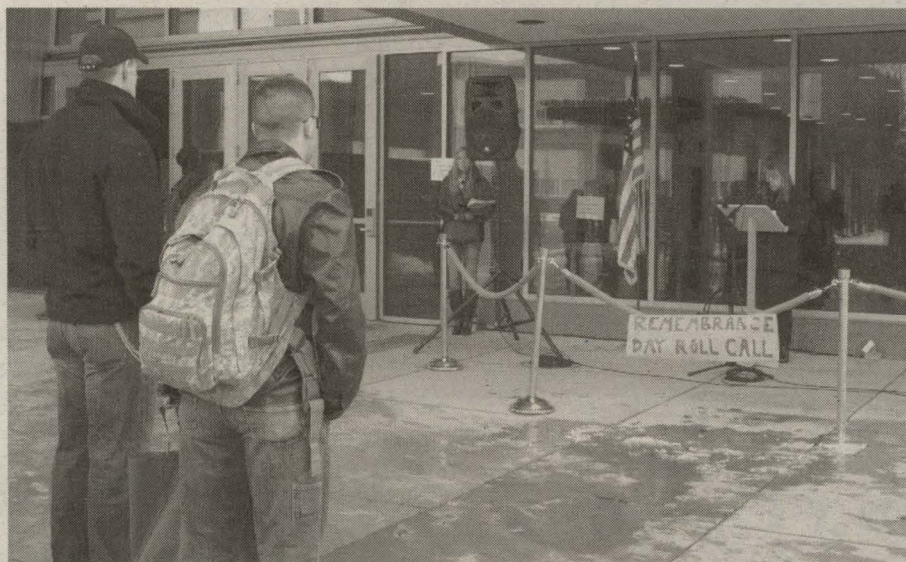


Photo by Samantha Feld
During the Remembrance Day Roll Call, volunteers read the names of the more than 6,300 men and women who died while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

would stop and listen for a while."

Members of the group say it was important for the message to get out, even if some listening were less receptive than others.

"The people who didn't want anything to do with it still heard it and at least knew the event was going on," said Patrick Seybert, an Iraq war veteran.

Reusch says the group got outstanding support from the university in helping set up the program, whether it was from the chancellor who spoke at the event, to catering services providing free hot chocolate and coffee to the volunteers who read.

The roll call had been in the works since the beginning of the semester after Reusch received an

email from Ann Whipp, the campus veterans' coordinator, with program ideas.

"Last year we didn't do anything for Veteran's Day and we were really disappointed with that," said Zach Reusch, President of the Veterans' Club and Afghanistan war veteran. "Ann had forwarded the e-mail about the idea to me, along with a couple of other suggestions, and that's the one we kind of latched onto."

The Remembrance Day Roll Call is a nationwide program that was featured on more than 180 schools and originated at Eastern Kentucky University by Matt Rawlings, an Iraq war veteran and ex-Marine.

Currently there are around 300 veterans enrolled at UWSP.

No Shave Novembeard

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It's that time of year: the air is cool, the snow is falling, and the beards are out! No Shave November is an annual tradition for many men (and some women) who take a vow not to shave for the entire month of November.

"I've been doing it every year since high school and it's a good way to prepare yourself for deer season," said Marcus Nack, a sophomore environmental education major.

No Shave November is a particularly popular event on campus, especially within the Natural Resources department. Joey Collard, a junior forestry major, estimated that about

75 percent of those in his major had beards.

"In the natural resources Ethics and Values class, we had to write a paper on our future, what qualifications we hoped to graduate with...I put down 'ability to grow a beard,'" Collard said.

Some Residential Living halls on campus, such as Knutzen and May Roach, are promoting No Shave November. Eric Zahn, a sophomore communication and media studies major, is participating in the hopes of winning a prize for best beard in May Roach hall. Collard first heard about No Shave November his freshman year because Knutzen held an event.

"That year, we all estimated how much we paid for razors in a month

and gave that much to charity. I believe we gave to Friends of TOMS," Collard said. Knutzen, like May Roach, is also having a contest for No Shave November in which, according to Collard, about six females have signed up to participate as well.

However, No Shave November isn't always a glamorous event. Sometimes there are consequences.

"It takes no work at all, unless there's food in it. Or sometimes when I blow my nose, little pieces of Kleenexes get stuck in it," Nack said.

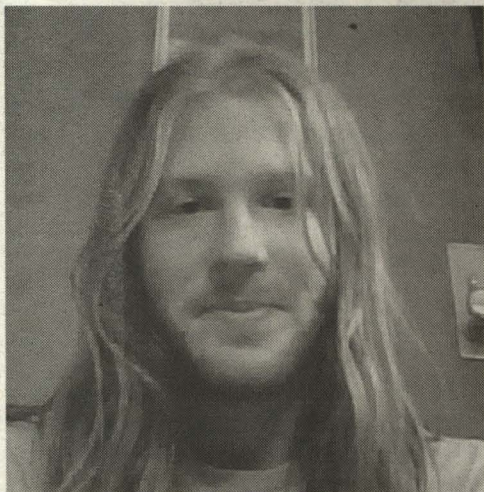
Another consequence is having no control over what your beard may become.

"I hate the itchiness and it's coming in patchy and blonde. It looks bad," Zahn said.

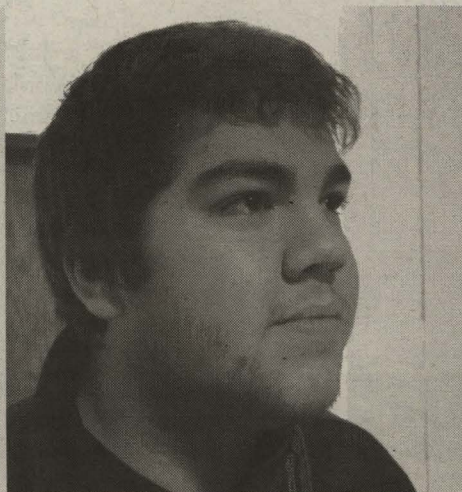
Women seem to have mixed views on the event of No Shave November. "I think it is a hit or a miss. Some guys look hot with facial hair and others look ridiculous," said Rachel Seibers, a junior graphic design major. "There is a third type of guy who really tries to grow facial hair but can't and it only grows in patches. To him I say, 'why do you even try?'"

But no matter the consequences or the views of No Shave November, men still manage to do it religiously every year to welcome in the change of season.

"I highly encourage people to try No Shave November, because it brings us hairy people together and it's fun to do," Nack said.



Joey Collard



Eric Zahn



Marcus Nack

A Bit of Gourmet Freshness

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Amid the oblivious crowd of upper Debot eaters was a competition of epic proportions. Not a food fight as some might think or a battle over the last bit of waffle batter; it was the third annual Iron Chef Point.

For those of you who have not watched the television show, Iron Chef is a timed cooking battle using a specific themed ingredient. For this competition, the secret ingredient was local pork and squash.

"We incorporate local foods as much as possible for the master ingredients. The competition is all about students having a little fun working with food," said Mark Hayes, director of University Dining Services.

The six teams were judged on presentation, temperature, flavor of the dish, and use of local ingredients. First place received a gift card for Emy J's. The winner ended up being

241 Sweet Treats consisting of Sarah Follensbee, Alicia Skrenes (captain), Dean Tomchek and Becca Schmidt with their risotto, pork scallopini, and compote mixture of apples, pears, figs, cranberries and apple cider.

"The pork on the winning team was amazing. Combine that with the rest of their dish and it was supreme. They just had it together," said Judge Andrew Minten.

The winning team didn't want to take the competition too seriously though.

"We got to make matching shirts and wear matching yellow bandanas. We sort of entered the competition for fun and just wanted to see how it would turn out. Who knew we would actually make something delicious! There was only a little bit of our plate left after judging, but we each were able to try some, and it was really tasty! My favorite was the compote," Schmidt said.

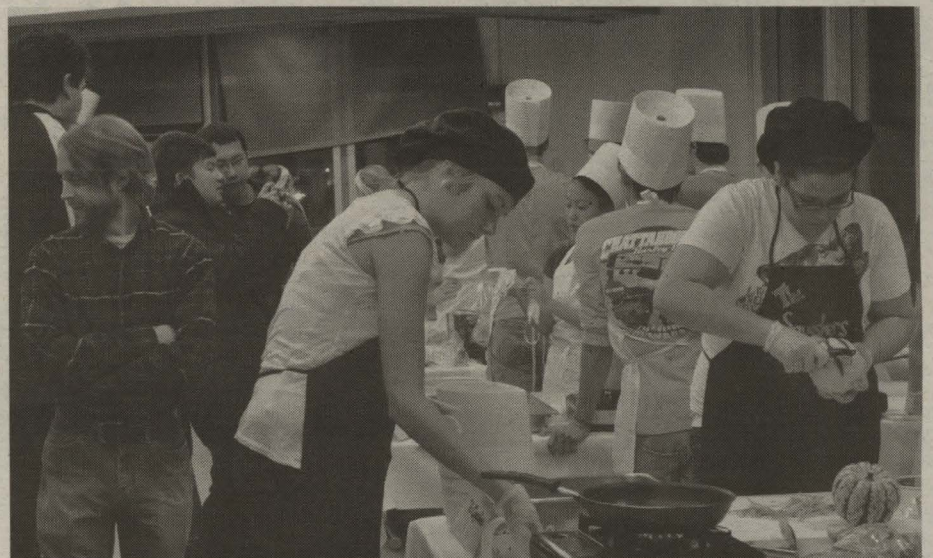


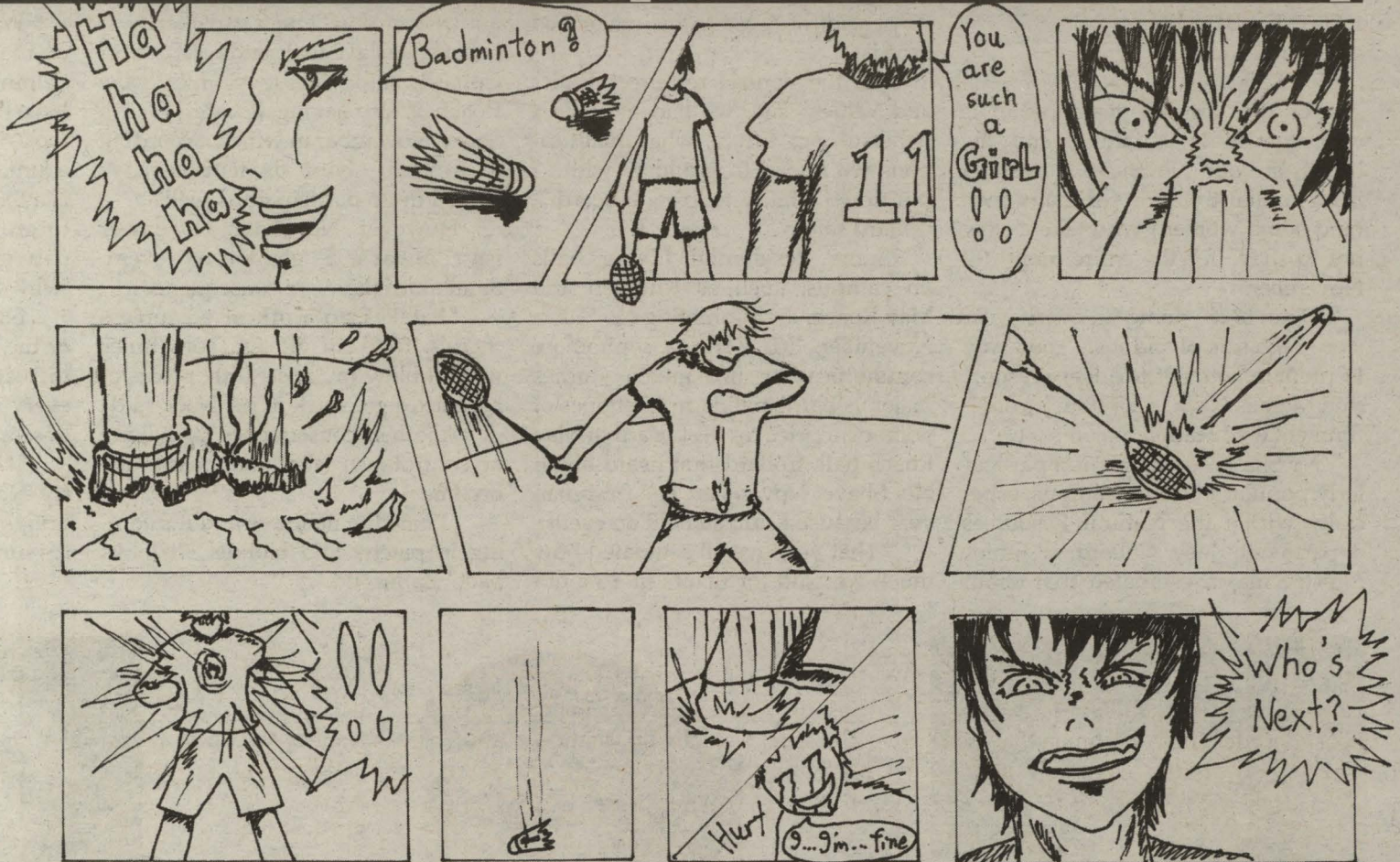
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Students prepare their ingredients in the Iron Chef competition.



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Silverware lays ready for the judges to use in their taste tests.

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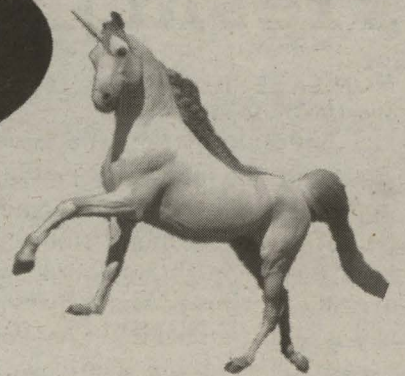
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Opinion

Bumper Sticker Patriotism

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A veteran kills themselves every 80 minutes in this country; that is 18 veterans a day. About half of veterans say they suffer from Post Traumatic Stress, with three in four saying they suffer flashbacks and nightmares. I personally know guys I served with who fear going to sleep because the nightmares are that bad.

Veterans have an unemployment rate around 12 percent and are 50 percent more likely to become homeless than other Americans. Each night around 75,000 veterans are homeless according to the Veterans Administration.

We have been at war for over the past decade. Those freshmen that just arrived on campus were only in 3rd

grade when our nation decided to go to war in Afghanistan; yet, during that time about one half of one percent of the nation has been on active military duty.

Think about that. One half of one percent of this nation that rightfully holds up veterans as our nation's heroes has actually stood up themselves and answered the call.

So the results of a recent PEW Research Center poll of veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars should come as no surprise. Eighty-four percent of those surveyed say "the public does not understand the problems faced by those in the military or their families." And really, how could they have any understanding?

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were the first wars in this nation's history that were largely fought by

an all-volunteer force. There was no nationwide draft that people had to worry about. No one really had to cut back on their consumption; there was no rationing like in World War II. In fact, we were told to "go out shopping" after 9/11.

Unless they personally know someone who has served or is currently serving, they are for the most part removed from any involvement that this country has had in fighting the two longest wars of this nation's history.

Talking with fellow veterans they largely reflect the statistics from the survey. The fact that people almost have to search for information on the deaths of those currently in Iraq and Afghanistan is also telling. The public for the most part does not care, otherwise that information wouldn't

be buried in newspapers or omitted from nightly news broadcasts. Most Americans can't even guess within a thousand how many have died in Afghanistan and Iraq.

I do not want to sound like I am bashing the entire public. I have met a lot of people who were truly invested in the effort and took the time to make a difference and have received wonderful support from friends and family while deployed twice.

It is time to move beyond the bumper sticker patriotism and the symbolic appreciation shown at sporting events and do something as a nation that truly recognizes veterans' achievements during the past decade.

6,320 US Casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan as of 15 Nov 2011.

The Continued Assault On Our Communities, and Our Responsibility

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The Governor just restored the state's "Holiday Tree" to its original, name, the "Christmas Tree." Hurray for being less welcoming, Wisconsin (as long as we're open for business).

I know public workers who've taken a cut of 26 percent on their salaries in the past five years. Last spring, Wisconsin rose to demonstrate its anger after decades of evermore cynical and increasingly biting corporate assaults. They stirred the passion and power of the organized masses. But that was not enough.

Right now, the state's north woods, the ancestral land of Wisconsin's First Peoples, is being steadfastly prepared by a corporate legislature for deregulated, unchecked and unsafe—but approved—mine constructions. The right to vote, to select who we trust to use our power to best represent us, is being slowly taken away by an insidious agenda that claims to be protecting us from "voter fraud," which has never been a problem. Those are just two examples of what has been happening every week, as the government's continued assault on women, communities of color, our environment, students and workers, all of Wisconsin's middle class.

Last April, Joanne Kloppenburg, who was called to have won the election for Supreme Court Justice was forced to concede her position when a county clerk (and former Republican legislative aide who once worked with incumbent David Prosser) announced that she had "forgotten to count" the votes of her county's second-largest city, giving Prosser an indisputable lead of more than 7,300 votes.

In the last year, the legislature gave over \$120 million away to corporations in tax breaks and other

incentives for which the public foots the bill. Then, based on a cut K-12 education by \$900 million, the UW System by \$250 million. It gutted recycling and water sewage treatment in all Wisconsin municipalities.

And the accelerating assaults are not just in Wisconsin. On both sides of the country, police are beating and pepper spraying and using water and sound cannons against nonviolent veterans and students exercising their right to peacefully assemble. Twenty-five corporations paid their CEOs more than they paid in taxes. But they're somehow the "job creators" we need to protect. so please. gut those public services and deregulate everything!

In this time of vacuous politics from those at the very top, we must be very honest with ourselves. This is written under no pretense of greater understandings or to yell from a soapbox any prescriptions for society's ills. It is written instead to draw out the common lines of our discontent so that then, once we see our indivisibility, together we may ignite the torches of our struggle, reclaim our present and light the future.

Let's start with what we all can see. I don't mean the constant images on television about happy middle class shoppers. We might get distracted and deceived by the stories propagated by institutions and media; we might find a sense of content in fitting into this profoundly sick world when we come home from work to internalize our discontent, eat some fast food, and forget about the possibility of talking to your neighbor and ever creating a community organized without any form of exploitation.

Despite all the distractions, it's harder now to obscure the gross level of increased accumulation of unearned wealth and advantage into fewer and fewer hands in the past three decades. The constant assault on people like us and ourselves is now evident. The future of the planet is now under an immediate and prescient threat, a threat we caused and benefitted from and a threat we need to reverse in the next 10 to 15 years, before temperature raises render any of our efforts too late.

Our youth are saddled with unprecedented debt—in 2011, the average is over \$25,000 per student, a 5 percent increase since 2010. Meanwhile our so-called representatives gut education from kindergarten to our colleges and demand you pay more for lower quality—all the while giving handouts in tax cuts, contracts and deregulatory bills to the very richest and to corporations that don't invest in our communities.

The problem gets much worse after graduation. With one of the highest youth unemployment levels since the Great Depression, we have little prospects of being able to repay that 25 grand anytime soon. So we're stuck paying bills and accumulating interest, which keeps our standard of living low. Don't even mention getting sick. Wages for those in your income group have declined for the bottom 80 percent since 1976, or stagnated, as have the wages of the next 19 percent of the population.

And still, despite the continued corporate assault on our communities, on our environment, on women's healthcare, on education, on indigenous rights, on public workers, on our democracy, and so on, consider

our great privileges. We have food and water, that puts us ahead of half of the people on Earth. We have free time, and access to information.

This is not meant to be incendiary. It is meant to question your self-worth. It is meant to inspire you into realizing that it is not only possible for us to become agents of real change in the world—it's our responsibility. It is meant to challenge you into looking inwardly and asking yourself about two questions. Do you feel a responsibility to respond to the increasing attacks on you and the even worse attacks on people all over the world? And, can you live in true happiness by detaching yourself from that responsibility?

All these assaults have an alternative. You can call it what you want. You can call the process revolution, but this is a revolution against violence in all its manifestations. This is a revolution for love, justice, equality and community. This is a revolution of consciousness that will manifest in our continuous creation of different forms of organization, forms that truly allow us to speak for ourselves and represent ourselves and act in the best interests of all. The revolution must be one based on love and for the sake of love. In building love, we build revolution, we resist the attacks on our communities and we create the alternative.

But let's be honest about our responsibility and about how we've met it thus far. Our tactics need revision, and we need to face the fact that private lifestyle choices won't bring the change we need. We need to inform ourselves and each other, get organized, and be creative. We need to listen to each other and create social organization without any form of exploitation. It's time. Let's come together and make love for the whole world.

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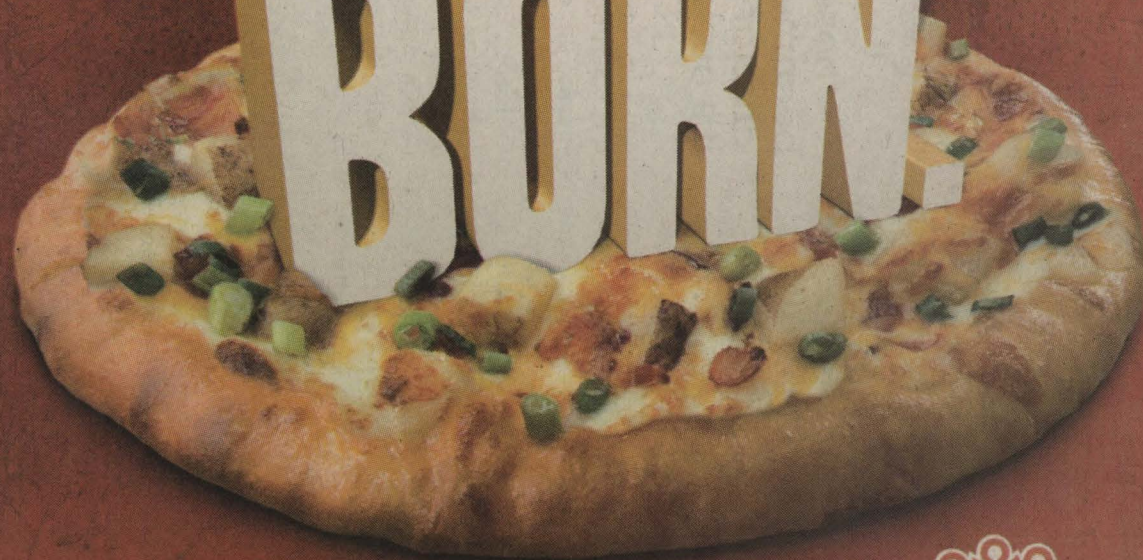
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