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Pointer fans gather with Stevie the Pointer.



# Pointlife

## Theatre Professor finds success in "Freud"

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What would happen if Freud and C.S. Lewis were put in one room? That question is answered in "Freud's Last Session," a play directed by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's very own assistant theatre professor Tyler Marchant. "Freud's Last Session" has recently moved its theatre performance space to the New World Stages in New York City in the heart of Times Square.

Marchant got involved with the production after he directed plays for the Barrington Stage Company.

"Most of my career has been made on working on new plays and musicals," Marchant said. Marchant worked with Mark St. Germain, the playwright of "Freud's Last Session," and the play was produced in the summer of 2009.

The show focuses on Dr. Sigmund Freud in his last years and a young C.S. Lewis. The two have opposing

viewpoints about religion and faith, among many other aspects of life, making their discussion quickly personal. The two end up clashing while trying to defend their fundamental beliefs.

Marchant was drawn to the script due to "The fact that these are the two smartest men in the 20th century and they're talking about things most people have made a decision about (faith) [...] no matter what side of the fence you were on, it makes you consider either side."

The play struck a chord within the theatrical community gaining many favorable reviews. "It's a thinking play [...] I don't think theatre challenges us very intellectually anymore," Marchant said. Marchant also placed a great emphasis on the fact that this is not just a play about serious subjects, but that comic relief is also quite prevalent. It doesn't take itself too seriously.

"It's still damn funny," Marchant said. Due to its popularity, the play kept on extending performances

before a New York producer picked it up and brought it to the Marjorie Dean Theatre in New York in the summer of 2010. This October, the show was moved to the New World Stages located in Times Square. This straight play shares the building with musicals such as "Rent" and "Avenue Q."

"I'm really excited. I just adds another level of legitimacy to the production [...] more people will get to see the play," Marchant said.

"Freud's Last Session" has had over 500 productions and was the longest running show in Barrington Stage Company's history. The play has also been produced internationally in cities such as London, Madrid and Tokyo.

"I love that without any bells and whistles the show has not only survived but thrived," Marchant said.

For those hoping to see the show, "Freud's Last Session" will be opening in Chicago next year.

## Belts' Soft Serve Closed For Winter



Photos by Samantha Feld

Students and community members had their final taste of summer this Sunday; Belts Ice Cream's final day of the season.

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After another summer cooled down by Belts' Soft Serve, the "Home of the Large Cone" sends a farewell to summer and Stevens Point until next spring. The sign read "LAST DAY OF THE SEASON" followed by the last "flavor of the day" of the year: strawberry.

Synchronized lines formed as they did for the past six months, and the seasonal scene of Aaron Rodgers

jerseys and carved pumpkins surrounded the soft serve palace. Between the two service windows, five pumpkins with carvings that spelt out B-E-L-T-S followed by a smiling pumpkin rested in front of split corn stalks.

For some, the first day of Belts and the last day are the beginning and end of summer, especially for locals. Don Skowronski and his daughter Stephanie Bishop are from the area and since it opened in 1981, the corner of Church and Division Street has been their place to go for soft serve.

"It's awesome!" said Bishop when asked what brings her to Belts.

Bishop, who's favorite flavor is zebra, neglected her lactose intolerance to enjoy the dairy delights of Belts' Soft Serve. Not only was the father-daughter duo out for Belts' last day, but Bishop was also taking her father out for his birthday.

Skowronski's favorite flavor is the PB which he "figured stood for peanut butter," and regardless of what it stands for, he loves it. Skowronski, sitting with an empty plastic cup once filled with Belts' soft serve, particu-

larly admired the beautiful weather.

"This is exceptionally nice," Skowronski said. "A lot of times it's much cooler."

Bishop acknowledged that the only two times she went to Belts this year were the opening and closing days. Both Bishop and Skowronski pointed out that they make an effort to visit Belts every once and a while each year.

"We are surprised to see all these college students out!" said Skowronski, after commenting on the homecoming weekend.

Another satisfied customer was Emily Krantz, who goes to Belts for their heath flurry. Krantz, in her fourth year at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has come to Belts since freshman year with friends.

"I love Belts!" Krantz said. "It's kind of a long walk, but it's worth it and we always have fun along the way."

Krantz was just one of several college students who made it out to Belts' last day after a long homecoming. Sitting with friends, they all laughed at the thought of all that happened over the weekend, saying Belts was the perfect place to reminisce.

"It's definitely a place college kids like to go, we just need to find a winter version of Belts to hold us over until next year," Krantz said.

Krantz and her college entourage all agreed they hope for a short winter in hopes Belts will re-open sooner rather than later. But rest assured that if you missed the last day, another Belts summer is just a winter away.

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*The Pointer* would like to make corrections regarding a mistake made in "The Perfect Coffeeshop for You" in the October 9th issue. John and Wendy Dolan are the owners of The Coffee Studio, located in the Central Wisconsin Childrens Museum on Main Street, Stevens Point. They do not own The Supreme Bean, as we wrote. Also, Wendy Dolan is the UWSP Department of Theatre and Dance Costume Shop Manager, not a costume designer.



# pointlife

## GSA Encourages Coming Out as You Are

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Imagine waking up every day hiding a part of who you are; knowing that it's there but terrified to be honest with yourself and the people around you. This was the reality that Becca Whitehead experienced before coming out to her friends and family.

"It was so hard because there is nothing worse than not being comfortable with who you are. I dated a lot of guys throughout high school even though I knew I wasn't into them because a part of me wished I was," Whitehead said. After coming out as bisexual, Whitehead developed her style, sense of self, love of tattoos, and her sexuality.

"When I started dating a girl, I realized I'm not just gay, I'm gayyy. When I admitted to myself who I was, I was able to fall in love with her." Telling her parents wasn't easy and although they are on good terms; there are still struggles.

"The gayness was the cherry for the sundae with my parents. I was worried that my dad was going to burn my girlfriend and I on the cross when they first met her but I don't need anyone telling me what I'm doing is wrong. That is no reason to hide who you are," Whitehead said.

Whitehead's story is just one of the many stories that accompany the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point's Gender and Sexuality Alliance's "Coming Out Week." This week celebrates coming out day on October 11th to recognize all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender individuals who are out and "coming out" for those who do not feel safe yet.

In the words of Kimberly Jensen, programming coordinator for GSA, this organization's purpose "is to provide an inclusive environment for all students and provide equality on our campus to create a safe environment for everyone."

This week began with a viewing of the movie, "If These Walls

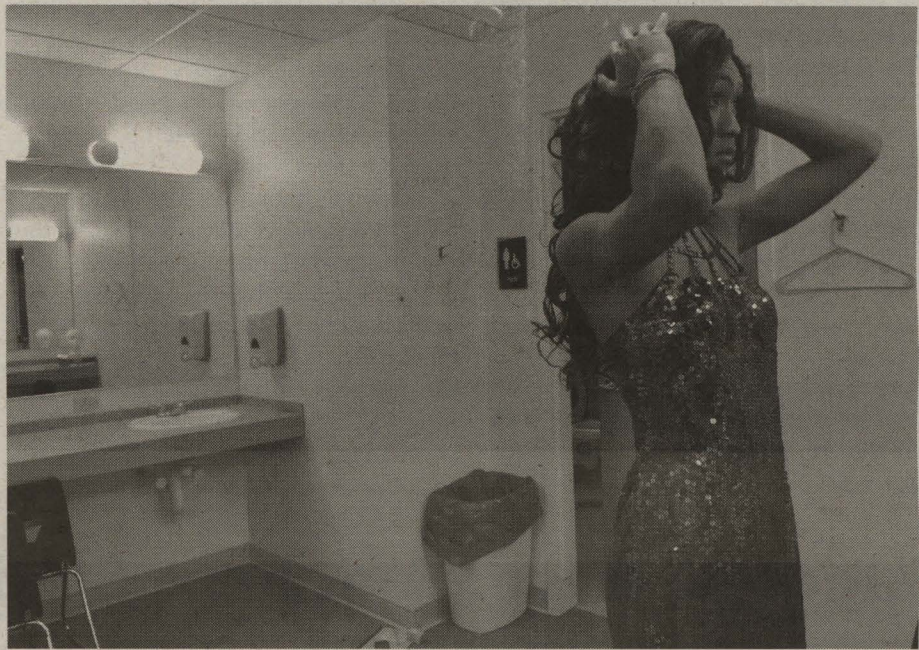
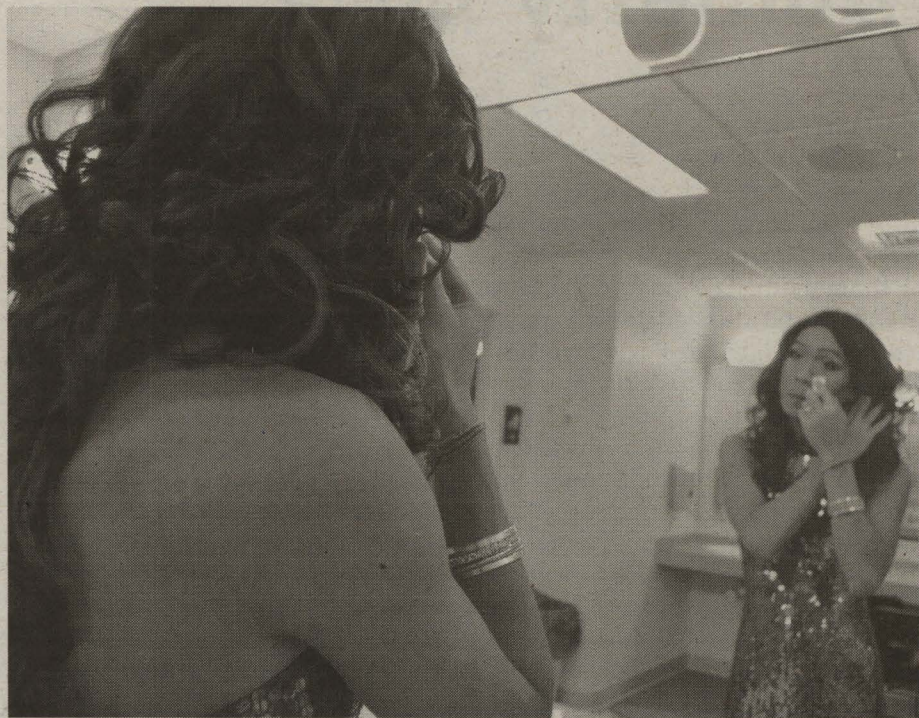
Could Talk 2" on Monday October 10th in the Dreyfus University Center Theater. This HBO movie follows three different lesbian couples that have lived in the same house in three different time periods and addresses concerns with pregnancy, feminist movements and family matters. Featuring Ellen Degeneres, Sharon Stone and Michelle Williams, this movie depicts the struggles that some LGBT individuals go through in the aftermath of coming out.

Because Tuesday, October 11th marked Coming Out Day, the night was dedicated to coming out stories. The atmosphere was loud and talkative in the DUC Encore. When the program started; however, everyone was engaged as seven individuals shared their coming out stories and the impact it had on the rest of their lives.

When asked why this day is important, Michael Waak said, "The coming out process is something that all LGBT people go through and so some people wait for this day as an encouragement. Other people come out when they're ready and this day represents their will and what they go through to get to that point."

Just because Coming Out Day is over doesn't mean that the celebration is. Thursday will be Plan B! night leaving at 7:00 pm. This is an LGBT club (straight people are always welcome) set in Madison. Anyone interested in going must fill out a few forms that can be found on the Rainbow Center's door in the basement of the DUC so that you can ride the bus. Space is on a first come first serve basis but if you are still interested in coming it is encouraged to drive down with a group of friends. To conclude this week's festivities on Friday at 3:00 p. m. there will be Safe Zone Training in the North Laird Room of the DUC.

"Stick with what you know is right and that's just being you. That's all that ever matters," Whitehead said.



Photos by Samantha Feld  
Event host Tommy Nouansacksy transforms into Tamika L. Jones for the GSA speed-networking and singles auction.



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[a vague attempt at something delicious]

## Motherly Love

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Gosh, I have to say; lately I've missed my mom. I'm sure a few of you feel the very same way, eager for some motherly tenderness. In my case, it's a bit difficult for my mom to make me some nostalgic favorites, so it was up to me to make my own motherly meal.

I couldn't decide what I wanted to make myself--what could remind me of those lazy childhood nights playing Pokémon on my Gameboy? I started to realize that most of those memories were slipping right out from under me. I couldn't remember what she made, just that she could take the blue box of macaroni and cheese and make it into the pure cheesy gold.

Well, yeah, she did make mac and cheese, which would be a pretty good side for dinner. What about protein though? Moms do not forget about their son's nutrients as a growing boy. My mother would probably put an IV in me if I refused to eat a meal, which I never did.

I don't know about the rest of you, but my mom wouldn't consider herself a fancy woman. Her cooking skills are that of a middle aged woman scrambling to put food on the table after working a full day, not that of a classically trained chef. That's not to say she was careless, just

exhausted.

Ground beef was a cheap staple, and Hamburger Helper helped her make it more interesting to her ravenous children. Though I'm not sure I'd still want to eat Hamburger Helper, it served a purpose and that purpose is through.

So what could I make with ground beef? Hamburgers, chili, meatballs, meat loaf... Meatloaf? Oh goodness yes. That delicious brick of beef mixed with breadcrumbs and love. Meatloaf was the pinnacle of my childhood culinary experience; sometimes I was even allowed to mix it up with my clumsy little kid hands.

With the idea in mind, I drove to the store, picked up the ingredients, and with my girlfriend doing homework; I called up my mother and started to put my childhood memories into real time. It was just like she was standing there with me, in my tiny kitchen in my tiny college house. We bickered in good humor, she teased me, and we talked about a little bit of everything.

It was almost like the real thing, a close enough replica that I felt the real motherly tenderness through the phone. I was a slightly drunk, grown man making a nostalgic, childhood meal yelling jokes at his phone mixing the meatloaf with his formerly clumsy little kid hands. I'm okay with that, because for a few seconds she wasn't a thousand miles away - she was right



## Alton Brown's Meatloaf

### Ingredients:

6 ounces garlic-flavored croutons (one small bag)  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1 teaspoon chili powder  
1 teaspoon dried thyme  
1/2 onion, roughly chopped  
1 carrot, peeled and broken  
3 whole cloves garlic  
1/2 red bell pepper  
36 oz of ground beef (2 lbs will work fine though)  
1 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
1 egg

The recipe has a glaze for the top of the meatloaf. Though it's good, you can use anything you want. Ketchup, barbeque sauce, tomato paste, just about anything you fancy.

### Glaze:

1/2 cup ketchup  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
Dash Worcestershire sauce  
Dash hot pepper sauce (I added more for taste)  
1 tablespoon honey

### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees  
2. In a food processor (or blender), combine croutons, black pepper, cayenne, chili power, and thyme. Blend until the crouton mixture is fine.

Dump this mixture into a large bowl  
3. The recipe calls to combine the onion, carrot, garlic, and red pepper in a food processor. This is probably not possible for most people. So just chop the heck out of the vegetables until they're very finely chopped.  
4. Combine vegetables and ground beef with the bread crumb mixture, use your hands.  
5. Season the mixture with kosher salt, add the egg and combine the mixture thoroughly. Use your hands; really, it's the only way. Avoid squeezing the meat though.  
6. The recipe calls to pack the mixture into a 10-inch loaf pan to mold the shape of the meatloaf then dump it onto a parchment paper-lined baking sheet in the center of the tray. However, you can use your hands to mold it into a fairly even looking meat log, as long as it cooks thoroughly.  
7. Put it in the oven. After the meatloaf cooks for 10 minutes add the glaze (or whatever you chose), then let the meatloaf cook for 20 to 35 minutes after till it is cooked throughout. Meat thermometer should read 155 degrees, if you don't have a meat thermometer, you can slice the middle of the meatloaf and look to see if it's brown throughout.

## Alcohol-Wise: Teaching Students Responsible Drinking

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As of this year, freshmen are required to take an online course about alcohol: Alcohol-Wise. The free class takes 60 minutes to complete and being that the course is self-guided, students are able to take it on their own time.

According to Anne Hoffmann, the Assistant Director of the Health and Wellness Programs at the Allen Center, the goals of the class are simply to increase knowledge on alcohol and to decrease negative consequences due to alcohol.

"We are not an anti-alcohol organization, but I think students will agree that no one wants to get hurt. Nobody wants to get sent home and nobody wants anything bad to happen so we are providing some reasonable education to help students avoid these consequences," Hoffmann said.

The course is new to campus this year simply because it has not been accessible in the past. According to Hoffmann, universal prevention through online education is pretty standard at other universities. The fact that we were missing it at our campus would suggest that it would be good for us to have a program.

Ryan Hietpas, a freshman at UWSP, found Alcohol-Wise to be an

effective learning experience regarding new information on alcohol, but does not think taking the test will impact many students.

"I think that it was a good thing to get students aware of the effects that alcohol can have on their bodies, but most people have taken a health class in high school that covers the same material that was in this test," Hietpas said.

Kylee Hawkinson, another freshman at UWSP, said the class took longer than what many students had expected, considering a good portion of the class was review.

"I think it was way longer than it needed to be, but it would depend on how much education people had before. I think of lot of people have had that education by now," Hawkinson said.

Hoffmann understands that the class is review for many students, but explained that the class focuses on universal prevention and establishing a limit on drinking for all students.

"The same exact information is given to every single freshman regardless of previous education or time spent on alcohol awareness. We anticipate students that already know all this, but we also anticipate the students that have no experience with this at all," Hoffmann said.



Photo by Samantha Feld  
UWSP Alcohol-Wise course hopes to further students' knowledge about responsible drinking.



# Sports

## Blue Devils Burn Pointers at Homecoming

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team lost to the University of Wisconsin-Stout 22-19 on Saturday, squandering the lead after three quarters.

The Blue Devils received the opening kickoff but they would not have the ball for long before senior linebacker Curtis Krump intercepted Stout senior quarterback Ross Carey. The Pointer offense spared no time, taking only two plays to score. Senior running back Cory Flisakowski punched through the Blue Devil defense for a 15-yard touchdown.

A few three-and-outs later and the Pointers got another momentum boost. After solid defense by UWSP, Stout found itself punting from its own three-yard line. The Pointer return brought them to the Blue Devil 40-yard line.

Point drove the ball down to the 10-yard line but then surrendered a 14-yard sack. The offense failed to move the ball further, but senior kicker Jered Fohrman connected on a 42-yard field goal giving UWSP a 10-0 lead.

Stout then saw some light thanks to a pass interference and two personal foul penalties in the red zone. The Point defense held the Blue Devil

rushing attack on three straight plays, forcing Stout to settle for a field goal. Sophomore Blue Devil kicker Richard Marteney chipped it in from 19 yards out making the score 10-3 Pointers.

After Point was again unable to move the ball, Stout proceeded to drive and take advantage of Pointer mistakes, this time a facemask penalty. The Blue Devils drove down to the one-yard line but failed to convert on two consecutive quarterback sneaks by Carey, and an Eric Brown run.

Stout was forced to kick another field goal, this one from 18 yards out. Marteney would convert, bringing the Blue Devils within four before halftime.

In the locker room, Point Head Coach John Miech tried to figure out why the offense couldn't move the ball the same way they did in the opening drives. With sophomore quarterback Casey Barnes struggling and injured, Miech put fellow sophomore Mitch Beau in charge.

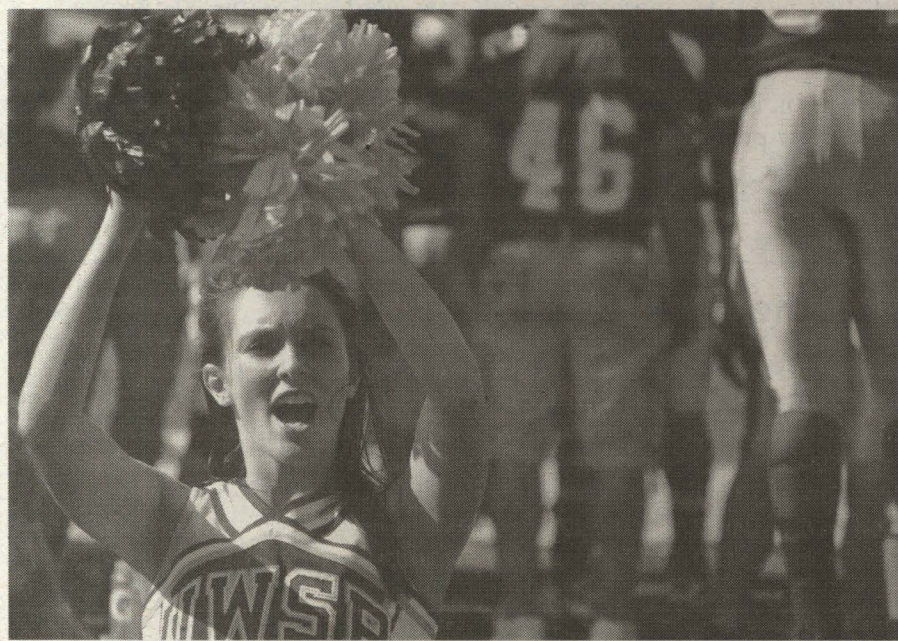
Stout would come out of half-time with a punch. After Point failed to capitalize on their opening half possession, sophomore running back Daniel Vyvyan broke out a 53-yard run.

"Defense played great except for a handful of plays," said a Pointer team source. The defense would make up for that play by forcing Carey to



Photos by Samantha Feld

Pointer cheerleaders get the fans 'Fired up' during the game.



Photos by Samantha Feld

The Pointer cheerleaders led Pointer Fans in cheers.

throw his second interception, this time to senior defensive back Collin Johnson.

However, Point would squander another chance and punt the ball back to Stout after another three-and-out.

Stout's creativity would begin to pick apart the defense starting with a 31-yard gain off of a reverse by senior wide receiver Jordan Peterson. This led to another field goal by Marteney from 27 yards out, closing the Point lead to one.

Beau, who is much more of a scrambling quarterback than Barnes, began using his legs to answer Stout's offensive success. A 10-yard run on third and six and a 4-yard run on fourth and three opened the door for Beau to lob a 30-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Marc Young. Fohrman tacked on the extra point, sending the score to 17-9.

The trick plays continued for Stout on the following drive. The Blue Devils converted a third and two on a 72-yard double reverse flea flicker for a touchdown. Junior tight end Josh Peterson was wide open down field and shrugged off a tackle to land in

the end zone.

"You gotta give Stout credit for great play calling," said the source. "We were all just really happy with the way Beau stepped up."

Stout would take their first lead of the game off a Brown rush up the middle for a 13-yard touchdown. Stout failed on a two-point conversion to make it a seven-point game, leaving the score at 22-17.

Point drove hard in the final two minutes with a highlight pass from Beau to Young for 15 yards. However, Beau would be unable to lead the Pointers back to a victory after throwing his only interception of the game.

With only two timeouts left, Point could only postpone the loss. The game ended with Carey rushing to the back of his own end zone for a safety as time expired, making the final score 22-19.

The Pointers' next game is at Goerke field against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls at 1:00 p.m. UWSP will try to break their winless streak in conference play and improve on their 2-3 record.

## Alumni Swimmers Gather in Point

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A team is more than a group of individuals. A team has common ideals, common goals. They strive to succeed together.

"We're kind of a family," said Britta Kolodziej, a 2008 graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point and a former swim team member.

Kolodziej was one of over 100 hundred people in attendance for the UWSP Alumni Swim Meet on Saturday.

Former members of the swimming and diving team gathered with their families and friends to show off their tal-

ents and relive the old days.

Kolodziej and her husband Rob, a former football player at UWSP, agree that it is important for the university to host events like the alumni meet.

"It's really neat to see," Rob said. "The swim team here does something really special."

The meet began with a diving exhibition. Former Pointers performed a medley of high dive acrobatics while a panel of current Pointers judged from poolside.

Once the dives had finished, Head Coach Al Boelk announced each alumnus in attendance from the most recent graduates to the oldest. Alums ranged from Stevens Point

natives to a former Pointer from Juno, Alaska.

Also in attendance was Lynn "Red" Blair. Blair, a 2000 inductee into the UWSP Hall of Fame, coached the Point swimming and diving team for 32 years. Blair was a two-time national coach of the year and worked with over 400 first-team and honorable mention All-Americans during his tenure. Coach Boelk regarded Blair as the "Godfather" of UWSP swimming and diving.

The swimming portion of the meet began immediately following the alumni introductions. Though most participants had gained a few seconds on their best times, no one was looking to set any records.

"It's fun. It's not about being

uber-competitive," Kolodziej said.

The festivities did not end at the pool. That evening, Coach Boelk hosted a cookout at his home for the alumni and their families.

The events put on by the university during homecoming are successful team builders for students. The activities and games give people a common thing to rally around that promotes solidarity and pride.

However, once students graduate they sometimes lose that aspect of life and forget the family that they used to have. That is why events like the Alumni Swim Meet are so important - they attract former and current Pointers, ensuring that future Pointers understand the rich tradition they must uphold.

**"We're kind of a family"**



# sports

## Vaulters Begin Workouts

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Everyone has that friend growing up that is always there and you hardly realize it. You don't remember if you invited them or if they just showed up. They go hours without speaking and soon you forget they are even there, until they do something awesome. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point pole-vaulting team is that friend.

Often lost in the mix at track meets, pole-vaulters at UWSP sometimes fall by the wayside. And why wouldn't they? Pole vaulters are weird. They run for a little ways, thrust a stick into the ground and hope they make it over a bar that is set unreasonably high.

But the vaulters bring an extra flair to the team. Maybe they are not as heralded as a sprinter and do not perform the same feats of strength as a thrower, but a pole vaulter can bring just as much excitement to a meet as any other athlete. And this season has the potential for fireworks.

"We have the coaching to be successful," said sophomore vaulter Ryan Finnel.

"If everyone puts in the work there should be no reason we can't compete in conference."

Last year during the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Outdoor Meet, sophomore Samantha Haas finished in a tie for tenth place, the highest finish of any UWSP vault-

er. Finnel is optimistic that this year someone will place higher.

"We got a lot of new freshman vaulters coming in. They show a lot of potential and good work ethic," Finnel said.

The lone upperclassman this season is senior Jamie Clarkson. Clarkson will be looked to lead the women's team while a group of sophomores will try to guide the men's.

"The incoming freshmen have a lot to learn," said sophomore vaulter Ben Robers. "It's a big transition between vaulting in high school and vaulting in college."

Even though pole vaulting is an individual event, having your team-

mates around helps keep the team's goals in perspective. Working together and having each other's back is an important aspect, and this team is no exception.

"We all seem to be getting along well so far. I hope that will carry throughout the season," Finnel said.

Despite the fact that pole-vaulters don't run very fast, run for long distances or throw things really far, they are an integral gear of the track and field machine. Maybe they're not "the norm." Maybe they're the last thing you think of when you hear track and field. Maybe it looks so easy a caveman could do it. But I will tell you one thing: if you watch them perform you'll be pleasantly surprised how athletic these men and women are.

**"The incoming freshmen have a lot to learn"**

## Brewers Drop Second Straight in NLCS

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The Brewers and Cardinals split their regular season series. Their battle in the NLCS may not be as close.

After a comeback win in game one, Milwaukee got beaten handily by St. Louis as the Cards tied the series with a 12-3 victory.

Last night St. Louis brutalized Brewers' ace Yovani Gallardo as they jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning. That big opening frame would prove to be insurmountable for the Crew.

Milwaukee was able to respond

in the second inning, scoring two runs off Cardinals' number one Chris Carpenter. Shortstop Yuniesky Betancourt delivered with an RBI single to put the Crew on the scoreboard. Two batters later Gallardo brought in another run with a sacrifice fly to cut the St. Louis lead to two runs.

The Brewers would edge closer in the top of the third when Mark Kotsay belted a solo home run to put the score at 4-3 St. Louis. With the right-handed Carpenter on the mound for the Cardinals, Milwaukee manager Ron Roenicke gave Kotsay the start in centerfield over the slumping Nyjer Morgan.

The move raised a few eyebrows,

especially in the first inning when Kotsay was unable to come up with a fly-ball that he seemingly got a good jump on. Roenicke was willing to surrender Morgan's defense in hopes that Kotsay would be a spark offensively.

Despite the Brewers rally, they failed to plate anymore runners and fell to St. Louis, 4-3.

The matchup of Gallardo versus Carpenter had the makings of a pitcher's duel; however, the game ended up being decided by outfield miscues rather than shutdown pitching. Key misplays by Kotsay and right fielder Corey Hart proved to be the difference makers.

The duo of left fielder Ryan Braun and first baseman Prince Fielder failed to generate the offense necessary to overtake the Redbirds. Braun was 1-3 with a hit and was left on base. Fielder went 0-3 with an intentional walk.

The Brewers' hopes rest on their performance tonight as Randy Wolf toes the rubber against Kyle Lohse. Wolf was roughed up in his last post-season outing as he allowed seven runs on eight hits to the Diamondbacks in Game 4 of the NLDS.

He will have to rebound substantially in order to stop the Cardinals from taking a 3-1 lead in the series. First pitch is scheduled for 7:05pm.

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# News

## Wall Street occupation brings global uprising to the U.S.

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In hundreds of cities across the country, doctors, veterans, nurses, professionals, middle class, service industry and agricultural workers, indigenous and immigrant organizations, senior citizens, teachers, trade unionists, environmentalists and antiwar activists, and students of all ages add support for the Occupy movement. Steadily growing since its birth on Wall Street on September 17, despite the absence of a clear agenda, the "Occupy" movement demonstrates how strictly horizontal and decentralized democratic structures can create a new society out of a broken one.

Decades' brewed public discontent has finally manifested itself into an massive and organized civil disobedience movement. The call for global social change has fully reached the United States.

Following the nonviolent spontaneous actions that overthrew dictators in Egypt and Tunisia, which were first brought to the United States by the Madison protests last February and March, the "global revolution" has pried its way into the mainstream of our political discourse.

With growing popularity and potential, the movement attracts society's opinion leaders who are sympathetic to the cause, such as sociologist Michael Eric Dyson, hip-hop

artist Immortal Technique, documentarian Michael Moore, actress Susan Sarandon, antiwar and women's rights activist Medea Benjamin, and many others.

The growing public thirst for attention to the Occupy movement results in media attempts to grapple the movement, frenzying with questions like, "What are they protesting?" and "What are their objectives?" Mainstream media outlets are quick to dismiss the movement as either too poorly organized or simply unrealistic. Bloomberg Magazine, one of the major market-oriented journals in the U.S., claims in its headlines that the movement "needs goals" or will fizzle.

However, a lack of tangible political goals is not a deficiency for the movement, it is its strength. If the political parties, which are among the clearest of the protestors' targets, are given a policy issue on which to take sides, the debate becomes institutionalized, facing dilution, which protestors fear. Therefore, the best thing the movement can do for itself is to keep its agenda hidden from the halls of the two-party government.

The lack of a clear agenda also allows the movement to attract folks from all walks of life, each with their own level of discontent, their own targets, their own concerns. This is demonstrated by the fact that each week, the movement gains more traction from more and more among "the 99 percent." Articles like Bloomberg's only demonstrate how the financial sector and the political system are



photo by Michael Wilson  
In Freedom Plaza in Washington, D.C., hundreds gather to "Stop the Machine; Create a New World".

reacting to the movement as it gains more and more ground: with fear.

Although the movement's critics point to its lack of a coherent agenda and central structure, the ways in which this organized sigh of collective despair operates have the crucial potential to lay the blueprint for a functioning direct democracy. General Assemblies (GAs) in different cities use a variation of the following political organization: a highly horizontal, rather than top-down, and decentralized system based on the consensus and direct participation of all GA members.

### Main St. challenges Wall St.

Take as an example the Occupy Wall Street movement, which held its largest General Assembly to date on Saturday, October 8. Any person can join the GA, and any GA member can start committees or join those already standing. The GA, which meets several times a week, is updated about what the committee does, and takes consensus-based votes on major decisions, creating a two-way feedback system.

A collective "human microphone" system of phrase repetition is used to ensure that all GA attendants, now surpassing the thousands in places like Wall Street, can hear what a speaker announces across entire parks and plazas. Anyone can get a speaking turn. There are working groups in which people volunteer and delegate important tasks, such as park cleanup. Legal assistance and free food tents, assisted by donations—particularly in pizza—coming in from all across the globe, are easily spotted. Most importantly, folks are encouraged to participate in sustaining the movement in whatever way they are able, from marching to key locations, leading yoga classes, joining drum circles to using their creativity and talent and expertise to promote the cause through art and media, or simply sitting around talking to others, promoting healthy debate and a truly democratic ethos.

### Catching fire in the capital

In Washington, D.C., and increasingly, in cities all around the country, the Occupy Together movement

has caught fire. In D.C.'s McPherson Square, the Occupy D.C. movement has stationed itself 24/7/365.

Like the Wall Street occupation, Occupy D.C. touts the slogan of "We Are the 99%." On its website, it clarifies what exactly the "99%" is, saying: "If you are upset with the economy, corporate person-hood, education, healthcare, the multiple wars we have, corruption—mainly money in politics, and anything associated with this in one way or another that you fall under the 99% and this movement is for you."

Citing criticisms that their movement, like the entire Occupy Together movement, does not have clear set goals laid out, Occupy D.C. says that they wish to "hear from the people what they want ... before we can even think about releasing official demands."

Another group that has set up an occupation in D.C. is one called October 2011, whose movement "Stop the Machine: Create a New World" seeks to occupy Freedom Plaza on Pennsylvania Avenue indefinitely.

The movement was started Oct. 6 to mark the 10th anniversary of the war in Afghanistan as well as the start of the austerity-ridden 2012 federal budget. Stop the Machine's philosophy is that of nonviolent resistance in the same vein as the Arab Spring and the winter protests in Madison.



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A protestor in D.C. carries a military-industrial complex version of the American Flag.  
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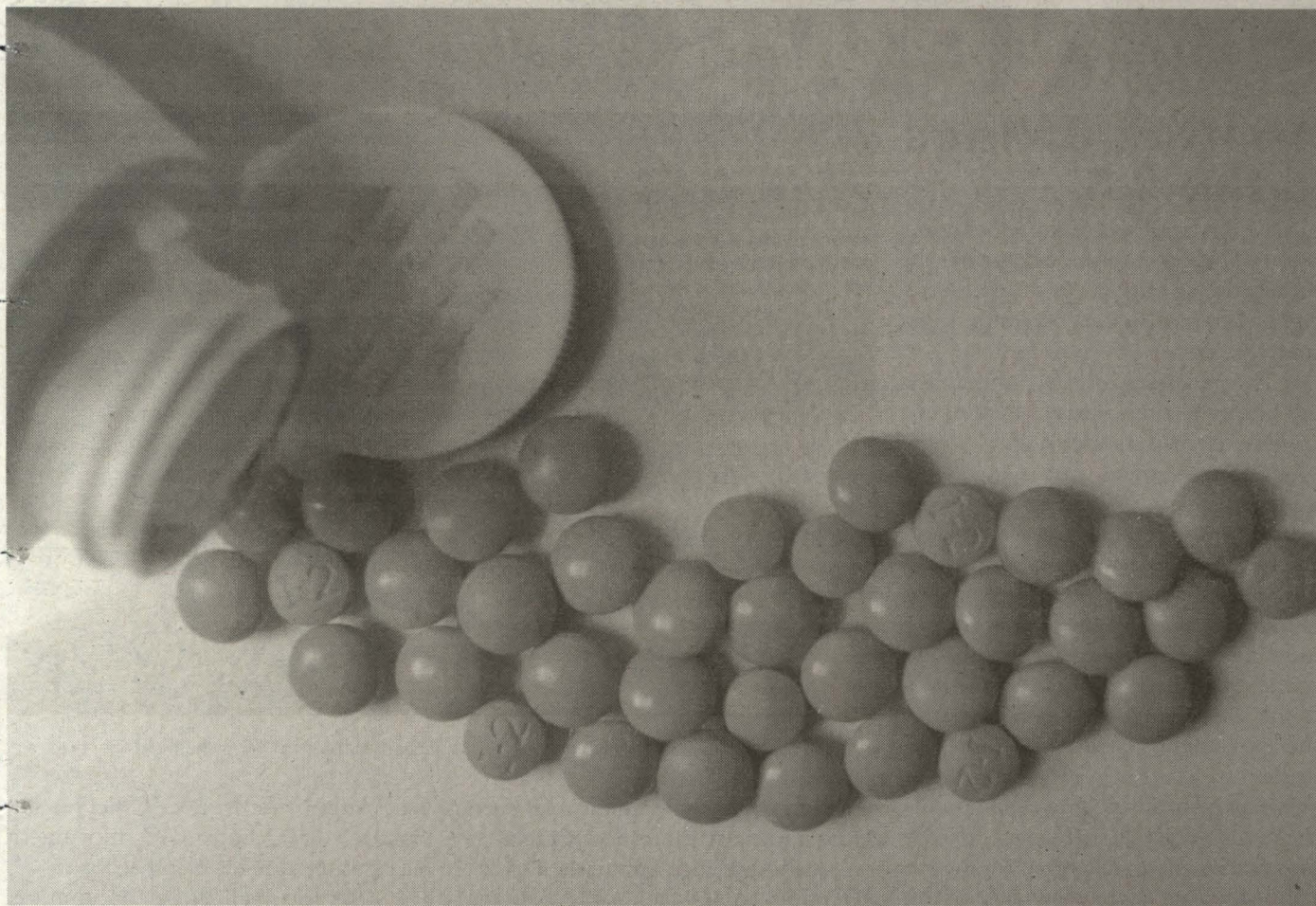


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Any prescription prescribed for 10-14 days is covered by student health segregated fees.

## “Obamacare” an Aid to Student Health

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Obamacare. Americans have heard it talked about on the news by savvy politicians or healthcare industry lobbyists, but some are unaware of the true contents of the act and what it has changed since it passed.

Known officially as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), “Obamacare” was signed into law in March of 2010. It has made certain reforms to public and private health insurance programs, notably the mandate for increased coverage of pre-existing conditions and an expansion of access to over 30 million Americans.

Know Your Care, a 501(c)(3) organization, was at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point last month

to spread the word on the not-so-commonly known benefits of the ACA. The group aims to educate the American public about the changes brought about by the Act, and has been touring campuses and senior citizen organizations across Wisconsin in an effort to inform those most affected by its enactment.

Joe Gorzek, Chair of UWSP's Student Health Advisory Committee, spoke of the significance of Know Your Care's efforts to spread awareness of the ACA's benefits.

“It is great that an organization like Know Your Care is working with students here in Stevens Point to help educate young adults on the benefits of the Affordable Care Act,” Gorzek said. “With this information young students will have a better understanding of the health care benefits

available to us. This knowledge will help us stay healthy and bridge the gap between earning our degrees and future employment.”

A key reform made by the ACA was increasing the age limit under which students could be covered through a parent's insurance plan, now set to 26 years-old.

Jen Sorenson, Interim Administrative Director for Student Health Services at UWSP, attested to the importance of this reform. “The biggest effect this had is if you were a student and you were covered under your parents' insurance because you were full-time and you wanted to drop credits for whatever reason ... you would lose your health insurance. That's what used to happen.”

Sorenson also noted that SHS has had students in the past get cancer

diagnoses and have to go on chemotherapy. If that student had to drop below full-time status for any reason, he or she would not be covered under parents' insurance.

Also, when a student graduates from college, no longer is it necessary to find a job that includes healthcare coverage, which is often a difficult task for new graduates.

But there are other reasons the ACA is important for those who are uninsured and under the age of 26. Most importantly for younger people, the law ensures free preventive care without co-pays, and also includes many other screenings and immunizations.

“The no-cost preventative services provided for in the Affordable Care Act make sure that students can remain healthy,” said Nate Myszka, Communications Director for Know Your Care Wisconsin.

Sorenson believes that, whether or not it is their top priority, all students should be proactive in making sure they are in the best health possible, and the ACA makes doing this that much easier.

Student Health Services had 8,000 visits last year, and as the visits are covered by all students' paid segregated fees, Sorenson urges all UWSP students to utilize SHS's services before health becomes a problem.

“Students know the pressure to succeed is there. And to succeed, you have to be healthy,” Sorenson said.

Student Health Services is still giving free flu shots during the month of October, and they are given in the 1st floor of Delzell Hall Mondays-Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on the benefits of the Affordable Care Act, visit [www.knowyourcare.org](http://www.knowyourcare.org).

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## UWSP Working On New IDs

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Officials at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point say they are going to make sure there are as few obstacles as possible for students in complying with the new voter identification requirements that are set to take place at the start of next year.

The university says there will be a re-designed student ID that meets the requirements of the law available for students by the spring who do not possess a state issued ID card or drivers license.

Ryan Rutledge, President of the Student Government Association, said “SGA is probably going to cover

the costs of the new IDs,” meaning the ID card would be available for free to students who request it.

For those students with a compliant ID card, UWSP is planning on implementing a self-service feature where students go onto myPoint and print a university bill that has the student's local address to take to their polling location.

Al Thompson, Vice Chancellor for Students Affairs, said a committee of members of SGA, administration officials and staff members are working out the final details and they “hope to have everything settled by the end of this semester.”

One option that was looked at and ultimately dismissed was the use of stickers placed on current student

IDs.

“Some campuses have talked about using that as an option, but ultimately we came to the conclusion we won't do that,” Thompson said. “There was an issue the stickers would interfere with the registers on campus and gumming them up.”

Rutledge said that hopefully by next year all incoming freshmen and current sophomores will be issued the re-designed ID; however, there is concern with the regulations, which state the IDs can only be valid for two years and students would have to be re-issued a new one.

A memo issued by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau when the Voter ID bill was proposed indicates that the estimated costs of re-issuing ID cards to

all students in the UW-System would be \$1.1 million. The memo goes on to state that the estimated costs of re-issuing ID cards to students every two years would cost an additional \$300,000, however, the memo states that if IDs were only re-issued to those students who request one that it would cost less.

The Brennan Center for Justice, a non-partisan policy institute that devotes a lot of time to covering election issues, issued a report last month stating that upwards of 3.2 million people nationwide would be affected by voter identification laws passed in five states this past year.



# news

## [full circle thinking]

### Three Words Worth Understanding

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The meaning of words like sustainability and diversity are limited when their definitions are different between two people. How can we be sustainable if we do not understand and agree upon what sustainability really is?

#### Sustainability

Sustainability in its simplest form is the preparedness to endure. Sustain means to preserve, remain, stand fast, hold position, or maintain current conditions. So really, sustainability is the ability to self-maintain. From that perspective, sustainability cannot stand alone—it must describe something else.

Proponents of sustainability have established that society, at present, is not sustainable, insisting that instead of being conquerors we should be caretakers. As conquerors of Earth, humans will perish; but as caretakers of Earth, the human species can continue into the future.

To be a caretaker we must first be sustainable. What that actually entails is often overlooked.

Sustainable measures may include the buying up of forest and prime croplands in Central and South America and Africa for production of bioenergy crops. This annually displaces thousands of indigenous peoples, who lose their homes and ways of life to profit-seeking foreign investors, while seemingly decreasing our dependence on fossil fuels.

Is this a good thing? Is the benefit of cheap, mass-produced, bioengineered energy crops worth more than the destruction of self-sustaining communities?

Compare that sustainability quagmire with this one. Often, people decide to ride their bike or walk places when they could have taken their automobile. What they do not

realize is that because they are using their automobile less, it incurs less wear and tear and uses less gas than normal.

This pulls money and jobs out of the community as less money is spent and fewer workers are needed to satisfy demand. Of course, by not driving that automobile, greenhouse gas emissions are reduced, as well as vehicle related expenses and doctor office visits.

While global, local, social and environmental sustainability are benefited, global and local economic sustainability are negatively affected. Even if the decision to walk or bike instead of drive improves one's economic sustainability, that decision affects more than just the individual making it. Thus, it is paramount to understand the context when discussing or making decisions about the sustainability of anything, anywhere or anyone.

#### Diversity

Diversity, like Will Ferrell says in the movie Anchorman, may have been an "Old, old wooden ship." But the word and concept likely came from elsewhere. Diversity is often used in the field of ecology, where

it is a measure of both evenness (the distribution of populations in relation to each other—for example, for five apples and seven oranges, apples make up 42 percent of the total population and oranges 58 percent, therefore the evenness is fairly uniform), and richness (the total number of players. In the apple-orange scenario, the richness would be two).

The term diversity is also used in business. Just like in nature, the greater the diversity of investments the more sustainable these are. Take for example the placement of eggs—the more eggs in different baskets, the less likely all the eggs will be destroyed by the collapse of one basket.

#### Permaculture

Permaculture is a word less widely known and understood than sustainability or diversity. The word is a compound of the words permanent and agriculture, which is basically what it means—constant and sustainable agricultural production.

One should view permaculture as a system with minimum inputs and non-degrading outputs, a system that assimilates and recycles wastes to serve multiple purposes. This sys-

tem does not require intensive (cost and labor) up-keep or continuous improvement. Permaculture is a business model and a way of life. In permaculture, the system does the work while one simply enjoys the benefits. Permaculture is attainable at any size and scale.

#### Three Words

Separately these words sustainability, diversity and permaculture are all concepts. When put together, used properly and integrated into our daily lives, they mean a whole lot more. Sustainability means taking care of our environment through sound social and economical practices. Diversity means bolstering a wide array of distributed yet sustainable populations, ideas and practices. Permaculture is sustainable agriculture which utilizes diversity to produce food, fuel and fiber for the inhabitants of tomorrow. These words, when rightly applied, transform us from conquerors of Earth to caretakers of our planet.

To continue the discussion, visit <http://intensivehomefoodproduction.blogspot.com/>



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Sunrise over Mark Shephard's 106 acre permaculture farm.

### Wall Street/movement reaches MLK memorial

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Like the Occupy D.C. movement, Stop the Machine does not have clear set goals at the moment. However, there are 15 core issues that they are concerned about and which they are forming committees around to deliberate courses of action. Some of these issues include human rights, corporate influence in politics, worker rights and militarism.

The interrelatedness of all these issues was on display when the Stop the Machine protests, in conjunction with Occupy D.C. and United for Peace and Justice, joined a rally that was held directly across the street from Freedom Plaza in opposition to the energy company TransCanada's proposed \$13 billion Keystone Pipeline project. The movements joined together after the federal hear-

ings and marched down the streets of D.C. on Saturday afternoon.

The march ended at the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial, where Michael McPhearson, national coordinator for United for Peace and Justice, spoke in front of the protestors. McPhearson drew parallels between King's age and the one we currently find ourselves in, bringing up his 1967 speech at Riverside Church in New York entitled "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence."

"One thing he called us in that speech was the greatest purveyor of violence in the world. That's because we were at war," McPhearson said. "Today we are at war, but we are certainly dropping more bombs on people around the world than any other nation. We have more troops

deployed around the world than any other nation. We continue to be the greatest purveyor of war around the world."

Members of Afghans for Peace also spoke, and one member, Soraya Pakzad, spoke to the lack of an Afghan national voice and the main problems facing the country today.

"I ask you to keep in mind that it is the right of the Afghan people to self-determination, and for that to happen, they need to be empowered," Pakzad said. "And to empower the people, we need to refocus on our priorities. They're living in poverty, they need food, shelter, healthcare, education."

Bill Holmes from Vietnam Veterans Against the War spoke to the movement's thoughts about the wars

in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere.

"We are against THE war. Because every one of these theaters, every one of these theaters of combat is the war. ... We must mourn our dead, but fight like hell for the living," Holmes said.

Occupy Together has 865 participating cities and growing, and Washington is starting to take notice of the movement's strength. What occurred in Egypt last February were widely felt. In the United States, folks were touched by the idea that they too could finally unleash their desperation, their economic and social frustrations. Now, what occurs in the United States—the most powerful and influential country in the world—can imply systemic change for the entire planet.



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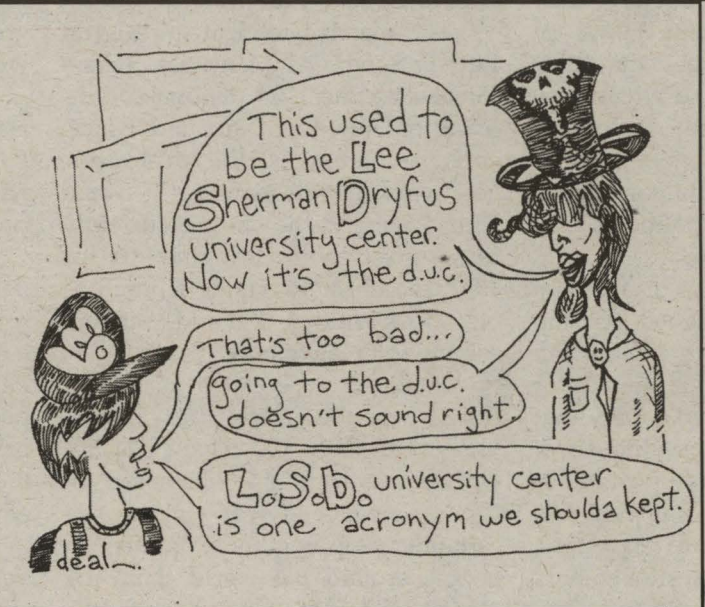
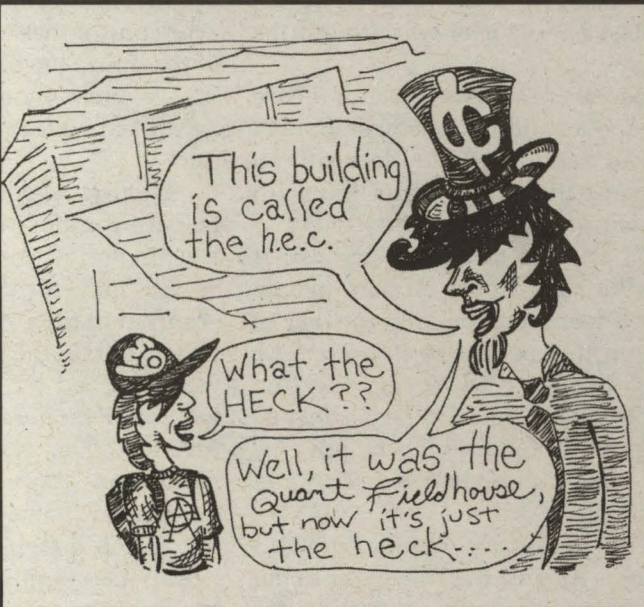
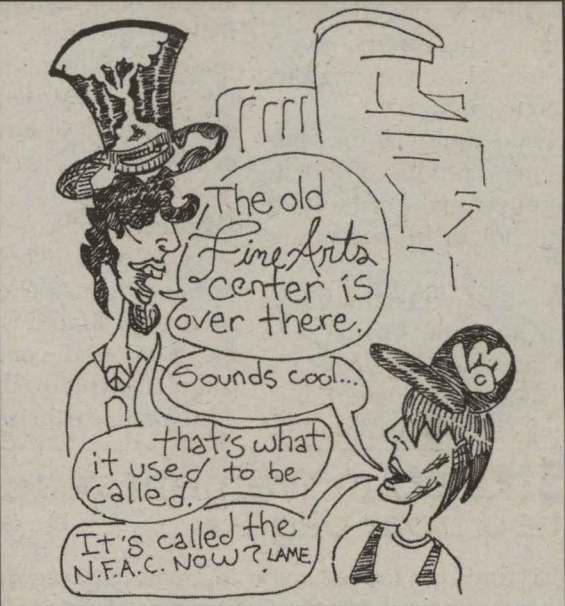
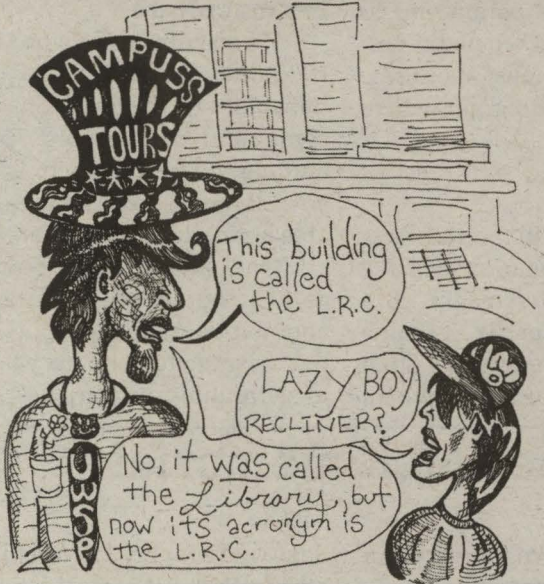
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## [comic of the week]





# Opinion

## Competitors and Followers Mourn Death of Steve Jobs

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When Apple Inc. announced the death of company co-founder and long time CEO Steve Jobs last week, the news spread quickly on social media and cable news networks, with many concerned it was yet another hoax or false report. But with the news coming directly from the company, we found out that Jobs had indeed passed due to the pancreatic cancer that had been haunting him for years.

Other tech icons posted their tributes to Jobs via Twitter, with the likes of Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg and Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin pouring out heartfelt statements that declared Jobs as a inspiration, competitor and innovator. Gates said that working alongside Jobs was an "insanely great honor."

While Jobs was undoubtedly successful, many opinions exist on his company's products, his contributions to computing and technology, and what he's referred to as "post-PC devices," the mobile phones and tablets rapidly replacing the computer as consumers' primary tool for accessing the internet.

Many of Apple's most dedicated customers border on fanaticism, waiting in long lines for new products and holding their often hostile opinions towards the company's competitors. Their dedication and affection for the company has been called a lifestyle, or even a religion. Regardless of opinion, it is impossible to deny Apple the role of chief innovator in its industry. While they currently only hold a mere 12% market share in personal computers, they are reported to dominate the tablet and smart phone market with a 43% market share.

Looking at these newer markets, and what's left of the stand-alone music player category that they defined with the iPod, a clear pattern emerges. Apple spots viable trends and innovates, and other notable companies follow the trail blazed

by Jobs and Co. We are just starting to see potential iPad killers coming from Motorola and Samsung, but I've been wondering why it's taken them so long. Microsoft is still developing their answer to the iPad, and their Windows Phone series lies in the dust of Apple and Google's Android platform.

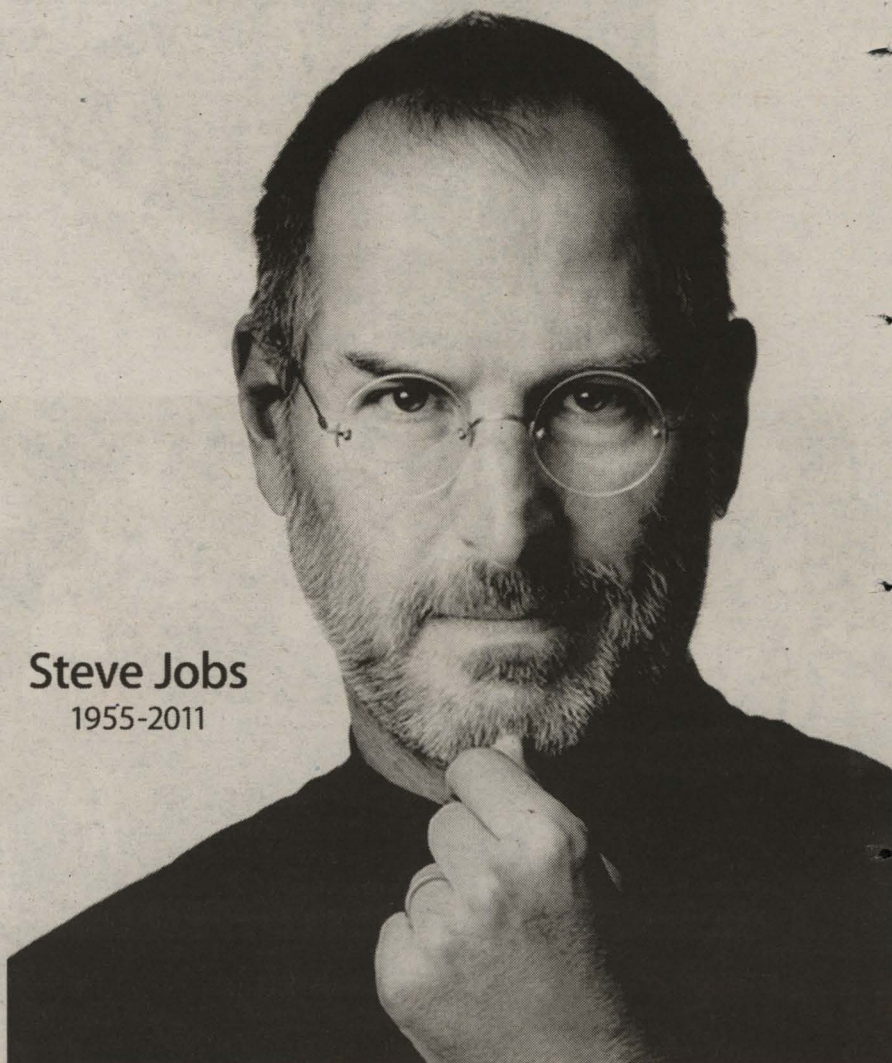
There are plenty of stories about Jobs that paint his character in a bad way. When Jobs and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak created the classic game Breakout for Atari in 1975, Wozniak handled the technical aspects of designing the chips for the game, and Jobs acted as the middleman between their development and Atari. When Wozniak exceeded Atari's production specifications far beyond what they had thought was possible, Atari awarded the two with a \$5,000 bonus on top of the initial \$750 compensation.

After Wozniak stayed awake for four straight days, shattered Atari's expectations and delivered a game that is now heralded as a classic, Jobs paid Wozniak a measly \$375, keeping the huge bonus a secret from his friend whom he would go on to create Apple with in his garage.

While they eventually split and Wozniak left Apple due to differences in business philosophies, Wozniak has had plenty of kind words for Jobs over the years, including a teary-eyed reaction to Jobs' death captured by the Associated Press. His fondness for Jobs after all they had been through must serve as a testament to the friend Jobs was to his colleagues.

With Jobs gone, we must look forward to the next generation of innovators. Who will be touted as the next Steve Jobs? The next innovator who shows no fear and refuses to compromise may be someone we recognize, but it could also be someone we have yet to discover.

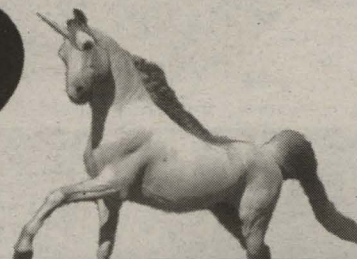
The next time you use one of your mobile Internet devices or power up your computer, remember Steve Jobs, the pioneer who showed no fear and refused to compromise.



Steve Jobs  
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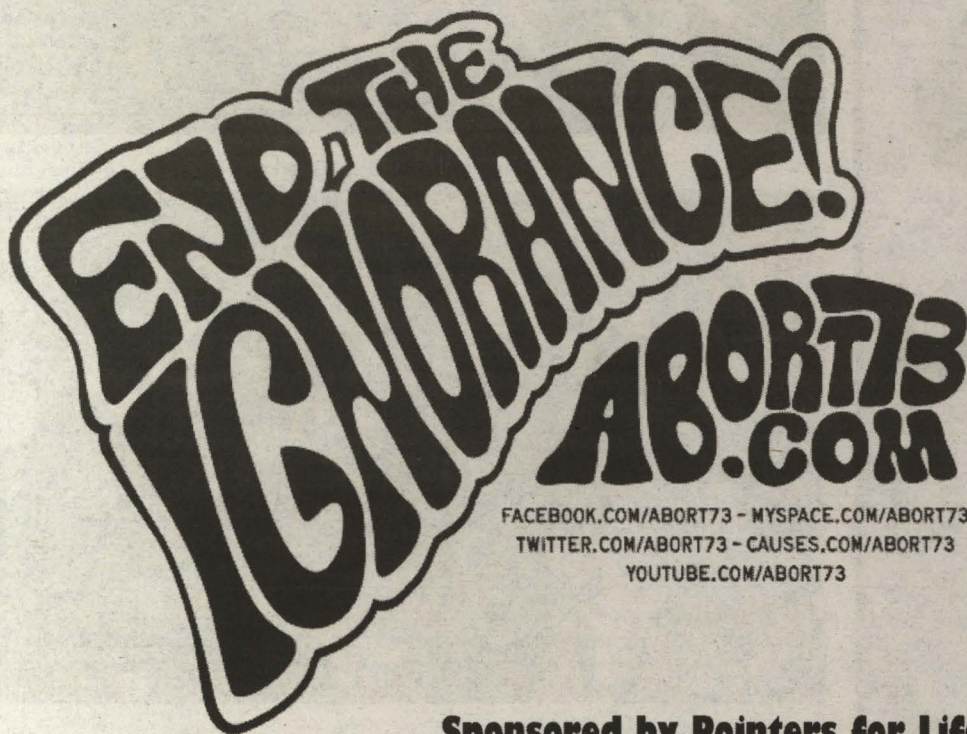
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Pointer fans sport matching apparel at the football game.



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Celebrations revolving around homecoming included grilling, drinking, and socializing.



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UWSP students carry signs during the Homecoming Parade.



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