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Outdoor EdVentures opens back up for students

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Outdoor EdVentures shop has re-opened for students to rent outdoor activities equipment in the Allen Center's basement, room 002.

The shop's manager and Recreational Activities Coordinator Mike Pickenbrock, who was hired on June 20, has spent the past few months getting the rental program back up and running and buying new equipment and gear, such as a stand-up paddle board, two kayaks, coolers, new sleeping bags and a number of tents.

"We're really excited about getting the rental program built back up and getting the word back out to students that we are back up and running, and we're here as a resource to them," Pickenbrock said.

Every Tuesday EdVentures is having a campfire out in front of the Allen Center to raise awareness about their re-opening, providing those who join them with free s'mores.

While the University Centers is providing funding for the program to open, to secure their place on campus students need to use their equipment regularly.

Students may also be looking forward to a few extra outdoor trips to consider for spring breaks or summer vacations.

"We're trying to build up our trips program. My hope is that in a couple of years I can have it built up to a point where I can be taking students to the bottom of the Grand Canyon over spring break, for instance," Pickenbrock said.

As of now the trips are done locally. Pickenbrock said he takes students on paddle-trips down the Plover River and would like to host a ski trip somewhere in the area this winter.

Renting equipment from the program is a simple process. All students need to do is reserve what gear they need for their upcoming trip, fill out a rental agreement form and pay small rental fees.

Pickenbrock stated that depending on what you rent and for how long the gear vary, they have day or three-day rates (for a weekend) and seven day rates.

For example, to rent a canoe for one day is $20; if students also need a two-man tent with the canoe for the day, it's an extra $6. Or if students would like to have a bonfire, to rent a kit that includes the fire pit, two buckets of wood, marshmallows, a water hose and a fire pit maker is $20 a night.

Also, if students are simply looking for information on local parks or possible outdoor activities, the EdVentures Center has a library of pamphlets, books and maps to look over.

"I would really encourage students to just drop on in and check out the gear we have and what we do over here," Pickenbrock said.

Their office is open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information on the program visit their website at www.uwsp.edu/centers/recreation/edventures/ or visit their Facebook page.

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For the Love of Writing

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The opportunity to express emotions through writing is something many students value at the Lincoln Hills Juvenile Detention Center. Thanks to the Lincoln Hills Poetry Project, students at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point provide an outlet for students to express themselves through poetry.

The Lincoln Hills Poetry Project allows UWSP students with a major or minor in English or Writing to go to the Lincoln Hills Juvenile Detention Center in Irma, WI, to work with students on their writing. The project gives the students an opportunity to share their love for writing while expanding their writing potential.

"Students from UWSP's LHPP travel to Lincoln Hills four to five times per semester. Being involved in the organization is a wonderful way for UWSP students to help make a positive impact in the life of a struggling teen. The project helps our students who care about and find joy in writing share that passion with others," said David Roloff, the faculty advisor for the Lincoln Hills Poetry Project.

Roloff explained that the project, which has been running for 15 years, has UWSP students conducting short lessons and working with the Lincoln Hills students on short pieces of writing such as poetry. The organization enables UWSP students to support young writers in finding their own voice.

The purpose is to provide the Lincoln Hills students with an expressive and creative outlet to help them reflect upon their lives. The LHPP offers a sense of accomplishment to the young writers as their final work is ultimately published in a booklet, which is celebrated in a release party with the students and their families.

"The project helps the kids express themselves in ways they may not be able to otherwise. It gives them a sense of community and I think that's a cool way to interact with them," said Molly Farley, a sophomore English major at UWSP.

Although the project is geared towards English and Writing students at UWSP, any student can get involved in the LHPP. In fact, any student willing to help young people work on small pieces of writing is encouraged to participate.

To get involved, students can contact David Roloff or SeiQuest Williams, the LHPP President.
To Stab with Foam

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From zero to 60 participants in only a few years, the Belegarth Club has begun to turn some heads. It’s easy to see why fighting each other with foam swords, flails and axes tends to do that.

This group hacks, slashes and bashes each other into submission while adhering to safe violence. As one of the more underrated clubs on campus, they show points for a body shot.

"As a veteran I enjoy this a lot, not only because I get to hit stuff with sticks, but because it’s very therapeutic," Johnson said.

The battles are based off of a point system: One point for a limb shot and two points for a body shot. If you have two points against you, you’re out. You must have sufficient force in order to win.

"Fights sometimes last just over two seconds and sometimes five to ten minutes at the national level. It all varies, just like in martial arts. We were at a tournament two weeks ago in Illinois where 400-500 people were playing. That battle took about 20-25 minutes," Johnson said.

Belegarth is not only similar to martial arts, but also similar to LARPing (Live Action Role Playing). You might even be familiar with LARPing from the movie "Role Models." However, do not go around thinking this is a LARPing group.

"It’s actually an insult. We don’t have identities that we have to act out - we just fight. Weapons that they use in LARPing are actually considered "unsafe" in our sport," Johnson said. The weapons are standard medieval equipment, even using bows weighing up to 35 lbs. that players have seen at larger tournaments.

The Belegarth Club was founded by Joey Shlagenhaft and Aaron Burg who then recruited Ethan Ostapowicz. Mostly through personal funding, the paperwork was filled out and they became official.

"Jeff Hamilton appeared from the north and scared us with the fact that he not only came with his own weaponry but could beat five guys attacking him at once...It was kind of terrifying," Ostapowicz said.

Although at first they were primarily personally funded, they are now one of two groups in the Midwest that receives funding through the university and one of few on the national level.

To learn more about Belegarth check out www.belegarth.com, Facebook interest pages, www.geddon.org, or the Belegarth at UWSP Facebook page. You can also email Chris Johnson at Christopher.E.Johnson@uwsp.edu or show up to one of their practices every Saturday from 1-4 p.m. in front of Debot.

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Belegarth warriors wage fierce battles with foam swords and shields.

Gary Clark, Jr.: "The Bright Lights EP" Review

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REVIEW

"You gonna know my name by the end of the night."

Gary Clark, Jr., a name you will remember after listening to his new EP, "The Bright Lights EP," has come up with something truly remarkable. If you enjoy groovy bass lines, epic blues riffs and a swinging drum beat, this is where you get your kicks.

With a voice of a true blues player, Gary Clark, Jr., reinvigorates the blues genre with an array of sounds reaching from melodic vocal-based songs to the grungy, gritty blues shuffle, creating a very versatile album that can aid in moods of frustration to inspiration.

Many of the blues riffs reminded me of Jimi Hendrix in sound, not style, that made me have a newfound appreciation for calm blues music.

It’s something that will literally have your eardrums starving for more.

Like a lot of music nowadays it does a fantastic job at taking the many greats of its genre and molding them into a sound all their own. Rock & roll/blues isn’t dead, people, it only took shotgun for a while.

With the help of a major record label, WB, it’s produced flawlessly and only for an EP. With just EPs of Gary Clark showing this muck spunk, I can’t help but think rock and blues are back in the driver’s seat.

Gary Clark’s fun and new take on the rock and blues genre is truly a breath of fresh air. The power and soul of the music is so strong it literally captivates you and is a must-listen if you enjoy rock or blues alternative.

"The Bright Lights EP" is a shining beacon which will hopefully light the path for many other up and coming rock and blues bands.

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Magic in the Encore

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Last Friday, Centertainment Productions hosted Magic: The Gathering tournament in the Encore where students threw down their gauntlets and battled each other with their cards instead of fists.

Magic: The Gathering is the biggest trading card game in the world, where collectable cards meet strategy and a bit of luck. There is even a professional level for Magic, which boasts hundreds of thousands of dollars up for grabs.

Centertainment's tournament brought hardcore and casual Magic players into a relaxed and friendly setting.

"I wanted it to be more based around fun, rather than competitiveness," said Austin Loveless, Travel and Leisure Coordinator and the director of the event.

Thirteen students attended the double elimination tournament, which Loveless felt was a good turnout after some miscommunication.

The winner of the tournament, Noah VanEe, turned out to be the Cinderella story of the night. VanEe was the first loss in the tournament and then came back in the loser's bracket to win everything, even beating his first opponent who he originally lost to.

"I got destroyed in my first match up and didn't expect to place very highly after that," said VanEe when asked about his performance in the tournament. "However, my deck just started working really well after that first game."

VanEe's story is even more impressive when you consider that it was his very first tournament after playing for little more than a year, starting in Oct. 2010.

"It was a lot of fun to meet some fellow Magic players and hang out for the night. Overall it was a great experience and I look forward to the next event," VanEe said.

For more information about future Centertainment events and the possibility of future tournaments, contact Austin Loveless at alove624@uwsp.edu.

The Extended Point Gathering Space—A New Performance Space

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Basking in the beauty of the woods, designer Korrin Lohmann and carpenter Adam Valesano, both of Minneapolis, Minnesota, spent four weeks in Stevens Point this past June creating the Extended Point Gathering Space—one of the newest additions to the Stevens Point Sculpture Park.

Before creating the new performance space, Lohmann and Valesano explored the sculpture park, created a concept rooted in functionality and accessibility, and presented their idea to the Sculpture Park Board. After their concept was accepted, they began construction on the Gathering Space a few months later.

With Lohmann a design instructor at the Art Institutes International in Minnesota and a Masters degree in Architecture and Valesano a carpenter, their roots lie in functional design. "Our goal was to create a gathering space for everyone, emphasizing functionality," Valesano said.

The Gathering Space was inspired by the trees around the area, with the intention of creating the feeling of sitting on a tree. Interactions with sculptures and with art is something that is very important to them in their work, and when asked what they hoped came of the space both Lohmann and Valesano exclaimed: "To be used!"

They recalled the joy and satisfaction that came from seeing the space being used after finishing it in late June.

The completion of their work was celebrated with a performance about nocturnal animals, featuring puppets created by second and fourth graders from the Stevens Point Washington and Jefferson schools.

Puppets were created with the help of the school's artist-in-residence Pam Corcoran, and were inspired by Fran Hammerstrom's book entitled "Walk When the Moon is Full" as well as a book of poems about nocturnal creatures entitled "Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night."

"Seeing the space being used is the best reception we could have asked for," Valesano said. "To have these kids perform here was an example of what the space could be used for."
I know I did. When I was younger I was afraid of the big three: werewolves, tornadoes and clowns. Now that I'm older I have come to the realization that the only werewolf I will have to deal with is me! All-Monster Team. shirtless a majority of the time. I no longer cower in the basement when there is a bandit in the area. I will stay away from trailer parks as long as I stay away from trailer parks. All the scary things to be found, and odds are I'll avoid tornadoes. Clowns are a different story. They could all get hit by a bus and I would not shed one tear.

No matter where you look there are scary things to be found, and sports are no exception. As admirable as athletes can be, there are some who have as domineering and intimidating a presence as the greatest movie monsters. So in honor of the Halloween season I have compiled a list of some of the scariest athletes ever:

**Freddy Krueger - Elizabeth Lambert:**

This is a fitting label for Rodman because when I was younger and watched him in his prime he always seemed as though he was from a different planet. Between his piercings, hairstyles, tattoos, wedding dress and his badass attitude on and off the court, Rodman is the quintessential Predator. Even though this season many of us saw a softer side to Dennis the Menace when he was inducted into the NBA Hall of Fame, don’t let that fool you. Rodzilla will always and forever be remembered as one bad man.

With his cold-blooded demeanor and the ring is reminiscent of the “Halloween” killer. He is powerful, relentless and unstoppable. Fueled by pure evil, The Undertaker has no regard for life as he frequently dismantles his opponents with ease. At the end of the Halloween movies, Michael “dies,” but obviously he’s not dead. Like Myers, The Undertaker can’t die. He has been killed before during matches but he continues to show up. He also appears on SmackDown and WrestleMania, as he boasts a perfect 19-0 record. Undying and undefeated, The Undertaker and Michael Myers are one in the same.

**The Wolfman - Clay Matthews:**

Now I know some of you are thinking, “Who is Elizabeth Lambert?” Well I would be happy to enlighten you. Maybe some of you saw highlights a couple years ago on ESPN from a woman’s college soccer match between BYU and New Mexico. Sound familiar? For those of you who did not see it, the highlights show several instances of blatant dirty play by Lambert including: punching, kicking the ball into a downed opponent’s face and most notably, hair pulling. Like Krueger, Lambert would not go in for the kill shot right away. That would be too easy. Lambert tolerated her targets endlessly until the referees finally penalized her for her vicious play. Check the video out on YouTube and see what I mean.

Michael Myers - The Undertaker:

Not all of them are cute and cuddly and run the other way when you see OJ buying a hockey mask.

**Predator - Dennis Rodman:**

In his second career start, sophomore quarterback Mitch Beau brought the Pointers back from a first half deficit to give the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point a 28-24 victory over conference rival UW-Eau Claire. The win places Point fifth in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings behind UW-Platteville.

The Pointers went into Saturday's contest surrendering over 150 rushing yards per game, and Eau Claire's running back tandem took advantage early. After back-to-back Beau interceptions, sophomore Joel Sweeney and senior Matt Olson scored on touchdown runs of 14 yards and 16 yards respectively to give Eau Claire an early 14-0 lead.

Point would answer the Bluegold's' success by scoring a touchdown in the second quarter on a touchdown pass from Beau to junior wide receiver Marc Young. The score would cut Eau Claire lead to seven points going into halftime.

Point came out strong and capped off a three-play opening drive with a 28-yard pass from Beau to junior wide receiver Theo Maglio to tie the game at 14.

The Pointers held the Bluegold's scoreless on their next drive, but failed to score as well and were forced to punt.

The punt pinned Eau Claire freshman wide receiver Clint Larsen on his own 17 yard line, but Larsen was able to evade defenders and return the punt for a touchdown. The return was the second longest in team history and gave the Bluegold back the lead, 21-14.

Point then fumbled the ensuing kickoff which would be recovered by Eau Claire. Eau Claire failed to gain a first down but took advantage of their field position and booted a 52-yard field goal to increase their lead to 10.

The Pointers defense would come around, led by last week’s WIAC defensive player of the week Joe Mlesiva. Point shut out Eau Claire’s offense the rest of the game allowing for Beau to run in the ball for the game winning score.

The Pointers’ next game is a road test against the WIAC’s top squad, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, on Saturday. Kickoff is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.
Texas Attempts to Clinch World Series

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Right-hander Colby Lewis takes the mound tonight after Game Six was postponed last night due to rain. Wednesday's postponement was the second World Series game at Busch Stadium to be postponed in the past six years.

A win tonight would mark the Rangers' first World Series title in team history and another milestone achievement in the storied career of manager Tony La Russa. The Rangers enter Game Six ready to hit in this pivotal Game Six, after Rzepczynski surrendered the game-deciding double to Napoli, who was still sitting in the bullpen, but ended up bringing in right-hander Lance Lynn.

After St. Louis dismantled Texas in a 16-7 victory in Game Three, Napoli has led the Rangers to two straight victories. Napoli is hitting .308 in the series with four hits, two of which have been home runs. Five of his nine RBIs have come in the last two games.

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Women's Volleyball Takes Tournament in Best Season Ever

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's volleyball team took their fifteenth straight victory last Saturday, Oct. 22, 25-17, 25-6, over Augustana College. Point was on top of their game as they dominated from start to finish. They won in straight sets with scores of 25-9 in each.

In their next 7:00 p.m. match, Point defeated Carroll University 25-15, 25-17 and 25-6.

Saturday morning Point faced off against St. Norbert College who was also undefeated in the tournament. Point fell behind early but a fierce series of volleys, tips, bumps and spikes ensued. The teams battled for victory like hyenas over road kill.

"The ball would float up just next to the net, hovering there, as if in slow motion. Suddenly, out of nowhere, two striking hands would appear. One, striking the ball over the net. The other, wearing what appeared to be a glove, but you never found out because it moved so gosh dang fast," said an anonymous spectator at the game.

Point won the match 3-1 (23-25, 25-15, 25-14, 25-16) remaining undefeated going into the championship match against St. Norbert.

Point was down early on but, they retained their composure and began to heat up. Soon they were beginning to combust, turning into an unstoppable blazing fireball of University Point. Point and La Crosse fought match 3-2 (15-25, 25-19, 25-18, 25-22, 15-13).

Volleyball is a sport of momentum and execution from fundamental skills, and also about mental toughness. You have to play each point and you can't focus on any mistakes that might have been made," White said.

"Things are looking pretty good. If we beat LaCrosse this Wednesday we will be conference champs... that hasn't been done in like 30 years, and would be really cool to be a part of. From there we start tourney play for the WIAC conference, then regional, then the NCAA finals," said junior middle hitter Jessica Diedrick.

"I think the winning momentum is really working good for the team. We are on a streak and no one wants to end it, so everyone is playing extra hard.


Point round-ed out the regular season this week with their sixteenth and seventeenth consecutive wins against Edgewood College on Monday and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Wednesday. The Pointers defeated both teams 3-1 to guarantee themselves at least a share of the WIAC Championship. The team's first five victories were ranked 1-5. UW-Whitewater and UW-Eau Claire are the only teams remaining with a chance of sharing the crown.

Next for the Conference Champs is the WIAC Tournament, beginning 1 November. The Pointers will find out their seed for the quarterfinals once the final weekend of regular season play wraps up.

WAY CHEAP INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE!
The Occupy Wall Street Movement, called Occupoint in Stevens Point, held a people's assembly downtown this past Saturday, where those in the rally were welcomed to discuss any issue that might be important to them.

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The Occupy movement can now add Stevens Point, Wisconsin, to its list of participating cities. Last Saturday, a group of about 50 community members and students met at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Sundial. Many arrived with signs and banners stating their reasons for joining the Occupy movement. The messages included: "We are the 99%," "Student Loan Debt = New Indentured Servitude," and "People Over Profit."

"The wonderful thing about the Occupy movement is that there is no single answer [to why we are here]," Carson said. "There is no one issue and there is no one political affiliation that is bringing these protests to life. We all have our own reasons and our own personal experiences that have brought us out here."

After gathering at the Sundial, the group marched to the downtown square, where the weekly farmer's market was being held. The Occupy movement began on September 17, when people descended upon the New York Stock Exchange in protest against Wall Street's influence on government. Since then, people have occupied spaces in over 1,000 communities in the U.S. alone, and many more across the globe. Now, the call for action against corporate greed has reached even this small Wisconsin city.

Kate Carson, a student who has been involved with organizing OccupiPoint, thinks one of the uprising's strongest points is that it covers a broad spectrum of issues.

Community members from different backgrounds told personal stories about what motivated them to join the movement. Among the crowd were folks from across the region, including Wisconsin Rapids residents who took the drive to attend the rally. Occupy Stevens Point organizers plan on keeping up the local contingent of the growing Occupy Together movement. They announced they will continue with another assembly to be held in the downtown square on Saturday, October 29. This will be followed by a "PotluckUPTIOn" potluck at the Chase Bank parking lot near downtown at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, and possible actions on the following Saturday, November 5.
Environmental Groups Draw Connections Between Deregulatory Bill and Mining Project

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A bill sponsored by Senator Neal Kedzie (R-Elkhorn) and Representative Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) would speed up the process by which mining companies approach state agencies and departments for resource extraction projects. This bill, part of the Legislature and Governor Walker’s “Special Session” on the jobs crisis, is being flagged as a “backdoor attempt to promote mining,” according to State Representative Brett Hulsey (D-Madison), and as a specific pathway to ease the approval of the controversial iron ore mine project in Ashland and Iron counties.

Assembly Bill/Senate Bill 24 (AB/SB-24) would allow mining companies to proceed with permits without public oversight, according to a press release issued last week by the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC), published in a brochure in which it claims that the potential environmental costs of the proposal are outweighed by its economic benefits.

“From mining equipment manufacturers in the Milwaukee area like F&H Mining and Bucyrus, to numerous agronomic suppliers throughout Wisconsin, the project will have a profoundly positive impact on jobs and our economy,” WMC declared. “The project will undergo an extensive and comprehensive review to ensure the environment is protected.”

According to the Capital Times newspaper, the mining company would explain how its plans were developed, the environmental impacts of mining, and the economic benefits of the project. However, the bill summary issued by Governor Walker’s office states that the bill will address “the placement of deposits and structures on the beds of navigable waters and the removal of materials from the beds of navigable waters,” confirming the connection between the Penokee wetlands mine proposal and SB/AB-24.

Representative Hulsey provided statistical information indicating that, in the past 20 years, the DNR has approved 98 percent of all 77,713 permit applications, indicating that DNR standards are already low. Other critics of AB/SB-24 are more vocal about the agenda behind this “jobs special session.”

“Governor Scott Walker and the Legislative Republicans revealed their long awaited ‘job creation’ agenda, which includes rolling back limits on air, water and land pollution, and allowing the DNR to deny a public hearing on permit requests. The bill would forbid the DNR from denying permits to companies on the basis of insufficient information. AB/SB-24 would reduce the area of protected wetlands in Wisconsin by limiting the state’s potential environmental costs of the project. The WMC declared. “The project will create 700 jobs if approved.”

After the bill failed in June, Gogebic Traconite stated that they would consider projects in neighboring states until the legislature changed the law and sped the project’s approval. Now, the Legislature has put the bill on the fast track, with hearings scheduled and already taking place this week beginning Wednesday, October 26, eight days after it was introduced.

Reportedly, Governor Walker, whose name is on the bill, wants the bill signed by the beginning of November. The process will be especially quick because the Legislature is in a special session, according to a WLCV release.

The state’s business lobby, the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC), published a brochure in which it claims that the potential environmental costs of the proposal are outweighed by its economic benefits. However, the bill summary issued by Governor Walker’s office states that the bill will address “the placement of deposits and structures on the beds of navigable waters and the removal of materials from the beds of navigable waters,” confirming the connection between the Penokee wetlands mine proposal and SB/AB-24.

Here are a few of the other provisions in Assembly Bill/Senate Bill 24:

**Current Law**

**Proposal**

**AIR**
- Requires that all new sources of air pollution from industrial operations demonstrate what affects the new pollution will have on public health standards before they can be issued a permit

**WATERS**
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**Groundwater**
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**Permitting**
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**Budget**
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**Infrastructure**
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**Public Hearings**
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**Economic Development**
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**Environmental Justice**
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**Human Rights**
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**Corporate Accountability**
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**Climate Change**
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Students Gather to Learn About Undergraduate Research

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The College of Natural Resources (CNR) Undergraduate Research Symposium Committee of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP) held a meeting on Monday night at 6:00 p.m. to introduce students to the research process and the upcoming symposium.

The symposium is an annual event and a venue for undergraduate researchers to showcase their work, particularly through poster and oral presentations, and to be recognized for their research.

Students like senior Joel Stokdyk and sophomore Nigel Golden have positively impacted participants by doing the experimental design, reading up on literature to trying to see if I can learn from anything or anybody else. I am more knowledgeable about how to do research," said Golden, a Wildlife Ecology major.

"My research has affected me in a number of ways. I have been through every process of research, from trying to get funded, going out and doing the experimental design, reading up on literature to trying to see if I can learn from anything or anybody else. I am more knowledgeable about how to do research," said Golden, a Wildlife Ecology major.

Topics discussed at the meeting included how to find a research mentor, how to formulate a research plan, finding funds for research and presenting his research on "Effects of Compost Tea on Microbial Biomass Carbon and Nitrogen." "Taking part in the convention was a great experience overall. It opened my eyes to the expanse of opportunities in soil and crop science," Stokdyk said. "There were 4,000-plus professionals, professors and students. It was an expo for instruments, machines, probes...oral presentations given by researchers and poster sessions. I came away with an appreciation for the expansive possibilities in the field and several specific interesting research topics."

"My research is on how commonly free ranging white-tailed deer are exposed to several diseases out of two sites in Wisconsin: Shiocton and Winter," Golden said. "My future research plan is to graduate and go for my masters degree and Ph.D. What I specifically want to research, I don't know yet, but I will do research."

The UWSP CNR Undergraduate Research Symposium is held in the CNR Main Lobby and first floor lecture halls, and this year will take place on Friday, March 30, 2012. Approximately 50 students present every year to 400-500 spectators. All students are welcome to present at the symposium. Visit www.uwsp.edu/cnr/research/symposium or e-mail CNRURS@uwsp.edu for more information.

WISPIRG Recognition Denied by SGA Senate

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On Thursday, October 20, the Student Senate voted down 4-12 an appeal by the Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group (WISPIRG) to gain recognized student organization status.

"They voted this way in spite of the fact that WISPIRG has a history over the past 10 years on the UWSP campus of strong wins for our campaigns. Just last year WISPIRG raised over $1000 for Hunger and Homelessness and phoned out over 3000 Get Out the Vote reminder," said Jessica Mauser, WISPIRG President.

WISPIRG’s problems started last semester. "Last Spring, newly elected officers took over at the end of the semester and voted to dissolve in a closed session," said Seth Hoffmeister, Student Senator and President of the United Council of UW Students.

During the summer, the new student senators informed the students that they would not be given access to the money that was allocated to them through the annual budget process for student organizations in the spring.

"Before their first hearing asking for re-recognition, the Speaker of the Senate had sent an email saying WISPIRG should not be recognized for a variety of reasons," stated Senator Nichole Guelcher. At the first hearing, only four students voted in favor of WISPIRG.

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"I had a conversation with Dr. Mitchits in which I expressed interest in research; he was very willing to help me get involved. His contribution is paramount to my undergraduate education, opening up exciting and engaging opportunities to learn," said Stokdyk, a Soil Science major.

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"Taking part in the convention was a great experience overall. It opened my eyes to the expanse of opportunities in soil and crop science," Stokdyk said. "There were 4,000-plus professionals, professors and students. It was an expo for instruments, machines, probes...oral presentations given by researchers and poster sessions. I came away with an appreciation for the expansive possibilities in the field and several specific interesting research topics."

"My research is on how commonly free ranging white-tailed deer are exposed to several diseases out of two sites in Wisconsin: Shiocton and Winter," Golden said. "My future research plan is to graduate and go for my masters degree and Ph.D. What I specifically want to research, I don't know yet, but I will do research."

The UWSP CNR Undergraduate Research Symposium is held in the CNR Main Lobby and first floor lecture halls, and this year will take place on Friday, March 30, 2012. Approximately 50 students present every year to 400-500 spectators. All students are welcome to present at the symposium. Visit www.uwsp.edu/cnr/research/symposium or e-mail CNRURS@uwsp.edu for more information.
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Grasping at Straws

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Last week featured two resounding victories for President Obama's foreign policy that left Republicans hopelessly trying to spin these victories into defeats. In fact, if Obama were a Republican, then they would have been calling for statutes and an addition to the side of Mount Rushmore in light of his foreign policy success during his first term.

Muammar Qaddafi’s death last week was the first of two announcements that added to an ever-increasing list of foreign policy successes that left Republicans praising any and every party responsible besides the President. Senator Marco Rubio of Florida presented the plaudits to the French and the British six months after saying from the senate floor that “they do not have the military capability to finish the job.”

In a Michelle Bachmann presidency Qaddafi would probably still be in power. On Sunday she told Chris Wallace on Fox News Sunday that President Obama was wrong to help the Libyan people overthrow Qaddafi because at least ‘we knew who the devil was.” May I remind the congresswoman who will never be president that Qaddafi has American blood on his hands.

The next day, President Obama announced that the United States would remove all U.S. troops from Iraq as per the Status of Forces Agreement that was signed by his predecessor, George W. Bush, and Republicans jumped all over him for that great announcement.

Mitt Romney said he was astonished to see Obama’s ‘failure to secure an orderly transition in Iraq’ despite the fact that the transition has been ongoing for 8 years and 181 days since George Bush announced “Mission Accomplished,” and taken 4,479 American military fatalities.

Meanwhile, not to be outdone, Governor Rick Perry issued a statement saying he was “deeply concerned” that the President “was slow to engage the Iraqis.” Newt Gingrich, another person who will never be president, said “the president has announced what will be seen by historians as a decisive defeat for the U.S. in Iraq,” two days after he said “the president is right” in removing all troops from Iraq.

Apparantly Perry and Gingrich have no idea what the SOFA is because if they did they would have known the democratically elected government of Iraq ratified the agreement in November 2008. Gingrich was right in his initial statement when he said, “This is not about Obama.”

While it is true President Obama was in negotiations to keep a couple thousand troops in Iraq to assist the Iraqi government with training, those negotiations ultimately broke down after the Iraqi government refused to grant legal immunity to those forces.

Afraid to not get her shot in the subject, Bachmann announced that the Iraqi government should reimburse us the full costs of the war, totaling around $800 billion. That is totally justifiable because the Iraqi people were lobbying the Bush Administration to invade their country in the run up to the war.

Rush Limbaugh took it upon himself to defend the Lord’s Resistance Army last week simply because they have the word “Lord” in their name which apparently means they are a Christian militia even though the group “has abducted thousands of people, mainly children, tortured and murdered; and looted and destroyed property.”

Limbaugh’s defense of the LRA came after President Obama announced he was sending a hundred troops to four central African nations to assist the governments in their fight against the LRA. In Limbaugh’s world the LRA is a Christian organization that is fighting Muslims and that is the sole reason why Obama would want to stop them, because remember Obama is a secret Kenyan Muslim.

Insisting countries pay us for liberation they never asked for; Defending deposed mass murderers to try and win a political point over a president you disagree with. This is what the Republican Party has become.

It is no surprise that President Obama has been able to achieve the most success during his time in office in the area of foreign affairs because he does not have to deal with a congressional Republicans that are so determined to fight him at every instance.

Stop trying to ruin the happiest movies on Earth

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"A whole new world, a new fantastic point of view, no one to tell us no, or where to go or say, we're only dreaming..." Now that I have that song stuck in your head as well as your attention, it's time for me to address something important: Disney movies.

Everyone has seen a Disney movie, if not all of them. If you haven't seen a Disney movie... well drop this paper right now and get one. But for the majority of us, we all know how an average Disney Princess movie goes:

There's a princess with one remaining parental unit, most likely a stepmother. She has some kind of disease that you want to reach but ultimately true love and a prince are the most important. There are a lot of songs with strange lyrics and music videos along the way. The bad guy dies and everyone's troubles are gone. They all live happily ever after.

Some people whine and say, "Disney gave me unrealistic expectations of hair, and made me feel like a prince was coming for me, and blah blah blah." Please: Do you really feel that way or are you just looking for something to complain about? Do you really want ten-year-olds watching a movie about how everyone dies alone in the end because that way it would be more realistic? Do you really want a movie where Cinderella's prince runs off with Snow White? No, you don't.

You don't want children to be pessimistic about the world; you want them to be happy. Disney makes everyone happy. Don't lie. Every time you watched a Disney movie was the first thing you thought, "This is so unrealistic." No. You thought, "Wow, I'm so happy. And I kind of just want to stand up and sing."

So stop complaining about how unrealistically happy Disney movies are.

There's a reason why Disney World is called the "happiest place on earth." It's because the movies are the happiest on earth and don't we all just need a little sunshine and song in our lives?
Barn Bash and Volunteer Clean-Up Successes for Central Rivers Farmshed

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This past weekend was a successful one for the local non-profit Central Rivers Farmshed. On Saturday, the group staged a volunteer cleanup day with the help of almost 60 volunteers at the recently acquired Sorenson Greenhouse.

In five hours, two of the five greenhouses were cleaned up as plywood walls, seedling tables and irrigation systems were knocked down. Central Rivers Farmshed hopes that the greenhouses, purchased by local author Patrick Rothfuss, will become a flourishing and prominent community food center.

Later that night, a benefit for The Greenhouse Project was held at the Wetter’s Farm on Casimir Road. The event was hosted by Farmshed and called the HallowGreen Barn Bash. Around 500 people attended as the night featured several bluegrass, beer from Central Waters, a chili cook-off, jack-o-lantern carving and psychic readings.

Over $8,000 was raised for the project, and the group is optimistic of the Greenhouse Project’s future and the community’s dedication to it.

“This is an enormous project, but everyone’s ready for it and they are lending both money and muscle to move it forward. It’s inspiring to be part of something so groundbreaking,” said Central Rivers Farmshed Interim Executive Director Layne Cozzolino.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point’s Student Government Association is also aiding the project, as a grant has been agreed upon to give $30,000 to employ a wide array of students from different disciplines to work at the greenhouse. SGA President Ryan Rutledge spoke to the importance of such a project to the area.

“I think the Greenhouse is not only a great opportunity for the students of UWSP to be involved in the sustainable procurement of healthy foods, but is also a great partnership with the community,” Rutledge said. “As per the grant with SGA, the Greenhouse has agreed to expend $18,000 of the funds directly back to the students.”

To get more info on the Central Rivers Farmshed, visit their website at www.farmshed.org.

The How-to Guide for the Perfect Halloween Makeup

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• Vampire Bites
• What you will need:
  • Fake blood (see recipe on back page)
  • Black eye shadow
  • Red eye shadow
  • Glue stick
  • Q-tips

Recipe for Fake Blood:
• 1 tablespoon of chocolate syrup
• 2 tablespoons of water
• 2 tablespoons of red gel food coloring (make sure its not the liquid kind)
• 1 cup of light corn syrup
Mix all of these ingredients together in a bowl. P.S.: This fake blood is edible!

Creating the Vampire Bites
• Start by making two small craters out of pieces of the glue stick. Take a small piece of the glue stick and roll it in your hand, and stick them on your neck.
• Cover the craters you made out of glue with foundation and then powder.

• Extreme Cat Eyeliner
• What you will need: Black liquid or gel eyeliner
• Matte eye shadow
• Draw a thin line close to your upper lash line from the inner to the outer corner.
• Extend the line at the inner corner down past your tear duct, and then create a “V” up to the start of your lower lash line, to create an extended inner corner.
• Following the natural curve of your lower lash line, extend the eyeliner up as far as you desire. Remember: the further the fiercer!
• Gradually fill out the wing by connecting it to your upper lash line.
• To finish the look curl your eyelashes, apply mascara and add false eyelashes if you desire.

• Put red eye shadow inside the crater as well as dusted along the outside.
• Put the black eye shadow along the inside of the crater.
• Take a Q-tip and put some of the fake blood in the crater and as much as you desire outside of the wound.

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