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News



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Paul Fowler, Executive Director of WIST, welcomes Focal Point 2011.

Focal Point 2011 WIST Unveils Annual Report

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The one-year-old Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology held its first annual report event in the Dreyfus University Center on Tuesday, October 4. The event, known as Focal Point 2011, was a free, half-day symposium showcasing WIST collaborations and projects.

Paul Fowler, executive director of WIST, addressed the assembly, discussing several market opportunities and potential challenges for Wisconsin, and described WIST's potential.

"WIST is a multi-disciplinary collaboration. Collaboration being the key," Fowler said.

Keynote Speaker

Fowler introduced Ben Brancel, Secretary of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and keynote speaker. Brancel described roadblocks in adopting sustainable practices in Wisconsin. One point was that some technologies are not available at reasonable scales for practical use. Brancel described how another challenge is "making the connections take place and collaborations happen."

There are many groups working towards common goals, although they may not be aware of each other.

A major challenge described was

educating the public with fresh information. Think of this as analogous to the switch from using an abacus to being upgraded to a TI-83.

Another roadblock involved is the search for an economically viable biofuel technology. Before focusing on clean air and water, this technology must be developed, tried and proven to work.

Symposium

A symposium by UWSP faculty followed the keynote address by Brancel. Eight sessions were held simultaneously in both the Alumni and Laird rooms.

Paul Doruska, Associate Professor of the UWSP College of Natural Resources, presented research on residual biomass equations, which showed how current equations overestimate residual biomass from Red Pine (*Pinus resinosa*) by 15 percent. Of the seven undergraduate students involved with the research, two have begun graduate school and the third is currently applying.

Bob Wolensky, Professor Emeritus of the UWSP College of Letters and Sciences, described a four-leg table of sustainable development. The legs were made of economic, social, environmental and civic factors. If one leg was too big or too small it would offset the table and dinner would fall off.

Gene Martin, visiting professor of the UWSP CLS, presented the UWSP Sustainable Commute Project, which asks the question, "How do you get to campus and why does it matter?" This question will help maximize transportation efficiency while decreasing greenhouse gas emissions. Interestingly, 70 percent of students live within five miles of campus. Of those, 80 percent live within two miles. To learn more, or to contribute to the study, visit www.uwspcommute.com.

Lunch

The event concluded with lunch and a presentation by Les Werner, Associate Professor of the CNR, on the formation of the Environmental Microbial Analysis and Research Laboratory (EMARL). The laboratory is an "interdisciplinary, collaborative consortium of faculty, researchers, four graduate students and an expanding 11 undergraduate students," whose "environmental microbial research will increase a seminal, baseline knowledge base and increase capacity to effectively manage resources," Werner said.

Focal Point 2011 successfully demonstrated that WIST is following its belief that "innovation fueled by collaborative research will help unlock opportunities in value-added processing and move Wisconsin for-

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Letter to the Editor

"The Pro-Death Party," what does that mean? In the September 15th edition of *The Pointer* Logan Carlson claimed that the "Pro-Death Party" was the Republican Party because of the death penalty. The question we need to ask ourselves is, is anyone perfect? If the answer is no then we are lead to ask, can any party be perfect? I would love for the answer to be yes, but reality is that it is not. The death penalty has a time and a place when it can and should be used justly.

If a criminal is putting the safety of the community at risk and cannot be stopped any other way, then for the safety of the community they should be executed. Is this always the context in which the death penalty is used? No.

So, if according to Carlson's statistic that the Republican Party is responsible for more executions than the Democratic Party it means that the Democratic Party is more pro-life, right? What about the 1.3 mil-

lion Americans the Democratic party allows to be unjustly executed each year? These are not criminals, not even people who have had the opportunity to do anything wrong. The Democratic Party supports 1.3 million abortions each year, and there were 46 executions in 2010 (not all under Republican Governors.) Who is the Pro-Death Party?

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[full circle thinking]

Stop the Ecocide at it's Source

How one signature can change the course of history

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Along the lines of genocide and crimes against humanity, ecocide - the destruction of ecosystems - has been proposed as an international crime against the peace. The law would be enforced by the United Nations and would result in national laws which would strongly discourage damaging and destructive activities while creating specific, legally binding duties and responsibilities.

Heavy extraction, toxic dumping, mining and deforestation are the specific types of activities that would be prohibited by the proposed law. Perpetrators found guilty would not be fined, but forced to clean up their mess and, in some instances, even improve the ecosystem they degenerated.

In fairly recent history we have witnessed many cases of ecocide.

Case Study I

The March 11, 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami, which lead to the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster, resulted in thousands dead and the release of radioactive materials. Some materials were deliberately vented and discharged in an attempt to cool the damaged reactors. Other materials were released by uncontrolled events.

Radioactive materials have been found in food and other products in places up to 200 miles from the power plant. At present, the plant is still releasing radioactive materials, though at a much lower level than the weeks after the earthquake.

Japan had a chance to exploit their 324 GW (gigawatts) of achievable renewable energy. Now, after the nuclear meltdown, the Japanese government is subsidizing renewable energy sources. The negligence that led to low upkeep of the plant would be considered ecocide.

In the next five years, 10-20 billion yen (\$13,042,900 - \$26,085,800 USD) will be spent on six floating wind turbines in the sea near Fukushima. Germany, Europe's economic superpower, has begun phasing out nuclear energy, favoring renewable energy.

Case Study II

Perhaps you may remember the April 20, 2010 explosion on the British Petroleum drilling rig, Deepwater Horizon, in the Gulf of Mexico. The event is considered the second largest environmental disaster in United States history, next to the dust bowl

of the 1930's. In the blast, 11 workers were killed and more than two-dozen others were injured. Oil spewed into the ocean for months after the incident, accumulating to some 4.9 million barrels (likely an underestimate).

Both of these ecocides could have been avoided with more stringent safety precautions and appropriate preventative measures.

Keystone Pipelines

TransCanada Corporation, based out of Calgary, Alberta is a North American energy infrastructure developer and operator that owns 36,661 miles of pipeline and 10,500 MW (megawatts) of energy production. The corporation wishes to install two pipelines through the United States. The first, Keystone I, is already under construction. But it is the second, Keystone XL that is really causing controversy.

The 2,147-mile, 36-inch diameter pipeline would transport bitumen from the Alberta tar sands to refineries in Texas. Bitumen is a dirty, sludgy, tar-like material often intermixed with sand and clay. Extraction of the bitumen is very resource-intensive, as the bitumen must be heated so that it can be pumped and processed into a form that can be transported to refineries.

Initially the Keystone I pipeline will have a capacity of 435,000 barrels per day, increasing to 590,000 barrels per day. The Keystone XL pipeline will further increase this to 1.1 million barrels per day.

Because of the way the pipelines are organized, Midwesterners are expected to see a 20-cent per gallon hike in gas prices by 2013. This will result in an additional \$2-3.9 billion in annual revenue for Canadian producers.

Midwestern farmers will be hit the hardest from fuel cost increases, further crippling their ability to compete with imported crops.



photo courtesy of www.oilworld2011.info
Tar sand is a sticky combination of sand, water and bitumen.

The majority of the bitumen piped to the Gulf Coast will not go to the US. Instead, the bitumen will be refined into diesel fuel and other products that will be exported to Europe and Latin America.

The pipeline would cross several sensitive regions such as the Sandhills in Nebraska, the Ogallala Aquifer and an active seismic zone. Spills in any of these zones would be catastrophic, crippling the Midwestern economy, poisoning drinking water for two million Americans and potentially impairing \$20 billion of U.S. agricultural production.

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The Big Picture

If there's one thing we've learned from the recent nuclear disaster and the Deepwater Horizon well explosion, it is that we can't cut any corners. Yet, TransCanada has been accused of using thinner steel and pumping at higher pressures than normal, creating a recipe for disaster.

This is a really interesting situation as there are so many parties involved, each skewing the facts to suit their agenda. From oil companies competing in Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and Venezuela to environmentalist groups, investors and local governments, everyone has propaganda blood on their hands.

The technologies involved with harvesting and processing bitumen are portrayed as state of the art and fairly efficient, compared to older methods of extraction. However, efficient is a relative term.

"176 cubic meters of natural gas are required to liquefy, extract, and purify each cubic meter of bitumen produced," said Eddy Isaacs, director of the Alberta Energy Research Institute.

What does this have to do with Americans?

America is in a unique position to say, "No, no more fossil fuels. We need to move forward, not continue this unsustainable path." With a simple stamp, President Barack Obama could send a revolutionary, Earth-changing message around the globe. Or he could place his John Hancock on the line and send the message that profit is to be sought above all else, including our children.

Will he stand up to his campaign promises to clean up Washington and end the tyranny of oil?

So far, 1,253 brave people have been arrested in Washington D.C. for peacefully protesting the Keystone XL pipeline, including NASA's lead climatologist James Hansen and Bill McKibben, environmental activist and author. Letters from the Dalai lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu are but a few arriving daily asking President Obama to veto the bill. Protests are taking place across the continent as people from all walks of life are coming together to say "No."

A mass protest is scheduled for Nov. 6, 2011 in Washington D.C. The protest will encircle the Whitehouse and peacefully demand that the President veto the bill. The event is being arranged by www.tarsandaction.org.

Will we learn from the mistakes of our past? Will we act while we still can?

"What the US and China do over the next decade will determine the fate of the world," said Energy Secretary Steven Chu, Nobel Prize winning physicist who is leading President Obama's push for a clean-energy society.

news

HEC Solar Panels Remain Idle

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is known for being an environmentally friendly campus, committed to its sustainability through recycling, energy conservation and continually exploring new ideas. However, low budgets render many innovative projects, such as dealing with the inactive solar panels on the Health Enhancement Center, impossible for our university.

UWSP has made many energy saving changes throughout the past few years, one of which has been the installation of solar panels. Walking around campus, many students may have noticed the solar panels on some of the residence halls such as Knutzen, Pray-Sims and the recently renovated Neale and Suites @ 201 halls.

These solar panels produce heat for all of the water in each building, thus saving a large amount of energy. Water-heating solar panels are also installed on buildings such as the HEC and the Noel Fine Arts Center.

Rumor has been that the solar panels installed on the HEC have been turned off, when in fact they were never turned on. According to Shelly Janowsky, the sustainability coordinator at UWSP, the campus received some extra thermal collectors when the solar panels were serviced on Knutzen Hall in 2006, all of which were built by the same company, Solar Mining.

Solar Mining went out of business shortly after the university received the extra panels, so as a result the panels were never made

functional. They were left idle at that time because there was no solar contractor with the state, and there was no available funding. With nowhere else to go with the panels, they were installed on the HEC to protect them from damage.

Since then, the state has contracted a new vendor for the solar thermal energy services, H&H - Regenis Power, LLC.

"This past spring, the Division of State Facilities had Regenis do a site survey on campus to determine if there was potential to use the panels to heat the pool. Regenis found that the panels were low-producing; they did not produce enough energy to sell back," Janowsky said.

After several attempts to evaluate the solar panels located on the HEC, these are still not functioning, particularly due to the small amount of energy they produce.

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"The panels that are on the HEC are just collectors and have never been in service or even connected to a solar thermal system. They haven't been removed because of the cost associated with removal and disposal," Janowsky said.



photo by Emily Hoffmann

Solar panels have been installed on the roof of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Health Enhancement Center.

a solar thermal system. They haven't been removed because of the cost associated with removal and disposal," Janowsky said.

The university hopes to eventually put the panels to use, but is unsure whether or not that will be possible due to the low availability of funding

for this sort of project.

"We have been looking into funded options with no clear path in sight. Unfortunately, we have been told that renewables are not likely to be approved with conservation funds under this administration. We hope that will change," said Robert Oehler, director of facility services.

Even though the solar panels on the HEC are currently not being used, UWSP continues to look into energy conservation measures around campus to keep UWSP green.

Lecture Series Promotes Disability Awareness on Campus

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College students are often their own harshest critics. They feel inadequate socially, overweight, out of touch, or maybe they think they're annoying. There are plenty of ways for them to pick themselves apart, but how often do they realize how fortunate and able they actually are.

If you know someone who has a disability, or you are disabled, you may have considered this before. What one person may take for granted can be the biggest hurdle in another person's life.

To commemorate Disability Awareness Month, the Disability Advisory Council is hosting a lecture series titled "Celebrate All Abilities" next week on campus. The DAC is an on-campus group that aims to increase awareness about disabilities, advocate related issues, and report that information to the university.

On Tuesday, October 11th,

nationally known speaker and author Bill MacPhee will host a lecture in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center titled "Living with Schizophrenia." MacPhee was diagnosed with Schizophrenia in 1987, and with the aid of medication and therapy, has regained control of his life.

The series continues on the 12th and 13th with presentations from Gary Cumley, Pam Terrell, and Kelsey McCoy. Their presentations are titled "Asperger's Syndrome: A Different Perspective," and "Understanding & Supporting Students in Distress." Terrell and Cumley's lecture will talk about the characteristics of Asperger's, and the relation to social skills and the perspectives of other people.

Terrell said that these lectures will provide a valuable experience to those looking to learn more about the condition.

"I hope that people can appreciate the strengths of Asperger's as

well. It is classified as a disability, but there are a lot of wonderful things about Asperger's. Most people with Asperger's tend to be very bright. They tend to be very creative thinkers and often very visual, excelling in art, engineering, and visual-spatial skills," said Terrell.

Scott Allen is a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student with Asperger's Syndrome that is involved with a student group that meets to share ideas and discuss their experiences. Allen is currently working on a book about what it is like to have the condition.

Allen said that the symptoms and diagnosis vary greatly from person to person, and that two people can have Asperger's and be affected in a completely different way. He said that people often have trouble relating to those with Asperger's, because it is not as obvious to them as a physical disability.

"You can see if someone has difficulty walking or is missing a hand

or an arm, you can immediately relate to the difficulty that person would have. It's easy for people to understand because it's more obvious," said Allen.

Another UWSP student with Asperger's, Tony Marquez-Barrientos said that he had difficulties growing up with the condition, but he was lucky to have a few relatives and close friends who provided him with relief.

"Even if you don't have many friends, but you have one or two close friends, it's still a refuge and a person you can talk to," said Marquez-Barrientos. He also said that these lectures are important for people to attend, whether they have a disability, know someone with one, or just want to learn more.

The DAC has more information on the lecture series on their website at <http://www.uwsp.edu/equity/Pages/disabilityCouncil.aspx>.

Sports

Bucky Shucks Nebraska

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Commentary

Saturday's matchup between Wisconsin and Nebraska marked the first time two top 10 teams have met in Camp Randall since 1962. The game was supposed to be Wisconsin's first real test of the season. It was also supposed to be Nebraska's grand welcoming into the Big Ten, and who better to welcome them into the conference than the Badgers.

Shootout, battle, thriller; these are some of the words that were used in anticipation for this game. Not once did I hear the word "blowout" until after the game was over and the scoreboard read 48-17.

As I stumbled into Fat Sandwich Company on State Street the night before the game I became acutely aware there was something unfamiliar present. I came to realize the source of my uneasiness was a gentleman a few people ahead of me.

He was dressed in the garb of a Nebraska fan. However, he was not the Nebraska fan that would

throw on a ball cap and t-shirt then head to his favorite bar to watch the game. This was a Blackshirt. This was the guy that blows everything he has in his checking account to buy a ticket, make a reservation at the finest hole in the wall motel he can find, and drive to Madison to make a drunken ass out of himself before, during and after the game.

He made outrageous claims about the outcome of the game, the season, and tried his best to convince all of us that Nebraska's sophomore

quarterback Taylor Martinez was better than Wisconsin's Godsend, senior Russell Wilson.

I'm the kind of guy that gets a little touchy when there is negative talk floating around about my team, and that night I was in the perfect state of mind to say something about it. After a few quick insults about the Cornhuskers and a reaffirmation that Russell Wilson is quite superior I had more than a few Badger fans on my side.

As the night went on there was more of the same. These Husker fans were like Pauly D and Vinny in Italy, they just walked around the streets liked the owned the place. I could not go five steps without hearing a Nebraska fan slurring insults at me. Therefore I took it upon myself to remind every one of them that they weren't in the cornfields anymore.

The following afternoon was even worse. ESPN College Gameday analyst Lee Corso had picked Nebraska to win. Many of the fans I saw the

previous night were nursing hangovers. On top of that it was Hempfest all weekend. These people were so far

out on the edge they began talking trash in the middle of Chipotle.

They became even more unruly after the game started. When Wisconsin failed to get off to a fast start and seemed unable to stop Nebraska's option, the Husker fans became more unbearable. They had to be stopped, but I was just one little boy. How could I stand up to an army of corn eating monsters? Turns out I didn't have to do anything but watch.

Wilson completed 14-of-20 passes for 255 yards and two touchdowns



After routing Nebraska 48-17 Saturday night, Badger quarterback, Russell Wilson, leaves the field at Camp Randall.

while rushing for another. Junior running back Montee Ball rushed for a season high 151 yards and tied his career high with four touchdowns.

Sophomore receiver Jared

Abbrederis led the team with five catches for 95 yards and a touchdown. Senior receiver Nick Toon wasn't far behind with four receptions for 94 yards and a touchdown.

Martinez showed early signs of his ability. The Husker's offensive line was able to open up big holes, allowing Martinez and junior running back Rex Burkhead to gouge the Wisconsin defense for big gains. But Martinez's awkward throwing mechanics proved ineffective when trying to rally his team. He completed just 27.2 percent of passes of 15 yards or more.

As the dejected Cornhusker faithful slowly emptied Camp Randall, they avoided making eye contact with any Badger fan. Good choice.

The ones unfortunate enough to meet the stare of someone wearing a "Shuck Em Bucky" t-shirt got a razz-

ing that is only comparable to the one reserved for the kid that grew armpit hair first in elementary school.

Nebraska's football team can be easily equated with a Nebraska cornfield. One day you look out at it and bask in the potential wealth it represents. The next day it's being mowed down to the ground.

I think Brian, the drunken Badger season ticket holder next to me said it best. "Is this a Nebraska technical college?" No Brian. No it isn't.

NCAA WEEKEND MATCHUPS

9 Oregon	vs.	Cal	Thur.	8pm
1 LSU	vs.	17 Florida	Sat.	2:30pm
3 Oklahoma	vs.	11 Texas	Sat.	11am
7 Stanford	vs.	Colorado	Sat.	6:30pm
14 Nebraska	vs.	Ohio St.	Sat.	7pm
2 Alabama	vs.	Vandy	Sat.	6pm

Uninviting Weather at the Notre Dame Invitational

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point cross country team headed to South Bend, Indiana for the Notre Dame Invitational on Friday. Men's Head Coach Rick Witt and women's Head Coach Megan Craig both led their respective teams to a 14 of 20 finish.

Besides the 19 other schools,

the Pointers had to compete against intense winds and cold weather as well. Adding to the elements, the grounds were soft due to recent precipitation in the area.

Joining the Pointers as representatives of Wisconsin were the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The Pointers were one of only three selected Division III

schools to compete.

The women were able to finish ahead of the other Wisconsin schools, while the men beat Milwaukee and Green Bay but could not catch up to Oshkosh, which finished sixth.

Grand Valley State University finished ahead of everyone in both the men and women's race.

Senior Kelly Haen finished 34th in a time of 18:37 for the Pointer women. Following her was a 69th place finish in 19:21 by freshman Julia Colling, 81st place in 19:31 for sophomore Annie Olson and 93rd place in 19:48 by sophomore Kelsey Laska. Junior Abby Reynolds rounded off the Pointer women, finishing in 108th place with a time of 20:14.

Haen has personal best times of 5:18.80 in the mile, and 37:25.00 in the 10,000 meter. She is proving herself as a leader in her final season in hopes of getting the team ready for the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships at the end of the

month.

Senior Terry Witkowski led the men's team with a time 26:14 for 58th place. Close behind him was junior Evan Cooper who ran the course in 26:22, placing 60th.

Sophomores Michael Moore and Dan Sullivan ran times of 26:31 and 26:33 and placed 65th and 67th respectively. Junior Logan Seipel finished 80th with a time of 26:46.

The men and women's teams' highest finish of the season came at Concordia where they both finished second.

Coach Witt is coming off of a 2010 season where he was crowned the WIAC Coach of the Year award. He is no rookie to this award, taking it 14 times throughout his illustrious career.

The Pointers will hit the trails this weekend at the Lawrence Invitational in Appleton on Saturday. Both the men and women runners will be in competing.

sports

Late Eagle Rally Gives Pointers First Conference Loss

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team traveled to La Crosse to take on the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Eagles on Saturday. The opening game in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference began the same way it ended: with an Eagles score.

La Crosse got the ball rolling with a 20-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Mike Butterfield to sophomore running back Ben Hertrampf.

Point answered with a nine-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Casey Barnes to senior wide receiver Mike Mullins, making it a 7-7 ball game.

The second quarter began with Point taking advantage of a La Crosse punt. Senior kicker Jered Fohrman

connected on a 37-yard field goal to break the tie.

With the pointer lead at 10-7, the Eagles were again stopped without points and forced to give UWSP the ball back with enough time to score before halftime.

Senior running back Cory Flisakowski punched in an eight-yard touchdown after seven plays, taking the lead to 17-7.

Butterfield responded single handedly with a two play drive in which he ran for a 58 yard touchdown, putting the Eagles back in the game at 17-14.

With time remaining, senior linebacker Curtis Krump forced a Butterfield fumble, giving the ball back to the offense. The Pointers drove to within field goal range and Fohrman connected on a 35-yard field goal, bringing the lead to 20-14.

Point got the ball back to begin the second half and picked up where they left off. Barnes passed to junior running back Keith Ingram for a 12-yard touchdown to make it a two score game. The Pointers completed a two point conversion thanks to a Barnes rush, making the score 28-14.

Momentum began to shift as the Eagles converted on fourth down on a fake punt run by junior running back Kevin Lindh. Then on fourth and five the Eagles faked a field goal and scored on a 25-yard pass by the placeholder, junior Kevin Schams, to senior wide receiver Nate Ward. The trick play put the Eagles within a touchdown at 28-21.

Point was again unable to move the ball and had to punt to a now confident Eagles offense. Six plays, 71 yards later, the Eagles tied the game at 28-28. Butterfield completed

a five-yard pass with a little over four and a half minutes remaining to Eagles sophomore wide receiver Tony Bilderback.

With one minute remaining, Fohrman lined up for a 49-yard attempt on fourth down that could decide the game, but his attempt sailed wide right, leaving the score knotted at 28.

The Eagles took over with 68 yards separating them from the end zone. They wouldn't need that much real estate. La Crosse drove 67 yards and spared one second to kick a game winning 18-yard field goal to hand Point a 28-31 loss in their first conference matchup of the season.

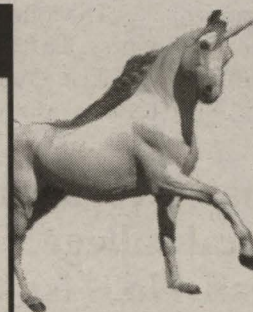
This weekend the Pointers will try and rebound with a win on homecoming weekend against the University of Wisconsin-Stout. The game starts at 1:00 p.m. at Goerke Field.

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Brewers Brass Deserves Thanks

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Commentary

Not enough credit can be given to the front office of the Milwaukee Brewers this year. It's been the efforts of General Manager Doug Melvin and the fiscal commitment of owner Mark Attanasio that have propelled this team into one of the most fascinating and fun teams to watch this year.

With roster moves that included bringing in pitchers Zack Greinke

and Shaun Marcum, the Brewers were instant contenders for the NL Central Division. The man responsible for bringing it all together was new manager Ron Roenicke.

A bench coach for the Angels just a year ago, Roenicke was able to keep this team playing at a high level all season, including a second half that was one of the best in Brewer history.

Very rarely this season did Brewer fans get to question Roenicke, because he often did what a fan of the game would do. He treated this team almost as if it was a video game,

keeping this young squad interested throughout the year. Being aggressive on the base paths and playing small ball was a style unfamiliar to this team, but he sold the concept and the team couldn't have gotten a better product.

Like any good player's manager, the trust went both ways for the team. Being one of the youngest teams in the division, the status quo would often drain this team and frustrate them in previous years.

Former managers Ken Macha and Ned Yost would often favor less

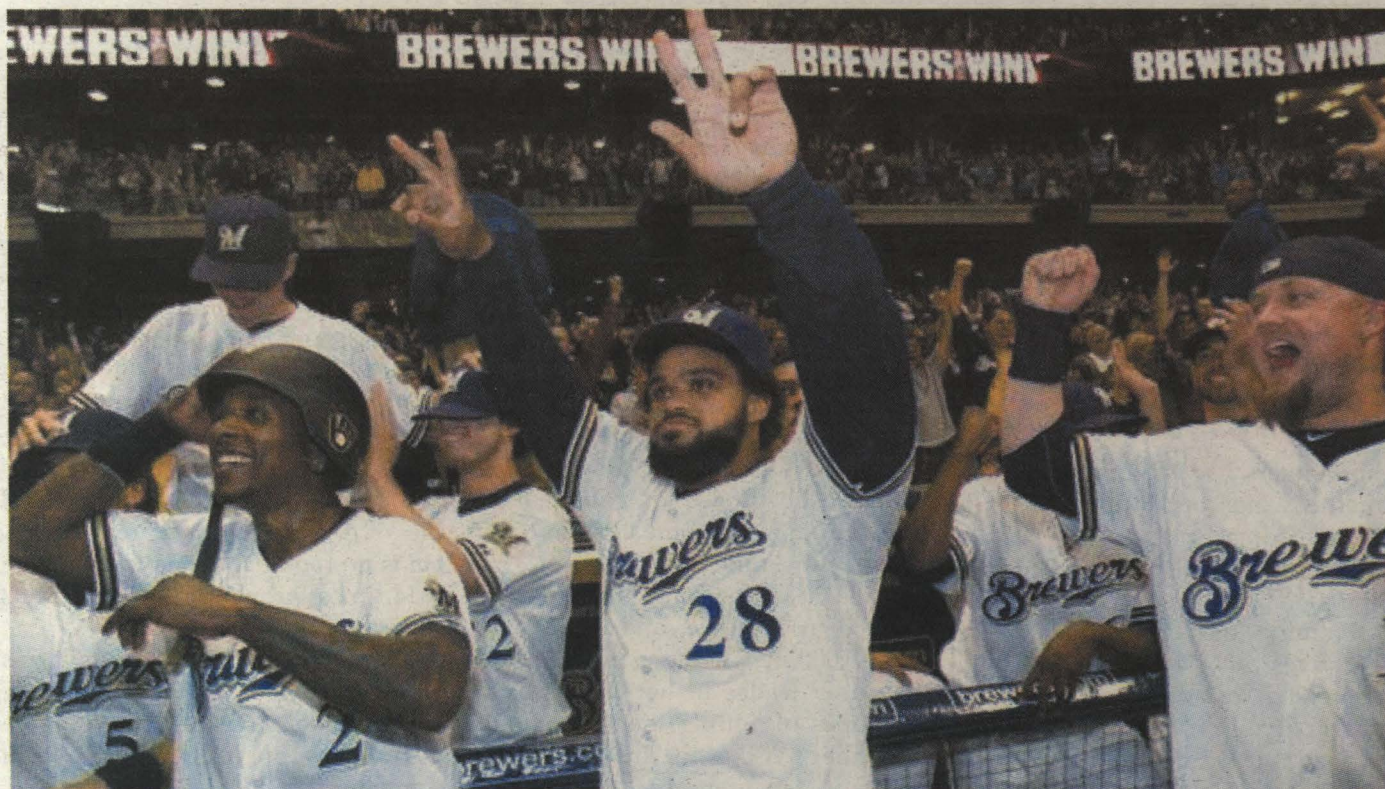
antics and more professionalism in the game. This year we saw the emergence of an alter ego, people switching from "the belt" to "beast mode", and a player's 0 for 45 streak brought a team together.

Nyjer Morgan was the best position player addition to the squad. His post game interviews and the creation of "beast mode" ignited Brewer fans and caused this team to laugh all year.

Tweeting as Tony Plush, Morgan asked his followers what to do on his day off in Milwaukee. An hour later he posted a picture of himself flying a kite, saying thanks for the suggestion. He's the perfect kind of crazy for this team, almost like the youngest brother who's the most immature at dinner.

This team was the kids' table at Thanksgiving, loud and obnoxious with inside jokes, but could take the adults outside and crush them in sports. Roenicke was the perfect enabler to a team that needed to have fun.

It's a great time to be a fan of Wisconsin sports, but the Brewers are making a different kind of noise. Sure the Packers won a Super Bowl, and the Badger's Russell Wilson looks like this year's Cam Newton, but it's been a long time since the Brewers were serious contenders for a pennant. Milwaukee is just waiting to erupt for their team. Let's face it; there is no greater feeling than hearing Bob Uecker plugging Usinger's Sausage in October.



The Brewers celebrate their first National League Central Division championship in their history.

Pointlife

International Students Adapt to UWSP Culture

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Imagine traveling to another country, leaving behind everything you know and walking into a university populated with people who don't speak your native language and look nothing like you.

Two international students, Ana Maria Guevara and Sergio Garcia, spoke about their adjustments to the culture here at UWSP. The students are both new to campus as of Sept. 29 and oddly enough, the two met at the Detroit Metro Airport, both traveling from Columbia with Stevens Point as the final destination.

The international students here at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point travel from countries all across the world to study, most speaking English as a second language. These students must adjust to more than only the language barrier, but also the cultural differences.

Most of UWSP's population consists of students native to Wisconsin and Minnesota who see the culture here as normal. The food we eat, the clothes we wear and even the way we speak is all a part of our culture.

Believe it or not, camouflage is not globally known as common attire. Living here we don't think much of our culture, but ironic enough, when coming from another country's culture camouflage stands out like a sore thumb.

Both agreed that the culture here is extremely different from their hometown, Bogotá, Columbia, as the capital city of Colombia is an extremely populated urban area. Relative in size to New York City, it has large buildings and attractions most everywhere, making Stevens Point extremely small in comparison.

Shocked at the small amount of city life that surrounds Stevens Point, both Guevara and Garcia enjoy it here.

"Here there is green everywhere! At home buildings are everywhere," Guevara said.

Also surprised at how small Stevens Point is, Garcia enjoys being in a quieter community opposed to the busy city life back home in Columbia. Garcia was also surprised at the difference in the food here compared to the food in Columbia.

"The food is different here. People use a lot of salt, pepper and other spices," said Garcia, referring to



Photo by Samantha Feld
International students, Cintya Bocaugel (right), from Peru, and Khaikai Dorsch (left), from Thailand, spend time in their dorm room.

the excessive amount of condiments Americans use on food.

Countless universities across the country provide international studies programs, UWSP being one of them, so why did these students choose Stevens Point? Guevara chose UWSP because a family friend knew about the school, and Garcia chose UWSP because he had heard the English as a

Second Language program here was phenomenal.

Although it may take a little more adjusting to get used to the culture of Stevens Point, Guevara and Garcia are both enjoying what they have experienced so far and are excited for what is to come.

Show Off Your Pointer Pride This Week

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Excitement is the notable feeling on campus this week as students celebrate what they love best... being a Pointer! This week is all about showing school spirit, having fun and participating in events to win cash and prizes. Homecoming is a time at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point when you can never have on too much purple and gold!

Kicking off homecoming week was the 5K Fun Run on Sunday, October 2nd. The race started at the Allen Center and went right through Schmeekle Reserve. Each of the participants received a t-shirt.

Monday's cake decorating contest brought 13 teams in to show how much Pointer spirit they can exert on a round angel food and small chocolate cake. The contestants were given one hour and various small supplies to decorate with. Most groups had a basic strategy when going about their decorating.

"We're each doing a different task so we can get what we need done in a faster time," said Kayla Johnson, member of Team Zeus, a.k.a. "Team Don't Feed the Art Majors."

The team consisted of Teela Davis

and Mary Jo Tomich as well, who entered because they "wanted some free cake." If the free cake wasn't enough to entice decorators to participate, the \$200 cash prize was. After being judged on execution of theme, technique, and creativity, the win went to Team Party Rock, consisting of Olivia Locascio, Kelsey Nelson, Emily Glinski, and Julia Watson. Team Zeus and Team Frosted Sponge tied for second place.

The Encore should have been renamed "So You Think You Can Sing" on Tuesday night when 25 students held their own in a karaoke competition. Judged on stage presence, singing ability and audience reaction didn't faze the top three singers.

The winner, Chad Whitney, brought the crowd to their feet with his rendition of "Purple Rain" by Prince. Chad won \$100 in gift cards by entertaining the crowd with his crazy dance moves, singing in the audience, blowing kisses to the judges and playing air guitar.

Jessica Hoof took second place and won a UWSP sweatshirt for her passionate rendition of "Rolling in the Deep" by Adele.

Shawn Ward won third place and a

HAPPY HOMEcoming!

Here is What's Happening

THURSDAY

Minute To Win It
Laird Room, DUC, 7:00 PM

FRIDAY

Volleyball Tournament
Allen Center
Volleyball Courts, 3:00 PM

Homecoming Dance Party
Featuring "Fat Brass"
Laird Room, DUC, 7:30 PM

SATURDAY

Homecoming Parade
Streets, 10:00 AM

All Campus Picnic
Front lawn of Old
Main, 11:00 AM

UW-Stevens Point
Pointers vs. UW-Stout
Blue Devils
Goerke Field, 1:00 PM

\$25

gift card to iTunes by singing "Dream On" by Aerosmith. He was definitely an audience favorite, even hitting the high notes like Steven Tyler himself.

There is an ongoing hunt for a medallion that will win someone a \$200 amazon.com giftcard. Each event during homecoming week gives out one hint as to where the medallion is hidden.

The week is only half over so make sure to check out the Minute to Win it competition on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Laird Room. This competition will be based off of the TV show. There will also be a volleyball game on Friday at the outside courts in the Allen Quad. Free t-shirts will be given to all who compete in this event and cash prizes for the winners in both events. There's still

time to register yourself or a team at the homecoming website.

Also, don't forget the homecoming dance party featuring "Fat Brass" in the Laird Room of the DUC at 7:30. The homecoming parade will take place on Saturday, October 8 starting at 10 a.m. The floats will be judged on creativity, school spirit and crowd involvement. Following the parade will be an all campus picnic at 11 a.m. in front of Old Main before the football game against UW-Stout at 1:00 p.m. For more information on any of these events, check out

Hootenany gathers in the woods for a good cause



Photo by Kate Carson
Hootenany raised awareness of potential environmental damages that would result from a proposed mining project in Ashland, Wisconsin.



Photo by Kate Carson
People around the state learned of the impacts the proposed mine would have through activities at Copper Falls State Park.

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More than 50 people from around the state gathered last weekend for the Hootenanny for the Hills Campout in Copper Falls State Park, an event sponsored by Students for a Democratic Society and organized by the Penokee Hills Education Project.

The goal of the campout was to raise awareness of the environmental damages that would result from a proposed open-pit taconite mine in Ashland and Iron counties, the proposed changes to state environmental and mining laws and the impacts this mine would have on the people of the Bad River Ojibwe Reservation. Activities consisted of guided waterfall hikes, a tour of the proposed mine site, and speakers. Mike Wiggins Jr., chairman of the Bad River Band of Ojibwe Indians.

The company proposing the mine is Gogebic Taconite (GTAC), a Wisconsin subsidiary of Cline Resources and Development Group, known for its mountaintop coal removal practices in the Appalachian Mountains. They have purchased mineral rights on 22,000 acres in Ashland and Iron counties.

The company claims that they will provide jobs in this economically depressed area for 30 years without degrading the environment or water quality. However, before they move on this project, they are demanding major adjustments to our state's mining and environmental regulations, currently among the strongest in the country.

Frank Koehn, a native rights and environmental activist and guest speaker at the event, claimed that the only reason GTAC is demanding

changes to our laws is because they do not have the technology to operate this mine without severely degrading the environmental and water quality.

He also focused on the impacts the mine would have on the people in the community surrounding the mine, claiming that explosions from the mining site could register as a 1.8 or higher on the Richter scale, disturbing not only the area's human residents, but also livestock and wildlife.

Koehn stated that if this mine were to be developed, thousands of acres of forest would be clear-cut, wild rice beds would be destroyed, fisheries damaged and the groundwater polluted. One of his major concerns surrounding the mine was the impact that it would have on the Ojibwe people.

Mike Wiggins Jr., chairman of the Bad River Tribal Council, detailed some of the major impacts the proposed mine would have on his people. The Bad River Band Ojibwe reservation covers over 100 miles of streams and rivers on the Bad River watershed.

According to Wiggins, the mine threatens the wild rice, fish and animals that his people depend upon for subsistence and could destroy their culture. He explained that the Band's cultural identity and way of life is highly dependent upon maintaining the health and integrity of the watershed.

Juan Gonzalez, a Pointer who attended the event, said, "After having been up there, seeing the place, and learning about the actual tolls that the mine would take on the environment and the Ojibwe people, I'm convinced that the mine must be stopped."

Students put themselves in poverty's shoes

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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students recently got a glimpse at what life is like for America's poor. Community Action Program Services and the Portage County Hunger and Poverty Prevention Partnership co-sponsored a poverty simulation at the Dreyfus University Center Alumni Room last Friday.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 46.2 million people in our country are now living below the poverty line. With so many people struggling to make ends meet, the UWSP Student Involvement and Employment Office made plans to educate students about the realities of poverty. Shannon Williams, the Student Involvement and Employment Coordinator for SIEO, was one of the organizers of the simulation.

"This is the first time we've worked with CAP Services and the Portage County Hunger and Poverty Prevention Partnership to host this

particular simulation at UWSP," Williams said. "Several people said it challenged their previous ideas about the circumstances surrounding poverty."

The simulation began by assigning students to "houses" that relied on each other for their everyday needs. Volunteers manned tables where they acted as community businesses or services. Each person in the house had responsibilities, including finding work and transportation, and a very limited amount of money. The parallels between the simulation and student's own lives were many.

"A lot of [college students] are living on really small incomes," said Anne Morgan, a sophomore at UWSP. "It's amazing to me how many people can live on even less than most of us do every day."

At the end of the simulation, participants and volunteers discussed their experiences. Each participant was asked to commit to one action they would take as a result of participating in the simulation.

"The main goal of the simula-



Photo by Rachel Hanson
Students gather in the Alumni Room in the Dreyfus University Center to experience something similar to poverty.

tion was to inspire people to take action," Williams said, "whether that is through volunteering, advocating, or further educating themselves." SIEO plans to anonymously display those action statements in the DUC concourse over the next couple of weeks.

There are many other resources and opportunities to learn about poverty. You can learn more by checking out the SIEO SERVE website at www.uwsp.edu/centers/sieo for volunteer and educational opportunities on campus.

Getting out of school could be the best thing for school

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COMMENTARY

We spent 70 hours in the NFAC last week. All because we feel like good design can help save the world.

We packed our bags, made business cards, grabbed our sketchbooks and left. We drove for 6 hours starting at 3 a.m., made at least 27 graphic design jokes, and made it to a small town in Minnesota to get lost in the design world for three days.

The UWSP student chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Artists attended the annual Minnesota Design Camp.

Approximately 300 designers from around the country, from students to professionals, attended the conference. Keynote speakers included those who have designed for Best Buy, Forever 21, Jack Daniels, and Disney.

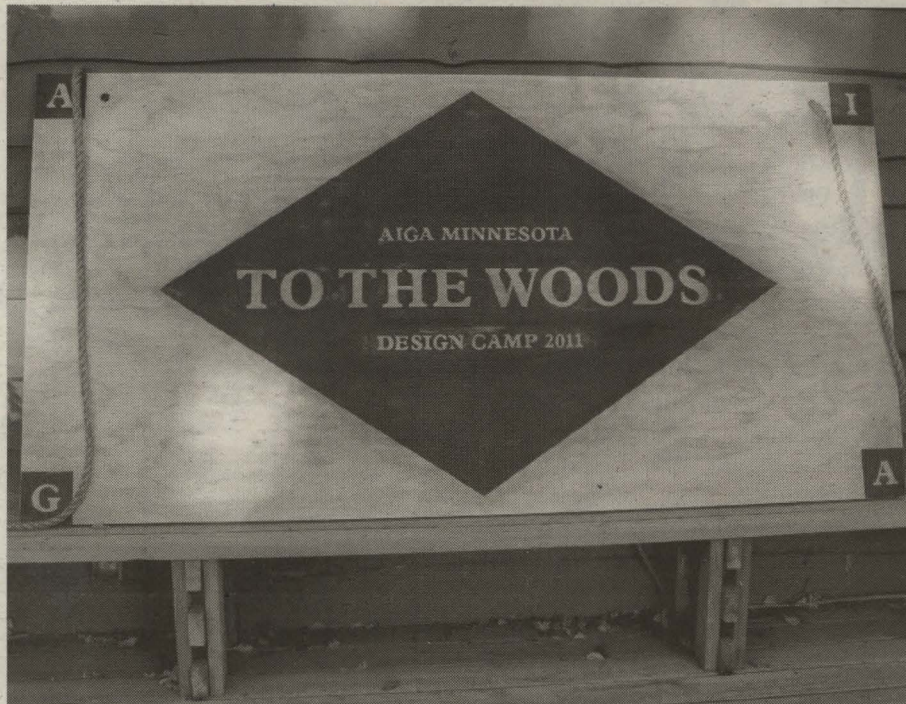
We listened to five design professionals tell their stories; how they got to where they are, what makes their design studio successful, and what makes their design team 'work'.

One may not normally expect to see a large group of designers at a northwoods lodge. An urban setting, maybe... But probably not in the woods. Turned out, that was the whole point.

All the speakers had one thing in common:

They consistently spoke of the power lying in leaving their usual spaces in order to create better work.

Design professional, Jamie Koval,



Hand-made wooden plaques designed by Target's In-House designers were displayed around the Grand Lodge at Design Camp 2011.

spoke of his fond memories of attending overnight camp as a child and how the experience helped him realize the rejuvenating powers of the outdoors. He took what he learned as a child and brought it to his professional life by giving his design partners a day of rejuvenation, with the opportunity to have a day to do whatever they wanted. This helped his partners leave their own minds for a while, and ultimately fill their tanks with inspiration so they could produce better work.

When you are constantly working on one thing you tend to get lost in it and think about nothing else. Therefore it's beneficial for one's mental health to get out and experience the world.

Overall, a few points were made:

- leaving your "comfortable space" helps you leave your own head and be open to new experiences
- a shift of environment creates and improves character

•step back from your work or you'll crush it

•stepping out of your comfort zone and doing something you aren't used to makes you stronger

•experiencing different things gives you something to draw from when it comes to your work

With this new mindset, we left Design Camp refreshed and ready to take on the feats of our upcoming projects.

So, go out and play! Go somewhere you wouldn't normally go, even for a short period of time, an hour or two. Learn something new about yourself. Challenge yourself. Afterwards, you will have a clear head and be full of ideas. Get out of school so you can be better in school.

[Communication Week: Advice from Alumni]

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Some students have worries about graduation, finding a job, and making it in the "real world." That's where Communication Week comes in. Stevens Point alumni are being brought in to help ease these anxieties by guest speaking in communication classes all week and being available for networking hours.

Students can come in, meet professionals, ask questions and make contacts for hopeful internships or jobs. When asking these successful graduates what they best advise students today, here's what they had to say...

1. GET INVOLVED

"Stevens Point has such a vast array of activities and there's anything out there. A great benefit is that you can just jump right in, even as a freshman. It opens so many opportunities for meeting people and having fun," said Tim Blotz, News Anchor/Reporter for WMSP-TV, Fox 9 in Minneapolis, MN.

2. BROADEN YOUR ACTIVITIES

"I didn't want to over stress myself but I regret not getting involved with the radio or TV. Luckily I found my direction when I worked for the Pointer, but it really broadens your perspective when you work with all facets of media," said Brett Christopherson, sports writer and digital content producer for the Post-Crescent in Appleton.

3. NETWORK!

"Know somebody... that's your in... suck it up for all it's worth... it all really snowballs after that," said Bret Lemoine, news reporter for WFRV-TV in Green Bay.

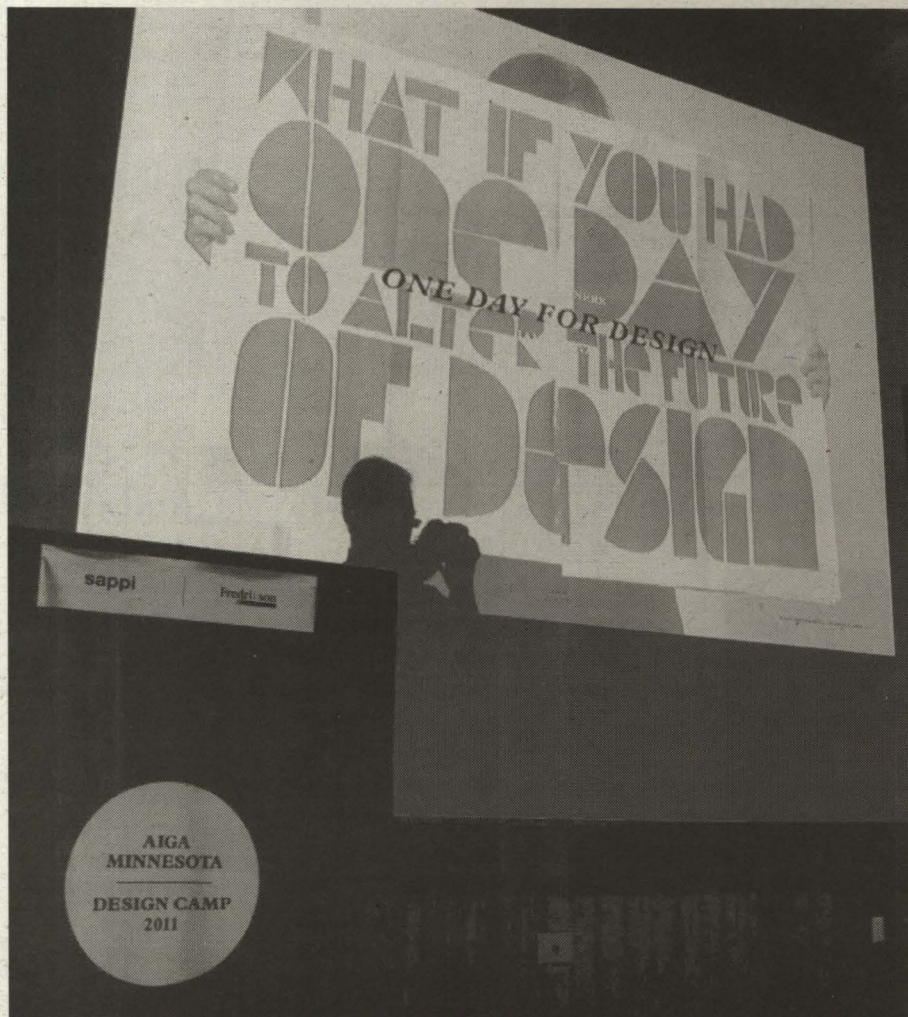
4. LOOK THE PART

"Always dress above your job, that way employers can see you in that job. By looking professional you also gain more respect," said Lindsey Meier, business banker at Investors Community Bank in Stevens Point.

To get more questions answered and helpful advice, check out the Communication Arts building (CAC) for the last day of communications week on Thursday to talk to four other graduates in the production, anchor, and director fields. They will be having networking times from 3-3:30PM and 1:15-1:45PM.



UWSP design students pose in front of the Minnesota scenery.



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 Jamie Koval, who has designed for Harley Davidson, Cole Haan, and Converse, presents some of his work.

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[Puzzles]

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1. "Kiss of the Dragon" star

6. Triumphant cry

10. Like-minded group

14. Sci-fi character

15. Sapporo sashes

16. Item available at 17-Across

17. Dollar alternative

19. Depilatory product

20. Group at Wimbledon

21. Defenseless target

23. Ouija board response

24. Author/director Ephron

25. Start of an ancient Chinese saying

32. "___& Mindy"

33. Collegiate Bulldog

34. Republic founded in 1836

36. Give a name to

37. Madison Avenue "suits," for short

40. Gun designed in Israel

41. Occupy the throne

43. Legendary Bruin who wore #4
44. Household spray target

45. Permanent rules of military conduct

49. She plays Catherine on "CSI"

50. Bounder

51. Mass transit vehicle with adjustable door height

56. Satchel

59. Rooster feature

60. David Hyde Pierce sitcom role

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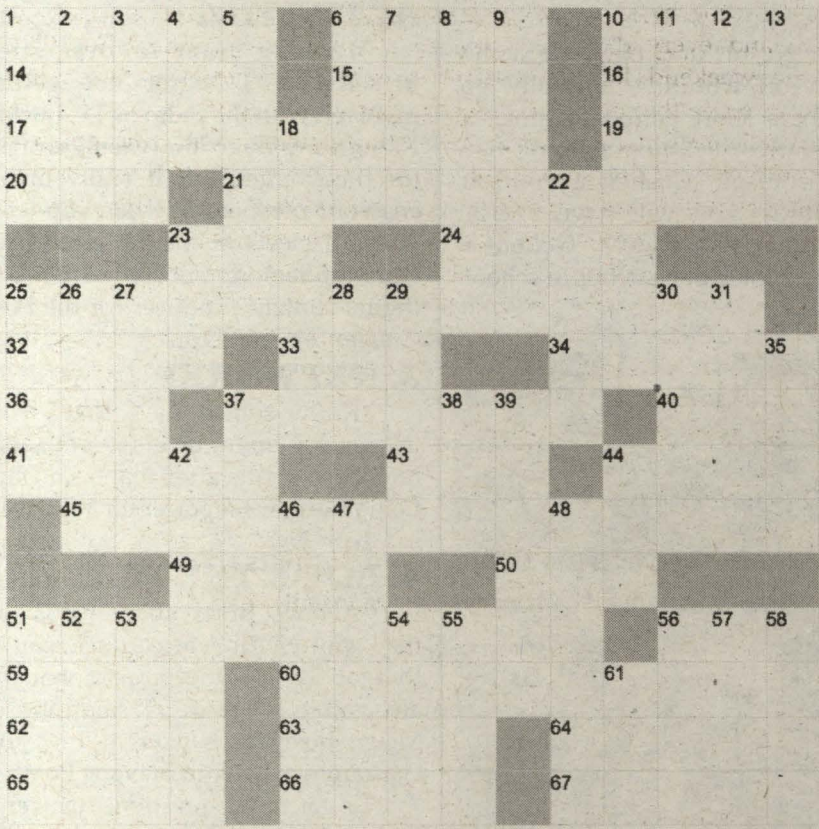
63. Record label in TV

64. largest artery in the body

65. Promising, as one's future

66. Passed along

67. Hardly a gregarious type



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DOWN

1. Stuns somewhat

2. "Waiting for the Robert___"

3. Salon application

4. Tennis court cry

5. "Be right with you!"

6. Suit material?

7. Cooperate, as in a crime

8. Cutting ham, perhaps

9. Notable Kennedy quote start

10. Johnson & Johnson product

11. Polynesian party

12. Ear-related

13. Stop for a sommelier?

18. Hoped

22. Southern dish

23. Loud, hearty laugh

25. Naval rank (abbr.)

26. Bounders

27. Once around

28. Paris's ___ de

29. 37th President

30. Radiate, as confidence

31. Tonsorial device

35. Military addresses

37. One-year record

38. Joule part

39. Spring arrival
42. Nintendo system

44. Like a couple on old TV

46. Quaffs

47. Touch off

48. Bounder

51. Chrysler Corp. '80s offering

52. Defendant's plea, briefly

53. Experts in CPR

54. Secluded spot

55. Wrestler's trophy

56. Rural dance site

57. Pot builder

58. Shifting option

61. Friend of Piglet and Tigger

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[answers from 9/29]

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Opinion

The Privileged Many

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Our attention deficit generation (yes, I'm talking to you so don't stop reading yet) is not without an emotional memory. We can all likely recall the protests against Scott Walker's budget this past March. Whether you were sitting indifferently on the sidelines witnessing your fellows' absenteeism or storming the Bastille, it is an event that is worthy of recollecting. Passionately, we chose sides based off of facts, figures, and largely imperfect information because activism is one of the few instances where each of us can demonstrate how well versed we are with the deep intricacies of social structure. We want change, and we know how to get it.

I am sharply contrasting this against the trendy fiasco of protesting economic disparity by targeting the financial sector. With Walker we were fighting for the perceivable livelihoods of our fellow Wisconsinites with an idea of what ramifications our actions would have. The economy at large, on the other hand, is more of a philosophical puzzle beyond anyone's control. In our economy, banks, broker/dealers, and insurance companies serve as intermediaries for our money, and are fiercely regulated by other firms and the government. The government is

by and for the people. The people working in the financial sector are, surprisingly enough, people. People who also lost jobs during the market collapse. Work-a-holics who may not endure much physical anguish but are equally worn from droning hours of digesting the past, present, and future economy. Some might say they are overpaid; I say every moment of criticism we spend upon them justifies their earnings.

Regardless of your feelings, consider at least this: if you kill the middlemen, you lose your ability to extract valuable information from them. Often the key to success is foresight. Furthermore, if you choose to insist upon change, would it not make more sense to target the source of the money rather than the destination? I believe the government is responsible for listening to and providing for its citizens. So while I realize it is a lot easier for us to blame the cryptic financial world for our woes, we are taking the easy way out. These protests distract us from admitting our beloved, long-lived government needs renovation. So unless you are really ready to shed your ego, your on-demand lifestyle, your privileged habits and government-subsidized educations, stop. Get a job. And as Ghandi would suggest:

"Be the change you want to see in the world."

Jerk.

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We all know one. God forbid you ARE one. One of those people who find that whatever the business on their cell phone is far more important than the situation they are in.

We all know who I'm talking about, the person who texts or surfs Facebook in class, usually accompanied with that insufferable arrogance that supersedes all possible environments.

Because, why give your professor your full attention? It's not like you've spent several thousand dollars of your parent's hard earned money to sit in that boring room and listen to that lame person talk about something that isn't the monumentally crucial and pressing matter of getting drunk in some overcrowded, smelly, sweaty beer soaked frat house basement.

You know who it is, that person who spends the minutes before class telling the person next to you the complete, scene by scene, rundown of each and every drink you had over the weekend loudly enough that everyone in the room and down the hall gets the full scoop.

I have a breaking news flash for you: nobody cares. It's not like the louder you explain how drunk you were the cooler it gets. Nobody wants to hear it, and everyone is quite thankful when the professor

gets class rolling, forcing you to shut your mouth.

But don't stop the douchebaggery there, no. Whip out your phone and begin texting, what I can only assume is the exact same conversation you just had to someone else because, clearly, you're not listening to the information being spoon-fed to you by someone exponentially more intelligent than you, so how could you have anything actually interesting to say?

All this, even though each and every teacher gives very specific instructions to leave the cell phones in your pockets or bags at the beginning of each semester. That doesn't apply to you though, and why would it? It's not like you should respect the person who has spent a quarter of their entire life (often times more years than you've been alive) training and educating themselves with as much information to pass along to you in hopes of preparing you for the life you are failing to take seriously.

Kudos, person texting in class, you win!

Seriously though, ask yourself if you're unsure whether or not what you're doing is acceptable, "Am I being a tool?" This rule applies to every aspect of life. It's a safe bet that if any reasonable person might consider your actions to be disrespectful or inconsiderate, you're probably being a tool.

Just saying.



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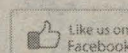
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COMMENTARY

I know a few things, and one is the ins and outs of local coffeehouses around Stevens Point. One is my homework location, another is the one I go to when I'm on campus and the other is the perfect place to grab a bite to eat. Stevens Point is actually pretty lucky to have quite a few good establishments to sit down in on a cold, rainy day and grab a coffee.

The Basement Brewhaus is the on campus go-to locale for a quick cup of caffeine. The Brewhaus is located in the basement of the Dreyfus University Center. It is also known for its well-worn couches where I've might have fallen asleep on once or a hundred times.

Along with all its specialty coffee drinks, it features my favorite drink in the world, beer! It carries microbrews from the area along with better-known domestics, something no other café in the area offers.

Zest, which opened up early this year, is a bakery along with its coffee making services. Zest is sandwiched between Campus Cycle and Hardee's; a stone's throw from the dorms.

Boasting a lunch menu featuring sandwiches, soups, and flatbreads, Zest is a great place to stop for a quick bite while studying. To satiate the sweet tooth in all of us, Zest makes an arsenal of sugary treats for you to reward yourself after an aced exam, from cookies and cakes to bars and granola.

Another local, and personal favorite, is Emy J's. Emy J's is conjoined with Café Espresso and the Main Grain Bakery. All three establishments offer mostly organic and locally grown products.

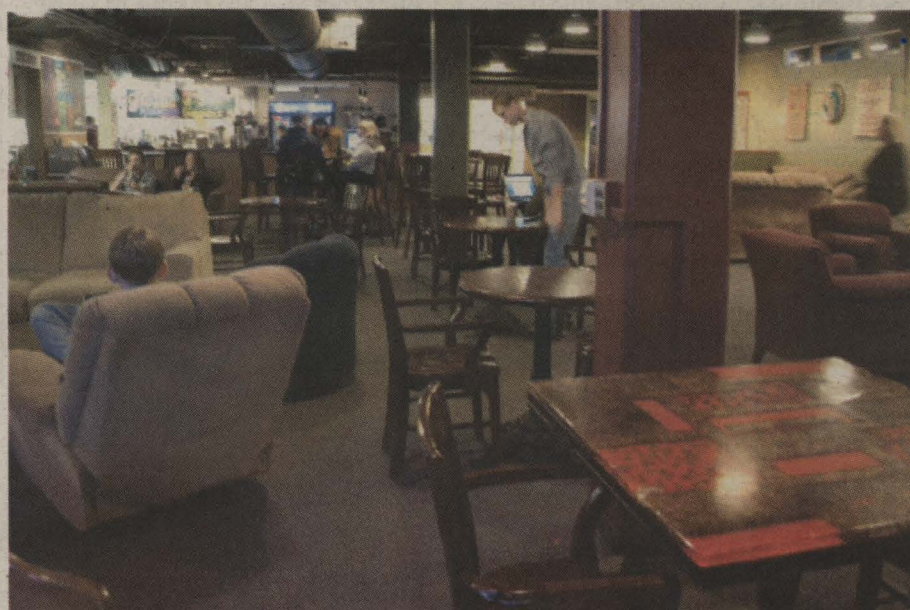
Also, Emy J's is the best place to schmooze your professors. They'll probably hate me for giving it away, but if you ever want to buy your French professor a coffee and tell them about how your terrible roommate made you stay up till one in the morning watching Craig Ferguson and that you promise to do better on the exam if you could only retake it... Emy J's is the place.

A new coffee shop opened up downtown recently in the old Supreme Bean location. Supreme Bean is owned by UWSP's costume shop designer Wendy Dolan. It is at a premium location downtown right across from my favorite breakfast place, The Wooden Chair. It offers a nice atmosphere after a hefty breakfast of bacon, an omelet with bacon, and a stack of pancakes.

I hope this might give you a different option than that one-coffee-chain-that-always-seems-to-pop-up. I'm not saying they're the worst thing in the world (goodness knows I love the Strawberries and Cream Frappuccino), but Stevens Point is a community! Don't you want that barista to know your name and your order? Support your local coffee houses and they'll support you throughout your many trials, tribulations, and final's week.



Photos by Samantha Feld
Emy J's is a local, organic alternative to Starbucks.



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Students make the Brewhaus in the Dreyfus University Center is a popular stop for their coffee fix.

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