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News



Honored guests at the ceremony included family members of two UWSP alumni who died in the terrorist attack at the Pentagon. photo by Samantha Feld

UWSP remembers Alumni deaths on 9/11

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As we remember the 10-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, people all across the nation mourn and share memories of their experiences and losses from that day, including students and members of the Stevens Point community.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Al Thompson led a 9/11 memorial service on the lawn of the Old Main building at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point last Friday afternoon in memory of the loss of Patricia Statz and Lt. Col. Dennis Johnson, two UWSP alumni who died in the attack on the Pentagon.

Statz, a theater and music major, moved to Germany after graduating from UWSP in 1983. She continued her love for theater and worked as

an actress and a play director for a United States Army base. Statz then returned to the United States, as she began her new career as a civilian employee in the Pentagon.

Johnson graduated from UWSP in 1975 entering the Army through the ROTC program. After his first assignment at Fort Knox, he served in Germany, Alaska, and Hawaii. His final assignment was at the Pentagon as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. He received numerous awards over his distinguished 25-year career.

The families of the two alumni gathered to remember their loss as three faculty members spoke of their memories from that tragic day. Both families received a UWSP medallion in remembrance of their family member.

Tears filled the eyes of those who gathered, remembering the terror that filled our country as we found out we were being attacked, not knowing what would become of our country.

Thompson ended the ceremony with a call for each of us to take a moment this week to pause and remember those who have served our country: "Take a special moment to thank our veterans and soldiers who were serving our country throughout the decade, but more importantly think of all the citizens of America that are around the world. We still are still one nation under God."

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Jobs bill may provide needed K-12 funds

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In a speech last Thursday, President Obama unveiled his \$447 billion plan to spur economic growth to a joint session of Congress, called the American Jobs Act. The President called on Congress to pass the bill right away, pointing out that both Republicans and Democrats have supported all the ideas in his plan.

The plan aims to achieve multiple goals including tax cuts aimed at small businesses to spur hiring, programs to improve the nation's infrastructure from bridges and schools to high-speed wireless service in rural areas and getting those unemployed long-term back to work.

Overall, Wisconsin could be poised to see an increase of 19,700 jobs according to the Council of State Governments, if the entire act would be passed. Ed Miller, a political science professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, says the chances of the entire bill passing in its current form are slim to none.

"Some parts of the bill may go through but not the entire thing. Republicans in Congress simply won't allow it," Miller stated.

One such provision of the bill that could be beneficial to UWSP students about to enter the workforce would provide \$35 billion in aid to states to prevent the further layoffs of up to 280,000 teachers and first

responders nationwide. Wisconsin could be poised to receive \$536 million of this, which would support around 7,400 jobs, according to the White House. The UWSP School of Education's website states there are currently 1,200 students pursuing a degree in K-12 education.

This summer, the Wisconsin State Legislature passed a budget that cut \$792 million in state aid to school districts as well as \$250 million to the UW System. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Wisconsin leads the nation in cuts to K-12 education this year on a per pupil basis at \$635 per pupil.

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news

9/11: Ten Years Later

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Thursday night, Professor Edgar Francis gave a lecture entitled "The Middle East - Ten Years After" in the Pinery Room of the Portage County Library as an installment of a ten-part Community Lecture Series sponsored by The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point.

The public seminar series, usually given by a faculty member of the College of Letters and Science (CLS) of UWSP, is a community outreach program to give the residents of Stevens Point the opportunity to partake in the university's knowledge base.

"This gives you the chance to get to know the kind of expertise we have amongst our faculty that I will honestly admit are second to none," said the Dean of the College of Letters and Science Dr. Christopher Cirimo to the large crowd that had amassed to hear the first installment of the series.

Emotions ran high when Francis opened his lecture as he recollected the events of 9/11 and the hardships that followed. The moment of silence gave gravity of the topics to come.

"I think any discussion on 9/11 does end up being very personal... 9/11 was one of those events where years after, you remember where

you were," said Francis.

Quickly regaining composure he began to illustrate how the events of 9/11 have affected the Middle Eastern world along with our lives here in America. Francis expressed his frustration on how talking about it to students today just doesn't seem to work, even though the event was pivotal in all American lives.

Francis proposed his lecture to call attention to the consequences of the American response to the events of 9/11, focused primarily on the topic of Afghanistan and Iraq.

After 9/11, the American armed forces responded with major airstrikes on key points in Afghanistan with the goal of eliminating Osama Bin Laden and his organization, while the Northern Alliance acted as the majority of the ground force in the attacks.

By the end of 2001, a new government was formed in Afghanistan and a new constitution was written, effectively removing the Taliban from political power. But, the problems

were far from solved.

The newly formed government had major issues controlling any substantial areas outside of the capital; corruption and opium production were rampant. In the recent past, the country has experienced an upsurge of violence from extremists.

Although president Obama has stepped up the military game in

Afghanistan, so has the Taliban.

"2010 was the bloodiest year ever and the civilian casualties are at their highest level since the Taliban was removed from power," said

Francis.

The majority of the casualties are caused by the Taliban, who even though were removed from political office still remain a serious threat to the people of Afghanistan.

In the fall of 2002, a public push mounted to the invasion of Iraq along with the support and influence of the Bush administration's neoconservative members. The media drove home the idea that Saddam was involved

with the Taliban and still had weapons of mass destruction hidden away from the United Nations inspections, which he purportedly defied.

Knowing in hindsight that both of those claims were false, and adhering to the belief that American forces would be welcomed as liberators to Saddam's ruthless dictatorship, we went to war.

Initially, it looked as though the Iraq invasion was making progress, but the challenges proved to be more difficult than anticipated by the Bush administration.

"It's one thing to topple a dictator, but another thing entirely to rule in its stead," said Francis.

The quality of life for most Iraqis still remains low at best. Civilians still live in fear of extremist attacks, political corruption is still a major problem due to the sheer amount of different factions all simultaneously struggling for political power—all the while having outside influences on their decision making processes.

There are many people who live in Iraq who still don't have electricity. The United States still has much work to do to bring about quality of life to the people of Iraq and Afghanistan, should the administration continue its occupation of the Middle East.

"I think any discussion on 9/11 does end up being very personal... 9/11 was one of those events where years after, you remember where you were," said Francis.

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Jobs/State and local governments unable to spend more

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"Some school districts were able to not layoff all those they needed to because they had federal money leftover from the stimulus" that was passed in 2009, said Miller. "The largest group of layoffs in the country was from school districts." In the Center's report they note 194,000 teachers were laid off during the previous twelve months nationwide,

more than triple than during the preceding twelve months.

The federal government is in a unique position to spend money to make up for the lost revenues during a recession, according to Miller.

"State and local governments may want to spend more but cannot because they don't control funding and are hindered by balanced budget amendments." Included in the budget bill that was passed by the state legislature this summer was a provi-

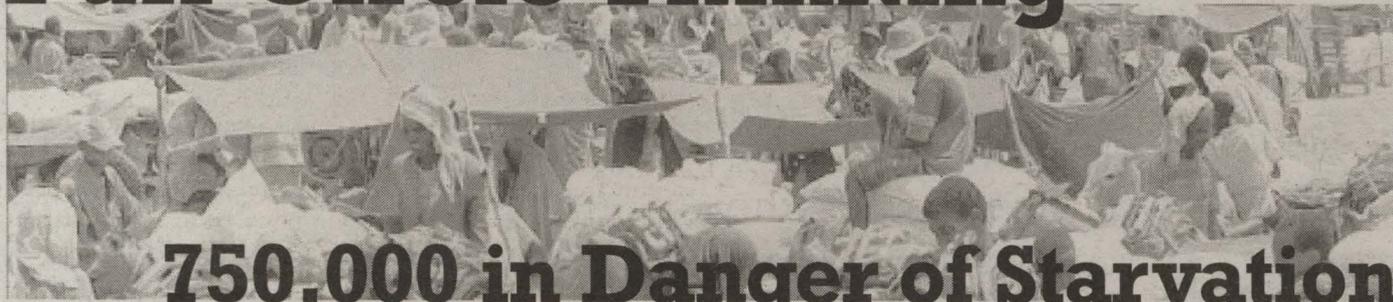
sion that prevents local communities from raising property taxes unless it is to be used for new construction, taking away one of the tools that school districts have historically used to close budget shortfalls.

In a report released by the Associated Press, documents obtained under the state's Open Records law show that school district employees retired this year, after the state's collective bargaining changes took effect, at a rate double of what

they did in 2009. Miller says he foresees another wave of retirements in the future, "they reduced the protections that teachers had," and made changes to personal and sick days.

The silver lining in the mass retirements is that "new teachers cost less than the retiring ones," according to Miller, however new teachers lose the valuable asset of experience that they can turn to when older teachers retire.

Full Circle Thinking



750,000 in Danger of Starvation

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photo courtesy of in2eastfrica.net
Refugee camp at Dabaab, Kenya.

COMMENTARY

Normally there would be a quote or maybe a statement that makes you go "huh," right here. Today, well, today is a little bit different. Today there is no stand-alone, whammy of an attention-getter to place at the start of this column. No, today picking one out of hundreds of possible attention getters was impossible.

This column's purpose is to educate readers on how we as a society can create an Earth that will support and nurture not only our children, but those who will consider us ancient ancestors. This is our burden, as it was for our ancestors and will be for our descendants.

We live in a great time - a time when we realize that we must sustain our Earth. This is an honor to those involved, as we are the shapers of what tomorrow will be.

Many of our (human) practices are now aggregating, forming what appears to be a looming serpent, waiting patiently to strike and consume us.

An unfortunate, to say the least, example of our (human) future is currently developing in Somalia.

A famine there now has 750,000 people in danger of starvation in the next four months, according to the United Nations (UN).

There have been many factors which have created this situation: the drought, war, aid dispersal restrictions, years of chaos and now diseases like measles, cholera, malaria and typhoid, which have begun moving through refuge camps. Agricultural production in Somalia is at 25 percent, causing food prices to skyrocket.

When asked how many people have died; UN humanitarian coordinator Mark Bowden said, "We can't give an exact figure, but we can say tens of thousands of people have died over the last three to four months, over half of whom are chil-

dren. That translates to hundreds a day."

The world's largest refugee camp is located 50 miles into Kenya in Dabaab. This camp, originally built for 90,000, is now housing over 400,000 refugees with thousands arriving daily. Jeffrey Gettleman, chief of the Nairobi, Kenya division of the New York Times, observed that the people going to refugee camps have the same motivation: they seek "peace and food, neither of which are in Somalia."

Gettleman also said, "Aid officials predict that the drought, which has hit Kenya and Ethiopia as well, will end in October, but ensuing rains could raise the risk of waterborne and infectious diseases."

While global climate change has already begun, and the effects thereof have become scientifically clear, it is not too late to make a difference. We have a chance to adapt with the Earth by anticipating and pro-actively preparing for future climatic changes. If we miss this crucial opportunity there is no telling how many famines like that in Somalia we will see - thousands, if not millions of people will suffer around the world.

"Climate is changing more rapidly than ever before. Human activity is the main cause. Burning of fossil fuels: oil, gas, coal, has flooded the atmosphere with heat-trapping carbon dioxide... Unless carbon dioxide emissions are slashed, the planet will likely heat up even faster, fundamentally changing the world we live in," said Tom O'Neill of National Geographic.

Concerned? Don't worry because really it is the little things that matter, like walking more often, reducing, reusing, and recycling and supporting sustainable initiatives and prac-

tices. This may seem small and insignificant, but when considering the grand scheme, the impact is the kind of push needed to get this sustainability train rolling.

The Earth as a Loaf of Bread

Imagine that you are making dough to create a beautiful, delicious loaf of bread. You want this loaf to be perfect because it is to be shared with your entire family, all of your friends and all of your friends' friends.

You think bread is mostly flour, so you need a lot of flour and therefore devote a large amount of your finite resources to acquiring flour. This flour has to be perfect - no blemishes, no contamination, nothing but perfect fine, fluffy flour.

OOOOH! And you really like walnuts, so you spend even more resources than you did on flour acquiring walnuts.

Ok, now what else goes in bread, you wonder? "Ah ha, brown sugar and vanilla extract," you declare triumphantly while your neighbor wonders why you just yelled that out loud. Of course, you put in almost as much brown sugar and vanilla as flour.

After a quick, ten-minute conversation with your mother, you discover that good bread also needs water, yeast and salt.

You have access to all the water you want, but how much do you use? Sloppily, a modest amount is added. You then add a small pinch of active-dry yeast and a tiny pinch of garlic salt you found in the moving process.

You mix and knead that dough until your hands are so tired that they stop working. After coercing your roommate to finish the project by offering a sample of the bread, the dough is slapped into a baking pan and shoved into the awaiting oven.

"Record levels of acute malnutrition have been registered there.

with 58 percent of children under five acutely malnourished, with a Crude mortality rate of more than two deaths per 10,000 per day."

-UN Food and Agriculture Organization

After a surprisingly short amount of time, the bread comes out of the oven and you notice that the dough hadn't changed size or shape much from when it was put in. In fact, it looks the same, but much browner.

Upon further examination the bread is observed to be a quarter-inch thick, crisp shell with a gooey, unfinished center.

What went wrong! All the ingredients were there!

From a different perspective these ingredients could be looked at as follows. Flour = Big Agriculture (corn, soy, rice, beef...), walnuts = conveniences (TV, automobiles, big box stores), brown sugar = luxuries (air conditioning, fancy underpants, long walks on the beach), vanilla extract = manufactured substances (plastics, pesticides, antibiotics), yeast = Mother Nature's provisions, salt = love, water = water, grease = hard work, and bake time = the amount of time left before the bread is burnt.

When you want a loaf of bread to share with the people you care about, it is probably a good idea to intelligently mix the right ingredients in the right proportions. By carefully planning what, when and how much of an ingredient to add, the chances of failure decrease rapidly.

It is possible that focusing too much on the big things and forgetting the little things may yield an edible loaf of bread once in a while. Unfortunately, the chances are high that you will be left with a goo-filled rock.

In the coming weeks this column will highlight various sustainable technologies and sustainable activities from around the globe. It is through these technologies and many others, as well as those yet to come, that we as a society can become sustainable. There will be six parts: Energy, Water, Waste, Food, You and Full Circle State of Mind.

Sports

The Healing of a



Photo by Samantha Feld

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Everyone remembers where they were when the date September 11 became fixed in the American mind forever. Some of us were working, some were sitting in classrooms and others were experiencing the day's tragedies firsthand. An attack of this magnitude on United States soil was something most people would have never thought they would see. Not since the attack on Pearl Harbor had so much innocent American blood been spilt.

The following days were filled with sadness and anger, with nowhere to direct the frustration. People turned to anything they felt could give them solace: religion, family or our leaders. All Americans would find their own way to cope with the devastation, but what the nation truly needed was a sense of normality. Everyone needed reassurance that things could, and would, go on how they had before.

There was speculation on whether the sporting world would carry on as scheduled or whether a series of

games were important enough to take time away from such life changing events. The answer to that question was quickly revealed.

Sports have the ability to bring people together like few other things can. From the first Olympic Games in Greece to last season's Super Bowl in Dallas, sports were built to unify the people. Sports were built to withstand tragedy.

The rivalries were set aside, the "boos" were silenced, and the uniforms did not matter. Americans cried out for something to comfort them in their vulnerable state, and the games they loved were there to answer the call.

We were no longer segregated by allegiances. We were just fans. We came together as one body and supported every team in every town that gave us a reason to stand up and cheer again.

When our heroes on the field paid tribute to our heroes off the field, we followed their lead. They carried

the flag; we carried the flag. They visited our wounded; we visited our wounded. We all supported our local men and women in uniform who sacrificed so much so that we could carry on.

Local support became a nationwide fervor. A new-found love for our country grew from a situational necessity to a feeling that is now embedded in our very souls.

The games that we gathered around gave us a place where we could all mourn and smile, cry and cheer together.

Now, 10 years later, we are right back in the stadiums where we first gathered. Like Ground Zero, the wreckage has been cleared from our hearts, but the memories and images will constantly remind us of the atrocity that we have lived through.

The 10th anniversary of 9/11 on Saturday was a display of two ends of a spectrum. We all bowed our heads to mourn the lives lost at the World

Trade Center, the Pentagon and the brave passengers aboard Flight 93. It was a sad day to remember, but a day that we can never forget.

But along with our mourning came a feeling of unparalleled pride. We were knocked to the floor by one of the greatest enemies America has ever known, and we have rallied back. We have rebuilt what had been broken, we have restored what had been tarnished and we have reaffirmed what had been in question. Instead of breaking, we came together.

We used a commonality that millions of us across the nation share. We put down our respective teams' flags and gathered under the breadth of another. Our love for sports bonded us in a way that is seldom seen. It gave us back the normality and comfort that had been stolen.

On 9/11 we were all changed forever. We lost more than dear loved ones - we lost our feeling of security. We were millions of lost souls searching for consolation. We found it through sports. The games that had guided us when we were chil-

"They carried the flag; we carried the flag."

UWSP Women's Soccer starts strong



Photo by Samantha Feld

with a 3-game win streak

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After losing ten starters this past season, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point head women's soccer coach Sheila Miech said, "It's going to take a bit of time to get the team to gel." Maybe it won't take as long as she thinks.

The UWSP women's soccer team defeated Luther College 4-0 in the annual Parents' Day game Saturday. Coach Miech, wife of UWSP's all time winningest football coach John Miech, said, "Having Parents' Day this weekend is a catalyst."

The Pointers claimed victory with two goals by Junior forward Sammy Greer, within the first minute of play assisted by fellow Junior Jessica Ruch. Freshman midfielder Kim Gietman assisted Junior defenseman Megan Mahoney for another score. Junior

forward Angela Gallow cemented the victory, scoring the fourth and final goal. Goalkeeper Brittany Marx had two saves for the win.

It was sunny and in the low 80s for the second game of a weekend doubleheader when the Pointers took the pitch Sunday to face the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's number one ranked Carleton Knights. The bleachers were glowing with anticipation for the day's game after the previous day's victory.

The Pointers started strong with an unassisted goal by Greer 4:35 into the match. This was followed by an unassisted goal by Ruch with 16:55 left in the first half. Ellie Wilson of the Knights scored their first goal with 9:43 left until halftime.

At halftime the Pointers were up 2-1 over the Knights.

Two minutes and sixteen seconds

into the second half, Ruch passed to Junior midfielder Kim Jobke, who scored the Pointers' third goal.

The Knights' Marlena Hartman-Filson used her head to knock a corner kick past the Pointer defense and into the goal with 14:50 left in the match to make the score 3-2.

With the help of great defense, the Pointers were able to hold on for the win. Goalkeeper Brittany Marx held the Knights to two goals to secure the win, Marx's third of the season.

"We walked off the field today, we won 3-2, we were happy, but there's still a lot of things that we need to clean up," Coach Miech said.

Battling For A Cause

The UWSP women's soccer team is "Battling For A Cause" on September 17, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. at the UWSP Soccer Bowl (Next to lot

Q). The Pointers will be taking on UW-Eau Claire.

Items for care packages will be collected by UWSP Women's Soccer from September 12th-17th. Items will be sent to Operation Homefront (www.OperationHomefront.net), which helps service members and wounded warriors in times of need.

Items can be dropped off in the University Bookstore, room 106 in the Health Enhancement Center (HEC), or brought to the "Battle For A Cause" September 12, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. at the UWSP Soccer Bowl.

The Pointers will wear special event T-shirts, which will be auctioned off after the game. All proceeds and items collected will go towards care packages.

For a list of recommended donation items go to PointerOnline.uwsp.edu.

sports

Despite loss, Pink Game a victory against cancer

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There was blue in the skies, pink everywhere, and a Spud Bowl on the line for Miech's Pointer squad. The start of WIAC play for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football squad had all the telltale signs for a great day of football - until the kick-off.

The Pointers began showing secondary weakness when the University of Wisconsin-Platteville scored on a deep pass mid-way through the first quarter. The next score for the Pioneers came in the second quarter, when they pinned the Pointers deep in their own territory.

Sophomore quarterback Casey Barnes lost his location on the field and ended up getting sacked in the end zone, scrambling from the pesky Pioneer defensive line. The Platteville defense would cause great trouble for the Pointers all game until UWSP put up a good drive midway through the second quarter.

Moving the ball forward rather than backward, the Pointers' play calling began challenging the Pioneers defense. Triple options and play action bootlegs put the Pioneer defense in a standstill, opening up running lanes and passing options for the Pointers.

A smooth drive capped by an impressive 51-yard field goal seemed like a sure spark for the Pointers in a time of need. The defense then showed up and forced the Pioneers to punt the ball, giving the Pointers an option to not only get back in the game but take the lead.

Time was running out - with just over one minute left in the half, the offense needed to move quickly and efficiently. Taking up only 23 seconds, the Pointers went three and out, giving the Pioneer offense



Senior Joe Mleziva, Sophomore Garrett Howewisch, Sophomore Mitch Chester and Sophomore Jerit Zeitler stand along the sideline. Photo by Samantha Feld

enough time to get three points.

However, in a circus play, the Pointers intercepted the Pioneers at mid-field. The interception was then fumbled, giving possession back to Platteville. Sudden excitement followed by disappointment was enough to make the Pointers unstable enough to give the Pioneers full control.

Taking advantage of the control, the Pioneers finished the drive with a two yard run into the end zone. With the score 16-3 in favor of the Pioneers, the Pointers had to step up their game in the second half if they wanted a shot at victory.

The Pioneers started the second half with the ball and showed good momentum. A deep pass into double coverage was the highlighted play on

the Pioneers' drive, showing just how shaky the outside coverage was for the Pointers.

Platteville would finish the drive with a touchdown, taking a 20-point lead and turning the scoreboard into something of a concern. A punt followed for each team's next drive.

The Pointers began putting the final drive together for the third quarter, but it would be the Pioneers who would end up with possession after a fumble by UWSP gave the ball and even more momentum to the Pioneers.

Carrying the momentum into the fourth, the Pioneers finished the drive with a field goal,

taking the score to 26-3 in favor of Platteville. The scoreboard would hold that score until the final ticks on the clock closed out the Spud Bowl.

Following the game, a check for \$28,000 to the Susan G. Komen Foundation was given out with full support from the Pointer team. The funds will go to support research for and awareness of breast cancer.

Despite the loss for UWSP, the game was a huge victory for the fight against breast cancer.



Freshman Tim Burmeister and Senior Grant Malmquist receive high-fives from young game attendees. Photo by Samantha Feld

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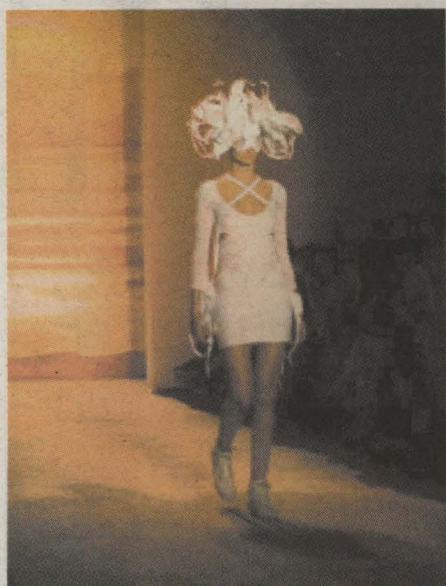
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Pieces from Jen Kao's 2012 spring collection feature dramatic accessories and intricate details.
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New York Fashion Week: A Review

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COMMENTARY

This week features one of the biggest events of the year in New York: New York Fashion Week. Some people find fashion to be trivial and silly. What some people don't understand is that fashion is art.

Fashion is a form of self-expression and in many ways the most important form of art out there. Not everyone is going to read the poem you write or see the painting that you create, but everyone is going to see your sense of style and fashion.

This past week, New York was celebrating this form of art, as prominent designers from around the world showcased their spring collections.

For me there were two stand-out designers: Jen Kao and Zac Posen. Jen Kao's spring 2012 collection was full of '60s silhouettes that were soft with hard edges. Most of her pieces were outlined in white whimsical accessories that were beautiful; all of her details were intricate and well crafted.

Zac Posen's collection also showcased '50s and '60s styles, most of which seemed to be business dress pieces which evolved into strong gowns with stunning finale pieces. The silhouettes were very prominent, all of which were waist-clenching and flattering.

However, with the good comes the bad. The worst collection was Kaelen. The collection looked like a bunch of unfitted robes with strings hanging off of them. The colors were dull, which only added to the already boring collection. Granted, it did look like a collection - a collection of trash.

So what are the incoming trends for this spring? Fashion week has been full of bright, primary colors as well as simple white pieces which are bright in their own respect.

Patterns are going to be big and bold, a shout out to the '60s. The two prominent hairstyles were braids and super slick ponytails. A prediction for summer 2012: watch out for '50s-style swimsuits.

New York Fashion Week was a huge success. Be sure to look up all of the collections online. Remember, don't ever be afraid to let your fashion shine: it's your most visible form of art.

New square revives downtown atmosphere

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Students traveling downtown may notice the start of Stevens Point's effort to renew the downtown area. The Mathias Mitchell Public Square now features a water fountain, daily farmer's market and more parking. The new improvements were a result of the city's desire to add a new facet to the downtown area.

"Downtown was a ghost town, now it's a gathering place," explains Dee Dee Swiecki, who recently moved to Stevens Point.

The Downtown Revitalization Project referendum was passed in February. The referendum gave the city the ability to borrow \$5.96 million to acquire the CenterPoint MarketPlace, Dunham's Sports and building improvements for Mid-State Technical College and other buildings. The plans include Mid-State Technical College moving into the former JCPenny store inside of CenterPoint.

When asked about the plans for Mid-State Technical College to move

into the former JCPenny's building, Ms. Swiecki felt optimistic.

"Any new life in the area will be positive for the community," Swiecki said.

Local citizens feel the renovation of Mathias Mitchell Public Square was a step in the right direction. "The farmers' market is great because it pulls you downtown," expressed Steven Lasee, senior biology major. "The renovations made it a lot more

"Downtown was a ghost town, now it's a gathering place"

open, you can see the whole square now. It is perfectly set up for use."

The continued renovation of the downtown area could provide economic life for the area. A study located on the Stevens Point city website projects an estimated figure upwards of \$1.45 million per year with MSTC's arrival to the area. With MSTC students and faculty having

access to downtown businesses, the city's investment could roll back into the community.

Not everyone seems pleased with all of the changes. The fountain doesn't recirculate the water, instead pumping water continuously for the shows. Some citizens feel that it is an act of hypocrisy for a town as environmentally friendly as Stevens Point to have a fountain that doesn't recycle its own water.

Stevens Point Mayor Andrew Halverson in the past has defended the fountain and believes in the project, saying, "It lived up to and exceeded our expectations for downtown." He continued: "This is only the beginning as we move Mid-State Technical College downtown, so there is so much more yet to come. We also knew this would be the case but we had to stay strong and get the project done so citizens could see just how wonderful it could be, and turned out to be. It really has created a beautiful space and I hope that as all UWSP students as they return can all get a chance to experience and enjoy the new square."



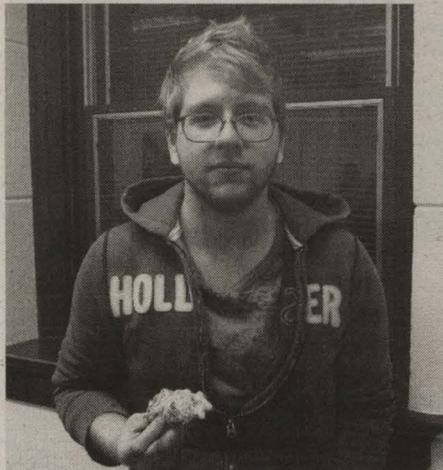
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The newly renovated downtown square, complete with an in-ground fountain, also features spaces for local farmers to sell their goods.

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ONLINE

[a vague attempt at something delicious.]

Lemon Ricotta cookies- A taste of summer



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I remember when I was a child and how excited I would become when given the treat pail in kindergarten. It was an ordinary gallon-sized ice cream container with a blue plastic handle and the number of kids in my class written on a piece of paper on the lid so I would not forget how many cookies to bake. This is my most prized memory, as it is my earliest recognition of my lifelong passion of cooking.

Cooking is an essential skill, one that has existed for thousands of years and has accelerated the growth of the Homo sapiens from ape to man. It provides roots into cultures around the world - particular culinary dishes lasting hundreds of years, travelling thousands of miles, withstanding upheaval of all forms. Culture and cooking are two of the most resistant aspects of the human condition, walking hand in hand towards the future.

In a way, food and cooking are regarded in the same reverence as religion. Some may trace their deepest emotions back to one moment in which they took a bite of something

delicious. Think of that tingling sensation running down your back as you imagine your first or favorite food. Whenever I bite into a truly delicious orange, the memories of being a sunburned four-year-old in Iowa come flooding back to me.

Now, however, we are all in a college culture. There is a disconnect between food and people. Pizza every night of the week makes you more of a gourmand than your neighbor eating ramen. Meals that take more than 30 minutes to prepare are reserved for visits home and sitting down eating with friends is only for drunken nights at your local taco establishment.

So in my attempt to bring us all closer together, I offer a recipe. Perhaps you could share it with your neighbor, friends, or a stranger. Perhaps ask your sweetheart to give you a hand. Spread your arms wide with delicious cookies and connect back to cooking.

The recipe is for lemon ricotta cookies with a lemon glaze, originally done by Giada De Laurentiis. I first made this recipe a year ago and it became a personal favorite. The lemon is the perfect reminder of the summer, and you'll want to remember it before the Wisconsin winter sets in.

Lemon Ricotta Cookies

Ingredients

- 2.5 cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 stick of room temperature unsalted butter
- 2 cups of sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 15 oz. container whole milk ricotta cheese
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- Zest from 1 lemon

Glaze:

- 2 cups of powdered sugar
- 4 tablespoons lemon juice
- Zest from 1 lemon

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F

Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper (not wax)

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together with a fork inside a medium bowl

In a larger bowl, cream the butter and sugar together with an electric mixer

Add the eggs one at a time to the butter and sugar mixture until incorporated

Add the ricotta cheese, lemon juice, and lemon zest, beating to combine

Add the dry ingredients, stir in half at a time

Spoon 2 tablespoons for each cookie onto the parchment lined baking sheets

Bake for 15 minutes, looking for golden edges on the cookies

Let the cookies rest on the baking sheet for 20 minutes

Glaze

Combine powdered sugar, lemon juice, and lemon zest in a bowl, stir with a fork until smooth

Spoon 1/2 teaspoon onto each cookie, spreading gently with the back of the spoon

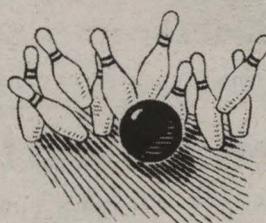
Let the glaze harden for about 2 hours

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Drink Responsibly



[how to beat the "freshman 15"]

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Here's to all of you incoming freshmen. I'm sure that you have heard of a little something called the "Freshman 15." It's a real and scary thing, but it is not imminent. You can beat it. Follow a few of these tips and make your way to a less fattening semester.

1. Stop it with the fries! I know that fries are the most delicious food group; however, eating them is not going to help your health. Choose a side of fruit instead. An apple a day...

2. Look at the food in your dorm. Is it all just chips, soda and cookies? Most likely your answer is yes. Change this. Snacking is the most dangerous problem about being a freshman. Because you're studying 24/7, it's a habit to be snacking while doing it. But switch around your snacks. Instead of chips, eat pretzels

or popcorn. Instead of soda, drink water. Water actually will help keep you awake just like soda. And replace cookies with some fruit. Are you craving something salty and sweet at the same time? Why not put them together with some sea salt chocolate? Seriously, it exists and is a lifesaver.

3. Work it out. Work out! Put working out into your planner to make it official. Even if you just do an abs workout in the morning or a thirty minute run in the afternoon, you're that much closer to being more healthy. Utilize the Allen Center on campus, whether it's with the free group fitness classes or getting a membership.

4. Don't be so stressed out. Take a few minutes every day where you can just sit and breathe. Maybe pick up meditating or yoga.

5. Make it habit. Make all of the above part of your everyday and you'll escape the ominous 15. You can beat this monster!

Swipe trade met with controversy

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University Dining Services implemented a modified meal plan program this year called Swipe Trade at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The swipe trade system, in short, is a meal worth \$3.75. You can purchase any food in Lower Debot or the Dreyfus University Center that adds up to this amount. For this reason, the more expensive pointer plates have been eliminated.

"The new Swipe Trade plan," said Mark Hayes, director of UDS, "was put in place by students, particularly upperclassmen who, through surveys taken at the end of each year, expressed their interest in having the program back."

However, this is not a new system. Two years ago, an outside company that managed UDS used the same program, only under the name Meal Cash Equivalency. With MCE, students were allowed a certain number of meals each week and whatever amount wasn't used could not be carried over into the next week. With Swipe Trade, the traditional block plan of meals (used last year) will still be in place.

If the dining services are looking for opinions on how well their new system is being received, all they need to do is check Facebook groups



Photo by Samantha Feld

Posters around campus advertise the change of the University Dining Service policy.

such as "UWSP Dining Swipe Trades are Bull\$#!+," where opinions range from technical to light-hearted, such as, "I just want fries with my burger like a regular American!"

When asking Chelsea DeNoble,

student manager primarily at Buen Provecho of the DUC, how she felt about some of the students' reactions, she expressed that most of the students don't understand the system yet. Once it is explained, they start to get excited about it.

Some students do not even view the swipe system as the only issue. They view the reduced number of meals for a higher charge as the problem. Sam Lloyd, a senior family consumer science major, proclaimed in a heartfelt speech: "I want to know why I have 25 meals and 25 food dollars less than what I had last year! What are you doing with my 25 meals, Mark Hayes?" He also made a point that as Swipe Trade would take up more meals, students would be forced to use PointCash because they will run out of meals sooner in the year.

"I don't eat at Lower Debot any-

more to save meals. Isn't that a little ridiculous," said Jessica Wiegand, a sophomore resource management major.

Not all of the comments have been negative, however. Mark Hayes has said that he has already gotten emails complimenting the system, and that people living off campus and in the suites are getting meal plans because of the swipe trade. There has also been positive feedback from vegetarians claiming they now have more choices.

"Before, all I had to choose from was grilled cheese and hummus. Now I feel that I have a larger variety of choices," said Kimmarie Giebela, junior communications major.

Whether you love or hate the new system, Mark Hayes says that it is here to stay. "If you don't want to use it, don't use it; but if you choose to use it, it can be quite beneficial."

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We have all experienced new things that we would have never expected. Our group stayed in a chateau located in France, toured a concentration camp in Germany and visited many government buildings. We have all grown much more personally from these experiences.

If you are afraid to step outside of the box, don't sweat; there are even McDonald's restaurants here to remind you of America. Otherwise there is always goulash if you want to be more daring. I know that anyone that would do this trip would enjoy it. It has been amazing so far, and I can't wait to see what's awaiting us in London.

[Puzzles]

Sudoku 9x9 Hard

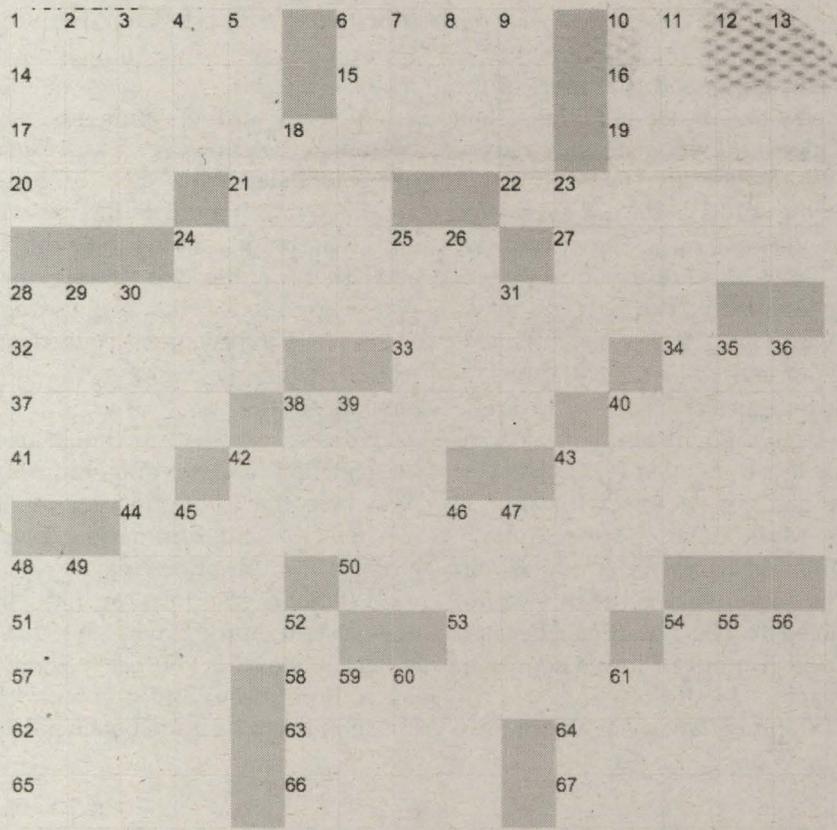
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ACROSS

- 1. Immeasurable depth
- 6. Eva Peron's Spouse
- 10. Designer Saint Laurent
- 14. Leverage
- 15. Language of Islamabad
- 16. "___ Misbehavin'"
- 17. Equipment in the New Orleans Arena?
- 19. Gourmand's demand
- 20. Black sheep, maybe
- 21. Creative endeavor
- 22. Synagogue greeting
- 24. Blood component
- 27. Waters down
- 28. "Oppose this liquor ban, dude!"
- 32. St. Patrick's converts
- 33. Cezanne or Gauguin
- 34. Bawl
- 37. Second start?
- 38. Vacant
- 40. State named for an Indian tribe
- 41. Belfast brew

- 42. "Night" writer Wiesel
- 43. City where van Gogh painted his bedroom
- 44. What you give your bookie?
- 48. Place for Plato
- 50. Specks in the sea
- 51. Wrecks beyond repair
- 53. Denizen down under
- 54. Lirrle rascal
- 57. Goes bad
- 58. Goal of obedience school?
- 62. Out of action
- 63. Blue-pencil
- 64. Wear down
- 65. Bill-passing shouts
- 66. Price of membership
- 67. Feasted



DOWN

- 1. Massage target
- 2. Go with the wind
- 3. Distant past
- 4. Reason for wearing glasses
- 5. Secrecy
- 6. In precisely this way
- 7. Funerary vessel
- 8. Citrusy suffix
- 9. "Phooey!"
- 10. Big name in guitars
- 11. Joshua Bell performance
- 12. Notorious bankruptcy filer of 2001
- 13. Curbs
- 18. Airline passenger's convenience
- 23. Web abbr.
- 24. Cancun coin
- 25. Bert and Ernie
- 26. Medical school subj.
- 28. Dennis the Menace's friend
- 29. Type of surgeon
- 30. Corked container, commonly
- 31. Fellow
- 35. "Wedding Crashers" star Wilson
- 36. Orchestra or choir member
- 38. Pharmaceuticals giant__Lilly

- 39. Swingin' '60s style
- 40. Crime fiction writer Johansen
- 42. "Along with all the rest"
- 43. Responsive (to)
- 45. Wipes out
- 46. Sends to the Senate, say
- 47. Fish story star
- 48. Heart chambers
- 49. "Oh boy!"
- 52. Defied the highway patrol
- 54. Dietary supplement, often
- 55. High point on a bell curve
- 56. Implored
- 59. Dot follower on campus
- 60. Deadlock
- 61. Angular prefix

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Opinion

Perry is scary

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As a general Republican, I have been greatly interested in the Republican debates that have been going on for the past few months, curious as to who is going to be representing the party in 2012. To be honest, I have been unimpressed. And when it comes to Rick Perry, I am scared. Yes, Rick Perry is a strong governor of Texas and it's true that the Texas economy is doing quite well in the recession, creating more than 40 percent of new jobs in America. However, what are we willing to pay for a balanced economy?

Perry has a shady political past. Perry was actually a Democrat up until 1989 and even chaired the Al Gore campaign in Texas. In 1993, after Perry was supposedly a Republican, he expressed support for the Clinton

health care reform proposal. This year the Los Angeles Times reported that Perry received \$37 million dollars from donors, and almost half of those donors received tax breaks, jobs and appointments during Perry's administration.

As governor of Texas, Perry took a tough stance on crime. In 2002, he vetoed a ban on the execution of mentally retarded inmates. Talk about cruel and unusual punishment. Then, in 2003, Perry decided to put a cap on the number of medical malpractice lawsuits in the state, undoubtedly writing many doctors a get out of jail free pass. So much for being tough on crime.

Perry is known for bringing Texas' economy back on track, but

how much of this true? Some numbers certainly don't support his claim. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 9.54 percent of Texans are paid at or below minimum wage. And 26 percent of Texans don't have health insurance, compared to the rest of the country, which is at 17 percent.

"Talk about cruel and unusual punishment."

Here is what scares me the most about Rick Perry. In 2007, Perry issued an executive order mandating girls in Texas to receive the HPV vaccine, which protects against some strains of the human papilloma virus. At this time, the vaccine Gardasil was still a newly developed drug. The drug was approved by the Food and Drug Administration, but newly formed drugs always pose a risk of

the unknown.

I don't believe that the power of executive order should be used lightly. It should be used in dire circumstances when a president/governor has to make a critical decision in a limited time. This was not one of those times. No girl should be forced by its government to get a vaccine shot into her body under any circumstances.

The drug was manufactured by Merck. Perry and Merck have had a long relationship. The company has given Perry \$28,500 to Perry's campaigns in the past. Clearly this was a political move that ended up invading young girls' lives.

I don't know who is going to win the Republican primary race, but if it ends up being Rick Perry, I know one thing for sure: I will not be voting for someone this scary.



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The Pro-Death Party

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The Republican Party often positions itself as the 'pro-life' party, one that defends life at every stage of development. However, like most things when it comes to this party, they say one thing and do the exact opposite.

The past two Republican debates have featured absolutely jaw-dropping moments. The first was last Wednesday when the biggest applause line of the evening from the audience was when Brian Williams brought up the fact that Rick Perry has overseen the most executions of any governor in the history of the United States: 234 of them to be exact.

By the time this article is printed it could very well be 235 as Duane Buck is scheduled to be executed on September 15. The prosecution estab-

lished beyond a reasonable doubt that he had committed the double murder for which he was charged.

During the penalty phase of the trial, the prosecution used a forensic psychologist who asserted that, because Buck was an African-American, he was more likely to pose a serious threat to society if he were ever to be freed. This testimony helped the prosecution get a death sentence for Buck. It would appear that, unless Governor Perry steps in and grants a stay of execution, being black in Texas makes it more likely a person will face the death penalty.

In Rick Perry's Texas it does not even matter if they are guilty of the crimes they were convicted for suspects to be executed; take Cameron Todd Willingham's case. Willingham was convicted in 1992 of burning his house down while his three children were inside, but maintained his innocence throughout the trial, even

rejecting a plea deal that would have seen him get life in prison.

A month before Willingham was executed, Dr. Gerald Hurst, a noted arson investigator, reviewed the evidence in the case that the prosecution used to convict Willingham during the trial and determined that the entire case was built on "junk science" and found "no evidence of arson." Hurst sent his report to the Board of Pardon and Paroles and Perry's office, both of which declined to grant clemency to Willingham.

The fact that Perry most likely executed an innocent man may actually increase his appeal towards Republican primary voters. In 2009, when he was running against Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison in the Republican Primary for Governor, a focus group was told about the Willingham case. One voter responded saying, "It takes balls to execute an innocent man." After the Republican

debates during the previous week, I am convinced it appeals to primary voters.

The second jaw-dropping moment was during the Tea Party debate on Monday. Wolf Blitzer posed a hypothetical question to Congressman Ron Paul that involved a healthy 30-year-old man who refused to carry health insurance and then wound up in a coma. The question involved who would pay for the treatment of the man, and should society let him die? That is when some members of the crowd shouted "Yeah!" Yes, let the man die was the response from the party who prides itself on the sanctity of life.

First they cheer the fact that Rick Perry has overseen the most executions than any other governor. Then they say a man should die if he gets sick and does not have insurance to pay for his treatment.

Pro-life party my ass.

Athens: Where Democracy is in Danger

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It is known to be the birthplace of democracy – that most esteemed ideal that has its roots in ancient Greek society over 2,500 years ago. Athens is a city that has not only shaped European politics over the millennia, but also much of what we now call “Western society.”

It's also a city that's in the grips of a violent political and economic struggle. Amidst overwhelming public-sector job cuts, a looming default on its debt and proposed tax increases, Greece's government has experienced fierce public anger against its anti-austerity measures.

Walking through the streets of Athens this past summer, I and 22 other students got a chance to see this crisis firsthand. As part of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Culinary Journalism trip that encompassed much of Southern Greece as well as Italy, Athens was our unofficial home base.

As any tourist who visits Athens, we took the customary tour of the Acropolis as well as the newly constructed Acropolis Museum, which featured hundreds of recovered sculptures and artifacts that have finally found a home in Athens.

As breathtaking as these sights are – walking through the Propylaea, the gigantic columns that serve as the entrance to the Acropolis, is nothing short of awe-inspiring – they only reveal a small, carefully preserved part of the city.

If one were to visit Athens and hover only around the area surrounding the Acropolis, one would think the city is a thriving first-world metropolis. Stray from the ritzy and touristic Plaka and Monastiraki districts and you'll discover an Athens that is coarse, dirty and diverse.

Wander to the north side of Athens towards Omonia Square and

you'll see an Athens of frantic traffic, rampant graffiti, stray dogs and cracked street tiles. Despite its rough nature, this is the part of the city that I love to see.

It's nothing but honest – it doesn't try to sell itself or mask its true identity. Walk through the immigrant areas of Athens where Saudis, Pakistanis, Albanians and North Africans make their roots and you'll get a glimpse of the day-to-day struggles facing Athenians. Whether it's a Rastafarian selling knock-off Coach purses or a Pakistani sitting on a street corner peddling cheap plastic toys, it's obvious that regular employment is more or less hard to find in Athens.

Syntagma Square, located next to Athens' Parliament Building, is where you'll more than likely find those who have no such employment. The square was turned into a demonstration forum for more than three weeks in late May and early June in reaction to extreme government budget cuts.

The square became a mish-mash of anti-government banners, protestors with megaphones, kebab vendors, unemployed Greeks smoking and drinking, rallies outside of Parliament and an overall feeling that something was about to happen.

And indeed something did happen. On June 15, during a planned 24-hour strike collaborated by Greece's largest labor unions, tens of thousands of Greeks clashed with riot police in the square, throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails while police threw teargas canisters.

The protests would begin to be a symbol of the common struggle of people from all industrialized countries against their governments' handling of the international debt crisis.

For those of us visiting, the protests portrayed the stark reality of Europe's economic struggles while reminding us that the United States, though seemingly secure, is not outside of the wake.

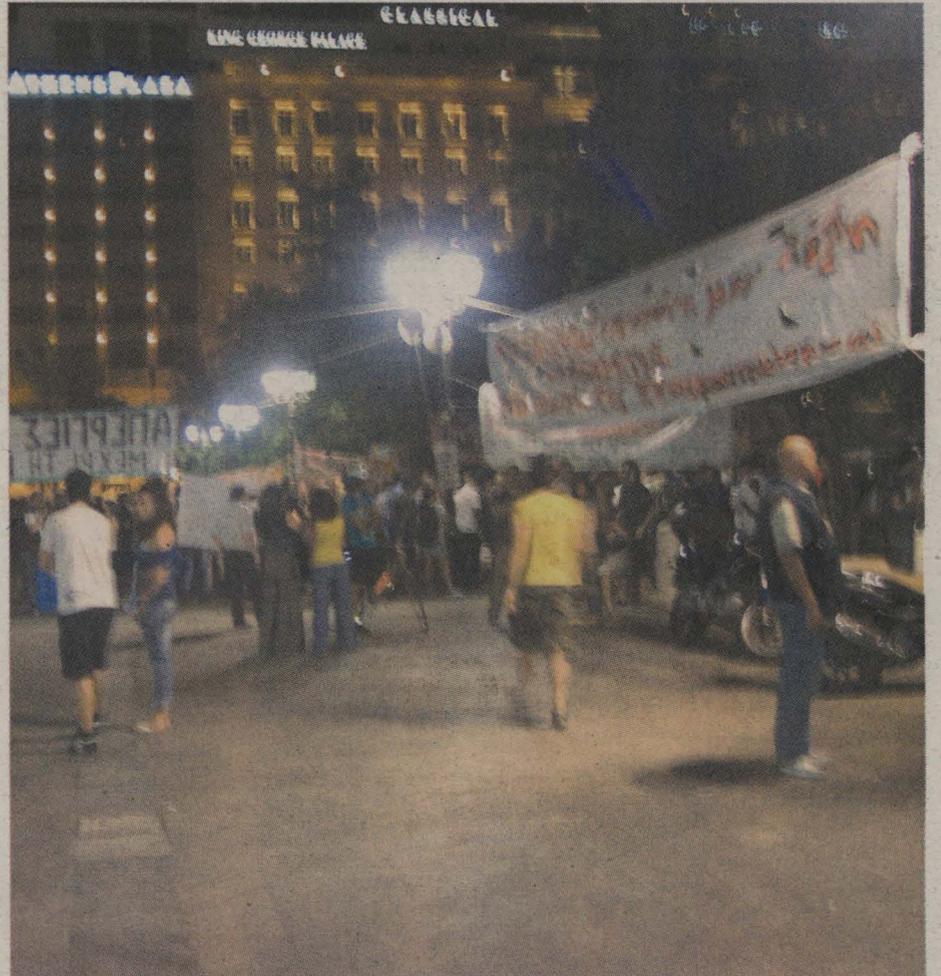


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Athenians gather in Syntagma Square with their political banners to protest the government's austerity measures.

[photo of the week]



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