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# News

## SGA and Farmshed Provide Students Hands-On Experience Opportunities

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Thanks to funding from the UWSP Student Government Association, Farmshed is able to offer a handful of paid positions for assistance establishing The Greenhouse Project. The positions include such titles as volunteer coordinator, website developer and content manager and compost assistant.

Sam Dvorak, environmental and sustainability issues director and Biology major, attended a tour of Sorenson's Greenhouse last fall when The Greenhouse Project was beginning. "We were immediately like 'This has to happen, that is so cool!' And then we asked ourselves, 'How can SGA fit into that role, or help make that happen?'" Dvorak said. Dvorak met with several of his peers and the process began.

Funding became available when UWSP pulled out of the NatureWise® program with Wisconsin Public Services, which put all of the pieces to the puzzle together. Several months later, a handful of positions have been created, and the capacity to support those positions is available.

Farmshed's focus is developing

and building the regional food system here in Central Wisconsin. To accomplish this involving the whole community, including UWSP students, is critical to their success.

"The students will be able to help us see and really understand what steps are necessary, and who we should begin to contact and how to develop this right on-site at the greenhouse," Layne Cozzolino, executive director of the Central Rivers Farmshed, said.

UWSP, Farmshed and the community of Stevens Point all stand to benefit from the success of The Greenhouse Project. Whether it is economically, from agritourism and the strengthening of the local food economy, a selling point for UWSP is the invaluable experience for students.

Interested students have an amazing chance to benefit from the project through experiences gained at the greenhouse, workshops, educational events, volunteering, touring or paid positions.

"Our students get a great opportunity; it will make us more marketable and visible to everybody else," Dvorak said.

And it is not just Biology or Natural Resources students who

will benefit. Economics and Art majors will have opportunities to get involved as well through business development, marketing and advertising and interior design.

Students will be able to leave a lasting impact on the community and take the ideas, concepts and experiences gained wherever they may go. As the local food movement expands, people with these types of skills and experiences may be highly sought after.

But it is the idea behind the positions at The Greenhouse Project that is much greater.

"One of the things that we have to look at is building capacity for the community. So, we have some people, say, that want to start a composting business or an aquaponics business. How can we help incubate them? Making it not just a job, but something that is really going to benefit them in the future. And that is really what this whole thing is about," Cozzolino said.

To find out more about The Greenhouse Project and Farmshed, or to get involved, visit [www.Farmshed.org](http://www.Farmshed.org).

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## Students Speak about State of Lower Debot

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Lower Debot did not always look as it does this year. Things such as table, booth and television placement were different and yes, there was carpeting.

Last summer some heavy rain showers caused flooding in Lower Debot, and as a result the carpeting had to be removed in order to prevent molding. This is the cause of the state of the seating area near the convenience store. There are still small laminated signs posted in Lower explaining the problem and apologizing for the inconvenience.

Sophomore Elementary Ed. Major Jessica Cox attended the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point last year and remembered how Lower Debot used to look.

"There used to be a T.V. in that corner," she said, gesturing toward a nook in the back right corner of the seating area as you look from the front entrance. "It was the only T.V. down here and there were booths on both sides."

Cox remembered how students used to vie for those booths to get a seat within view of the television. She also remembered the arrangement. The small tables were placed pretty close to the way they are now, she said, but the booths used to run along the wall to the far right side where

folding tables now sit.

Last semester, Cox said she brought her boyfriend who attends Concordia University Wisconsin to UWSP for a short visit. She said when she brought him to Lower, she was mildly embarrassed.

"It looks terrible without carpeting," she said, gazing at the floor. "I thought they would have replaced the carpeting as time went on."

Emilee Smith, visiting her friends at UWSP and waiting for her friends to meet her at Lower Debot, said that it does make a small statement about campus.

"If I were a prospective student visiting campus for the first time, like I am now, this would definitely give me a little different perspective," Smith said. She said it would not make or break the decision, but it would leave an impression.

Sophomore transfer student Dustin Ziegelman is new to campus this year and is also a bit disenchanted



Photo by Samantha Feld

For the last two semesters, Lower Debot has been without carpet.

ed by the state of Lower.

"I think if it looked a little nicer down here I wouldn't bring my food back to my room as often as I do," he said.

Ziegelman also said that the seating in Lower sharply contrasts the nice, new convenience store. "The store is set up nicely and there is nice lighting and flooring," he said. "And upper looks decent as well, it's just the seating area in Lower."

Due to scheduling constraints Dining Services Director Mark Hayes was unavailable for sufficient comments about the way Lower Debot looks currently. In a voicemail, he said that "nothing has been decided about Lower Debot," but that plans have been made to organize student surveys and focus groups next year.



# news

## A Look at Protective Services on Campus

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For most students at UWSP, their interaction with protective services will be limited to seeing them drive around campus in their cars, but for a few select students their interactions will be a bit more personal. So most students are left little understanding of who protective services are, and what they are responsible for.

There are three different classifications for employees that work for the department said John Taylor, the Assistant Director for Protective Services and 19-year veteran of the department.

"Currently we have three police offices who go through the same training that officers for the Stevens Point Police Department would have to go through," Taylor said, which is a

15-week recruit-training course.

In addition to the three police officers, protective services also employs four security officers. While they haven't received the same formal training that the police officers have, come from backgrounds that are similar to protective services, such as the military or other security institutions.

The department also employs 45 students as cadets that receive extensive on the job training.

Out of the three groups only the police officers carry weapons, which they started doing three years ago, Taylor said. Both security officers and student cadets carry OC Spray, commonly known as pepper spray.

Security officers have usually carried OC spray prior to coming to UWSP. While the student cadets haven't received any formal training

about the use of OC spray, it can only be deployed in the defense of others or the officer.

"In the seventeen years we have been carrying OC Spray it has not been used once," Taylor said.

While students who are caught using alcohol underage, or carrying small amounts of marijuana, receive a citation and pay a fine, Taylor says students aren't treated as if they broke the law.

"Everything we respond to typically involves alcohol," Taylor said. When officers respond to incidents involving vandalism or other incidents, they usually find out that the person had been drinking earlier.

Taylor said that the second biggest category of calls involves marijuana use in the dorms.

## [Protective Services Report]

### March 25 – March 31

#### Sunday, March 25

7:05 a.m. – Student ran a red light.

11:55 p.m. – The staff at Steiner Hall reported the smell of marijuana emanating from a room on the first floor.

#### Monday, March 26

1:35 p.m. – A group of skateboarders were behind the Berg Gym filming stunts. The staff called to get them removed before someone got hurt.

#### Tuesday, March 27

9:21 a.m. – A member of the faculty called in a bigger man with short gray hair diving in the recycling bin near the Learning Resource Center.

#### Wednesday, March 28

Nothing significant to report

#### Thursday, March 29

10:33 p.m. – Possible marijuana use reported in Thomson Hall

#### Friday, March 30

2:39 a.m. – Knutzen Staff called in regarding a female student who was previously unconscious, but now responsive but unsure of what is going on.

8:33 p.m. – An individual from Watson Hall went to the protective services offices stating he believed his roommate had thrown all his stuff around the room.

10:36 p.m. – The Suites staff called in a group of unauthorized people.

11:16 p.m. – A report of suspicious activity on the fifth floor of the Suites.

#### Saturday, March 31

1:17 a.m. – A group of suspicious people were stopped and talked to in the parking lot at 601 Division St.

8:07 p.m. – The staff at May Roach called regarding the smell of marijuana.

8:26 p.m. – The staff at Knutzen Hall called about the smell of marijuana.

## One Flush Away From Possible Solutions

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On a quest to find out what people on campus think about gender neutral bathrooms, the most common feedback seemed to be more positive than negative. With this in mind, one might inquire why there may not be an equal distribution of gender neutral bathrooms and the "regular" ones here on campus. Whatever the reasons may be, there are definitely pros and cons to be weighed; rather one holds more weight than the other is a matter of opinion.

After speaking with representatives from different organizations like the Gender and Sexuality Alliance and the Women's Resource Center, the matter became more personable. Gender neutral bathrooms tended to have the popular vote in the context of being a moral issue.

Axel Larson, a sophomore double majoring in Web and Digital Media Development and Computer Information systems and also the Administrative and Institutional Support Director in Gender and Sexuality Alliance believes that gender neutral bathrooms are incredibly useful.

"Gender neutral bathrooms are necessary for transgenders. They bring more comfort," Larson said.

"The pros weigh out the cons", said Triston King, a theatre major and also general member of GSA.

After speaking with Nigel Golden, a sophomore double majoring in Biology and Wildlife Ecology, it is clear that gender neutral bathrooms, in some students' opinions, bring more than comfort to transsexuals or transgenders but to the elderly as well.

"Family also seems to be another huge reason why gender neutral bathrooms could be effective. I remember taking my grandmother to Mississippi for Thanksgiving and all



Photo by Emmitt Williams

Increasing the number of gender-neutral bathrooms on campus is of question most recently at University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point.

the places we stopped at did not have gender neutral bathrooms," Golden said. "It was hard for my grandmother to even stand up on her own. So I would have to assist her and wheel her into the women's bathroom. The looks I got made me feel uncomfortable, but I had to ignore it."

It is a great advantage that gender

**"Gender neutral bathrooms are necessary for transgenders. They bring more comfort." - Axel Larson**

neutral bathrooms do not discriminate against sex or age and this within itself could be revolutionary. What does a mother tell her child (who is the opposite) who is still frightened to go to the bathroom without mommy? "When my son was five, and he still wanted me to go in the bathroom with him, what do I tell him? ... Go in the women's room?" said Jamie Chariton from the Women's Resource Center.

Generally people support gender neutral bathrooms because they do not discriminate, are more con-

venient, and individuals are more comfortable and free from judgment. However, what makes them not such a good idea?

When considering why gender neutral bathrooms may not be such a good idea or more publicized here on campus, the most common response revolved around cost. With school budgets being deducted, gender neutral bathrooms would probably be last on the list of things to spend university dollars on. However, this is mere opinion; different people equal different ideals and perspectives which lead us back to the situation at hand.

The second most common response on why people thought gender neutral bathrooms may not be as popular was the idea of causing rape to be more prevalent. Some of the same people who thought this might be a con also thought the logic behind it was not so reasonable.

"[It's] not justifiable because there are no locks on bathroom doors ... If you go in the bathroom stall you don't really know if the person next to you is a boy or girl," Larson said.



# news

## Students Get Arrested in Washington, D.C. Last Week



After sitting in the doorway of Sallie Mae, Seth Hoffmeister, left, gets arrested for civil disobedience at the USSA LegCon conference.

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On Monday, March 26, 36 students, including some UW-Stevens Point students, were arrested for participating and instigating a student loan debt protest that disrupted all traffic on 7th Street in Northwestern D.C.

Students from all around the country gathered in Washington for the United States Student Association's Legislative Conference, or LegCon, to publicly speak out against the crushing student debt incurred from higher education.

But their focus for protest shifted when they made a pit stop at the corporation Sallie Mae headquarters on the way to LegCon.

Sallie Mae is the largest private profiteer of student loans that has documented record high revenues while this month national student loan debt soared over one trillion dollars, which is significantly higher than the national credit card debt.

"Students, graduates, parents, to name a few, are faced with the reality of the burden of student debt, which this month reached a total of ONE TRILLION dollars, hundreds of millions more than that of total credit card debt, the student loan debt bubble is the next to burst, and if this bubble pops, the effect on the economy will be nothing short of catastrophic," United Council President Seth Hoffmeister said.

Hoffmeister was a member of the "civil disruption" team that got arrested by D.C. law enforcement.

The organized protest had many roles played by participating students such as photographers, speakers and picketers. The more dangerous volunteer group was the civil disruptors, who were tasked with sitting on the steps of the Sallie Mae headquarters in Washington, D.C.

"Our goal was to meet with Sallie Mae CEO Albert Lord to renegotiate the terms and agreements regarding the money we borrow to go to college and to renegotiate the terms of repayment," Hoffmeister said. "As they experience record profit, we, their primary customers, are finding ourselves worse off for trying to go to college."

With the hopes of a short conversation with a mid-level executive of Sallie Mae, the group expected they would be turned away. But rather than accept defeat, they sat around the entrance to the building while USSA President Victor Sanchez, Jr., gave a public speech addressing their concerns to the public.

The private security staff employed by Sallie Mae met them with explicative slurs and name calling.

"We could see that his day, to say the least, was ruined," Hoffmeister said.

Just before the small protest group was overrun, reinforcements from the nearby LegCon protest arrived on the scene.

"We brought friends," Sanchez said to the security staffer, who was now threatening to call the police.

"Our friends blocked traffic and shut down a busy downtown block of traffic that the 200 strong with their signs, chants and energy soon filled the air," Hoffmeister said.

It didn't take long for the Washington Metro Police to arrive to diffuse the situation. While remaining respectful to the rights of the protesters, the police asked the "civil disruption team" to step down from the entrance and join the main body of protesters in the street to avoid any and all legal ramifications.

They politely refused.

"After a series of warnings, me and 35 of my friends, some of whom are from Wisconsin, others from Oregon, Florida, New Jersey, California, were pointed at one by one, and as the rally roared with support, were handcuffed, put into police wagons, and arrested for saying that

we are sick of playing a losing game," Hoffmeister said.

The student protesters' fines were all paid in full by the teachers' union American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and pro-labor non-profit organization Jobs with Justice.

The students were released the same day.

"Students are fighting a losing battle," Hoffmeister commented. "On the campus, state and national levels, the education that we receive to better ourselves today and tomorrow is being systematically dismantled, deregulated and privatized. As the cost goes up, the quality is going down. I for one am sick of losing."



Photos by Liz Westberg

The 36 students who were arrested for the "action" of civil disobedience you see here: sitting in the doorway of Sallie Mae, requesting a meeting with a representative.

## Wisconsin Votes: Primaries and Legislative Update

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Less than 50 percent of the registered voters in the Stevens Point area went to the polls on Tuesday, when Wisconsin voted on the Republican presidential primary and several other local races took place.

Mitt Romney was the pronounced winner in Wisconsin, according to preliminary results.

According to the Stevens Point Journal, new Voted ID laws (that were not in effect yet) might have confused some voters, or discouraged others from voting entirely. The law is currently being held up by Dane County judges, who face an appeal from the state's Department of Administration. This situation will likely lead to a legal fight in the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Moreover, recent redistricting might add to this confusion, as many voters saw their polling places and representatives changed. Portage County reduced its number of districts from 29 to 25.

Voters require proof of residence to vote, must have lived in their current address for at least 28 days, must sign poll books at the time of voting, and others.

Other political updates are that a federal district court has partially struck down the anti-collective bargaining ban that led to the Capitol

occupation last year. The state's redistricting has also been partially shut down due to legal challenges of disproportionate voter disenfranchisement.

Governor Walker is also the subject of a secret grand jury investigation, known as a "John Doe" investigation, approved by former Milwaukee appeals court judge Neil Nettesheim. The investigation includes former staffers from Walker's time as Milwaukee County Executive, and deals with numerous election fraud accusations, embezzlement and misconduct in office, as well as other felonies.

According to Mother Jones, Walker says he has "fully cooperated" with the investigation and will continue to do so until the John Doe probe has been settled.

Lastly, Walker signed three bills on Monday. One requires kindergarten standardized reading tests and assesses teachers based on students' performance.

Another legalizes wolf hunting in Wisconsin, one year after the Wisconsin wolf was removed from the federal endangered species list; wolves can be hunted from mid-October through February.

The third requires high school athletes to be removed from their sport and checked by a physician if he or she is suspected of suffering from a concussion.

## Letter to the Editor

**WILLIAM HELMKE**

I found your satirical article "Occupy Spinoff comes to Miller Park, Bring Beer, Apathy" to be offensive and in poor taste. This sort of liberal slanted satire belongs on a entertainment website such as the Onion, not a student newspaper. It comes off as condescending to anyone with a conservative view and suggests that the writer is both ignorant and intolerant of those who hold them. The stereotypes presented in this article are no better than conservatives calling a woman desiring access to birth con-

trol a "slut" or calling Occupy protesters "unwashed hippies." Regardless of ideology, attacking and demeaning the opposition is a practice that shouldn't be promoted in The Pointer, even as satire. Opinions should be supported with facts and reasonable arguments, not with mud-slinging and stereotyping of those who see things differently. While this standard may not be commonly held in the political arena or the media at large (again, regardless of bias or party), I believe it is one that we, as educated individuals in an academic setting, should.



# Sports

## Brewers Breakdown

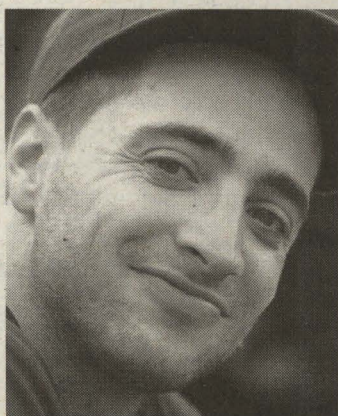


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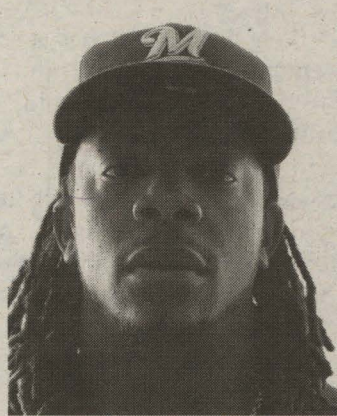


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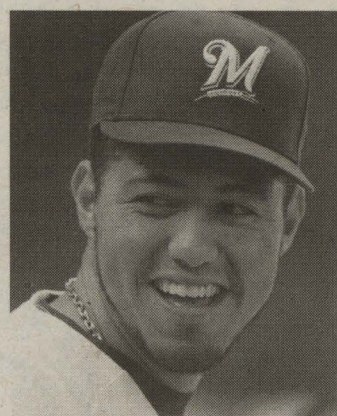


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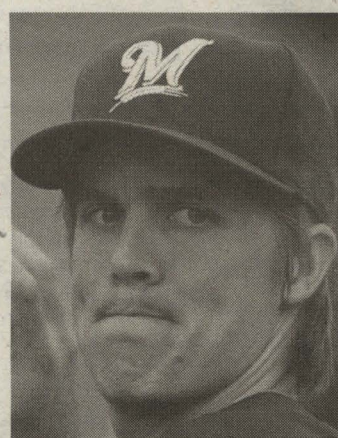


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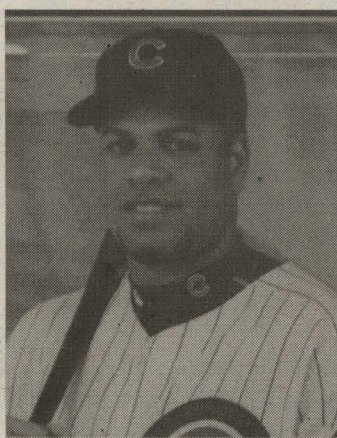


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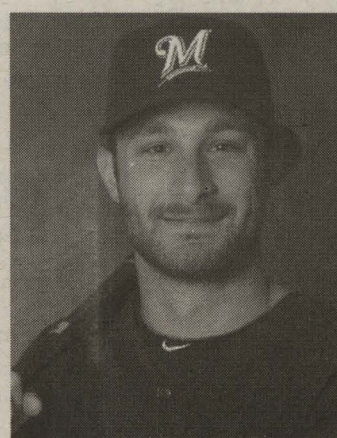


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### GUS MERWIN

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In this inaugural year of the post-Fielder era there have been a rash of interesting storylines develop during the offseason. Between the Braun Debacle, Corey Hart's knee, and Zack Greinke's contract situation there is much more to Friday's opening day at Miller Park than the Brewers taking on the rival Cardinals. Opening Day signals the beginning of the future for the entire Brewer organization.

With that in mind I present to all five of my readers my list of the five most important Brewers going forward.

•Ryan Braun: Now that the Prince of Beer City has jumped to Detroit, Braun will take his place atop Milwaukee's throne. But as loved as he is in Brewer Nation he is hated just as much everywhere else. Nowhere will that be as evident as when the Brewers travel to Los Angeles to take on the Dodgers.

As good as the Dodgers were on the field last season it was nullified by the financial mess that former owner Frank McCourt put them in. The two bright spots that Dodger fans were able to rally behind were the performances of NL Cy Young winner Clayton Kershaw and Matt Kemp who finished behind Braun in MVP voting. In the minds of Dodger fans Braun stole the MVP from Kemp and did it while using a banned substance.

Whenever the Brewers are on the road this season Braun is sure to catch hell from all angles. The worst thing

he can do is have a down year. We all know he is capable of denying everything vehemently with his words, but in order to be totally vindicated he needs to keep performing like an MVP and show the doubters that it's all him.

Especially now that the Brewers gave him the big contract last season he needs to prove he is worth the money and continue to lead the team as they move forward.

•Rickie Weeks: When Weeks is on the field he is the most dangerous leadoff man in the game and an elite second baseman. His only problem is staying on the field. As effective as Weeks has been throughout his career, he has been hindered by injuries on multiple occasions.

The fact that Weeks says his ankle isn't back to 100 percent isn't as big of a deal as people think. After a major high ankle sprain like he suffered last season his ankle won't ever be full go again. It's not career threatening, it's just the nature of that ligament. It's going to get sore frequently and it will hurt down the road, but he will be able to play on it.

As long as Weeks can stay healthy he has proven to be a consistent producer and at this point there's no reason to believe otherwise. He will also be looked to as a leader in the clubhouse. As one of the most tenured Brewers on the team he will be in the same position as Braun in terms of being a face of the franchise.

•Yovani Gallardo/Zack Greinke: Coming into last season baseball analysts much more intelligent than myself were ranking the Brewers starting rotation up there with the

Phillies and Giants as one of the best in the entire league. As the anchors of the starting rotation Gallardo and Greinke will need to be on top of their games, especially now that all signs point to a dip in offensive output. And with the effectiveness of veteran Shaun Marcum still in question it puts even more pressure on the duo to perform well.

As anyone who has read anything about Greinke knows, the Brewers 1.A. starter is not a public person whatsoever. That's reaffirmed by the fact that he has been very tight lipped about his current contract situation. That leads me to believe he won't let it affect his pitching. Of course I've been wrong before.

For the second straight season manager Ron Roenicke has given Gallardo the nod for Opening Day, and rightfully so. He has been nothing short of a stud for the Brewers since he was brought up to the big club and he deserves to be recognized as such.

•Aramis Ramirez: Based on the resume that the Brewers' most high profile offseason acquisition has turned in, Ramirez is almost a lock to have a solid season at the plate and will make up for some of the drop in offense in the wake of Fielder's departure. Ramirez also brings some veteran leadership to the club, lightening the burden for Braun and Weeks.

He will also do a fine job at third. With the addition of shortstop Alex Gonzalez, the left side of the infield looks to be wildly better than it was last season.

Maybe the best thing about hav-

ing Ramirez at third is the idea that it might piss off a few Cubs fans. As our biggest division rival, at least from the standpoint of fans, any opportunity to rattle the cages on the North Side is a welcome one.

From what Ramirez has said so far with the organization he seems excited to play at Miller Park. In a post-signing interview Ramirez expressed his eagerness to be able to play in warm weather during the early Spring and late Fall nights. The transition from playing outside at Wrigley and inside at Miller will likely be an easy one for the new Brewer third baseman.

•Jonathan Lucroy: As Milwaukee's unsung hero the last two seasons, Lucroy has quietly made a name for himself both among the fans and around the league. Not only is he probably the most underrated catcher in the league, he is also one of the most underrated players period.

He has solidified himself as the starting catcher in Milwaukee, only resting when Randy Wolf pitches due to his bond with backup George Kottaras. In just two seasons he has proven to be the best defensive catcher the Crew has had in quite a while.

He is also an extremely adept hitter. He does not put up great power numbers, but is quite capable of going yard. He hits for a decent average, is very skilled at hitting to the opposite field, and is a solid RBI producer in the back of the lineup.

Last week the Brewers rewarded Lucroy with a four-year extension to his contract, locking him up for what should be a competitive few years for Milwaukee.



# sports

## Pointers Looking Forward to Home Opener

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The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point baseball team will play its first home games of the season in two double headers on Thursday and Friday against division foe UW-La Crosse.

Stevens Point started the year compiling a 7-3 record in their two games in Minneapolis against Gustavus Adolphus, and in their trip to Florida against teams from around the country.

UWSP traveled to UW-Stout for a pair of double headers last weekend, winning 3-of-4.

In two games on Sunday, the Pointer offense woke up, racking up 32 runs.

"Our primary struggles prior to Sunday had been with our offensive inefficiency," said Pointer Head Coach Pat Bloom. "We feel a little better about ourselves in that department now."

The Pointers now hold a record of 10-4 going into their first home series. Ranked number 11 in the country in Division III, Stevens Point has very high hopes for this season.

"Having such high expectations for this team is like a double edged sword. On the one hand, we can all expect a high level of play from one another, but at the same time our opponents will give us their best effort," said sophomore centerfielder Casey Barnes.

Many players have really stepped up so far this year, putting up impressive numbers early in the season.

One of the early standouts is Barnes, who is in the top three in almost every offensive category for the Pointers with 12 RBIs, 22 hits, 37 total bases and a team best .431 batting average.

"I contribute my success up to this point to my teammates," Barnes said. "A lot of the guys are extremely competitive, so it's like a friendly contest to one-up each other at the plate. All of us feed off of each other's success."

Other players certainly have stepped up as well. Junior infielder Dan Douglas has a .400 batting average. Junior catcher Ryan Schilter has been hitting .380 with a team-high six steals and has provided stellar defense behind the plate.

Stevens Point's opponent for their home opener will be UW-La Crosse. For a team that finished second to

last in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference just two years ago, the Eagles are putting a strong year together.

"La Crosse is a real sleeper team that has a lot of experience on the mound and at the plate this year," Bloom said. "We will certainly need to play our best baseball in all facets of the game in order to win the series."

La Crosse has a record of 12-6 going into Saturday, posting a perfect 4-0 record in conference.

The Eagles are led by senior first basemen Jay Fanta, who has a team-high 32 hits, 16 RBIs and a blistering .464 batting average, which is leading the conference.

Junior outfielder Brooks Braga has also had a hot start to the year, contributing a .390 batting average and a team-high

two homeruns, 19 runs scored and an on-base percentage of .514.

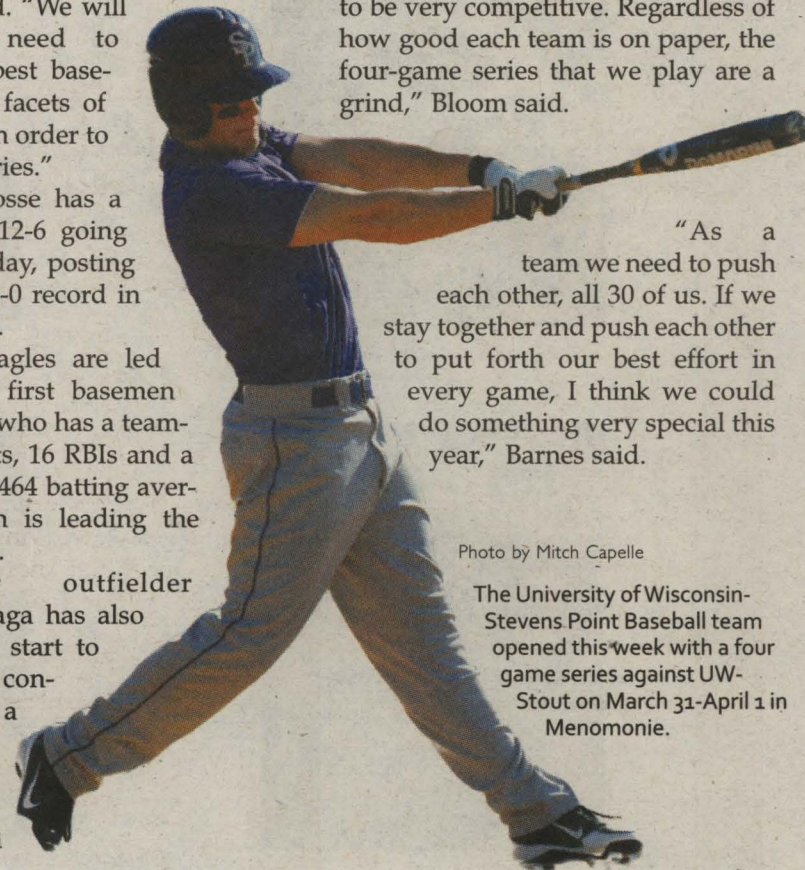
UWL will certainly give the Pointers a tough matchup, but the toughest part of the season is just beginning: conference play.

"As always, our league is going to be very competitive. Regardless of how good each team is on paper, the four-game series that we play are a grind," Bloom said.

"As a team we need to push each other, all 30 of us. If we stay together and push each other to put forth our best effort in every game, I think we could do something very special this year," Barnes said.

Photo by Mitch Capelle

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Baseball team opened this week with a four game series against UW-Stout on March 31-April 1 in Menomonie.



## Double Header Home Opener For Softball Team

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After winning every game in the Finlandia Invitational, the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point softball team lost 8 of 12 games in the National Training Center Games. They followed up with a sweep of Marion College and dropped a series to the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire.

Now the team will look to get some wins Thursday against the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater. Point currently stands at 10-10, winless in conference play after falling to Eau Claire last weekend. Following the road trip to Whitewater, UWSP will play their home opener Friday against the University of Wisconsin - River Falls.

"River Falls is bringing back a lot of talent from last year's team, including their ace pitcher, Rose Tusa and their good outfielder Amanda Ryder," said junior third basemen Katie Shulfer.

Last year, Point was 7-3 at home, 10-3 in neutral sites, and 6-9 away. Sophomore pitcher Bekah Rennie leads the Pointers so far with a .400 batting average in 40 at-bats. Junior first baseman Katie Krueger leads Point with 14 RBI.

The Pointers are batting slightly less than their competition with a team batting average of .293 compared to .297 by opponents. Point has hit nine home runs so far this season with senior catcher/outfielder Kelly

Arndt leading the way with four home runs.

"One thing to improve on is when we have runners in scoring position, we need to come through with those huge hits to bring them across home plate and add runs to our score," Shulfer said.

Whitewater got the best of Point last year, taking the only two games the teams played against each other. The first game Whitewater won by a score of 3-2, followed by a 2-1 victory.

In those games, Whitewater dominated in hits with a combined 16 compared to Point's 11. Both of those games took place at Point as well as this year's games. Warhawk senior pitcher Jessica Stang had the hot hand against Point last year, throwing 14 strikeouts in the two game series.

The 2012 roster includes just one senior, Arndt, and 12 underclassmen. In addition to the team's youth, Head Coach Jill Millis is entering her first year at the helm of the Pointers. Former student-athlete and current student assistant coach Megan Tracy is also entering her first year as a coach.

"We've been gearing up for this part of the season with preparation dating back to our fall practices and from starting practices right when semester two began," Shulfer said. "Our bodies know what to expect from this preparation and we're ready to show what we've got in this short period of time."



Photo by Mitch Capelle

Pitcher, Sara Babbitts, throws a game in Florida.

### Upcoming Home Games

Opponents	Date	Time
UW-River Falls	04/06/12	3:00 pm, 5:00pm
UW-Platteville - Alumni Day	04/14/12	1:00pm, 3:00pm
UW-La Crosse - Parents Day	04/14/12	12:00pm, 2:00pm



# Pointlife

## If the Shoe Fits

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Studies show that prejudice normally occurs whenever there are differences in population. However, no matter what race, religion, color or creed you are there seems to be a natural sense of prejudice that subsists in every human being. After talking to Vinod Sundram (who likes to be called "V"), a University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point international student from Singapore majoring in Psychology, I found that prejudice might occur even in light-hearted moments that are not necessarily meant to hurt an individual or group of people.

V told me about his experience of prejudice regarding his race and nationality. Most people he interacts with or comes across initially assume that English is not his first language. Assuming that it is not, these people are normally shocked whenever he opens his mouth. V shared a particular story with me about a conversation he had on the phone with a lady from the admissions office when he was applying to California State University - Stanislaus. As the conversation progresses, she was appalled by the fact V spoke really good English, but what she does not know is that English is his first language. V recounts their conversation: "You speak really good English for a Singaporean," said the lady from the Admissions Office CSUS.

In response V said, "You speak

really good English for an American."

The lady was tickled by V's comment, "But English is my first language, honey."

"So is mine, darling," said V, and both boiled over in laughter just as we both did as he retold me the story.

I found it fascinating (more so a gift), that he could take such an event and find humor in it. However, I pondered if this was a possible solution for common cases of prejudice. Although, there was humor in the situation, should we entertain ignorance? When is it fit to be staged? Or is it ever? As I sought to answer these questions, V told me about another prejudice experience complemented by a pinch of comedy.

V was playing soccer, and two of his teammates were trying to get his attention, but didn't know his name. V, in the heat of the game heard them but didn't respond immediately. He overheard the two plotting how they are going to get his attention. One suggested that maybe sign language might work.

V finally responded; "Dude, I know English."

The two laughed it off and once again a potential hurtful moment ended in amusement.

I asked V why he thinks this happens and he educated me on some colonial history. He said that Singapore, located in South East Asia, was once a British colony and that their influences are still alive in Singaporean culture. V told me that he is often asked, "What are you?" He said his response is similar to if they

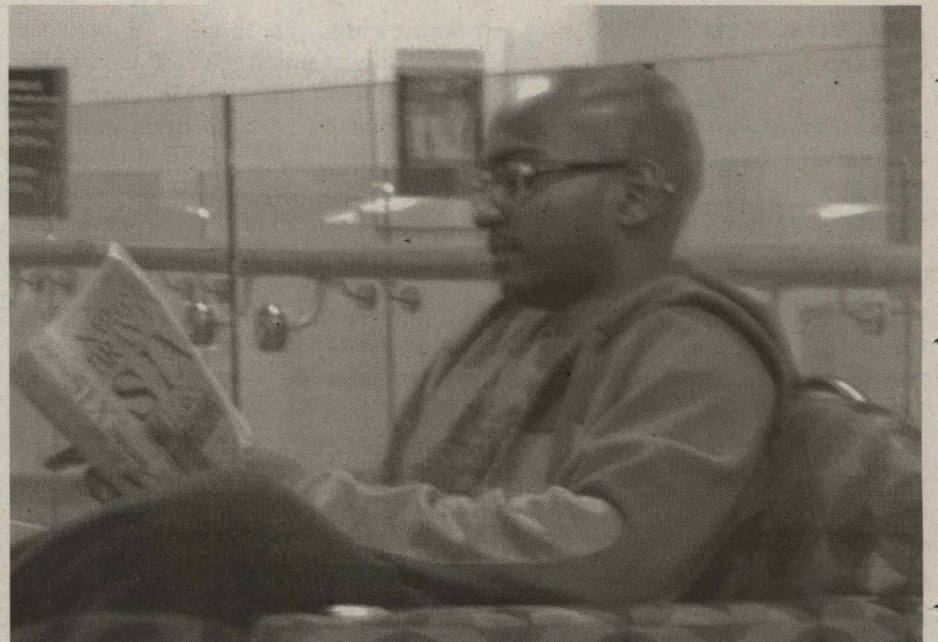


Photo by Emmitt Williams

UWSP student Vinod Sundram, whose nationality is Singaporean, has surprised many on campus with his fluency in English.

want to know his race or nationality.

"My race is Indian but my nationality is Singaporean," V said.

Due to Singapore being under British rule, Singaporeans can speak English well. However, many people are not aware of this and this normally indicates the prejudice. On the contrary, for those who do know, they notice V's accent.

"V does speak really good English but you can also hear his accent," said Kayla Schultz, a junior Health Administration major.

We say bathroom, V says Loo, which is the British word for toilet. We say dance and pronounce it [dans, dahns]. V says dance and pronounces

it [Dhaun-ce]. V shares with me that sometimes the British influence in him comes out but this is because of the history behind the Singaporean culture.

Essentially we all have accents and come from different places but this never means anyone is ever a candidate of prejudice. This is not an attempt to convict any of us but to shine a light on the small prejudice inside us all that comes out at times. However, if the shoe fits, wear it. After all, it was a good fit.

## Teaching Good Sex

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While the sex education debate may be over in terms of its existence in schools, there is still more to be laid out on the table in regards to what is taught or not taught. After we participated in a conference call with America's most renowned sex advice columnist, Dan Savage, whose new show Savage U premiered this past Tuesday on MTV, it became apparent that sex education in America is still an issue.

What did we really learn from sex education in high school, and how did this affect the way we view sex and relationships?

When we talked to students, it became apparent that sex education caused students to feel embarrassed about their sexuality and fear its possible negative consequences, such as pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

"High schoolers are afraid to talk about it [sex]. It's looked down

upon. In high school, you have to be more secretive because you don't want your parents to know," said junior communication major Kelsey Tonkovitz.

This embarrassment leads to poor communication with not only your partner, but with your parents as well. Sexuality becomes a cycle of fear and dishonesty.

"It's better for households to have it be a common conversation rather than a one-time 'birds and the bees' talk," Tonkovitz said.

A typical sex education classroom scene would go something like this: a teacher holding a glitter canister proceeds to simulate how quickly STDs spread by having one student hold glitter in their hands and shake everyone else's. Now everyone has an STD. End of class.

The only revelation that the students took from that experience was that their hands are now covered in glitter and that it's almost time for

lunch.

The majority of the students we talked to remember only learning about the anatomy of the bodies and the consequences of STDs. They didn't remember learning about honest communication and how this is necessary in building positive and open relationships.

**"When it comes to sex, everyone wants to seem like they know everything..."**

"If we taught Drivers Ed like we taught sex education, people would die on their first trip in their car," Savage said.

While it's easier to talk about the risks involved with sex, it's more important to start a cycle of positive, honest and open communication regarding all sexuality. This approach to education creates the illusion that sex is simple.

"When it comes to sex, everyone wants to seem like they know everything ... People are afraid to admit that they need advice," Savage said.

Another subject that is often disregarded in sex education in America

is same-sex relationships.

"Teachers can't only teach about Bobby and Susie who may be dating; it may Bobby and Billie. When you separate, you alienate," said Tim Wright, a health education professor at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point.

Abstinence-only education is still an existing form of sex education. In Wisconsin alone, laws have been moving back and forth the past few years.

"One of the last laws passed by Jim Doyle was a law that prevented abstinence-only education in the classrooms," Wright said.

In March, however, this law was repealed, making abstinence-only education once again legal.

"Sex education in America should be standardized and uniform all across the board," Wright said.

Savage sees himself as playing a role in changing sex education in this country.

"They know that I can undo the damage done by abstinence education in two hours," Savage said.



## How a Bowl of Soup Changed My Life

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The most treasured recipes in any culture are the ones that have been perfected over years and passed down generation after generation.

A couple weeks ago my sister and I spent an afternoon digging deep into our grandma's recipe boxes. We became mesmerized by first, the beauty of our relative's perfect cursive on obviously loved notecards; secondly, how my grandma could remember how to make literally every recipe without looking at the card; and lastly, just how much history those recipes on those cards held. We laughed as we shared memories of past Passover dinners, and reflected on the lessons we learned about the Jewish culture as well as the history of our own family on those evenings.

My earliest memories of Passover begin in my grandma's apartment; rummaging through her jewelry dresser while the adults discussed politics and the Chicago Cubs and the smells of latkes and matzo ball

soup embraced the air. In between wearing as much jewelry as possible and staring at Lake Michigan from the window, I would catch glimpses of the creation of these special meals, and in these moments my relatives would share their words of wisdom with my sisters and I. As soon as dinner began, my relatives would always reminisce about the story of their parents' trip from Russia to America. I've heard this story hundreds of times but it never gets old. Whenever I am told this story, to this day, I am reminded of their bravery and their resilience. These moments of shared tradition taught me what it meant to be a strong Jewish woman, and as I grew older I credit my strength, and my ability to make a mean bowl of matzo ball soup, all to them.

In honor of Passover beginning this Friday night, I've included the Matzo Ball Soup recipe my sister and I wrote down that afternoon. This soup is sure to cure sickness, heartbreak, sadness, and even artist's block- I promise.

### MATZO BALL SOUP

#### INGREDIENTS: MATZO BALLS

1/2 cup matzo meal  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
2 tablespoons chicken or vegetable stock

#### INGREDIENTS: SOUP

2 to 3 quarts chicken or vegetable stock  
1 carrot, thinly sliced  
Chopped vegetables of your choice.  
A few sprigs of dill

#### DIRECTIONS

•Mix all matzo ball ingredients in a bowl. Cover and place in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

•Bring 1 1/2 quarts of well-salted water to a brisk boil in a medium sized pot.

•Reduce the flame. Run your hands under water so they are thoroughly wet. Form matzo balls by dropping spoonfuls of matzo ball batter approximately 1-inch in diameter into the palm of your wet hands and rolling them loosely into balls.  
•Drop them into the simmering salt water one at a time. Cover the pot and cook them for 30 to 40 minutes.  
•About ten minutes before the matzo balls are ready, bring prepared chicken or vegetable stock to a simmer with the sliced carrot and other chopped vegetables of your choice in it. Ladle some soup and a couple matzo balls into each bowl and top with a couple snips of dill. Eat immediately.

## RECIPE



The Matzo Ball soup that cures every evil.  
Photo by Samantha Feld

## Now, Now, "Threads": A Review

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I've said a hundred times and I will keep on saying it, the Midwest is the best place for modern music. A music scene can really define a community and there is no better music scene right now than the one in Minneapolis. To provide evidence to my statement I present to you a band called Now, Now.

Minneapolis based band Now, Now is a three-member band consisting of vocal guitarist and keyboard player Cacie Dalanger, guitarist Jess Abbott, and drummer Bradley Hale. The band originated in 2003 while Dalanger and Hale were in high school marching band together. The band had moderate underground success in the United States though had a much larger presence in Europe due to a popular tour with the band Paramore. Since then the band has been in and out of record labels until recently, catching the attention of Death Cab For Cutie guitarist and music producer Chris Walla who signed them to his personal record label Trans Records. The result is a prepossessing album called "Threads."

We embark on the track "Prehistoric" where your eardrums will be greeted by simple yet powerful beats and a repetitive raw guitar sound that will mentally take you to your place of solitude. Lyrically gloomy the song uses the lyric "Stuck like those prehistoric mammoths in

the ice...thaw me out and I won't close my eyes" which insert the listener the idea that it's okay to ask for help, that you don't have to be frozen in your current life situation.

Another track I would like to point out is the single "Dead Oaks;" its short, sweet and to the point. Truly a catchy tune that has a sound that echoes the band's first EP entitled "Not One, But Two."

An album isn't complete without a song that will make a listener clap their hands and groove around and the band doesn't disappoint with the track "Thread." With a fast breakdown of the lead guitar and the beautifully flowing chorus it's hard not to pop your hips while clapping.

Then there is my favorite track, "School Friends," calm strumming of a guitar with a light melodic synth overtone throughout the track; it becomes an extremely relaxing mesmerizing tune with lyrics that evoke memories of sacrifices one must make to make the best of a roommate situation.

"Threads" is the perfect soundtrack to the spring season, there are songs for sunny days and there are songs perfect for the rainy ones too. Lyrically brilliant and instrumentally sound, everyone can find a track to love.

Now, Now will be on tour supporting the Naked and Famous this spring and have stops on April 13 at the Turner Hall Ballroom in Milwaukee and April 14 at the Majestic Theatre in Madison.



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# It's Getting Hot in Here

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While some students were consumed with finding warmth during spring break, the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Fire Crew was focused on creating and containing it.

To gain experience in prescribed burns, eight members of the crew drove 21 hours straight to Orange Park, Florida, and quickly got to work helping the St. John's River Water Management District. Altogether the crew performed four prescribed burns totaling over 4,000 acres across the state, from North East Florida to Central Florida in a week.

A prescribed burn is a fire that is started and contained within certain boundaries to stimulate new tree growth and open up areas for new habitats. A prescribed burn may sound harmful but it is actually used to reduce fuel build up in the land during cooler months so that

the likelihood of more serious fires developing is decreased in warmer months.

"There may be one other UW school that has a fire crew or had one ... but at this point, we're pretty much the only resource. Granted, there are not many prescribed fires in Stevens Point, so we send squads of six to eight to help surrounding areas. We also try to do a winter and spring break trip every year to gain more experience with other terrains," said Kristin Miller, secretary of the UWSP Fire Crew and planner of the spring break trip.

The UWSP Fire Crew is a professional, highly trained, statewide resource so traveling is nothing new to them. The primary focus of the fire crew is to suppress wild land fire by staffing attack squads and crews,

emergency firefighter riders, and fire tower observers during times of high risk for fires. The crew is not used for structure burns, such as houses, but has worked for wild land fire agencies in many areas, including outside of Wisconsin.

The fire crew learned of this spring break opportunity through Kristen Miller's father who works for the agency.

**"Figuring out how to work as a cohesive group and communicate, even when we were from different crews was a great experience," Miller said.**

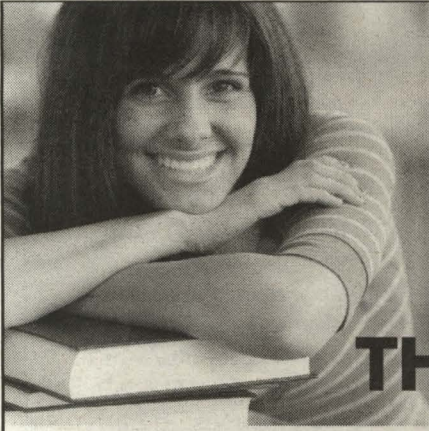
"People from their agency have been up here three times before to teach training classes for our fire crew. But going there allowed us to use different equipment, work in different fuels, and work with different people. That was the biggest thing we learned, I think. Figuring out how to work as a cohesive group and communicate, even when we

were from different crews was great experience," Miller said.

Miller's father has not only been an influence on the UWSP Fire Crew, but has helped inspire Miller's career aspirations.

"I learned about all of this through observing my dad at work and took training classes to become certified. When I came here for forestry school, I joined the fire crew to become more involved. Next spring I'm going to double major in Fire Science to help me pursue a career with a federal agency like Fire Incorporated," Miller said.

The fire science major studies aspects of the fire service profession such as behavior of fire, fire extinguishment, rescue, and relevant environmental policy. UWSP is going to be second in the state to offer this major and will offer students other ways to get involved with natural resources.



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### Questions to the Lawyer

**Q:** I recently got my second speeding ticket for going 80 in a 55 zone, in the state of Wisconsin. I acted very nicely to the officer and have been in contact with the prosecutor about this. What are my options on getting this off my record? I am planning on applying to Law School in the fall and I am wondering if this will be on my record. If so, what and how will that affect my admittance likelihood?

**A:** You should enter a plea of not guilty and go to a pretrial and negotiate with the prosecutor to see if the ticket can be reduced. This ticket is for more than 20 mph over the limit, which is a 6 point violation. If this happened within a year of another similar 6 point violation, you would be subject to a license suspension. This being a second serious speeding violation, the prosecutor may not be inclined to reduce the ticket to a lesser point violation. Your chances of getting it "off your record" are quite slim, unless you have a reasonable defense to the charge, and are successful at a trial with your defense, and get the case dismissed. Its time to slow down, follow the speed limits, even if your buddies laugh at you for driving like a grandma. You should check into the possibility of point reduction school to see if you can avoid a license suspension. As to the issue of law

school, I believe that a conviction on this offense may become an issue after you graduate from law school and apply to become a member of a state bar, so that you can actually practice law. When you apply to become a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin, you have to list every single conviction for any type of law violation, and you may have to explain it. Professional occupations in this state and other states have standards for persons applying for professional licenses, which include not just academic qualifications, but good character and morals. I doubt that a second speeding ticket would prevent you from entering the bar, after three + years of no further tickets, and point reduction school, but don't quote me on that. If you want to become a lawyer, you should start by having some respect for the law, and following it.

Students should feel free to set up an appointment with Jan Roberts, staff attorney for the Student Legal Society, with any questions related to landlord-tenant issues, or any other legal issues (tickets, criminal cases, family law issues, auto accidents, consumer issues, etc.). Be advised that the attorney cannot give legal advice to students where UWSP or any agency or department of UWSP is on the other side of the case. There is a \$5 administrative fee, and appointments are 30 minutes. Follow-up appointments are free.

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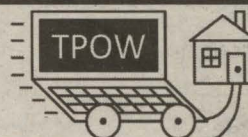
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# Opinion

## Romney Cannot Stop Lying

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After Tuesday's primaries in Wisconsin, Maryland and Washington, D.C., it seems certain that Mitt Romney is going to win the Republican Party nomination for president, and face President Barack Obama in November.

This assumption was never seriously challenged by any of the other candidates in the race, despite the media's weekly obsession with the next person to surge in the polls.

With each victory speech Romney has given, I have found myself sitting there watching and saying to myself, "what is Romney going to lie about today," and Tuesday night was no exception.

Romney opened up his speech insinuating that President Obama is responsible for the millions of people who lost their jobs in the first year of Obama's term, as if to say he is solely responsible and he didn't inherit an economic catastrophe. While the pure numbers seem to support Romney's accusation, it is unfair to claim that President Obama is responsible for those job losses.

The fact remains that once the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, commonly referred to as "the stimulus," was passed that the economy started to turn around. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the stimulus boosted the GDP by 4.2 percent in 2010, and during

the last quarter of 2011 reduced the unemployment rate by as much as 1.1 percent.

If Mitt Romney had been sworn into office in 2009 the stimulus never would have happened, and if we can extrapolate his "let General Motors go bankrupt" argument to other sectors of the economy, we would have been staring at a 17 percent unemployment rate, according to Washington Post economic columnist Ezra Klein.

Following his lie that "under this president's watch, more Americans have lost their jobs than during any other period since the Depression," Romney quickly insinuated that President Obama is responsible for gas prices averaging near \$4.00 a gallon, despite all the evidence in the world that shows he has no control over gas prices.

Of course this drew applause from the audience in attendance, and I am sure Romney knows he's lying when he says this stuff, but he is so desperate to be elected that he doesn't care.

A recent attack that both Romney and Rick Santorum have been leveling against the President is that he is an elitist from the faculty lounges of Harvard and the University of Chicago.

Rick Santorum called him a "snob" for wanting everyone to have the opportunity to go to college if

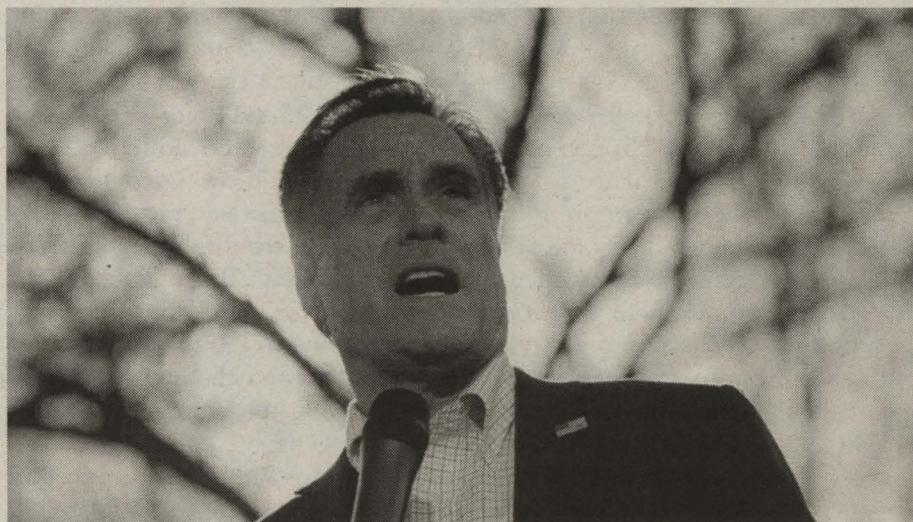


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they so choose.

While campaigning in Illinois before their primary last month, Romney said this of President Obama, "Barack Obama is an elitist, my goodness the man want to Harvard!"

**"He jokes about being unemployed, despite the fact that he earned \$27 million in 2010."**

This coming from a man who spent four years at Harvard earning a joint MBA and law degree, and was the son of George Romney, the former CEO of American Motors and governor of Michigan.

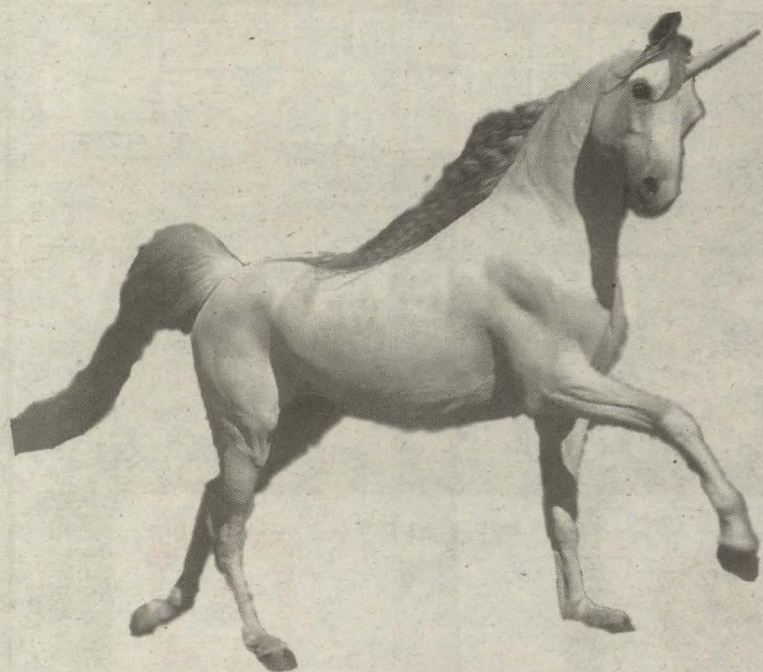
Romney actually joked during a campaign event in Wisconsin last week about how his father had closed an auto plant in Michigan and then ran for governor there. Because

Romney loves jokes about firing people and being unemployed.

He jokes about being unemployed, despite the fact he earned \$27 million in 2010. When asked how much he received for speaking fees, he implied it "was very much" despite the fact he received \$375,000.

Romney wants the American public to believe he is more in touch with the hardships they face on a day-to-day basis and that President Obama has lost touch with reality.

I think it is Romney himself who has lost touch with reality. How else could one explain why his new house in San Diego is going to be sporting car elevators?



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## London's Like That: Observations from a Student Abroad

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Michelangelo, Monet, Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Velázquez. No, this isn't a list of the artists I need to brush up on (no pun intended) for an art history class. It's a list of the artists whose works I've seen in London. In one day. In one museum. There's one word to describe how I felt when I ventured into London's National Gallery the other week: overwhelmed. I meandered, awestruck, through room after room of paintings of all sizes and styles, with each room providing a taste of the art from a certain area and time period. One minute I was in 18th century Italy, the next 19th century Germany. After several hours spent admiring the unrivaled talent on display all around me, I surrendered to the fact that there was no way I was going to cover the whole museum in one day. I've been back several times since.

I've previously dubbed London

the land of coffee shops and double-decker buses. Over the course of seven weeks here, though, I've come to realize that museums are also high on the list of the city's defining features. More interested in modern art than classical paintings? No worries. Just head to the south bank of the River Thames and check out the Tate Modern. Some of the pieces there fascinated me, such as the staircase constructed out of a gauzelike red fabric suspended from the ceiling. It's so meticulously detailed I was almost convinced the light bulb would illuminate if someone just flipped the switch. Other pieces made me wonder if I chose the wrong major... If a plain glass mirror hung on the wall is museum-worthy art, I could no doubt throw together a few breathtaking masterpieces.

If art museums aren't your cup of tea, there are plenty of other options. The British Museum, for example, has the Rosetta Stone (the actual rock, not the language-learn-

ing software touted in infomercials) and pieces of the Parthenon among its many displays. Throughout history, the British have acquired artifacts from all over the world. Unfortunately for London's museums, however, some of the countries from which these slices of history were taken are now clamoring to get them back.

From Charles Dickens to Sherlock Holmes, London has a museum for just about everyone and everything. And the best part about London's numerous museums is that most have free admission.

At the start of every week, my British co-workers at my internship ask what new part of London I explored that weekend. The answer often includes a museum. I'm always surprised when they respond that they haven't been there in years. I guess in a city that's permeated with so much history and culture, it's easy to take the marvels around you for granted once you've been there for awhile. London's like that.



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