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Congressman Sean Duffy visited the Stevens Point area to take questions and concerns from the people he represents in Wisconsin.

Congressman Duffy, who has made it clear he is not a member of the millionaire congressman club, has been holding what his team calls "Coffee with a Congressman" since he was elected to fulfill the promise he made during his candidacy that he would hold at least one town hall meeting in every county of the 7th congressional district.

Residents of Plover and Stevens Point gathered in the town hall meeting held at the Comfort Inn to express their concerns on varying topics from bringing troops home from war in the Middle East to taxes and the economy here closer to home.

"I was pleased that at how well the meeting went, I didn't have to step in at all," Dan Mahoney said, who moderated the town hall meeting.

One of the issues Duffy addressed was the increasing cost of higher education and how action needs to be taken to level off the rising tuition costs, but didn't give much to answer what exactly that action needs to be.

Plover resident Sandra Beach asked, "Are you prepared to tax the 1 percent?"

"Ok, let's talk about taxes," Duffy said. "You've all heard the president talk about taxing millionaires and billionaires, but that's not all he's talking about. He's also talking about taxing small business owners and the middle class."

Duffy also said that in his community the people that own the small businesses or manufacturing firms are the same people that fall into that income bracket.

"But we do have a tax problem in this country; General electric pays zero dollars in taxes. So if you increase the tax rate like the president is talking about to 30 or 40 percent GE still pays no taxes," Duffy said. "That's the problem, we need to weed out the loopholes to make sure those people pay."

"What about the benefits for government officials?" Melva Sullivan asked Congressman Duffy.

Along with business inequalities, Duffy voted to cut the congressional budget in half last year and agrees with concerns that government payrolls are getting out of control.

Duffy also voted to cut military spending dramatically last year as well.

"Are we going to wind up cutting so much from the [military] budget that we have ports of unused ships or are they still going to keep something for us?" Navy veteran Larry Field asked, pointing out that Congress forced the military to build fleets they didn't want then forced them to cut budgets.

"Again, there is fat to be cut but I'm concerned that we are getting to the bone," Duffy answered. "We live in a dangerous world and it's not a peaceful place, there are a lot of threats out there and we have to be sure that we are ready to meet those threats."

"We have a lot of work to do, but together we can get it done," Duffy said.

Congressman Duffy encourages people to send their concerns to his offices around the state and in Washington, D.C.
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The American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) launched its "Reclaim Wisconsin" tour yesterday in La Crosse. In the coming weeks the tour will make stops in several cities across the state, and will arrive at the capital on March 9. There will be a candlelight vigil that night to recognize the one year anniversary of the passing of Governor Scott Walker's collective bargaining bill. A rally will be held the next afternoon.

The tour participants will be speaking to Wisconsinites about the local effects of Gov. Walker's policies and aims to rally the 99 percent. AFL-CIO President Phil Nuenfeldt said the tour is poignant now more than ever. "We believe the time is right to inspire a new generation to fight for justice and prosperity for all workers," he said.

Organizations on campus are in the process of getting the word out about Reclaim Wisconsin. Gerry Zastrow, president of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point's chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), and affiliate with AFL-CIO, said that he would try to attend the events scheduled for March 9 and 10.

On March 8 of last year, the state was in the middle of debates over the budget stalemate. Fourteen Senate Democrats were still at large in Illinois, and debates had reached a stalemate. This was the epitome of high tensions, and Scott Walker became so frustrated with the situation he was quoted as saying, "Eventually, if any of them come back, this bill will pass." This is where much of the distrust and disapproval from the people of Wisconsin comes from.

Other protest movements have also begun. On Valentine's Day, a group of protestors gathered at UW-Madison's Memorial Union Hall and marched to the Capitol Rotunda. The group gathered peacefully, sang protest songs and allowed individuals to voice their disappointment in the state government.

The Reclaim Wisconsin tour will more than likely gather much support from small-town Wisconsin families in the coming weeks. AFL-CIO proponents urge followers to mark the dates of these important events and to visit the tour locations nearest them. More information about the tour will be available once it is in full swing.

[Reclaim Wisconsin Dates & Locations]

Mon., March 5: Racine, Monument Square - Main & 5th Street, 5:30 p.m.

Wed., March 7: Milwaukee, Serb Hall - 5101 West Oklahoma Avenue, 7:00 p.m.

Fri., March 9: Madison, Capitol - Candlelight Vigil 8:00 p.m.

Sat., March 10: Madison, Capitol, "Reclaim Wisconsin March at the Capitol" - Rally 1:00 p.m.

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More Students Off-Campus Housing in the Works

The building of the new student apartment complex to Development Partners of Neenah, Wisconsin - Stevens Point has toyed with the idea of increasing income for the city. With budgetary concerns high due to the lapses and cuts being made, the decision to put in retail properties on the site as a personal choice of the students. In his experience from all the universities he has worked for, there will always be students who prefer living on campus, away from campus, or near campus. He says that adding a new complex is not going to change that.

Occasionally, residential developers will team up with universities to build apartment complexes for student living and then lease the building to the campus to be put under their control. Thompson also said that the developers have not contacted the university yet about working together on the project, although it is still very early to tell if they will or not.

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Earth's ecosystem, and the effects of resource depletion, is futile. Simply, there are people who do not have the privilege of denying climate change. Here is what Panama and Peru have in common with North Dakota and Wisconsin: in each of these four cases, as in dozens of others, grassroots organizations hope to impede the construction of hydroelectric plants, oil rigs, iron mines, or an oil pipeline, projects which they see as destroying their world, 70 percent of industrial wastes are dumped into the usable water supply, upon which depend billions of people. The UN estimates that each person needs a minimum of 20 liters of freshwater daily, which is used for basic needs such as cooking, drinking and cleaning. They also estimate that it takes 2,000 to 5,000 liters to produce one person's daily food.

"Water is the primary medium through which climate change impacts the earth's ecosystem and people." -WWAP

According to the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), "Water resource management impacts almost all aspects of the economy, in particular, health, food production and security, domestic water supply and sanitation, energy, industry and environmental sustainability." Moreover, "Water is the primary medium through which climate change impacts the earth's ecosystem and people."

As governments across the world grapple with the question above— to promote direct private investment in their economies through projects such as the Penokee iron mine, or to protect their environmental sustainability—it might be useful to remember that "Climate variability, water resource management and economic development are intricately linked. Vulnerability to natural disasters affecting the water supply hampers economic performance and undermines poverty reduction goals," according to the WWAP.

As accessing water becomes more difficult for societies, the time available for individuals to spend on other activities—like education, economic production or political participation—is reduced. Other such "external" costs to global warming are difficult to calculate, due to the incontrovertible fact that virtually all aspects of society and ecology would be affected by reduced access to water. Immigration, social and economic disruption, hunger, poverty, sanitation and public health issues, and other factors will be increasingly affected by climate change. These mutually multiplying concerns are already demonstrating their effects, as the instances of conflict and violence resulting specifically from water scarcity continue to rise.

Panama, Peru, Wisconsin and North Dakota are only four of the many frontlines of climate change, where organized citizens are fighting to stay afloat.

For example, the UN estimates that by 2030, climate change will have caused the decline of 20 percent of the snow and ice in the Himalayas, which provide water for much of the agriculture in Asia. It further estimates that by 2020, the yields of rainfed crops will be reduced by 50 percent. With a food crisis already in progress, this development will only lead to desperation and conflict. As this happens, national as well as human security will be more and more jeopardized. Those of us leading privileged lifestyles will be forced to notice, even as we scramble each other over what's causing our demise.

The good news is that we can all do something about it. If you believe every drop matters, visit www.wateruseitwisely.com for everyday water-saving tips.
Sports

Pointer Hockey Ices Blue Devils

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Four goals in the first and second period gave the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point a 9-3 win against the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Freshman forwards Andrew Kolb and Dylan Wizner scored two goals each in the win.

Senior forward Harrison Niemann got the Pointers on the board five minutes in the game, assisted by freshman defenseman Kevin Gibson and senior forward Luke Nesper. Less than a minute later, sophomore forward Max Beaudette set up Kolb for his first goal of the night and a 2-0 Point advantage.

Moments later sophomore forward Jon Nesper took a pass from Gibson assisted goal. Junior forward Johnny Meo gave the Pointers a 4-0 lead in the first period after being set up by Bobrow. Stout answered shortly before the end of the first period on a goal by junior defenseman Joe Beaudette.

“I think our key to being successful was everyone came ready to play. We played our systems well and we were up on the bench and most of all we were having fun,” said Heck.

The second period scoring began when Wizner scored his first goal of the night midway through the period, taking the Pointer lead to 5-1. Niemann assisted Wizner’s first goal, recording his second point of the night.

Blue Devils junior defenseman Jordan Tredinnick scored an unassisted goal less than a minute later to close the gap momentarily.

Kolb would record his second goal on the night moments later. Freshman forward Scott Kenney and Heck recorded the assist.

“Our youth (freshman) have matured over the year. It is important to have the whole team playing their best and I think all of our freshman do exactly that,” said Heck. “Everyone on the team has a role to play whether it’s a big save from our goalies or a big hit from Dylan Wizner, they all contribute to the time in some way.”

Junior forward Nick Kenney scored Point’s next goal, set up by junior forward Jerry Freismut and senior forward Chad Bockman. Bockman then scored a short-handed goal to bring the Pointer lead to 8-2 after the assist by junior goalie Nick Graves.

Stout got another score before the end of the second on a power play opportunity by senior forward Brandon Gay. But a final goal in the third period by Wizner, assisted by Nesper and Niemann, gave the white out home crowd a 9-3 victory on Senior Night.

“I think our abilities over the season have really excelled. I think we have become more confident in the offensive zone after the Stout game and we need to carry that into this weekend,” said Heck.

Graves recorded 27 saves in his winning effort while Stout junior goalie Nick Hopper recorded 16 saves while allowing five goals. Hopper was replaced by freshman goalie Eric Wobeschall who recorded seven saves and gave up four goals.

“This weekend Point begins their run in the playoffs against fellow Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference member, the University of Wisconsin-Superior. The two game series will take place at K. B. Willet arena on Friday and Saturday.

“The one big thing at will help us this weekend is being at home, having our own fans at the game is a huge advantage for us, the more the fans are into the game the more we will be. I think if we play our best hockey and follow the systems we will be just fine,” said Heck.

The Pointers enter the tournament ranked 15 according to ihockey.com and earned a four seed with home ice advantage in the first round. Point finished the regular season with a 12-9-4 record, 8-4-4 in conference play. Fellow WIAC member UW-River Falls finished ranked 11. Point split the season series with River Falls 1-1-1.

“It is great that we are ranked at the 5th spot, even though we weren’t ranked at the beginning of the season we worked hard to get at the spot we are at now,” said Heck.

UWSF, currently a member of the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association, will end its NCHA affiliation and compete solely as a member of the WIAC beginning in 2014. The change affects both men’s and women’s programs and ends what will be a 27-year relationship with UWSP.

The decision is assumed to be budget related and will involve five other conferences during the split.

Why We Need Mascots

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COMMENTARY

A good mascot provides laughs and lighthearted distinction between play. Great mascots inspire and captivate entire stadiums. They move people to the brink of tears then dry their eyes with childlike enthusiasm.

The Phillie Phanatic, Bernie Brewer, the Phoenix Suns Gorilla. All these figures are heroes, legends in the sporting world. They have surpassed the role of normal mascots and taken their place as deities of the game, synonymous with the team they represent.

How many green alien things do you know that wear a Phillies jersey? Not many.

Where do you turn your attention every time a homerun is hit in Miller Park? You look to leftfield so you can watch Bernie slide down his slide.

How often do you see a primate ‘do flips off of a trampoline and dunk a basketball in a zoo or the wild? Maybe twice a week, or less.

Mascots are deeply ingrained in the history of the world and you may not even realize it. What was Captain America? He was a superhero, a symbol. He had things no other man could. He stood for something greater than himself. Sounds like a mascot to me.

Johnny Cash spoke for the oppressed and downtrodden. ‘Man in Black’ is a lyrical representation of his purpose and why he did what he did. He wasn’t about personal fame, Cash was a team player. That’s the sign of a damn good mascot.

Mascots don’t even need to be living people. Mr. Met is one of baseball’s historic symbols and he’s an inanimate object. The Brewers have a group of the most popular mascots in the world with the Racing Sausages.

You can turn anything into a mascot, as long as people can feel its spirit.

Mascots are so pivotal in American sports that College Gameday’s own Lee Corso pays homage to them each week during the college football season. As he makes his pick before each game he places the respective mascot head atop his own, basking in the omnipotence that comes with the uniform.

Wouldn’t we all like to feel that loved some day? Is it not everyone’s dream to reach the pinnacle of their potential and represent greatness?

Now may be that time.

A rare opportunity has arisen for any student willing to lead an army of bright young men and women. The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point is looking for an "outgoing person that likes to entertain and have fun" to fill the role as the legendary Stevie Pointer.

This position is not for the weak and meager. Anyone attempting to succeed as Stevie needs to have certain qualities: heart, determination, spunk, a strong bladder, and an incessant urge to be a part of something monumental.

Being a great mascot takes time, dedication, and a lot of hard work. The Brotherhood of Mascots has no time for a lone wolf. You must become one with the team and become a symbol which represents them. You are not the main course; you are the gravy that flows across the perfectly mashed potatoes.

If anyone believes they possess the fortitude to take up the mantle of Stevie Pointer, inquire to UWSP Mascot Supervisor Mike Okray.

Remember, you don’t don the suit for you, but for us all. Wear it well.
The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team played two games in Illinois this weekend against Lake Forest College. Both games went to overtime, with the Pointers winning Saturday 2-1, and losing Sunday, 4-3.

With the win Saturday the Pointers were able to snap their five game losing streak, but Sunday's loss came in heart-breaking fashion.

Saturday's action began in the first period when the Pointers took advantage of a power play, when junior forward Michelle Lunneborg scored an unassisted goal at the 6:21 mark. One minute later Salmen scored another goal, assisted by senior forward Jessica Dare and senior forward Kim Chronis, bringing the score to 3-1.

The Pointers finished off their great first period with an unassisted goal by Marvin with three minutes left in the period, taking a 3-0 lead. Stevens Point outshot Lake Forest 17-13 during the first 20 minutes.

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Dierking entered the game. It looked like Stevens Point was in control of the game, leading 3-0 at the end of the first period, and the game was sent to overtime.

The Pointers' defense held strong for the rest of the first period and the entire second period.

With two minutes left in the third period the Pointers were still holding on to a one point lead, until Lake Forest junior forward Angie Chronis scored the unassisted equalizer past freshman goalie Janna Beilke-Skoug, making the score 1-1.

Regulation time ended with a tie, and the game was sent to overtime. The Pointers didn't wait long to strike, as Lunneborg scored an unassisted goal at the 2:47 mark, and the game went to Stevens Point, 2-1. 

I thought our team played well for the whole 60 minutes on Saturday afternoon," said Pointer women's hockey coach Ann Ninnemann. "Our team defense was good throughout the whole game."

With the two goals, Lunneborg now has seven on the season. Beilke-Skoug recorded the victory, tallying 25 saves during the game.

Lake Forest's sophomore goalie Stacey Dierking logged 34 saves, but was charged with the loss.

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Junior forward Michelle Lunneborg prepares for a face-off against Lake Forest.

The first game will be played at 7 p.m. on Friday, and the second at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Both games will be played at Ice Hawks Arena.

The Pointers' record stands at 10-11-2 with a conference record of 9-8-1. The Pointers' record is 13-7-2, and is 12-5-1 in conference play.

"It's now time we need to get everything in gear because playoffs are coming up and that is when we have to be at our best," Ninnemann said.

The Lady Pointers will finish up the regular season this weekend with a two game home series against Concordia University of Wisconsin. The first game will be played at 7 p.m. on Friday, and the second at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Both games will be played at Ice Hawks Arena.

The women's track and field team competed in the Whitewater Quad the same day and rounded out the finishers with 104 points. Highlights included senior Erica Claas finishing first in the 5,000-meter in 19:47.49. Freshman Kelsey Laska took first in the mile with a time of 5:28.10. The team of freshmen Rika Calvin and Alesha Malug, sophomore Hannah School, and junior Brianna Weyers won the 4x200 relay with a time of 1:50.46. The men and women return to action Saturday when they host the Pointer/Eastbay Invitational at 10:30 a.m.

The Point wrestling team fell to the nation's second ranked UW-La Crosse Eagles 27-9 Friday. Juniors Ben Strobel, 157, and Dustin Womicka, 197, were the lone Pointers to pick up victories on the night. The team travels to Minneapolis Friday for a non-conference match against the Auggies of Augsburg College. The Pointers wrap up the season Saturday with a showdown versus UW-East Claire.

The men's track and field team took third Friday at the UW-Whitewater Tri after racking up 147 points. Sophomore sprinter Babatunde Awosika placed first in the 200-meter with a time of 22.38. Sophomore Dan Sullivan's time of 1:53.90 was good enough for first in the 800-meter. Sophomore Scott Berry and freshman Dennis Haak finished 1-2 in the mile with times of just over 4:20.

The Pointer
Internationally Renowned Artist Visits Campus

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On Tuesday, Feb 14 art and design students gathered in the Noel Fine Arts Center to engage with the works and listen to the advice and insights of an internationally acclaimed artist: Xu Bing. Bing’s two-day visit to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point was a part of the month-long "COFAC Creates the Art Of Rewriting China." Bing, who currently serves as the vice president of the China Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing, is best known for installation work and his interest in calligraphy and the written word. Bing’s solo exhibits of his art have been at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Washington DC, the New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, and other museums around the world.

The event was organized by senior art history student Ellen Larson with the help of others such as her advisor Professor Cortney Chaffin who started planning in the fall of 2010.

"Meeting Xu Bing was like a dream," Larson said. "He was so wonderful, so gracious. I felt like every time I had a conversation with him, I learned more about his work as well as his thoughts on art. As a result, I felt like I grew in my understanding and appreciation of what he is doing as an artist, as well as a global citizen. His interest in fostering multi-cultural communication and global exchange regardless of one’s language background is incredible."

This is the first time in the history of the Edna Carlsten Gallery that a contemporary Chinese artist has been featured in a solo-exhibition.

Growing up, Bing learned calligraphy, which is a tradition in China, and his father made him practice every day.

"It is believed that how well you write calligraphy reflects what kind of person you are," Bing said as he went through the Carlsten Art Gallery presenting his works on display. Bing said that Chinese art and aesthetics are largely based on words, writing, and symbols.

In Bing’s piece "Landscript Postcards" he used this emphasis on symbols in a new way, using words to paint the picture.

"I try to use the actual words in what I draw," Bing said. "I can get to the essence of Chinese culture.

"A lot of my works help me understand features of my culture," Bing said. "If you can understand your culture you can understand yourself and your people."

London’s Like That: Observations from a Student Abroad

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COMMENTARY

Four weeks ago, I left Wisconsin behind me and sped through the night on a jet to London with the optimistic thought that, although I was travelling to an unknown place 4,000 miles from home, at least the people there would speak the same language as me. Now that I'm actually in the city of double-decker buses and endless coffee shops, however, I think I may have been mistaken...

The other day, I encountered a street sign that read, "Absolutely no fly tipping." Now, like any true Wisconsinite, I've heard of cow tipping. But I was pretty sure fly tipping was not the same thing. And if it was, it didn't sound like much of a challenge. A Google search later, I learned that there was not, in fact, a correlation between trying to turn over a four-ton bovine and a pea-sized insect. Instead, "fly tipping" refers to illegally dumping garbage, which made sense in retrospect when I remembered the sign was posted near several dumpsters.

The Brits, however, don't call it garbage. To them, it's "rubbish." One thing you might throw in the rubbish bin is the wrapper from a sandwich you ate for lunch. Instead of waiting in a line to pay for it, though, you probably waited in a "queue." I'd like to know who gave British people the authority to put four vowels in a row. If you got that sandwich to go, I hope you didn't ask for "Carry-out," because the two options here are "eat-in" or "take-away." You may then have proceeded to eat that sandwich while driving down the "motorway" back to work before grabbing your briefcase from the "boot" of the car. Sometimes I think the Brits made up these terms purely for the entertainment of seeing the looks of confusion on the faces of unsuspecting foreigners like me.

Even when I do manage to use the right British lingo, my accent still gives me away. The only thing that marks an American tourist more definitively than his or her accent is a funny pack, and fortunately I haven't resort ed to using one of those.

When I first arrived in London, I was self-conscious of my way of speaking, convinced it made me stand out like a dandelion amongst the Queen’s roses. But then I started eavesdropping on the people around me and heard something that changed my attitude, something beautiful: diversity. I realized I can walk down the street and hear five different languages or accents within just as many blocks. In a city that brings together people from all over the world, no one stands out, yet no one blends in, and somehow all are accepted. London’s like that.

Art students got the unique opportunity to show Bing their work and gain insight from his personal critique.

"This was an experience I doubt any of them will ever forget; it was on par with having someone like Pablo Picasso or Claude Monet critique your work," Chaffin said.

During the critique session Bing stressed the importance of gaining knowledge outside of art circles to provide inspiration for artwork.

"Being able to have a critique with Xu Bing meant a lot to me," said Graphic Design student, Stephanie Schlegel. "To be able to meet him as well have him personally look at my work and critique it and give me advice on my own art was an honor and a very humbling experience and was a truly inspiring experience."

"COFAC Creates The Art Of Rewriting China" will continue all month with a Chinese film festival and a visit this Thursday from Melissa Chiu, Director of the Asia Society Museum in New York who will be giving a public lecture at 650 p.m. in NFAC Room 122.

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When I go to the grocery store, I always buy bananas. I buy a couple pounds because, when I’m at the store, I think that I’ll eat a ton of bananas. However, more often than not, I’m left with brown bananas, shriveling up in their peel. At this point there’s only one thing to do with those bananas, and that’s to make some banana bread.

A quick Google search of banana bread will turn up around 10 million results. For me, it’s a personal passion, nay, a voyage to discover all the world has to offer in bountiful banana bread that I make every single one of these Google results into a brick of dense, warm and buttery bread.

Oh yes, banana bread must be eaten at warm temperatures at all times, topped with either a bit of butter and honey or a little ice cream. I really don’t know why it tastes so darn good, but I don’t question it. There’s always a chance that it might be slightly arsenic while cold, like tofu (a completely unfounded claim).

As in almost every article, I have to tell you about a memory from my youth. After a long day of riding my bicycle and playing Pokémon under trees in a very small lowland town, my grandma could always be counted on to have some fresh banana bread and a cold glass of milk. In fact, most of those days I probably spent more time at my grandma’s house eating her food than at my own.

Unfortunately, I was not able to procure my grandma’s recipe in time for this article. She said something about “deep secrets” and yelled, “You know not what you do!” So I decided to stop bugging her about this one. She did tell me, though, that you could freeze already ripe bananas and thaw them later to make banana bread.

This recipe is from the Food Network and it works really well, since everyone makes every single recipe from my column, you should have all the ingredients.

**Recipe**

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Butter a 9 x 5 x 3 inch loaf pan.
2. Cream the sugar and butter in a large mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.
3. In a small bowl, mash the bananas with a fork. Mix in the milk and cinnamon. In another bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
4. Add the banana mixture to the creamed mixture and stir until combined. Add dry ingredients, mixing just until flour disappears.

5. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake 1 hour to 1 hour 10 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Set aside to cool on a rack for 15 minutes. Remove bread from pan, invert onto rack and cool completely before slicing.

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**Fish Collection Helps Students Thrive**

Nestled within the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point’s College of Letters and Science, the fish collection began with the first ichthyology specialist, George Becker, with the help of his students, collected the first 8,000 lots of the collection and created the book “Fishes of Wisconsin,” published in 1983. The book is a staple reference book for ichthyologists and fisheries scientists across North America.

“Outside of school, we want to give the students hands-on experience in being able to care for them, and you know, learn more about them,” said Taylor Heck, co-manager of the live amphibian laboratories.

According to Justin Sipiorski, Assistant Professor of Biology and curator of the Colleges of Letters and Science Museum of Natural History, the fish collection began with the first ichthyology specialist George Becker in the mid 1960s. Becker, with the help of his students, collected the first 8,000 lots of the collection and created the book "Fishes of Wisconsin," published in 1983. The book is a staple reference book for ichthyologists and fisheries scientists across North America.

“Fish are one of the core classes in ichthyology,” Sipiorski said. “As part of a well-balanced fisheries program ichthyology is one of the core classes and is where students are exposed to basic notions of taxonomy, evolution, physiology, anatomy ... that sort of stuff.”

Kyle Wagner, sophomore biology and chemistry major, came to UWSP specifically because of the ichthyology laboratories.

“I was originally going to go to Madison, but I decided to come here to Stevens Point just because this laboratory is so open to everybody," Wagner said. "At Madison or a bigger university you would never be able to have contact with the animals like this. This will look really good on a resume and help me get into graduate school.

Wagner is a volunteer who comes and cleans the tanks and is starting research this semester breeding sunfish in captivity.

“Your have to get temperature right, habitat right, diet right and hopefully they end up working out, but a lot of times it is a lot more difficult in captivity than it would be in the wild," Wagner said. The purpose of the lab is "to educate people about some of the animals that we have here, and then also get hands-on experience in being able to care for them, and you know, learn more about them," said Taylor Heck, co-manager of the live amphibian collection and wildlife and biology major.

“Like getting the experience with the animals without having to go somewhere outside of school," said John Grosch, fish volunteer, fish husbandry, team work building experiences and working with each other,” said John Grosch, fish volunteer, fish husbandry, team work building experiences and working with each other.

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**Tofu Pot Pie**

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2 large eggs
- 3 ripe bananas
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F.
2. Butter a 9 x 5 x 3 inch loaf pan.
3. Cream the sugar and butter in a large mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.
4. Add the banana mixture to the creamed mixture and stir until combined. Add dry ingredients, mixing just until flour disappears.
5. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake 1 hour to 1 hour 10 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
6. Remove bread from pan, invert onto rack and cool completely before slicing.
Veterans Club Holds Successful Fundraiser

Despite frigid temperatures and blistering winds pushing the wind-chill below zero, the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Veterans Club held a very successful First Annual Veterans for Veterans Ice Fishing Contest Saturday on Lake DuBay.

“We raised around $1,000 for Camp American Legion,” said Patrick Seybert, who headed the planning for the event.

Camp American Legion is a resort in Tomahawk, WI, run by the American Legion that is free to Wisconsin veterans who are in need of rest and recuperation from any physical or psychological afflictions they may be suffering from.

In the first year of its existence, members of the Vets Club said they were happy with how the event turned out and that next year it should be even better.

“Around 60-70 people showed up,” said Zach Reusch, Veterans Club President. “We were expecting around 125-150 but I think the inclement weather kept some people at home.”

Education Students Promote Hmong Culture

Education students in the Student Wisconsin Education Association (StWEA) at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point are helping educate elementary schools about Hmong culture with help from the Community Learning through America's Schools (CLASS) grant.

StWEA is an organization that provides extra support for education majors by helping students find professional development. As these students network and gain experience through volunteer opportunities, the transition from being a college student to working in a school is put at ease.

Each year StWEA has a chance to write grants and receive money to provide UWSP education students with extra experiences and help improve our community and our schools. This year StWEA applied for and received the $1,000 CLASS grant, which was funded through the National Education Association (NEA), a nationally recognized organization for education professionals.

The CLASS grants are earned by students to perform community service projects they design and organize. The UWSP education students found their inspiration for their service project to promote Hmong culture from the increasing enrollment of diverse students in the Stevens Point Area School District.

“I have heard nothing but positive things about the grant and am sure this will be a positive addition to the Stevens Point StWEA organization,” said Casey Bahr, StWEA president.

As the students are finding that books relating to the Hmong culture are lacking in Stevens Point schools, they hope to use the money they receive to buy Hmong children’s books, such as “Zaj Lus: Hmong Children’s Story Collection,” to donate to each of the schools in the Stevens Point School district.

Lisa Blume, the StWEA involvement coordinator, is in charge of leading the committee. “Along with the donation, we plan to put on a read aloud of the stories to present the books to the schools. As for the schools that we can’t perform the read aloud, we will create and provide for them a screen cast of the book,” Blume said.

The screen cast is planned so that the students will be able to log onto the UWSP College of Professional Studies’ YouTube page, www.youtube.com/uwspcps, and hear the book read in either Hmong or English.

StWEA is teaming up with the Hmong and South Eastern Asian American Club (HaSEAAC) to educate the Stevens Point and local communities on the Hmong culture. As members of both organizations will be reading these books to the students, the HaSEAAC will also bring awareness about issues and events happening in the Hmong community as they incorporate the books into their Spring Festival, Bahr said.

President of HaSEAAC, senior Julie Lee, plans to meet with StWEA throughout the semester to plan the program.

“StWEA approached us first semester to see if we would be interested in helping them with the project if they were to get the grant. We were more than happy to help them promote our culture through reading the Hmong books,” Lee said.

HaSEAAC will help StWEA read the books to the elementary school and make the event more of an experience for the children by wearing their traditional Hmong clothing at the readings.

“Because the Hmong people have been in Stevens Point for a long time, we look forward to educating the youth on our culture so they grow up with open minds,” Lee said.
Mr. Lovenstein

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The Best Breakup Songs of All Time

**THE POINTER STAFF**

Valentine’s Day was this week, which obviously means that we need a list of the Best Breakup Songs of all time.

**Love Will Tear Us Apart** - Joy Division

Even though it’s a little bit cliché, the song is a good thing to listen to if you’re feeling down or happy. Because sometimes a break up means a new beginning.

**Cry Me A River** - Justin Timberlake

It’s kind of a classic, don’t you think?

**Turning Tables** - Adele

Adele’s voice just makes you sad, angry, and hopeful all at the same time. And plus, Adele songs have been scientifically proven to evoke tears in the listener, according to British Psychologist John Sloboda, because they contain appoggiatura. This is an note that clashes with the melody to create a dissonant sound.

**Go Your Own Way** - Fleetwood Mac

Fleetwood Mac is just perfect for everything, you can just relate it to everything. During the recording of this song, Fleetwood Mac members Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham were actually breaking up.

**Seventy Time 7** - Brand New

This is more about a break up between best friends, but it’s brutal and honest. Jesse singer of Brand New and his best friend were in Taking Back Sunday together and had been best friends since grade school. Jesse was dating this girl and then his best friend slept with her. That’s where the song came from.

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**Bye Bye Bye** - N’sync

It’s the ultimate break up ballad for junior high kids. And it’s N’sync.

**You’re So Vain** - Carly Simon

It’s the ultimate slap of a song.

**Since You’ve Been Gone** - Kelly Clarkson

It’s the best feel-good anger ridden break up song.

**Come Back Song** - Darius Rucker

Sometimes it just takes some deep and heavy “I’m-so-loney” tears to make you realize how pathetic you are for crying over a certain someone. It helps you move on.

**Irreplaceable** - Beyoncé

Beyoncé has the perfect power woman attitude of “I can do this!” mentality. It’s a song of women empowerment. She not only has the strength to kick him out for cheating, but also repossesses his car.

**Before He Cheats** - Carrie Underwood

Speaking of ruining cars because of cheating man, Carrie Underwood, keys her man’s car.

**Paper Wings** - Rise Against

For when your significant other just has a case of wet feet.

**When it Hurts so Bad** - Lauryn Hill

It’s an honest and real break up song. If it’s honest in the fact that it says that what you want in that moment is what might hurt you the most: “What you want might make you cry, what you need might pass you by.” Sometimes you just pay attention to what you want instead of what you need.

**Any Alanis Morisette song.**

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**Wisconsin Capitol Occupation: One Year Later**

Hundreds of protesters, led by groups such as Madison Teachers Inc. and the Teaching Assistants Association, returned to the Capitol Square Saturday afternoon to kick off the one-year anniversary of the 17-day occupation of the Wisconsin State Capitol. After announcing a bill to eliminate collective bargaining for most public employees in Wisconsin, Gov. Scott Walker continues to draw opposition, as over 1 million Wisconsinites signed petitions calling for his recall from office. These photographs are a flashback to the occupation.
A Peek into the “Other Side” of CAs

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You see them every day in the dorms. You might start out the day loving them while they decorate your hall and end the day hating them for busting up your dorm party. They’re your community advisors or CAs.

After being a CA for two years, Kimmarie Giebel understands the unspoken difficulties.

“One thing that I have discovered is how hard it is to be friends with residents because there is a sense of keeping a distance,” Giebel said. “If you lay down the rules and explain that sometimes I can be your friend and other times I have to be discipline as your CA, it all works out. There has to be a respect component between them and myself.”

The primary concern of a CA is to provide a safe home by enforcing standards and rules for those living in the dorms while keeping residents connected through programming.

However, many don’t stop to think about what these CAs do in their downtime.

“I usually work about 25 hours a week on an official week and probably 55ish hours unofficially... Wow! That’s kind of amazing when you add it up. It makes it hard to have a personal life,” said Denise Erenbach, CA in May Roach Hall. “I thought this would be a part-time job with a few duty nights and some meetings. It is so much more than that. You are constantly working on something or meeting with someone.”

Giebel continues: “Going to school full-time and having this extent of a workload could seem daunting at first. The hardest part is balancing everything. It seems quite overwhelm­ving at first to know you have a meeting at this time, a meeting at that time, desk shifts, bulletin boards, programs, and don’t forget duty. But, once you get used to it, it is manageable,” said Alyssa Hotter, Neale Hall CA.

As a part of “CA Duty” these individuals are required to complete two nights of duty and one day of duty a week. Duty includes making rounds to ensure that everything is working properly, residents are keeping quiet during quiet hours, and there are no issues within wings of floors. Anonymous sources explain that it’s not always a picnic when doing rounds.

“I have many stories of puke being all over the floor, especially the bathroom,” said a CA, who preferred to remain anonymous. “I never actually found out who it was but the boy’s bathroom was covered wall to wall in feces,” stated another anonymous CA.

So with all of this work, why do these individuals continue to be CAs?

“Seeing how much I have grown as a person and how people I have helped have grown as a result is truly humbling. It outweights the long hours of this job,” Erenbach said. “I understood the time commitment because my sister was a CA, but I did not expect to grow as much as I have as a person through this job. I enjoy getting to know myself and my abilities through this job,” Giebel said.

Whether the pros outweigh the cons or vice versa, one thing is for certain: these individuals make an impact on the lives of their residents. So take some time out of your day to say hello to these individuals. They don’t bite—often.

[calendar 2/16-2/22]

Thursday, February 16
Fall Timetable Available Online
7:00 pm-10:00 pm RHA Firepit Event OUT Allen Fire

Friday, February 17
8:00pm-10:15pm Centerentertainment Concert-Sick of Sarah, DUC Encore

Saturday, February 18
8:00pm-10:00pm Spring Gala, DUC Encore
9:00pm-11:30pm FreezeFest-The Locals Show, DUC Laird

Sunday, February 19
7:30pm "The Philadelphia Story" Central Wisconsin Area Community Theater Theater @ 1800

Sunday ConSl
7:00pm-11:00pm Kento Anime Society Post Valentine’s Dance, Lower Debot 073

Monday, February 20
10:00am-3:00pm Blood Center Blood Drive, DUC Laird
5:00pm-7:00pm HPHD-Community Weight Race Presentations, DUC Alumni

Tuesday, February 21
7:00pm-8:30pm Any Swing Goes Ballroom Dancing, DUC Alumni

Wednesday, February 22
5:00pm-8:00pm SGA Spring Living Options Fair, DUC Laird

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