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News

Judge Holds Voter ID Law Unconstitutional

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For the second time in as many weeks, a judge has stopped the implementation of the voter ID bill that was signed into law last summer.

On Monday, Dane County Circuit Court Judge Richard Niess declared Act 23, the controversial voter ID law, violated the state constitution. The bill is likely to remain blocked in Dane County during upcoming elections.

"Its photo ID requirements impermissibly eliminate the right of suffrage altogether for certain constitutionally qualified electors," Niess wrote in his legal opinion. "The right to vote belongs to all Wisconsin citizens who are qualified electors, not just the majority for whom Act 23 poses little obstacle at the polls."

"As a matter of law under the Wisconsin Constitution, sacrificing a qualified elector's right to vote is not a reasonable exercise of the government's prerogative to regulate elections," Niess noted.

The League of Women Voters, the plaintiffs in the Dane Co. lawsuit against Act 23, issued a statement saying they were delighted with the court's ruling.

"We are proud to have launched a legal challenge to Wisconsin's voter ID law, which erected barriers to citizen participation in government," the statement said.

"Voting is not like cashing a check or getting on an airplane. Those activities are not protected by the constitution," said Melanie Ramey, state

president of the League of Women Voters. "Voting is one way in which all citizens are equal, and that is worth fighting for."

Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen says he plans on appealing Monday's decision. "Wisconsin's voter ID law is consistent with the constitution, and I will appeal this decision," he said in a statement.

"Proponents of voter ID still can't point to one case of voter impersonation in our state, and that is the only kind of illegal voting an ID law could prevent. The real fraud is the way they have convinced people that voter ID could actually solve real problems," Ramey said.

In a statement released last week opposing the NAACP's lawsuit against the law, State Senate President Scott Fitzgerald said, "Photo ID is a reasonable requirement to make sure that your vote isn't cancelled out by someone else's fraud."

Fitzgerald says that Act 23 is important because it is a safeguard for the electoral process, pointing to the number of signatures thrown out during the recall process.

"With as many questionable signatures, multiple signers and convicted felons as we've already seen in the recall process, it makes more sense now than ever to make sure our elections are clean going forward," Fitzgerald said.

As of Monday, the Government Accountability Board has disqualified about 25,000 out of the million signatures submitted to recall Governor Scott Walker.

Judge Niess rejected this argument in his ruling Monday, admon-

ishing what he sees as legislative overreach.

"The people's fundamental right of suffrage preceded and gave birth to our constitution, not the other way around. Until the people's vote approved the Constitution, the legislature had no authority to regulate anything, let alone elections," Niess said.

Niess concluded that "A government that undermines the very foundation of its existence - the people's inherent, pre-constitutional right to vote - imperils its legitimacy as a government by the people, for the people, and especially of the people. It sows the seeds for its own demise as a democratic institution."

The decision Monday follows a temporary injunction issued by Dane County Circuit Court Judge David Flanagan in the NAACP's lawsuit against the Act 23, pending trial. In that lawsuit, Flanagan held that the NAACP has a high probability of succeeding in its lawsuit, which is scheduled after the April presidential primary.

In deciding to prohibit the Act 23 from being enforced before a full trial can be held, Flanagan said, "Act 23 will likely exclude from the election process a significant portion of Wisconsin voters who are qualified under our constitution to participate in this process," which would result in "a clearly improper impairment of a most vital element of our society [to] occur."

Van Hollen has requested that Flanagan stay his injunction, pending an appeal of his decision.

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UWSP Must Evolve to Meet Changing Environment, Summers says

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Public universities across the state must learn to adapt to the new business model for higher education or their very survival could be at stake was the message delivered by Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Greg Summers at the annual State of Academic Affairs Address.

Summers delivered the address on March 1st in the Dreyfus University Center Theater where he discussed the challenges facing the university and what he sees as options to face them.

"The confluence of events that now confront public universities, like UWSP, render us one of the most vulnerable institutions in higher education," Summers said.

Summers specifically pointed to

the changes evident in our society from when the UW System expanded rapidly from 1950 to 1970, which is a drastically different environment than what the university exists in today.

Specifically, the economy was booming after World War II and there was ample money available, which combined with an extreme increase in demand for higher education, which fueled the growth of the UW System.

Summers cautioned that it would be foolish to think that these conditions are going to return.

"We still operate, essentially, by the same model that emerged in the 1960s and 1970s, but unfortunately everything that supported the emergence of this model at that time has been undermined, almost completely," Summers said.

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Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Greg Summers

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Celebración Sheds Prescient Light on Hispanic Politics and Culture in the U.S.

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The Stevens Point community was host to a conversation on politics and a festival of multiculturalism through Celebración Hispana, put together by the Latino Student Alliance on Saturday, March 10, in the Dreyfus University Center. Over one hundred guests were in attendance, filling nearly all tables in the room.

"The toughest challenge is having enough hands for the food preparation. We were very blessed this year to have several other diversity organizations on campus (Black Student Union, International Club and Spanish Club) reach out and volunteer their time. I was elated by the turnout for the event," said Latino Student Alliance President Megan "AJ" Jacklen.

Recently, media outlets have given more coverage to the undocumented student movement, the need for immigration reform, and more so the importance of the Hispanic vote on coming elections.

UW - Stevens Point History professor Anju Reejhsinghani chose to focus her keynote speech on the rising importance of Latinos across the country, the increasing attacks ethnic minorities face due to redistricting and voter suppression laws, and how the Latino community can organize itself.

The keynote address, entitled "Pride or Prejudice: The Impact of the Latino Vote in 2012," mentioned that Latinos are projected to represent nine percent of the electorate in the coming presidential election—a fact that few politicians with nation-

al aspirations have failed to notice. Latinos will represent roughly one-third of the population by 2050.

Among other demographic statistics, such as the disproportionate representation of Latinos in the nation's childhood poverty rates, Reejhsinghani further mentioned that Photo ID Laws such as in Wisconsin are highly disproportionate against ethnic minorities, especially U.S. citizens who are first or second generation immigrants.

"Dr. Reejhsinghani chose a very important topic to the Latino community and I was very happy to see she wasn't shy about presenting the topic head on," Jacklen said. "We are constantly hearing about how the Latino population is making an impact, but never why. Most of us simply assume it is because of the sheer number of the growing Hispanic community, but Dr. Reejhsinghani was able to give a much deeper explanation. Her topic was perfect for not only Celebración Hispana, but also for the upcoming presidential election."

Earlier this month, Time Magazine dedicated its cover to why Latinos will choose the next president. A story entitled "Who will win over America's Latino voters?" on NPR this Sunday told about Phoenix City Council member Daniel Valenzuela, who won his seat in a historically Republican stronghold by recruiting college students to assist in a voter drive. Valenzuela's volunteers knocking on 72,000 doors and thus increased Latino voter turnout by 488 percent, thus giving him an electoral majority.

The night was attended by several faculty and academic staff, as well

as students and community members. Student Government presidential and vice-presidential candidates Seth Hoffmeister and Shantanu Pai were also part of Celebración.

Although the event featured a keynote address, dinner and a dance, the event was loaded with deeper symbolic and literal meaning. In a community where the Hispanic population is insignificant or 'dismissible,' events like Celebración are perhaps more significant than in places where the Hispanic and Latino communities are more visible.

"Being a minority in this community, I feel it is very important to show and share my culture with others. Only through hands-on experience and interaction can events like this bring people together of all ethnicities, beliefs and backgrounds. Celebración is much more than a night of music, dance and food. This night is a great way to educate and celebrate diversity," Jacklen said.

"The fact is the Latino people in the States have the power of their voice and the power of their vote. However, as Latinos we have to be proud of our cultural heritage and for what we do for this country. We can do that and we will be empowered to fight for all Latinos around issues such as the Dream Act," said Dr. Elia J. Armacanqui-Tipacti, who also noted with regret that most Latino students on campus were not involved in the Latino Student Alliance.

"Divided we won't advance," she said.

Jacklen said the next academic year's Celebración will be held in September, to coincide with Hispanic heritage month.

[protective services report]

March 4

12:38 a.m.: Vomit in T-Section of 1st Floor of Hansen Hall
3:39 a.m.: Vomit in 3rd Floor water fountain of Hansen Hall
4:47 p.m.: A door in Neale Hall was super glued shut.

March 5

2:49 a.m.: Hansen Hall called about a possible intoxicated student outside.
11:00 a.m.: Responded to a fender bender in Lot X.
12:38 p.m.: Student reported two-shell casing on the floor of the Cardio Center.
3:10 p.m.: Damage to a vehicle reported in Lot P.
6:02 p.m.: Vandalism to a vehicle reported in Lot T.
10:21 p.m.: Thomson Hall staff reported possible marijuana use.
11:12 p.m.: Pray/Sims staff confiscated a dull knife.

March 6

1:48 a.m.: Reports of vandalism to a truck on Fremont St.
5:57 a.m.: Responded to the NFAC where a woman has reportedly been staying overnight repeatedly.
5:39 p.m.: A suspicious person was reported at Pray/Sims asking for directions and making inappropriate comments to desk staff.
8:54 p.m.: Hansen Hall staff reported possible marijuana use.
8:57 p.m.: A student reported that the front wheel of his bike had been damaged outside the CPS.

March 7

8:42 p.m.: Knutzen Hall staff called to report vomit on the 3rd floor east landing.
9:44 p.m.: Custodial staff in the NFAC reported a person sleeping.

March 8

10:57 a.m.: Turn signal light covers were stolen from a vehicle in Lot J.
7:37 p.m.: Marijuana was smelt coming from a room in Neale Hall.
9:33 p.m.: Knutzen Hall staff called about possible marijuana use on the 2nd floor.

March 9

12:46 a.m.: The south wing stairwell of Knutzen Hall smelled like smoke. Ashes were found in the computer room. White piece of paper that had been burnt was also found in stairwell.
12:28 p.m.: The side mirror of a vehicle in Lot P was broken off.
6:51 p.m.: The executive chef at the DUC called to report a male had stolen beer.
11:41 p.m.: Knutzen Hall staff reported burnt signs.
11:49 p.m.: An ambulance was called in response to an unresponsive intoxicated individual in Neale Hall.

March 10

12:46 a.m.: Watson Hall staff called to report smell of marijuana coming from a room.
2:11 a.m.: Checked on the welfare of intoxicated individuals by Debot.
3:02 a.m.: Vandalism complaint at Knutzen Hall.
8:17 p.m.: Pray/Sims staff called to report smells of marijuana on the 2nd floor.
11:13 p.m.: Responded to Lot Q where reports of a group of people who appeared to be fighting or about to fight.

UWSP Must Evolve/Student debt a problem

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Because the university is receiving record lows in the percentage of funding from the state, tuition has needed to increase to make up the difference. Summers is worried that at some point students will just stop coming.

"A lot of very smart people are now commonly warning Americans of a higher education bubble, as tuition bombs they sometimes refer to," Summers said. "Student loan debt now exceeds the amount of debt Americans have on their credit cards."

"At some point, possibly much sooner than we realize, they are just going to stop paying tuition. Either they will not come to college at all or they are going to seek cheaper alternatives."

All of this shouldn't make people depressed about the future of the university according to Summers.

"This shouldn't make us pes-

simistic. Shouldn't make us willing to accept our eventual decline as if it was fated somehow. It should serve as a call to action. It should instill a resolve within us to fight back," Summers said.

Summers pointed to three things that he thinks are most crucial to the survival of the university. Improving the salaries of academic staff, implementing the strategic plan that the university developed last year, and improving the academic success of students at UWSP.

"It doesn't matter what we do with our academic programs. It doesn't matter what decisions we make with our curriculum. If we continue to allow our salaries to lag behind the rest of our colleagues, we are going to undermine ourselves from within," Summers said.

Currently over three-quarters of the faculty are paid less than the average at other Midwestern uni-

versities, and over 90 percent are paid less than average when looking nationally.

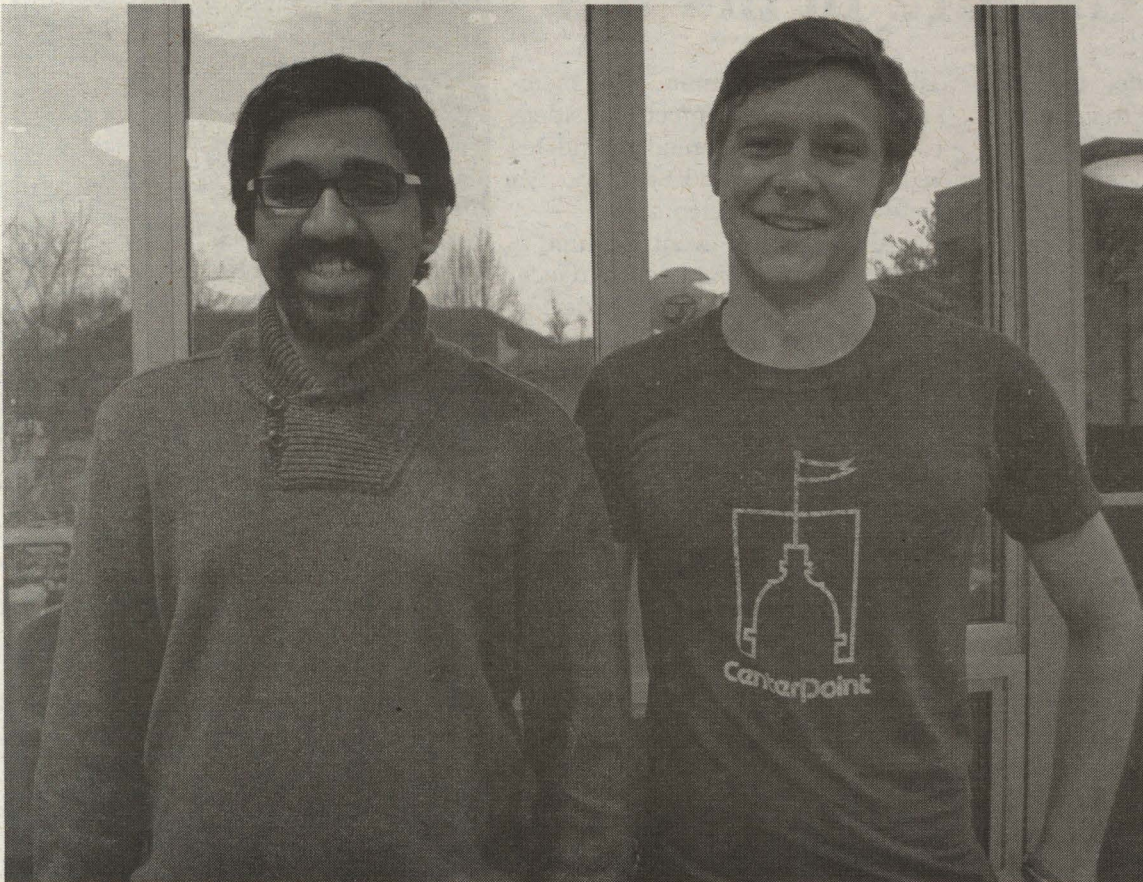
Summers estimates that it would take about \$1.3 million to get staff salaries back to average. Chancellor Bernie Patterson recently announced that the university has set aside \$200,000 over the next two years from the budget to address this issue.

One way to address the rising cost of tuition was to focus on the graduation rate and getting students through in four years.

"If we get our students out of this university in four years, instead of five, and we save them \$15,000 to \$17,000 that they would have to spend otherwise. If we get them out into the working world and they can earn a salary a year ahead of time, that only helps us as an institution," Summers said.

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SGA Elections to be Held Soon



SGA candidates Seth Hoffmeister for President, Shantanu Pai for Vice President.
Photo by Samantha Feld



Candidates Juan-Diego Hernandez (P) and Vince Hucek (VP).
Photo by Amanda Hays

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The time has come for new Student Government Association members to step forward and take the lead of the student body.

In this year's election Juan-Diego Hernandez will be running for president with Vince Hucek for vice president against Seth Hoffmeister for president with Shantanu Pai for vice president.

Both parties, with unique strategies, plan to initiate their campaign with the similar goal of getting students out to vote. Both sides will be primarily focused on increasing voter turnout, which has seen some recent lows.

"Last year only about 500 students voted; out of 9,500, it usually ranges from around 500 to 1,500 each year," said current SGA Vice President Liz Westberg.

"There is no reason why it should be that low," Hucek said.

United Council President Seth Hoffmeister said that he and his running mate Shantanu Pai, the SGA Inclusivity Director, have set the goal of reaching an all-time high voter turnout.

Westberg said that turnout has not breached 2,000 in many years.

"My freshman year I didn't even really know that SGA even existed, and that's a travesty, and it is student government so hopefully we can get students to have a desire to be interested in it," Hucek said.

"I feel as though there isn't fluidity between the students and SGA, not that they haven't been doing great, they have been doing great, but I really wanted to run for president to open up SGA so students don't feel intimidated about coming in and talking," Hernandez said.

Diego and Hucek said that it is their intention to get out and make sure their presence is not just an email, but face-to-face contact with students.

"Our general theme is visibility and accessibility, these are huge and will not only help with the vote but after the vote," Hucek said.

Meanwhile their opponents are also planning for post-SGA election.

"As being president of the statewide student association United Council, I love working on student issues and I think we are at a time that we really need to fight to hold on to the quality of education that we have and at the same time improve it as well," Hoffmeister said.

Hoffmeister had entertained the idea of running for a second term as

president of the United Council, which is centralized in Madison, but said he was getting homesick for UW-Stevens Point and the work that was harder to get done on a state level could be done here much more easily on the localized UWSP campus community.

"I've been involved with a lot of student orgs and I joined SGA when I was a freshman, and I realized that all the things I wanted to get out of my college experience we had the power to do; as students in Wisconsin we have a tremendous amount of power over the institutional governance of UW-Stevens Point," Hoffmeister said.

Hoffmeister and Pai are gearing up for engaging the students in the presidential election as well as targeting Wisconsin's new voter ID laws, which Hoffmeister said disenfranchises students.

"We are going to go out of our way to make it easier for students to vote in the 2012 election," Hoffmeister said. "I want to set a goal that if elected we will have the highest percentage turnout in the UW System. It's a lofty goal but I think we can do it."

"Seth has something others don't," Pai said. "Seth is a dreamer, and while not everybody always likes dreamers, they bring new ideas to the table."

Pai has been an active international student at UWSP for five years, two of which he was the vice president of the International Club. During his time here, he has brought about many changes to how the university views international students.

"My eyes may not be new, but they are trained," Pai said.

Liz Westberg said that she and Ryan Rutledge are both proud of all that they have accomplished and would like to see some of the programs they started continued into the next SGA staff's agenda, programs such as the Student Research Fund and the free newspaper stands around campus.

"I know so many people who love that newspaper program, I myself grab the paper every morning, it's fantastic," Hucek said. "I would love to continue the programs they started, they've definitely improved this campus and we just hope to continue what they've started."

A public forum will be held in the DUC on March 27 for students to sit in on the debate between the two parties; the election polls will open via email on March 30 at 8:00 a.m. and close on April 5 at 4:00 p.m.

The results will be announced at 6:00 p.m. on the day the polls close.

Candidates for the 2012 SGA election:

SGA Presidential and Vice Presidential Election:

Seth Hoffmeister (P), Shantanu Pai (VP)

Juan-Diego Hernandez (P), Vince Hucek (VP)

College of Letters and Science (13 seats total)

Jeffery Beighley Jr.

David Boardman

Taylor Christian

Colin Destache

Pranav Dogra

Amber Grovogel

Kiah Hardy

Andrew Quaschnick

Forrest Schey

Ryan Schwobe

Brian Young

College of Professional Studies (8 seats total)

Lee Bartnik

Liwei Cao

Sonia Kurhajetz

Parker Smith

College of Natural Resources (5 seats total)

Liz Westberg

Joseph Rohrer

College of Fine Arts and Communication: (4 seats total)

Ryan Specht

Sports

The End of an Era: Longtime Pointer Announcer Retires

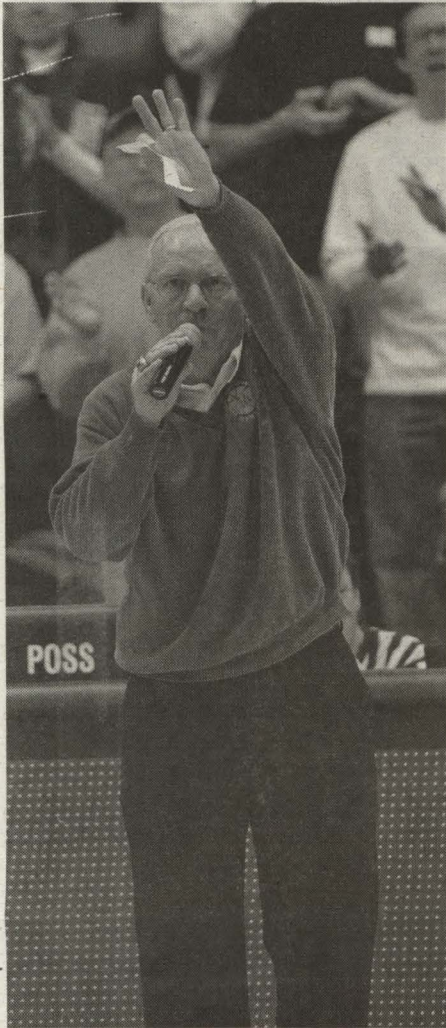


Photo Courtesy of UWSP Athletics
Michael Steinwagner will be retiring this year having spent 14 years as the PA announcer for the Pointer men's basketball team and three years with the girls' basketball team. Steinwagner will be recognized at the UWSP athletic banquet on April 21.

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He had an overall record of 245 wins and only 33 losses, a winning percentage of 88 percent.

This isn't the outstanding record of a coach or a player; this is the Pointer basketball teams' record in games that Michael Steinwagner has been the PA announcer. Talk about a home field advantage.

After 38 years working as a PA announcer, 14 as the voice of Pointer men's basketball and three years with the girls, Steinwagner has decided to step away from the microphone at the age of 58.

"All good things must come to an end," Steinwagner said. "It's something I am going to miss."

Steinwagner started his announcing career calling games for Marshfield High School and the University of Wisconsin - Marshfield.

His decision to come to Stevens Point came in a conversation at a UW-Marshfield game with former Point head men's basketball coach Jack Bennett. Bennett said the program was looking for a change.

He later got in contact with then Athletic Director Frank O'Brian, who said it was Steinwagner's job. It's all history from there.

"I was in the right place at the right time," Steinwagner said.

During Steinwagner's tenure as PA announcer, the men's team won seven regular season Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships, and eight WIAC tournament championships. The team also qualified for 10 NCAA Division III tournaments in his career.

"This is really one of the best programs in the nation," Steinwagner said. "We have a great atmosphere, and great ballplayers."

During Steinwagner's time with the program, the men's team has ranked first in attendance in the WIAC 12 out of 14 years.

Steinwagner will still be working at his full time job at a funeral home, but is retiring from announcing to spend more time with his four-year-old daughter, Faith.

Steinwagner said that he missed out on a lot of important events with his first two kids, Natalie, and Jason, because of his 30-year involvement in umpiring baseball games, until 2004. He really wants to take advantage of this chance to be a big part of his young daughter's life.

During his career, Steinwagner has worked with three of the great coaches in UWSP history: current men's and women's coaches Bob Semling and Shirley Egner, and the legendary Jack Bennett.

"It was a great honor to work with three of the best coaches in the nation," Steinwagner said.

He specifically wants to thank the Backcourt Club for being very supportive during his run as PA announcer. The Pointer fans were also very important to Steinwagner, and he wanted to voice his gratitude.

"Pointer fans are number one, they back the team on the road and at home," Steinwagner said.

His last game came on February 25, when he belted out the starting lineups for the last time for the women's WIAC tournament championship game.

The Pointers won the game, a great finish to a great career for Steinwagner.

"It's something that I will never forget," he said.

Steinwagner will be recognized during the UWSP athletic banquet for his work with the program. The banquet will be held on April 21.

The connection to UWSP goes beyond athletics for Steinwagner. His wife, DeAnn, and son, Jason, both graduated as Pointers.

Steinwagner did not know who would be his replacement, but said that the decision would be up to Pointer basketball head coaches Egner and Semling.

There is one thing for certain: whoever is chosen as Steinwagner's replacement will have a tough act to follow in bringing such passion and excitement to every Stevens Point home basketball game.

The Lost League

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Just when you thought hockey wasn't big enough around here, you thaw the ice and find there is another group of Mighty Ducks underneath. The College Hockey League or CHL as the players call it, runs for 26 weeks out of the year, 16 weeks during the first semester and 10 weeks during the second semester.

"We have some good players, we have some bad players, we have some newbies, we have some people who have been playing for 16 years," said Patrick Holtan, a player in the co-ed CHL circuit for eight semesters. "Anyone can play, some professors even play."

There are currently four teams playing in the league that play

Wednesdays and Sundays with two games each night. Each semester there is a one-night playoff—the first place team plays fourth place, and second place plays third place. The winners play each other following the first round of games.

The league is co-sponsored by the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point intramurals, and the players in the league fund the rest. It costs roughly \$100 per semester to play in the CHL and goalies play for free. But as Holtan emphasized, the fans would not be charged to support their CHL players.

"There used to be a lot of people who came and watched," said Holtan. "They used to have chuck-a-puck during intermission and other fan interactions."

The diminished fan support led

to the demise of intermission festivities for the fans but Holtan said he wouldn't mind more fans cheering them on.

The CHL makes its home at K.B. Willett Arena. The games take place at 8:30 p.m. and 9:40 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 9:00 p.m. and 10:10 p.m. on Sundays. The players were also throwing around the idea of having an 'outdoor classic' game during the season, weather permitting.

"It's a good bunch of guys and girls, everyone gets along," said Holtan. "It's competitive but it is also a good time. We play at an intensity that makes it fun." The league, however, is no check no slapshot so even though the league is intense it is also safe.

The first night of the CHL there is a scrimmage where everyone plays

and a couple of the players then make the teams that will last the entire year. For the last few years, Holtan and Eric Borre, who refer to themselves as 'player-commissioners' have decided the teams.

The league starts a couple weeks after school starts and the first semester runs until December. The second semester starts back up the first week after break. Yesterday marked the end of the 2011-2012 season.

"It sucks that the season has come to a close and has been some of the best times of my college career," said Holtan, who wrapped up his final season as a player in the CHL.

To show your support, like the UWSP College Hockey League on Facebook.

Pointers Prepare for Florida

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In Head Coach Pat Bloom's ninth season at the helm of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point baseball team he finds himself dealing with a unique problem.

"On our 30-man roster we have 18 guys that can pitch—that's a lot. We really don't know who our starting pitchers are going to be," Bloom said.

But too much pitching isn't a problem any coach will lose sleep over, especially at the college level.

"The key variable is always going to be pitching. You always have to make sure you have pitching depth," Bloom said.

The Pointers resume action Saturday when they travel to Florida for their annual Spring Trip, and with eight games in seven days it will be the perfect opportunity for Bloom and his new coaching staff to gauge their pitchers.

Last season Bloom had five assistant coaches for the Pointer's WIAC Championship run. During the off-season each of them moved on from the program.

They have been replaced by a three-man crew consisting of former UW-Oshkosh standout Jeremy Jirschele and former Pointers Steve Considine and Jeremy Richter.

"We really hit a home run with that one," said Bloom regarding the addition of Jirschele. As a four-year letter winner for the Titans, Jirschele was twice selected as the WIAC Position Player of the Year as well as First Team ABCA All-American, twice. Jirschele still holds the WIAC record for career doubles, 53, and is second in career hits, 253.

"Our other assistants are doing a really great job as well. We turned over effectively after losing all five assistants from last season," Bloom said.

Along with his assistants, Bloom also commended his two senior captains: infielder Justin Jirschele, younger brother of Coach Jirschele, and pitcher Ryan Iverson.

"They're outstanding in their roles," said Bloom. "Not only are they great players, they're also solid young men. You couldn't ask for two better guys."

With a surplus of pitching coupled with the bats of Jirschele, and junior infielders Dan Douglas and Sean Gerber the Pointers seem poised to make another successful run in the WIAC, but Bloom wants his team to be focused on Florida first.

"People think because we go down there during spring break that it's like spring training, but there's nothing "spring training" about it. All of these games count," Bloom said.



Photo Courtesy of athletics.uwsp.edu

The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point baseball team will be traveling to Florida this weekend for their annual spring trip.

THE BREAKDOWN

Point Varsity Baseball Versus...

3/17

Benedictine (Wisconsin): The Eagles (3-1) are projected to finish third in the Northern Athletics Conference, as Head Coach John Ostrowski goes for win 900 this season. Benedictine returns their top six hitters.

3/19

Fontbonne (St. Louis): The Griffins (3-5) began play nearly a month ago. Senior pitcher Jordan Jereb was named the Diamond Sports Pitcher of the Week following his win over Millikin University. Jereb gave up two hits and one walk through eight innings while striking out six.

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3/18

St. Thomas: The Tommies (7-3) look to secure their tenth consecutive Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship, but they'll have to go through the Pointers first. St. Thomas dropped their only two meetings against the Pointers last season.

3/21

Ramapo: The Roadrunners (5-0) will try to continue their winning ways in Florida following a 31-0 non-conference victory Tuesday. Senior Frank Baldini tossed a one hitter through six innings, striking out nine and not allowing a single walk.

3/23

Washington & Jefferson: The Presidents (1-1) kicked off their season Tuesday by splitting a doubleheader over La Roche College. Sophomore third baseman Kyle McLain secured the 7-6 game one victory with a walk-off RBI in the bottom of the seventh inning. W&J will host Penn State-Behrend Thursday before traveling to Florida. The Presidents return senior pitcher Dave Trushel, who was named to the Midwest Region Gold Glove Team last season.

Pointlife

So Little Snow, So Much to Do

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The subtle signs of spring are upon us: longboards rolling down the street, birds returning from vacation and more sun. The Stevens Point area provides several events that allow just about anybody to get out of their stuffy house and into some fresh, warm air.

Events favoring the outdoors have already started including the Point Bock Run, a five-mile run that began at the Point Brewery. The run meandered along and across the Wisconsin River and raised over \$5,000 towards the Casey R. Davis Benefit Fund.

The Green Circle Trail, a staple in the community, will begin to shed its snowy winter coat and allow the community to enjoy the scenic sights and sounds that spring brings. The 30-mile trail runs through Schmeeckle Reserve, which hosts a slew of events throughout the warm seasons.

"We really take a lot of pride in our park system," said Sara Brish of the Stevens Point Area Convention & Visitor Center. "There is a lot of passion in this community about keeping our natural area."

More recently, Schmeeckle Reserve took people on a historical journey to teach about maple syrup and the role it plays on American Indian families from the past and central Wisconsin families now. But in case you missed the Bock Run or the maple syrup journey, there is plenty of opportunity to take advantage of what's to come.

For the people who are staying in the area during spring break, Schmeeckle is hosting several educational adventures. On March 16, learn about wetlands and how they are not just useless land. Or on March 17, after you dust off your grill, learn how to impress your friends with new barbecue ideas in a demo presented by Tyler Teuscher.

But Schmeeckle isn't the only natural area hosting all the festivities. Towards the end of the month, the Tomorrow River State Trail is hosting concerts for the music junkies. On March 24 at the Jensen Community Center, listen to LJ Booth provide music appreciated by all ages.

Sara Brish brought out some community culinary secrets to either start your spring festivities or cap off the warm day.

"Have you been to cozy downtown? Have you had pizza fries at Arbuckle's? Have you had fish at Final Score?" Brish asked. "Those are kind of the local hotspots."

One of the main attractions, the Portage County Culture Fest, takes place just before finals week, so it gives students a great opportunity to get a break from studying. The Culture Fest uses the Stevens Point Area Senior High and sheds light on Portage County's cultural diversity.

Brish finished by talking about how last semester's interns left in disbelief because they were unaware of all the things the area had to offer them.

Find out more:
www.stevenspointarea.com



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With the excitement of the first warm weekend, students get outside and enjoy all that the Stevens Point community has to offer.

Green Tea- "Waking the Conscious"

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St. Patrick's Day is upon us, and the latest release of ten high-energy songs from Stevens Point-born quintet Green Tea came at just the right time of year. There's something about the whole feel of this album that makes you feel like taking a spring drive across the Irish countryside ... in a really fast car.

In the case of "Shafted," the eighth track on the album, you are yanked from your drive in the country and swung into a mad party of an Irish pub. John Coletta's flute solos on this track, as well as the rest of the release, are outstanding. I wasn't surprised to learn this track had been nominated for an award in Billboard's world music category, as it was definitely my favorite on the album.

"John Dory" and "Run" take you to the tropics. As one Pointer staff member put it, "It's your last

day on a tropical island. You're by the beach, at a luau, and everyone's throwing leis on you. You have a coconut cocktail in each hand. Then you look around and realize ... you're in Ireland."

"The Cove," the disc's sixth track, brings you deep into the ocean. It made me feel as if I were swimming amongst dolphins. "Just like us, they make love for fun," sings Trevor Roark, the band's frontman, about our pre-evolutionary ancestors.

Self-described as "Indie Roots Rock," Green Tea brings an eclectic mix of Irish and American rock flavors to the expansive Wisconsin music scene. Their album release was kicked off with a bang at the UWSP Encore last Saturday night. You can drink up more Green Tea, with or without honey, at greenteaworldmusic.com. "Wake the Conscious" is also available for purchase on the site.

Buy their album:
greenteaworldmusic.com



Photo by Rachel Hanson

Stevens Point band Green Tea, a fusion of Celtic and indie roots rock music, performed in the DUC Encore to celebrate the release of their new album, "Wake the Conscious."

A vague attempt at something delicious.



Tuna: The Steak of the Sea

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I sometimes get a feeling when I'm grocery shopping that I'm forgetting something. As I check my list and check the cart I realize that I have everything, but my heart feels like there is a hole that a mystery food can fill. So when I finally get the car loaded up with the groceries I've purchased, it dawns on me what I'm missing: a nice cut of fresh tuna.

A quick trip to Ski's Meat Market quickly rectified that situation. For about 14 dollars I bought two 10-ounce yellow fin tuna steaks, which is about half as much as you'd pay for a single dish at any gourmet restaurant in a big city. I felt that hole fill, almost instantly, with thoughts of a beautiful rare tuna steak.

As with all great things in life, tuna are sought after. Not necessarily yellowfin tuna, but their brethren, southern bluefin tuna are considered critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Drastic overfishing has driven the southern bluefin tuna to the brink of extinction. Currently, only the southern bluefin tuna is on the endangered species list.

Breathe easy though yellowfin tuna lovers, your marvelous ahi steak is not yet threatened, just nearly so. Enjoy the yellowfin, though sparsely.

Tuna, like steak in my opinion, is best served rare or medium rare. You can sear the steak on either the grill or pan fry for a few minutes a side. I will cry if I hear about any tuna being cooked completely through—it's a tragic, scarring event that you will think about for the rest of your life.

TUNA STEAKS

INGREDIENTS

Ingredients
2 tuna steaks, about seven to nine ounces
2 Tbsp. olive oil for the pan frying

FOR THE MARINADE

½ an orange, juiced
¼ cup soy sauce
2 Tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce
1 tsp. ground black pepper

FOR THE GLAZE-

3 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
½ an orange, juiced
2 Tbsp. honey
3 Tbsp. Chicken broth

DIRECTIONS

• Mix all ingredients for the marinade in a plastic, sealable container, place in tuna steaks, let sit for 30 minutes then flip.

Marinate the tuna steaks for at least 2 hours.

• When the tuna steaks are about done marinating, start to heat up the glaze ingredients in a small sauce pan and let the mixture reduce till the glaze thickens.
• When the tuna steaks are ready to be cooked, heat the olive oil in a frying pan over medium high heat. When the olive oil starts to shimmer, fry each side of the tuna steak for about 2 minutes. Cooking time varies depending on how thick the tuna steak is. Shorter for smaller cuts (4-5 oz.) and longer for thicker cuts.

• When the tuna is cooked, pour a tablespoon of the thickened glaze on top of the tuna steak and serve. Additional glaze can be added, it's tasty stuff.

RECIPE



Photo by Jordan Lorraine

Tuna steaks are perfect for grilling, and a sweet, tangy marinade keeps them flavorful.

Modern Day Heroes

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Many kids idolize superheroes for their ability to make evils of the world disappear. Citizens everywhere don't have to worry about their safety because the superheroes watch over them. If you subtract the ability to turn invisible and add camouflage, you get the real superheroes - soldiers. Protecting the freedoms we enjoy every day and sacrificing the possibility of theirs makes these soldiers the individuals every citizen should respect.

Five veterans (some still active in their respective branches) and members of the Veteran's Club at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point that held a discussion and shared stories with roughly 25 students from Jefferson Elementary School on Monday. Photos, clothes and letters were passed around as slide projector images of different weapons and vehicles the veterans had used were shown in the Dreyfus University Center Theater Monday afternoon.

The students asked questions ranging from what a purple heart was and what they did with leftover food.

"We wanted to help answer any questions they had because they are

really curious," said Veterans Club President Zach Ruesch. "While some questions may seem goofy to us, if it sheds light on their questions and helps them find answers, we've reached our goal. That's all we wanted in planning this."

As a member of the Army National Guard who served in Afghanistan from 2008 to 2009, Ruesch had a lot of insight into the war. He also has bright plans for his future as a history teacher for secondary schools.

"Part of the reason I want to be a teacher is so I can teach younger kids to appreciate their soldiers and the importance of voting. I feel like Americans, in general, don't appreciate soldiers as much as they should," Ruesch said. "The biggest thing is not to shake my hand but to be informed on what is going on over there."

A situation similar to this impacted the life of Patrick Seybert, treasurer of the Veteran's Club and an Army veteran who was stationed in Scofield Barracks, Hawaii, for five years.

"It was the chancellor's inauguration and the chancellor actually spoke about me during his speech. There was a guy there who came up to me and told me how when he was younger, his dad had talked constantly about wanting the same freedoms as the U.S. When the American military came, got rid of the corrupt

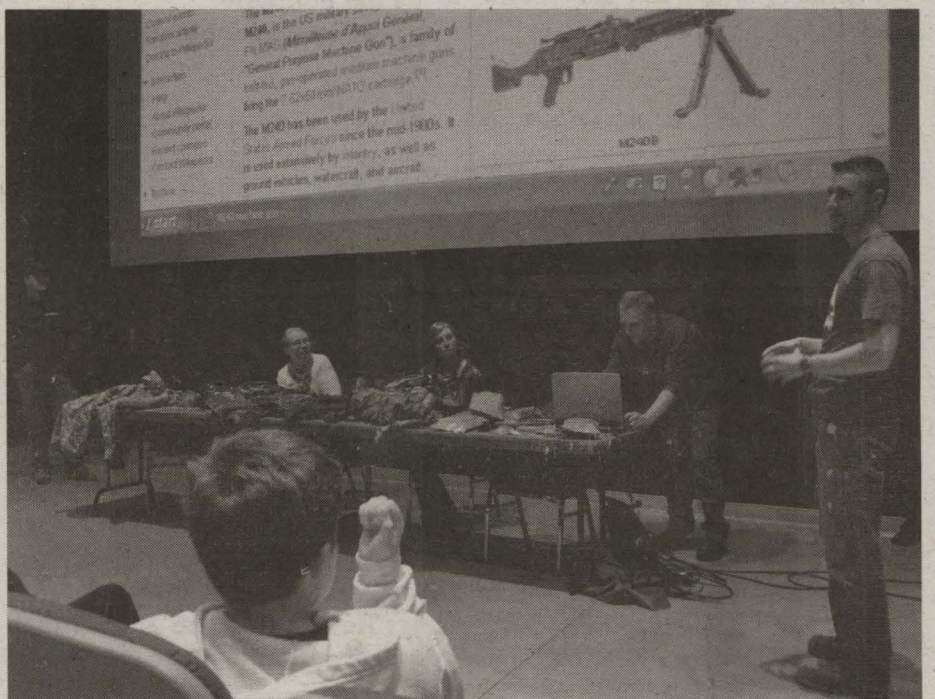


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Rob Clint, advisor for the Veterans Club, shows students what soldiers carry with them overseas.

government and developed a new government, the father was finally able to experience the freedoms he always wanted," Seybert said. "That man undoubtedly appreciates freedom and what the military did for him."

Throughout the discussion, the subject of family was brought up the most. The feeling of camaraderie one soldier has for another was described

as a feeling rarely experienced elsewhere.

"Regardless of whether you've served with them or not, being in the military gives you a connection. I can have an instant conversation with any military man I've ever met or known," said Veteran's Club Advisor Rob Clint.

Girl's Best Friend: Seeing Eye Dog



Photo by Samantha Feld

After completing an arduous application process, including mobility trainings, Marissa Arndt began working with her seeing-eye dog after her junior year of high school.

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The transition between high school and college can be a difficult one for most students. But for junior communications major Marissa Arndt, it was a unique shift: she had a seeing-eye dog, Lucy.

"I do things a little differently," Arndt said. "I have a dog."

Arndt first decided that she wanted a seeing-eye dog freshman year of high school when her visual therapist suggested that she would make a good candidate. People usually aren't accepted to get a seeing-eye dog until they are eighteen or a senior in high school, but Arndt wanted a year with the dog before she went off to college. She had to go through a mobility training process in which she practiced maneuvering around a variety of environments including busy streets, city buses, farms and more. After the long process, Arndt was given the now six-year-old golden retriever/yellow lab mix.

"I was like an eager child on Christmas morning when I first met her," Arndt said. "We went on our first walk and it was a blessing how quickly we connected and walked as one."

The process of moving into college was different for Arndt, but she

found residential living to be accommodating. She was able to move in a few days before the rest of the freshman class so she could explore the campus and teach her dog the route to her classes. Freshman year was also another big transition time for Arndt, for she lost a significant amount of her sight.

"It's been different, like not being able to read my phone or directions on the mac and cheese boxes," Arndt said. Although overall, Arndt has had positive educational experiences at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, she has faced some setbacks.

"I've had professors tell me to drop classes, but I never have," Arndt said as she told the story about one class. During week 12, the professor told her that they didn't think that she could finish the class due to her disability and should drop. "I'm pretty sure that's illegal," Arndt said.

Arndt has been using a Mac computer since eighth grade that reads her exams, readings and notes to her.

"Reading off of a computer is just not as exciting," Arndt said. Due to this, it sometimes takes Arndt a little more time to complete her studying, and the dog can also be distracting at times. One time, Lucy managed to get away and run up and down the dorm halls during the extreme quiet hours of finals week.

Arndt hardly sees these small distractions as disadvantages and only sees Lucy as an advantage. Lucy accompanies Arndt to all of her classes and sometimes the days can get long for the dog.

"She normally falls asleep [in class] and snores really loudly or has dreams and starts barking," Arndt said. Although Lucy is a generally a good-natured dog, she has her moments of defiance, Arndt explained.

"She's a sassy dog. She has such an attitude," Arndt said. Arndt said that one time she made her dog wear boots in the winter and Lucy purposely made her lost on the way to class as a means of protesting the wardrobe choice. "She's such a drama queen," Arndt laughed.

For Arndt, Lucy provides much more than a seeing eye, but a companionship. This connection was apparent throughout the morning as Lucy sat on Arndt's feet watching and almost seemingly listening to what her owner had to say about her.

"She [Lucy] just loves love. She knows when people are upset and gives them loving," Arndt said.

Note: The name of the dog has been changed under Arndt's wish to keep the dog's real name hidden to the general public.

Dance Team Closes Successful Season

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An entire team on this campus chose to attend the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point with a priority in mind - to dance for its nationally acclaimed dance team.

The UWSP Dance Team is closing yet another successful season with another first place trophy in the collection. For the tenth consecutive time, the team was recently named National Champions.

The six-month season, beginning in September, was well worth the 10-hour practice weeks as they danced all the way to DanceXtreme Nationals in Minneapolis in February.

Lead by captains Melissa Fischer and Monica DeLoy, the team was named National Kick Champions, placed 2nd in the pom and jazz divisions behind Orange Coast County, UWSP's rival team, and won 3rd overall for the Grand Champions.

"We attend DX Nationals because the team has gone there for many years. We have a lot of great teams to compete against there," Fischer said.

The 16-girl team ignited their competition season in December, competing at its Showtime Cheer and Dance Competition, the first competition that UWSP has ever hosted, held in the Health Enhancement Center for middle school level to collegiate

teams across the state.

"It had a huge turnout. We won in pom and got second in jazz, placing the other collegiate teams behind us," DeLoy said.

Since there are few opportunities for collegiate teams to compete throughout the season, each year the team also attends high school competitions to exhibit their routines. This year, the team showcased at the Green Bay Holiday Classic and WACPC State Dance in La Crosse.

"The team has always generally only danced at two competitions because many are scheduled over winter break when we are not here, but we definitely get at least two in per season," Fischer said.

The team also dances at home football and basketball games to show the school and community who they are, along with the extra opportunities for performance practice.

"No matter how many times we work on something in practice, it takes a performance to really set our formations, technique and facials in stone," DeLoy said.

Outside of dancing, the team made it a goal this year to make their way out of debt and spend time fundraising, as the school's limited budget doesn't cover the many expenses. Because of this limited budget, the team is unable to attend UDA Collegiate Nationals in Florida,



Photo Courtesy of Tammy Vanderloop

The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Dance team has closed another season with a National Championship title. This will be the team's tenth consecutive national title.

where many college teams compete at a higher level.

"This year we were able to raise enough money to be almost completely out of debt. The team has had a financial deficit as far back as anyone can remember," Fischer said.

As the banquet draws near and the girls put final ties on this year's team, thoughts of next year's team are arising.

"The team had an incredible bond throughout the entire season and each and every girl worked every day to become better than they were the day before. That strong commitment is not easy to find but we defi-

nately had it this year," Fischer said.

Dancers that are hoping to return in the fall are using this year's team to set the expectations for the next.

"I'm really going to miss the outstanding work ethic of each individual from this year's team. I really hope next year's team will have that too," said sophomore dancer Molly Farley.

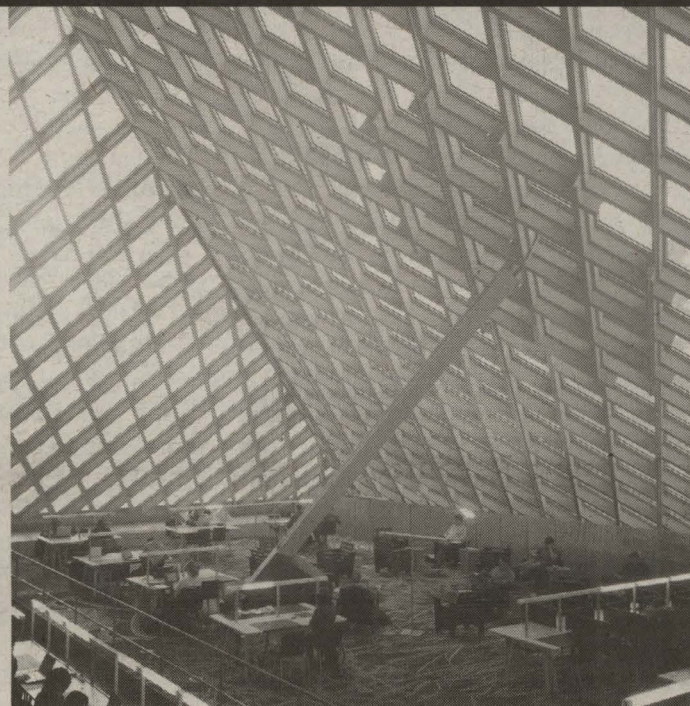
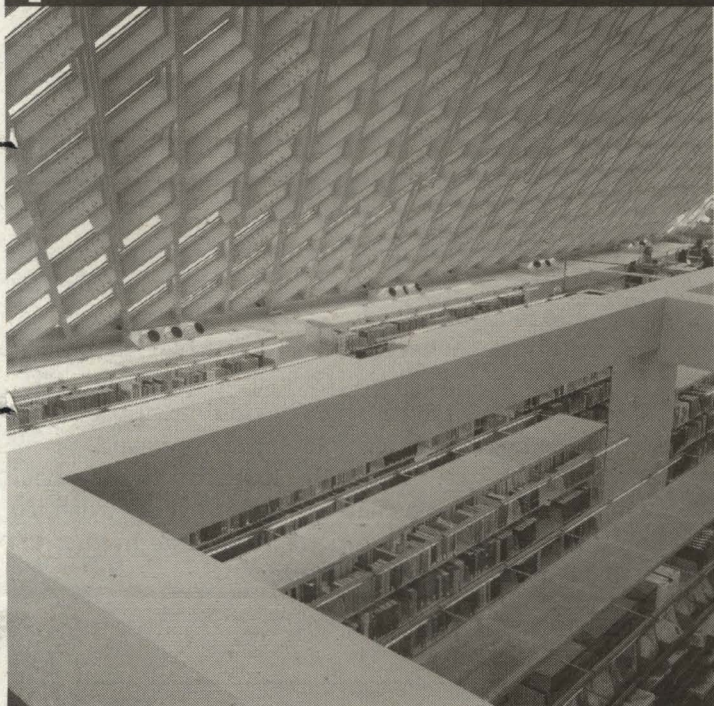
For those interested in trying out for the 2012-2013 season, try-outs have not yet been finalized, but are typically a three-day try out during the first full week of school in the fall. Keep an eye on the UWSP Dance Team Facebook page for more details.

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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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Opinion

Best... and Worst Bathrooms on Campus

EDITORIAL STAFF

TOP 5 BEST BATHROOMS

- Second Floor at the Dreyfus University Center. They have a decent amount of stalls; they're always pretty clean and have great toilet paper. These bathrooms were chosen multiple times by our staff members, and are clearly the best bathrooms on campus.
- Second floor in the Noel of Fine Arts Center. They're usually super clean because they use it for performances. I also think the lighting is better than any of the other ones. It isn't a harsh lighting so you don't look as washed out.
- First floor of the Communications Arts Center. It's always clean and shiny. Thanks, Dennis.
- Far left toilet on the third floor of Steiner Hall. "It has seen me through a lot of tough nights and it's put up with all of my sh**," Gus Merwin said.
- Fourth Floor bathroom in the Learning Resource Center. It's a green zen den of peace.

TOP 5 WORST BATHROOMS

- First Floor of the College of Professional Studies building. It's just old and dingy and hard to find. The stalls are dark. And the thing says 'place napkins' here. Who even says that anymore?
- Lower Debot Bathrooms. They're creepy and have two separate entrances for no apparent reason.
- First Floor of the LRC across from the Food For Thought Café. It's small and poorly designed. If there are more than 2 people in the bathroom it's crowded. And it always smells. Always.
- Any bathroom in the science building.
- Bathrooms out of NFAC 285. The door is a ghost that never closes.



Conservatives' War Against Women

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Many people have hated on Rush Limbaugh for making unpopular remarks about women, especially when he called Sandra Fluke a slut. I'm all for the freedom of speech, but Limbaugh should not be surprised that there has been considerable backlash to his aggravating remarks. Rush Limbaugh wants an America of the 1950s, what he would probably call the "good old days". He wants women that are repressed and constricted to fulfill certain roles. He thinks that the only roles that women should have in society are the

mother, the homemaker, and the wife. During Rush Limbaugh's "good old days" a wife was only considered "good" when she carried out her mans every whim and agreed with everything he said. Rush Limbaugh wants this way of life so badly; he is probably willing to do anything to go back to the days of old when women had to wait to get married to do anything. In those days women couldn't choose their careers, and were forced into being homemakers.

Does any sane person really want that? I don't think that anyone really wants all women to once again take up the mantle of second class citizen. For centuries women have fought

tooth and nail to gain an equal footing with men. I suppose it is only natural that a few extremists would want to tear it all down. It is true that there are extremists on both sides, but the ones that really want to repeal civil liberties are on the right. I'm glad I live in a society where the women I know can choose how they want to live. If they want to choose to be a homemaker and good wife then they should be able to do that. If however, they want a little more, and want to go to college, or choose a different career they have that option. Equal opportunity should be a goal that is attainable by anyone that wants it. I am not sure that conservatives could

get the cat back in the bag even if they wanted to. This war by conservatives against women needs to come to an end.

I have to admit though it does seem like kind of a nice dream, waking up to towering stacks of pancakes, piles of bacon, and a big bowl of eggs. After work I could come home to a clean house with dinner waiting on the table. I could then relax on the couch after a hard day's work, and be served cold beer by my compliant wife. It kind of gives me a warm fuzzy feeling like it could happen, well if I ask nicely.




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