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# 2 NEWS

## Superstorm Sandy Hits Home

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At least 121 people have perished due to Superstorm Sandy, a hurricane that ravaged the U.S. coast from Florida to Maine. Sandy ranks as one of the most costly storms to have reached the American coastline—an estimated \$50 billion in damages—with much of the destruction happening in the Northeast.

Kate Worzala, a sophomore University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student working on a master's degree in English education, was in New York City on a Continuing Education trip to see Broadway shows with nineteen other students.

Worzala said that for the majority of the trip the weather was sunny and nice but that it quickly changed the day the storm hit.

"Sunday, when you walked out the door, it was probably fifteen to twenty degrees colder than it had been the other days, and the sky was dark, like a deep-blue dark. It was very windy, kind of like a harsh cold wind that was all over. Saturday was kind of unofficial Halloween, and Sunday just felt really deserted. Saturday night in Times Square compared to Sunday in Times Square was a huge difference," Worzala said.

The group was able to see the effects of the impending storm firsthand. Announcements notified New Yorkers of the closing of all public transportation, a rare event for a city where 54 percent of the population commutes to work, the majority of which utilize the vast subway system.

Worzala said that there was a mixture in opinion from New Yorkers about just how the hurricane would affect the city. Many of the events around the city continued right up until the storm hit, including a religious procession through the streets at 4 p.m. when the weather

was beginning to worsen.

"Before we left, we didn't want to have to stop to eat so I went to a Rite Aid, which is basically like a Walgreens, but the snacks and the bottled water had been ransacked, and there were four lines of people, almost like a holiday shopping crowd of people trying to get stocked up to leave. I heard someone in front of me say, 'I'm just going to go home and get tucked in and wait out the storm,' and another person behind me say, 'You think we had never heard a storm here the way people are reacting,' so it was kind of interesting to hear how people were being blasé about it," Worzala said.

Worzala's group was scheduled to leave the afternoon Sandy hit but quickly realized that the flight home would be canceled due to the pounding wind and rain. The group then chose to rent cars and drive home to Wisconsin.

"The wind was definitely picking up, and the sky was a gray blue. I don't think I saw the sun that day. The rental car place was a mess with people because everyone's flights had been canceled, and everyone was trying to get out before the wind picked up," Worzala said.

Worzala said that it began to rain heavily as they reached New Jersey and that the downpour and heavy winds continued until the group reached Ohio.

"What we were driving away from was pretty nasty," Worzala said.

Worzala stressed the importance of Professor Patricia Kluetz, the UWSP faculty member who led the trip, in helping the group escape the city unscathed.

"She was aces. She was very cool and calm. She was very efficient. She was a good captain of the ship," Worzala said. "It was a great trip. I hope they do it again under better circumstances."

## Vandalism at the Suites

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Last weekend the Suites@201 sustained over \$1,000 in building damages. One of the handrails in one of the two elevators was pried off; on the second floor west, most of the room number signs and signs for the maintenance room and stairs were pulled off the walls; graffiti was found on the first floor east stairwell.

Maintenance workers of the building discovered the damages on Saturday night. Hall Director of the Suites Christina Lorge-Grover expressed "sheer disappointment" in an email sent to all residents of the building.

"This is a brand new building that you chose to pay to live in. It is up to you to decide what type of community you want to establish," she wrote.

Lorge-Grover explained that replacement room numbers were not ordered, and that re-ordering them from the contractor would cost about \$100 per sign. She also said that in order to repair the elevator handrail a repair person would have to be hired at a cost of around \$248 an hour.

"My concern is when people know who is responsible and don't say anything about it," she said.

A group of residents knew who was responsible for the second floor sign damages put pressure on the culprit to come forward. They did so, and the room number signs were recovered.

"I found it hopeful," Lorge-Grover said. "We'll have to take them to Residential Living to be possibly repaired."

This would save on the cost of replacing room numbers. The signs for the maintenance room and stairs were not recovered, however, and there is no word on who is responsible for the elevator damage or graffiti.

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# Housing Woes Affect Students

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Students are faced with a myriad of obstacles, such as securing funds for school, dealing with family issues and simply finding time to get all of their schoolwork finished. All of these issues can be amplified when combined with housing problems, such as rising rent prices and poor housing management.

Michelle Nieuwenhuis, a senior theater and English major at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, experienced housing issues when she was accused by her landlord of causing over \$1,400 in damages

after moving out of her apartment. Before she was aware of the charges, Nieuwenhuis had tried contacting the landlord multiple times in order to get her security deposit returned but never received a response. Because the landlord waited over 21 days to notify Nieuwenhuis of the charges, she was not obligated to pay them.

Nieuwenhuis credited UWSP's Student Legal Services, a Student Government Association funded program, for helping her better understand the rights she had as a renter.

"I definitely think that this wasn't an isolated incident. I think that it needs to get out there that there is an on-campus attorney who can

help you out with this kind of stuff," Nieuwenhuis said. "The lawyer was very helpful, and we found out there is a list of tenant rights that many students don't even know about. Without the help of the attorney, we never would have known that, and that landlord would have taken a bunch of our money."

Many changes were made to tenant-landlord rights in Wisconsin last March, which can further complicate renters' understanding of what their rights are. Some of the changes include allowing landlords to declare a renter's property abandoned if they think the renter has left and sell the property for profit. Landlords are also required

to use a standardized check-in sheet where the conditions of a new tenant's dwellings are recorded. Tenants are given seven days to fill out the form. Along with these changes, landlords now have 21 days after the end of a tenant's original lease to return a security deposit if the tenant moved out early.

UWSP students who have questions or concerns can visit UWSP Student Legal Services in the Allen Center. For further information, including advice on what to do before one rents, visit the Tenant Resource Center ([tenantresourcecenter.org](http://tenantresourcecenter.org)), a non-profit organization working to foster a positive relationship between tenant and landlord.

# Student Law Enforcement Association Lends a Hand

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The Student Law Enforcement Association (SLEA) is a student-run program at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point that allows students to help the community while gaining hands-on experience themselves in dealing with natural resource laws.

"We put on recreational safety courses, so we improve knowledge of the local community so they can be safer," said Dale Rombach, president SLEA and student at UWSP. "For our students and members, we help diversify their background and give them some experiences that they wouldn't normally get."

The majority of SLEA member are seeking careers in natural resource law enforcement. Although members of SLEA do not actively participate in enforcing the law, they do routinely work closely with state wardens in putting on safety classes, helping with an annual river watch and listening to them speak at weekly meetings.

"I joined SLEA initially because I came to school and I wanted to be a conservation warden, and of course that is just where you go if you want to become a conservation officer," Dustin Masin, an active member of SLEA. "Through SLEA I got my internship with a warden and networked with a dozen other wardens. And that just built up my resume and got me my first couple of jobs. It's pretty much just a stepping stone, but it's the first stepping stone in getting that experience to go on and get your first career."

SLEA members put on three to four safety classes a semester for the local community. The classes center on hunter safety, bow safety, boater safety and ATV safety. The classes are attended by a warden who will speak briefly, but other than that the classes are completely run by SLEA members. Students can become certified by the state to teach these classes through working with SLEA.

Members of SLEA also occasionally have the chance to assist in local law enforcement in special training. Last summer they were asked to participate as

civilian actors in a training day for the surrounding counties' SWAT team. They played victims, injured civilians and armed threats. They also periodically work with city police to make sure places that serve alcohol are carding underage patrons. While a city police officer waits in the car, a underage SLEA member will go into an establishment and attempt to purchase alcohol. Rombach said that while this doesn't really train them in anything, it is a way to help out the city police.

One of SLEA's major programs is the annual river watch. Members spend almost two days fishing on the banks of Lake Michigan Tributaries. While there, they watch for people illegally capturing the spawning salmon. During the fall, the water is lower, and there are thousands of salmon for the catching. SLEA members are watching for people who grab the fish with nets or hands instead of fishing the legal way. When SLEA members spot people doing this, they notify a warden, who will then address the issue. They are also out all night making sure that people are not fishing at night.

"That is basically the program everyone who has gone will say it is the most fun thing they have done. It's a lot of long hours. You work all night, all day and then all night again. But it's a lot of fun. You build bonds with people your first year here," Rombach said.

Rombach stated that the experience students will gain and connections they will make while in SLEA will assist them in obtaining future careers in law enforcement.

"A lot of our opportunities as far as getting experience is actually getting into an officer position and running the show and making those contacts with all the wardens to set things up," Rombach said. "If you go in and someone has already recognized your name, or you have done something that they have heard about before—that's something they look for."

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# Where the Buck Is Everybody?

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The 2012 gun deer-hunting season starts on Saturday, November 17. Around this time, the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point campus becomes a little quieter, especially in the classrooms, as hunters leave for their respective hometowns and families.

Hunting season is one of the biggest events that occur during the academic year. In Wisconsin, it is considered part of the culture and thought of as another holiday where families come together. With so many absences in the classroom, is it possible that hunters' grades are affected?

UWSP students and hunters Josh Wallace, Ryan Kuchenbecker and Rebecca Sutherland discussed their thoughts on class attendance and the reason why they skip classes during the season.

"Hunting season hasn't affected my grades much, but one has to understand that if you opt to skip class there needs to be some independent study thrown in during the week. Hunting season is not an excuse to slough off," Sutherland said. "Most professors understand that people want to go home that week. Just be smart about it and know your priorities, whatever they may be."

Kuchenbecker said that one of his professors takes off the entire week after opening weekend because she knows how important the season is to her students.

"She is already expecting that nearly half the class doesn't show up that time of year, so she doesn't have anything really planned for us. And she is a hunter like her students are," Kuchenbecker said.

For Wallace, hunting season is

just as important to him as his classes, but he will not go out of his way to skip class if he can avoid it.

"If it is only one class, sometimes I'll feel like I don't need to stick around for it because hunting season only comes around once a year. If need be, I would arrange to miss class, but I typically don't like to miss class if I don't need to," Wallace said.

Dr. Rachael Barnett, English professor, briefly mentions how hunting season affects her classes and what she has done over the years to prepare for this time of the year. In her experience, she said, the season does not greatly affect classroom attendance.

"The impact hunting season has on my classes has never been disruptive. Since I allow two absences, many of my students who will hunt save their absences for the season, and most have been sure to make arrangements beforehand for any assignments they miss," Barnett said.

Barnett explains that she leaves it to the discretion of her students "to make sure that hunting doesn't interfere with the class."

"When I first started at UWSP, I had no idea how significant an event hunting season is in the area, and I was surprised how many students participate. Now, I am aware when hunting season comes around," Barnett said.

Despite the loss of class time and a significant amount of absences, most hunters agree that hunting season is not simply going out into the woods waiting to shoot something. They say it is a family tradition that has been carried out for generations, which is the reason why so many opt to skip school to participate.

"Hunting season is the longest time during the year that I get to simply relax with my extended family.



Photo by Chris Ferguson

Waste Management major Chris Ferguson's trophy buck shot on November 9th

We spend a week driving all over the county, eating too much food, playing way too many card games and cracking way too many jokes. Honestly, most of our family stories and jokes are created during hunting season," Sutherland said.

"It's another chance of the year for you to see parts of your family that you normally don't get to see

at any other time during the year, and it's a time to escape the stress of school," Kuchenbecker said.

Hunting season is a tradition that student hunters at UWSP greatly look forward to and are willing to skip a week of their formal education to be with their families if it means they get to be a part of the camaraderie that is associated with it.

## Celebrating Our Veterans

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Last Monday the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point held a remembrance ceremony in honor of war veterans and Veterans Day.

The remembrance ceremony opened with the presenting of flags, carried by four men currently serving in the Army, followed by brief speeches from Chancellor Bernie Patterson, Teresa Barta, an associate professor of biology at UWSP, and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Al Thompson. There was a moment of silence in honor of two UWSP student veterans who have passed away, Michael Zuelsdorff and Bradley Tedding. After the moment of silence taps was played in honor of these individuals.

About 50 people—a mix of veterans, their families, and students and faculty—who wished to show their support attended the event.

"This is about our students and their recent service, how we can help them succeed in civilian life. I am just glad to see the big turnout. Every year we look to make it larger," Patterson said.

"It means quite a bit to me that people would take time out of their busy schedules to celebrate the things that veterans bring to this campus. And this is just another outpouring of that concern and care that the university has," said Michael Butcher, a retired first Sergeant and recent graduate of UWSP.

Barta spoke about her appreciation for veterans in her classroom and how Americans must never forget the

freedoms that veterans protect.

"It is an honor to have been asked to speak today and to have the privilege of being able to publically say thank you to our veterans, not just for what you have done during your time of active military service, but for what you are continuing to do in your community and nation," Barta said. "Most of all we need to get to know our veterans, whether it is a returning veteran in your class, or a WWII veteran in a nursing home. We need to get to know them."

All veteran students were offered a free meal on the night of the ceremony, compliments of University Dining Services. Some of the events they were offered free tickets to included theater and dance productions, Centertainment programs, and a few sporting events.

"These are just small examples of what we do. But we must do more. Looking at all the services that we provide for our students when they come back we need to be there for them; not just for a few days but for months and years to come. We must continue our efforts to support veterans who are students, but also those who served who served in previous engagements. We must always be there for them," Thompson said.

One theme that ran throughout all three speeches was that citizens must never take for granted the freedom they enjoy and should not forget those currently serving overseas.

"I will leave you with this one parting thought. Freedom is not free. Freedom is not free," Patterson said.



## UWSP to Host Final Four



Photo by Jack McLaughlin

According to the WIAC preseason rankings, the Pointers women are predicted to finish first in the conference.

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On November 1st, the NCAA officially announced that the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will host the 2014 Division III Women's Basketball Final Four.

According to a press release by the NCAA, UWSP was one of several cites looked at to potentially host the pinnacle of Division III women's basketball.

"It's quite an honor," said head women's basketball coach Shirley Egner. "To be selected by the NCAA to host a championship and be put on that national stage is really humbling."

For those planning ahead, the days of the Final Four and championship game are set for March 21st-22nd, 2014 in the Quandt Fieldhouse.

Athletic Director, Daron Montgomery, had a key part in bringing the games here and has a lot of experience in helping host big events for the NCAA.

Montgomery was a higher-up in the athletic department at the University of Detroit Mercy when the school hosted the NCAA Men's Division I Final Four.

Montgomery was the tournament manager for both the 2008 men's regional hosted by UDM and also the 2009 Final Four.

Even after helping host an event as grand as the Division I Men's Final Four, Montgomery is still very excited to host the 2014 women's finals.

"It's going to be an event that the entire university, our athletic department and the entire community can rally around and be really excited about," Montgomery said.

Montgomery explained that the process for getting the Final Four

at UWSP started back when he first took the athletic director job here in July 2011.

According to Montgomery, there were four key factors that he thought helped Stevens Point seal the deal: facilities; the school's fan base; UWSP's ability to host big athletic events; and the rich history that Pointers' basketball possesses.

"With access to the Quandt gym, the Berg gym and the MAC leading up to the event, we knew we had some of the best facilities in Division III," Montgomery said.

Fan support was another main factor, Montgomery stressed. "Just to know about how supportive fans have been over the years about college basketball in Stevens Point was a factor. Knowing that the fans are going to come here to be part of the event, whether the Pointers will be part of it or not, really helps us get the bid."

"I think when you put all of those elements and bundle it up with a bow on top, we really made it hard for them to say no, and that was our goal, and they ended up saying yes," Montgomery said.

Even though the tournament won't be here until the end of next season, the excitement and electricity around the basketball program, and the whole athletic department, is noticeable.

"I know that the athletic department, the women's basketball program and the community will work really hard to put on a great championship," Egner said.

"This town is passionate about college basketball, and this championship is going to bring a level of energy and excitement that hasn't been seen for a long time," Montgomery said.

## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

with Gus Merwin

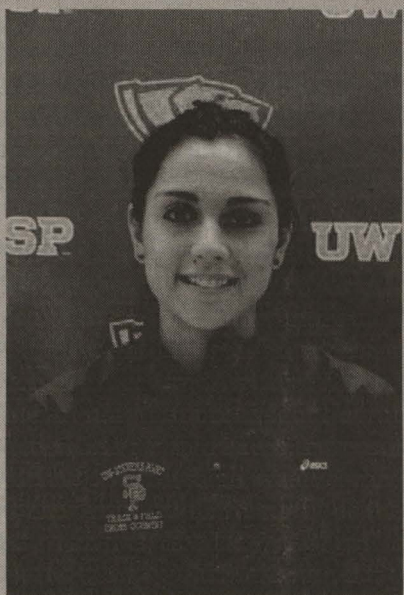


Photo courtesy of UWSP Athletics  
Julia Collings

- Sophomore Julia Collings' 9th place finish at the NCAA Cross Country Regional Championship last weekend earned her a spot in the National Championship Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind; the third consecutive year the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has been represented.

- Men's hockey hosts the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Friday and Saturday. Saturday is also Parents Weekend as well as a team hosted Can Food Drive. Both games begin at 7 p.m.

- Women's hockey hosts Lake Forest of Illinois Friday and Saturday. The puck drops Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

- The men's and women's swimming and diving team travels to

the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the UW-L Relays beginning at noon on Saturday.

- The UWSP wrestling team travels to Mequon, Wis. Saturday for the Concordia Open, beginning at 9 a.m.

- The men's basketball team hits the road Thursday and Saturday for games at Lawrence and St. Olaf, respectively, before returning to Stevens Point Tuesday for an 8 p.m. double header against St. John's of Minnesota.

- The women's basketball team heads to Decatur, Ill. for a game Friday against Millikin, then another Saturday against Calvin. The Pointers return home Tuesday for a 6 p.m. double header against Marian.





## Hoops Season Heating Up

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Both the Quandt field house and Berg gym have lain quiet for nearly eight months, but that is about to change.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams at The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point are all set to start another season of Pointers basketball.

The men's team starts Thursday with a game at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. Their first home game comes on Tuesday, November 20th, against St. John's University from Minnesota.

The women's team is set to face Millikin University in Illinois on Thursday and play their first home game against Marion University, also on Tuesday, November 20th.

It was a tough end to last season for the Pointers men. They started the season 19-4 but ended losing four of their last five games, including a loss in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The women's team won the WIAC conference tournament title and shared the regular season title with The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire last season.

The team finished with a 24-5 record overall and a 13-3 in the

conference. The Pointers women won in the first round of the NCAA tournament but were defeated in the second round.

Both teams come prepared for this season with a full off-season of work put in. "Each off-season is set up knowing that we have to prepare to play one of the best schedules in the country," said assistant men's basketball coach, Kent Dernbach.

"Our seniors, Tyler Tillema and Jordan Giordana, run captain practices, organize lifting sessions and team practice sessions," Dernbach said.

"We've worked hard over the summer, and we've had a great pre-season," said head women's basketball coach Shirley Egner.

"We've been in the weight room, we've had long runs, we had a triathlon and we also did some swimming," Egner said. "We have done a variety of workouts to get ready for the season."

Both teams also have a player on the D3hoops.com pre-season all-American list. For the men, Tillema was named to the second team all-American list. Senior Sam Barber was honored with a first team all-American nod for the women's team.

With their star players, you would expect the coaches to say that the team will play as well as

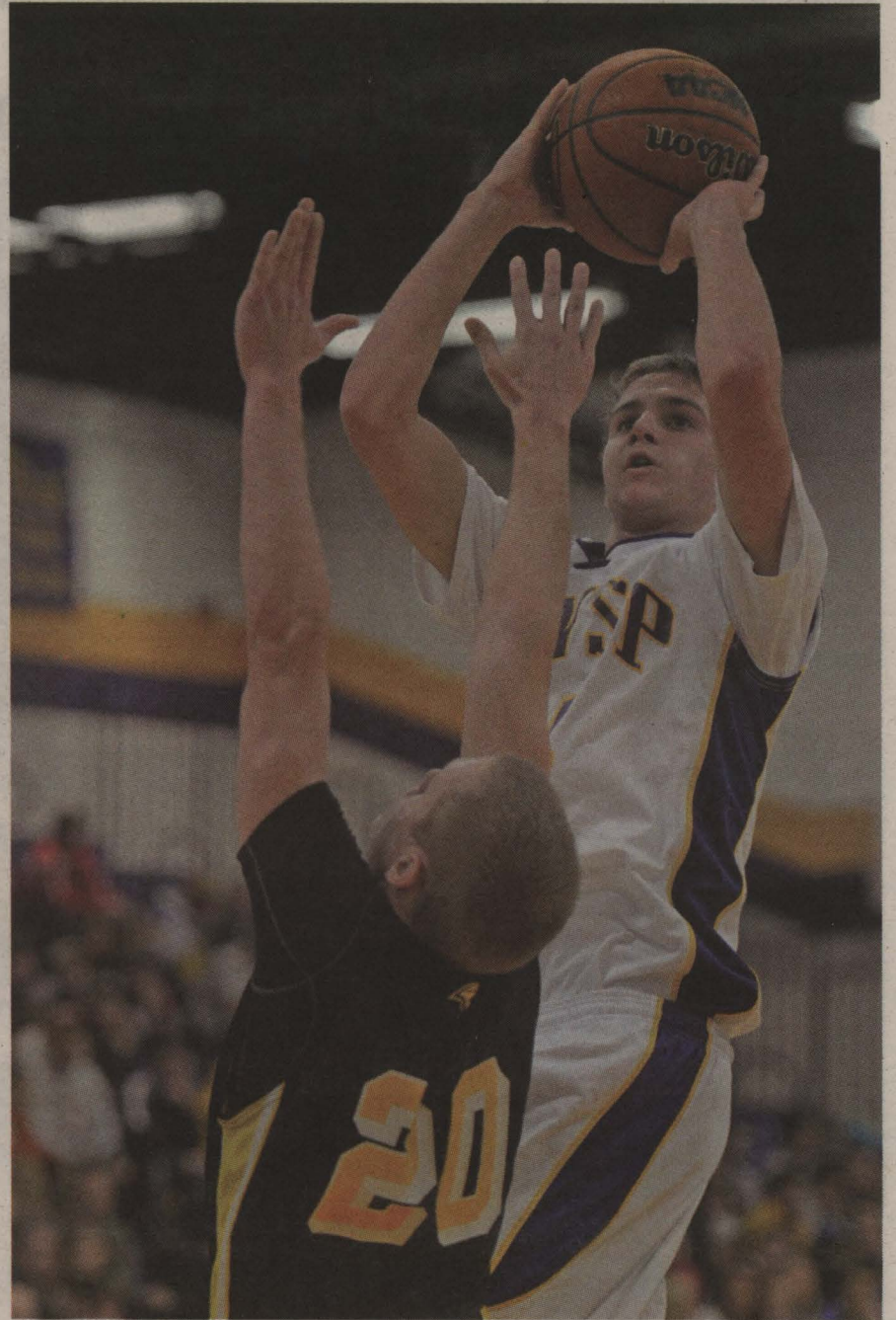


Photo by Jack McLaughlin

Men's and women's basketball teams will start their seasons this next week with the Women's team facing Millikin University in Illinois on Thursday and the men's facing Lawrence University in Appleton on Thursday.

### SEMESTER IN EAST-CENTRAL EUROPE:

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their stars, but that was not the case.

"I'm a firm believer that the starters will cancel each other out, and the reserve players are the ones that will make a difference," Egner said.

"The team that can win that bench battle and go deeper into their bench will be the team that comes out successful, so we're hoping that our depth will provide that."

The men's team will look to most of its roster to step up and play at their highest level, but one group has to really step up, explained Dernbach. "Our group of sophomores has to play at a high level and play like upperclassmen," he said.

According to the WIAC preseason rankings, the Pointers women are predicted to finish first in the conference, with the men's team predicted to finish second behind The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

The expectations for both teams are very high going into the season, but both coaches say that the team is used to high expectations.

"Our expectation year in and year out are WIAC championships, and to go as deep as we can in the NCAA tournament," Egner said.

"Those goals have never changed for our team."

"The team always has the expectation that we want to put ourselves in a position when it comes to it for a conference title," Dernbach said.

In the pre-season rankings, the men's and women's team stands at 15 and 7, respectively, but neither coach puts stock into pre-season rankings.

"It's great for recruiting, and that's all that matters," Egner said. "They don't really mean anything to us."

"It probably has a lot to do with the tradition at this university," Dernbach said. "It wouldn't be right if only one team from our conference was ranked in the top 25."

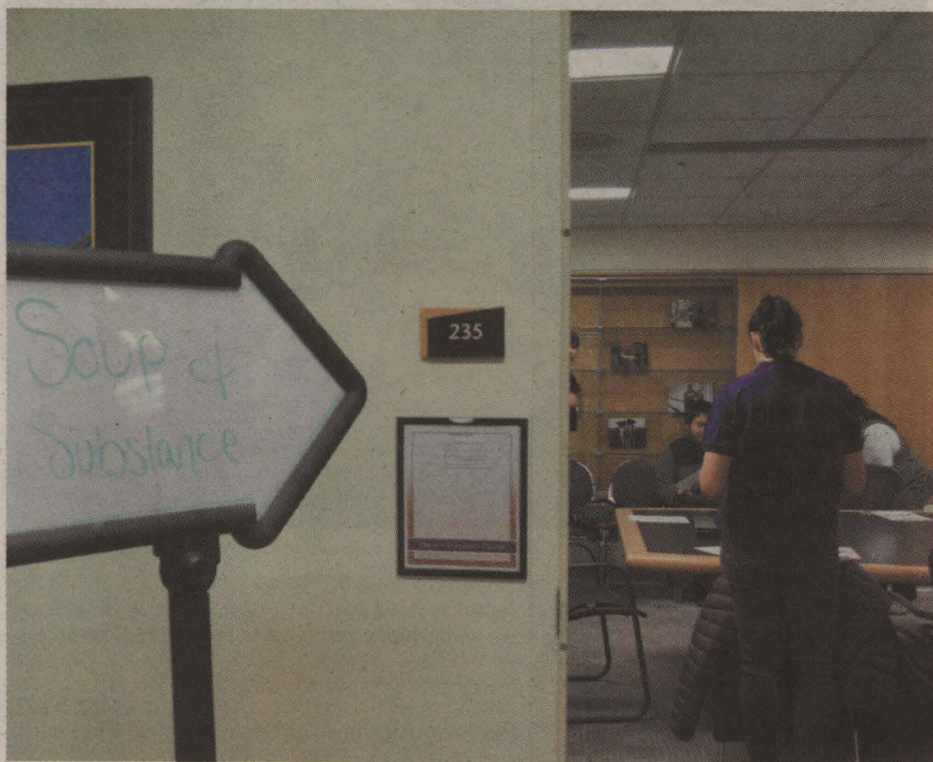
"The best thing about the pre-season rankings is that it drums up more support from our fans."

Fan support is key for any sport but especially so for the Pointers.

"We want to get the students to come out and support our team," Dernbach said. "It makes a huge difference on the game environment, which affects team performance as well as recruiting. We want to make our home games' atmosphere into one of the best in all of Division III basketball."



## A Sneak Peek at Soup and Substance



Photos by Samantha Feld

**ABOVE:** Students gather at the Soup and Substance event to spend an hour discussing a new topic and enjoying a hot meal.  
**RIGHT:** The president of HaSEAAC, Pachear Lor-Vue, presents the evenings topic, Hmong culture and identity.



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Once a month a group of about 25 or so students gather in the DUC to share a hot meal and spend an hour learning about and discussing a new topic.

Topics this semester have covered renewable energy, Native American culture in modern America, and, most recently, Hmong culture and identity. The next and last topic that will be covered this semester is the Humane Society. The students who attend Soup and Substance help pick the topics by filling out a survey where they list things they might be interested in learning about. This not only helps SIEO to know what topics to pick but also encourages students to come back again.

"I think we have had a lot of new faces," said Caitlin Bauman, the leadership and marketing coordinator for SIEO. "We have been mixing up topics quite a bit, so, like today, there were a lot of new faces. Last month, we didn't see the people that are here today. But we also definitely have people coming back every single time that I have noticed."

The hour is structured to have a 30-minute talk from someone who knows about the selected topic, followed by 30 minutes of open discussion. This month the discussion was focused on Hmong culture and identity. Several people who come from Hmong families came in to share things about their family life, what it was like being Hmong while growing up in America, religious issues and cultural differences.

"I've been trying to get to Soup and Substance for a while, but this was just kind of the first one I could

make it to. It wasn't my first choice of topic, but it ended up being really interesting, and I'm glad I came for this topic," said Abigail Hencheck, a religious studies and international studies major at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

However, Soup and Substance is more than just a chance for students to have a free meal and learn about an interesting new topic. It is also an opportunity for some students to share things that are important to them. Whitney Yang, a student at UWSP, shared a great deal about her life and enjoyed having the chance to do so.

"It was definitely fun because I like talking about my culture. It's something that I rarely get to talk about, since I'm usually just with Hmong people anyway. So being able to share with other people was really fun," Yang said.

After hearing from Yang, her husband and several other people of Hmong decent, the table was opened up to questions. Several students ventured to ask follow up questions, querying how some of the Hmong traditions or life styles might make them feel today. One person asked how many Hmong traditions they planned to pass down to their children. Yang and her husband indicated that while they would like to keep the language and the culture alive in their family, they might loosen up on some of the rules they were expected to live by.

Soup and Substance will meet again on December 4th to discuss the Humane Society. They meet at 5:00pm in the DUC in room 235. It is free to attend, but, as there are limited seats, pre-registration is required.



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## Drink of the Month

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Every month, the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point Brewhaus has a drink of the month. This month, the drink is called the Chai'nt Pumpkin.

The Chai'nt Pumpkin is a special mixture of chai with steamed milk and espresso with whipped cream and pumpkin spices on top.

"I find Chai'nt pumpkin to be a clever and funny name. It's funny because customers will say it a few times and then go, 'Oh, I get it! Like Giant Pumpkin!' It's great," said Lindsay Kopp, a student majoring in music who works at the Brewhaus.

When naming the drinks, they try to make a play on words. There was also a drink named "Chai Me Down and Orchard Me", which was a mixture of chai and apple cider.

The ingredients for the Drink of the Month are pre-decided, and then the Brewhaus staff votes on a name for the drink.

"We toss out our most clever or funny names, and everyone votes on which one we think is best," Kopp said.

"The drink of the month is just for fun, and it's nice to correlate the flavors of a season into a drink. We

all pitch ideas for the drink, but the real fun comes in naming it," said Maddy Moths, a student majoring in elementary education who also works at the Brewhaus.

Some customers still ask for old Drinks of the Month, and the employees are happy to make them for them.

"My favorite one this year has been the Caramel my Apple, which was a cider drink with caramel," Kopp said.

Moths agreed that this was also one of her favorites and that The Drink of the Month is a great attention-grabber for the Brewhaus.

"It allows us to come up with creative drinks so everyone can try something new," Kopp said.

Moths has only been working at the Brewhaus for a few weeks, but she loves it.

"It's typically pretty relaxed and my coworkers are the best. Everyone jokes around, customers too," Moths said.

Because the workers at the Brewhaus are such jokesters, Halloween was pretty goofy.

"Someone had the idea to hide these creepy dolls around behind the counter. I guess one of them broke because I'd be digging in the fridge for something and suddenly find the

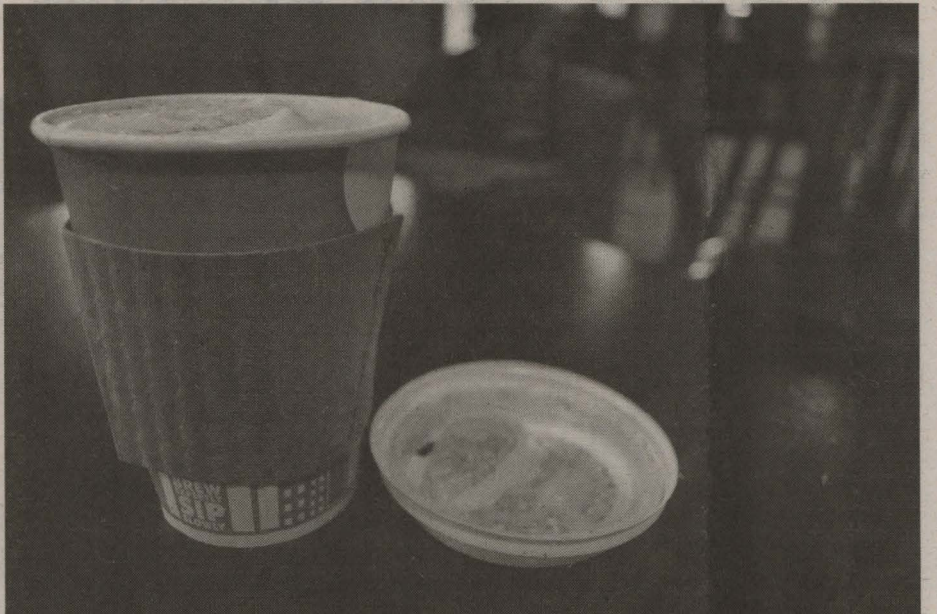


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The University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point Brewhaus's drink of the month this month is called, the Chai'nt Pumpkin. It is a special mixture of chai with steamed milk and espresso with whipped cream and pumpkin spices on top.

eyeball of a doll sitting there," Moths said.

Kopp also enjoys her job at the Brewhaus.

"I love being able to interact with other college students all day at work and learn the tricks to making drinks," Kopp said.

Next month, the Brewhaus is letting customers vote with

employees on the name for the Drink of the Month.

"Next month's drink contains cranberry, white chocolate, and peppermint. The drink of the month contest is on the Brewhaus's Facebook page, and you can vote by clicking on the UPick Challenge link," Kopp said.

More information can also be found in the Brewhaus.

## Dine and Dash to Black Friday

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With Black Friday fast approaching, many are getting ready to shop, while others are dreading having to go to work.

Black Friday, the day following Thanksgiving, is the busiest shopping day of the year and is traditionally the start of Christmas shopping. Retailers open their doors extremely early and draw people in with huge sales.

Connor Falk, a sophomore English major, has worked at Wal-Mart Supercenter in DePere for the last two years on Black Friday and had to be at work by 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

"I worked an extra hour last year because one of our managers started telling us to start working our normal departments once the crowds had cleared out and we were all tired from the sales. We were not pleased with this," Falk said.

Black Friday shoppers can get crazy over sales and tend to get hurt.

"I question people's dignity and human nature in general when I see and hear stories of people getting shoved into displays. A co-worker and friend of mine was pushed into a display while cutting off the wrap as the sale started. It really can be disheartening to see people fighting and going crazy just to get a five-dollar coffeemaker, which they very well may not even need," Falk said.

While working at Wal-Mart, one of Black Friday's busiest retailers, Falk has seen a lot of crazy things.

"We had a van where we had to slide in two TVs, and when the van's sliding door opened, we saw their child sitting in the middle part of the van on a little collapsible chair. No seatbelt, no restraint, just a cheap-looking folding chair. The family had taken out their van's seats to fit all their Black Friday loot," Falk said.

Michelle McEachen, a junior pre-physician's assistant majoring in biology, has worked the past three years at Shopko.

"My shift was eight hours the first two years and twelve hours last year. This year, I am working on Black Friday again. I have never gone Black Friday shopping because I am always working," McEachen said.

Kea Gregorich, a senior majoring in communication with an emphasis in public relations, has also worked on Black Friday at Kohl's.

"Kohl's does a wonderful job of keeping everything running smoothly. Last year I worked the register, and I would have to say that for the eight hours I was there, it only felt like one because it was so busy, which was very exciting. I'm hoping this year will be the same," Gregorich said.

Melanie Damask, a junior accounting major, has never had to work on Black Friday, but she has gone shopping for the past three

years in a row.

When Damask first started to go Black Friday shopping, she would get up at 4 a.m., but with stores opening even earlier, she starts around 11 p.m. the night before.

"Usually me and whoever I end up going with will get breakfast at some point during the morning, and we tend to hit the busiest stores first, such as Best Buy," Damask said.

Damask also tries to plan everything out before she leaves the house so that she won't forget anything.

"I definitely try to look at the ads if I'm looking for something specific to try to get a game plan so I'm able to get the things I'm hunting for. I plan on going this year with my boyfriend's mom, so it should be fun because she's really big into Black Friday," Damask said.

While Damask is a regular Black Friday shopper, she doesn't think that stores should have to open so early. Opening before it's actually Friday ruins the point of Black Friday.

"I hate the fact that stores are opening earlier and earlier for this shopping day. I heard some places are opening as early as 8 p.m. Thanksgiving night. That's ridiculous! It ruins the excitement of Black Friday shopping," Damask said.

Falk agrees with this. With stores opening so early, there is barely time to clear the dishes as people dine and

dash to get in line for the huge sales.

"While I admire business and trade, I do question the nature of Black Friday. Black Friday is moving quickly into Thanksgiving Day. It doesn't leave a whole lot of time for a nice, quiet Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends," Falk said.

Nikki Schmidt, a junior majoring in Biology, wants nothing to do with Black Friday.

"I've never worked during Black Friday, and I've never gone shopping on that day either. I'm too scared to. The sales aren't worth it," Nikki said.

While Gregorich has gone Black Friday shopping, she agrees that the sales aren't always worth it.

"The times that I have gone shopping on Black Friday have been fun, but in my opinion overrated. Electronics always have the hottest deals, so if one isn't going specifically for electronics, then in all honesty, Black Friday is a little pointless," Gregorich said.

While working on Black Friday can be stressful, most of the students I talked to seemed not to mind it.

"Black Friday is one of my favorite days of the year at Shopko. It is different, unique and fun because the time flies by so fast. It is pretty fun watching people line up at the doors an hour before we open and watching them run around the store looking for what they want," McEachen said.



# A Day in the Life of a UWSP Tour Guide

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Multiple times during the week, students on the UWSP campus pass by or walk through a group of prospective college freshman. More often than not, these groups of high school seniors with their parents look lost and confused as the tour guides answer questions and show them the campus.

Perhaps the students merely try to look dazed and confused while hiding behind the green folders that are given to them because they are embarrassed to walk around with their parents. All in all, a tour guide's job can be a difficult one. Being terrorized by parent questions and having to deal with current UWSP students is an everyday occurrence for them.

Tour guides Alyssa Sanfilippo, Alex Wouters and Rachel Siebers covered their most memorable, funniest and worst tours.

Siebers commented on the many questions she receives from parents. She said most of the answers should be common sense.

"I once had a parent ask what the drinking policy was for underage students and if parents could drink in the residents halls on move-in day," Siebers said. "I was asked how many guns could be kept in a room. When I told them about the armory, they disregarded my comment and asked if they would get in trouble if they kept their rifle in their closet."

She explained that larger groups tend to have more questions that could be considered 'stupid,' but when there is a smaller group, parents and students are quite shy.

Aside from the questions asked, a big part of the tour is in the residence halls to see what a room looks like. Students and their parents often ask many question at this point in the tour. Wouters remembered a recent tour where a mother showed concern for her son.

"A few weeks ago, I was with a group of about 10 people. We were finishing up our tour with me showing them what a room would look like in the residence hall," Wouters said. "I was discussing how the roommate situation worked and how in all the residence halls there are all-

female, all-male and co-ed floors. As I was finishing up, one of the mothers asked the following: 'Are males and females able to interact in the residence halls? I don't want my son being tempted.'"

Considering the culture of Wisconsin, it is almost expected that a lot of the comments or questions about the school are going to be about drinking. Wouters said he has parents and students ask how the party scene is on campus because they are looking for a good party school with relaxed underage penalties.

In Sanfilippo's case, one of her tours happened to fall at the beginning of Homecoming weekend.

"I had a group of high school students on the Friday of Homecoming weekend. The group went outside, and we were standing in front of Hansen, and there was a guy swaying—obviously drunk already. It was only 12:30," Sanfilippo said. "All of sudden, I look at the guy, and he just leans over and vomits all over the patio, and the whole group is staring at him. Half of the group is laughing, and the other half is grossed out."

Sanfilippo, having already lost

the attention of her group, finished her story with the guy looking up after vomiting. Instead of just walking away, he simply took a bow in front of her group for his performance. Her Homecoming tour would not end there, though.

"We were finishing the tour and coming out of the back of Baldwin after looking at the showroom," Sanfilippo said. "We walked out, and some guys yelled out their windows from Steiner at the group saying, 'Jell-O shots for boobies!' Two of the high school guys from my group at that point then said they wanted to attend school here."

No doubt that for many outsiders, these stories will be funny in some way. Tour guides give the first impression many incoming students have of this university, and they deal with a lot of odd situations that are most likely difficult to handle at first but end up being hilarious after.

## Jewish Student Pride

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The religious community on campus is diverse in culture and beliefs, including that of Judaism. However, there is no local place of worship for these students.

Noah Levine, a junior triple-major in art, biology, and communication, said that at one time there was a Jewish population in Stevens Point.

"There used to be a synagogue here in Point. I'm not too sure what happened, but for some reason the Jewish community headed over to Wausau and the synagogue followed them there," Levine said.

Levine mentioned that the former synagogue is now used as a Jewish museum and that it shows the past strong Jewish community of Stevens Point.

Levine is one of the few Jewish students on campus and takes pride in his Jewish identity.

"It makes me different. It gives me something that very few people here have any experience with, and I enjoy that," Levine said.

Although Levine takes a lot of pride in being Jewish, he doesn't

confess to be the most religious person. When he refers to himself as a Jew, he mainly means his ancestry. Although he does go to synagogue, his family can be traced back to one of the two remaining tribes of Judaea, Levi.

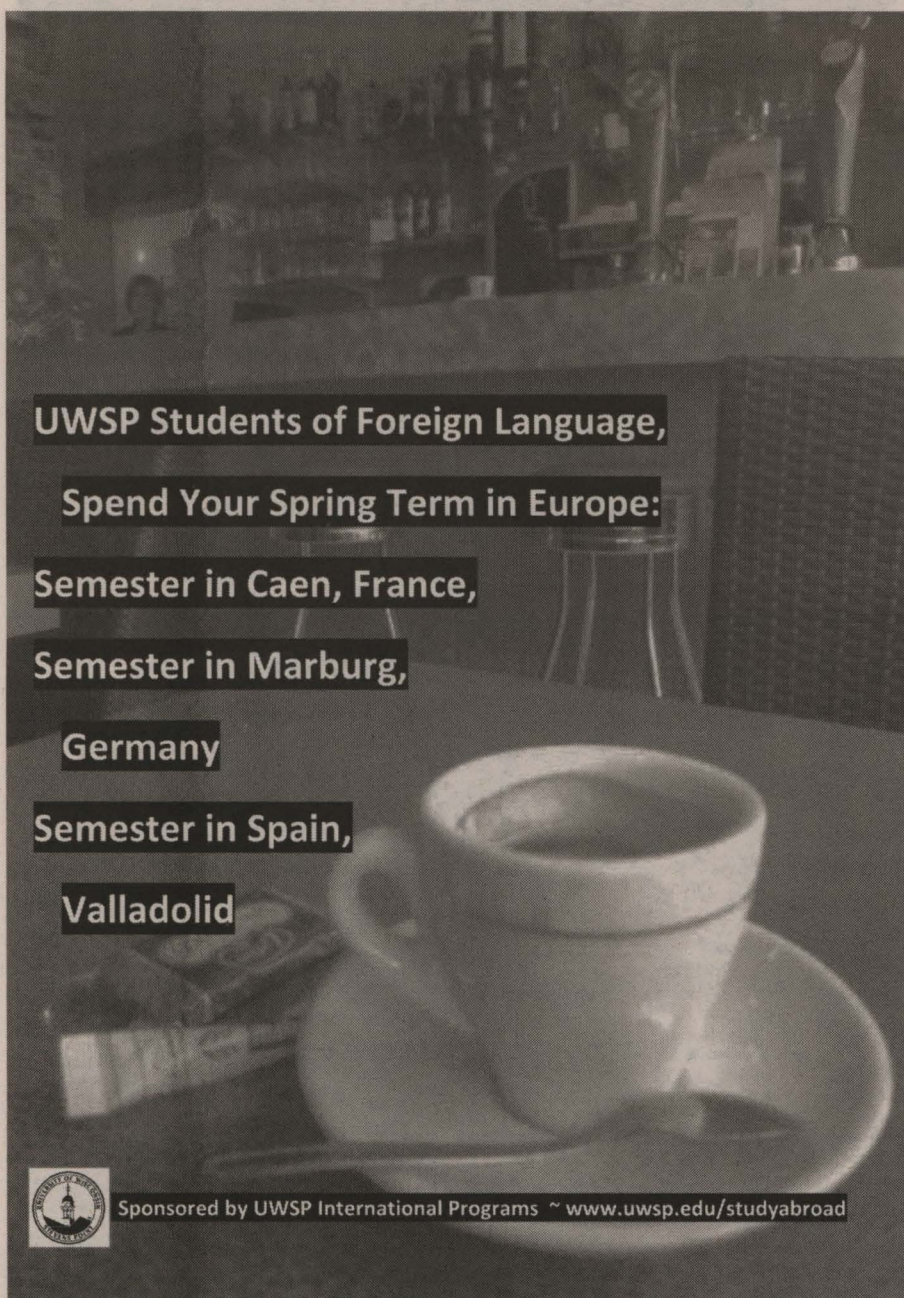
"I've never been too religious in the way of going to synagogue, so I haven't been affected too much. I've told myself that if there was a closer synagogue, I'd go to it more often," Levine said.

Levine has even considered starting his own club on campus.

"I've thought about making a Jewish club or something, but I honestly don't know if there is enough interest in one to actually get it going," Levine said.

Coming from Saint Paul, Minnesota, the transition was much easier to deal with because the Jewish population was also small. However, he still struggled at first in Stevens Point.

"I hated Point when I got here, but it grew on me eventually. The Jewish population where I was raised was so small, so the Jewish transition wasn't a big deal," Levine said.



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# OPINIONS

## The Fifth of November

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Remember, remember the fifth of November... and so I shall. The Fifth of November, better known as Guy Fawkes Day or Bonfire Night, is celebrated throughout London each year in celebration of the foiled plot to blow up Parliament by Guy Fawkes in 1605. I had the fortunate opportunity to participate in the festivities this past Monday night with others from the UWSP Britain Study Abroad group.

We bundled up and headed to Primrose Hill, an extension of Regents Park on the north side, to get a clear view of the fireworks going on all across the city. People were already packed in at the top of the hill by the time we got there. There was an air of enjoyment and ease about the whole situation; drinks and jokes were shared. Adults and children, alike, lit sparklers and danced temporary lighted designs in the dark, and one group lit sky lanterns and we all watched in delight as the lanterns lifted into the night sky.

Most of the fireworks were out across the River Thames, a good distance away, but the experience was no less spectacular. In a way, those that had gathered at the top of Primrose Hill were getting the whole show, seeing all of London celebrating the night all at once.

Later in the evening a much smaller display was put on by some locals at the bottom of the hill, bringing the explosive festivities a little closer. That is, until they had a malfunction setting off four or five rounds at once that didn't quite make it off the ground. The incident sent several individuals scampering for their lives amidst cries of surprise from those of us at the top of the hill. Luckily no one was injured.

Feeling the chill of the night we left happy and even a little homesick. Being familiar with such festivities at home made us think of events we were missing in the United States and with our families. Still, we considered it a treat that we should be able to participate in such a massive event and join with London in celebration and community.

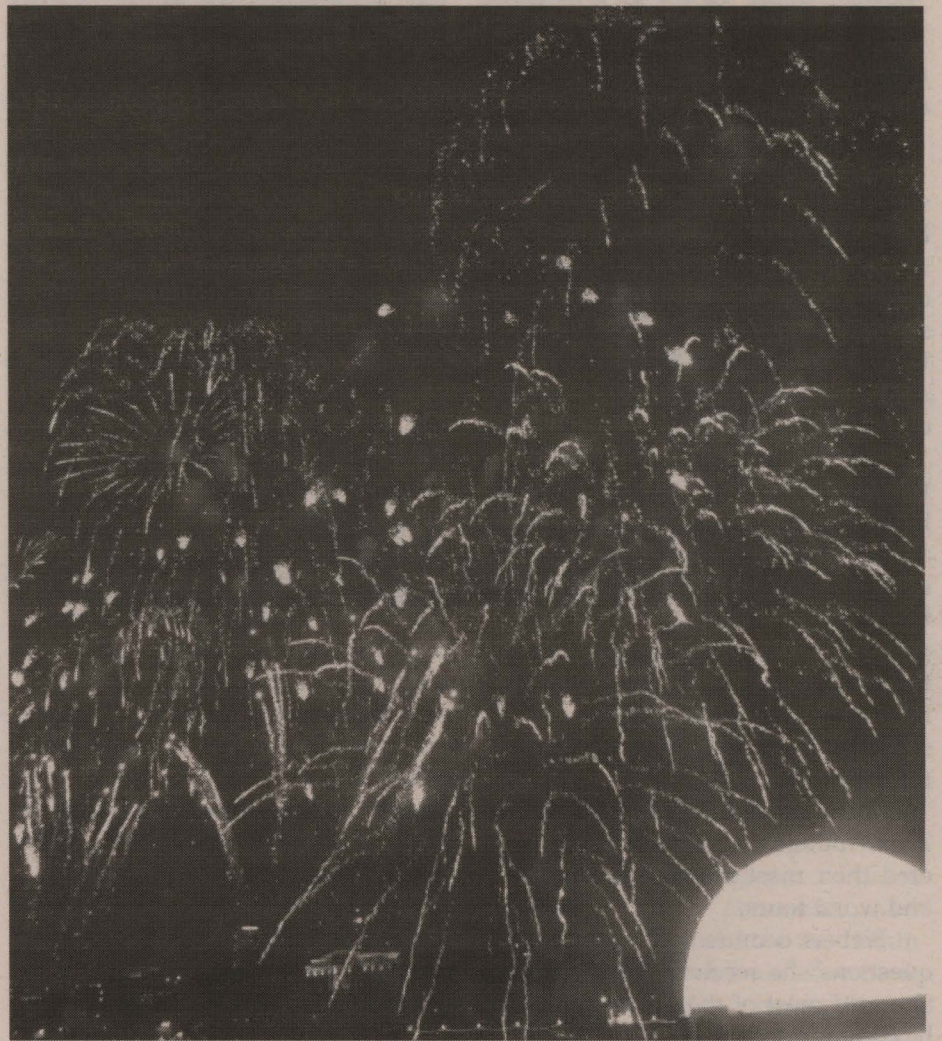


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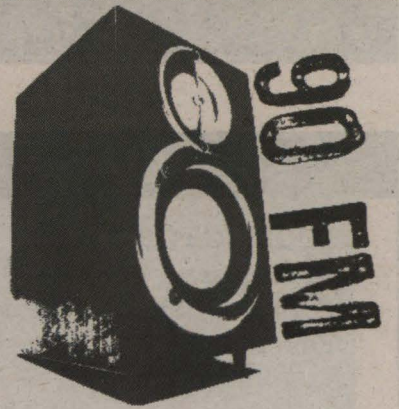
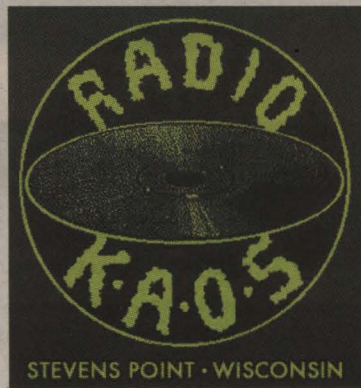
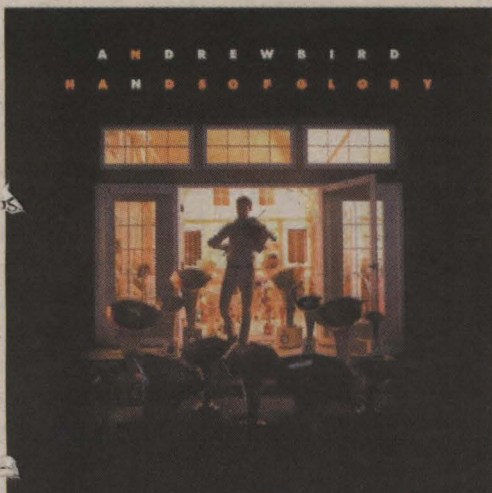


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## BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

Andrew Bird- *Hands of Glory*

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*Hands of Glory* seems to be a rather abrupt release that came from left field; it's almost as much as an EP as it is an LP by Andrew Bird's standards. At 35 minutes long (a quarter of that time being a lengthy instrumental), one could assume that is an unfinished product. It was also released within the same year as his lengthy album *Break It Yourself*, which came out this spring. Of course, that does not diminish *Hands of Glory's* quality in the slightest, especially considering his last album before this year was *Noble Beast* in 2009. The two 2012 albums have a vastly different sound; *Break It Yourself*, while unlike Bird's past albums, uses much more of his traditional whistling and pop-style production. *Hands of Glory* sounds like it was inspired by his barn

along the banks of the Mississippi River, and has a much more acoustic and less produced style.

"Three White Horses" begins the album with a haunting bass line, in which Andrew Bird sings a grim tale of death and despair. This melodic track is one to write home about, and its nine minute instrumental reprise "Beyond the Valley of the Three White Horses" in succession is a great compliment. The reprise has a lot of depth on its own and ends the album in a gorgeous manner. "Something Biblical" is a standout track that contains some fantastic violin work from Bird, as well as fantastic ending solo.

Several of the tracks on *Hands of Glory* are covers of country songs. One of those songs is "When That Helicopter Comes," another lyrically dark song with a cool Wild West feel. I tend to visualize a *Breaking Bad* montage of Walter White and Jesse Pinkman escaping from the D.E.A. who are chasing after them in helicopters whenever I give the song a listen. Another country cover is "Railroad Bill," a somewhat out-of-place track as it is a little more upbeat than the rest of the album. However, I imagine it will be a fun jam to dance to if one were to catch one of Bird's shows.

Even with its peculiar characteristics, I will have to say my fellow Illinoisan has once again created a work of art that is one to behold. *Hands of Glory* speaks to Andrew Bird's wide array of abilities, and I hope he continues to experiment with the album's style in the future.

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Night Moves – *Colored Emotions*

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What do you get when you mix country, electronic, and indie? For most, the immediate response would be 'nothing worth listening to'; and up until recently I would have shared a similar sentiment. However, I have recently been shown the light—and let me tell you my friends, this bizarre fusion of genres isn't only possible—it's awesome. At least if your Night Moves, a Minnesota based band who recently released their debut album entitled "Colored Emotions" under Domino Records. Though the band itself is still in its infancy, Night Moves, who is made up of artists from other renowned indie acts like Mouthful of Bees and Food Pyramid, is already gaining critical acclaim for

their particularly original and concise sound.

"Colored Emotions" is a psychedelic roller-coaster; a spacey alien landscape where country twangs, electronic production, and wispy, MGMT-sounding vocals mesh effortlessly with one and other. One will inevitably find themselves humming along with the infectiously catchy ooh's and ah's of "Only a Child", or perhaps find solace in its counterpart "Horses", which proves fast-paced and unpredictable. "Country Queen" is a haunting ballad made to be listened to at high volumes. In addition, the album's nostalgic sounding title track is also note-worthy, as its unmistakable

hippie-era vibe will undoubtedly become the anthem to late walks home and hot summer days for years to come.

Most striking of all however is "Colored Emotions" versatility. Throughout the album, songs are presented in perfect balance, creating trippy melodies that you don't need pounds of drugs to enjoy; in short, this is one album that will fit comfortably into almost anyone disc changer.