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SGA Elections Results

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Following a month of campaigning for presidential and senatorial elections and months of discussion to discover the views of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus concerning the Green Fund and Tobacco Referendum, the Student Government Association election process has come to a close.

The team of current SGA executive members Ryan Specht and David Boardman received the majority vote and will be taking office for the upcoming academic year as president and vice president of SGA respectively.

"It's a privilege for us to continue serving the students and university, and we are honored to do so in our new roles as president and vice president," Specht said. "We want to actively represent all students and student organizations, through continually gathering feedback."

As of now the team is focusing on training for their new roles in the organization and starting conversations with leaders across campus asking what to work on over the next year. Working with the current SGA leadership to ensure a smooth transition is the main concern for the rest of the semester.

"Much of our platform is the continuation of many projects we have been working on and we are honored the student body is giving us the opportunity to see these through," Boardman said.

Such projects include work with the Green Fund, seeing the completion of the Health and Wellness Study, institutionalizing support for diversity and inclusivity, and the Tobacco Referendum.

With 73 percent of the vote, the Green Fund referendum passed and $12 will be allocated from segregated fees towards that fund according to the SGA Election Committee.

"The new structure and bylaws will go into effect next semester. Between now and then the focus is on hiring our Environmental and Sustainability Director, who will then start outreach and more education on the new fund," Specht said.

Currently no substantial projects can begin this semester. The funding students voted to allocate will officially begin in the fall of 2013. The new director position will oversee the allocation of funds and SGA is looking for students who are interested in sustainability to fill the position.

The total number of respondents for the Tobacco Policy Preferential Referendum was 1118. Students were given four options for the referendum and the result is based on the opinion of the student body. With regard to tobacco policies on campus, the student body preferences are, in order: tobacco free campus, smoke free campus, designated smoking areas on campus, and maintain current policies.

"The referendum is considered the binding opinion of the students, so SGA need not pass any further legislation through the Senate," Boardman said. "We are now waiting on the referendum that will go through faculty and staff which will be happening in the coming weeks."

Once the referendum goes through faculty and staff, the results of both the student and faculty vote will be sent to Chancellor Bernie Patterson, who will determine the final policy and timeline. His decision will greatly be influenced by the recommendations of the student body and faculty members.

According to each team, the election experience for both Specht and Boardman and their opponents Michael Howard and David Rawley was beneficial both personally and professionally.

"It was great meeting so many new and interesting people, providing me with a better understanding of this campus as a whole. I feel a lot more connected with the school and its students," Rawley said.

Rawley explained that he is unsure if he will run for office again. Both Rawley and Howard wish Boardman and Specht the best as they take office, leading UWSP into the future.

"One of the biggest things we enjoyed was going to the student organizations and residence halls and hearing what the concerns of these groups are. This is something we plan on making a part of SGA culture is to do more outreach to represent the students," Specht said.

The experience was great and we are really excited to get to work.

Students with questions concerning the results of the election, Green Fund, or Tobacco Referendum can email SGA at sga@uwsp.edu.
Students in Support of a Tobacco-Free Campus

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After a recent student referendum initiated by Student Government Association, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student body has voted for a tobacco-free campus.

"The vote has come in and it appears that the number one vote is for the campus to go tobacco free," said Assistant Director for Building Services Mike Zsido.

Zsido explained that as a majority of the student body as voted for the campus to move in a tobacco-free direction, it is now up to Chancellor Bernie Patterson to come to a final decision.

"If the chancellor decided for the campus to go tobacco free, and ultimately it is his decision, the campus and all campus grounds would be tobacco free," Zsido said. "Any chewing tobacco and any smoking products would not be allowed on campus."

According to Jeff Karcher, Director of Safety & Loss Control, this referendum will hopefully serve as a launch pad to create a healthy atmosphere across the UWSP campus.

"We're trying to foster a culture of wellness on campus. We don't want to make this into a big rule issue with two sides. We hope that eventually it becomes mutually understood by both parties that there simply isn't any smoking allowed on campus," Karcher said.

Zsido expressed a similar outlook. "We are a wellness campus and we should be using a wellness model," Zsido said. "People's ability to breathe free air is hindered when people are smoking at entrances to buildings or certain places where people have to walk through the smoke. Everyone has the right to breathe free air, and hopefully this will take care of that issue on campus."

Given the results of this referendum, it is not surprising that many students are pleased with the likely possibility of a tobacco-free campus.

"People who don't smoke shouldn't have to inhale secondhand smoke," said Amanda Esser, a senior elementary education major. "There's plenty of places off-campus they could go to smoke--and now they may even be more motivated to stop smoking."

Conversely, there are those who are skeptical. Scott Halperin, who is also a senior and a regular smoker, is one such individual.

"I can understand why people would want to do it with the secondhand smoke and all those things, but I think it's a smokers right to smoke on sidewalks and public property," Halperin said. "I don't really know how they're going to stop every smoker from smoking."

Karcher maintains however that this not UWSP's ultimate goal, and that this referendum will not serve as a means to police students and faculty members personal habits.

"A lot of people don't realize that there are some people out there who are effected by even a very small amount of smoke. There is a population out there, who have respiratory issues for example, where even a slight exposure to smoke can have very negative effects--we're concerned for those individuals," Karcher said. "We're not trying to regulate everyone's individual life decisions, but we do feel it is reasonable and prudent for the campus to move in a smoke-free direction."

UWSP Ranked No. 9 in Midwest

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According to U.S. News Best Colleges Ranking, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point was ranked no. 9 among schools like UW-La Crosse, the University of Northern Iowa, and UW-Eau Claire. These were the only three UW schools to appear within the top ten.

UW-La Crosse ranked no. 2, with an average freshman retention rate of 86 percent and an average graduation rate of 69 percent. UW-Eau Claire, ranked at no. 5, has an 83 percent average retention rate and 64 percent average graduation rate, compared to UWSP's 79 percent average retention rate and 60 percent average graduation rate.

Ratings were also based on factors such as ACT score selectivity, financial and faculty resources. What is interesting, however, is the percentage of full-time faculty among the three UW schools. According to the rankings, UWSP's faculty is 96 percent full-time, compared to UW-Eau Claire's 95 percent and UW-La Crosse's 91 percent.
Pointers Baseball Performs Well in Florida

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Head coach Pat Bloom's Pointers baseball team finished with a record of 5-3 in Florida against tough competition. The teams the Pointers played currently have a combined 36-29 record.

According to Bloom, at least a couple of teams they played could make the Division III College World Series this season.

While Stevens Point waits for its opportunity to play again, they can look back on what they accomplished in Florida.

"We saw a little bit of everything down there," Bloom said. "I've learned that at the beginning of the year, you have to expect the unexpected. It's really hard to anticipate how everyone is going to play." One of the positives from Florida that Bloom pointed out was the team's offensive production.

"The hitters swung the bats well in most of our games," Bloom said. "We were able to string up a lot of runs in some games."

The Pointers scored a total of 70 runs in Florida, or almost nine runs per contest.

Sophomore pitcher J.P. Feyereisen is excited to see what this team's offense can do during the season.

"I think this year will be a fun year to watch our team," Feyereisen said. "We are going to have the power from our hitters to bang the ball around the park and put up more than ten runs a game."

Sophomore infielder Riley Spetz also liked what he saw from the team in Florida.

"Overall, I think we're off to a good start," Spetz said. "We have a lot of guys all over the diamond who can pull their own weight, and our coaches do a great job putting a competitive line-up on the field."

The main problem for the Pointers in Florida was finding consistent pitching. The Pointers pitching gave up an average of 5.875 runs per game. In comparison, last year UWSP allowed 3.21 runs per game.

"Our pitching and fielding left something to be desired. We gave up too many walks and didn't get into good pitching counts," Bloom said.

I hope that we can regroup. We do have a very good pitching staff."

Senior pitcher Jake Herbst knows that the pitchers and even the hitters can perform better.

"We just need to be more consistent with our performances from both our pitching staff and our hitters," Herbst said. "We just need guys to get comfortable with the roles that they have."

With some pitchers struggling, others were asked to step up. That is exactly what sophomore Nick Prebelski did in Florida. Prebelski pitched 5 and 2/3 innings, allowing only one run and striking out six batters.

"He definitely positioned himself to where we are confident in using him in a late relief role," Bloom said.

Now the Pointers wait for the snow to melt for them to show their stuff to the conference opponents. Feyereisen believes that this team will surprise some people in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"I think the potential of this team is being overlooked by most of the conference and nation because of the loss of Cam Seidl," Feyereisen said. "If we can sync our offense and pitching together, our team has a very good chance at making a deep run into the playoffs this year."

The Pointers were scheduled to play St. Norbert College last Sunday and UW-Oshkosh this Wednesday, but both games were postponed due to the baseball field's current conditions.

UWSP's next scheduled games are part of a double header against UW-Platteville Friday and Saturday that has been moved to UW-Whitewater's facilities. The Pointers next home game is set for next Wednesday with a double header against UW-Oshkosh.

Opening Day: A National Holiday

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Commentary

America's favorite pastime is alive and well.

This week marked the official opening of a new season of Major League Baseball, and what a week it has been.

Sunday: Wisconsin native and reigning NFL Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt threw out the ceremonial first pitch of this MLB season for the Houston Astros on Monday. The Brewers fought to win in walk-off fashion against the Colorado Rockies in extra innings. Tuesday Texas Rangers pitcher Yu Darvish had a perfect game broken up on the last out of the game.

While baseball is not a money draw like college and professional football, there's something unique about sitting in the stands for a baseball game.

I was fortunate enough to be at Opening Day for the Brewers—my first Opening Day, Monday with my family. It was one of the greatest experiences of my life.

There was an unrivaled excitement, inside and outside of Miller Park that I have seldom felt at any other venue.

When my family and I arrived an hour before game time, the parking lot was already packed, and still filling as we made our way to the gate. Wisconsin's state scent of beer and brats hung like a cloud across the parking lot as infants to the elderly took in thepregame festivities.

We stopped short of the gate where the Bob Uecker statue had been erected last season so my grandmother could get a picture next to her most revered Milwaukee legend.

Inside the park throngs of fans strolled this way and that, none in any hurry to rush through this day lest they miss something.

With my father in the lead, we made our way through the crowd to the stairs where this concrete and metal Mecca opened up to reveal one of the greatest sites my eyes will ever behold.

Finely manicured grass, freshly drug dirt, a carefully crafted pitcher's mound, the most perfectly lined batter's box. This was a baseball field.

Section 112, Row 9, Seat 18. First base line, behind the Brewers dugout. Our seats were great, the atmosphere was great, the game was great. As close to a perfect day as I think you can get.

But what makes days like Opening Day special are the little things. The beer you have with your dad. Listening to your mom swear along with everyone else in the sellout crowd after the other team hits a homerun. The way your grandmother looks wearing your two-sizes-too-big hat to keep the sun out of her eyes.

Baseball is our game, and Opening Day is our day. It's our day to skip class, skip work, skip responsibilities and focus on the truest of pursuits; happiness.

Monday: I sought out pure happiness, and I found a baseball game.

The Pointer
Let's talk about sex. Let's talk about all the good things and the bad things. This month, let's learn what's acceptable and what's not.

The month of April has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month not only among the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point campus but throughout the United States. Campuses across the nation are raising awareness for sexual assault to empower individuals to take a stand, to resources on and off campus, and to promote dialogue about the realities of sexual violence.

The Women's Resource Center is collaborating with UWSP's Promoting Awareness Victim Empowerment, the Portage County Community Response Team and the Zonta Club of Stevens Point to co-sponsor a variety of programs throughout the month of April.

One of the month's events, Take Back the Night, is a night dedicated to ending sexual violence in all forms, including sexual assault, domestic violence and sexual abuse. The purpose is to empower everyone to feel safe in the community while highlighting the realities of sexual violence.

"The Women's Resource Center has been holding this event annually on the UWSP campus for many years. We have done numerous things in the past, but this year we are planning to hold a rally with speakers, performances and a march," Carson said.

This year's Take Back the Night comes shortly after the UWSP campus has experienced three attempted abductions and/or attacks on women in less than a year.

Other events occurring throughout the month include a screening of the film "The Invisible War," three different sessions of self-defense courses and the "Vagina Monologues."

Starting at the beginning of next week, there will be a "Tree of Hope" on campus with teal ribbons on it to show support for survivors, which will be up all month.

Through Sexual Assault Awareness month, UWSP will join the nation in hopes to raise awareness on the unacceptability of sexual violence and help the survivors of sexual violence realize that they are not alone.

"The event sees many students returning year after year. Rebecca Sutherland, an English major at UWSP, has been three times."

"I went my first time at the encouragement of my friend Whitney Carlson, and I had such a great time that I've gone back every year," Sutherland said. "It's a totally different sort of atmosphere than usual CRU or church. It's both personal and unifying."

Students are taught not to talk about their own beliefs but to listen to others.

"The real purpose was just to listen and understand the individual's perspective on what spirituality, faith, and religion all meant to them. If they were interested, I'd share my perspective, but the real goal was to listen and understand where they were coming from and where they were at spiritually," Sutherland said. "It's amazing what you can learn about a person when you stop talking and really listen."

While talking about a subject like religion can be difficult with others, Sutherland enjoyed this aspect of the event.

"My favorite part of Big Break was actually going out on the beach and talking with people. I love listening to others' stories and sharing if the opportunity arises. Meeting new people and gaining new perspectives is a real passion of mine," Sutherland said.

These students understand that their decision to go south not to party and refrain from drinking and instead are talking to people and not partying ourselves."

Sutherland understands that talking about religion can bring awkwardness, but she thought it was enjoyable.

"Well, I suppose it might feel a little awkward for some students as religion and faith are some of the 'taboo' topics of our culture," Sutherland said. "But hopefully Big Break would open up the opportunity for students to see that it is possible to talk about such issues without it being weird or tense."

While some Campus Crusade for Christ students may not have attended a typical spring break, they still love to enjoy the sun and warmer climate of the south.

"It's all done in sunny Florida on a sandy beach," Sutherland said. "Sounds like a win to me."
Taking a Look at the Visions of War

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Visions of War is a series of veteran-focused exhibits and workshops that honor the men and women who have served in the military. It is a collaboration between the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point and Mid-State Technical College that has been going on for the past two years.

The program aims to give student-veterans and other members of the university and the central Wisconsin community a chance to think about their war experiences and to use art to express themselves.

Leslie DeBauche, one of the coordinators on the committee for Visions of War, said a whole range of departments and colleges help to fund the activities for this year.

"This year the program includes an exhibition called 'Always Lost' that includes photographs of all the service women and men who have died in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan," DeBauche said.

Ann Whipp, another member on the committee and the Veterans Coordinator on campus, says that the "Always Lost: A Meditation on War" exhibit was initially created by students at Western Nevada College.

"It consists of over 30 panels of the names and photos of all the military members killed in Iraq and Afghanistan since 9/11," Whipp said.

Additionally, there will be photographs from David Lesson, a 2004 Pulitzer Prize-winner, and Cheryl Diaz Meyer. There will also be literary work by Professor Swirczek's creative writing classes, veterans and their families, the Lone Mountain Writers group and other Northern Nevada writers.

"This exhibit reminds us that war is very personal and affects us all," Whipp said.

The display is located in the Dreyfus University Center next to the Laird room until the closing ceremony on Thursday, April 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

During Visions of War, there will also be a visit from Nate Lewis of Combat Paper. Lewis helps veterans use their uniforms to make paper and then make art with the paper.

"We will be making journals out of the pulped uniform paper, and also veterans and other participants will have the opportunity to make art or anything out of the paper that is made the week that Combat Paper is on campus," DeBauche said.

Also on campus will be Lovalla Calico from Warrior Writers. Calico and two other members of her organization will work with student and community veterans to write about their experience of war.

Nancy Schaperkotter, the director of Student Support at Mid-State Technical College, said the writing and art workshops support artistic exploration and expression and are open to all veterans, service members, military families and members of the community.

"Warrior Writers support and empower veterans through creativity, wellness and open dialogue between veterans and the civilian community in order to promote connection, understanding and healing," Schaperkotter said.

Warrior Writers also offers prompts to encourage the sharing of stories, opinions and ideas about various military issues and experiences. The workshops empower veterans and military families to release bottled-up thoughts and emotions through writing and art.

"We have also invited award-winning film-maker and vet Kyle Hausmann-Stokes to campus," DeBauche said. Hausmann-Stokes will show his film and speak on "Paradigm Shift: Iraq, College, PTSD, and How I Found Therapy through Filmmaking."

Hausmann-Stokes always wanted to pursue a career in film but joined the army out of high school and was disturbed by the lack of support from civilians back home. He now has his own professional film company, Blue Three Productions, where he creates content that addresses veteran affairs.

"For me, the purpose of these events is to offer our veterans different ways to process their experiences and promote healing. The 'Always Lost: A Meditation on War' exhibit is a reminder that the effects of war are personal and ongoing with the loss of our children, parents, neighbors and friends," Whipp said.

Whipp believes that Visions of War is important because it informs people about the human costs of war through the exhibit and offers different ways for people to process war's effects.

"We have included several receptions for people to gather and communicate about what they have seen and heard through Visions of War and about their personal experiences and thoughts about war," Whipp said.

Events are free and open to the public and will be held throughout the month of April. Two of the writers' workshops are reserved for student and community veterans. The third workshop is open to all.

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In response to student demand, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has decided to change their mascot from the time-honored pointer to the lesser-known three-toed sloth, in an effort to rejuvenate school spirit.

"The pointer has diligently served as the face of UWSP for over a century, but it is simply time for a change," said Chancellor Bernie Patterson. "We wanted a mascot that would capture the dynamic passion and steadfast zeal of our community, and I can think of no better choice than the three-toed sloth."

According to Patterson, this change has been in the works for nearly a decade, and was initially prompted by the student body, who found the current mascot outdated in comparison to other University of Wisconsin schools.

"For nearly a decade now we've been getting complaints that a pointer simply isn't tough enough to stand a fighting chance in a division made up of warhawks, titans, and panthers. It became apparent pretty quickly that a grander symbol of power was necessary to reignite student interest," Patterson said.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Al Thompson expressed a similar viewpoint.

"This change is inarguably for the better, and I feel it will foster in a glorious new era in UWSP's history. Students and faculty should all be very excited," Thompson said.

This decision was not an easy one however, as Patterson would go on to explain.

"We had a lot of questions when deciding what the new mascot would be," said Patterson. "The tortoise, jellyfish, and bottle-nosed dolphin were all very viable options, and all of those possibilities were researched extensively before we came to the final decision."

Thompson acknowledges this fact, admitting that originally he had not been fond of the idea of having a three-toed sloth representing our university.

"Originally I was not amused by the possibility of a sloth, mainly because I've always been fond of bottle-nosed dolphins," Thompson said. "However, I have come to realize the subtle beauty of the three-toed sloth, and it is admirable, care-free outlook."

Similarly, it seemed the student body is equally thrilled with this long-awaited update. Brian Ironmonger, a senior sprinter for the UWSP Track Team, said he could not be happier with the change.

"I have always thought sloths were cool animals, and now I get to be one," Ironmonger said. "I can't wait to show people just how fast this sloth can be."

Kristin Brockman, a senior dance major and self-titled 'sloth-aholic,' is also excited.

"The three-toed sloth is one of the most regal and underappreciated animals in the animal kingdom. I'm glad that this majestic creature will finally get the recognition that it deserves," Brockman said.

Students can expect to see new three-toed sloth logo's across campus as early as next fall semester. In addition, a live sloth, aptly named 'Stevie' in honor of UWSP's previous mascot, will be present at all future home athletic events, as to provide athletes with inspiration and support.

"This change was inevitable, and I feel it will spur a new wave of school spirit for years to come. I am proud to be a sloth, and everyone else should be as well," Patterson said.
CARLOS BANKEY

As the snow melts and spring starts to bud full bloom, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus has the inevitable return of some pesky creatures, squirrels.

The Stevens Point area sees its fair share of these little critters; on average the City of Stevens Point has reported over 22,000 grey squirrels and 12,000 black squirrels live in the city each year. "They are all over the place, one got in my trash can and tore the entire bag of garbage and through it everywhere," said Peggy Mathews, a Stevens Point native. "I cannot get rid of the NFAC? Maybe I won't have to," Smith said.

"Tm so sick of my girlfriend dragging me to operas, plays and strange jazz concerts," said Harbringer. "Hopefully, now we can go to more baseball games."

"The NFAC has always been a bight on this beautiful campus, and the students of UWSP have gone long enough paying for parking," said Albert Fernanke, a city councilman who is heading the new change. "The fact of the matter is that anyone who opposes these changes is obviously some sort of art major. We are not a school for future burger flippers but for the future artists!" said Fernanke.

"Compared to the brutal and modernist structures on campus like the Collins Classroom Center, the NFAC was an uncreative, uninspired and ultimately forgettable structure. What was its purpose again?" said Fernanke.

When questioned on how we would pay for the new parking structure, Fernanke said, "With the money we have submitted their own confessions for publication on the page with little to no thought of the consequences. A bad move as it turns out.

On January 1 the President of the United States of America Barack Obama authorized the CIA, who has been working closely with the NSA, to set up the Facilitating a Unified Nation (FUN) taskforce.

"We've been working in the shadows collecting data preparing for our takedown of the UWSP Confessions kingpin," an anonymous CIA agent told the Pointer in an encrypted email, "it's been working in the shadows collecting data preparing for our takedown of the UWSP Confessions page will have their IP address traced... I have three words for you: Surgical Drone Strike. 'Merica."

"I was, like, walking behind this guy playing Angry Birds and , like, this, like, black SUV pulled in front of him and guys in black suits, like, put a black bag on his head," said Tailor. "I don't want to worry about it. America, we got him and he'll be found guilty of treason. You just never mind," the Agent told the Pointer. "Oh, and, anyone logging on to the UWSP Confessions page will have their IP address traced... I have three words for you: Surgical Drone Strike. 'Merica."

When The Pointer approached the squirrels they respectfully declined an interview on their behavior.
Dear students and staff at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point:

It is with great sadness that I inform you all that I will be foregoing my senior year of eligibility to enter the 2013 NFL Draft. I feel confident that I will get drafted, but I won't let these testimonies get me down. I think that my numbers, accomplishments and intangibles speak for themselves. In high school I played tight end, amassing a total of one catch for negative seven yards. I hold the record at Wausau East High School as the all-time leader in least receiving yards in a career.

My height and weight may not be ideal for the position of tight end at the NFL level, as I am only 5 feet 11 inches and weigh only 225 pounds. The average NFL tight end is 6-foot-3 inches and 240 pounds. I will make the move to wide receiver and try my luck there. Surprisingly, I wasn’t invited to the NFL draft prospect combine. Instead I scheduled my own, held in the UWSP weight room. I posted my lifting numbers and finished my other measurables in the Multi Activity Center. The crowd was sparse for my workout, as only my agent Gus Merwin and a couple of custodians were present.

I was able to put up 100 pounds in the bench press five times. In comparison, the most reps by a receiver in the NFL combine this year was 26 reps of 225 pounds. My 40-yard dash time may also leave something to be desired. This year’s top time for a receiver at the combine was 4.27 seconds. I was able to run it just a second slower, with a time of 5.27 seconds.

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Sports

The Time I Met A Fictional Recollection of a True Event

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I went to the Brewers game Monday, and it was pretty much awesome.

A list of things that made it awesome: I was there with my dear parents and my grandmother who I adore. I bought a new hat. I got a new sweatshirt which basically feels like it was made out of off hair and puppy ears. I had a beer with my father. And the Brewers won on a walk off sacrifice fly by catcher Jonathan Lucroy, my favorite Brewer.

There was another reason. A reason that is the most pure and noble reason to enjoy any day in life. I fell in love.

I was standing in line for a brat because that's what we do, I received my brat and immediately went to the condiment counter. I put sauerkraut and horseradish mustard on my brat, because I live on the edge.

When I turned around I bumped into the most beautiful brunet bombshell that has ever walked the hallowed corridors of Miller Park. Amy Williams, more commonly known as Front Row Amy.

If you’re weird or live in North Korea and have never watched a Brewers game on television you might be unaware of the fact that Amy is the reason the Brewers have been reinvigorated in recent years. If you bothered up the magic of Bernie Brewer sliding down his slide after every homerman and mixed it with a Miller Lite and a pinch of dirt from the pitcher’s mound, that would almost equal Front Row Amy.

Her presence in the stands sent me backwards where I banged my head against the condiment counter. As onions and ketchup and broken dreams rained down on me I remember thinking to myself, "I know this is how I’d die.”

When I regained consciousness in the third inning the first thing I saw were Amy’s beautiful eyes casting a concerned gaze upon my limp condiment stained body.

"Are you okay?” I heard an angel’s voice cry out.

“I think so,” I said, “but my noggin hurts and I feel totally weak from one too many.

When the paramedics arrived they hooked me up with an IV and a new brat, as well as a helmet full of cheese fries. Amy stayed by my side the entire time, stroking my hair and keeping me updated on the score. At the top of the fourth inning I was well enough to stand, but couldn’t remember where my seats were, and my father had my ticket. Unwilling to let me out of her sight in my condition, Amy walked me back to her seat directly behind home plate.

It was a forbidden sort of love, me from Stevens Point; her from Oakkosh, Westside Story-esque. But we didn’t care. It was a connection as immense and unparalleled as Cal Ripken Jr.’s streak of consecutive games played.

By the ninth inning it had been decided that I would run away with her and we would live out our lives going to baseball games, living off food and beer for each other, record an out in the bottom of the 10th inning with the bases loaded, Lucroy hit a deep sacrifice fly to centerfield. As Amy and I rose to our feet in celebration, she accidentally punched me in the jaw, knocking me unconscious once again.

This time when I came to I was surrounded by my family and the same paramedics that had cared for me hours before. When I asked where Amy was they simply shook their heads and told me after Lucroy’s walk off hit, she had hurried over to the dugout to congratulate him.

“I would have done the same thing,” I said with a sigh.

Front Row Amy’s love for baseball and her devotion to the Brewers is legendary. Her positive attitude year in and year out is something each Brewers fan should aspire to. Rather than getting down on the player after a bad loss, she looks to tomorrow, her head always up high.

Amy Williams is a Brewers fan’s Brewers fan, or she will always be in my heart.
AUTHORITIES AT A LOSS TO CATCH CANDY BANDIT

DETECTIVE MQUACK

No candy dish on campus has been safe these last few months with the Candy Bandit on the loose. The Candy Bandits are widely reported to be the most elusive or gun-drop holding dish to be found. I haven't had a single jellybean in weeks," Professor Snackers sobbed. "I just wish they would catch him already and put a stop to this madness."

It is not now how or when the Candy Bandit strikes but without fail, and Snickers disappear with surprising speed and it is suspected that these may be the Bandit's favorite candy.

STUDY SHOWS STUDENTS NO LONGER CARE ABOUT STUDENTSHIP

SIR NATHANIEL

After a thorough study researchers have finally answered the recent trend of academic apathy, the answer is "I don't give a shit," one student aptly stated.

In recent years professors have been baffled and disturbed by the growing number of late homework assignments and the gradual decline of test grade averages. "I just didn't understand why we had such a problem teaching these days, it makes sense now," Professor Dorothy Goldbrickroad said.

Researchers from NASA who conducted the study found that over the last two years students have lost interest in higher learning, that lister's interest might not be the best description, it's more like an interest shift," NASA specialist, Dink Fink said.

The study showed that today's students put effort and effort into bypassing schoolwork than they would on the schoolwork itself with such online aids such as Spark Notes.

"Yeah, I mean, why can't classes just be easier? I mean, if I go to class isn't that enough? Why do work on top of that? It just seems like I was wasting my time. Time I could be using having sex or giving myself alcohol poisoning," said a student who wished to remain anonymous because of being in the middle of a child support battle.

After reviewing the study's results professors are starting to agree with the newest student.

I think what needs to happen is a drastic lowering of the bar for students, that's the average will no longer be below average," Goldenbrickroad said.

New curriculums will feature matching blocks of wood with corresponding shaped holes, in-class Youtube surfing, and drum circles.

"My exams will now just be large circles of students holding hands and talking about their feelings," Goldenbrickroad said.

"I had a five pound bag of mini Snickers," lamented Cathy Cashews, the vice chancellor of student snack affairs. "And I put a stop to this madness."

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Luckily, it seems as if every day there's a new 1,000 page bill to read and 24 hours of arguments to hear, and politicians around the United States, including the White House staff have finally decided to solve this problem.

Ain't Nobody Got Time For That. The U.S. Government is making the switch from "political talk" to "Twitter talk" in the hopes of clearing up complicated subjects and saving time. Politicians have not only brought in hashtags to normal conversations and debates, but also to government documents and bills in the hopes that people will actually read them.

For example, the first half of President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act now reads: "Universal Healthcare, #TreatYoSelf." This it not only saves citizens and politicians time, but it is also taking steps to help save the environment. Through this change, the White House is expected to save approximately 30,000 square miles of forests around the world.

President Obama is excited about the decision, "I think for America, it's the right decision."

First Lady Michelle Obama is one of the leaders of the movement. "This will encourage Americans to get up and move more! They won't have to spend hours trying to figure out what's going on in their government. #YOLLO," Michelle said.

Not everyone is okay with this decision, however. Dr. Ben Carson is outraged.

"This is not how we should be communicating with each other. Hashtags are ruining the moral fabric of America. Hashtags are stupid," someone tweeted.

Even other political leaders around the world are starting to embrace this new form of communication, Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel has started to introduce this idea to her co-workers.

"It's a wonderful new idea. #ja," Merkel said.

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THE POINTER

U.S. GOVERNMENT EMBRACES HASHTAGS

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