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Civil Discourse Initiative Gains Momentum

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"This is not a 'be nice' campaign. This is a 'be reasonable' campaign," said Donna Warren, assistant Dean of the College of Letters and Science at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point who is helping lead the Civil Discourse Initiative.

The Initiative is a project at UWSP that has started gaining momentum the past few months. Warren and the Dean of the College of Letters and Sciences, Christopher Cirno, have requested and acquired grant money to make civil discourse a reality on campus.

The goal of the program is to help build a community at UWSP where students can engage in discourse with one another in a respectful way. While we may not agree with one another on issues, we don't have to just "agree to disagree," but rather try understand one another's viewpoints and ideals.

The goal of the program is fairly lofty.

"What we're after is to listen to people. If you disagree with them think about it, and then if you think it is appropriate, express your disagreement in a way that is as productive as possible," Warren said.

While she does not believe that students here are unreasonable, she wants to refine reasoning skills so that even in a contentious situation, they remain intact.

The project's inaugural event will take place Sept. 17, Constitution Day of next semester.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

MARCH 16TH
11:24 p.m. - A female student called Protective Services to report a strong odor coming from the DUC dining area and could possibly be a gas leak. One of the stoves in the DUC had a pilot light out for one of its burners. Caders, officers, and city police responded to the scene.

10:34 p.m. - A female student stopped into the Protective Services office detailing how she witnessed another student, obviously drunk, had tripped down a flight of stairs, cracked a window with his face, and possibly had a concussion. She also said the student seemed combative.

2:16 a.m. - Staff member from Watson Hall called to report that someone had smashed the light bulbs in the bathrooms of the red floor of the building. Maintenance had to clean it up.

1:39 a.m. - A group of people were spotted taking down the High Street and Reserve Street signs. When approached they dropped the signs and ran. City police requested the signs be returned to their office.

MARCH 15TH
10:27 p.m. - Marijuana smell coming from a room in Pray Sims Hall.

MARCH 14TH
11:49 p.m. - An individual called in and said he may have been robbed. He said he did not know what he would do or how he would do it but he was very frightened. He added that this was the first time he had these thoughts. Protective services responded swiftly.

8:38 p.m. - A student called to report that a binder was stolen from the trunk of her car but there was no sign of forced entry.

9:24 a.m. - A caller reported a suspicious vehicle driving slowly through the aisles of parking lot Q. The suspect was a white male with yellow hair and was driving a dark blue Chrysler Sebring convertible.

MARCH 11TH
4:09 p.m. - A gentleman called and said that his Xbox 360 and Xbox video games were stolen from his room. He was out of town when he called but had heard from his roommate about the theft.

1:09 p.m. - A student called Protective Services about a bike stolen from the bike racks on the east side of the HEC building.

MARCH 10TH
11:00 a.m. - Student called saying that his Nike Air Max shoes had been taken from their place outside of the HEC building.

10:26 p.m. - Staff member from Kuehn Hall called to report a room suspected of using marijuana.

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As more and more students become frustrated with the daily battle to find a parking spot on campus, the University and the Student Government Association have taken notice and are brainstorming ways to improve the situation.

Ryan Specht, the director of Student Life Issues, is working to create a Parking Advisory Board. The board would advise Bill Rowe, the director of Parking Services, on ideas and decisions concerning parking. Rowe would still work autonomously and make the final decisions, but the board would have the power to appeal his decisions to the Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs if they disagree with his choice.

"This is actually a massive step because this is the first time students are going to have any say on parking," Specht said.

The board will consist of six students and two members of faculty and staff. The students will be selected from places such as SGA and the Residence Hall Association. The University Affairs Committee will be formally voting after spring break to implement the Parking Advisory Committee.

"One of the biggest things that SGA gets is comments about parking, questions about parking, concerns about parking," Specht said. "So in order to create a forum where these concerns can be addressed in a meaningful and engaging way, we created the parking advisory board."

Building a new parking structure in Lot T will be one of the first and most important things the board would discuss. There are currently five lots that students can purchase permits for, but two of those lots are split to accommodate faculty parking. There are also seven metered lots. Lot X, the largest of the metered lots, will soon be replaced with a new science building, which will reduce metered parking by 338 slots.

"Parking is okay, I think that having to pay at meters every time you want to drive is a bit frustrating, though," said Taylor Borman, a communication major at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. "Having to always scramble for quarters is annoying."

Borman stated that more parking would be a good thing, but she would rather use permits than pay a daily fee.

Costs for the structure are not yet known and will not be determined for another few weeks. It is estimated that parking slots in a structure cost about $15,000 to $20,000 to build each individual parking stall. For a paved lot, they run about $2,000 per stall. The cost of the structure would be covered through parking permits and meters. Though no exact figure will be known for a few weeks, it is very likely that the cost of parking permits will go up if the structure is built.

"The study in a couple weeks is going to give us hard numbers," Specht said. "And when we have those hard numbers, we can have the hard conversations. At that point, we will have a whole lot of people engaged in these conversations."

Lots E and R were also considered as spots for the structure, but they were rejected because of their potential as places for future academic buildings. The university has hired a team to test the ground in Lot T to make sure that it can support the structure. The structure will not be taller than the surrounding building, limiting it to four stories high.

"It's a long way to go. It is strictly a study at this time to determine the engineering feasibility and whether something will fit or work on that site and an attempt to put some cost to it," said Carl Rasmussen, head of Facility Planning.

There is discussion over whether a parking structure should be the solution to the loss of parking in Lot X. The Campus Master Plan suggests eliminating freshmen parking, which would free up between 300 and 400 parking slots in Lots Q, P, and J.

The Campus Master Plan states, "Given the tradeoff between providing convenient surface parking and meeting other campus needs and goals, the campus has committed to the reduction of on-campus surface parking over time. The result of this progressive decision will open up land within the campus boundary for a higher and better use and offer opportunities to transform the character of the campus."

While this addresses student parking, it does nothing to solve the issues of event parking for the Health Enhancement Center, the Noel Fine Arts Center or the Dreyfus University Center. It is also in question whether or not even the parking structure would offer sufficient student parking.

With this capital project and its direct link to the pocketbooks of the students, this is going to be something that is in the top list of priorities as we go into the next year," Specht said. "There is no way they are going to build that structure without having conversations with the students."

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**Racism Accounts Raise Questions**

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On Friday, March 8, a student heading to the Dreyfus University Center was targeted and harassed by Wisconsin-Stevens Point shocked. The incident left students and faculty via email, urging Chancellor for Student Affairs Al Thompson reached out to both university."

"I don’t think it’s too common, but I think there are a lot of people who are racist without even knowing it." Regardless of frequency, Moua encourages students to take action against racist accounts similar to this one. "It is still happening, unfortunately, but with proper training and cooperation between students and the university, I feel that it is definitely an issue that we could eliminate," said Moua. "All it takes is one person to stand up and do what’s right, and that’s what a lot of students here on campus need to do."

Moua also stressed that students who have been a victim of or witness to a racist incident on campus can report it by filling out a Bias Report Form, which can be found on the university website.

"There's good people looking at those reports, and though they're not submitted often, when they are, they're taken very seriously," Moua said.

"I have not seen any actual acts of racism, but I've heard stories," Nieuwenhuis said. "I don’t think it’s too common, but I think there are a lot of people who are racist without even knowing it."

**Community Damages Charge Residents**

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Floor charges, more commonly known as community damages, are a measure taken by Residential Living to keep students from making a mess or damaging property in a residence hall. A charge is given to keep students responsible for their actions and to replace or repair what has been damaged.

"The main reason is to keep responsibility on their floor," said Mike Zsido, Assistant Director of Building Services. "We're consistently educating students on unacceptable and accountable behavior, and it's simply not acceptable to damage university property.

The system has a series of checks and balances to ensure that costs are going to the right people. Not everything is always charged to students living in the residence halls. Who gets charged is determined by the hall director, who sends it to Building Services.

"As a Hall Director, my role is to assess what the community damage is and to determine who could have caused the damage in order to charge the appropriate individuals with the damage fees," said Hansen Hall Director Amy Mauk.

Who is charged is determined by the area in which the damage took place. Often, the staff in the residence halls will talk with residents to see if anyone knows who caused the damage.

"If we can identify an individual or individuals, then the entire wing, floor and community isn't charged anything," Mauk said. "And if the damage is bathroom specific, we can also narrow down the charge to either males or females." Often, charges are calculated for the type of service needed to clean or repair something. Zsido explained that Building Services make a list of replacement costs, and someone is then sent to repair or clean. If additional service is needed, the residents are charged, but the university makes no money in this process.

"We are primarily concerned with the safety of the residents and respond accordingly. Custodians are called in overnight for extra cleaning if needed, but all we want to do is repair what has been damaged and bring back as it was," Zsido said.

Residents can come forward as the cause or witness of damage, saving their fellow residents some money and taking the blame. In Mauk's experience, this situation rarely occurs despite the staff's best efforts to find a culprit.

"Staff is always charged with the mission of creating an environment which makes people enjoy their living area and show respect and pride," Mauk said. "Community damages help stop some individuals from becoming destructive or disrespectful, but sadly it is inevitable that there will be some sort of damage."

When asked how they felt about being charged for damages in their respective residence halls, residents Pallin Allar and Erich Maas had opposite views of how such a situation should be handled.

"I think it's silly. They don't bother to even try to figure out who caused the damages. I know it would be pretty hard to determine, but it still isn't fair that they just assume they can't figure it out and just choose to make everyone pay," Maas said.

While he feels that the policies in place are "silly," Maas also understands why charges are distributed the way that they are, even though he did not cause damage himself.

"I know they have to be, but I'm certain I didn't cause any damage, yet I still get charged for it. I can't prove it wasn't me, though, which is the problem," Maas said.

On the other side of the spectrum, Allar has a different view on the situation.

"When I see something that I know could become a charge, I try to clean it up before someone notices, but as far as seeing them on my bill, I don't really mind because they're usually small enough charges," Allar said.
Catch Him If You Can

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Winning any event at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Indoor Track Championships is a big deal. Dan Sullivan accomplished this and more.

Sullivan, a junior mid-distance runner at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, not only brought home the No. 11 NCAA Division III Indoor National Championship win for UWSP. He also set a new DIII national record, posting a time of 4 minutes, 7.03 seconds in the mile.

Sullivan, a native of Elkhorn, Wis., was favored heading into the event, posting the fastest mile time in Division III this season at 4 minutes, 8.76 seconds. He surpassed that mark and blew away his personal record. Sullivan explained the experience in one word: awesome.

"There was a lot of hard work put into this, so a lot of stress gets lifted off your shoulders when you accomplish such a big goal," Sullivan said.

Men's track and field head coach Rick Witt was very pleased with Sullivan's performance. Witt also went into detail about how Sullivan actually qualified for three events at the National Championships but wanted to focus on the mile.

"We had elected for him to put all of his eggs in one basket and go for the mile," Witt said. "Running all those races in fewer than 15 hours is just too much."

Sullivan went into this season with high expectations, as he was also the champion in the mile last year at the Indoor National Championships.

"My plan in the beginning of the season was to win at nationals," Sullivan said. "There were some ups and downs, but at the end of the season, I won nationals. I've accomplished everything this year that I could ask for."

Witt said that Sullivan has improved a lot since coming to UWSP to compete.

"He was very talented in high school but in running terms was undertrained. That led to lots of improvement once he got here," Witt said. "He's been right the past couple of years, so I usually rely some right and win some money," Hooper said. "Some years I've been successful, but usually I just go on instinct," Tillema said. "I try to stay away from rituals because every year and every team is different."

Not everyone tunes in for the full madness, however. Every March, millions of individuals from across the country fill out brackets in hopes of winning big in what some have called "the world's largest office pool."

"I think that gives them a big advantage," Tillema said. "Some years I've been successful, but if I had to choose an upset team to win it, it would have to be Ohio State."

"I believe that Indiana and Duke have all the pieces to make a big run in the NCAA because of their depth this year and their experience in the last few years," said Tillema.

According to Hooper, Miami -- also ranked No. 2 -- will be the team to watch in the upcoming weeks.

"They have size and talent, and what I mean by that is that they're big guys who can shoot the rock from anywhere on the floor," said Hessel. "I think that gives them a huge advantage."

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March Madness Infects Student Body

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In the upcoming week, many students will likely spend their spring break in front of a television. For once, no one is complaining about it.

"No matter what year, there are always multiple great games that come down to the final minute or game-winning shots," said business major Tyler Tillema, who is also a utility guard for men's basketball team. "Every team plays like it is their last game, and location of the games can be a big deciding factor."

The National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's I Basketball Championship, aptly nicknamed March Madness, is comprised of 68 teams, each playing in a single elimination tournament to determine the best college basketball team in the country. Since its inception in 1800, the tournament's popularity has only grown. As of 2011, all games were made available for viewing nationwide.

Not surprisingly, Tillema is not alone in his excitement. Evan Hooper, a business administration major, also looks forward to the upcoming tournament.

"I love March Madness because of the whole tournament aspect," said Hooper. "It's win big or go home. Plus, you're always looking for the underdog to get that one big upset."

One of the most notable aspects of "The Big Dance" is its constant unpredictability. Annually, multiple basketball juggernauts will fall to a considerably lesser-known opponent. This irregularity is both the plight and unpredictability. Annually, multiple basketball juggernauts will fall to a considerably lesser-known opponent. This irregularity is both the plight and probability of great teams going down against lesser competition. This is the thrill that many college basketball fans look forward to while playing their brackets.

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Pointers Athletes Excelling Off the Field

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340 athletes from the Pointers made the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Scholastic Honor Role last year.

How has UWSP continued this focus on academic achievement for athletes? It starts from the top of the athletic department and goes all the way down to the players.

Athletic Director Daron Montgomery understands that the first objective for the athletes that play at UWSP is to get their degrees.

"I'm a competitive person, and I want to win just as much as our coaches and student-athletes do, but as an Athletic Director, we're not going to compromise our academic integrity in our efforts to hoist a trophy," Montgomery said.

The importance of Montgomery has instilled on academics goes down to the coaches, who place academics as the top priority of their players.

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Bike Rental Program Aims to Move Students

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On any given spring or autumn day, you are bound to see a few students on bikes. In such a spread-out city, with lanes specifically for bicycles and biking paths like the Green Circle Trail, bicycling is a natural part of life here in Stevens Point.

The Bike Rental Program started by the Student Government Association has the goal of arming students on campus with bicycles so they can enjoy the city of Stevens Point. With their bicycles, students can go downtown, take a ride on a trail or get to class on time.

The program has many students excited, including Leah Mancl.

"I like the idea because I wouldn't have to transfer my bike from home to campus. Since the weather here isn't conducive for bike riding all year round, it'd be nice to just have one around whenever the weather happens to be nice. Also, I wouldn't have to worry about my bike being stolen," Mancl said.

Olivia Locasio, another student at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, is also excited about the program.

"It would prevent me from having to madly sprint to class as a last-ditch effort to get there on time. Plus, I could use the bike to get to places off campus that would normally take a good amount of time to walk to," Locasio said. "I also wouldn't mind to take a relaxing bike ride with some friends."

Andrea Hamann, a sophomore at UWSP, also likes the idea of the program.

"Well, I have my own bike, but it is pretty bad. I would probably use it if it did not raise my tuition or caused money issues for the university," Hamann said.

While the program has attracted a lot of praise, it has also faced its share of challenges. Trina Pearson is currently leading the program and notes that there is a lack of bicycles to meet the needs of students right now.

"All the bikes have been rented out since the very beginning of the year, and any additional students looking to get a bike from us have to be put on a waiting list," Pearson said.

The program has also had a problem with finding space on campus to store the bicycles.

While there may be problems facing the program, Pearson keeps looking forward.

"Our hope for the future is that we will have more money to make the bike rental what it should be-available for all students and not just the first few that ask about the program," Pearson said.

To access the program, head over to the SGA office in the lower level of the Dreyfus University Center.

SNAP the Pain Away

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Since 1993, the Special Needs Aquatic Program has offered aquatic exercise for adults with disabilities and swimming lessons for young children in the Health Enhancement Center's therapeutic pool.

Under the direction of Rory Suomi, founder of SNAP and Associate Dean of Health, Exercise Science and Athletics, the program reflects exercises and training that are seen in physical therapy facilities around the nation, following a curriculum set by the Arthritis Program.

"There is no other place for people to get this kind of exercise," Suomi said. "It's the type of program people would join post-physical therapy to continue working on different areas of their body because it's basically the same exercises, only in 90-degree angles.

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Training and physical education water.

Suomi explained that the athletic training and physical education students are able to help out and take something away from the program.

"The athletic training students often observe the different exercises in the program as part of one of their introduction classes for their degree, and while it is valuable to them, it would be valuable for the university to get a physical therapy program," Suomi said.

The adult program offers two different classes. The first includes basic aquatic exercises for groups or individuals which deal with the physical and social needs of older adults. In the second class, participants with arthritis are "led through a series of designed aquatic exercises" to alleviate pain throughout the body.

"We have four class sessions and probably get about 60 people attending," Suomi said. "People come back and are happy to participate in our program. We've had members for as long as the program has existed, which is now 20 years old."

One of the 20-year members is Pat Trebatoski, whose experience in SNAP is highlighted in the College of Professional Studies Annual Report booklet. Participating in SNAP may have helped alleviate pain in her joints and muscles.

"Exercises on land, even walking, were getting difficult for me, so I joined SNAP last year. Now my skin looks at which has less stress on your joints and muscles," Trebatoski said.

Since its start, SNAP has attracted more than 2,460 adults. Some participants have been in SNAP for 20 years. Suomi said, "We have a great program with great instructors and a nurse. Everyone interacts, and we have a small community based on this experience."

SNAP may be a series of classes, but, as Suomi stated, it is also a community. Trebatoski has had near-perfect attendance in the 20 years she has been involved.

"The class not only restores my physical energy, but I have developed some healthy friendships with other participants who also have various chronic pain conditions," Trebatoski said. "It's a support group that I don't have to miss twice a week."

Wearing Sweatpants to Class: Acceptable or Not?

Rachel Pukall

Tanning and its Related Health Risks

Rachel Pukall

Despite health risks, the desire to maintain a glowing tan is increasing as more and more people use artificial tanning sun beds.

Ashlee Slagoski, a freshman majoring in accounting and business administration, is one of many students who artificially tan. "I am blessed and thankful for Vitamin D production, but fair-skinned people get enough sun and muscles," Trebatoski said.

Stevens mentions that if all eyes are looking at you, you're giving a speech, and all eyes are directed on you, you might not want to wear sweatpants that day. Pederson said.

Researchers say that what they wear can have a drastic effect on grades. "Usually when I see someone wearing sweats, they either look like they just woke up, or they look normal and like they just want to be comfortable," Bewley said.

While comfort is a high priority for many students, sporting sweatpants to class can come off as unprofessional, especially when giving a presentation. "If you're giving a speech, and all eyes are directed on you, you might not want to wear sweatpants that day. I think it's a good life lesson to know that if all eyes are looking at you, then you probably should look more professional," Bewley said.

The potential for skin damage from tanning leading to skin cancer is high, Pederson said.

There are a few alternatives to sun bed tanning, such as spray tans. While comfort is a high priority for many students, sporting sweatpants to class can come off as unprofessional, especially when giving a presentation. The Pointer
None of us want to look like the before picture on a weight-loss ad, but we also don’t want to give up fried food and couches for green stuff and crunches. Maybe we should have ordered a smaller size, eaten an apple instead or gone to the gym this morning, but we didn’t... for the past few weeks. Maybe you are okay with that. However, this is usually when the shame kicks in, and the diets begin

The Health Critic
Most dining experiences these days include scouring the menu to guess which of the foods have been processed the least. Nothing enters your mouth without weighing its caloric impact and nutritional value. To avoid chocolate-y temptations, you make sure everyone around you is healthy too. Health food comments shoot from your mouth like cannons at the dinner table. Hey, it’s for their best ‘interest.’

The Lifestyle Changer
You will never admit that what you are doing is a diet. You have been incorporating more fresh ingredients into your diet, making things yourself and eating slowly—you are gung-ho on sticking to this plan for a lifetime. Last time this happened, you ended up going solo through the drive-through at Culver’s because you didn’t want your friends to find out that you were eating ice cream and french fries dipped in tartar sauce.

The Drunk Dieter
You eat fresh, organic food all week, but once the weekend arrives, you have no idea what is in half of the alcohol you drink. In attempt to stay somewhat within your daily recommended calorie limit, you eat a small salad for lunch so you can spend your calories on drinking—until you end up somewhere that serves chicken-bacon-ranch pizza.

The "I’ll just burn it off at the gym" Dieter
Every time you eat, you trot off to the gym to try to reverse anything that wouldn’t look good in a swimsuit. If you didn’t eat before the gym, you head straight home post-workout to make a protein shake. If you are serious enough about this fitness stuff, you even bring that green drink into your classes to show everyone how both physically and mentally strong you are by choking it down at 9 a.m.

The Fad Dieter
You eat cookies at every meal because a five-year-old on TV told you that they are nutritious, but you stay away from the bread aisle because you heard that carbs will make you fat. Last week, you were collecting “points,” and next week you and Jenny Craig will be BFFs. If Dr. Oz recommended rubbing jalapenos on your legs to get rid of cellulite, you would do that too.

The Tomorrow Dieter
“I’ll start tomorrow,” you say, scrolling through the “health and fitness” tab in Pinterest while mindlessly shoving all things consumable into your mouth. Tomorrow comes. Repeat.

The Crash Dieter
You want it all or nothing. Cutting out sweets and eating nothing but dark leafy vegetables sounds easy now, but just wait until the end of the week. Let’s face it. If you can continue eating like this for any period of time, you must be a the spawn of Hercules because no one can crash-diet forever and stay both fit and healthy.

The “Diet” Dieter
Today’s lunch includes carrots dipped in low-fat ranch, a light vanilla yogurt, a sandwich made with 55-calorie bread and a diet Coke. Although you have successfully cut approximately 400 calories from your diet, you have consumed approximately 400 weird, unpronounceable chemicals.

Looking to get your eating patterns back on track? Check out ChooseMyPlate.gov for resources on weight management, healthy eating tips and more nutritional information provided by the United States Department of Agriculture.

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**Response to Article on St. Patrick's Day**

I fear that what I was trying to say during the interview was not paraphrased correctly in this article. When asked what my thoughts were on St. Patrick's Day, what I was trying to get across was the fact that while it is a good holiday to promote Irish awareness, it is often used as an excuse to get drunk. I wish that my quote had been double checked with me before running it. The article's context reads that it is my sorority's founder's day therefore, we use that and St. Patrick's Day as a reason to get drunk. This is not the case at all. We are a dry sorority on campus meaning our events are about love for the organization and each other. We spend our founder's day reaffirming what the organization means to us and spending time with each other as sisters.

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**A Call to Action in Defense of Education**

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In 2011 the student debt hit $1 trillion with $5,000 of new student debt accruing every second, according to BusinessWeek Magazine. Simultaneously, the cost of education has exploded promising student loan debt will only continue to rise in the future.

In his State of the Union address, President Obama promised to make university education more accessible to America's students. "Let me put colleges and universities on notice," the President said, "If you can’t stop tuition from going up, the funding you get from taxpayers will go down. Higher education can’t be a luxury - it is an economic imperative that every family in America should be able to afford."

Yet, an intractable Republican-led House of Representatives allowed sequestration to take effect including are more than twice as likely to pursue a degree and a whopping 22 years debt, to put out cigarettes whenever they wish. This would cost us students a great deal of money as it would certainly be included in our segregated fees. Secondly any sidewalk touching a public road is property of the city and not UW's so someone wishing to enjoy a cigarette need only step onto a sidewalk next to a public road for their activity to become completely beyond the university's power to regulate. Lastly the Spark members do not want you to know that this system of tobacco bans with enforcement by paid students has never been allowed and that at UW schools including Stout, rather in their fervor to force through their own agenda they seek only to consolidate in legislation their own personal prejudices.

Treatting smokers as if they are seriously mentally ill due to their addiction is degrading and insulting to their intelligence as we are all students paying tuition here at this school and no one group should target another based solely on lifestyle choices and their own personal prejudices.

Joshua Schreiber

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**Spark, Sizzle or Burn?**

Many of us have seen the anti-tobacco group known as Spark campaigning on the DU campus as the referendum on tobacco use on campus begins. But are students truly working to better our campus or simply fueling personal agendas? As a former student government senator I have had more than ample time to see the true colors of this group and have been shocked at what I see. Some of the many things Spark does not tell you in their almost religious pursuit to input their own personal agenda into this tobacco ban are the major drawbacks that could cost us as a student body much more money than simply building smoking shelters or actually enforcing our current policy on smoking here on campus.

For one, to enforce a tobacco free campus the university would have to hire students to walk about and ask people to put out cigarettes whenever they saw smokers. This would cost us students a great deal of money as it would certainly be included in our segregated fees. Secondly any sidewalk touching a public road is property of the city and not UW's so someone wishing to enjoy a cigarette need only step onto a sidewalk next to a public road for their activity to become completely beyond the university's power to regulate. Lastly the Spark members do not want you to know that this system of tobacco bans with enforcement by paid students has never been allowed and that at UW schools including Stout, rather in their fervor to force through their own agenda they seek only to consolidate in legislation their own personal prejudices.

When Did Inclusivity Become So Popular?

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I'm no Anna Wintour, but I know a trend when I see one. Pardon my Ebonics, but when did everybody and their moms become so inclusive? I don't know the effort our campus has taken to promote inclusivity, I just wonder if it's a fad — a "here today gone tomorrow" kind of thing. It has definitely become the "in thing" among the whole University of Wisconsin system. As someone who loves fashion and gets a kick out of adding to my H&M and Goodwill catalog, I have an acquired taste, and it makes me cringe when people jump on the bandwagon simply because something is popular. I appreciate the extra tab on the school's home page, the diversity dialogues, and inclusivity weeks, but it's going to take more than a school year campaign. Let's be honest, those are only seasonal like handbags and wallets at H&M. Trends change, slogans fade away, and good ideas only last as long as the PR power behind them.

The question is how do you educate a culture about a people they never asked to learn about? Or change the climate of a campus so that no matter your ethnic identity, you feel comfortable?

I'm not naive about where I am. I don't expect nor am I expecting everyone to be all for diversity. At the end of the day, I know this is what I signed up for when I left the city for a small town.

Before you get your panties all in a bunch and find yourself offended by this article, I encourage you to step back and investigate your own motives — both people of colour and allies.

If you still don't agree, they do call it an opinion article for a reason, right? At the end of the day I don't claim to know the answer but before we get ahead of ourselves, what more can we ask for other than accountability from the higher ups?

Once we share our stories and strategies amongst ourselves and the powers that be, then we must give it time before we can analyze what is and is not working.

Until then, enjoy life and read Vogue! That usually gets me any- way.
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## COMICS

*Life* By Jonathan Seymour

*Spring Is Here!*
Sallie Ford and the Sound Outside - Untamed Beast

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90FM ALBUM REVIEW

Sallie Ford and the Sound Outside deliver a snappy, upbeat 3rd album, Untamed Beast. Don't be fooled into thinking that Sallie Ford is the quite reserved type as her quirky librarian glasses would suggest. When it comes down to it, she can belt it with the best of them.

Sallie Ford and the Sound Outside are in the same vain as the Ventures would get a kick out of. The Ventures would get a kick out of the track "Bad Boys". Classic tube reverb and tremolo make this song stand out.

My favorite part about Sallie Ford is that she's not afraid to have a bit of a potty mouth. Normally I'm immediately skeptical when an artist feels the need to be too obscene in their songs. However, if gracefully cussing was an art form, then Ford would be at the cutting edge.

The best part of the record is that Partisan Records released the album with clean versions of the songs in question. That way, when you call 90FM to request a song from Untamed Beast, we can play it without having to worry about any hefty FCC fines.

Cloud Cult - Love

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90FM ALBUM REVIEW

Not too many bands out there are lucky enough to function on their own record label, and even fewer of those that do can run their studio on purely geothermal power and recycled materials. Cloud Cult’s lead singer Craig Minowa, however, has done just that with Earthology Records. Located on his own farm, Craig has been putting out music on his label since its founding back in 1997, and doing it steadily at that. Since forming in 1994, Minowa’s band Cloud Cult has just released their 11th album as of this year. The Minneapolis-based experimental indie rock group has been many things over the course of their career, and none of them is normal. From the array of instruments the massive band employs (8 members as of now) to the live show spectacles they’ve become known for, such as having painters make on stage paintings throughout the performance and auctioning the paintings after the show, the band puts forth a serious effort to be a thoroughly unique experience.

Their most recent album, entitled Love, succeeds again in this goal, with broad sweeps across varying musical styles even in the first three songs. The album immediately kicks in with a soaring, beautiful ballad that does a great job catching the listeners attention, before dropping into a sad violin number for track two, and jumping into a raging freak folk tune reminiscent of Akron Family. These tracks seem to be the precursor to an album that re-grabs your attention between every track, but unfortunately the album seems to slide into a bit of a gloom over the course of the remaining tracks, losing the array of genres the opening tracks feature. This loss of distinction between tracks makes the album lose its catch on a prolonged listen, which is unfortunate as Cloud Cult is usually a band that does a great job of releasing albums that are intended to be listened to as a whole. The album on the whole features several great tracks that are each worth a listen, but as a whole, seems to mark a bit of a downturn for the band. However, the experimental nature of a band like Cloud Cult is one that creates a very large disjunction in how the albums are received from listener to listener, so fans of the band or people who enjoy listening to something they’ve never heard before could easily find plenty to like in Love’s thirteen tracks.