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# Convocation Kickoff

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The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point held convocation on Aug. 30, an event serving as an academic introduction to the campus.

Bernie Patterson, chancellor of UWSP, commissioned a replica of the cupola from the iconic Old Main building in 2012, to be a part of the university's ceremonies. These ceremonies include the two events on campus; the convocation, and commencement ceremonies.

This new tradition began when the first year students sealed their covenant with the university by touching the cupola as they departed from the event. The faculty and staff renewed their commitment in the same way.

"UW-Stevens Point used to hold a convocation event years ago," said Nick Schultz, Media Relations Director. "This is the first time faculty, staff and students made a pledge and touched the replica of the cupola."

The convocation event focused on the opportunities for students to forge a social and academic connection to the university. This event also was an opportunity for students to meet faculty and staff members.

During this ceremony the students, faculty and staff made a covenant. There were two pledges made, one by the students and one by the faculty.

The faculty and staff's pledge

was to help and support the students on their path to understanding and higher education. This pledge also was made to recognize that education is a shared responsibility and requires the collective effort of the whole university community.

The student's pledge asked them to make it their mission to discover and to strive to see the world from a new perspective. It was suggested that they broadened their perspectives by studying different languages, ethnicities, and beliefs as well as honing intellectual skills in math, science, and history.

"It inspired me to get out and try new things in college," said Jenny Fischer, a freshmen at UWSP.

The ceremony also featured Nancy Page as keynote speaker. Page earned her master's degree in professional development and bachelor's degree in physical education at UWSP.

In her speech she talked about Title IX, which is the federal law prohibiting sex discrimination in educational institutions, as well as women in the sports department.

Melissa Holck, a new freshman attending convocation, commented on the speech.

"I liked the topic about the equality in women's sports," Holck said. "I found it very powerful."

There will be a commencement on Dec. 14 this year at 10 a.m. where the bookend tradition will be observed.

## PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

September 7

Female called to report a case of reckless driving. Her and a friend were crossing reserve street in the cross walk heading towards the suites when a woman sped past them. They yelled at her to watch out.

Assisted an intoxicated and angry individual back to his dorm room after proper identification.

I received a call from the staff on duty that there are 8 students stuck in the elevator between floors one and two.

September 6

Suspicious Ford Explorer in Lot F East. Same individual and vehicle as noted in earlier contacts. Fled when he saw the officers.

September 5

Checking a car parked in the Schmeckle Reserve parking lot. Made contact with the subject, who appeared to be looking for a place to sleep for the night. He was asked to leave and did so.

September 3

Knutzen Hall staff called to report a strong odor of marijuana coming from the 1st floor mens room. Staff state that an individual has locked themselves in the individual stall and has the shower running.

September 2

Mother of a student called to inform us that student was extremely homesick and has not eaten for 2 days.

Student called from Baldwin Hall to complain about a group of 5 or more guys hanging around in the circle drive or Baldwin, Steiner, Neale and Hansen. They are being loud and are possibly intoxicated.

September 1

A student called PS and reported an individual passed out in his vehicle on the South side of Lot P. City ambulance was called to the scene.

Gave a verbal warning to owner of a moped who was driving on the sidewalk at South end of NFAC.

Faculty member may have locked keys in her office.

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# SGA Invites Legislators to Campus

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The Student Government Association has recently been working to invite state legislators to campus. This summer, the state legislature was trying to pass an act to end segregated fees for student organizations that could have potentially taken away \$400,000 but was vetoed by the governor.

"Since this act was vetoed, SGA is trying to build relationships with members of the legislature," said Rachel Siebers, legislative issues director of SGA. These meetings

with legislatures can help show them what we are doing here in Stevens Point and our campus efforts, added Siebers.

After inviting 65 legislators to campus one of them will be visiting campus this month. Katrina Shankland, the representative for the 71st assembly district (Stevens Point) will be here on Sept. 27.

"Depending on their interests, we plan on having the legislators meet with the student leadership organizations, staff and faculty, higher administration, possibly the chancellor if available," stated Siebers, "and showing them around

on a campus tour and our efforts for sustainability." This is a starting point to help show legislators what everyone on campus is doing and how effective University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is.

Among Shankland, the rest of the 64 legislators have received an open invitation.

"This invite lets them know that they are welcome to UWSP anytime and if they are in the area to keep the visit in mind," said David Boardman, vice president of the association.

The main goal that the association is trying to show is that if you are active and voice your opinion, you

can make a difference. "This act is one of only 57 vetoes issued by the governor," Boardman said. That shows how hard SGA and other organizations worked to keep the \$400,000.

Another exciting event the association has scheduled is to meet with 12 people of legislation in Madison to help improve relationships as well.

"SGA takes their job seriously and wants students to know that their opinions matter and they can make a difference," Boardman said.

# First-Year Experience gets Students Involved

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The First-Year Experience program was implemented at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point this year to assist new students in their transition to college life.

Director of the program, Susan Ruffedt, explains that the goal of the program is to get new students to feel a sense of belonging by encouraging them to belong, engage, and commit.

According to the program's website on the UWSP homepage, "The First-Year Experience provides opportunities and activities to foster self-discovery and responsibility, encourage diverse University connections and promote the development of personal educational goals for new students as they transition to our community."

The program will ultimately contribute to "greater student success and retention," Ruffedt said.

She said the experience allows students to take control of their success and helps them to become more comfortable with the university so they want to return for their sophomore year.

"The First-Year Experience program collaborates with different departments, programs, and advisors to provide experiences that are helpful for students in their first year," Ruffedt said.

This year, the program teamed up with programs such as Residential Living and Centertainment to provide opportunities and purposeful activities to help students reach the three core values: belong, engage, and

commit.

Orientation was the first stepping-stone for new students. There, they were connected to a "peer mentor" who introduced the students to the campus and informed them of upcoming events and crucial information," Ruffedt said.

The peer mentor also adds their group of students to a Facebook page, allowing everyone in the group to connect with their peers even before school starts.

Welcome Week is the second stage for new students. Here, they get the chance to meet the people of their Facebook group face-to-face and bond in person. They attend events such as a comedian, Screen on the Green, and Labor of Love.

"These activities give students the opportunity to make mistakes, get lost and then get found again," Ruffedt said.

The last stage of the program is called MAP-Works. This stage allows the peer mentors and other faculty and staff members to check in with the new students. Surveys will be taken the third week of class, as well as two other times through out the semester. These surveys will ask questions to make sure things are going well for the students, and if there is an indication of stress, the student can reach out and will be provided with help.

Orientation and Welcome-Week are mandatory, but other programs beneficial to new students learning about UWSP are voluntary. These partner programs, such as ARC for Success and First Year Seminar classes, are listed on the program's

website.

As new students get more familiar with the campus, activities offered, and groups to attend, they can thank

this program for making them feel more comfortable in college.

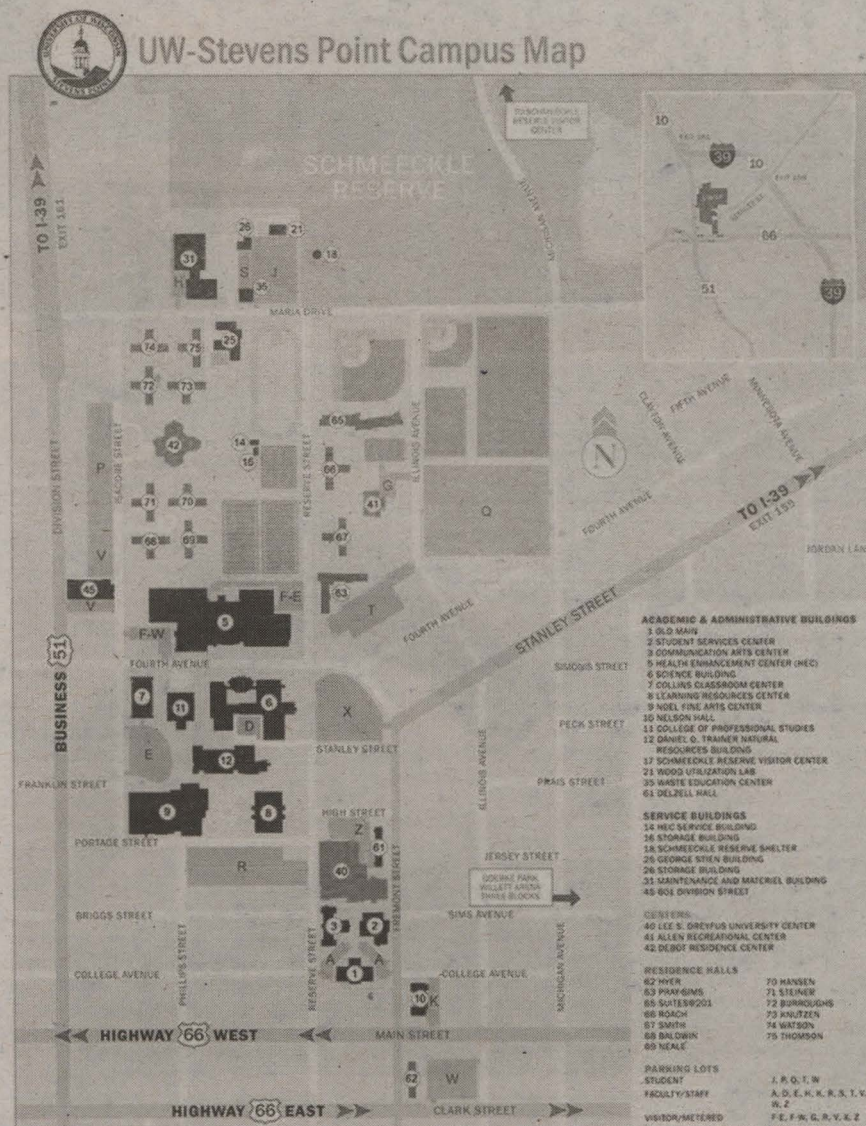


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Still need help finding your way around campus? Use this map to navigate your way to classes.

# Joint Finance Committee Freezes Tuition, Slashes Budget

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The Joint Finance Committee decided to implement a system wide tuition freeze last June for the next two years for the University of Wisconsin after determining that the UW system's reserve was too large.

Without the tuition freeze, students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point would have seen a two percent tuition increase this year, and students at other UW schools could have seen up to a five percent increase.

The tuition money would have gone to fund things such as adding sections of over crowded classes, giving professors pay raises, and increasing funding to the Tutoring and Learning Center.

"As far as the tuition freeze goes from the student end it is a great thing for students. Now, instead of having a consistent five and a half percent raise students will know what their tuition is going to be," said David Boardman, vice president of the SGA.

"As far as the University goes it may mean that we are going to have to look around and find out how

much money is available and be more innovative with our solutions."

In addition to the loss of money from the tuition freeze \$2.5 million was cut from UWSP's biannual budget. The cuts will be spaced out over two years, cutting two million from this year's budget and another half million from next year's budget.

"It was one of the largest budget cuts that we've ever seen," said Erin Hintz, budget director for UWSP.

The university will be leaning on reserve money to get through the budget cut and tuition freeze without cutting programs or departments for the first year.

"Because we were able to cover the cost of the cuts, we will have a year before we have to start making those hard decisions," said Ryan Specht, president of the SGA.

Boardman said that you can expect to see UW administration trying to mend the fences with Wisconsin legislatures to rebuild some of the trust that was lost after the reserve was found.

Two projects that will not be lost in the midst of budget cuts are the Green Fund and the new science building, although there was initial

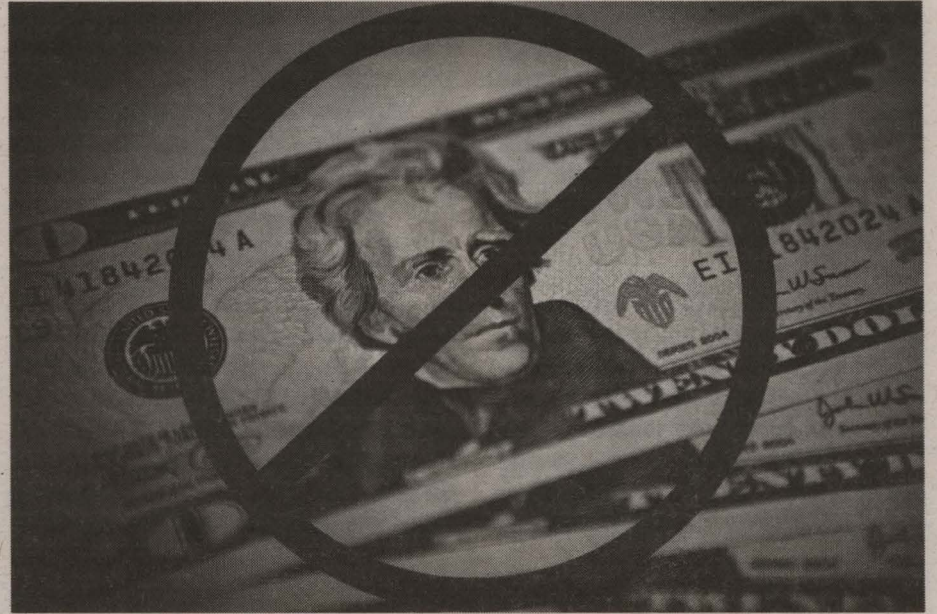


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concern that both projects would be tabled. The Green Fund, and SGA funded project, will start work in a few weeks and the state will be funding the new science building to be built in 2015.

Differential tuition, which the SGA has been lobbying to implement at UWSP for the past two years, has also been tabled, as it is a form of tuition. The SGA went to the Capital and lobbied to be allowed to keep

the tuition but they were turned down. The SGA will be allowed to make another attempt to implement differential tuition in two years, when the tuition freeze will end.

Despite the freeze, SGA was able to maintain the right to raise segregated fees, which fund things like health services, the TLC, and the campus cab. The SGA did opt not to raise fees this semester.

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
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

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## Big Dawgs on the Big Stage

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The Big Dawg Fishing Bass Club stormed their way through the summer collegiate bass fishing circuits reaching a level of cumulative height never attained by the club.

UWSP anglers parlayed their efforts into a 13th place finish in the Association of Collegiate Anglers School of the Year Standings. Three separate UWSP angling duos qualified for National Championships along the way.

Club President, Jason Hawksford, spearheads UWSP's charge, facilitating and organizing the club's tournaments and agendas with his fellow officers and dedicated club members.

"The ceiling of this club is just huge," Hawksford said. "We take collegiate bass fishing seriously and would love to show our dominance around the country as the best college bass fishing team in the nation."

In order to attain this, fishing as many ACA recognized tournaments as possible is something at the top of the club's agenda and something that was prioritized over the spring and summer circuit seasons.

Fort Madison, Iowa and the Mississippi River were selected to host the Midwest Regional qualifier for the Carhartt Bassmaster College Series National Championship.

With a reachable location and an uncapped number of entrants, UWSP Big Dawg Fishing sent seven teams to the event while offering club funded travel to maximize possible participation.

This prioritization proved to be an infallible decision when UWSP boats placed 3rd and 4th and qualified two teams to the National Championship

in August.

Reigning club champions, Cody Hahner and Stephen Maliborski, continued their club season dominance and overcame tremendous in-tournament obstacles on their way to a 4th place finish out of 52 entries in the event.

The team of Nick Carter and Leo Dederer did one better, finishing 3rd and easily catching the biggest bass of the tournament.

The weather in Fort Madison was treacherous, to put it mildly.

"The river looked like chocolate milk out there. When I arrived in Fort Madison, I quickly noticed houses in the water. The water level was approximately 6-8 feet higher than the average," Maliborski said.

"The weather was insane! River conditions were scary at best, the fishing was next to impossible, and we were very lucky we got to fish," Carter said.

The weather was such a factor that it forced a change of venue from the Mississippi River to Lake Sugema, 45 minutes away from Fort Madison.

On top of that, Sugema posed a challenge in that it is a lake with a slot limit, meaning only bass in between 10-12 inches and over 18 inches can be counted for tournament purposes.

This changed the strategy of the teams in terms of the knowledge that just one or two trophy bass may determine the outcome of the tournament and the difference between qualifying for Nationals and going home.

"In order to catch these bigger fish, we needed to focus and note how each big fish ate, where they were located, and how we were presenting our baits to the fish," Hahner said.

Dederer was able to execute this philosophy to perfection when he hauled in a 6-pound, 7-ounce bass that stole the show and catapulted his team to the National Championship.

"Catching a fish like that is a special experience no matter what," Dederer said. "It is the biggest bass I have ever caught and to have landed it during a crucial tournament was absolutely amazing."

With these successes, both teams were able to fish the Carhartt Bassmaster College Series National Championship at Chatuge Reservoir in Georgia in early August. Although their success from Sugema was not duplicated, both teams were honored to have just participated in such a prestigious event.

"Qualifying for an event like this was amazing. It's been a goal

of mine since I first started fishing tournaments five years ago, my freshman year at UWSP," Carter said.

"For me, fishing the National Championship was one of the best experiences I've been able to encounter in my fishing career," Hahner said.

Dederer echoed these thoughts. "Fishing at the Collegiate National Championship was an experience that I will never forget. It was the biggest tournament I have ever been a part of and it was on a body of water like none I have ever seen before."

Maliborski took it one step further, pointing only toward the future.

"The end result always matters to me. I lost at Chatuge, but I now have gained the information necessary to win the next time. So the end result is a win for me, as long as I learn from my mistakes and continue progressing."

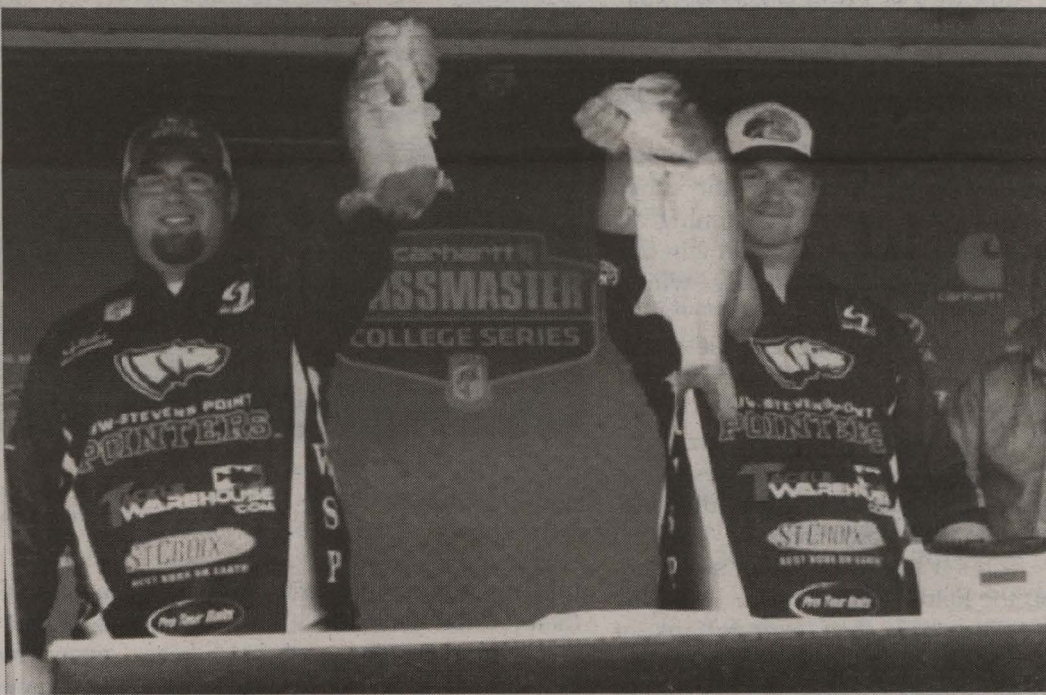


Photo by Shayne Baker

(Left) Nick Carter and (Right) Leo Dederer show off their catch at The Carhartt Bassmaster College Series

## Strong Hope in Young Team

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The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point women's volleyball team is all set for the 2013 season.

The Pointers began the season ranked 25th in Division III and have experienced an up and down start, going 5-3 in early non-conference action.

The team has made many changes during the offseason, including a transition at the head coach position.

Abbey Sutherland was hired for the position and brings nine years of coaching experience from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Coach Sutherland, a West Bend native, was brought back to her

home state and is excited for her new coaching experience.

"I felt really at home here," Sutherland said on joining the UWSP athletic program. "I feel this is a place where you can be successful and that was another reason I really thought it was a good opportunity for me."

With the departure of six seniors from last year's team and the addition of nine freshmen to counter the loss, a focal point would naturally be in the leadership of the team.

Coach Sutherland expects a lot of leadership out of her captains, senior Allison Davis, junior Sarah Breuer and junior Alexis Hartman.

Davis, the team's only senior, was named Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Volleyball

Athlete of the Week in the Pointers opening weekend tournament.

While this is Davis's last year, the transition to a new head coach did not seem to be a challenge for her; instead it was a new opportunity for her to develop more as a player.

"She incorporated a lot of new drills that we haven't done before. We have to work as a team in order to succeed with those drills," Davis said.

Coach Sutherland has a strong work ethic for the team as they are taking tasks day by day and developing through the little victories in technique and skill.

Davis is helping her younger teammates by giving them advice, encouragement, and leadership because she understands that the

team is young.

"They are all really hard workers," Davis said. "I think if we keep fighting and keep the competitive mode inside us, we'll keep getting better. We have a lot of potential, a lot of good talent on the team. So we'll just keep going up from where we started."

Despite a few setbacks, the UWSP women's volleyball team has come together and is looking for a strong 2013 performance.

With solid leadership all across the board, the Pointers hope to make this season as good as last years, if not better.

The Pointers have their first home match versus the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on September 25 at 7 p.m.

# Pointers Football Ready For New Season

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It's a new year for the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point football team.

After finishing last year 2-8, the Pointers are ready to turn the page on the past and focus on the present, which they believe is very bright.

"We are excited about the future of our program and excited for this season because of how hard everyone has worked," said Head Coach, Tom Journell.

"The seniors ran practices throughout the summer where a bunch of us guys would get together and work out and practice together," said senior linebacker, Cody Seibel.

"We worked on becoming a closer knit team and that has helped us to work together and communicate better."

The Pointers certainly started their season on the right note, defeating Rockford University, 49-20, in the Pointer's season opener.

It's a good start, but UWSP has a long way to go in achieving their goals for this season.

"One goal we have set as a team is to play to our fullest potential every game," Seibel said.

"We know that if we do that we will accomplish all our other goals, which start with winning all three preseason games, then win our conference, and, ultimately, win a national title."

In order to achieve these goals, the Pointers football team has set expectations for their players.

They begin with their primary expectations; to have toughness, give effort in everything they do, and execute their objectives.

"It's a philosophy that's on and off the field," Journell said.

The team has expectations of everyone, but some players put expectations on themselves, including junior running back and transfer student, DeJuan Wright.

"I want to be as successful off the field as I am on the field," Wright said. "Also to be a leader and lead by my actions not words."

A big reason for the optimism this season is the fact that the team has a good nucleus of experienced players, with 40 juniors and seniors combined.

With more experience come players with a better understanding of the offensive and defensive schemes,



Photo by Jack McLaughlin.

DeJuan Wright makes a move on the field after receiving the ball. Wright contributed two touchdowns helping the Pointers defeat Rockford University 49-20.

making them more comfortable with their jobs on the field.

"Our defensive guys have been playing this same scheme since they came here. Our offense is now in its second year as well," Journell said.

It's not just that the players are comfortable in their schemes; they are also stepping up as leaders as well.

"When we voted for captains this year, we had 20 seniors, and 12 to 15 of those guys could be captains," Journell said. "When you have that many people, you don't just rely on one or two, you rely on the entire senior class."

Journell explained that not only

are the seniors stepping up as leaders, but that juniors, sophomores, and even freshman, have shown great leadership qualities.

So now comes the question everyone is asking, how good can this team be? Journell knows that they can be successful.

"We have a bunch of guys that care about each other. When you have that, you can be pretty good," Journell said.

Seibel and Wright believe that the sky is the limit for this team.

"I think we have all the pieces to make it to the national championship and win our conference," Wright said.

## This Week in Pointers Sports:

### Friday September 13th

Women's Tennis at The University of Wisconsin - River Falls 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball in Oshkosh vs. Ripon College 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball in Oshkosh vs. Wartburg College 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday September 14th

Women's Tennis at The University of Wisconsin - Stout 10 a.m.

Volleyball in Oshkosh vs. North Central 10 a.m.

Volleyball in Oshkosh vs. Concordia 12 p.m.

Women's Tennis in Menominee vs. Bethany Lutheran 1 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs. Carleton College 2 p.m.

Men's Cross Country Meet vs. Alumni and Carthage College

Women's Cross Country at The University of Wisconsin - River Falls Invite

Women's Golf at Illinois Wesleyan Tournament

### Sunday September 15th

Women's Golf at Illinois Wesleyan Tournament

### Wednesday September 18th

Women's Soccer vs. Marion University 4 p.m.

"I know everyone looks at last year and looks at how bad we were, but this team believes that we will surprise a lot of people this year," Seibel said.



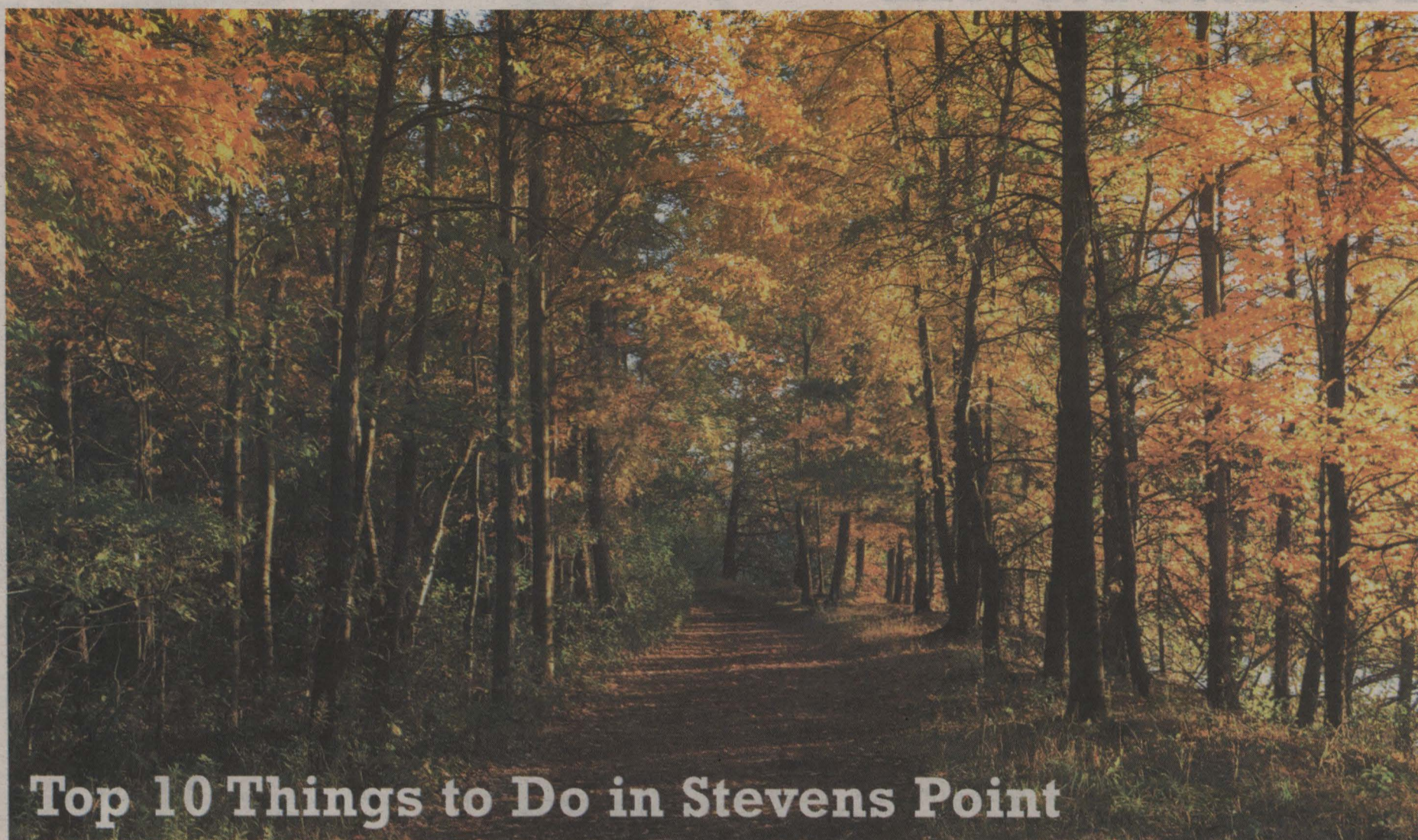
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## Top 10 Things to Do in Stevens Point

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There's more to Stevens Point than going to class and writing papers. What you will remember most fondly are those other college traditions and the beloved quirky activities.

Although this list does not have an official seal attached to it, it still contains time-honored activities and rituals admired by those in the Stevens Point area.

**1. Embrace wildlife and adventure through Schmeekle Reserve.** Fish, canoe, or watch wildlife on Lake Joanis and utilize the trails for running, walking or biking. The visitor center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and houses a gift shop with a wide selection of

nature inspired gifts, the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame, and is the headquarters of the Green Circle Trail.

**2. Take a trip off campus and explore the surrounding area.** Check out the parks in town like Iverson Park, Pfiffner Pioneer Park, Bukolt Park, or even your neighborhood swing set.

**3. Coffee Shop Hop.** As a college town, there are countless places to get a quick caffeine fix either with a few friends or a few books.

**4. Go downtown.** Stroll the farmers market, discover family-owned restaurants, and browse the local shops.

**5. Indulge in some delicious ice cream at Belts'.** Calories don't matter when they are smothered in homemade brownies, cookie dough

and a savory mix of chocolate and vanilla soft-serve.

**6. Tour the Stevens Point Brewery.** Visit one of the oldest breweries in the country and learn the history behind the brew while tasting the award-winning products. Heads up, tours are limited to the first 25 individuals to call and make reservations.

**7. Ice skate at the Willett.** Located on Minnesota Avenue, the ice arena is open for public skating year-round.

**8. Enjoy what campus has to offer.** Each building has a hidden gem. The library houses the Museum of Natural History, the Noel Fine Arts Center exhibits the Carlsten Art Gallery, and within the science building resides the planetarium and observatory.

**9. Show your Pointer pride and attend a sporting event.** There are sports to watch year-round so choose your favorite and cheer on the team. If you would rather play the game than watch it, gather a group of friends or meet some new ones and join an intramural sport—preferably one that you have never played before. Maybe you will form an admiration for broomball or win the softball championship!

**10. Look at the local listings for shows.** The Noel Fine Arts Center puts on multiple plays throughout the year and entertainment finds its way into the Dreyfus University Center almost weekly. Sentry Insurance also often has entertainment ranging from musicians to comedians and there are always movies being played at the theatres around town.

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Each year, over 8,000 students call the city of Stevens Point home for roughly nine months. Likewise, as college students are often stereotyped as vivacious eating machines, it is not surprising that our fine town boasts a large number of local restaurants that are affordable, convenient, and satisfying.

## 1. Polito's Pizza

Location: 960 Main Street

In 2007 Kevin Polito, a Stevens Point Area Senior High School graduate, introduced Polito's Pizza to the Stevens Point Main Street. Since then, it has become one of the most well known eateries in the area.

"It's been non-stop," Polito told local press shortly after the restaurant's opening. "Lunches are busy, dinners are busy and late nights are crazy."

Polito attributes his success to the varieties of pizza the restaurant offers and has, in recent years, been

able to open three more restaurants in Wisconsin.

"It's quick, it's a good price, and the pizza is different than anywhere else," Polito said. "We have probably 200 different kinds of pizzas. Not that they're all available at one time, but we have that many different recipes."

Zach Dockum, a University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point senior and long time Polito's customer, agrees.

"There's nowhere else in town where you can get macaroni and cheese, buffalo sauce, or nachos on your pizza," Dockum said.

## 2. Bill's Pizza

Location: 1101 Main Street

Still, if a more nostalgic dining experience is what you seek, you may be better off visiting Bill's Pizza. Since first opening its doors over 50 years ago, this restaurant has been known for its thin crust pizza and tip-top delivery service, which impressively caters to those well beyond the borders of Stevens Point.

Keith Berg, the manager of Bill's Pizza, believes that this long-time dedication to the area is what sets Bill's Pizza above its competitors.

"We've been around for fifty-some years, and I have alumni that come back that were here 40 years ago telling me that it was the same then, so you know that everything you eat here 30 years from now will be the same too," Berg said.

## 3. Father Fats Public House

Location: 945 Clark Street

It would seem that UWSP students also have their own opinions as to which local eatery reigns supreme.

For Andy Hesse, also a senior, the answer is undoubtedly

Father Fats Public House, a slightly more upscale establishment whose constantly shifting menu offers a unique dining experience to visitors.

"The idea is to try as many different foods as you can in one simple dining experience. You don't need to go to a place several times to try a bunch of different things, instead you can do it all day," Hesse said. "Plus, the menu changes every day, so even if you've been there before the menu will probably be completely different."

Hesse additionally went on to explain to prospective customers that the lettuce wraps were must-haves.

"No matter what you do, before you even look at the menu, the very first thing you need to do is order lettuce wraps. They're on every single menu, they've been there from the start, and it is essential that you do that, because then it will get you warmed up and ready to order several things off the menu and enjoy

the actual experience," Hesse said.

## 4. Belts' Soft Serve

Location: 2140 Division Street

Then again, if consistency is what you seek, you may be better off heading to Belts' Soft Serve. For decades, Belts' has brought tremendously large servings of homemade soft serve to the good people of Stevens Point for extremely reasonable prices, and has become a staple amongst the local community.

Harper McCauley, a UWSP junior, enjoys visiting Belts' because it is convenient, inexpensive, and above all else, tasty.

"I like that it's in walking distance, and I like that I can afford it," McCauley said. "I enjoy 'The Pointer' with chocolate ice cream, because it's got cookie dough and brownie in it and it's delicious."

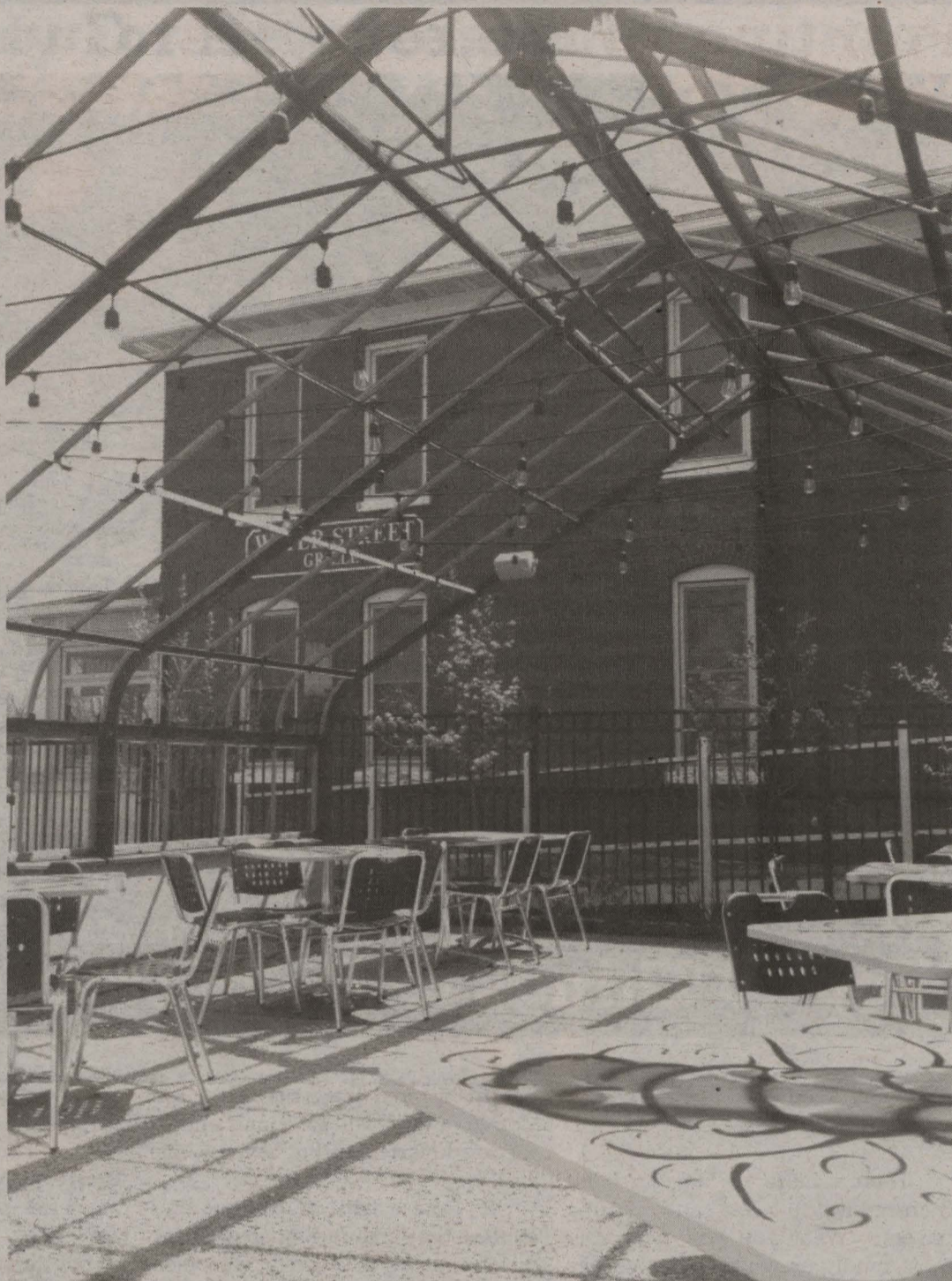


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# Pointing You to Your Best Cup of Coffee

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With school back in session, many students are relying on coffee to get through the day and give them a boost of energy. Here are a few of the best places in Stevens Point to get that necessary caffeine kick-start to keep you going all year.

## 1. Starbucks.

**Location: 101 Division Street**

Karlyn Wormuth, a junior at the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point majoring in physical education, finds Starbucks to be convenient.

"It's just one of those places that most people know about," Wormuth said.

Wormuth usually orders a Caramel Macchiato and thinks that the prices of the drinks are very reasonable.

Teagan Knudson, a junior Pre Med major, also loves Starbucks and has been a regular customer for many years.

"I usually go every day or every other and get a Triple Venti Cinnamon Dolce Latte or a Triple Venti Pumpkin Spice Latte if it's in season," Knudson said.

## 2. Zest Bakery and Coffeehouse.

**Location: 624 Isadore Street**

This coffee shop is conveniently located right next to campus. Kirsten Kreger, a senior double majoring in political science and history, is a regular customer.

"They are really good and the espresso is amazing. It's a great atmosphere to relax and grab a cup," Kreger said.

Besides having great coffee, Zest also serves delicious pastries and other bakery goods.

## 3. Emy J's.

**Location: 1009 First Street**

Originating in 2003, Emy J's roasts all fair trade and organic coffee on site and can even have it sent right to your home.

Brittany Waite, a former employee of almost five years, says that her favorite drink to order at Emy J's is a mocha.

"The prices are very reasonable and they serve smoothies, tea, shakes, malts, and sundaes, as well as breakfast, lunch and dinner," Waite said.

## 4. The Basement Brewhaus.

**Location: basement of the Dreyfus University Center**

Many students grab coffee from the Brewhaus between classes because of its on-campus location.

Lauren Bloomer, a UWSP student,

is a dedicated customer who usually sticks to the Brewhaus when it comes to coffee.

## 5. Tech Lounge.

**Location: 1036 Main Street**

The Tech Lounge not only offers coffee, but also next-gen and retro games in their gaming center.

Rebecca Finger, a second year senior majoring in art, says the prices are very reasonable and always goes for the black coffee.

"The atmosphere is very laid back and casual with lots of people relaxing and playing video games," Finger said.

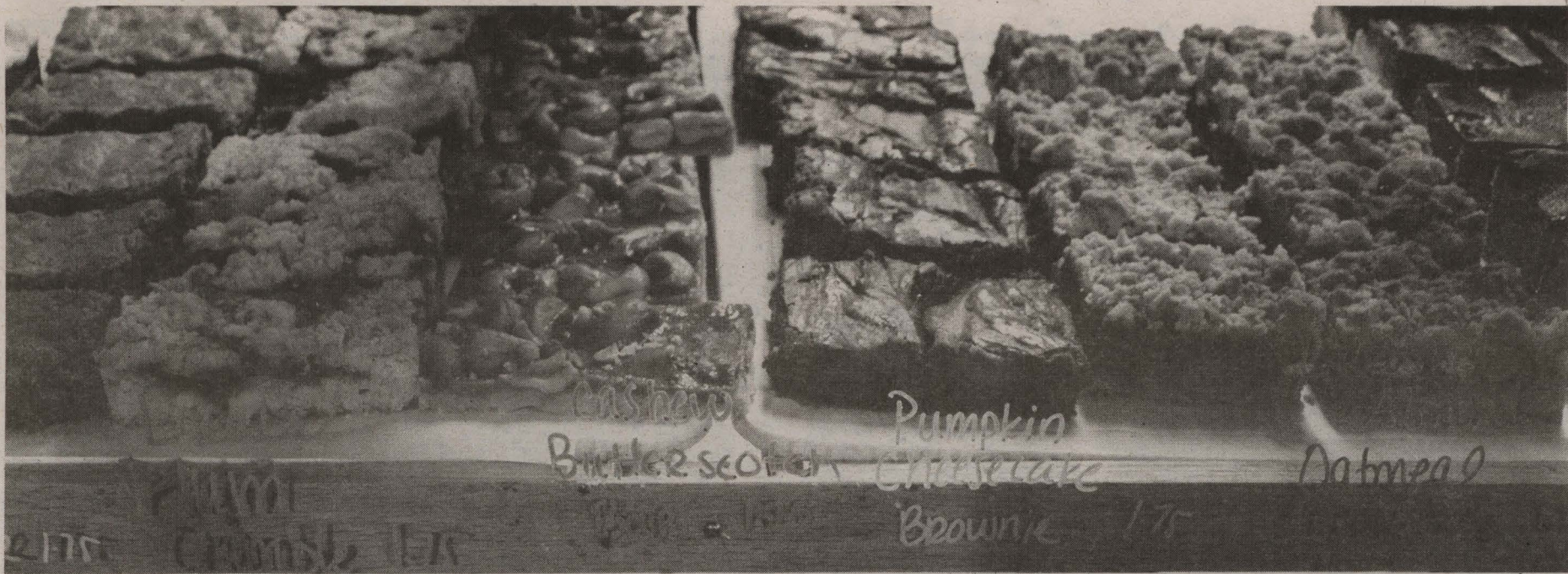


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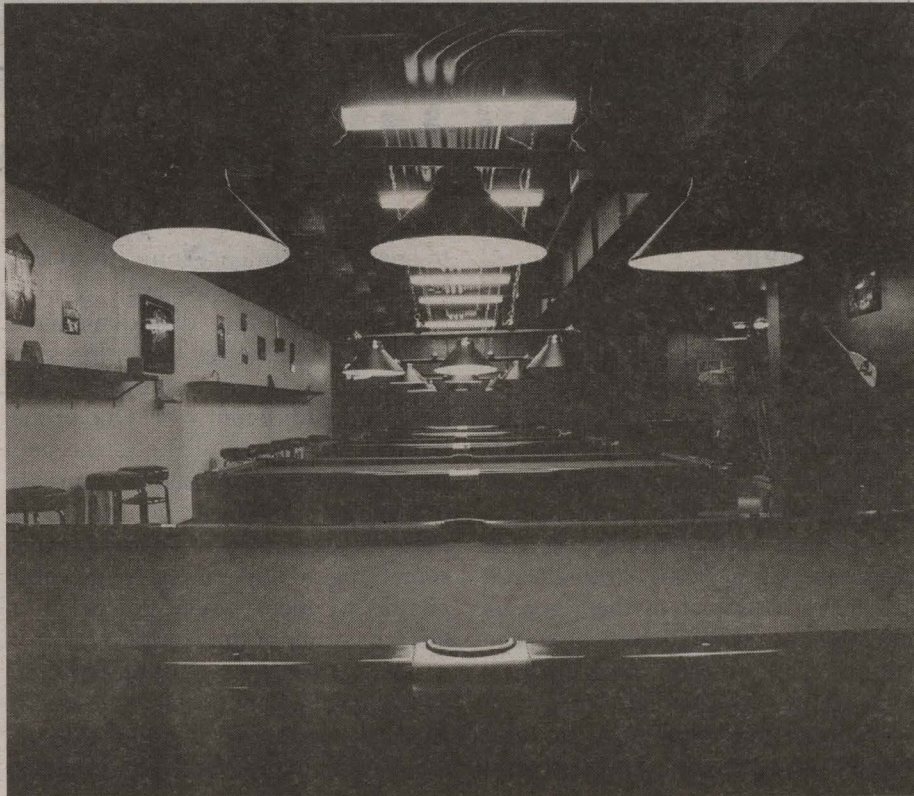


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(Top) Zest offers bakery treats made daily with fresh ingredients that are locally grown. (Bottom Left) Emy J's offers baked goods that are made fresh every morning, and a large selection of signature ice cream flavors. (Bottom Right) Games like pool, darts and foosball are offered free of charge to students at the Brewhaus.

# Letter From the Editors

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Dear readers,

Typically we produce an issue the first week of classes, but due to a serious budgetary error we were unable to go to print last week. This week, however, we're back on track and ready to serve you, the readers.

We say serve because that's what we're here to do. We're here to keep you informed about campus and community news and events. We'd also like to point out that The Pointer serves as a public forum, a place for you all to express your ideas and opinions in print. All contributions are edited for Associated Press Style, but your message stays unchanged.

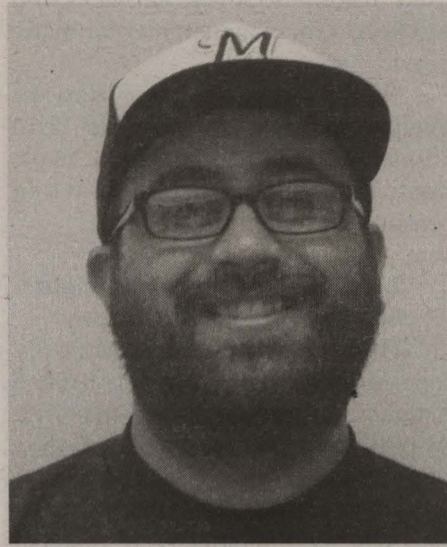
The newspaper is not our only medium. The Pointer Online is a nationally ranked website by the Associated Collegiate Press, and offers additional content, including

videos of campus and the city of Stevens Point.

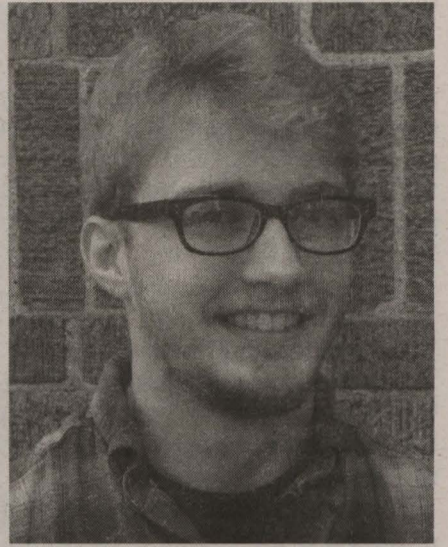
We also have an official Facebook page and Twitter account where we welcome further interaction in order to bolster our presence on social media and become a more interactive publication.

We'd also like to remind you all that we are a collection of college students that strive to report about our campus with integrity and fairness. In order to better represent campus as a whole, we urge each and every one of you to reach out to us via social media, our website, email, and in person. Our office is located in the Communication Arts Center, and we'd love to see more foot traffic in here.

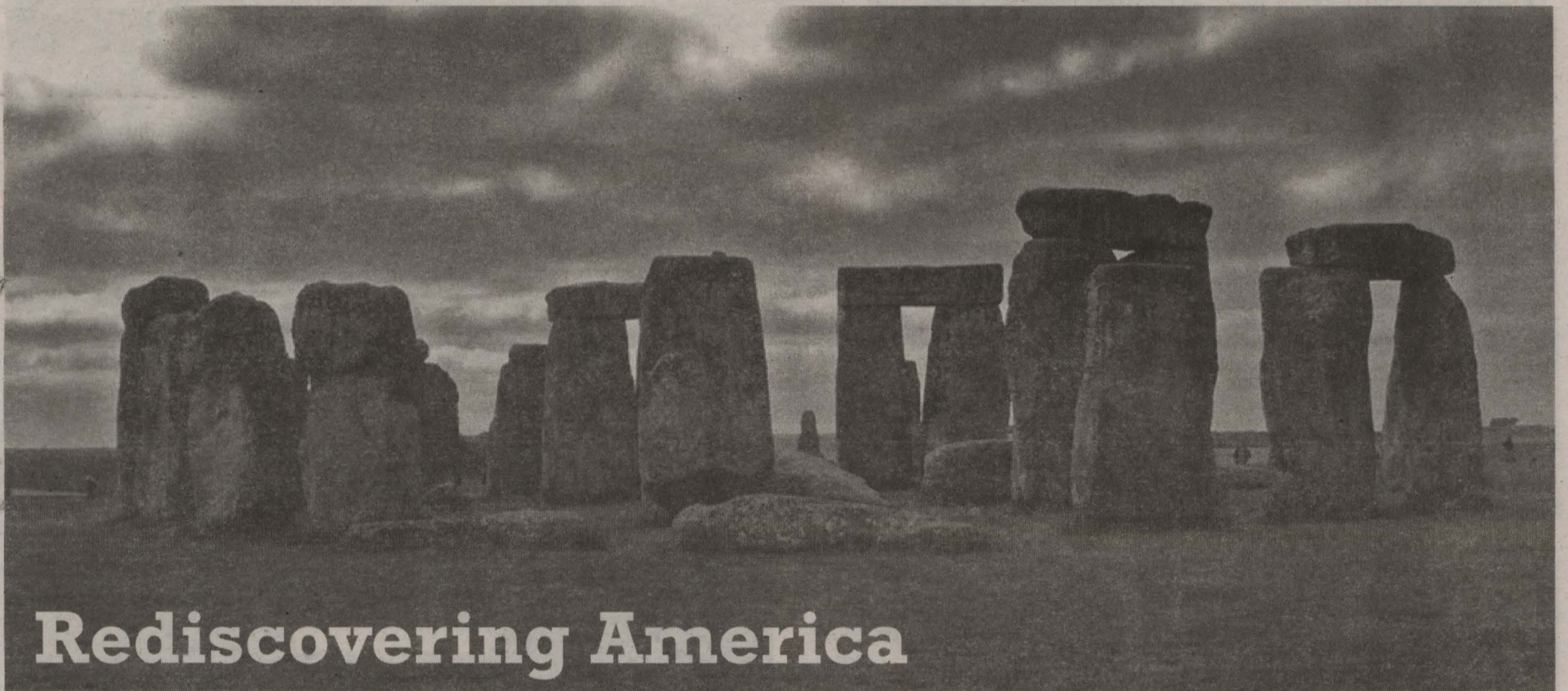
In short, pick up the paper. Get involved. Talk to us, we're here to listen. Your voice will be heard.



Gus Merwin, Managing Editor



Andy Davis, Editor-in-Chief



## Rediscovering America

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The beginning of the school year is the time to wish students a hearty welcome. This is a conflicting time for most, with the last threads of summer still hanging on to our autumn sweaters, and the memories of vacation still echoing on our Facebook pages. Some students not only have to adjust to the rigorous schedule of school, but also the culture shock of being back in their home county, the good ole USA.

Making the change from any country can be tough, especially because America is unique in a lot of ways. From driving on the right side of the road again to re-mastering the lingo, coming home can be the

biggest adjustment some students have to make this semester.

Most study abroad students have summer or semester adventures in big bustling cities, and Stevens Point has a much different vibe. One of the hardest feelings to shake is the city beat, where it's common to jump on the subway and find yourself in a different slice of town. There's always something to do, places to go, and people to meet when you're in a foreign corner of the world.

Then there's the culture. For one, a Wisconsin accent doesn't sound like an oddity anymore. People smile on the street! Everything's in English! You know what's in the food...most of the time! Bathrooms are free!

Some differences are welcome between the States and elsewhere, but

some are dearly missed. American attitudes differ quite a bit from everyone else's.

Isabel Laperruque, a University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point senior, recently returned from France.

"In culture, I think one of the biggest differences is that almost all of the people that I met in France were very openly politically active and unafraid to express their opinions, whereas I feel a lot of Americans really dance around controversial topics," Laperruque said. "French people sort of yell about it, but are still friends at the end of it."

To all returning UWSP students, welcome home. To all the newbies out there who want to learn more about studying abroad, check out the International Programs office on the

first floor of the CCC (and that's first floor in the American sense, AKA the ground floor, for all you European students who don't remember).

Whether it be to France, Spain, Australia, Poland, Germany, England, Thailand, Japan, or Narnia, UWSP can get you there. (Just pulling your leg! We have no program to Thailand. Though if you have your heart set somewhere, there's always a way to send you there - we've made great advances in shipping packages.)

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# MADAME ZAMBONI'S PREDICTIONS

**Capricorn:** December 22 - January 19  
Mid-month, you will find yourself in a financial crisis. Buy a goldfish, they are the cheapest pets.

**Aquarius:** January 20 - February 18  
You will make a difficult decision this month and it will be wrong.

**Pisces:** February 19 - March 20  
Your good deed will go completely unrewarded. Adopt a few cats to make up for it.

**Aries:** March 21 - April 19  
Rising Mars is stirring up emotions at home. Call mom.

**Taurus:** April 20 - May 20  
You will pick a wedgie in line at Subway and everyone will totes see it. Cry in shame.

**Gemini:** May 21 - June 20  
Titan, the moon of Saturn, will cause you to have irresistible ice cream cravings. It will go straight to your thighs.

**Cancer:** June 21 - July 22  
You will run out of clean underwear this month and have to borrow some from your roommate.

**Leo:** July 23 - August 22  
You will find someone's Pointcard lying on the ground. Use it to treat yourself to lunch.

**Virgo:** August 23 - September 22  
Sudden bowel movements will have you rushing to the bathroom in the middle of class. Sit at the end of the row.

**Libra:** September 23 - October 22  
On September 16, you will experience massive writers block and be unable to complete your homework. Get it done early. Or else.

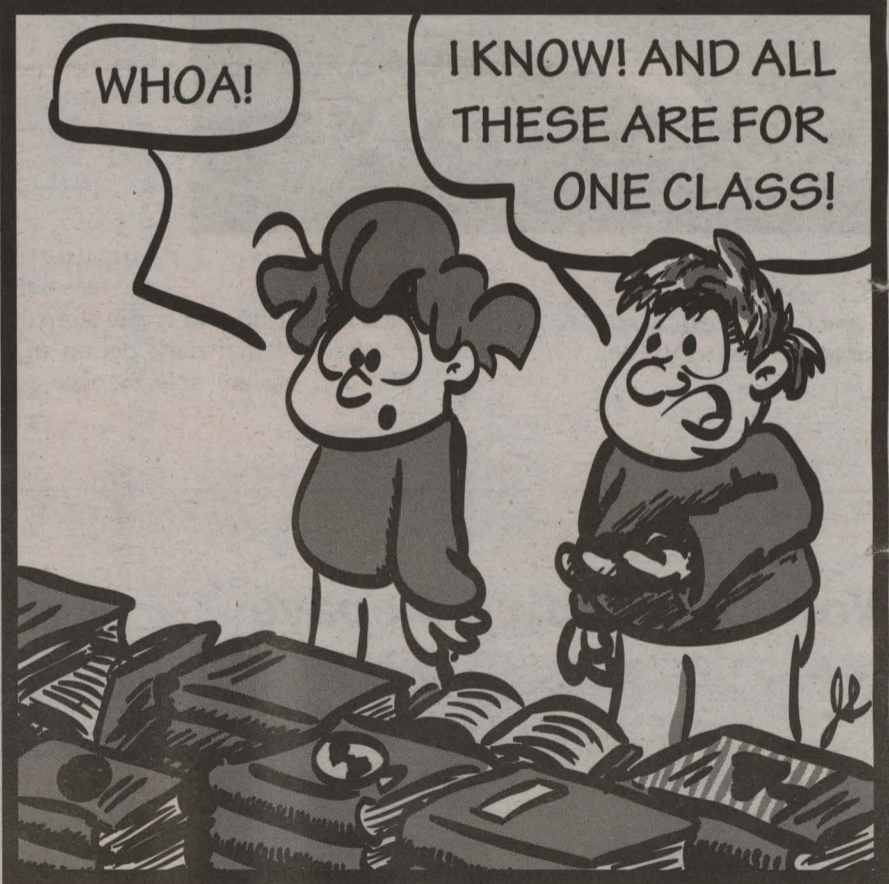
**Scorpio:** October 23 - November 21  
That time of the month will come unexpectedly. No white pants.

**Sagittarius:** November 22 - December 21  
You will take off your shoes in class and lose three followers on Twitter.

# COMICS

## Life

By Jonathan Seymour

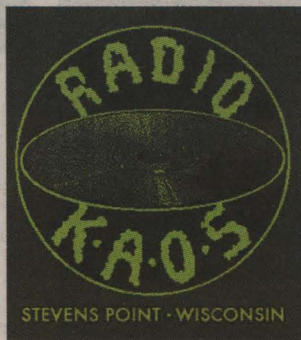


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# ALBUM REVIEWS

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## Neko Case – *The Worse Things Get, The Harder I Fight, The Harder I Fight, The More I Love You*



The four years between 2009's "Middle Cyclone" and "The Worse Things Get, The Harder I Fight, The Harder I Fight, The More I Love You" (whew!) was a difficult time for Neko Case. She lost several relatives, which sent her into a downward spiral. Fortunately, she was able to

pick herself up and create something inspired by that dark period of her life, and we are able to once again

hear her beautiful voice that pierces through the atmosphere.

She also recruited the help of several musicians; one of them being M. Ward whose fantastic guitar work is featured on the album. His distinct style is certainly noticeable on the track "Man." The angry driving force of "Man" is something to behold with Case's powerful voice that manages to maintain its grace.

In fact, Case's "grace" increased tenfold for me when she sings to us "I am the man in the f\*\*\*ing moon," even if one would suspect that it would have the opposite effect. However, I do think the use of profanity in the track "Nearly Midnight, Honolulu" is somewhat sloppy, and I feel the song is perhaps the weakest on the album. The track "Night Still Comes" is right before "Man"; a melancholy, catchy tune that makes for a nice contrast.

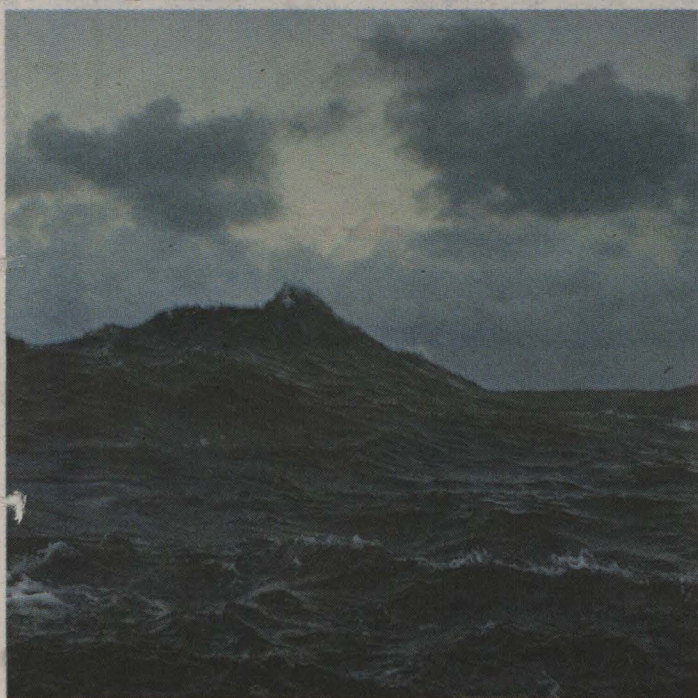
Nine tracks into "The Worse

Things Get..." and I certainly began to feel the potential of a filler track coming up. That feeling was completely wrong, because Case put a cover Nico's "Afraid" there instead. The cover puts a building of tension throughout the album to a halt, and puts you on pause and into a quiet mood. Then, the tension that was welling up is released through "Local Girl" and its chorus. The next track "Where Did I Leave That Fire" provides a touch of abstract to the album. Another notable track is "City Swans", which brings me back to the old Neko Case where she quickens her voice in her signature fashion.

Case's past albums, while excellent, had become rather stale sounding to me. "The Worse Things Get..." has certainly refreshed the sound of Neko Case.

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## Volcano Choir – *Repave*



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blues and sobering grays. The view set my mind at ease and left breath a bit shallow. The setting coupled

well with Volcano Choir's latest single "Byegone." Being familiar with Volcano Choir's first album my initial reaction to the current song was disbelief.

Volcano Choir's first album "Unmapped" was incredibly experimental. The inaugural album was choppy, lyrically indecipherable at times, and harshly boring. "Byegone" the single for the band's latest release entitled "Repave," was indefinitely beautiful. "Byegone" specifically was structured and power driven.

The next highlight comes from the track "Alaskans" which seems to speak of change. Change is the perfect

word for Volcano Choir. Compared to their first album the band has the more structured sound of an ever-growing band.

Upon the beginning of my last semester here at UWSP, I stepped back into my beloved 90FM radio station and immediately checked out the entirety of "Repave." Needless to say upon the first review I shuffled my little legs on over to Radio Kaos Records and picked myself up a vinyl copy.