A New Club Rolling to Campus

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In order to engage students in an alternate type of water sport, Outdoor Edventures is putting on a series of log rolling events this semester in hopes to spur interest and create an intramural activity out of it. The most recent event took place last Wednesday in the Health Enhancement Center pool at 8:30 p.m. with a fee of $5.

“We have seen a lot of interest throughout the past couple of semesters with programs involving this nontraditional sport. It might very well be enough to start up an intramural sport by fall of 2014,” said Mike Nolten, the recreational activities coordinator at Outdoor Edventures.

These programs feature a laid back atmosphere where students can learn the ropes of basic log rolling on a 60-pound log made of kayak material. They are able to try it out by themselves and with a partner.

Last Wednesday’s event featured experienced log rollers to show students how it is done, making it look simple.

Mike Burns, a junior resource management and environmental law enforcement major, volunteers as an instructor for these events. He has been rolling for 11 years and holds four amateur world titles. He is currently seeking his first professional title.

“My advice to beginners is to just keep your feet moving and take small steps. Your feet are where all the action happens,” Burns said. “Stick

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Paper Industry Shifts should not be too Discouraging

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There is a shift in reality for the paper industry that is largely due to a global economic impact. The processing of paper and its needs are changing. This may be considered the most dramatic shift in future job outlook for emerging professionals and in product usage. There is an evident change from written language to digital coverage.

Dave Eckmann, economic development specialist at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, said students should still be encouraged by the paper industry's potential for opportunity despite the dramatic shift.

The paper industry is changing due to a global economy that involves more industry competition and use of macroeconomics. It is downsizing to become more efficient, just one of the many reasons we see a closure of paper mills across the nation.

Eckmann does not see a direct impact for students, though he notices an indirect effect with closures of mills like the ones in Whiting and Wisconsin Rapids. With this, Eckmann notes that there is an adverse economic impact for people in the industry.

These changes in the paper industry may sound frightening to those wanting to or thinking of becoming involved, but Eckmann gives reasons for students to not shy away from the field. He explains that with shifts in the industry, there will come a need for new minds to create value from industry waste. As it turns out, UWSP may just be the place for molding these newly developed intellectuals.

Eckmann offered his praise for the programs at UWSP that teach students to be business minded, as in the School of Business and Economics, Division of Communication, and the paper science and engineering program at the College of Natural Resources.

“When you leave here, you don’t stop learning. You continue to hone your skills,” Eckmann said.

Eckmann stressed the importance of preparation. Within the next ten years, many will be affected, from business and marketing to engineers.

“Paper is not going away, it’s just changing,” Eckmann said.

The exodus of professionals will give way for nine professionals to move in with new skill sets, and UWSP is putting students in a position to fill the gap. There will be a shift from workers whose families have been in the field for generations to those who are ready to take on new technology.

Eckmann mentioned that acquiring new skills are crucial for professionals as we move toward a forefront in technology.

“If we are going to compete, we have to keep our skills moving forward,” Eckmann said.

Luke Mason, a paper sciences and engineering major at UWSP, exhibited a similar outlook about valuing the paper industry as a broader business.

“My major isn’t just about paper but paper products. I feel that those will always be around. If anything, the shift in the industry will motivate me even more in my major,” Mason said.

Mason has only been in the program for a short time but has already begun to notice the benefits of UWSP’s paper sciences and engineering program.

“I’m only looking at basic methods right now and am looking forward to learning more about the paper industry through my summer internship. My major really has me looking at the bigger picture of the paper industry,” Mason said.

Print or digital, it seems the bigger picture of the paper industry is moving steadfast. However, judging from the reasoning of both Eckmann and Mason, it seems that this path also comes as a chance to change overall outlook from apprehension to opportunity.

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Use Condom Sense

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Condom Card, a program affiliated with Student Health Services, seeks to lower sexually transmitted infections, educate students about safe sex and increase its presence on campus. Previously known as Condom Club, the program implemented a few changes to bring in a larger portion of the student body.

Julie Martin and Courtney Gonnering are the Reproductive Health Peer Educators (RHPE) on campuses that run the program which is available to students of all orientations.

“We’re here as a resource for students on campus. We want to promote sexual health and encourage safe sexual practices. Use condom sense,” Gonnering said, promoting the program’s slogan.

Until recently, students could purchase a card containing five punches from the group for $5. With this card they could receive five condoms per punch, a total of 25 condoms.

With the new system, the Condom Card is able to stop charging students and begin giving the condoms away for free. Students that stop by will still receive a card but only for record keeping purposes. With each punch, they can pick out four condoms of their choosing. This freedom of choice is a unique advantage because students have the ability to mix and match to their likings.

“I love what they’re doing. Providing students with an easy way to get free condoms is a great idea. Plus, it gives the added bonus of encouraging safe sex,” said Amanda Roush, a health science pre-physical therapy junior.

“It’s like shopping at Kohl’s versus shopping at Target. A small shirt might fit you at one place and not at the other or you want all five colors available at both stores without running; all over. Mixing and matching eliminates that problem,” Martin said.

The RHPEs provide a wide variety of condoms for students to pick from. This selection includes female condoms, lube, bare skin, Trojan Ultra, Trojan ENZ, flavored condoms, and pleasure dome condoms, among others.

“We understand that there are things like birth control and other contraceptives. Not everyone needs our services. We just want to be here for those that do,” Gonnering said.

Along with providing condoms, Martin and Gonnering also act as personal resources for those who want to receive sex education information.

“We’re not doctors and we can’t offer a diagnosis, but we’ll answer any questions with the best of our knowledge. If we don’t know, we can find someone that does. We can also act as mediators for anyone who feels more comfortable talking to us,” Martin said.

Condom Card started last spring after the RHPEs attended an American College Health Association conference. The goals are to lower the STI rates on campus and to erase the social stigma that surrounds condoms.

“We’ve been around for a year now. People are starting to get desensitized to us. They don’t always do a double-take when they see our booth,” said Martin.

Since the beginning of the 2012 fall semester, Student Health Services reported 46 Chlamydia cases, seven human papilloma cases, and one case of gonorrhea. According to the Center for Disease Control, two thirds of all STI cases occur in 18-25 year olds.

One of the strategies that the educators use to try to cut back on these numbers is to put on programs within the residential halls. A few of the programs include Porn and Pizza, Condom Bingo, and You Just Said What, which is a sexual myth buster game.

“We want people to know we’re not trying to say have sex. If you decide to have sex, have safe sex,” said Martin.

Condom Card can be found in the Dreyfus University Center concourse. The booth is set up and the RHPEs are available on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

If you have questions or would like to get in touch with a UWSP Reproductive Health Peer Educator you can email Julie Martin at jmarr5@uwsp.edu or Courtney Gonnering at cgon382@uwsp.edu.

Trouble With Spring Breaks: UWSP, Point Schools Do Not Align

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Spring Break is supposed to be a chance to relax and enjoy time with friends and family, but the spring breaks of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Stevens Point area public schools do not align this year, making it difficult for professors and faculty members to make plans.

“We determine our calendar before the local schools, so we rely on their ability to match our calendar and we try to inform them of the dates so they can coordinate if they are able,” said Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Greg Summers.

Kathleen Buchanan, an associate professor of education, has two daughters who both attend Washington Elementary.

“My wife and I both work for the university,” Buchanan said. “We won’t be home when our daughters are on vacation, so we have to arrange and pay for childcare. We also miss out on the opportunity to spend family time together.”

This year, Washington Elementary, as well as other public schools, have spring break from March 24-28 while the university’s spring break is the week prior.

When UWSP and Stevens Point public schools have separate breaks, issues arise for planning a family vacation or spending time at home.

“We highly value vacation,” Buchanan said. “We prioritize spending family time together such as watching movies, playing games, and visiting the library. We also use vacation to catch up on chores, such as sorting out clothes that are too small.”

This year is especially problematic for Buchanan and his family because his wife is now working full-time.

“In the past, when the calendars haven’t matched, my wife could often watch our daughters. However, my wife now works full-time for various reasons,” Buchanan said.

Terry Aitamma, a senior lecturer of health promotion and human development, is also having problems making plans with her daughter, who is a senior at Stevens Point Area Senior High.

“It’s affecting spring break vacation plans, especially since my older daughter, who attends Carriage College, has the same spring break as the Stevens Point public schools and I was very excited at the thought that all three of us would be able to get together,” Aitamma said. “I either miss work or my daughter misses school. Neither option is ideal.”

Stevens Point is a family-oriented community, Buchanan said, and he thinks it would be beneficial if vacation times all coincided.

“My many of my colleagues are parents with school-age children. I imagine this situation impacts many of their families like it does mine, such as paying for childcare,” Buchanan said.

Aitamma believes the same and said, “many people look forward to getting away in the spring and UWSP employees with children in public schools cannot make plans when breaks are separate without compromising work or school attendance.”

Next year, spring break should not cause families any difficulties or problems.

“When we developed the 2014-15 school calendar we made sure that the district spring break lined up with the UWSP spring break,” said Bill Carlson, the lead elementary principal for the public school district. Carlson thinks that it would be beneficial as well if the two spring breaks lined up, as long as it would not have any negative impact on student learning.

“The educational needs of the students need to come first,” Carlson said. “For next year, we checked the university schedule when we developed our school calendar and matched up spring break dates. That communication needs to continue.”
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Students Rally in D.C. for Environmental Causes

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Last weekend students from all over Wisconsin traveled to Washington D.C. to rally against the Keystone XL Pipeline creation.

The $5.4 billion pipeline is intended to transport crude oil from Canada to Texas and has been approved by President Barack Obama. "We have 13 students from Stevens Point going and we’re meeting up with other students in Wisconsin in Madison," said Natalie Lirette, 3rd year studying water resources and physical geography at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

In D.C., the students along with other attendees participated in multiple acts to get their environmental points of interest across. They rallied in front of the White House to participate in public speaking events on divestment and marched from Georgetown University to the White House.

"Some people will be chained to the gates of the white house and people will be laying in front," Lirette said. "This action was up for arrest because our permit did not allow us to be stationary on the sidewalk while protesting."

The future will bring change to the environment and cause hardships to the living population.

"We want to show Obama that we’re here fighting for our future," Lirette said. "To put that extra pressure on him to make the right decision and stick to his word."

The Keystone XL Pipeline could create anywhere from 1,500 jobs for Americans in the first two years, because of the Keystone Post. It would also contribute $5.4 billion to the economy.

According to the Washington Post the pipeline will span across 12 states, leaving many citizens are concerned about spills.

"The Keystone XL Pipeline does have very large environmental effects and that is going to affect us and the world we live in," Lirette said. "Climate change is a problem that’s affecting everyone in this world, even though you may not feel it personally affects you, it’s going to be in the future."

Members of the group that attended this rally are standing up for what they believe in, even if it means jail time.

"It’s important for students to know there’s a place to stand up for what you believe in and to not be afraid to take those steps," Lirette said.

Photos courtesy of Natalie Lirette

(top) UWSP students gather together at the rally in DC on Sunday, (bottom) Protestors walk with a sign protesting the Keystone XL pipeline at the rally in DC on Sunday.

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UWSP Chef Competes in Regional Culinary Competition

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The executive chef of Dining and Summer Conferences at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Angel Alcantar, competed in the National Association of College and University Food Services regional competition on March 2 at Michigan State University.

This competition gave Executive Chef of DSC bragging rights as one of the top campus chefs in the region. One of the chefs from this competition will go on to represent the Midwest at the national competition in Baltimore during July.

Although Alcantar fell short on points to advance to the next level, he enjoyed the opportunity to compete on behalf of UWSP.

Alcantar was selected along with eight other college cooks from across the region. Some of the other colleges and universities competing to show off their culinary skills were Iowa State University, Ball State University, Northwestern University and Grinnell College.

The competition was formatted similarly to Food Network shows such as "Iron Chef" and "Chopped." Competitors were provided with a list of ingredients and were asked to create menus using those items.

The protein used in all of the dishes was lobster. Alcantar crafted a lobster trio featuring jicama and green apple slaw with lobster, a lobster gazpacho and lobster fritters. The entire plate consisted of just 218 calories.

"I am originally from Arizona, so the ’dish I have created has a southwestern flare and a little bit of a kick, but still follows the mantra here at DSC of fresh and healthy choices" Alcantar said.

"The flavors of the dish are so outstandingly vibrant, very robust. The three mix very well together," said Suzette Conley, Assistant Director of DSC.

The chefs were evaluated on factors such as work habits, usage of ingredients, creativity, craftsmanship, serving and portion sizes in accordance to a 2,000 calorie diet, texture and flavor of their dish, ingredient compatibility, nutritional balance, as well as overall presentation.

All competitors were given five minutes to prep, an hour to cook the dish and 10 minutes to plate it. There had to be one plate available for photography and three additional plates reserved for judging purposes.

In preparation for the event, Alcantar had prepared the dish numerous times to be sure he could create it effectively in the allotted time line.

On Tuesday of last week, he prepared the dish for the fourth time and urged student managers to taste it and give him feedback.

"The dish is not normally enjoy seafood, but I loved this dish," said Matt Kashdan, a junior French major and student manager at DSC. "The fritter tasted like a lobster-y dugout. I love that the whole meal is so substantial, yet not packed with excess calories."

Over 450 UWSP students are employed with DSC, making it the largest employer on campus with only 33 managers. These students are given the opportunity to learn from mentors like Alcantar and many others.

"I have worked here since 2009 and I have learned a lot about food service during that time. I have learned so much that I wish to continue with it in the future and learn even more from Alcantar and from other chefs," said Stephan Freeman, senior fine arts major and Student Operations Manager at DSC.

To any aspiring chefs, Alcantar’s advice is to "follow your heart and have passion in what you create."

Alcantar made it perfectly clear that he did not compete this event for himself. He competed on behalf of UWSP and is proud to represent the campus.

"At DSC, we work to listen to the wants and needs of students in regards to sustainability, healthy and locally grown options and a wide array of meal choices on a daily basis" Alcantar said. "We try to stay above the radar with trends. One of our main goals is to create food that is healthful without sacrificing flavor."

Alcantar hopes that this event will bring attention not to him personally, but to UWSP and the sustainable dining services that the campus provides. This is what drew him the UWSP five years ago when he was hired as executive chef.

"This is when the university stopped contracting for meal services and began the self-operated dining service that we have now," Alcantar said.

This is not the only time the DSC has been in the national association competition.

In 2010, the catering service out of DSC won a silver medal from NACUPS. And just last year, the residential dining program won a gold medal for the "Dinner to Remember" in memory of the Titanic. UWSP is the only school in Wisconsin that has won a gold medal from NACUPS.

"Hopefully this competition can put UWSP on the map even more. This is a great opportunity to showcase what this university is all about," Alcantar said.
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HEC of a Night Encourages Students to Play

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The Health Enhancement Center plays host to a multitude of events. Last week the HEC housed a plethora of clubs for students to experience.

HEC of a Night is an opportunity for students to get hands-on experience with some of the different clubs from University Recreational Sports. Many clubs were represented at the event where they promoted their sport and recruited new members.

Teams of four to six competed in events that were designed and judged by hosting clubs.

Students who participated in the night received a free T-shirt and pizza with their registration fee. There were also many opportunities to win prizes donated by local businesses.

The top two teams received grand prizes and other items were raffled off at the end of the night.

This year nine clubs hosted events: men’s and women’s rugby, Belgarath of UWSP, Ultimate Frisbee Club, the Competitive Dance Team, Adventure Racing Club, Big Dawg Bass Fishing, Taekwondo Club and women’s lacrosse.

“This event is truly for the clubs,” said Jason Hawksford, equipment and scheduling coordinator for URS and president of the fishing club. “We want to give the recreational clubs we oversee the opportunity to showcase their club to the students of UWSP.”

The purpose of the event was to make the student body aware of the different recreational sports clubs on campus and give them the opportunity to come and see what they are all about.

“From my position as a club president, I see this as an excellent opportunity for my club to get some recognition on campus,” Hawksford said. “HEC of a Night gives us an occasion to showcase our club as well as let people know that one of the best bass fishing clubs in the nation resides at UWSP.”

Many members take great pride in being part of a university club. The people involved in the Big Dawg Bass Fishing Club participated in HEC of a Night to promote the fishing club and attempt to gain new members.

Their goal for the year was to finish as one of the best bass fishing clubs in the country, which they accomplished by being ranked as high as second in the nation.

HEC of a Night offered a night of fun for students and an opportunity to discover what URS has to offer.

with it because you will be able to see yourself continue to improve.

Burns said that it is quite impressive if a beginner is able to stay on the log for five to 10 seconds. He also made it clear to first-timers that failing is part of the game.

Freshman Meredith Ingbreton has been rolling for 15 years. She regularly competes in the Lumberjack World Championships held every July in Hayward, Wis. In 2012, she came in first place for women’s boom rolling, another type of log sport.

“It is so rewarding to stick with log rolling. It is an endurance sport with a different way of moving your muscles that helps with your center balance,” Ingbreton said.

Ingbreton demonstrated rolling with a partner against Burns. She wound up knocking him off of the log.

“Once you gain some skill, it is all about transitioning and gaining control over your partner,” Ingbreton said.

Both Ingbreton and Burns teach log rolling lessons during the summer.

“We teach the kids to have fast feet and stomp all the ants. It is kind of like running in place,” Ingbreton said. “Log rolling is not one of those sports where being tall will help. Everyone has an equal shot.”

One of Ingbreton’s favorite parts of log rolling is being with her family. Most log rollers start out at a young age rolling with their siblings though it is not impossible to learn at an older age.

“It is all about practice. The more you do it, the easier it will be. I definitely think that there is enough interest in log rolling to make a club out of it here,” Ingbreton said.

Not everyone at the event at the event was a world-renowned roller, and many of the participants attempted rolling for the very first time.

Riley Hall, a freshman wildlife ecology and water resources major, wanted to try something completely different. He got the hang of log rolling as the night progressed.

“I think that I land too hard. I am going to try taking lighter steps,” Hall said.

For many students, log rolling could become a new favorite activity.

“I decided to come out and see what this is all about. I have watched it before, but never participated. This is one more thing to cross off my bucket list,” said Marissa Guse, a freshman communication major and event and promotions coordinator at Outdoor Edventures.

“If you love to try new things and have fun, you should definitely sign up,” Guse said.

Some participants did better than they thought they would for their first try at the sport.

“I stayed on for longer than I initially thought I would. I do have balance, but it is more difficult in water. I plan to come to more events and continue to improve,” said Allison Birr, a freshman communication major.

There will be three more log rolling events this semester on March 12, April 2, April 16 and a tournament on April 23.

Bock Runners Brave Cold

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Participants in the five-mile Point Bock Run gathered last Saturday at the Stevens Point Brewery for the coldest run in 12 years.

The temperature only reached 4 degrees by the noon start time, but members of the community were not hindered.

As a tradition, the race always takes place on the first Saturday of March because it is the last chance for high school athletes to participate before track and field season starts.

Registration for the run was completely full after only three hours,” said Julie Birrenkott, the director of marketing at the Stevens Point Brewery.

Despite the cold, runners and spectators showed up for the event and nearly all of the 2,000 participants that signed up on Jan. 1 were there and ready to run.

Danielle Arndt, a senior majoring in health care administration, participated for the first time in the race with her mother Gina Westphal-Arndt.

“We had to dress in a lot of layers, and even though it was cold, it was a fun mother daughter run,” Arndt said.

The Stevens Point Brewery provided four refrigerated trailers and about 60 half barrels of beer and root beer. They also brought heaters to warm people up in a large tent.

“It was chilly, but we didn’t give up and we took full advantage of our free drinks afterwards,” Arndt said.

Stevens Point is known as a running community. The Green Circle Trail has over 27 miles of running trails circling the city, and many state and national champions run for the university and local high schools. It is no wonder that registration filled quickly and there were many interested people.

“It’s a great community event at your local brewery, promoting great beers and cider and healthy lifestyles,” Birrenkott said.

Birrenkott mentioned that she had looked forward to serving the new Point Bock Beer.

“It’s made especially for the Point Bock Run and then there’s our summer favorite, Ciderboys Peach County,” Birrenkott said.

Birrenkott also helped fill cups of water and handed sports drinks out to runners as they crossed the finish line. Muffins, cookies and other snacks were provided.

“I had a lot of fun and would definitely do it again next year,” Arndt said. “But hopefully it will be a bit warmer.”
The Student Government Association has proposed plans for new Health and Wellness Facilities. It will take approximately five years and $39.6 million, but first and foremost it must pass a student vote. Depending on the outcome of the referendum vote, held between March 7 and 13, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point may or may not carry out construction of the Health and Wellness Facilities. The vote will be held via student-wide email.

Although students have been educated and informed about the referendum and have a week to vote electronically, voter turnout on campus tends to be low, typically near 30 percent.

"What is the response rate that we want from the students? 100 percent. And that’s what we give them the full opportunity to do," said Anna Haug, the University Health Services student director of SGA.

Haug expects a higher turnout than from the tobacco referendum last year.

"I think more people are passionate. If they are involved in intramurals, health care, athletics, student health services, counseling or child care, this will affect them," Haug said.

After the vote, the referendum will go through the state, but the state will not approve it unless there is a way to pay. The purpose of the referendum, a binding deal, states that students will pay for the project.

If students vote against the proposal the project stops and in eight to 10 years Delzell will be demolished. If students vote in favor of the proposal students will begin paying $25 per semester or $50 for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Cost will increase to $62.50 per semester or $125 for the 2015-2016 school year, and finally stabilize at $137.50 per semester or $275 per year for the next 30 years.

"I’ve received a couple emails about it and kind of know what is happening from my hall," said Allison Rumbur, a freshman social work and sociology major. "I really like the idea of a new center and wouldn’t mind paying for it if the cost wasn’t too high."

The payment process is following a phasing in process out of fairness for those who will be leaving campus in the near future. Kayla Schuh, a senior art major, likes the idea of a new facility, but dislikes the cost since she will be graduating in a few semesters.

"Hopefully it will have more equipment that we can use because there isn’t enough right now," Schuh said. "But I’m not a fan of the cost. Other schools pay about the same as us and already have nice facilities. We shouldn’t have to pay more for tuition because by the time it’s built none of us are even going to be around to use it."

According to the architectural firm Kahler Slater, the earliest the indoor facilities will open is the fall of 2018. However, the outdoor facility, including the fields and the track, will begin right away.

A big question stirring throughout campus is if the extra cost will affect the student enrollment goal of 10,000 students.

"This project will most likely increase our enrollment," Haug said. "The price might possibly affect it, but even if prices go up, students will still pay it. It’s almost like gas prices, no matter how high gas prices go, we still pay it. I don’t think that $275 will deter anyone from our campus."

Morgan Arnold, a sophomore family consumer sciences major, likes the idea of the new facilities, but also dislikes that students will have to pay extra each semester.

"I think that in the long run it has many more benefits than costs," Arnold said. "It will also provide future students with more up to date facilities and a better experience. To see this school become more up to date would be awesome and very beneficial for the future." Haug believes that this project will ultimately promote health and wellness on campus.

"The idea of voting for this project is not only saying we want this physical building, it’s also saying as students we prioritize health and wellness on campus," Haug said.

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Starting in the 2016-2017 academic year, each student would pay $137.50/semester ($275/year) for 30 years.

**Total: $39.6 million**

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**Students will be voting on the following question March 7-13 via campus email:**

"Do you support the construction of new Health and Wellness facilities at UWSP through a phased in allocation of no more than $137.50 per semester per student for a 30 year bond?"
in Health and Recreation

Facilities that will be affected:

Athletics
Intramurals
Group Fitness
Strength/Cardio
Counseling Services
Student Health Services
University Recreation Sports
University Child Learning and Care Center (UCLCC)

Some current issues:

Delzell Hall:
- Entire building has inconsistent heating and cooling, making it difficult to store sensitive medications and vaccinations
- Asbestos is also present in the ceiling of Delzell Hall
- Services is located on multiple floors, resulting in poor accessibility

Counseling Center
- Has an uninviting environment which is detrimental to providing care
- Water leakage through the roof during heavy precipitation
- Limited accessibility by only one elevator which has malfunctioned on multiple occasions

Student Health Services
- The clinician office space is used as an exam room and poor building layout risks breaches of patient confidentiality
- The lab lacks a ventilation hood which violates OSHA Standards
- There is electrical interferences with the ECG equipment and the lights have to be turned off to perform an accurate ECG

Recreation
- Not enough recreational space for high number of participants and activities
- Scheduling conflict at HEC for Intramural and club sports due to high demand
- Current fitness center space does not allow for any membership or programmatic growth

University Child Learning and Care Center (UCLCC)
- Serious space, safety, and security issues
- Sizes of the classrooms do not meet state codes
- Not in compliance for children with physical disabilities

Information courtesy of a 2011 study done by Kahler Slater.
The Sochi Olympics in 1,000 Words

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Tasked with the challenge of writing an all-encompassing Olympic story for the Pointer, I contemplated how to achieve maximum effectiveness while being held to a practical limit of 1,000 words.

Consequently, I started thinking outside the box for an idea and a style that would best suit my stated goal. Thus, you have before you my very own “Ode to Sochi,” a poetic piece that takes you from Sochi to Pyeongchang, from the beginning to the end of the 2014 Olympics, moving from location to location and sport to sport while making reference in some manner to every Gold Medal performance of the Sochi games.

I hope you enjoy.

Sochi in 1,000 words
An impossible undertaking?
Or a proposition worth the effort
Celebrating history in the making
On the shores of the Black Sea
The entire globe descended
From the other side of the world
I was ready to see sport transcended
A spectacle for the ages
An irresistible urge
For me, the chance to reminisce
The champions that emerged
We make our way first
To Rosa Khutor
Where a 20-year-old Sage
Created the first up roar
An American born Russian
Went wild with double gold
While A Russian-born Swiss
Outdistanced a 15-year-old
While Eva, Julia
And Patriaized aw
Farrington and Anderson
Made U.S. fans applaud
Sno cross concluded triumphantly
For the Frenchman Vailier
Jean-Frederic, Arnaud and Jonathan
Made it France all day
Dara and Marielle
Brought Canada glory
While Justine and Chloe
Made a memorable sister story
Joss, Gus and Nick
Did America proud
As Wise and Bowman thrilled
The inaugural half-pipe crowd
Belarus flew high
Anton, the veteran trooper
Lef’s not forget Alla
Man, was she Super
I am no longer remised
In mentioning Alexander the Great
Moguls were his forte
And history was his data
I jumped from my chair
After Blodreau’s golden run
A duplicate freestyle gold
Had finally been won
But what of the Alpine
A sport littered in tradition
Krasnaya Polyana
Rendered another exciting edition
Downhill exultation
Was the first to be seized
Mayer proved worthy
Austria again pleased
Sandro surprised the favorites
Kjetil matched his famous name
And after Shiffrin won gold
The Olympics were never the same
18 years old
An incredible thrill
And a 36-year-old Bode
Showed he wasn’t over the hill
Hundreds of seconds
The clock doesn’t lie
Thus all the more amazing
We had the first ever
to Maze and Gisin
They certainly didn’t complain
They secured a golden prize
A life’s work obtained
Fenninger’s Super-G
Added to Austria’s haul
But it was Maria Hoeflili Riesch
Whose defense trumped them all
Vancouver disappointment
Had Ted extremely fidgety
But when the Giant Slalom finished
It was all smiles for Ligety
An unforgettable slalom
Saw a career capped for Matt
Osho Sanki we traverse
Sliding is where it’s at
Tretiakov reached the pinnacle
Giving Russia reason to obsess
While Vorvol’s face down courage
Gave Britain its sole success
Zubkov’s dynamic driving
Ensured Russia went two for two
While Holcomb rematched
His famous 62
Williams came to “track”
Creating a taste of Summer
But Canadians Humphreys and Mossey
Were able to overcome her
Felix the Master
Was dominant again
He had a Loch on the competition
Finishing where he once had been
Geiserberger continued
And Tobias two finished
Germany swept it all
The opposition diminished
But what of Zoggeler
The all-time great
The Italian made history
With six consecutive “plates”
Not even Sir Redgrave
Could replicate this feat
It is Armin the Cannibal
Who stands alone atop the sheet
As we fly to Gorki
There’s reason to be Stoch-ed
For Kamil soared above
His opponents got smoked
Germany fought back
The team could not be caught
And the fastest snowboard
Went to Miss Carina Vogt
An ageless wonder emerged
Kasai looked 20 years younger
While in Nordic Combined
It was Frenzel showing hunger
An injured shoulder later
Grabba stole the thunder
It was Norway who arose
And took the golden plunder
Inside the Bolshoy Ice Dome
The U.S. had double hope
But in the end it was Canada
Who both times said “nope”
Caroline, Jayna and Hayley
Experienced quadruple the pleasure
While the men defend their title
Making Canada best by any measure
The Cannacks were on a high
But what about curling?
Their stone sliders delivered
A performance that was sterling
It was gold across the board
For the men their third in a row
It’s the Iceberg Skating Palace
The next place we will go
A maiden team event
Gave Russia ultimate pride
Meaning Tverdogen Plushenko
Could finally step aside
Tatiana and Maxim
Continued the hosts’ dominance
While Davis and White
Rose America to prominence
Hanyu outdid Chan
For Japan, a grand slam
And Denis Ten made a name
For the forgotten Koryo-Sam
A repeat for Kim?
At last, it was not to be
For the spotlight was beautifully stolen
By Sotnikova, her majesty
A relocalized Palace
Saw speed stake its claim
When Short Track was over
Viktor Ahn had reinstated his fame.
A medal has been his
In every Olympic confrontation
The former Ahn Hyun-Soo
Now has for two nations
Hamelin prevailed once
While China did twice
For Li an initial gold
For Zhou, a 1500 “vise”
Park and South Korea
Saved face in the relay
While Adler saw the Dutch
Make the world pay
Kramer defended
And Groothuis broke through
Bergma and ter Mors
And Mulder too
A delayed computer reading
Championed the latter
The agony of defeat
Left Smokovs shattered
Wust’s fourfold conquest
Was a show for the ages
While Martina Sablikova
Graced repeat stages
Lee and Zhang confirmed
A Far Eastern influence
Brodka and Verweij skated
To impossible congruence
While America disappointed
Pursuits held form
A millisecond from Heiden
An overwhelming Orange storm
To beautiful Laura
We have finally arrived
It was Darío Cologna
Who doubly thrilled
Falla and Hattestad
Took care of the sprinters
While livo and Sami
Left a Finnish imprint
Sweden’s distance relays
Were a go from the beginning
And Kowalczyk’s “class” act
Was essential in her winning
Legkiov led a Russian Sweep
While one increased her Marit
Three medals later
Meant a record to inherit
Fourcade was twice victorious
Whether standing or in prone
And Darya Domracheva
Entered triple gold zone
Emil escaped, Kuzmina reprised
Russia captured relay spoils
Semenko plus two championed Ukraine
Joy for a nation in turmoil
Last but not least
A legend indeed
Chasing his countryman
For the all-time winter lead
Two medals later
And the record had fallen
In the hands of the “King”
Ole Einar Bjergsdalen
Russia topped the table
Leaving Sochi with a bang
Only four more years
And it’s off to Pyeongchang!
Women’s Basketball Looks to Future after Challenging Season

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women’s basketball team ended their season on Feb. 27 in a 68-44 loss to UW-Oshkosh in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament semifinals. The team finished the season with a record of 17-10, 9-7 in conference. While with a winning record, the team fell short of its season goals according to head coach Shirley Egner.

"We finished third, but our goal is to win a championship," Egner said. "First time in a long time that we have double digit losses. That's something we will have to improve on for next year."

Coach Egner says the team has four goals going into every season: to win conference in the regular season, to win the conference tournament, to make the NCAA tournament, and to win a championship.

"We just didn't get it done. Bottom line," Egner said. "17-10 aren't our expectations, and we will have to do some work in the off season and preseason."

This year, the team was led by senior Myranda Tyler who was named to the All-WIAC first team, the All-Defensive team and honored as the WIAC Co-Scholar Athlete of the year.

Fellow seniors, Alyssa Olp and Jenna Pitt, were named honorable mention, while Claire Gadowski was named to the All-Sportsmanship team.

"It’s really a great feeling," Tyler said. "I had many great players before me, but I pride myself as a team player and leader."

Coach Egner says these honors rewarded the group of seniors for their efforts over four years.

"Myranda had a great year getting it done on and off the court," Egner said.

This season, the team struggled to play consistent basketball but thought they found their stride after a quarterfinal win over UW-Platteville.

"We fought for our identity all year trying to find who we were," Egner said. "That first half against Platteville was our best basketball since Christmas."

"We went to Oshkosh thinking we were going to win. It just didn't happen. I thought we could keep it going," Tyler said.

This is the first time in seven years the Pointers will not be in the NCAA tournament. The team prides itself as a winning program, so this was a tough season to take.

"If this feeling comes around every seven years that's fine but those aren't our expectations," Egner said. "As a program we underperformed, and we didn't meet our goals. As coaches it's our job to get a better product on the court."

A disappointed Tyler felt the season was not a failure but a learning experience.

I wouldn't say it's a failure. It was a growth for a lot of the girls personally and as a group," Tyler said. "This was a learning year. The younger girls know there needs to be stepping up, a sense of urgency, a sense of passion, and need to feel it on the court."

Coach Egner agrees that this season gave younger players valuable experience for next season. "Young players gained a ton of experience they can build off for the future," Egner said.

Softball Team Ready for 2014 Season

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The Pointers softball team started its season last weekend by winning two games on Saturday then dropped two on Sunday.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is coming off a 19-17 season that saw them get a hot start before finishing the conference schedule 5-11, missing the conference tournament.

This year’s team has a lot of fresh faces, as ten of the team’s 20 players are freshmen. Third year head coach Jill Mills knows that experience in these early games is important for the young players.

"The newcomers’ first week is always about getting them the experience of their first college softball game," Mills said. "You can talk about it in practice, but nothing is the same as stepping on that field and actually feeling the speed of the game."

Senior infielder Paige Meulemans said that the team’s communication with each other seemed to correlate with its success.

"It seemed like the second day we got quiet, which hurt our game," Meulemans said.

Mills and her players know that every team has to start somewhere, and that early season mistakes are easier to correct than problems later in the season.

"It’s not that you make mistakes, it’s what you do after," Mills said. "It’s about taking the steps to fix it so we don’t repeat those mistakes."

Going into this season, the team had some very specific expectations that they’d like to accomplish. Players and coach Mills explained that the goal is to reach the conference tournament.

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference softball tournament consists of the top six teams in the conference. The Pointers just missed qualifying last season. Mills said that the team should have been in the tournament last year.

"We were right there, but we didn't finish," Mills said. "If you look at our record, there’s so many games that we lost by one or two runs. We were right there with some of the best teams in the conference."

The Pointers had five one-run loss games. If they would have won one of those games, they would have made the conference tournament.

Senior first baseman Bekah Rennickc expects that this year’s team can achieve its goals with a group effort.

"The expectation is that everyone is going to be helping out this year," Rennickc said. "We are going to need the entire team’s help in order to reach our full potential."

Coach Mills sees that this team has the motivation to do great things.

"The attitude of this team is great in the fact that they want to get better," Mills said. "They really want to get into that conference tournament."

The Pointers know that the potential is there, but they have to have a positive attitude throughout the season, and never get too down when things get tough.

"We have to stay up when the score is not in our favor," Meulemans said. "If we can do that, we’ll be fine."

The team has a long way to go until it is able to start practice outside, but coach Mills knows that this year’s team has the potential to be something special.

"The sky’s the limit," Mills said. "There’s no reason that this team can’t be one of the top teams in the conference. The only thing that can stop us is us."
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CORRECTION:
In last week's article about the significance of Title IX in women's sports, the photo was attributed
to Morgan Schwantz. The photo caption should have read "Photo by Morgan Zwart."

COMICS

Life By Jonathan Seymour

Hmm, looks like this cafe
serves red velvet cake

I remember a friend telling me
that red velvet is just chocolate
cake with red coloring

If the rumor is true,
that makes the discovery
of it quite ridiculous

That's like me coming up with cake
with blue coloring and calling it
blue polyester

I'll have a piece
of red velvet
Students Terrify Audience with ‘The Crucible’

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Students of the Theatre and Design Department hoped to create a fearful theatrical experience for show attendees with their performances of ‘The Crucible’ this past weekend.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point production members utilized various outlets, such as the actors, scene design and lighting, to captivate the audience and to expose the dynamic characters and layers of lies within the play.

‘The Crucible’ was written in 1953 by American playwright Arthur Miller during an era where fear and paranoia of communism griped America.

The reason the play has stood the test of time is because the meaning for fear is left open-ended. It is up for audience interpretation,” said senior acting major Alex Gudding.

Gudding added that the allegory of ‘The Crucible’ referenced Senator McCarthy in the 1950s and his fear of communism.

The plot is centered on the hysteria the Salem witch trials brought during the late 1600s. “The play was using history as a vent for the McCarthy era,” said Ashley Stock senior theatre technology and design major.

As the play unfolded, the audience witnessed how fear crippled the characters’ perspective of their neighbors and themselves.

“The idea of the story is that fear left unchecked can destroy people’s lives and an entire society. The audience is left to draw the conclusion on what that fear is about,” Gudding said.

This ambiguous fear was present in the stage design itself. Slender bare trees surrounded the frantic cast throughout the show.

“I wanted to portray their fear coming into their lives and grabbing them and they don’t even know it,” said junior technology and design major Emily Kaufman.

The forest was the embodiment of the boy’s fear. Kaufman arranged the trees so they crouched over the cast and invaded their homes and courtrooms.

The other essential part of the scene was the roof. Kaufman said she designed it to articulate into different rooms during the show. Kaufman said the roof was held up by a rope which represented the noose man’s rope. Kaufman said it demonstrated the fear of death that was hovering above the characters’ homes.

Lighting techniques enhanced the expressions of the scene design and actors.

“We want the audience to be captivated by the characters. The lighting subconsciously expresses the mood,” Stock said.

Stock added that all of these elements combined create a concept that people in theater aim for which is catharsis or the purging of emotion. The cast of ‘The Crucible’ wanted to make the characters believable and relatable to evoke this catharsis.

Junior acting major Kelsey Yudice played Abigail Williams.

“Playing Abigail was the hardest role I did in college,” Yudice said. “I went about it carefully because she is the antagonist, the villain. I had to believe her perspective was right. If I didn’t believe it the audience wouldn’t.”

Gudding played John Proctor and also had to adapt for his role.

“He is often seen as the loony gunman. It was very fitting because I was setting him more as a compassionate person who cared about the morbidity of society even though he faltered in his own morality,” Gudding said.

Further showings of ‘The Crucible’ are March 6 to 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Jenkins Theater.

MADAME ZAMBONI’S PREDICTIONS

Capricorn: December 22 - January 19

The world is a deceitful place and you have been far too trusting up to this point. Ask your professors to see their credentials before allowing them to “teach” you stuff and/or things.

Aquarius: January 20 - February 18

You lost your blue raspberry Pop Tart in the toaster too long and the filling is going to taste like your mouth.

Pisces: February 19 - March 20

Aries: March 21 - April 19

Scorpio: October 23 - November 21

You will watch a sunrise so beautiful you will be moved to tears. Or maybe you’re just drunk.

Cancer: June 21 - July 22

Start calling your professors by pet names. They will either enjoy it immensely, or you will be asked to leave. Either way your days will get easier.

Leo: July 23 - August 22

You mother told me you’re selfish.

Virgo: September 22 - October 22

That weird kid in your class is collecting stray hairs off your sweatshirt and using them to make a doll. Madame Zamboni suggests shaving your head and burning the hair.

Libra: September 23 - October 22

You feel as though your friends from back home don’t understand you, causing your life to be exhausting and emotionally destructive. It is most likely because college made you a douche.

Sagittarius: November 22 - December 21

You look pretty awesome smoking that E-cig.
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This week Redbox released "Dallas Buyers Club," starring Matthew McConaughey ("Dazed and Confused"), Jennifer Garner ("Alias"), and Jared Leto ("Requiem for a Dream"). The movie won three Academy Awards this past weekend: McConaughey received best actor, Leto won best supporting actor and the movie was awarded best custom and makeup.

The movie follows the true story of Ron Woodroof (McConaughey), an electrician and hustler, who has contracted the AIDS virus.

Woodroof decides to get medication from Mexico and starts a business in order to provide proper medication to other AIDS patients in Dallas.

Joining Woodroof in his business is Rayon (Leto), a transvestite who also has contracted AIDS. Together, the two help others while making a solid profit. However, AIDS is a deadly disease and the character's health does not stay good for long.

The film offers some of the best acting of McConaughey's career. He fell off of the map for a while, but McConaughey is back and better than ever. I think this is just the beginning of a bright future of amazing acting by McConaughey.

If there is anyone that steals the scene from McConaughey, it is Leto, who provides an emotional role worthy of every award he has won.

I cannot recommend this movie enough. I went to see it in theaters, and now it is available for only one dollar at Redbox.

In my book, this is one of the best movies of the year and provides some great characters who are portrayed perfectly.

DeGeneres's Oscar Gig leads to Laughs, Site Crash and Pizza

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Ellen DeGeneres hosted the 86th annual Academy Awards at the Dolby Theater on Sunday, March 2 in front of a live audience of millions, both at home and in house.

This was DeGeneres' second time hosting. She had previously hosted the awards in 2007, for which she received a Primetime Emmy nomination for her individual performance in a variety or music program. This time around, DeGeneres created new hype for herself over her Twitter selfie that was taken with celebrities like Brad Pitt, Lupita Nyong'o, Julia Roberts and Meryl Streep to name a few.

DeGeneres' antics lead to a Twitter site crash mid-show, and she declared that it was the most re-tweeted photo in Twitter's history. Aside from the social-media friendly hostess, there were a few other new notes to celebrate this year. This was the first award show ever available for live stream. This year, The Academy also focused heavily on music in film, making way for performances by Bette Midler, Pink, and best song nominees.

The celebrities in the audience seemed to be most entertained when DeGeneres brought in a pizza delivery man.

"I lied. We weren't going backstage," DeGeneres said. She teased the employee who seemed to be enjoying himself as he dispersed pizza to the stars, making sure to get a piece to one of his favorites, Julia Roberts.

Big winners of the night included Lupita Nyong'o for best supporting actress, Jared Leto for best supporting actor, Matthew McConaughey for best actor, Cate Blanchett for best actress, and "12 Years a Slave" for best picture.

Family was a crucial factor in most acceptance speeches.

"...they are the four people in my life I want to make the most proud of me," said McConaughey, referring to his mother, wife, and kids.

Leto also made an effort to reach out to his mother whom he thanked for raising him strongly, despite being a single parent. Leto's mother and brother, Constance and Shannon Leto; were his dates to the event.

Family, music, film, social-media and fun were recurring themes throughout the night. Thanks largely to DeGeneres, the 86th annual Academy Awards may be remembered, especially online, as just that.

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