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College Days for Kids Offers Opportunities for Young Minds

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College Days for Kids will welcome 671 sixth graders from schools across Wisconsin to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus on April 4, 11 and 25.

This event is unique to UWSP and offers selected students three classes for each of the days they choose to attend.

The reason that students are chosen at this age is so that they can start thinking about attaining a higher education at an earlier time in their academic lives.

Naomi Peuse, coordinator for the Network for Gifted Education at UWSP, said the event is not a recruiting tool, but simply a learning opportunity for these sixth graders.

"We're not asking them to become Pointers. We're asking them to think

about higher education. I really think that teachers, parents and students will be excited," Peuse said.

These students are able to choose the classes they desire, but their choices are ultimately a reflection of course schedule availability. Some courses interfere with others, so participants are asked to select alternative class choices when applying for the event.

College Days for Kids began in 1985 and for several years after

its creation the event occupied two weeks. Some schools, however, found it difficult to generate and maintain funds to support their attendees. As the program developed, it was cut back to three days to improve cost-effectiveness and increase participation from schools in Wisconsin.

The application process is different for each school involved. Typically, schools seek students

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New LPFM Station
Granted Permit
for Construction

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A new low-power FM radio station that will broadcast all information currently presented on the Community TV channel in Stevens Point has been approved for construction.

The LPFM station will be community-based with a maximum power of 100 watts and a very limited transmission range.

The station will simulcast the audio from the TV feed, providing a new way for this information to reach the Stevens Point community.

"The locally-produced programs seen on Stevens Point Community TV can't be seen on any other TV channel," said John Quirk, Community TV and website coordinator for the city of Stevens Point.

"For the most part, only the government-produced programs are available online. There are some people who cannot see the programs at all, those who do not have cable TV. Putting them on the radio will present them to a new audience and also give everyone an opportunity to hear the programs when they normally could not, like in their car or anywhere else a portable radio can go that cable TV cannot."

Community safety is a large motivating factor for the addition of this station.

"During an emergency, we will be able to broadcast critical information from the Emergency Operations Center even if cable TV and Internet access is unavailable," Quirk said.

On a normal day, only the content from the TV station will be broadcasted. However, it has been noted that content could eventually be produced specifically for the station.

The city has been granted a permit for construction by the Federal Communications Commission, but building has not started.

"In our case, construction simply means purchasing new hardware and software and putting an antenna on an existing 100-foot light pole. We are not constructing a new building or erecting a new tower," Quirk said.

Construction could take up to 18 months or longer, if an extension is needed.

"When everything is in place, we should be able to get a license and call letters and start transmitting," Quirk said.

The same two city employees who manage the community TV channel and website will manage the station. There are not yet any plans to hire additional personnel to specifically meet the needs of the new station.



Photo courtesy of flickr.com
A radio tower rises up into the sky.

"None of the people currently in these positions are university students, but they have been at previous times and certainly could be in the future," Quirk said.

Although this new station may grant students new opportunity, it is not expected to take away participation from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's student-run WWSP 90FM radio station.

"I do not believe that this community-based station will negatively impact 90FM. Depending on how the new station is used in the future, it could actually allow for more diversity of voices in the area," said Mark Tolstedt UWSP media studies professor.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES
REPORT

Monday, March 17

A man in a dark-colored suburban parked on Reserve Street had his head on the steering wheel for a period of time. The man had slurred speech. PS called in Stevens Point police to do a welfare check on the individual.

A university van is parked on Briggs and Reserve Street with the rear driver's side door open.

Tuesday, March 18

Stevens Point Police Department requested PS to get a license plate number of a teal Pontiac Sunfire parked on High Street. They have received complaints about this vehicle having a dog in it.

Wednesday, March 19

PS conducted red phone checks and ground patrol in the Science Building, CCC and CPS.

A fire protection company is working on the system in Old Main, PS should expect trouble alarm.

Staff member called in to report that the DUC ceiling on the first floor of the Concourse was leaking and wondered if custodial services would come look at the issue. A custodian was reached.

PS escorted an individual out of the HEC building. The individual was a UWSP student who wanted to work out at the Strength Center.

Thursday, March 20

A call was received from a code blue phone in the LRC, but no one answered. PS dispatched an officer to make sure everything was fine.

Custodial services radioed that kids were skateboarding on the steps in front of the CCC and that they were falling.

Someone from Maintenance and Custodial called and said they let some students into the NFAC after they got off of a bus, but did not give their name. Neither maintenance nor custodial would claim who did it.

Friday, March 21

A fire alarm went off in the east basement of May Roach Hall. The fire department was contacted and dispatched.

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UWSP Rolls Out New Tobacco Cessation Programs

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To prepare for a tobacco-free campus in 2014, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point introduced programs to support students, faculty and staff in their attempts to quit tobacco usage.

The newest program introduced by Employee Wellness is called Freedom From Smoking. It is an eight-week tobacco cessation program designed to help smokers quit in a supportive environment at their chosen pace.

The Freedom From Smoking model comes from the American Lung Association.

The American Lung Association's website said, "Because no single cessation technique is effective for all smokers, the program includes a comprehensive variety of evidence-based cessation techniques."

There are four people trained in the program at Student Health Services and also several at Employee Wellness.

This program is being offered to any UWSP employee or family member for free. It is permissible for employees to attend during work hours so long as they receive

permission from their supervisors.

Freedom From Smoking began Tuesday, March 25 and will continue each week until May 13. It will be held in room 101B of the George Stein building.

In order to sign up, one must contact Employee Wellness at empwell@uwsp.edu or ext. 4614.

There are also other opportunities available for students to kick their tobacco habits.

"Since this policy was announced, we always ask our patients if they smoke and tell them about the options that we offer," said Licensed Practical Nurse Sue Pederson.

These options include individual support and counseling with trained professionals, free or reduced cost nicotine replacement products, prescription medication and support groups.

The Tobacco Committee's progress is well underway after its first meeting on Feb. 10, and they will continue to hold weekly meetings.

"We are currently still in the information-gathering stage. We are looking at experiences at UW-Stout and UW-River Falls where tobacco-free policies have been implemented. We are determining what works and

what does not," said communication professor and chair of the Tobacco Committee, Jim Haney.

The group, consisting of five students, several faculty and staff, and resource personnel are working towards their goal of developing sound recommendations by the beginning of May to present to Chancellor Bernie Patterson.

"We are working toward the goal of this policy to try to make the campus healthier and safer over time for students, faculty and staff, and visitors," Haney said. "With the help of our new tobacco cessation programs, we are changing the culture of our campus by educating people about the benefits of a tobacco-free lifestyle."



Photo by Emily Hoffmann

These cigarette deposit boxes found outside campus buildings' doors will be a thing of the past next year.

Health and Wellness Facilities Approved

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On March 13 SGA announced at its senate meeting that 923 student voters chose to support the Health and Wellness Facilities referendum.

The referendum was passed officially, and students will begin paying for the building next semester through an incremental segregated fee increase. These fees will reach a maximum of \$275 per student per year for the next 30 years in order to cover the \$39.6 million cost of construction.

The Health and Wellness Facilities project is an effort to provide better services to meet student needs for health services, counseling, childcare, intramurals, recreational sports, athletics, cardio health and strength.

"This project was started by the students and is designed for students, so the referendum was necessary to ensure that the student body had the decision on whether or not to pursue the project," said David Boardman, SGA vice president and lead student representative on the referendum project.

Students were able to vote on

the Health and Wellness Referendum by logging in to an online survey. Votes could be changed until noon on March 13. Only the final vote cast was counted. All students who participated in the election remained anonymous.

Boardman was excited that so many students voted because the decision was put in their hands.

"We had the highest voter turnout that I know of in the four years that I have been at Point," Boardman said.

There were 923 votes in favor of the new building and 615 votes against.

Jen Sorensen, the administrative director of Student Health Services, was also happy with the results.

"I am pleased that the students voted to support this project as it will offer enhanced opportunities for wellness for all UWSP students," Sorensen said.

The next step in the project is to work with the Board of Regents, the State, and the architects.

"We are working with the university to move forward with the plan for the outdoor amenities so they can be ready for students to use

before the building breaks ground," Boardman said.

Completion of the project depends on how quickly the state moves it through their process.

"It is also different for the outdoor and indoor amenities," Boardman said. "The goal would be to have the building finished by the beginning of the 2018 academic year. We want to start the outdoor amenities during the 2014-2016 academic years."

The new Health and Wellness Center building will cause some outdoor intramural, recreational and athletic fields to relocate, but it is believed that the new layout will better utilize the existing outdoor space and increase space for students' use.

"The final project plans will need to be fully developed, but the current concept is that the building will be located where the current women's soccer field is located," Sorensen said. "That field would be relocated adjacent to the new facility."

"The facilities will be designed specifically to benefit students and will incorporate opinions and suggestions from students across

campus at every stage of the process," Boardman said.

The entire project was started and led by students and will benefit them as well. Sorensen believes the new facility will do this in numerous ways.

"For instance, the medical facility will provide more efficient health care and increased gym space and the potential for turf rec fields will allow more students to participate in intramurals," Sorensen said.

Sorensen believes the placement of these varied programs in close physical proximity will increase collaboration between departments and opportunities for student experiential learning in various departments.

"This project involves many different valuable services to students, and the referendum is a huge step forward in making the student experience better at UWSP," Boardman said. "There are many students enthusiastic to continue involvement and provide input in the future steps, as well as University professions that are excited to collaborate on enhancing services."

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who are at a high academic level, regardless of whether they participate in gifted student or honors programs.

Peuse said that some schools do choose from gifted programs, whereas others will have students submit applications. Both public and private schools are welcomed to the event.

"I don't have a great way to reach out to homeschoolers, but I would welcome them to attend," said Peuse.

Peuse was excited to talk about the courses offered to these young students.

"Our courses are designed mostly by instructors on campus. They're meant to broaden interests," said Peuse.

Peuse said she values how this program acts as a community service and an outreach tool for higher education.

Students at UWSP can volunteer as escorts to classes on these days. Volunteers will assist instructors, lead students to classes and go to lunch with them at Upper Debot. Those who wish to volunteer for this event can contact Peuse directly.

Ryan Petro, sophomore and

international business major, values his own involvement as a reflection of the excitement he feels for UWSP.

"I volunteer at College Days for Kids because I enjoy teaching others about all the great things we have at Stevens Point," Petro said.

Peuse said the experience at Upper Debot is fun for students because they might be used to one-line lunchrooms at their own schools, while Upper Debot has many options. She said students tend to express this in their feedback surveys. Though she said it is a valuable experience, her ultimate goal is with academia.

Peuse noted that in the past students also had a tendency to sign up for only athletics as their three class choices, but this has changed within recent years of the program. With limited athletics and a less specific curriculum there is room for courses in foreign languages and social issues.

Closing in on the program's 30th anniversary, Peuse said there is still a lot to look forward to with College Days for Kids as it expands into a new medium for modern education.



Photos courtesy of Alisa Pergolski
Sixth graders at last year's College Days for Kids.

Pointers Baseball Impresses in Early Season Action

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It was a promising start to the season for Pointers baseball, as the team went 10-1 in spring break action in Florida.

The team outscored its opponents 96 to 27. The Pointers played against some of the top competition in Division III, facing three teams ranked in the top 15.

The Pointers are now ranked as the second best team in all of Division III, according to D3baseball.com

Head coach Pat Bloom was very pleased with how his team performed in Florida.

"I felt like we played our best baseball against the better teams down there," Bloom said. "We can't help but be proud of the effort and toughness our guys showed."

Bloom explained that the team's stellar pitching performances and solid defense at the end of the trip is what led to success in its first game action of the season.

"Any time you can pitch it and play good defense, and throw up zeroes consistently, you can have a shot to win any game against anyone," Bloom said.

Bloom went on to list some of the players that stepped up and performed well in Florida. The first player he mentioned was 2013 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year, J.P. Feyereisen.

"I feel like J.P. faced two of the best teams in Division III baseball and shut them down," Bloom said. "He

really solidified his status as one of the most dominant pitchers in D-III baseball right now."

Feyereisen has a 0.64 earned run average in 14 innings pitched. He struck out 11 batters and walked only three.

For Feyereisen, the take away from the team's performance was that the hard work put in before the season is what really pays off in the end.

"I think we all learned that the work we put in from winter workouts and practices is paying off on how well our team was trained for long days and multiple games," Feyereisen said.

Bloom also said Luke Watson and Zach Wendorf both pitched well in the opportunities that were given to them.

"Luke took that ball in a starting role two different times and gave us quality outings," Bloom said. Watson also posted a miniscule ERA of 1.38. He leads the team with 16 strikeouts over 13 innings of work.

Wendorf has a 3.38 ERA and tallied 13 strikeouts in just over 13 innings, all while not walking a single batter.

"He's a kid that struggled with control in the past," Bloom said. "For him to not allow any walks while striking out 13 batters, it's huge for this team."

For the position players, Bloom said that Harry Steldt and Kyle McHugh both came up big for the team.

Steldt is stepping into the starting catcher position this season and did

not disappoint early on. He posted a .375 batting average with seven runs batted in, all while starting every game behind the plate.

"He was able to endure some of the fatigue that comes from catching all of those innings consecutively, all while still being a productive hitter," Bloom said.

Steldt said that the challenge of catching all of those innings was tough, but he was prepared physically for it.

"Preparing for that physically was just a lot of working out and running or biking to keep my legs in shape," Steldt said.

McHugh came out of the Florida trip with the most impressive offensive numbers. He currently has a .429 batting average, 18 hits, four home runs and 17 runs batted in.

"I feel like Kyle carried our offense at some times," Bloom said. "He gave us some big hits in times where we were sputtering."

As a whole, the Pointers performance in Florida was one of their best to start the season in recent memory.

Bloom believes that the challenging competition shows the Pointers are battle tested and ready for the season ahead.

"Some of the teams we played are going to be at the top of the rankings all season long," Bloom said. Bloom went on to say that the Pointers wins against those teams will pay huge dividends at the end of the season when teams are seeded for regional championships.

POINTER BASEBALL SPRING BREAK RESULTS

Friday, March 14

Benedictine (DH) W 9-0, W 11-2

Saturday, March 15

Wheaton (Mass.) W 8-2

Sunday, March 16

Anderson (Ind.) (DH) W 9-0, L 3-7

Monday, March 17

William Paterson W 13-2

Tuesday, March 18

Rowan (NJ) W 12-10

Wednesday, March 19

Southern Maine W 12-2

Thursday, March 20

Denison W 5-1

Friday, March 21

Washington & Jefferson (DH) W 6-1, W 8-0

POINTER SOFTBALL SPRING BREAK RESULTS

Friday, March 14

Lakeland W 3-1

Lake Forest L 5-6

Saturday, March 15

Southern Maine W 4-1

Ramapo L 6-14

Sunday, March 16

Rowan (NJ) L 0-7

Ripon W 9-1

Tuesday, March 18

Manchester W 6-4

Wednesday, March 19

Williams Paterson W 2-1

Eastern Connecticut State L 6-7

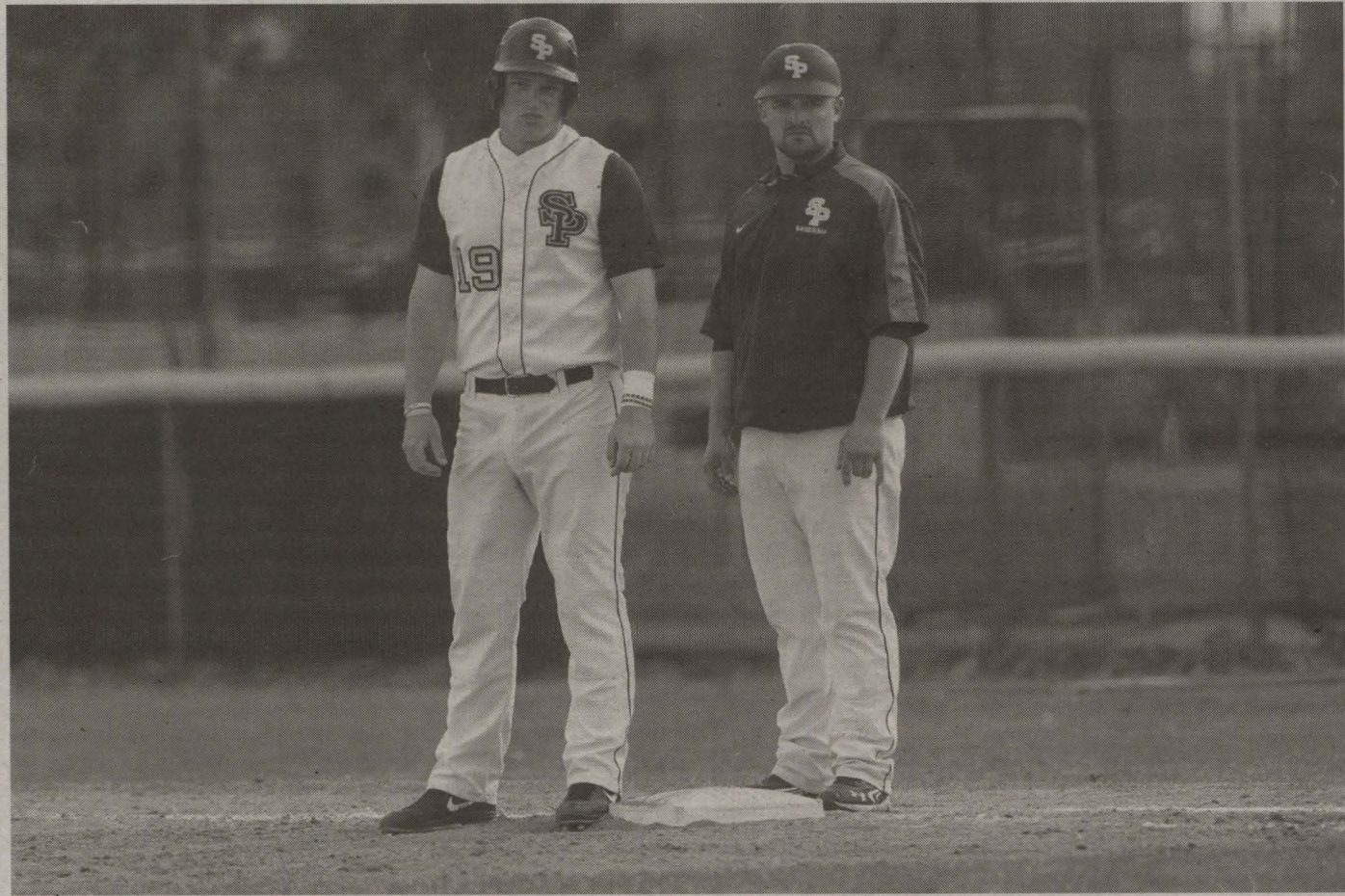


Photo by Jack McLaughlin.
Harry Steldt started all 11 games behind the plate in Florida while hitting .375.

Brewers Bring Bats in Spring Training Outing



Photo by Kyle Behnke

Jonathan Lucroy warms up in the bullpen before the game.

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Commentary

One dream as a Milwaukee Brewers fan has always been to make the trek to Arizona for a spring training game. This adventure can now be checked off of my bucket list. It was worth the wait.

Making my way from Milwaukee to Denver and Denver to Phoenix was worth the adventure of spring training. Escaping the cold winter weather of Wisconsin to the warm weather of Arizona was an added bonus.

The Brewers took on the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday, March 17 at Salt River Fields at the Talking Stick Resort in Phoenix.

Both teams look solid coming

out of their offseason and did not disappoint my expectations for spring training.

The facility at Talking Stick Resort was outstanding. The smaller field brought you closer to the game and the players. This made it feel more like a minor league game with the big boys playing.

Being a poor college kid, I normally sit in the nosebleeds when I go to Brewers games. In this facility there are no nosebleeds, any seat is a good seat.

I sat next to the Brewers bullpen, which provided some great views of the entire stadium, including the bullpen.

Starting pitcher and catcher for the Brewers was Yovani Gallardo and Jonathan Lucroy. The Diamondbacks matched with pitcher Trevor Cahill and Miguel Montero catching.

This matchup was interesting to see because Gallardo will be the Brewers opening day starter. In warm-ups, he threw with confidence but still joked with teammates.

When it came time for the first pitch, he looked great. It was good to see him hunker down and throw some strikes. He threw for five innings and only allowed seven hits and three runs.

When it came to offense, the Brewers looked fresh and determined. They seem to have intensity about them. They batted off tough pitches and hung in there for the right one.

Three Brewers batters shined at the plate on Sunday, Scooter Gennett, Khris Davis, and Caleb Gindl.

Gennett was more confident at the plate with his first year in the majors under his belt. He had a nice double to the gap in left center.

Davis surprised me with his plate presence throughout the game. He bombed a ball to left field to put the Brewers to get on board. Davis looks like he could have a great chance at the left field position.

Gindl also hit a homerun to right field, which looked to be at least 30 feet past the fence. Gindl also had two RBI's on the day and looked to be in a great place for the start of the season.

The Brewers lost to the Diamondbacks 6-5 in the bottom of the ninth but it was not about winning or losing for me. It was more about the experience of being so close to the players and see them develop before the season kicks off on March 31.

For any baseball fan, spring training is a must at least once in your lifetime.

Men's Hockey Finishes A Special Season

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's hockey team finished its season as the national-runner up after losing to St. Norbert College 3-1, in the national championship game on March 22.

It was the first time since 1998 that the Pointers made it to the Frozen Four. Senior and team captain Tyler Krueger said lifetime memories were made that week.

"The Frozen Four experience was something that myself and all the guys are not going to forget about for a long time," Krueger said. "Playing in the national championship game was a privilege and I will be forever grateful for all of those experiences over the past week."

Junior goaltender Brandon Jaeger described the experience as an honor to represent UWSP in the Frozen Four.

"Playing in the Frozen Four was

an awesome experience," Jaeger said. "It was a weekend filled with exciting, fast and intense hockey."

Junior defenseman Kyle Brodie said the experience was a good pay off for the team's hard work.

"The guys all worked so hard, and even though it didn't pan out the way we had hoped, it is nice to see our team get rewarded for working hard all year long," Brodie said.

Coming into the season, the team had expectations of playing in the Frozen Four. Brodie said that a championship was on the teams mind since the first team meeting.

"In our very first team meeting, Coach Brooks said that he has recruited and prepared to win a national title, the rest was up to us," Brodie said. "The team kept that mindset throughout the entire year, and I definitely think it showed down the stretch."

Krueger felt this team was different after an underachieving season the year prior.

"This year had a different feel to it right from the beginning. I would say in the past it was always a goal to make the Frozen Four, but this year it seemed like an expectation," Krueger said.

From the first day of practice, the team was committed to reach its goal of winning a national championship.

"This years team had a higher commitment level than any team I've been apart of to this point," Krueger said. "Guys wanted to win so badly that they made sacrifices they may not of been willing to do in the past."

"Our team was successful this year because we had a great group of guys that were committed to each other and committed to our ultimate goal: winning a National Championship," Jaeger said. Jaeger also credited the coaching staff for putting the team in the position to succeed.

"We had great coaching from head coach Chris Brooks and assistant Trevor Smyth that put us in a position

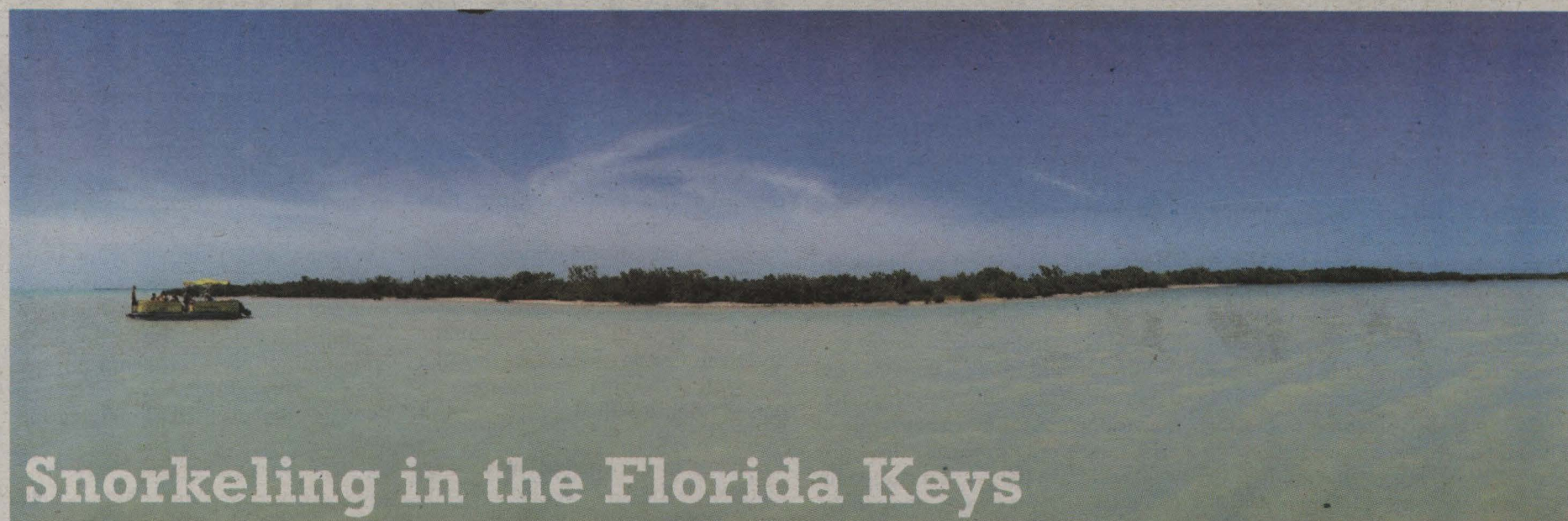
to be prepared and successful against any opponent," Jaeger said.

Both Jaeger and Brodie were selected to the All-WIAC first team. Garrett Ladd and Kevin Gibson joined Jaeger and Brodie as a first team selection, while Ladd was honored as WIAC Player of the Year. Scott Henegar and Kyle Sharkey were named honorable mention, and head coach Chris Brooks was a finalist for Coach of the Year.

"It is obviously a great honor to be recognized like this, but I couldn't have done it without my teammates. They get all the credit and deserve to be recognized individually just as much as I do," Brodie said.

After coming close to reaching its goal, the team expectation is to return to the Frozen Four next season.

"After making it to the National Championship and coming up just short, I think our team will be very motivated to get back to the Frozen Four and hopefully be able to win the title this time," Jaeger said.



Snorkeling in the Florida Keys

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Outdoor Edventures spent spring break snorkeling, swimming and soaking up the sun in the Florida Keys from March 15 to 23.

The group of students set up a base camp in Key Largo and spent the first two days exploring the waters of the upper keys on two rented boats.

Before embarking on the trip, Mike Piekenbrock, the recreational activities coordinator, said where they take the boats and what they do on them will be up to the group to decide.

"We could go on the gulf side and do some island hopping; there are thousands of small uninhabited islands in the keys. Or we could take it ocean side and do some snorkeling on one of the many patch reefs," Piekenbrock said.

Piekenbrock mentioned that they could even catch some lobster and grill lobster tails for lunch.

From there, the group planned on visiting John Pennekamp State Park, which is the country's only underwater state park.

"We will be taking a guided snorkeling trip," Piekenbrock said. "There is a very famous statue there called 'Christ of the Deep' that we hope to be able to dive on."

Joseph Zawacki, a student majoring in biology, has gone snorkeling in both Hawaii and the Keys.

"I love the ocean so I'm excited to explore the reefs and get some dives in," Zawacki said. "I'm also a biology major, so I'm definitely interested in the biology of the reefs, which makes the trip that much more interesting."

On the final day, the group traveled to Bahia Honda State Park for another guided snorkel tour.

"There we will have the opportunity to go out to Looe Key, the third most dived reef in the world, ranging in depth from 2 feet out to 40 feet," Piekenbrock said. "Once we are back ashore we will enjoy Bahia Honda, which has the largest white sand beach in the Keys."

Zawacki has been fortunate enough to have seen reefs in person and thinks that in the Midwest

we miss out on the diversity of underwater environments, at least to the degree that reefs possess.

"I am hoping to see some sharks while out snorkeling, I have seen only one so far and would really like the opportunity to see more," Zawacki said. "It is a nice friendly reminder that sometimes we as humans are not the biggest fish in the sea, so to speak."

Piekenbrock said that it is tough to pick just one thing that he is looking forward to with this trip.

"The Keys are a very special place to me. When I was an undergrad I spent my summers as a guide in the Keys and I fell in love with them," Piekenbrock said. "It sounds silly, but I am really looking forward to the smell of the ocean and the gritty feeling of salt on my skin at the end of the day."

Outdoor Edventures has offered spring break trips ever since Piekenbrock was hired three years ago.

"The first was a canyoneering trip to Zion National Park in Southern Utah," Piekenbrock said. "And last year we did a surfing trip to Tybee Island on the Georgia coast."

Zawacki has been on several Outdoor Adventure trips in the past few years, ranging from rock climbing in Arkansas to ice climbing in Iowa.

"Everyone that goes on these trips are awesome individuals," Zawacki said. "I usually sign up alone and end up making great friends throughout the trip, although a 20 plus hour car ride tends to leave you little option than to get to know everyone."

Piekenbrock believes that travel broadens the mind and makes better citizens of the world.

"Just one trip can change the way you see the world or the way you see yourself as a part of it," Piekenbrock said. "I am sure most students have heard about the reefs and how we need to protect them. It is one thing to read about them in a book or see a TV show, it is another thing entirely to swim among them."

Piekenbrock thinks that the students going on this trip will gain perspective and an appreciation of



Photos by Joe Zawacki

The group of students who went on the Outdoor Edventures trip to the Florida Keys.

the underwater world and hopefully become advocates for it.

"They will bring back new snorkeling skills and techniques, and perhaps these skills will blossom into a new hobby like scuba diving," Piekenbrock said. "The benefits of a trip are unique to the individual but exploration and curiosity are benefits unto themselves for a true adventurer."

Zawacki agrees, saying that travel can make you appreciate new places,

activities or people, almost as much as it makes you appreciate everything you have back home.

"I think even the hardest Wisconsinite would agree this winter has been a brutal one, so I am most definitely looking forward to the warm weather the Florida Keys will bring," Zawacki said. "I am also excited to snorkel, explore the islands, and get to know some fellow Pointers. It should be an excellent trip."

Friends of the Doctor Host Annual Ego Con

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Science fiction fans gathered last weekend at the annual Ego Con, hosted by the North Eastern Wisconsin Friends of the Doctor club.

North Eastern Wisconsin Friends of the Doctor, or NEW Friends of the Doctor, was established in November of 1983 and has members from ages 7 to 92. The club is devoted to Doctor Who and all things science fiction.

Ego Con was a haven for all things Doctor Who, a popular British TV show that had its 50th anniversary last November. There were Daleks, one of the villains of the series, a life-size TARDIS, the Doctor's time-traveling ship, and characters aplenty.

Doctor Who is a very popular show, big enough to spark its own conventions and clubs, even across the pond. The fact that it has been running for over 50 years gives club members a lot of things to discuss and also leads to all sorts of other common interests. Fans from all eras and factions are represented, from Star Trek to Dungeons and Dragons.

The convention was held at the Elizabeth Inn and Convention Center in Plover on March 22. The tagline for Ego Con reads, "EgoCon - We're interested in practically everything."

Many fans are delighted to take part in the con and meet up with other people who share their interests. Peggy McDowell, who sells her greeting cards and collages at Ego Con, was one of the eager attendees.

"It is one of my favorite events," McDowell said. "The best part of EgoCon is the people. All ages, all shapes and sizes, many in costume, gathered together because they know this is a place where you can choose to be yourself or be somebody else and know you are welcome."

There were many guests who came to enjoy the company of other fans, including Linda Godfrey, an author of fantasy novels, J.R. Truner, author of the "Stark Knight" action adventure series, and Stevens Point Paranormal, run by Chris Scharrer and Lisa Bishop.

Events of the day started with a fencing demo followed by Dalek tarot card readings. There was an auction where con-goers could bid on their favorite science fiction goodies, as

well as a game of sci-fi Jeopardy.

A popular item to see was the "Jayne Hat" from the show "Firefly." Fans of the show would recognize Jayne's bright orange striped hat on posters and on several people at the con. Con-goers have adopted this hat and it has become very common to see it at conventions.

In addition to panels and demonstrations, there were also tabletop games offered as well as prizes and access to special collections.

Vendors at the event included the Book Isle, Dan's Dog-Eared Books, John's Toys, Wayne's World and Carol's Collection. Most of these were selling their collections of science fiction books, games, collector's items, and custom made items.

"There is the most amazing collection of science fiction books, art, collectibles, and memorabilia to buy...things you just cannot find at ordinary stores," McDowell said.

Ego Con brought its fair share of Doctor Who fans who take the fun to the next level by sporting the outfits of their favorite characters. Dave Duca and Michael

Glielmi of the Cult of WISKaro went the extra step and built full-size Dalek replicas.

"I'm one of the guests of Ego Con," Duca said. "My purpose there is sporting a Dalek from Doctor Who."

Daleks look like robots with various attachments, from lasers to information-sucking plungers. The cult of Skaro is a clan of Daleks bent on destroying the Doctor. The Daleks have been at Ego Con for the past few years, drawing crowds to take pictures with the true-to-size aliens.

Fans flock from all over Wisconsin to be at Ego Con. The sense of camaraderie is what brings them together and keeps the annual event going every year.

"You can talk about the latest Doctor incarnation or paranormal events or what your most powerful D and D character is," McDowell said. "You can talk about which one of Doctor Who's companions was your favorite and what happened to K-9 the robot dog. For one day, you get to live in a where everybody is the same kind of dreamer you are, and it feels like home."

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Italy in a Week

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COMMENTARY

Over spring break, I was fortunate enough to take part in a trip to Italy with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Concert Choir.

The trip lasted just over a week and consisted of visiting Rome and Florence, as well as singing in the "Festival Corale della Pace e della Fraternalita," which translates to the "Choral Festival of Peace and Brotherhood."

When most people think of Italy, images of the Colosseum in Rome and plates of spaghetti initially come to mind. While Italy has both of those things, they were not what stood out to me.

When our bus took us up to one of the towns in the hills surrounding Rome, that was the first time I thought to myself "I'm seeing the real Italy." The small villages dotting the hills that dominate the landscape are some of the most beautiful I have ever seen.

When seeing these towns from below, one cannot help but wonder how people get to them at all. The roads up to them are narrow and winding and were more than a bit precarious for a large bus like ours. We were fortunate enough to have a bus driver who could have possibly been the most gifted I have ever seen.

Singing in the churches of the hill towns amongst choirs from both

the United States and Italy was an experience I will never forget. Being able to sing sacred music in an Italian mass was an amazing opportunity, no matter the religious affiliation. The locals from the church were glowing after the service was over.

Rome and Florence were both beautiful in their own ways but failed to capture the same beauty the hills provided. One of the most entertaining parts of being in the cities was haggling with vendors for local goods, particularly Florentine leather.

The phrase "when in Rome," could not have been more appropriate for an entire choir of tourists. We indulged in the gelato, the wine, the pasta and in my case the espresso. I did not taste anything I did not enjoy.

While in Rome we had the chance to see the historical Colosseum as well as make wishes in the beautiful Trevi Fountain. We visited the Vatican to see St. Peter's Cathedral and the Sistine Chapel. In Florence, we enjoyed seeing Michelangelo's famous statue of David and got to climb to the roof of the Santa Maria del Fiore, known as The Duomo.

When in Rome, I heard an Italian man tell a group of tourists "it takes a lifetime to truly experience the city of Roma." While I had only a few days, I will say it was a trip I will never forget. I can say with certainty that I will be back to experience Italy again.

On This Day in 1971

Knutzen Bust

Six students residing in Knutzen Hall had disciplinary action taken against them in an incident involving marijuana. Five were disciplined with probationary status and one, suspected of distributing and selling, elected to withdraw from the university.

Confiscated was a partly consumed gram of hash in a waterpipe. The waterpipe was later turned over to local authorities.

Leonard Gibb, assistant dean of students, in an informal meeting with students in the Pray-Sims Hall commented on first-offender incidents involving marijuana. "I don't think it's worth the publicity, trouble with parents, the hassle in court etc., in dealing with

early experimenters. The present policy emphasizes disciplinary action instead of civil action which might result in embitterment. The student withdrawing, had been given a warning once before the incident and dropping out had been his choice according to Gibb.

One major problem according to Gibb is that "parents don't understand." Very little until recently has been done in the study of marijuana effects. No short-term effects have been uncovered but long term effects are unknown because the studies are incomplete. Marijuana is often confused and put in the same category as hard drugs. There is an effort being made to educate parents as well as students through informational meetings and through pamphlets recently handed out in student information kits.

Inclusivity Week bound to “Be U-tiful”

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From March 31 to April 5, Inclusivity Week is bound to build connections and encourage personal growth, especially with the delivery of SGA’s “Be U-tiful” campaign.

“The idea of the campaign is to build up the idea that everyone is perfect in their own way,” said Shawn Ward, inclusivity director for SGA at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The campaign will center on models from UWSP that volunteer their chosen feature to emphasize in posters. Individuals will choose a

particular physical feature that they find beautiful about themselves to highlight in campaign promotions.

“I would love it if we got a wide array of cultures and personalities to show in the campaign,” Ward said.

Erika Klefstad, secretary for multicultural awareness in the natural resources and related sciences, feels that being involved as a model for this campaign will instill self and community pride.

“Inclusivity Week promotes understanding and acceptance of others. The ‘Be U-tiful’ campaign helps people realize they must also accept themselves,” Klefstad said.

Klefstad’s decision to become involved was a reflection of her own

values.

“I have heard before that it is impossible to love another if you do not first love yourself. The ‘Be U-tiful’ campaign preaches that perfectly,” Klefstad said.

The “Be U-tiful” campaign is a new aspect to this year’s Inclusivity Week, but it is not the only thing that is in the works for this year’s events.

In planning for the event, Ward noted how it started out big, but had to be dwindled down for time constraints.

Details of the week’s events are still being planned out by Ward’s committee. Meanwhile, the Gender and Sexuality Alliance also has their “Out on Screen” film-fest that is

coordinated with Inclusivity Week events for its focus on diverse culture.

Other events to look forward to during the week include an interfaith fair. Ward says that all religious groups are welcome to come. At the end of Inclusivity Week, students can expect to go out with a bang. International Club is likely to be in charge of this grandiose finale.

Inclusivity Week projects an emphasis on inclusive, covering all bases of student involvement. This week is likely to provide comprehensive experiences for the campus community and maybe a chance to “Be U-tiful.”

Retired Professor Breaks into the Fiction World

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A retired University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point professor has made his dream come true by publishing his first novel, “Charlie’s Angle.”

After retiring from Michigan State, Paul McKinney moved to Stevens Point with his wife. While here, he met the chairman of human development on campus and was roped back into teaching and served as a professor at UWSP from 2000 to 2004.

McKinney was no stranger to writing. He wrote several research papers and textbooks in developmental psychology, but creative writing had always been at the back of his mind.

“The freedom to invent stories is wonderful. In psychological research, I couldn’t make it up. Editors wanted only the facts. In writing fiction, my goal is to entertain. Editors tell me to show, not tell.”

Years after getting into creative fiction, McKinney finally published his first novel called “Charlie’s Angle.”

The book is about a high school principal who faces a difficult ethical decision when one of his teachers is in hot water after flunking a star athlete. Charlie has to decide if the pursuit of justice is worth losing his job.

The inspiration for the book came from the number of high school teachers, principals and students McKinney met over the years.

The setting of the story should be familiar to Wisconsinites. It is set in the fictional town of Waumeka, Wisconsin.

“Waumeka is not Stevens Point, but it is plopped down halfway between there and the western side of the state. You will definitely see some things that remind you of Stevens Point,” McKinney said.

Inspiration for the fictional

Wisconsin town came from the various towns McKinney visited and loved.

“I loved the physical beauty of the place, the kindness of its people. Like any other place, though, Wisconsin towns also have their struggles, political rivalries, petty disagreements and a few downright nasty folks. They are in the minority for sure, but their situations make for good story telling.”

Psychology also had a hand in the novel’s themes. McKinney knows that the study of personality can give insight into the attitudes and values that shape behavior. This understanding makes the development of characters in fiction become easier.

“The more you understand them, the more you like them, so writing in a fictional way about our common success and foibles becomes a real pleasure.”

The book has received a good deal of positive reviews on Amazon as well as on McKinney’s website. He has received a lot of encouraging emails.

McKinney’s training in academic writing of textbooks and journal articles made it difficult to transition to creative writing.

“I had to give up a lot of old habits and learn some new ones. I keep coming back to that ‘show, don’t tell’ dictum that has been hard for me,” McKinney said.

When asked if he had any advice for budding authors, McKinney stated that reading and writing every day is essential for an author.

“Keep a journal. Don’t let ideas go to waste. Master the fundamentals. Get help when you need it. There are a lot of people out there who are more than willing to help you, starting with your faculty,” McKinney said.

The positive reviews of “Charlie’s Angle” have prompted McKinney to consider writing a sequel.

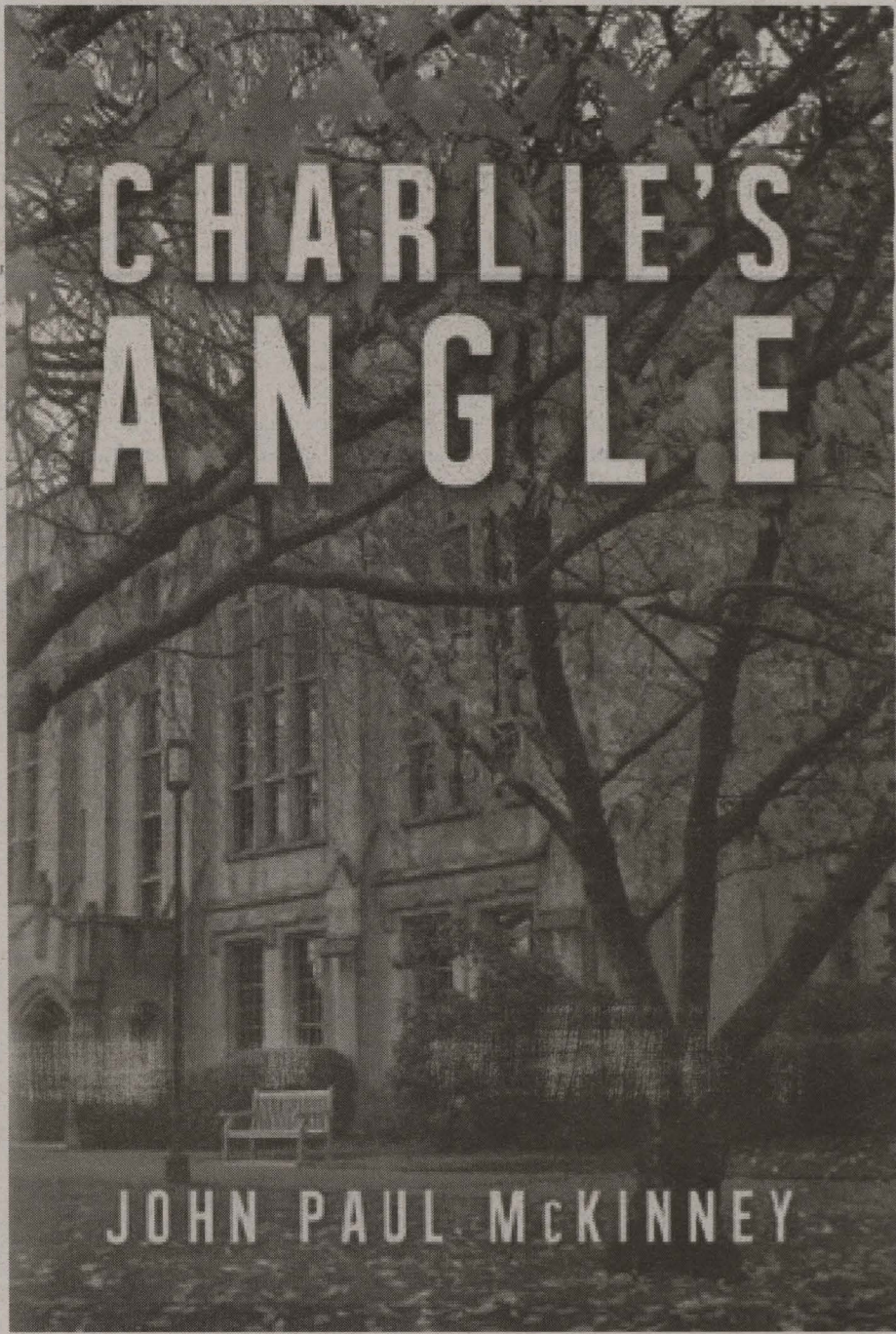



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CLASSIFIEDS AND OPINIONS

ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS:

Why it Matters

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Endometriosis affects approximately 176 million, or 1 in 10, women worldwide, according to the World Endometriosis Research Foundation. It is a complex and poorly understood disease, even among doctors treating it.

March is Endometriosis Awareness month, with a goal of raising awareness and investment into research of an “invisible” disease with a huge personal and societal cost.

The negative impact endometriosis has is profound, yet little funding is put toward endometriosis research, even though it is a leading cause of chronic pelvic pain and infertility among women.

First defined more than 100 years ago, endometriosis remains underdiagnosed and undertreated. Misinformation continues to pervade the media, healthcare and general public, making it difficult for women to make educated decisions about their healthcare.

Healthcare providers, in many cases, perpetuate misinformation and a vicious cycle of misdiagnosis, ineffective treatment and repeated useless surgeries that only superficially treat the disease, resulting in chronic pain and scar tissue which hasten the symptoms. There is no known cure and most current treatments are not suitable in the long term due to their adverse effects.

So what is endometriosis?

The word endometriosis comes from the Greek endon (“within”) and metra (“uterus”), akin to Greek meter (“mother”). The word osis comes from the Greek and or Latin suffix meanings “affected with, condition, abnormal process.”

Endometriosis is a disease in which membrane-like tissue grows outside of the uterus. It is typically found on the pelvic wall, ovaries, recto-vaginal septum, bladder and bowels. Research has confirmed it in other areas, however, including the lungs, abdominal muscles, sciatic nerve and brain.

This tissue is not normal endometrium (the lining of the uterus);

instead, it demonstrates “invasive, adhesive and proliferative behaviors” not seen in normal endometrial cells, causing a chronic inflammatory response and development of endometriomas—fibrotic scarring and formation of adhesions—all of which can result in severe pain, infertility, organ dysfunction and bowel or urinary obstruction.

This tissue can grow and spread rapidly partly because it is able to grow new blood vessels and make its own estrogen, the hormone thought to fuel endometriosis.

Symptoms of endometriosis include severe menstrual pain, painful ovulation, chronic pelvic pain, painful intercourse, painful defecation painful urination fatigue, diarrhea, constipation, back pain, bloating, nausea, vomiting, abnormal bleeding and infertility.

The severity of symptoms varies widely. While not all women with the disease experience pain, about 72 percent will struggle with painful symptoms that significantly impact the physical, mental, social and sexual quality of life. Pain may remain cyclical for some women, while others experience a progression to continuous pain.

It is generally believed that about 30 percent of women with endometriosis are infertile. However, little research has been conducted on endometriosis and infertility to compile statistics or reasons why women with endometriosis tend to have difficulty conceiving.

Endometriosis is known as the “disease of theories” because very little is known about its pathogenesis. Theories differ but include ideas like genetics, environmental toxins, a malfunctioning immune system and retrograde menstruation, but none succeed in providing even close to a definitive answer as to why so many women have endometriosis or why the symptoms vary so widely.

Until endometriosis is better understood, treatments will continue to be ineffective, impractical, and for some women, intolerable. There is no known cure for endometriosis, but with more awareness and financial support, we can help make a difference for many women

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CORRECTION:

Last week in the article regarding the Safe Zone workshops, “allies” was misspelled in the headline.

Regarding the article “Campus Films Raise Student Awareness,” The Pointer would like to clarify that LGBTQ+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and beyond, and is not a student organization.

In the same article, The Pointer would also like to clarify that Elizabeth Bishop’s lover was Lota de Macedo Soares, played by Glória Pires in the 1950 film.

In the article “Students Audition to be a Voice for Women,” Loren DeLonay’s name was misspelled.

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Fashion Bloggers Employ Social Media to Create Opportunity

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The role of a fashion blogger can be easily misinterpreted as an unimportant hobby. With the proper utilization of social media, however, these bloggers have turned it into a sexy resume tool and have re-imagined blogging's actual value.

"Blogging was once looked at as a citizen journalist role, but now employers are actually looking," said Katherine Knight, communication student at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

When reflecting upon her own blogging experience, Knight recalled how her role as a blogger gave her an advantage in the workforce.

When Knight was in search of work at the beginning of the new year, she signed up for internsushi.com. At the time, Knight desired to reach out to employers and maybe land a job or internship. She applied for some open positions on the site and did not really expect to hear back.

"I was trying at a lot of different things and seeing what happened," Knight said.

As it turns out, The Daily Quirk, a website based in New York City, was interested in Knight primarily for her writing style, featured on her blog, Fashion Speech. She was hired late in January 2014.

Knight did not expect to get the gig at The Daily Quirk, but made a point to express how important networking is and how grateful she is for this particular experience. Though Knight identifies herself as a fashion blogger, she also makes a point to include lifestyle topics in her work.

"It's a great opportunity," Knight said.

Allison Kelley, blogger at Three Dollar Fashion, also commented on how her experience with blogging helped her land her current job at UWSP Centertainment.

"They liked my writing style," Kelley said.

Kelley was pleased to talk about her personal experience with social

media and blogging and emphasizes how it has affected her job outlook.

"It's been an outlet for me to express my hobbies: writing and thrift shopping. Now it has blossomed into opportunity. I think that without social media outlets there is no way to get the word out about your blog," Kelley said.

Kelley began blogging in November 2012, while Knight estimated her experience began about a year and a half ago. While both women credit Pinterest as a great source for fashion bloggers to get their word out, Kelley especially emphasizes the use of Facebook.

"Facebook is a way for me to let my friends and family to know what's going on with my blog," Kelley said.

Knight feels differently.

"Personally, I think that Facebook is on its way out. I really like to use Twitter and Pinterest for social media outlets with my blogging," Knight said.

Chicago based fashion blogger, Rach Dulay of RD's Obsessions,

notices the impact social media has had on her blogging experience already. Dulay started blogging in early 2014 and is already part of a few Chicago based blogging networks.

"It's great connecting with other bloggers. I'm able to grab more ideas than I ever thought I could have," Dulay said.

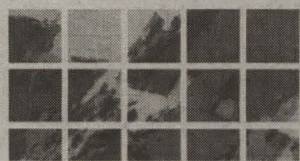
Dulay also notes the relevance of presenting her blog visuals on popular social media sites such as Instagram.

"It [Instagram] is more visually appealing. Because you're a blogger, I think it's important to show what you're doing visually to gravitate your audience," Dulay said.

It seems that social media is increasingly important for self promotion with fashion bloggers, especially for Kelley and Knight, as they attempt to better their resumes. Fashion is always changing and perhaps the role of a fashion blogger on social media is too.

90 FM ALBUM REVIEW

Real Estate
Atlas



'Atlas'

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In 2011, Real Estate released their second LP, *Days*, which was critically acclaimed. With that album, Real Estate claimed ownership to their distinguished sound of layering syncopated guitar riffs accompanied by crisp chords.

This New Jersey Quintet crafted the sounds of summer's ease that's relatable to so many with their album *Days*, which explains the relaxation and anxiety-free lifestyle of youth. Their sound provides a cinematic-soundtrack quality of road trips across the great frontier and desolated plains of the Midwest/suburban atmosphere.

In *Atlas* they keep it going with their consistent sound, but added a more melancholy lyrical concept, settling down with contentment which turned into an escape from all of life's emotional frustrations.

This album has great background effect to where you could throw the record on with a group of friends and start from track 1 to 10 as it coasts along with Martin Courtney's vocals and Matt Mondanile's ornate guitar leads. Listening through, one can vividly witness the ups and downs in the search for something more. They

are able to reciprocate emotional changes through a fluctuating feeling of jaunty guitar tones and dynamic drums, to faded slow tracks that add to the overall excellence of the flawless flow from one song to the next.

This band doesn't have singles that stand out as superior. Sure, there's songs that appear to be catchier than others like "Talking Backwards" and "Crimes," consisting of a structure more or less tangible to a broader audience. Real Estate is the critical success they are because there is something intriguing in every song that adds to the echo and clean lo-fi sound that defines them.

Their two previous albums have rougher cuts and meshed tones comprising their sound. Their newest endeavor distills sounds that are so pure that listeners are enriched with sophistication on this latest venture.

The listening experience for this new album pays homage to the adjusted sound mixing techniques and branched storytelling that continues to stimulate the eyes and ears as you indulge yourself in each new concept this progressing band creates.

Atlas is a definite listen for any music lover that enjoys the dissecting process that leads to consuming all

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the pieces that assemble an above-average album.

Trivia question! What is the art piece that was the inspiration for the cover art of Real Estate's *Atlas*?

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Last Week's Answer: Billy Gray

The UWSP Concert Choir Takes a Trip to Italy

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Over spring break, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Concert Choir enjoyed the fun and food of Europe as they performed in Italy.

28 choir members and their professors experienced Italian life and culture as they toured Rome and Florence. This was the first time in over 25 years that a choir toured overseas.

"The trip could not have gone better," said Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities, Lucinda Thayer. "All of our flights were on time, no one got lost or hurt, and nothing was stolen. It really was amazing luck."

The group went from Chicago to Zurich to Rome, where they performed in four shows, which were part of the Festival of Peace and Brotherhood.

In preparation for the festival, the

Concert Choir learned a few songs that they would sing with other choirs from around the world. They met a few choirs from Italy, as well as two from the United States. The mutually learned songs were performed at the end of the concerts.

The group performed during a mass in a town outside of Rome on Sunday.

In addition to the scheduled concerts, the choir had a few opportunities to sing impromptu shows. One occurrence was in the Parthenon, when a tour guide asked the choir if they could sing for the group.

"If you don't know much about the Pantheon, it's basically a large dome, and the center of the domed ceiling is open," said senior vocalist Molly Vechart. "Not to be too nerdy, but the acoustics and reverberation in the Pantheon are amazing! Our final chord echoed off the walls to the top of the dome and out the opening in

the roof. How lucky we were to have that experience."

Another spontaneous performance occurred when a flight attendant on their flight to Zurich learned of the group. The flight attendants gave out chocolates to the choir in exchange for a performance for the cockpit crew.

The same thing happened in a cathedral in Florence.

"There were a lot of tourists hanging around, probably a couple hundred people. That was pretty cool," Professor Thayer said.

The repertoire consisted of 13 pieces by Italian, English, German and American composers. One piece, performed in Palestrina, was composed by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, which translates to "of Palestrina." The choir saw that as a great honor to perform where the composer was from.

Preparations for the trip began in September, when the choir had to

send in a recording of their sound to be accepted into the festival. Rehearsals began the first day of spring semester. Aside from a few graduated seniors, the choir is relatively the same as fall semester.

Singing was not the only event on the agenda for the students and professors. They also toured a lot of Rome and Florence, visiting the Sistine Chapel and Vatican museums.

"The entire trip was unforgettable," Vechart said. "Many of the upperclassmen saw this trip as a 'last hurrah' before graduating or leaving for student teaching, and it was the perfect ending to a fantastic four years at UWSP."

"It was through singing and being in a different culture that I saw what Italy was like and what my experience was meant to be," said choir member Jonathan Smith. "Singing was the vehicle that got the choir to go to Italy, but the experience was much more than that."

'Rob Delaney: Live at the Bowery Ballroom'

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Vulgar, sexual, unabashed, and beautiful, comedian and Twitter god Rob Delaney delivers it all in his standup special "Live at the Bowery Ballroom."

If you don't already follow Delaney on Twitter, get out of your cave and onto the Internet. You will find everything from GOP mockery to open and earnest thoughts on depression. Delaney navigates between absurdity and insightfulness with great ease and he showcases it in his standup.

The 60-minute special flies by as the articulate Delaney delves into an array of topics, most of which cannot be detailed in this publication for fear of a stern talking-to.

I can say that Delaney hates lakes, loves women, survived hepatitis A, and believes the worst thing in the world is a man with a shirt on but no pants.

Delaney shows his versatility during the standup, proving that he can be funny in more than 140 characters. He is a natural storyteller and weaves hilarious one-liners in

among his longer yarns.

Overlooking his penchant for the F-word, I believe Delaney has something in his repertoire for everyone. He ranges through material like few other comedians I have seen. Delaney goes from highbrow social commentaries to lowbrow masturbation escapades at the drop of a hat, leaving you thinking and laughing the whole way through.

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Rob Delaney is a paradigm breaker. Even his most uproarious jokes often serve a purpose other than making people laugh. He forces a conversation about topics many would try to avoid, evidenced by his work on trying to remove the stigma from mental health. Delaney is also a firm backer of women's rights.

After you have sampled his humor on Twitter, "Live at the Bowery Ballroom" is a wonderful way of furthering your fancy with Rob Delaney. A quick and wild, worthwhile watch.

As long as comedy stays in the warm embrace of Delaney's "full-body thatch," it is certainly in a safe place. "Live at the Bowery Ballroom" is a testament to that.

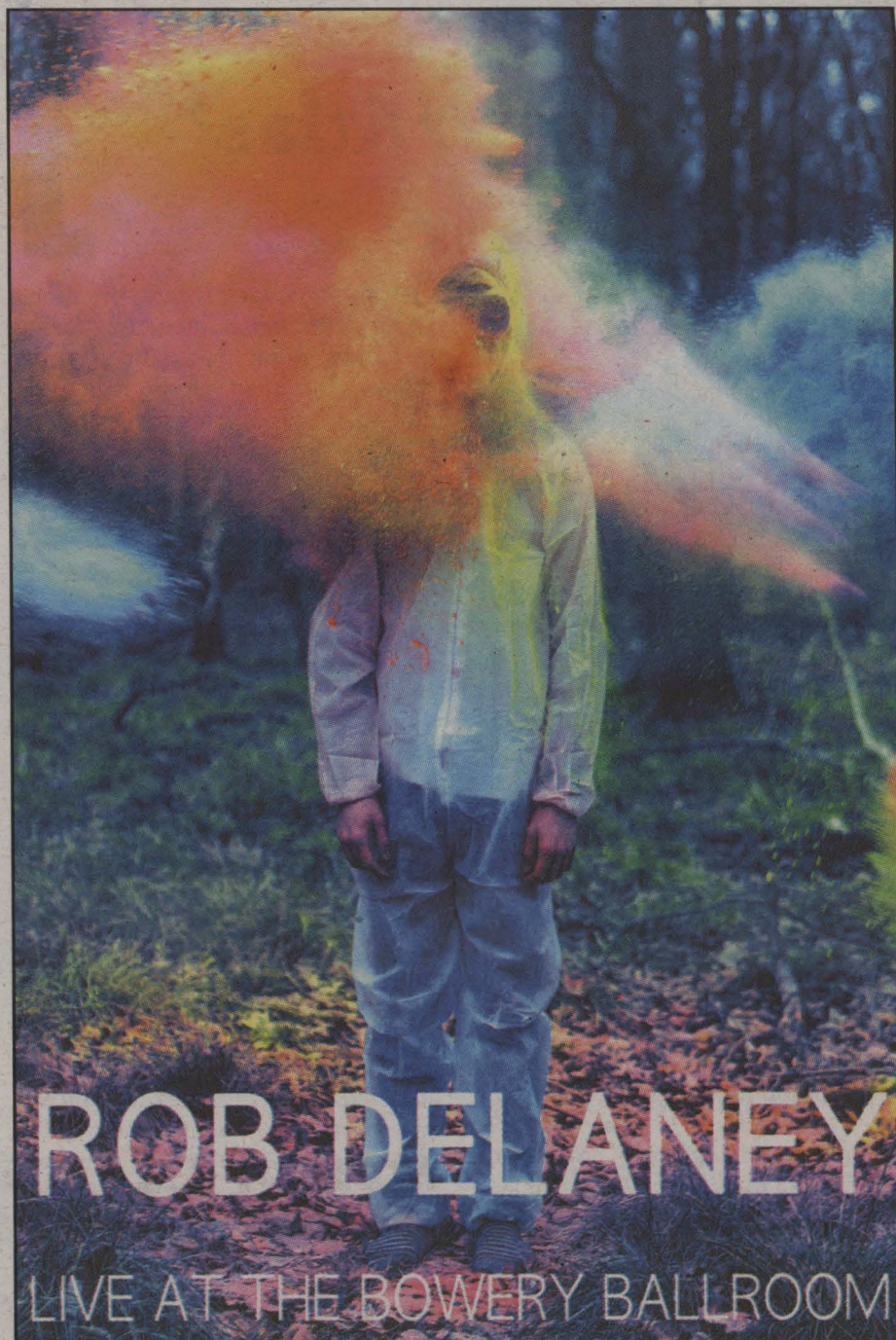


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