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SER Works With Fire Crew to Preserve Biodiversity

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The Society of Ecological Restoration is working at the Little Plover River Fishery Area, owned by the Department of Natural Resources, to restore populations of the endangered Karner blue butterfly.

Jordan Winkenbach and Sarah Rademacher, president and vice

president of the society, explained the details of the project and the importance of restoring the native butterfly's habitat.

Karner blue butterfly larvae are obligate feeders of wild lupine, similar to monarchs having to feed on particular milkweed species.

Central Wisconsin houses the largest population of Karner blue butterflies in the world. Restoring wild

lupine is a vital concern to maintain a healthy butterfly population, Rademacher said.

A grant from the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation will help fund aid from Fire Crew and purchase other prairie plants, Winkenbach said. The student chapter of the Society of American Foresters is also anticipated to be part of the project.

Mark McDonald, wild land fire

science and forest management major, is coordinating the site's thinning. Members of Fire Crew will be cutting down much of the invasive scotch pine and other species in the area.

The goal is to attain 20 percent shade cover, said Dalton Bygd, Fire Crew member.

Rademacher also said lupine requires a lot of sun and opening up the canopy is an important aspect

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EDITORIAL

Busy Fights Rage Among Students

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Two of our section editors competed this week for who could have bigger under-eye bags from lack of sleep. They are living the college reality of sleep deprivation and mounds of work.

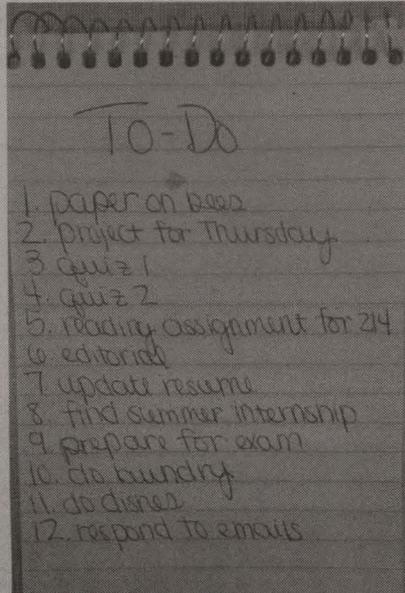
Many of us experience sleepless nights to finish papers or study for exams. We are expected to be students, hold jobs, and deal with personal commitments, leaving little time to relax, recuperate and stay healthy.

As technology advances and multitasking becomes second nature, we must work longer hours and be more productive.

We're supposed to be busy, so we fill our schedules and create long to-do lists. Pretty soon, we feel like we don't have time for anything.

I feel this pressure daily. I need to be the best college student, editor, restaurant server, girlfriend, family

member, friend, and the best me. It's overwhelming to balance it all and still set aside time to sleep, eat and breathe.



So why, as college students, do we need to be busier than our peers and subsequently point that out?

For some reason, unhealthy, jam-packed schedules are brag-worthy. I have had countless busy fights, as the editorial board calls them, with other students about who has more to do with the least amount of time to do it.

In these conversations, I hesitate to say I watched a movie or had lunch with a friend because I fear someone will counter my attempt to relax by simply saying they don't have time for that.

As a result of busy fights, I'm making a conscious effort to eliminate this phrase from my vocabulary. I don't want to say I can't do something because I have no time.

In reality, I have time for everything, but I prioritize. I swap Netflix binging for an eight-hour work shift or an extra few hours to finish homework.

As students working toward a degree, we need to recognize that everyone has different priorities and works at different paces. Being busier isn't always enviable, and there's no need to one-up each other.



BUDGET PROPOSAL UPDATE

Students and Community Push Forward

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Both the Student Government Association and the city of Stevens Point have officially taken a stance formally opposing Gov. Walker's proposed budget cuts to the University of Wisconsin System.

At the Feb. 16, Stevens Point Common Council meeting, city leaders expressed that UW-Stevens Point is more than an economic engine; it improves the quality of life and culture in the community. Though local government has no say in the final decision, members unanimously oppose the proposed cuts.

Mayor Gary Wescott said faculty have frequently sat on city committees and boards, actively engaging in the community while dedicating time to teaching and research.

"This would corrupt the intention of the whole UW System, not only UWSP," said resident Kathy Dugan, who graduated from and

taught at the university. "Not only is it important to prepare college students for future careers, it is equally important to develop their hearts and minds. With critical thinking skills, they can be better participants in a democratic society, elect better leaders and become leaders themselves."

Charlie Greiber, SGA budget director, Ryan Kernosky, legislative affairs director, Leah Aeby, chief of staff, and Ryan Schwobe, caucus chair of the College of Letters and Science, went to the Capitol on Feb. 12, to learn more about the proposal and lobby for UWSP's differential tuition package, the Pointer Partnership. Greiber said there was reception to this idea.

Although the segregated fees paid by students that go toward funding for student organizations are not being targeted in this state budget proposal, Greiber said the Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee is being strategic in the budgeting process. Student organization budgets should be

released by next week.

He said there has recently been concern among students about cost containment measures.

"The halt on out-of-state travel will not affect student organizations," Greiber said. "Spring break travel is still on. Travel for student research has also been defined as mission critical."

Other university functions are delayed. The Office of the Registrar sent a campus-wide email stating that the posting of the timetable on myPoint will not be up until March 2, due to an extensive review process in light of the budget situation. SGA executives say this could slow down the advising process.

On Feb. 14, faculty, staff and community members spoke at an organized protest held at Library Mall in Madison.

"It was a very passionate, yet respectable protest I'd say," said Jaya Nell Usry White, freshman BFA acting major. "I sure hope our voices were heard. I wish there had been more people there."

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History Professor's Memory Lives On

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Sarah "Sally" Kent, 54, a professor emerita of history, died on Feb. 3, 2015, in Stevens Point after a lengthy battle with lung cancer.

She became a member of the history faculty in 1987, retiring in spring 2014 for health reasons.

A specialist in modern Croatian history, Kent taught courses in Russian and East European history. She served as chair of the Department of History for three years as well as several terms on Faculty Senate. She was also the coordinator of international studies from 2008 to 2014. Committed to graduate education, she helped revitalize the department's Master of Science in Teaching degree program. Students nominated her for the University Teaching Award in 1997.

Her colleagues nominated her for the University Service Award in 1999, 2006 and 2011. In 2012, she was awarded the Eugene Katz Letters and Science Distinguished Faculty Award.

Sunny Schneider-Christensen, 2012 history graduate, valued her relationship with Kent both as a mentor and friend.

"Sally was warm, compassionate, generous, intelligent, supportive, feisty and friendly to a fault," Schneider-Christensen said. "She always made time for questions after

class, in her office, or anywhere you may happen across her path. She always was willing to divert class discussion to help answer student questions without grudge."

She said Kent's love of history was infections and eventually caused her to choose the discipline as her major.

"It is her love and passion for history that I carry inside me," she said. "It's the same love and passion that I hope to pass to my children someday."

Kent was involved in first-year interest groups and served as chair for a session on Women and War for the Wisconsin Institute for War and Peace. She was also an adviser for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Amnesty International Club, receiving the ULA Mentor Award for that position.

Throughout her career, she received other various awards and grants from programs such as Fullbright and the International Research and Exchanges Board. She was a research fellow at the Institute for the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1994-95, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. in 1999 and the Institute for Contemporary History in Zagreb, Croatia.

"She was a tireless researcher," said Eric Yonke, director of international programs. "She was intimidating to teach a class with, but

also incredibly kind. I will always remember her laugh."

Kent traveled and lived abroad. She was a resident in the former Yugoslavia during its historic breakup. In 1997, after the war, she lived in Sarajevo for a year, serving as the executive secretary to the Provisional Election Commission. She assisted the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina to establish the first modern national elections in the new country.

She was then asked by the U.S. State Department to help prepare ambassadors for Croatia and Bosnia in 2003 and 2004. She was also asked to lecture on Croatian nationalism at the Foreign Service Institute in Washington, D.C. She gave professional and community presentations and published many scholarly works.

"She had a passion for her area of history, and in recent years became an avid roller derby fan," said Nancy LoPatin-Lumms, director of general education and professor of history. "She also took an interest and pride in my children."

LoPatin-Lumms was close friends with Kent and described her as having a whimsical nature and a love for education and passing her knowledge along through classes and advising.

"She may be gone, but her presence certainly still echoes through the halls," said Lee Willis, associate



Photo courtesy of Doug Moore

Sarah "Sally" Kent,
a professor emerita of history.

professor of history and department chair. "She was a vibrant personality and a strong advocate for students and of international studies."

A memorial service will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the Alumni Room of the Dreyfus University Center at which time the mourning flag will fly. Gifts in Kent's memory should be made payable and sent to the UWSP Foundation for the History Department Faculty Memorial Endowment. Credit card contributions can be made at www.uwsp.edu/givenow. Funds will be put toward history student scholarships.

Students Prepare for Job Fair

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Those attending the Central Wisconsin Collegiate Job Fair on Feb. 24, in the Dreyfus University Center Laird Room might want to prepare for the event.

Taylor Koch, career outreach coordinator at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, held the same program on two different nights. The program, "Prepare for the Fair," helped students interested in attending job fairs.

"We helped students create their pitch," Koch said. "We also had employers there to give students feedback, simulating what it would be like at a fair."

Koch emphasized the importance of students researching organizations and companies they are interested in before an interview. She talked about resume preparation and what is considered proper attire for a job fair.

"Following up with employers is also a good idea to let them know you are still interested in that position,"

Koch said.

Students who were unable to attend the program can still schedule

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I think that in order to land a successful job or make connections, preparing and giving off a good first impression is essential. When talking to employers, I want to try to impress them.

- Richard Rudolph, a sophomore forest management major

a meeting through Career Services. Peer mentors are available to meet with students if they want to improve their resumes and interview skills.

Lorry Walters, associate director of Career Services, said there will be more than 60 employers at the fair.

She stressed the importance of job fair preparation.

"If you have no idea what to say to employers, you will sound less prepared than someone who has given a lot of thought to the application and interview process," Walters said.

Richard Rudolph, a sophomore majoring in forest management, will be attending the Natural Resources Career Fair on Feb. 19, in the Laird Room.

"I think that in order to land a successful job or make connections, preparing and giving off a good first impression is essential. When talking to employers, I want to try to impress them," Rudolph said.

Rudolph prepared a resume and feels that having a lot of field experience will appeal to employers.

"It's not so much about leaving with a job offer; it's about leaving with more information than you had when you went in," he said. "Job fairs are good starting points. It's not a start to finish kind of process."

"Employers will be looking for students with varied majors. It's a broad base of business-related opportunities," Walters said.

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White came to UWSP from South Carolina because of program opportunities and tuition.

"The theatre I took classes and performed at back home had major budget cuts the year before I left, and it impacted us greatly," White said. "Now that it's more than just my interest, I think it made me realize that education is so important to our society and taking money from one of the greatest public university systems in the U.S. is really a shame. I think that this kind of money should be invested in education because college is where we learn all we need to know about our chosen career."

Liz Ehrler is a sophomore transfer student in the BFA acting program.

"I wanted to go down and protest because I believe that nothing can really be changed unless something is done to stop it," Ehrler said. "Although I have no say in what the final decision is, I do have the right to tell my story and how it will be affected if the budget cut goes

through."

She thinks this event will spark more protests to come.

"I believe that the future of Wisconsin and the United States comes with our younger generation," she said. "By cutting funding, it will take longer for me and my classmates to graduate because of the lack of staff and classes available. Yes, having tuition freeze has been nice because I'm paying for school myself, but having to already stay an extra year because of transferring and now thinking that I may need to spend more time in college scares me. Overall, I will do anything I can to make sure people know how to make a difference. Wisconsin's motto is 'Forward,' and by taking funding from education, we will be taking many steps back."

Junior American studies major Christina Luna said she rallied over the weekend because she believes in education no matter what program and would hate to see her classmates lose out on any opportunities.

The proposal has brought discussion into classroom across disciplines.

Dr. Brad Mapes-Martins, assistant professor of political science, has a background in political theory.

"A political theorist might ask something to the effect of what perception of the public good or of the public might inform the type of budget that Walker has brought forth," Mapes-Martins said. "In recent years, you have two pretty starkly different perceptions of what the public good is and how strongly obligations hold between members of the public. In the state, the public good is not defined in the same way, and that's one of the things that public debate is supposed to help us with."

He said since a smaller portion of the general population directly benefits from higher education, using a libertarian argument, those obtaining this education would be expected to pay for said benefits.

Over the past few years, he said there has been a great deal of partisan polarization that may perhaps be a manifestation of a lack of community. This suggests people identify more with party affiliation than with state citizenship.

SGA encourages students to ask questions and talk with peers and professors and also to attend upcoming open forums to stay informed and voice their opinions. There are two scheduled forums coming up:

- Feb. 19, 5 p.m., NFAC Room 221, hosted by Rep. Katrina Shankland.
- Feb. 23, 6 p.m., DUC Theater, hosted by SGA.

Students and other concerned citizens may also contact state legislators as well as the Joint Committee on Finance.

Professors Present Research on Ecology of Yellowstone

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There were no empty seats in the Pinery Room of the Portage County Library on Feb. 10, when Drs. Eric Larsen and Susan Talarico presented Larsen's research on trophic cascades in Yellowstone National Park.

Titled "Aspen, Elk and Wolves on Yellowstone's Northern Range," the lecture was the latest installment of the community lecture series hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Letters and Science. Larsen is a professor of geography, and Talarico is an associate professor of mathematics. Both teach at UWSP.

Trophic cascades are a phenomena that occur when species are added to, or removed from, an ecosystem's food chain. When predators limit their prey, an effect can be seen in lower food chain levels.

Larsen's research aims to explain trophic relationships between aspen, elk and deer in Yellowstone. He is examining evidence that proves since wolves were re-introduced to the park in 1995, the number of elk have decreased dramatically, thus freeing young aspen trees from being eaten.

Wolf re-introduction and subsequent ecological changes are significant both historically and scientifically. During the beginning of the lecture, Talarico explained the park's history and the troubled past of Yellowstone's wolves.

Talarico said after the park was established in 1872, wolves and other animals "of fang and claw" were hunted heavily because they were

seen as enemies to hunters and ranchers.

"The national park service in earnest went after wolves," Talarico said. "By 1926 there were no wolves left. They were completely eradicated."

Following wolf eradication, elk and bison were actively bred and grazed the land excessively for almost 70 years. During this time, elk were free from predation and browsing their food of choice, young aspen.

Talarico said with the wolves came controversy, but they are now established in the park and sightings are common again.

In the mid '90s, when the wolf project was looking for support, Larsen was looking for a topic to guide his Ph.D dissertation. His research in the park began in 1996, one year after the wolves were brought back.

"When the wolves got re-introduced, I honestly wasn't thinking about it much, but wolves eat elk," Larsen said. "I said to myself, 'this is a once in a lifetime opportunity right here.'"

Larsen began his research by obtaining background information on aspen stands in the park. He found strong evidence of elk browsing.

"I drilled increment cores, hundreds of increment cores," he said. "After about 1930, nothing."

Larsen said evidence indicated "it was really browsing that was suppressing aspen on the northern range."

To put his research into context, Larsen needed to understand what the aspen forests and browsing levels were like while the wolves were still around. He began researching the growth history of aspen.

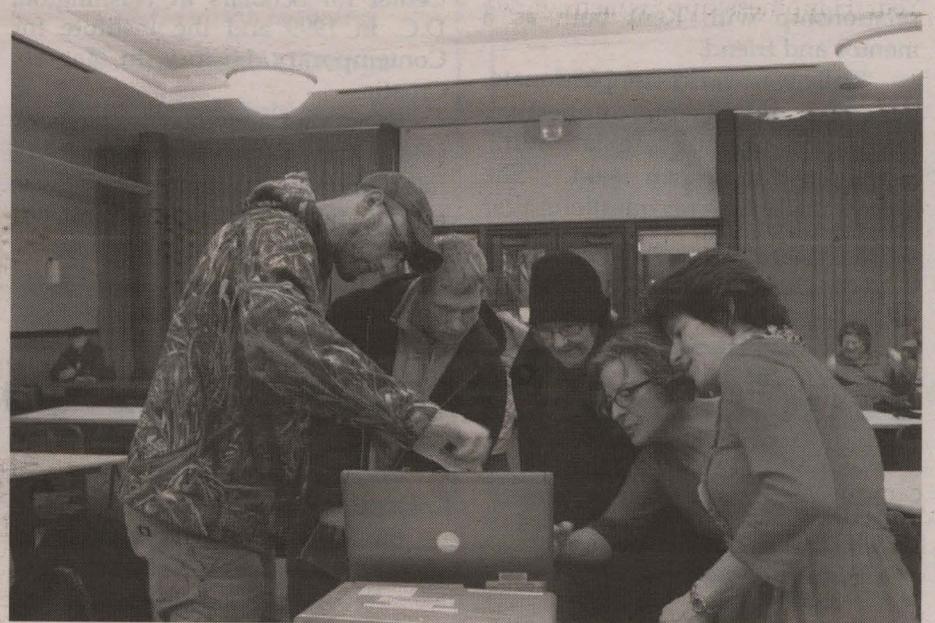


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UWSP professors Eric Larsen and Susan Talarico lectured on wildlife in Yellowstone's Northern Range at the Community Lecture Series on Feb. 10.

With Talarico's help, he was able to use historical data from beaver studies and data of his own to mathematically model aspen forest conditions before wolves were eradicated.

Larsen's research has continued in the park every summer, except one, since the project began. He noted that for almost 10 years, there was no clear evidence of increased aspen growth - a discouraging observation.

"How much time am I going to spend measuring a system that's not changing?" Larsen said.

In 2005, dramatic growth improvements occurred on some of Larsen's research areas. Larsen collaborated with a wolf researcher and compared wolf kill data to confirm elk were killed in the same areas

aspen was growing. Growth continues to improve and browsing levels are down.

Larsen admits the trophic cascades in Yellowstone are not detached from other factors, and he reinforced the idea that unexpected things happen when species enter or leave ecosystems. He also mentioned that the increase in aspen growth coincided with Montana's decision to lower the amount of wolves to be harvested.

"There is 'the magic wolf,'" Larsen said. "It's not in isolation; a lot of things happened at the same time. It's a story of making the world whole again as much as it is a story of science."

Stevens Point Will Learn Key to Happiness

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Researcher Matt Killingsworth will present his research and theory on the key to happiness Tuesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at Sentry Insurance's Theater@1800.

"It's free and it will hopefully influence people to be in the moment and change the effectiveness of relationships," said Patricia Caro, associate dean and head of the School of Education. "If you're with someone, try to be truly with them."

The lecture is an installment of "Point in Common," a series sponsored by several local education organizations. Killingsworth will share his data on how non-present thought affects overall happiness.

"People have been debating the causes of happiness for a really long time, in fact for thousands of years, but it seems like many of those debates remain unresolved," Killingsworth said. "As with many other domains in life, I think the scientific method has the potential to answer this question."

While working on Ph.D. research at Harvard University, Killingsworth created the Track Your Happiness app, which allows

people to record their moment-to-moment happiness. Killingsworth discovered that 47 percent of the time people think about things not pertaining to the activities they are currently engaging in.

"The ability to focus on something other than the present is amazing," Killingsworth said. "It gives us the ability to learn and plan and reason in ways that no other species can, and yet it's not clear what this relationship is between our use of this ability and our happiness."

During the weeks leading up to the lecture, the public is invited to design their own videos describing what makes them happy, then share them on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using #GetHappyPoint. The first place winner will receive a \$100 Portage County gift certificate, and the two runners-up will receive \$25 gift certificates.

"My boyfriend and I are always talking about being mindful and present," said Kristin Mathes, a social work and sociology major. "This is definitely something we'd be interested in."

The School of Education, along with other community agencies, all meet regularly to



Photo courtesy of ted.com

Matt Killingsworth will present "Happiness and the Wandering Mind" on Tuesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at Sentry's Theater@1800.

devise presentations to appeal to a variety of audiences. This is the last installment of the academic year, but Caro says they are already planning for next fall.

"'Point in Common' puts an emphasis on sharing information on education and what is going on in the community," Caro said. "We

try to pick speakers who will appeal to parents, educators and students alike."

Free childcare will be offered at the Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center to parents attending the lecture. To register or for more information, visit www.pointincommon.org.

Students Seek Business Skills

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Students are gathering support from university and community organizations in order to create the first entrepreneurship club on campus.

"We want to create an atmosphere where the entrepreneurship mindset thrives," said Caleb Guilliams, a business and finance major. "We want to be surrounded by people who have ideas and want to become more independent in their thinking."

Tyler Forsythe, president of the Entrepreneurship Club, said after the new organization recognition meeting, the constitution will need to be approved by Speaker of the Senate Amy Vida and the Student Government Association Rules Committee.

"Once it is approved, myself, a few officers and general students who are interested will go in front of Senate to give a short speech and answer questions," Forsythe said. "Afterward, there will be a vote by Senate to officially recognize us as a student organization here at UWSP."

Forsythe said the earliest the public will know the final decision will be Feb. 19.

"We want to help people pursue an idea and give them some



Photo courtesy of Sari Lesk/Stevens Point Journal Media

New members of UWSP's new entrepreneurs club.

financial support for their start-up," said junior Kyle Tamboli. "We'd also like to attend some seminars and bring in some guest speakers so that they can talk about their experiences as entrepreneurs."

Keaton Schultz, a Stevens Point high school student, created his own business at 17 and helped launch the student entrepreneur group.

"I first found out about the club in November when I went to an event on campus called Entrepalooza where I met Keaton and the adviser, Dave Eckmann," Tamboli said. "After that event I

contacted Keaton and after shooting some ideas back and forth, we decided on one we really wanted to pursue."

Tamboli said he is currently working in partnership with Schultz and Guilliams with the intent of presenting their idea at the Wisconsin Big Idea Tournament in Madison this April. Students from each UW school will present their ideas in hopes of gaining investors and networking opportunities.

"We're really excited to be the first Stevens Point group to take part in the Big Idea Convention,"

Tamboli said. "Hopefully this will encourage more people to get involved as well."

Tamboli said their idea is to develop a new way for students and landlords to interact, serving as a type of "Rate My Professor" for landlords. They hope to release it at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in September 2015.

"Unfortunately, Stevens Point isn't really known as a business school, so right now our main goal is to spread the word that entrepreneurship is an important factor of innovation," Tamboli said.

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of the project. As it is a fire-adapted species, future site management will also include annual or biannual prescribed burns.

"Essentially, the outlook on the site is that burning will be a vital and inexpensive management aspect for habitat maintenance when properly applied," McDonald said.

In addition to making a better home for butterflies and increasing biodiversity, students will gain hands-on experience in their fields.

Wood from thinning the site will be used to build piles for burning in an outdoor training session for basic fire use, McDonald said.

Fire lines created in the aftermath will then be seeded for more lupine by society members, Winkenbach said.

Steven Bachleda, hydrology major, also noted that students will have the opportunity to meet other people in the field.

"I have been to conferences and met people in both the private and public sector that work in restoration. SER has helped me narrow down what job perspective I am looking for after graduation," Bachleda said.

For those who want to obtain leadership skills, organizations like the society and Fire Crew can help

build those as well.

James Cook, forestry professor and adviser of the society, said students taking the lead will be getting administrative and leadership experience via planning and coordinating with landowners. He said this will have positive outcomes for students.

Meetings are in room 240 in the Trainer Natural Resource building at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays.

To attend Fire Crew meetings, students can go to room 120 in the TNR at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. However, the meeting for Feb. 19, will not be held due to the Forestry Banquet.

It is not necessary to be a natural resource major to attend the meetings. People from all educational backgrounds can aid in the preservation and restoration of biodiversity.

When asked about the importance of preserving biodiversity, Winkenbach referred to a quote by Aldo Leopold.

"If the biota, in the course of aeons, has built something we like but do not understand, then who but a fool would discard seemingly useless parts? To keep every cog and wheel is the first precaution of intelligent tinkering," Leopold said.



Hartleb Receives Grant for Aquaponics Research

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A \$50,000 grant from the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents will fund faculty and student aquaponics research at a UW-Stevens Point facility during summer 2015.

Dr. Chris Hartleb, and four other UW faculty members, received grant funding as part of the UW Regent Scholar award: given to individuals who provide innovative student research with a focus on creating economic opportunities in Wisconsin.

Aquaponics is the process of raising fish and plants simultaneously without soil. Some believe aquaponics is the most effective way to create food for humans because of the sustainable nature of the system. The basis of aquaponics is that the fish and plants provide nutrients for each other in a cyclical fashion.

With grant funding, Hartleb plans to hire four students to work at the UWSP Aquaponics Innovation Center, an applied research and education facility in Montello. Construction began in August 2014 and is scheduled to open on April 23. There are no other aquaculture education facilities in the United States.

The facility is partnered with two private-industry leaders to support the projects. Nelson and Pade, an aquaponics systems company, helped build the facility and systems. Northside Enterprises, a private aquaculture business, will help supply fish.

"We're going to try out new types of Wisconsin fish in commercial aquaponics systems," Hartleb said. "We're seeing if different types of native fish can be

used in aquaponics."

Hartleb said the majority of fish currently used in aquaponics systems are not native to Wisconsin. Providing evidence that Wisconsin's fish are suitable for commercial aquaponics could help expand the state's fish farming industry.

"About 85 percent of the industry is using tilapia," Hartleb said. "They're a very hearty fish."

Many tilapia, Hartleb said, are imported from China.

"It's time for the aquaponics industry to diversify and look for new types of fish," Hartleb said.

Eventually, the center will use native fish species from another UWSP entity in Bayfield, Wisconsin, the Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility. Hartleb co-directs the facility and is excited about the partnership.

Native fish are raised at the Bayfield facility in hopes of producing hybrid fish which grow larger in less time. Hartleb said an average hybrid walleye, produced through aquaculture, could be productive in an aquaponic system for nine months. This is in comparison to tilapia that are normally only suitable for six.

Hartleb said there is great potential for growth in aquaponics at UWSP, in Wisconsin and worldwide. Hartleb said he would like for the vegetables, grown in aquaponics systems at the center, to be brought back to campus and used by food services; although no plans for this have been made. Interns at both facilities will begin work in June, gaining viable experience in a field that is still in its infancy.

"These are students who are going to get firsthand experience," Hartleb said. "The industry has 'help wanted' signs out."



Photo courtesy of Jordan Winkenbach
Students clear buckthorn at Schmeckle.

SPORTS

Taylor Atkinson Excels in Both Basketball and Biology

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Taylor Atkinson, a senior women's basketball point guard, spends an hour in the training room before every practice and game biking, stretching and heating her back so she hits the court loose and ready.

Atkinson wants to be fully prepared every time she is on the court. This preparation speaks to her dedication to basketball and her teammates.

"She an aggressive player that knows the game better than anyone," said junior forward Autumn Hennes. "She knows everyone's strengths and weaknesses and sets us up for success.

Atkinson has played basketball since she was young. When she was in third grade, she played on a fifth grade team.

"I used to hang out at my older sister's practices. Eventually I had my own team and started to practice with them," Atkinson said.

Because she transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point her sophomore year from Concordia St. Paul, this will be Atkinson's third and final year playing for the Pointers.

"We'll miss her knowledge for the game, but also comic relief that's always there when we need it," Hennes said. "She very quick-witted."

Atkinson, a biology major, graduates in May and will start graduate school June 1, at Carroll University, where she has been accepted into Physician's Assistant program. Atkinson achieved a 3.98

GPA and is also heavily involved in lab research.

In high school Atkinson received an A- in a microbiology course and is still mad about it. She attributes her high grades to her study habits.

Atkinson is also the treasurer of the Scholar Society of UWSP and does lab work in the biology department. For over two years, Atkinson worked under Sandhu Devinder, a professor of biology.

"She's one of the top students in class and even if she knows the subject she goes through all the steps," Devinder said. "She makes sure she knows the concept and how it can be applied."

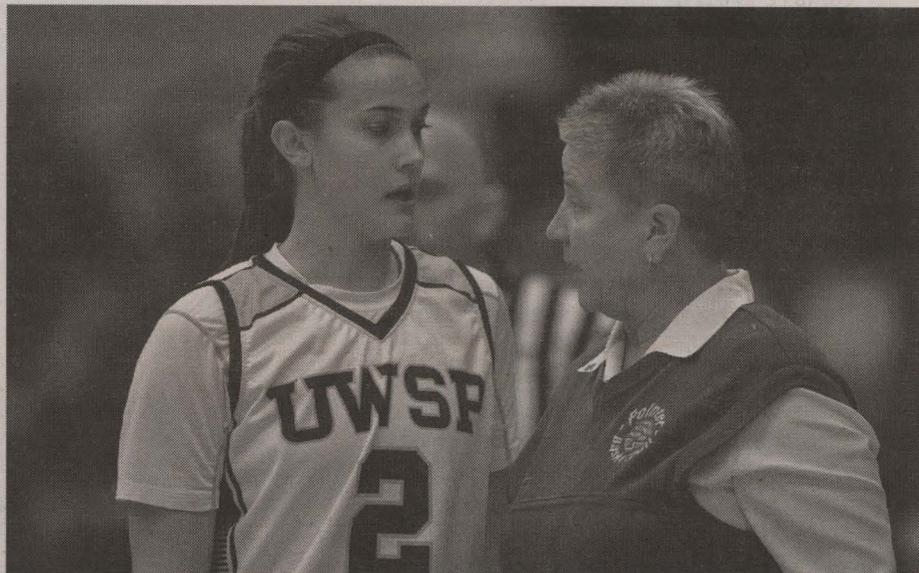
Atkinson's intellectual potential can be noted in her published works "Genome" and "Agronomy". She focuses on soy bean genetics, fertility and mutations.

"If you see a student producing like this you cannot imagine the hard work and dedication they have," Devinder said. "The work you do in the lab is based on what you want to do so you need to have drive. Taylor knows what she wants to do."

Atkinson is working on a third project that she plans to submit to yet another journal before she graduates.

Hennes said Atkinson, basketball and biology aside, is likable.

"She can get along with pretty much anyone," Hennes said. "She's understanding of anyone and anything, and when someone talks, she'll listen. She will always help you out, and anytime you're with her, she's going to make you smile."



Gibson's Competitiveness Makes Him Shine on Ice



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A passion to compete and to win is what drives defenseman Kevin Gibson of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's hockey team.

"He's a gamer and loves to win," head coach Chris Brooks said. "He has been a big part of our program."

Gibson is a playmaker on the blue line for the Pointers this season. He leads all defenseman for points scored in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate

Athletic Conference with 22 points, tallying four goals and 18 assists.

The competitiveness that drives Gibson may come from his genes since he is the son of Kirk Gibson, former professional baseball player and manager. Hockey stood out to Gibson as a kid and eventually became his passion.

"I was the first one in my family to want to play hockey," Gibson said. "Being from metro Detroit and watching the Red Wings, I kept asking my mom a million times to play until

she finally let me play."

Despite playing hockey, Gibson said he gets advice from his dad, but jokes that his dad may not understand hockey as well as he thinks.

"He thinks he knows a lot of what is going on," Gibson said.

Brooks believes Gibson's competitiveness on the ice comes from his family.

"A lot it comes from how he is raised and how they love to win," Brooks said. "He has a swagger that makes him successful."

As a junior, Gibson was First Team All-WIAC and is sure to be in contention for the same honor this season. Gibson is second on the team in points, sixth amongst all WIAC players and credits his success to his teammates.

"I have a lot of talent ahead of me," Gibson said. "I'm a pass-first guy, so I try and get the puck to those skilled forwards in front me, and they take it from there."

Within the last two years, the Pointers hockey team has become one of the best teams in the nation and Gibson has been a part of it from the first day.

"The culture has changed with a lot of success," Gibson said. "It has been quite the transition with a lot of positive change."

Gibson's first year at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point was also the first year for Brooks, who enjoys seeing players like Gibson progress.

"He is best when he is on his toes and thinking one step ahead of everyone else," Brooks said. "Kevin has an excellent mind which makes him a threat on the ice."

This is why I like coaching college players; to make an impact on people," Brooks said. "Kevin has been a key guy for us and it is nice to see him take on responsibilities."

Prior to the season, the team elected Gibson to be the new assistant captain. He said he loves the responsibility of that role. When it comes to leading, Gibson says he is more vocal than the quiet lead-by-example type.

With his UWSP hockey career ending, Gibson said is favorite moments have been overtime wins and pink games; but with the postseason in sight, Gibson has one goal in mind.

"I'd trade all the awards away for a national title," Gibson said.

SPORTS

UWSP Sports Striding into Postseason Play

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

On the women's side of the ice, the Pointers split a two-game series with UW-Superior but obtained home ice advantage in the WIAC semifinals. On Feb. 13, the Pointers fell 2-1 to the Yellowjackets after giving up two unanswered goals. On Senior Day, the Pointers came out on top with a 4-3 win. Forward Emily Lester scored the game-winning goal late in the third period; this being her third game winner of the year. UWSP also made goals from defenseman Betsy Anderson and forward Hannah Smith, while goaltender Janna Beilke-Skoug made 21 saves. UWSP faces UW-Superior again on Feb. 27-28, at Ice Hawks Arena in the WIAC semifinals.



Photo by Jack McLaughlin

MEN'S HOCKEY

Men's hockey split a two-game series against UW-Eau Claire with both games ending in a final score of 5-2. Despite outshooting the Blugolds 47-33 within the first game, UWSP loses after UW-Eau Claire scores four goals in the second period. Forward Kyle Sharkey and defenseman Kyle Brodie scored two goals for UWSP. In the second game, UWSP came back from a 2-1 deficit scoring four unanswered goals to win.

The Pointers remain in first place of the WIAC. Sharkey and Brodie once again added to the scoreboard, while forwards Andrew Kolb and Jacob Barber each made goals of their own. Goaltender Brandon Jaeger made 32 saves for his 17th win of the year. UWSP wraps up its regular season with a game at UW-River Falls on Feb. 20 and Senior Night against UW-Superior on Feb. 21, at Willett Arena.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Despite another week of going 1-1, the women's basketball team clinched a spot in the WIAC tournament for a 15th consecutive year. On Feb. 11, UWSP fell to UW-Whitewater 64-52 after being outscored 34-21 in the second half. They shot 29 percent. UWSP went on the road to UW-Stout on Valentine's Day where the team defeated the Blue Devils 68-64, solidifying its bid in the WIAC tournament. Forwards Joann Wolfenberg and Lauren Anklam led the team in scoring as Wolfenberg scored 18 points, and Anklam added 14. At 12-12 and a 7-8 WIAC record, UWSP faces UW-Superior on Feb. 21, Senior Day, to finalize a winning season.



Photo by Jack McLaughlin

WRESTLING

On the mat, the UWSP wrestling team placed third at the WIAC Wrestling Championship. Anthony Friese (157-pounds) and Bo Seibel (285-pounds) finished as runners-up in their weight classes. Ben Vosters, Joe Cook, Logan Hermsen and Dylan Diebitz all finished in third place in their weight classes. The team scored 109.5 points, making it the 23 consecutive season that UWSP finished third or better at the tournament. The team finished dual meet action for the season on Feb. 20, hosting No.5 Augsburg College, who had four wrestlers ranked in the top ten.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team continues to stay hot as the team added to its winning-streak of six games over the past week. UWSP defeated top-ranked UW-Whitewater 72-69 at home on Feb. 11. Forward Jordan Lutz led the way with 22 points, while guards Joe Ritchay and Austin Ryf each added 15 points.

On Valentine's Day, the Pointers rolled through UW-Stout, 85-44, on Senior Night as six players scored in the double digits for UWSP. Guard Stephen Pelkofer led the team with 15 points. Lutz tallied 14, while Ritchay scored 11 and forward Alex Richard added 10. In first place of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, with a record of 14-1 and 20-4 overall, the Pointers travel to UW-Superior for its final regular season game on Feb. 21.

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FROM LONDON *with love*

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London is home to amazing pieces of architecture with spectacular views.

St. Paul's Cathedral is one of London's most iconic structures. Designed by Sir Christopher Wren in the 17th century and consecrated in 1708 after the original was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666, this cathedral was the site of pilgrimages,

tourists and daily masses for thousands of people. Along with the cathedral floor, there are three other floors visitors can access: the Whispering Gallery, the Stone Gallery and the Golden Gallery.

Two-hundred fifty nine steps and 90 feet above the cathedral's floor is the Whispering Gallery. It received its name because if someone were to whisper at one gallery end, someone on the other end would hear it.

Up another 119 steps, and located outside the cathedral, is the Stone Gallery with views of London 364 feet above the ground. The last leg is another 152 steps and a staggering 606 feet above the city. The views are breathtaking on a clear day. I am proud I ascended all 530 steps to the top and walked back down.

Another building I was lucky enough to ascend is known by many names: the Gherkin, the Pickle, London's Phallus, 30 St. Mary Axe and countless others. This is one of London's most beautiful modern constructions.

It was completed in 2003 and stands on the site of the old Baltic Exchange, that the Irish Republican Army bombed in 1992. On Feb. 8, I attended a jazz concert on the 39th and 40th floors that were 590 feet above the city of London.

From that height, many of London's iconic landmarks were reduced to chess pawn size. It was here I learned a fun fact about St. Paul's Cathedral; it is a protected view. A building cannot be built that would obstruct its viewing. London is a city that truly loves its history, and I will never get sick of its beautiful views.

SPTV's General Manager Wins Leadership Award



Laura Braun of SPTV.

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Laura Braun, the general manager of Stevens Point Student Television, won the 2015 Wisconsin Broadcasters Association's Student Leadership Award on Feb. 4.

Professor Chris Shofner, an assistant professor of communication and SPTV's faculty advisor, nominated Braun. She will receive the award in early March at the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association's Student Seminar in Madison.

Braun joined SPTV as a freshman. She implemented many changes in her time as general manager.

Alex Kirchman, the content director for SPTV, witnessed Braun transform the organization.

"Things had fallen apart before she was manager," Kirchman said. "As soon as she took over we could all tell that she had the ambition and drive to make SPTV be the best that it could be."

Ryan Brown, the production manager for SPTV, noticed that the station's content quality improved with Braun as general manager. He said with Braun around the staff members are more engaged in the station.

"Last year there were times that you could come here and the doors would be shut for hours at a time because people weren't here," Brown said "Now the doors are always open during the week."

Braun said she learned that as a leader she is responsible for paying attention to details and picking up

the pieces when things fall apart. She is responsible if the organization takes a risk and fails.

"This year we took a leap of faith, and we rebranded the station," Braun said.

Braun and the SPTV team rebranded by creating news packages with interviews, changing the logo and live streaming all of the UWSP basketball and football games.

Braun said it will be hard to leave the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point when she graduates this May.

"I think what would be the most gratifying right now would be to work for Wisconsin Public Television after I graduate," Braun said. "I want to bring stories to life and tell positive stories. I also feel like Disney Channel would be a great place to work."

Gender Neutral Pronouns Spark Conversation Among Grammarians

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Some gender non-conforming individuals now request that they be referred to as "they" instead of "he" or "she."

There have been numerous proposals to refer to a gender non-conforming person as the plural "they," opposed to the singular "he" or "she." However, some grammarians argue this creates number disagreement within a sentence, since the pronoun "they" is not singular.

Mark Balhorn, an English professor, said it would be difficult for the general population to refer to one person as "they" because the number of people would not match.

"When we say 'they are in the room,' we assume that means multiple people are in the room," Balhorn said.

Languages have changed over time, but Balhorn said this only applies to descriptive words such as nouns, verbs, and adjectives, but not pronouns.

"I don't think this will ever happen," Balhorn said. "It is very hard to change the use of function words."

Speakers would have to remember to call a gender non-conforming person "they," which Balhorn said could lead to a slip up, and the speaker would call the person a "he" or "she" anyway.

"People are thinking about what they are trying to say in a

conversation," Balhorn said. "Not how they say it."

Even though Balhorn believes pronouns are hard to change, due to their functionality in the English language, there are those who disagree. Rachael Barnett, who is also an English professor, believes the English language has room to include gender neutral pronouns like "they."

Contrary to Balhorn, Barnett said that people who claim that using the pronoun "they" to refer to a singular person is too difficult of a change are only doing what is convenient for them. They are not being inclusive to a growing population.

"When it is in the service of further acceptance, inclusivity and equality, so what if you have to work a little harder and be a little more sensitive," Barnett said.

Despite the cause for more inclusiveness, Balhorn said the English language tried to adopt different pronouns long before the LGBTQ movement and they did not stick. However, those changes were proposed in the 19th and 20th centuries. Barnett said the times have changed.

"There is more attention toward pushing against gender normality," Barnett said. She said that people are beginning to recognize invisible gender assumptions in society and question them. They are embracing gender neutrality.

"People do things that are gendered without even thinking about what they mean," Barnett said.

Pronouns can be gender

assumptions because they assume every human is either a male or female. This forces those who are gender non-conforming to choose a pronoun they do not identify with.

Even if English-speakers respect a gender-nonconforming individual's request, it can be hard to change something people do not even realize they are using. In order for English speakers to become more aware of gender inclusive pronouns, they would have to be educated in how to ask someone what pronouns they want to use.

It is hard to implement rules for how people should speak because they will speak how they

want to outside the boundaries of formal grammar. Loren DeLonay, the promotions coordinator for the Women's Resource Center, followed this logic and said language is ever-changing and if people grow familiar with using "they" it will come more naturally over time.

"I feel like saying 'that's not possible' is a way to overlook gender neutral language," DeLonay said. She said a change in the use of pronouns will happen if people are more willing to have conversations about gender neutrality.

In the end, the way people speak language is dictated by the masses, not by text books.

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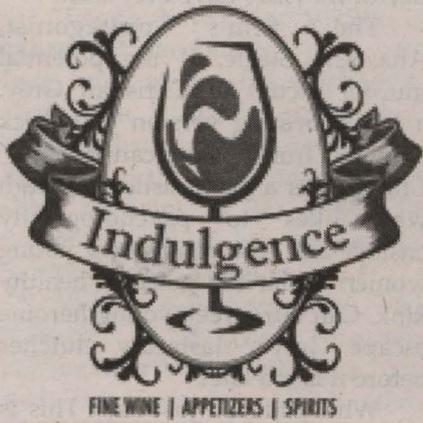
OPINIONS & EDITORIALS

Best Places to Dine in Stevens Point

In a city with almost 27,000 people, there is a limited selection when looking for an enjoyable dining experience for a night out. But, having lived here for two years, I beg to differ. In Stevens Point you may have to look a little harder, but there are plenty of places to explore and enjoy.

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For a night out, or when you want to relax or catch up with old friends, I recommend the following:



A night out with your girls calls for wine. Indulgence Wine Bar is conveniently located on Main Street in downtown Stevens Point. The bar offers drinks and a variety of entertainment most weekends. Thursday evenings are ladies nights with buy-one-get-one free offers, not to mention wine tastings.



Sugar Bar is the only martini bar in town, which makes it the perfect place to have a night out. From coffee to gummy-bear-flavored libations, Sugar Bar has just about anything to wet your whistle. If you only happen to get out once in a while, consider Sugar Bar for your birthday. Select martinis are available for just \$1 on your special day, not to mention you receive a glow-in-the-dark martini glass. Sugar Bar offers a monthly wine tasting and weekly karaoke sessions, plus occasional live entertainment.

To watch sports and drink a cold one, I recommend the following:



This bar and eatery is a man's food heaven. Point After's Heart Attack Burger is a special burger placed between two grilled cheese sandwiches. It is not the restaurant's only exciting option. A wide range of bar food, pastas and salads accompany daily drink specials. A variety of tap beer types and brands fill the menu. Point After can suit a laid back or sophisticated evening.



Guu's on Main is a little bit of everything in one place. Guu's has a huge variety of tap beers and plenty of food to fill your belly. Starting your night out at Guu's makes the most sense before spending the remainder of it downtown, because who knows if you will make it anywhere else. Guu's offers a variety of entertainment showcases. Events frequently occur on the weekend, which is sure to keep the dinner crowd around.

I recommend these places as the ultimate action space to watch the game:



If you want to watch the Packers on a Sunday with a \$1 bloody mary in your hand, Partners Pub is the place to be. With televisions all around, you will enjoy the game while indulging in delicious bar food. These bar classics will also help soothe your nerves when watching Wisconsin play Ohio State. Partners is a neighborhood place that brings people together to watch the action.



Massive televisions cover the walls creating a "not a bad seat in the house" feel. This place is huge and can keep you in the zone without feeling overly crowded. Graffiti's has food and beer of all kinds to please game watchers. Even if the game outcome is not what you hope, you can stay and dance the night away. This bar and grill has a huge dance floor that is normally packed on weekends.

Whether you're on a date or visiting with your parents, I recommend the following places in order to keep your night fancy yet affordable:



This new restaurant is making quite the name for itself with moderate pricing and homemade food. PJ's centers its menu around real Wisconsin meals. Flavorful options include premium grilled cheese sandwiches and macaroni and cheese. The atmosphere is cozy and classy. Large paintings of cows on the walls emphasize Wisconsin themes.



Father Fat's garage-like appearance may seem intimidating, but this restaurant will surprise you. Father Fat's has modern seating areas with a menu to knock your socks off. Many of the choices are appetizers to share, but there are full entrees on the menu, too. Father Fat's keeps its food repertoire interesting by changing its daily menu to suit in-season produce, while keeping the dining experience attractive.

Weeknights can be exhausting from spending long hours in class or at work, so the following two options offer an inexpensive way to satisfy your end of the day hunger:



This place offers half-off sushi on Monday and Wednesday nights. The normal prices are not too steep to begin with, so this is a real steal. Premium rolls are usually \$5 at most. If you're not into raw fish, they also have fried options, like tempura rolls. Tokyo Steakhouse has entrees and hibachi grills as well. If you don't want to leave your house, Tokyo Steakhouse will deliver for a small fee.



Mexican food is an easy way to spice up your normal dinner routine. El Mezcal offers inexpensive meals and half-off margaritas on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Its menu has many options, including nachos that you can probably share as a meal. Many of the items are already inexpensive, so margaritas are just a bonus. The staff is friendly and helpful with any questions you may have.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Seeing 'Grey' Should Have You Seeing Red

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It is appropriate that "50 Shades of Grey" was released on Friday the 13th, because it is one of the best horror movies I have ever seen.

The film's protagonist, Anastasia Steele, is the potential murder victim of Christian Grey, a less charming version of Patrick Bateman from "American Psycho." Christian is a narcissistic sociopath who likes to psychologically enslave and torture innocent young women under the guise of healthy kink. Can our sweet, young heroine escape Grey's dastardly clutches before it is too late?

What did you just say? This is supposed to be a steamy romance? Really?

Well in that case, "50 Shades of Grey" totally sucked. It is sexual assault, presented to the world as softcore porn for our moms. This movie misrepresents people who are into kinky sex as though they are psychologically broken monsters. It also sends women a horrible message; if the man you are dating abuses you, you need to stick around and fix him.

No. Leave that man. Leave this movie.

Horrible messages aside, I at least admit that I needed a cold shower after watching "50 Shades of Grey," not because it got me so hot and bothered, but because I needed something to wake me up. This movie is slow and dull, and you endure it the way you endure bad sex; staying still, rolling your eyes and waiting for the lights to come back on.

The stars, Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan, are the most boring parts. You will find more talent and charisma from the actors in real porn. After the movie, most people in the audience will probably deliver better acting performances while faking orgasms with the partners who dragged them to go see this garbage.

If you are looking for a cheap, dirty thrill you will get what you want, but if you are looking for healthy romance and good storytelling, you will end up getting the shaft. "50 Shades of Grey" earns 3 of your mom's dead batteries out of 10.



Photo by Allison Birr
Davidson visits UWSP.

'Saturday Night Live' Comedian Causes Sell-out

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Pete Davidson is often referred to as the "Cutie Pie" of "Saturday Night Live," but on Wednesday, Feb. 11, Centertainment Productions gave him a new name as guest stand-up comedian at the Encore.

"We have been fortunate to have a few comedians of Pete Davidson's caliber before, and it's great experiences like these we hope to be able to keep providing to students in the future," said Jaclyn Freeberg, the special events coordinator at Centertainment.

Greg Diekroeger, the director of campus activities, booked Davidson at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Davidson had just performed at UW-Stout on Feb. 10 and was on his way to UW-Madison for a Feb. 12 performance, so Centertainment was able to book him for Wednesday, Feb. 11 at a discounted rate.

"His manager was great to work with," Freeberg said. "He was very easy to get a hold of and always replied quickly and politely."

Emily Wisniewski, the late night coordinator at Centertainment, assisted Freeberg in preparing for Davidson's performance. Wisniewski said the turnout for the event was outstanding.

"The Encore was filled to capacity and everyone seemed to really enjoy the performance," Wisniewski said. "It is irregular for live entertainment to sell out, so Wednesday night was

pretty exciting."

Though the audience seemed reserved during Davidson's opening act, they quickly excited when he took the stage. As part of her job, Wisniewski was able to meet Davidson, who told her he was not exactly a fan of Central Wisconsin's climate.

"He thought that Wisconsin was too cold for life and was surprised at how similar everywhere is, forests next to forests," Wisniewski said. "He seemed very relaxed, and did great at interacting with the audience."

Davidson is unlike previous comedians Centertainment has brought to campus. He is a nationally recognized television comedian, who just turned 21 last November, making him "SNL"'s youngest cast member. Davidson participated in a question and answer session after his performance, then proceeded to the lobby where he took pictures with audience members.

Kaya Bo Gravitter, a political science and international studies major, had never been to a stand up act on campus before. She was unimpressed with Davidson's performance.

"I thought he was funny, but the guy who performed before him was way more funny," Gravitter said. "I have a dry sense of humor, and he seemed to be unprepared and was too high to be funny."

Gravitter is a long time "SNL" viewer. She said watching Davidson perform on the show was better than watching him perform stand up.

"He has a lot of potential, but

just needs more practice," Gravitter said. "I enjoyed no part of his act, and felt uncomfortable for most of it."

Though Gravitter was not a fan of his comedy, she appreciated Davidson participating in a question and answer session after his performance.

"It's nice to relate to someone our age, though he's not in college," Gravitter said. "He has an obvious knowledge of the real world."

Gravitter was also appreciative that Centertainment brought a nationally recognized comedian to campus.

"This event was special," Gravitter said. "I was thrilled for an 'SNL' comedian and semi-famous person to be on campus."

Davidson recently performed for "SNL"'s 40th anniversary special on Sunday, Feb. 15. The special featured movie stars, past "SNL" cast members, athletes, musicians and singers who recaptured 40 years of "SNL" history through live comedy sketches, video clips and more.

Outside of "SNL," Davidson performs in New York City at Caroline's On Broadway, Gotham Comedy Club and The Stand. He was named by Variety magazine as a Top 10 Comic to Watch in 2014.

It seems the public will keep an eye on Davidson as he emanates a unique millennial persona for a new generation of "SNL" viewers and affects college students when touring campuses across the country.

Quit-N-Time Embodies Friday Night Relaxation

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For seven weeks, the Brewhaus will feature the Quit-N-Time live music series every Friday from 4-6 p.m. to provide students with a relaxing end to their busy week.

Quit-N-Time features an array of music styles to allow students with varying tastes to appreciate the event. The series began on Jan. 23.

"It's very chill and fun," said Anna Schuttenhelm, the Brewhaus' events and promotions coordinator. "It's a good way to welcome people here, and it's also displaying local artists."

Schuttenhelm hopes the event will bring new faces into the Brewhaus.

"Our goal when we put on these events is to create a welcoming environment for students of all different interests," Schuttenhelm said. "People can come in here for the music. They can come to meet friends, to play games or they can come for the free snacks and the deals. People come here for many

reasons, and this is all one welcoming place for them."

Last week's performance featured singer-songwriter Hannah Westerholm.

"She's a good performer," said senior Adam Stresins. "She really knows how to interact with the audience."

Westerholm writes her own lyrics and plays piano.

"Describing my style is really hard because I push myself to try different genres and different ways of writing," Westerholm said. "A lot of people compare me to Florence and the Machine or Sara Bareilles."

Joey Bonner, a fellow Quit-N-Time performer, was glad to see a fresh face entering the Stevens Point music scene.

"I think she's going to do really well here musically," Bonner said. "She'll fit in really well with the music scene here. I hope she keeps it going."

The Quit-N-Time music series ends with Bonner's performance on March 6.



Photo by Allison Birr
Singer-songwriter Hannah Westerholm showed off her talents at Quit-N-Time last Friday night.

Assembly Approves Allowing Grocery Store Liquor Samples

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The Wisconsin Assembly has approved a bill that would allow grocery stores to hand out sample mini-shots of liquor.

The bipartisan measure would allow retailers with liquor licenses to provide customers with one half-ounce of booze, the equivalent of a third of a shot. They already can legally offer beer and wine samples.

The bill's co-author, Republican Rep. Joel Kleefisch of Oconomowoc, says the measure would help distilleries and other liquor sellers compete with breweries and winemakers.

The Assembly passed the bill on a voice vote on Thursday. It now goes to the state Senate.

Similar bills failed in 2012 and 2014.



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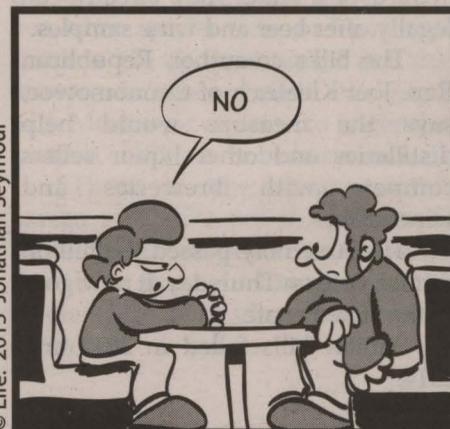
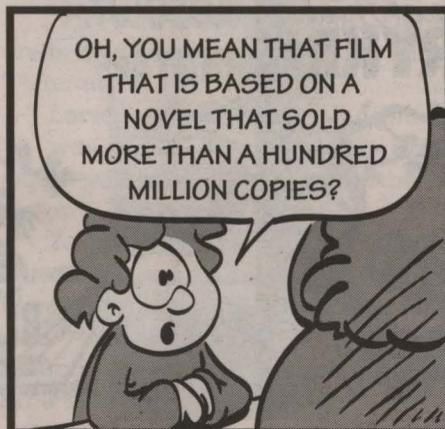
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'In The Shower' Album Review

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Coming straight from the smoky streets of Montreal, Homeshake is the once side-project, now full-time musical endeavor of Mac Demarco's ex-touring guitarist Peter Sagar. "In The Shower" is Sagar's first full-length LP released under the

pseudonym Homeshake, featuring jangly guitars, crackly vocals and bass lines so funky even your 80-year-old grandmother with osteoporosis can't help but wiggle along.

Although "In The Shower" might not pull punches or break new ground, the album does seduce you with the sensual sounds of years gone by, and boy oh boy, does it get

weird.

The album's first track "She Can't Leave Me Here Alone Tonight" opens with an oddly archaic audio sample from a '60s Archie cartoon, the first of many strange samples on the album. The song quickly breaks into the slow-jam feeling that only someone who has played with Mac Demarco could produce.

Sagar's vocals and lyrics resemble what you would expect to find in the personal journal of a 14-year-old; sappy songs about cute girls and references to anime, all in a voice that is patiently waiting to hit puberty.

Within the song "Chowder," Sagar light-heartedly refers to a woman who he's in love with as "his chowder," saying he "loves her so much." This comparison of one's lover to a delicious seafood-based soup is a direct reflection of the bizarre, self-aware humor that seeps throughout the album.

Other than the strange lyrical concepts Sagar glosses over, the guitar and bass work are the heart of "In The Shower"'s old-timey magic. The driving bass lines on songs like "Michael" and the jangly wave of the guitars on "Making A Fool Of You", allows listeners to know that even though Sagar's voice might sound like a pre-pubescent teenager, his instrumentation is that of an incredibly talented and multi-instrumental seasoned musician.

If you ever want to slip off your shoes, sip a cold one and feel slightly uncomfortable, Homeshake's "In The Shower" is right up your alley; especially if that alley happens to smell like old people and hand lotion.



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- 5 **Pond**
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- 6 **Traveling Suitcase**
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- 7 **Dr. Dog**
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Police: Rapper Afroman Punches Female Fan on Stage

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BILOXI, Miss. (AP) — Rapper Afroman punched a female fan on stage during a concert and was charged with simple assault, police said.

Afroman, who is best known for his Grammy-nominated hit "Because I Got High," was arrested Tuesday night and his show in Biloxi show was canceled. He was later released after posting \$330 bond, said Biloxi Police Chief John Miller.

A video posted online showed a woman dancing next to Afroman as he was playing guitar and him punching her, knocking her off her feet.

The 40-year-old rapper, whose real name is Joseph Foreman, apologized on his Facebook page and later told TMZ that two women had been dancing on stage and a man

had been heckling him throughout the show. He said he thought they had left the stage, and when someone bumped him, he thought it was the man.

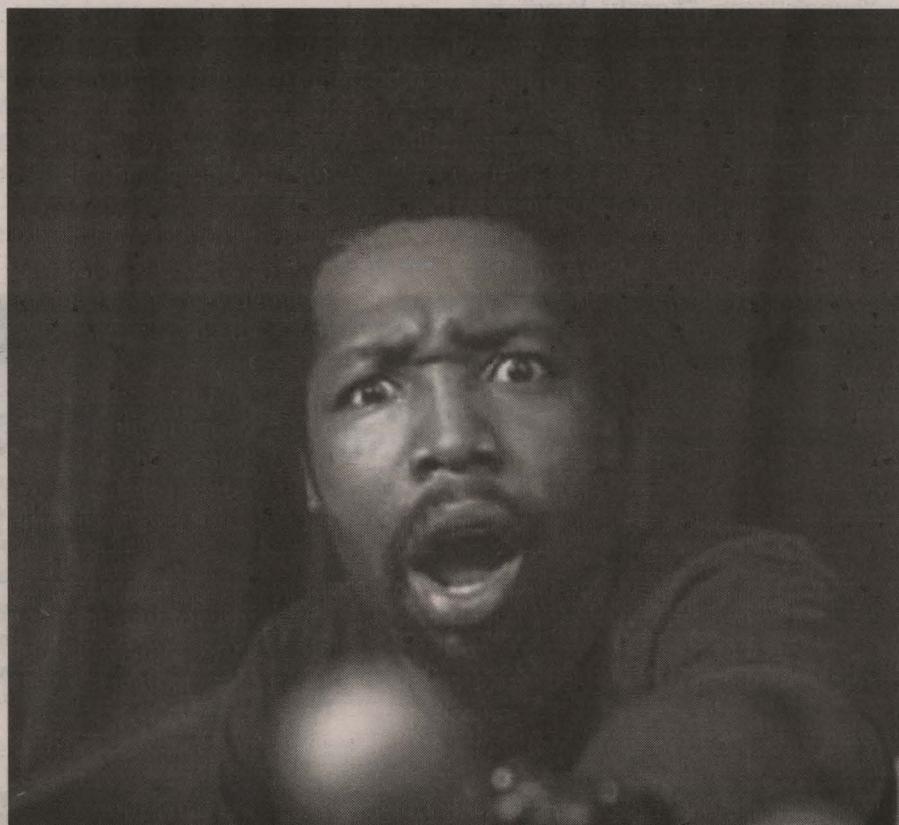
"I thought it was that guy," he said.

He said the early show during Mardi Gras gave him anxiety and he didn't have time to eat dinner and "medicate, get right."

"I had my frustrations to make a long story short," he told TMZ.

Chase Taylor, who owns Kress Live where the rapper was performing, said the concert was stopped.

"Afroman was about five songs into his set when the incident occurred. We pulled the plug on him, and security met him at the bottom of the stage to escort him outside, where he was taken into custody," Taylor said.



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Photo by Julia Flaherty

Chris Young Captures Wisconsin Essence

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Chris Young performed at North Star Mohican Casino in Bowler, Wisconsin on Friday, Feb. 13. He had just left Nashville, Tennessee after performing for the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition Bash.

Though Bowler is approximately an hour drive from Stevens Point, students from the university were still excited to hear that a famous country singer was in such close proximity. They anticipate his return to Wisconsin later this month.

"The first song I ever heard from Chris Young was 'Getting You Home' and I was entertained by the catchy lyrics," said Jamie Lee Boysen, an arts management major. "I came to love his music very quickly."

Young's song "Lonely Eyes" is currently No. 14 on Billboard's Top 100 Country Song Chart.

Zach Piper, an urban forestry major, said Young is more likely to appeal to a collegiate demographic because of his own youthfulness.

Young is 29 years old.

"I think some college students might not know who he is if they don't listen to country music because he's not that big of a star yet," Piper said. "He's relatively new to country."

Boysen agreed that Young's music is relatable.

"Anywhere you go, Chris Young's music is going to relate to people, and if the music relates to the public it's going to gain popularity quickly," Boysen said. "It's hard for one singer to represent Wisconsin, but I can say that from how often his songs are played across multiple radio stations, he is a well known musician throughout the state."

For some, Young's lyrics invoked feelings of sentimentality, while others seemed to take simple pleasure in raising a glass to live music. Young meshed with the crowd's wavelength, making the event feel more like a good Wisconsin cookout, centralized in the sophistication of a great Northwoods casino.

Young gave fans a special opportunity to hear what he had performed at this year's Grammy

awards. He said he was asked to sing outside of his genre for the event. "Lonely Eyes" and "Aw Naw" seemed to be crowd favorites.

"My favorite songs of his are 'Lonely Eyes,' 'Tomorrow,' 'Who I am with You,' 'Aw Naw,' 'Getting You Home' and 'You,'" Boysen said. "My roommates caught me belting out 'Who I am With You' when I was showering a few weeks ago. I thought I was home alone, so it was embarrassing, but totally worth it."

At the concert, Young paid tribute to veterans and those currently serving. He expressed his gratitude to the crowd many times about being able to perform at all.

"Thank you for letting me do this for a living," Young said.

Several concert-goers recaptured memories and created new ones. One fan celebrated her 21st birthday with friends, while another, who was there with her best friend and husband, remembered one of Young's songs as her wedding song.

Young will be touring the Midwest through March, then will head to Hawaii and Australia this April. His

international tour will extend all the way to Sweden this September.

"I generally don't like going to concerts, but I liked seeing and listening to Chris Young perform at Country USA back in 2014," Piper said. "He had a broken arm at the time, so he wasn't that entertaining to watch on stage but still had a good voice."

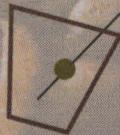
Piper recommended Young for his stand-out vocals.

"I really like his voice and the beat of his music," Piper said. "He sticks out."

The crowd begged Young for an encore when he left the stage around 9:30 p.m. Young satisfied the crowd's call, and ended his show with two songs, "The Dashboard" and The Doobie Brothers' "China Grove."

Young raised a red cup as he encouraged fans to explore the casino, then left the stage to return to his tour bus. On Feb. 19, Young will perform with Lee Brice at the Independence Events Center in Independence, Missouri, and will return to Wisconsin at the La Crosse Center on Feb. 21.

BEHIND THE BAR



A homemade version of the ever-popular Kahlúa, this coffee liqueur can be used for White Russians, the traditional vodka, coffee liqueur and cream cocktail, or simply served over ice. Traditionally served cold, this mixture can be heated and served warm on cold winter nights. It is also a nice addition to your morning coffee during a lazy weekend.

3 cups white rum
1 1/4 cup dark rum
1 1/2 cup sugar
3/4 pound whole coffee beans
1 vanilla bean
1 cinnamon stick
1 tablespoon

Combine all ingredients. Let mixture sit for two to three weeks in a dark place. Shake or stir each day. Strain mixture through cheesecloth.

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