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Puppy Monkey Baby Running Rampant in Schmeckle Reserve

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According to multiple eyewitness reports, a puppy monkey baby has been spotted running around Schmeckle Reserve.

Along with wearing a diaper, the puppy monkey baby is said to have a pug's face, a monkey's upper body and tail and a baby's lower body.

The first report of the puppy monkey baby came on March 21

from Michael Scott, regional manager for a small paper company, while he was attempting to survive off the land in the depths of Schmeckle.

"I was making a bandana out of the arm of my suit when I looked up and saw a cute pug across from me," Scott said. "When it stood up and had a monkey's body and a baby's legs, I had no option but to run in fear for my life."

Since Scott's claims, Schmeckle has become a local hot spot for tourists and students who want to

take their shot at sighting the rare puppy monkey baby.

In an attempt to draw out the creature, people have entered Schmeckle with their dogs and some will go to the extreme of even dressing in grown up diapers.

Dan Theman, deputy of Schmeckle Reserve, has taken a more secretive approach to spotting the creature by entering the park at midnight and using his night vision goggles to increase his spying capabilities.

From his nights on the prowl,

Theman claims he witnessed the puppy monkey baby swinging tree to tree and making his presence felt amongst the other animals.

"It looked like the creature was going around trying to lick other animals on the cheek and afterward would run off drinking a Mountain Dew that it pulled from its diaper," Theman said.

It is unknown where the puppy monkey baby lives within Schmeckle but Theman reports that he has seen the animal carrying a bucket full of Mountain Dew

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EDITORIAL

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I'm not funny, at least not in the hahaha she's hilarious and should be a stand-up comedian way at least.

...Maybe in the Meg Ryan, slightly neurotic sort of way. You know, where she is just a blithering idiot running around with her head cut off and slightly dysfunctional but still pretty kick-ass all at the same time.

I guess in that way I'm funny.

But when it comes to writing satirical articles, I am certainly not funny. And since all the content the Pointer publishes is laughable, I've decided that I can't do this anymore and I'm dropping out of college.

Now you know what is funny? Politics is funny. Hahaha quite laughable really. But we're not going to talk about that because what our nation really needs to focus on is building a wall.

Why would we build a wall? To keep all of the amazingness out, obviously!

So, now that we've established that the amazingness is out there somewhere, and not here around us, I am dropping out of college and moving. I'm moving somewhere "Out There."

Heck, who needs a college degree? I'm going to give myself a degree...A degree in Amazingness...a degree from "Out There"...not here.

So sayonara my fellow Pointers and Stevens Point. Please enjoy your highly safe and structured nation surrounded by walls. I never liked fenced in spaces anyway.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES
REPORT

Sunday, Mar. 20

Boyfriend of a student called to report that his girlfriend broke up with him and he wants to know if there is a class he can take on how to get her back.

Monday, Mar. 21

Female called to report a lost teddy bear. She stated there was a party last night, but does not remember anyone taking Tubby the Teddy Bear.

Career Services staff wanted to talk to an officer about a student wanting to do an "odd" job.

Tuesday, Mar. 22

Custodial staff called at 11:07 p.m. because they heard unusual noise coming from the bathroom.

Custodial staff called again at 11:15pm to tell PS that the unusual noise was coming from an old, running water tap.

Wednesday, Mar. 23

Steiner Hall staff escorted a student dressed as a clown out of the building several times, but he refused to leave. Staff members believed that the student was intoxicated.

Thursday, Mar. 24

At 6:36 a.m., a student tried to get into the Dryfus University Center because the individual could not hold their pee. The student ended up peeing near the green garbage bins by DUC.

Friday, Mar. 25

Staff called PS to report that students have pranked her by filling the classroom with balloons and they need to be removed soon. The class was cancelled for the day.

Student from Baldwin Hall called to report a roommate stealing her essay for her own use. The dispute is still going on.

Saturday, Mar. 26

Father of a student called to report that his son's girlfriend was driving his son up the wall.

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Kickstart that it is very protective of.

"It would stop whatever it was doing and utilize a small baby rattle to fend off any animal that approached the bucket of Kickstart," Theman said.

The puppy monkey baby was first seen on a Mountain Dew Kickstart ad that was aired during the most recent Super Bowl and apparently

stole all of the Mountain Dew products from the set of the commercial when making its escape.

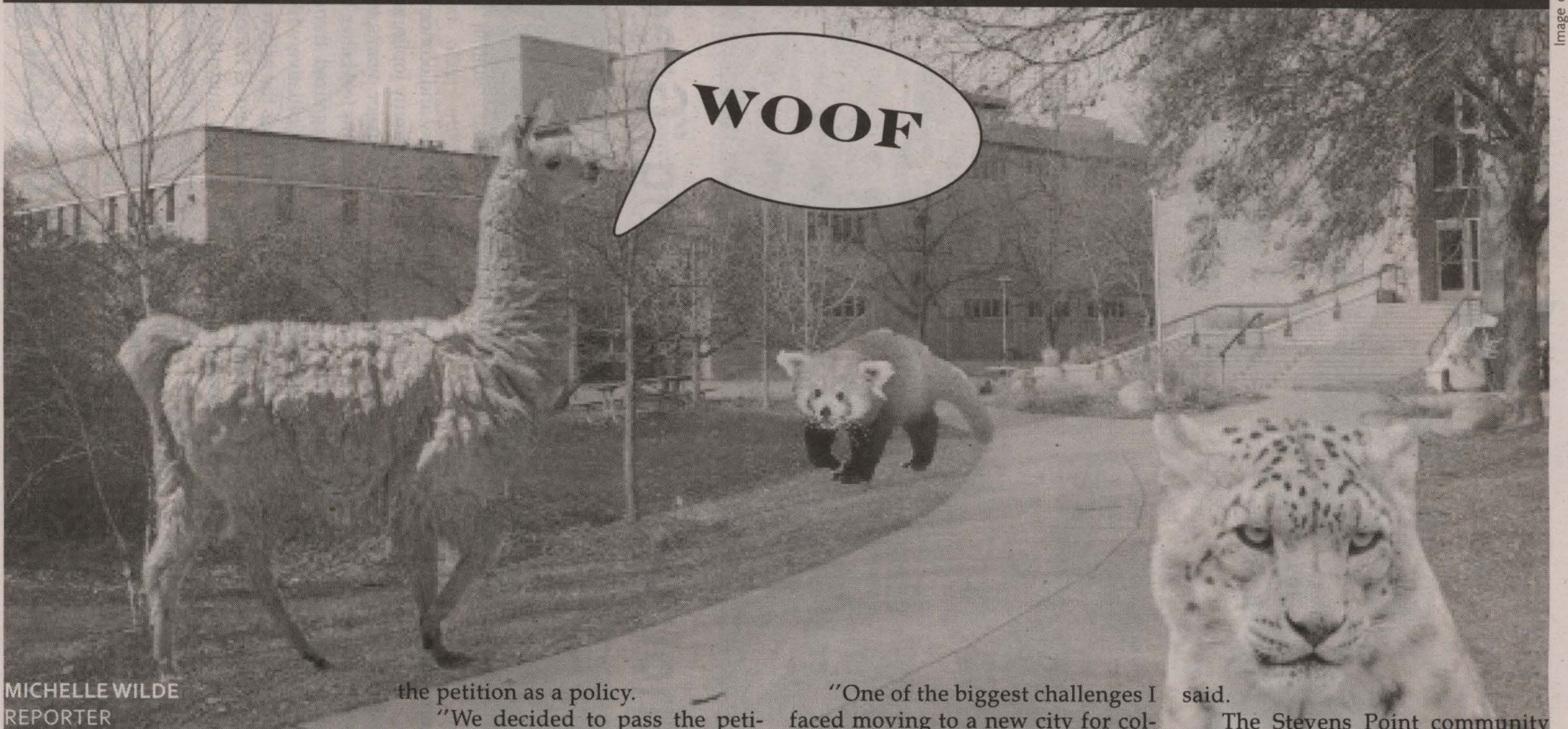
While nobody knows what has drawn the puppy monkey baby to Stevens Point, local scientist Bill Nye believes that there could be a large Mountain Dew reserve under the surface of Schmeckle that drew the animal here.

"After collecting samples,

traces of Mountain Dew have been found in the grounds of Schmeckle that I believe can be sensed by the puppy monkey baby and thus explain why it has migrated here," Nye said.

Local officials are encouraging anyone who sees the puppy monkey baby to try and peacefully capture the animal, using Mountain Dew as bait.

Animals Now Allowed in Residential Halls



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Chancellor Bernie Patterson has released a new policy stating students can now have animals in the residential halls.

A petition was signed by all the students and presented to the Student Government Association. At first it was rejected as there were concerns about safety and cleanliness.

After amending the petition to include a requirement that students must have a single room or live in the Suites @200 in order to have an animal the president of SGA, Luna Lovegood, and Patterson approved

the petition as a policy.

"We decided to pass the petition because we realize that there are several hurdles and barriers for new students and reducing one of them will improve the quality of life for our on campus students," Lovegood, senior wizarding naturalist major, said.

SGA also added a new amendment to the policy to include size restrictions. The maximum height is 6 feet and the maximum weight restriction is 2,200 pounds.

The policy has been well received by the majority of the students. Previously only service, assistance and disability animals were permitted in the residential halls and in academic buildings.

"One of the biggest challenges I faced moving to a new city for college was leaving behind my Hippogriff. Having him here will make college less stressful and more manageable," Rubeus Hagrid, junior magical creatures studies major, said.

Some students have voiced their worries at the weekly senate meetings. Among those students was Draco Malfoy, senior dark arts major.

"My neighbor brought a baby Hungarian hornail dragon into his room and one day it got out. It was still learning to control its fire breathing ability so it burnt a hole through my door and all my school books were destroyed," Malfoy

said.

The Stevens Point community members have expressed their support of the policy as well.

"It is obvious that students are a lot happier now that their beloved pets are with them. It's definitely very interesting to see all the different variety of animals on campus. I love talking to students about their animals and learning more about different species," Molly Weasley, a shop owner said.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has now become a leading example to other colleges around the U.S. and tours have even been set up so others can visit the campus and its animals.

College of Natural Resources, "Bring Your Resource to Work Day"

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On April 1, the professors of the College of Natural Resources participated in the first annual "Bring Your Resource to Work Day."

Faculty of the CNR organized the event in order to show students involvement expectations for their field of study.

Dr. Ron Masters carried a whole ponderosa pine on his back all morning, and later Dr. James Cook lit the same tree on fire to demonstrate the serotinous nature of the cones.

Pauline Rivers, junior forestry major said, "I was afraid for my safety."

The "Bring Your Resource to Work Day" put a lot of students in danger. Many received first-degree burns and

some have been attacked by various animals brought in by the wildlife faculty.

Dr. Shelli Dubay went above and beyond and brought in a possum that was killed by rabies. However, the possum was only playing possum, and reportedly escaped while Dubay was lecturing for Captive Wildlife 280.

Extra credit is now being offered to the student who returns it.

Dr. Ronald Crunkilton was reportedly unavailable all day, he didn't attend his own lectures.

Cam Oufage, senior hunting major said, "I went to Dr. Crunkilton's office hours to see why he wasn't in lecture. I just found him standing in a corner, staring dreamily at a water sample from the Plover River collected in 1990."

One faculty member of the paper science and engineering program dis-

played their favorite piece of HP Premium laser jet paper all day in an air-tight case.

This extreme dedication for people involved in natural resources has been a common occurrence on campus. Students and staff from the other colleges didn't think anything strange was going on.

Yanisa Swan, senior theater major said, "I honestly didn't notice anything different. I just assumed it was regular in the TNR for professors to put jars of dirt in baby strollers."

This will be the last "Bring Your Resource to Work Day" as the CNR faculty not only put their students in danger, but they were unavailable to write letters of recommendation for internships.

If you or anyone you know has information regarding the possum, please alert protective services.



Campus Greenhouses are Growing "Green"

healthy and economical alternative. Jimmy Joplin, sophomore psychology major, wants to "use the weed to make us feel better."

Legalized through a new educational initiative which college campuses across the nation are testing, UW-Stevens Point is honored to be involved in a social study that has so many potential benefits across the campus.

Planting will begin this spring and will be ready for commercial use in the upcoming fall semester. Inquiries about the issue may be directed towards Sarah Moken at smoke420@uwsp.edu

campus marijuana movement, is excited to create cookies and brownies that contain more than just a sugar rush.

"Brownie Monday" will be initiated next semester and brownies with local weed ingredients will be sold every Monday until supplies run out.

Moken is most interested to "use local ingredients to create special baked food for students."

Not only will the herb be used in the kitchen but it will be sold at the campus clinic as a medicine for a discounted student price. For those who need medicine but can't afford top-notch healthcare, medical marijuana will be a

how to maintain such a unique environment.

Jane Marie, junior biology major, will oversee the green production over the summer through a specialized garden club called The Horticultural Cannabis Society, or THCs.

"Growing marijuana will allow me to gain knowledge in a plant that will benefit humans and the environment," Marie said.

Not only will growing marijuana allow for botanical practices, but it will be used in the CPS Cafe as an ingredient in many dessert items. Sarah Moken, manager of the cafe and charge of the

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A new initiative on campus is allowing marijuana to be grown in campus greenhouses.

Starting next semester, cannabis will be grown and used for medicinal purposes, educational practices and culinary consumption.

The school signed off on the bill last month to allow its legality, and the marijuana seeds have been purchased for planting. Students will be involved in monitoring how the plant grows and

Trump Plans to Hold Rally at UWSP Campus

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Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump has confirmed that he will be stopping in Stevens Point to hold a rally in hopes of gaining support from the student demographic of Wisconsin.

Trump will be conducting his rally on April 1 at 2 p.m. on the sundial. He urges students to remain as peaceful and accepting as he is.

"There's no violence, none whatsoever," he said. "It's a lovefest."

Students across Wisconsin are planning to make their way to Stevens Point to witness the three hour rally.

Sally Hayter, junior political science major, is the president of the white supremacist group, National Youth Alliance, and believes Trump's visit will have a wonderful impact on the community.

"We cannot wait for April 1. Hundreds of our members will be there to show support and love for Mr. Trump.

He is exactly what this nation needs," said Hayter. "I just really hope he talks about the wall, that'll get everyone really amped up."

Trump said he will be discussing the wall he plans to build between Mexico and the U.S., as well as the finances that will be going into its construction.

"I will build a great wall - and nobody builds walls better than me, believe me - and I'll build them very inexpensively. I will build a great, great wall on our southern border, and I will make Mexico pay for that wall. Mark my words," Trump said.

He explained his number one reason for the wall is safety.

"When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending the best. They're not sending you, they're sending people that have lots of problems and they're bringing those problems with us. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists... And some, I assume, are good people."

Resistant Life, a college based anti-immigration organization, will also

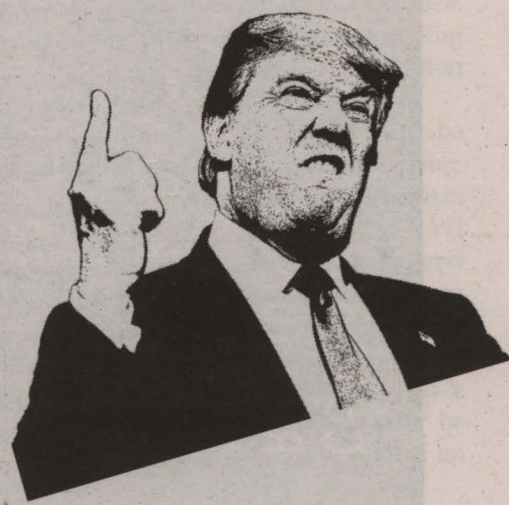
be attending the April 1 rally. Edward Ascholtz, president of Resistant Life, believes they will have approximately one hundred members of their organization present.

"We are super excited to have a candidate who finally understands the evil within immigrants. All they do is work, we need people who will actually contribute to society," Ascholtz said.

Trump hopes the rally will be a chance for him to speak out and explain to students why they should trust in him to revive America. He explained that the ideas that once made America great have been crippled by many, especially President Obama. However, he believes that with a few minor adjustments America may rise again.

"Sadly, the American dream is dead," said Trump. "But if I get elected, I will bring it back, bigger and better than ever."

Writers note: Every Trump quote within this article is factual.



Students Have Beef With Vegan Meal Plan

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to transfer to UW-River Falls."

The town of River Falls is projected to receive a large influx of our students because half of the town's population is actually consumable farm animals.

The administration believes the campus will lose a large amount of students, but studies show that the students that stay will be more likely to live longer due to the healthy vegan meals. This longer lifespan of alumni will provide campus with a greater amount of time to call past students and ask them to donate money before they die.

The goal of a longer lifespan for the students stems from multiple studies showing that vegans are at a lower risk for cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and various cancers. Plant-heavy food is also very high in fiber and low in unhealthy saturated fats.

However, protein intake is a big concern for many students, especially the athletes, who are commonly found star-

ing into mirrors and lifting up heavy objects in the Health Enhancement Center.

Most believe that plant-based diets cannot provide enough protein for humans, but plenty of protein can be obtained from beans and lentils. Most Americans eat twice as much protein as they need daily, too much animal protein has been known to increase the risk of osteoporosis.

Marie Ipsum, senior health promotion and wellness major said, "It makes sense because this campus has been called the home of wellness. It's time we put our money where our mouth is."

UW-Lacrosse's health program, known to compete with UW-Stevens Point, has recently announced plans to create a gluten-free campus in response to our meal plan.

The environmental impacts of eating a heavy animal-based diet are astounding. The land usage needed for animals, raised for meat or for milk is astronomically high.

Even if the animals are raised in confinement, which most are, they are fed crops like corn.

Growing corn uses a lot of land. If the land used to grow corn for cattle was instead used for people, we could feed so many more humans.

With large concentrations of animals, comes large concentrations of animal waste, which not only pollutes waterways, but the methane emissions from livestock add to climate change.

In comparison to a vegetarian diet, a vegan diet uses less water, land and produces a smaller carbon output.

Kale Quinoa, sophomore barefoot major said, "Our school has been recognized as an environmentally friendly campus. It's time for us to break apart from the pack and become the most environmentally friendly campus."

The meal plan change is projected to decrease the number of students attending UWSP by about 98 percent.

Facing More Budget Issues, all UWSP Courses Become Online-Only

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is about to solve its budget issues once and for all.

As part of a sweeping new initiative co-authored by Chancellor Bernie Patterson and Governor Scott Walker, all UWSP classes will be going online-only in the fall semester. The university and the state of Wisconsin are set to save millions of dollars with this one move that the Pointer is by no means obligated to refer to as the single greatest idea in the history of the world.

When asked for comment, Walker turned down the one-of-a-kind Wu-Tang Clan album he had purchased from Martin Shkreli, and said, "This is not an attack on education. This is a streamlining of education. We've taken all of the extraneous nonsense, stuff like professional educators and learning to empathize with other human beings, and have whittled all of that down to the bare minimum."

On this note, there are expected to be mass faculty layoffs. All professors with degrees will now be replaced by bitter college dropouts, as per Walker's recommendation.

Many classes will no longer require instructors at all, but will instead consist of students being emailed links to different TED talks every day. The most controversial class without an instructor will surely be the new human sexuality course that provides students with paid subscriptions to Pornhub instead of a D2L page.

Walker, while munching crushed diamonds like they were popcorn, said, "A barebones approach to college education is really the best way to go. I mean, look at me, I only stayed in college for a few semesters and look how good I turned out."

This move is also being heralded by the governor for its environmental benefits, an issue he claims to have formed a lifelong passion for last month. UWSP has long sought to be a green campus, and according to Walker, how much more green can a campus be than

to not exist at all?

"Non-existent college campuses are my true desired endgame," Walker said as he drove his personalized Batmobile through the life-sized replica of Gotham City that he had installed in his mansion's basement last week. "That will provide me with the kind of environment I'm looking for."

When asked why the university was so quick to side with Walker's plans, Chancellor Bernie Patterson said, "We've always had people complaining about parking, so we're glad to have an excuse to demolish all of the buildings and replace them with parking lots. It's going to be a hilarious and ironic way to stick it to all of those whiners."

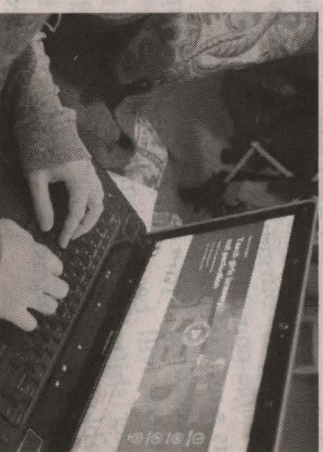


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UWSP Approves Race Walking as Newest Varsity Sport

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With Rio de Janeiro hosting the 2016 Olympic Games this summer, there has been an overwhelming interest in new sports for UWSP students to participate in, with the utmost interest being in race walking.

Last fall, UWSP students polled to choose which new sport they thought should be added to the Pointer varsity athletics roster and race walking passed with flying colors.

Starting in the fall of 2016, race walking will officially be a varsity sport offered to all students at UWSP.

Suzanne Skipper said she is an advocate in race walking, as she competed in the sport for 13 years when she grew up and even won a national title when she was 16.

"My mom and dad were interested in getting me into sports when I was little and race walking was quite popular in my area," she said. "I participated in various meets across the country and even won the national championships when I was 16."

Skipper said she thinks of herself as a team leader and will do everything she can to create the most efficient, talented group of race walkers.

"After we hold tryouts and select the athletes to represent UWSP, we will practice everyday—sometimes up to five hours each day—to ensure that we will be the best collegiate

team in the country," Skipper said.

Calvin Walker has been a race walking coach for the last 12 years and was called up to lead the Pointers as head coach.

"I have vast experience leading and coaching different athletes in my 12 years as coach," he said. "I hope we can garner enough interest in the sport to qualify our athletes for national and even international meets."

In the long run, Walker said he hopes the Pointers can host the 2016 national championship meet this summer on the UWSP campus.

"The MAC and surrounding areas would be the perfect environments to play host to such a prestigious meet and I hope we can all train hard enough and prove to everyone in the community that the Pointers can earn a national team title in race walking," Walker said.

Skipper said she has heard a lot of rumblings about how popular the newly offered sport will be.

"I have heard from a lot of my friends and their friends that people are quite eager to be a part of the team," she said.

Currently, there are almost 300 people signed up on the list for tryouts.

Tryouts for the men's and

women's varsity race walking teams will take place prior to this semester's final exams, May 10 to 12, for several hours each tryout time.

While the waiting list for tryouts is lengthy at the moment, Skipper and Walker both encouraged everyone who has even the slightest interest to attend.

"I believe that after a couple of years, race walking will become the most popular and most successful sport at UWSP," Walker said. (Minn.) at 12 p.m. on April 3 in De Pere.



DEBOT FINALLY BEGINS TO DELIVER

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Last semester students became increasingly frustrated with the long commute they have to endure in order to eat a proper meal on campus.

Upper and Lower DeBot have been receiving major backlash in recent months, because students are tired of trekking across campus to eat.

Lower DeBot, in response to the backlash, will begin delivering food to students in residence halls. As of April 1 students will have the option to get burritos, wraps, burgers and pizzas delivered to them at their convenience.

Gregory Burgenston, sophomore communication major, is a manager at Lower DeBot. According to Burgenston, there will be one employee per shift that will be available to deliver food to students on campus.

"I think the delivery idea is a good one. It's ridiculous to ask students to walk five minutes every day just to get a good meal," Burgenston said.

Burgenston believes that delivering to students will raise DeBot's sales.

"Who knows, maybe I'll be able to get a raise sometime in the near future. Ultimately, that is the goal," Burgenston said.

Tiffany Wraon, freshman chemistry major, lives in Watson Hall on campus. Wraon feels that delivering to students a long time ago.

"As a freshman, I did not expect eating to become such an inconvenience. It is ridiculous that there has not already been a delivery system put in place," Wraon said.

Wraon said that she will be an avid user of Lower DeBot's new option. She is looking forward to leaving her dorm room as little as possible now that she can get her meals delivered.

Wraon believes that after April 1, her diet will consist mostly of wraps and burritos.

Jenna Pizzaro, sophomore biology major, is strongly opposed to the dining hall's new option. Pizzaro is a resident of Smith Hall, and does not plan on having Lower DeBot deliver food to her dorm room.

"I think it takes away the importance of socializing at dinner. People are going to be less likely to leave their rooms and talk to one another if they can have their food delivered to them," Pizzaro said.

Pizzaro acknowledges that she is one of the only students on campus that feels this way.

"I am going to continue to take the five minute walk to Lower DeBot to get my food," Pizzaro said.



Belts' and Carl D's Battle for Stevens Point Soft Serve Ice Cream Supremacy

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As the temperature rises and the snow goes away, the lines for soft serve ice cream at Belts' and Carl D's explodes.

These two establishments have battled for customers for the past year, and recently it escalated to new heights.

The altercation hit its peak when both owners went at each other in a good old fashioned soft serve creation competition that had to be broken up by Stevens Point police chief, Skip Lawless.

"I got a bunch of calls from citizens with concerns about what was

going on. With it being the first really nice Saturday I knew both places would be crowded, but the chaos was something I've never seen before," Lawless said.

The weather rose to 74 degrees on Saturday, and the lines were out to the road. Owner of Belts' Scoop Jacoby is no stranger to large crowds, but with the recent success of Carl D's, he has had to make some adjustments.

"We had a special buy one get one half-off deal that we surprised everybody with on Saturday. Once Carl D's got word of this they sprung on an even better deal of get a large cone and get a medium free," Jacoby said. "That's when I knew today was going to be different."

Different it was, as Carl D's owner Cole Eclair left his post at Carl D's and made his way over to Belts' to challenge Jacoby to a soft serve creation competition with the winner forcing the loser to close their shop for the rest of the day.

"When Cole showed up, we had no clue what was going to happen, all he had in his hand was a gallon of ice cream and a scoop," University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point senior Jamal "Triple Scoop" Johnson said.

The two agreed to battle, and had 15 minutes to create the flavor of their choice that would be judged by Johnson, infamous customer of both establishments.

"I felt a ton of pressure. I have been here for four years and I had



Photos by Allison Birr

two specific flavors in mind I was hoping they would make, and they didn't make either of them," Johnson said.

"Triple Scoop" was hoping for French silk from Belts' and red raspberry from Carl D's. Instead, he got chocolate thunder from Belts' and yellow cake batter from Carl D's.

The sweat coming from Eclair's forehead was prominent as he mistakenly dropped one of the three scoops allowed to be dropped on the cone and he tried to make up for it by being exceedingly better than Jacoby's chocolate thunder.

"Chocolate thunder is one of my more underrated flavors, when I saw him drop the scoop I knew I was in the clear," Jacoby said.

When Johnson gave a look of disappointment as he gave the yellow cake batter a lick, and a smile of approval as the chocolate thunder entered his mouth, Eclair already knew the verdict.

Eclair decided to create chaos and started throwing utensils across the table at Jacoby, prompting an all out ice cream free-for-all.

"When I arrived on the scene there was ice cream flying everywhere. I got hit with some cookies and cream and luckily that was my favorite flavor so I took a lick off my shirt and addressed the situation," Lawless said.

Lawless threatened to arrest both owners, but was bribed with a triple scoop of each place's finest soft serve ice cream.

When the dust completely settled, Belts' wound up on top, and Carl D's had to close for the rest of the day, driving all customers to Belts'.

"I was confident in my ability and I am glad I came out on top. The students of UWSP know who the number one soft serve ice cream spot in the town is," Jacoby said.

For Eclair, it is back to the drawing board.

"We're up and coming, and I know one day soon we will come out on top and take the crown from Belts'," Eclair said.



Greek Life Receives Four Million Dollars

case their five-year plan to Millennium Insurance. The focus was to talk about how they will budget the large sum of money they are about to receive and what the usage will be.

After a week of deliberation, Phi Sigma Phi fraternity and Sigma Delta Rho sorority were to receive the highest amount of the four million dollars.

Phi Sigma Phi discussed their plans promote themselves philanthropically and help debunk the myths about Greek life. As for Sigma Delta Rho, they discussed their continuous efforts to recruit more diverse and unique individuals and help educate others about the positive aspects of Greek life.

"I am excited for Phi Sigma Phi to receive part of the four million dollars. This will help the fraternity to grow and develop into a much larger organization on campus," said Troy Troy, co-founder and former president of Phi Sigma Phi fraternity.

Time will only tell how each of these fraternities and sororities will use their funds. Millennium Insurance has not put in place restrictive limits.

"Sigma Delta Rho is a wonderful sorority to be a part of, especially since you get to meet strong and diverse females who want to help each other grow and build a sisterhood," said Marian Fun, junior special education major and member of Sigma Delta Rho sorority.

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A donation of four million dollars has been made by Millennium Insurance to further develop Greek life on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus.

This donation has gotten mixed reviews from UWSP students, faculty, staff and community members.

"Students in Greek life have high GPAs and seem to be more involved on campus compared to the rest of the student body and I believe they will know how to put the money to good use," said Mark Fallon, president of Millennium Insurance.

Greek life provides a platform for individuals to grow and develop themselves. Millennium Insurance sees this potential and decided to distribute the four million dollars into various fraternities and sororities.

A total of four fraternities and sororities on campus will receive portions of the donation which will be allocated for scholarships, dues, conferences and philanthropic use.

"Since Greek life is receiving four million dollars, I am now more interested in joining the Greek life because they might not have charge dues," said Jimmy Forrigan, freshman ramen consumption major.

Each president of the fraternity and sorority was interviewed to show-

Campus Coffee

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Students on campus have been seen sleeping, screaming and crying in classrooms this past week and it is not because of their homework or exams.

On March 28, Chancellor Bernie Patterson issued a ban on coffee consumption throughout the entire UWSP campus. The ban comes as a result of a Facebook quiz that the chancellor took titled "What Ridiculous Ban Will Help Your College Students Thrive?"

"I truly believe that this is a sign," Patterson said. "I only want what is best for our students."

Coffee is not allowed on campus in any form, including coffee brewed at home. Protective services has been ordered to guard each door of every building on campus. Every cup and portable mug must be examined before entering the building.

"I honestly think it's a huge waste of time and money," said Molly Missescoffee, junior graphic design major and coffee dependent. "We will not let the chancellor take away our sanity."

Missescoffee hopes that the chancellor will reconsider his decision after he notices the outrage from students.

"I see probably 15 students passed out in stairwells on a daily basis," said Eli Espresso, sophomore mathematics major and impacted student. "I'm forced to actually get up early just so I can overdose on espresso shots before coming to campus. By the afternoon, I begin to shake from lack of caffeine."

The Basement Brewhaus and all other coffee purchasing spots have removed the beverage and espresso-based products from their menus. This has already drastically affected sales of these businesses.

A rally has been scheduled for Friday, April 1 outside of Old Main. Students plan on throwing coffee at Old Main to express their outrage.

"Our rally may be on April 1 but it is far from a joke," Missescoffee said. "Coffee is like oxygen to almost every college student. Without it, none of us will last the rest of our college careers, let alone this semester." Students are encouraged to tweet, mail, call and text the chancellor to voice their opinions.



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Ban Causes Outrage

SKIP DAYS HOPE TO ENHANCE PRODUCTIVITY

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Four new holidays have been added to the calendar for the 2016 fall semester, all of which are called Skip Day, and one can be taken for every year a student has been enrolled.

College is a stressful time for everyone and students skip class for a variety of reasons including laziness, sleep, brown bag flu and other homework. After Chancellor Sleeps realized this, it was a no-brainer for him to incorporate skip days.

"Everyone wants to think academics are the most important thing, but as a young adult, sometimes mental health is more important," Sleeps said.

Unlike during high school skip days, students will not be punished. Instead they will be rewarded. Each grade will receive 100 percent on anything they are to miss. This will be indisputable by professors of any rank and will not count as a missed day for anyone, and no one will be awarded for attending classes on their skip day.

The administration believes this will cut down on other skip days and will raise students' grades. They considered creating a fifth for the students who have been here for more than four years, but decided against it.

"They're here for one of two reasons: They are either failing and need to attend class or are so invested in their classes they want to go. Either way they have already had four skip

days," Sleeps said.

The chancellor is not the only one who thinks this is a good idea, students in every major rejoiced when this announcement was made.

Macie Water, senior water major, said "It's a great idea. It's good to skip just for mental health, we can go back to classes re-energized and focused."

Some professors do not see it that way. Professor Stiffs, of the biology department, has students of all years.

"It's going to be inconvenient to have students missing every day. They should learn to balance out their lives and this is the time to do it," he said.

Freshman Skip Day will be Friday, Nov. 14, 2016, in order for them to get a taste of what it is like to have no Friday classes before scheduling for the next year.

Sophomore Skip Day will be Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016 in order to give them a day before Finals start to study. After all, grades are of the utmost importance.

Junior Skip Day will be Monday, Nov. 28, 2016 in order for students to finish any homework they have over Thanksgiving break that they have not finished.

Senior Skip Day will be Monday, Oct. 17, 2016, in order for those to recover from homecoming and finish the homecoming they inevitably put off in order to party.

After seeing how these holidays go over during fall semester they may be built into the spring semester as well.

Custodial Staff Enters Third Day of Strike

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The university's Academic Custodial Work Unit has disbanded and is participating in an active strike until their demands are properly met.

For several months custodial staff has filed many complaints about their overwhelming duties and lack of resources. The staff believes that two shifts is not enough time to complete all their assigned duties.

Steve Edseth, Academic Custodial Supervisor and conspirator of the ongoing strike, said, "We clean it one moment and turn our backs just to do it again."

Edseth blames many students' uncleanliness on their busy schedules.

"There's no way we can clean effectively with the time and manpower given," Edseth said.

Custodial staff on campus works in two shifts from 5 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily and on weekends.

Edseth demands adding a shift, hiring two new employees and constructing a seminar on cleanliness for students.

He said, "We receive regular training on cleaning, the students should be

aware as well."

Academic Custodial Program Manager Tammy Larson has been working with Chancellor Bernie Patterson to meet the demands of the staff and bring them back to work. Larson claims she is not taking sides, but will stand by her staff if it comes to it.

"Chancellor Patterson and I are doing the best we can to ensure the school's health and clean environment," Larson said.

Many staff have reported in the past that the green-friendly products don't work as well, so in order for the campus to remain clean they must work twice as hard.

Other than Larson, the other custodial staff member to not go on strike is Academic Custodial Lead, Todd Reiss.

He said, "I'm protecting the campus when I do my job and that's what I plan on doing."

Reiss went on to quote The Rolling Stones "You Can't Always Get What You Want" lyrics saying, "I got what I need."

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son refused to make a strong position, but said, "It's not easy to do the work they do and they are missed."

Patterson has attempted to pick up the staffs duties in his office but has had trouble allocating the dumpsters. He has

been reported regularly bringing his offices' trash home with him.

While Edseth strongly holds his position, Reiss counters that kids are messy and they smell and that's never going to change. Edseth and Reiss, who have been long time friends, are no longer on speaking terms.

The organized strike enters its third day of withholding services and students are starting to notice.

Taylor Pruyne, junior biology major, said, "I hadn't understood the gratification I have towards the custodial staff."

Pruyne refuses to use building faculties until the staff returns.

Patterson and Larson are working on an agreement with staff so that they can return to work as soon as possible.



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NEW EMOJI GRADING SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED ON CAMPUS

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A new grading scale will be put into effect beginning Friday, April 1.

In an effort to advance grading into the 21st Century, students' grades will now come in the form of emojis. These emojis will range from heart-eyed faces to a pile of poop.

Instead of having a range of letters, there will be a range of emojis, which may vary from professor to professor. Some, prefer to have a throw-up face instead of poop, others say they mean different things and will use both.

However, not all emojis are allowed. They have to be on the Android keyboard and cannot include the red 100 because this is too similar to the previous grading scale.

This new grading scale creates a sense of individuality, something that will set the teachers' grading apart. Instead of striving for an A, students can strive for the heart eyes, or a beach scene.

"To me the beach scene says the student is working way too hard and

needs to go relax by a beach," Mary Sandy, health 101 professor, said.

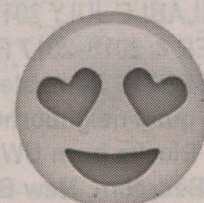
Sandy said that may not even rank very high on her scale because students need to have a social life outside of a 100-level, easy-A class. This new grading scale will give her the flexibility to tell them this in the form of an emoji.

Alma Peregrine is a professor of psychology. She believes this emoji grading system will enhance students' will to get a good grade.

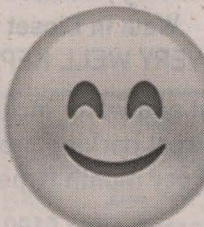
"It's like when kids get a sticker on their paper, it makes them feel good," she said. "Plus no one wants to see poop on their paper, it will create an atmosphere where people strive to see the hearts."

This change has been deliberated for the past four years, and students are glad to see it is finally being implemented.

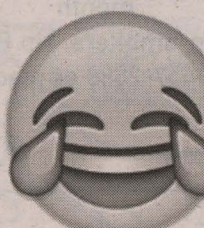
"I think it will really benefit students once they get to the real world, after all you won't get a proposal back with a D on it. Instead you might see your boss read it and turn green," Jacob Portman, senior business major, said.



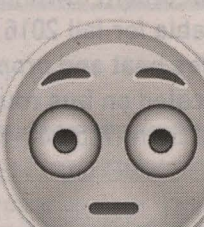
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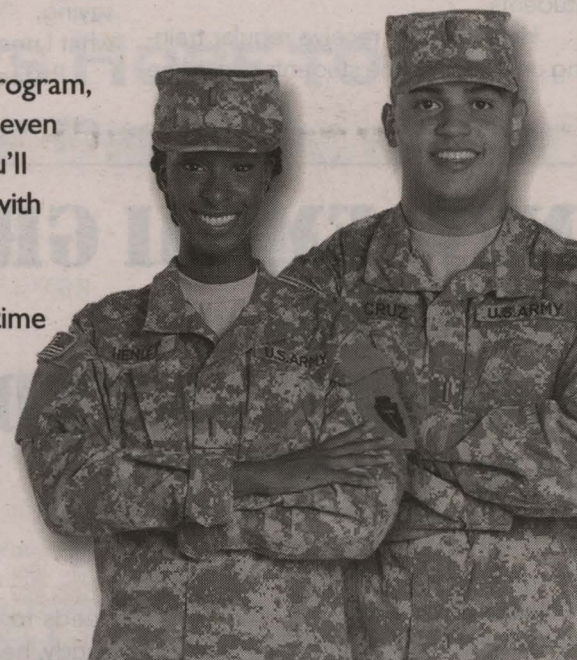
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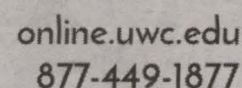


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Library Closed Over Midterms

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After much deliberation Harper Lee, the head librarian, decided to close the Center for Learning Resources during midterms.

The number of students who use the library has not been sufficient to keep the building open according to recent statistics gathered by Lee.

"Students have not been taking advantage of the resources we offer such as free tutoring and vast research databases, therefore we have no choice but to shut down the library for midterms in order to reduce costs and overheads," Lee said.

A follow-up announcement included a statement that the library website will be closed and unavailable to all.

Outraged, some students took to protesting. The individual organizing and leading the protests was George Orwell, senior political science major.

"We as students cannot stand for this. It's like Big Brother is Watching You. I do not believe there are not enough students using the LRC when there are students basically living there. We must use our voices and words to regain this amazing resource. It's a beautiful thing, the destruction of words," Orwell said.

Edgar Allan Poe, junior English major, was

also present at the protests. He works as a library receptionist aiding students with room check outs and locating research books.

"One thing that people don't realize is the fact that the LRC employs several student workers. I just lost 20 hours of pay because of this decision," Poe said.

The protests lasted for two days and were located outside the Dreyfus University Center. Protective Services were called to ensure the protests remained peaceful.

Mark Twain, senior history major, voiced his lack of concern over the shut down.

"Should our student fees keep funding this building? What purpose does it actually serve for us? I haven't used any of the resources since I've been here. I don't actually think closing the library will change or even impact the UWSP student community. There are plenty of other places to study and other online resources for research purposes," Twain said.

The library will be shut down only during the week of midterms and the option to permanently close the building is still up for discussion.



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