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New Era for Science, Developing from the Ground Up



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The new science building had its groundbreaking ceremony May 5 to celebrate the hard work that has gone into the planning and development of the addition.

Over 200 people attended the event in honor of the students, faculty, staff and administration who worked to turn the new science building into a reality. It is the first building to be constructed on campus in 40 years.

The project began five years ago and 15 members of the steering

committee, among many others, finally saw their hard work begin to be put into action with the ritualistic digging dirt with ceremonial shovels.

Christopher Cirmo, dean of the College of Letters and Science, Chancellor Patterson and Governor Walker were among the many who participated and spoke regarding the bright future of the new science building.

Aside from a few protesters over the governor's appearance, the vast majority of the event was an extremely smooth and positive one.

Dean Cirmo said that the event

was a "serious celebration for campus."

The new building will include four new classrooms, two auditoriums, a green roof and a tropical conservatory.

Most importantly, the building will be a central gathering point on campus.

Though some have varying opinions on the building, most in attendance were happy to see the construction finally under way. Those involved indicated the project will be finished within the next few years.

Haley Nowakowski, senior biology and biochemistry major, said

"I think it is really awesome that they are finally updating the departments. It'll be nice for the new students."

The ceremony included hopefulness not only for science majors, but for students completing general education requirements and even those who are in need of classroom space.

The building is being created with state-funded money that was allotted strictly to building construction.

The new science building will be a gateway to a powerful college of science, with an emphasis in the health and medical field.

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EDITORIAL

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The Merriam Webster Dictionary says to be lost is to be "taken away or beyond reach or attainment.... unable to find the way... obscured or overlooked during a process or activity."

In every sense of the word, I am lost just like so many of my fellow students.

The future is incredibly scary and I don't know what I'm wearing tomorrow, let alone what next year has in store. There isn't a map or step-by-step recipe laid out before me.

Everything is unknown, everything is subject to change, and everything is terribly scary.

Many friends and fellow classmates are graduating. They are going out and taking on the world and they are terrified.

What makes it so scary is that there is the high possibility of failure.

There is so much pressure on getting out in less than four years, getting the internship, getting the job, getting the house with the fence and the dog, the matching four door sedans and two kids.

What is the deal?

What is the rush? Why does everything have to go according to plan?

We are too afraid to acknowledge that it is entirely OK to fail. And sometimes failure brings about an even better outcome than absolute success.

Penicillin was accidentally discovered when Alexander Fleming was a slob and left a dirty petri dish from a meaningless experiment in a lab sink before going on vacation. J.K. Rowling's original Harry Potter manuscript was rejected 12 times before she was finally published.

Failure teaches us. It humbles us. It makes us look at situations we are in and take opportunities that we may have never thought of.

Failure is just as important in our lives as success.

It's OK to not have every last second of your life planned out. It's OK to drop everything and go backpacking across Europe. It's OK to not get your dream job and have to move home for a few months while you look at other options.

Maybe you have everything planned out, life is your oyster and everything is perfect. Maybe you don't.

We stand together while looking at the future and you have just as much of an idea of what is going to happen as I do, which is nothing.

I could win a \$100 million and you could lose your job. I could live out of a cardboard box for the remainder of my life, and you could be sipping margaritas on a beach somewhere.

All that really matters is that we are trying and that we make our lives matter through the memories we share.

Yes the world is scary. Yes I will stand with you, while we are scared together. Yes, we could fail, but it will be a beautiful failure.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES
REPORT

Sunday, May 1

A staff member called from the DUC regarding a very distressed man wandering the halls asking for a mask and gloves at 6:35 p.m.

Monday, May 2

Portage county communication center dispatched for ambulance in regards to a female passed out near the Coleman track at 4:38 p.m.

Wednesday, May 4

A CPS staff member called at 1:08 p.m. to report a male that had been in a heated phone conversation for approx. 30 minutes.

Thursday, May 5

An outside vendor called at 10:02 a.m. to report that a flag was placed on their crane during the night. The flag stated "Walker Sucks."

Friday, May 6

PS received a call from a male at 4:53 p.m. that a female individual claimed she wouldn't make it through the weekend and he was concerned she was a threat to herself.

Saturday, May 7

An officer radioed base at 1:17 a.m. that two females appeared to be topless and potentially broke something by the DUC underneath the overhand. The females then ran towards the hospital.

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ISSO Takes Over Space in the DUC

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This fall, the International Students and Scholars Office will be able to utilize their new space in the Dreyfus University Center.

Melissa Murray is the international student success adviser at the ISSO and will be using part of the new space as her office.

According to Murray, the new space will be a collaborative student lounge, which will also provide students with the opportunity for advising.

The space that is being given to the ISSO, is currently one of the two computer labs in the DUC. Murray explains that the computers from the lab are going to be distributed throughout the DUC so that students will still be able to use them next year.

Currently, the ISSO office is in the basement of the student service center. Murray is excited her new office will be in a space more visible and accessible to students.

"I think it is important to have this space, because we have a large population of students from around the world and they do not necessarily have a place



The new ISSO office will be taking over a computer lab on the second floor of the DUC.

for them to hang out," Murray said.

Murray said the new space has not yet been named.

Lauren Hoen, senior communication major, is currently the president of Pointers with Passports.

Hoen also spent a semester studying abroad in Hungary. She is extremely passionate about the importance of studying abroad and is thrilled about the new space.

According to Hoen, 1 in 5 students on campus study abroad.

"I think it will be a great way for students that are studying abroad, or thinking about it, to come together," Hoen said.

Angela Kessler, senior clinical lab science and Spanish major, is the vice-president of Pointers with Passports.

Next year, Kessler will be promoted to president and she believes that some of the organization's future meetings may be held in the new space.

Kessler feels the space will be a good way for international students to interact with students that have studied abroad.

"This will be a great opportunity for the students on campus to learn about international education. It just broadens your whole world view, you just learn so many lessons," Kessler said.

University Explores Information Technology Ecosystems

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As technology develops, the University must evolve and integrate new applications with computer systems already in place, specifically information technology "ecosystems."

IT ecosystems are different platforms and applications under one parent system, such as Microsoft Office suite and Microsoft Windows operating system under the overall Microsoft ecosystem.

After being asked by multiple faculty regarding the university's stance on different ecosystems, the Information Technology Council investigated and released an official statement on the University's current position regarding the use of the Microsoft ecosystem compared to the Google ecosystem.

The Google ecosystem includes programs such as Chrome and Android operating systems, the Google Drive cloud solution and the Google Gmail email client.

Anika Tahsin Sardar, junior computer information systems major, works as a technology tutor in the Tutoring-Learning Center. She sees most students using the Microsoft ecosystem or program-specific software.

"For programming majors, you have a lot of things to store and it's not

just one file that runs the program, and that could be a reason why," Sardar said.

However, IT's position statement recognized the growing usage of the Google ecosystem, largely with university students and students in K12 schools.

The implications of this may mean incoming students are more familiar with the Google ecosystem and may need help adjusting to the Microsoft ecosystem.

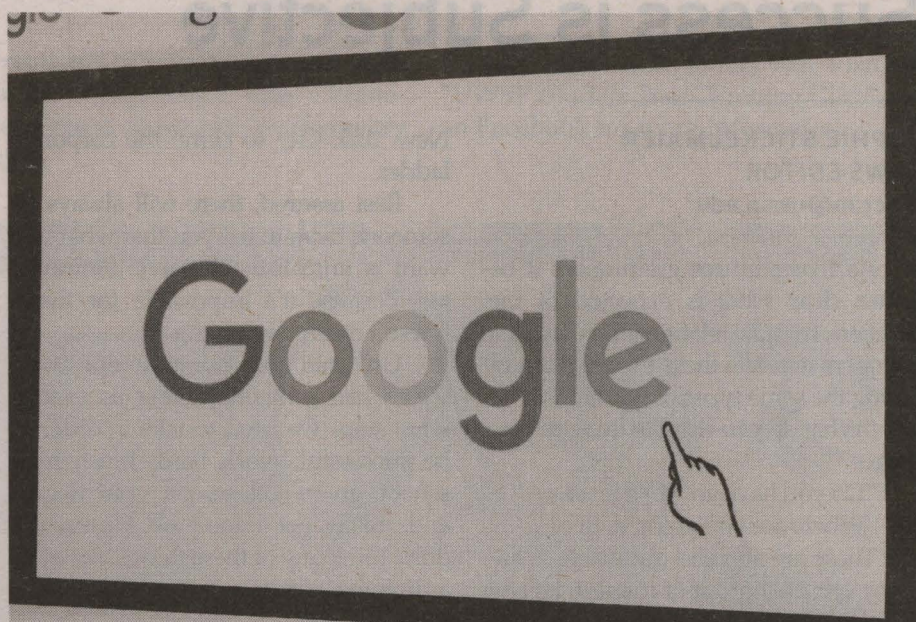
The statement also emphasized an awareness of data security and the validity of the Google ecosystem. Nonetheless, the Microsoft ecosystem is still the current system preferred by IT.

Al Bond, manager for Academic Technical Services, views the statement as a useful tool for approaching short term and long term decisions.

"It's actually a recurring theme," Bond said. "As things change, how you deal with it has to change. The interesting thing is getting everything to line up."

When considering software and other technology, Bond considers the user and the context of how the technological tool would be used. A major factor is the necessity to maintain confidentiality of student records according to federal laws.

Kym Buchanan, chair of the Information Technology Council, also recognized this key issue, along with the issue



Students entering college are more familiar with Google Apps.

of funding.

"The same conversation is happening all over the university," Buchanan said. "We have a limited budget. What is most important and what do we need to prioritize?"

Buchanan also serves as the Chair of the School of Education and has seen an increasing number of K12 schools choose the Google ecosystem due to its free cost. Buchanan points out that this "free" price comes at the expense of data safety.

Google is able to maintain its complimentary services by selling user data

to large marketing and advertising companies.

Students, faculty and staff who are worried about confidentiality are recommended to opt for specialized Google accounts called Google Apps for Education, which have increased data protection with no advertisements.

Students who have problems adapting to the Microsoft ecosystem or would like to know more about its applications may visit the Tutoring-Learning Center, where technology assistance and tutoring is available every weekday.

GRADUATION

Go With the Flow and Carpe Diem

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I think I'm supposed to impart my wisdom upon those still in school. I'm supposed to say all the things I've learned in the past four years. That is more than can fit in a 500 word article.

There's this saying I came across years and years ago and while I can't remember the whole thing it basically said you'll remember the nights out with friends more than you will studying for an exam.

I'm not saying to blow off everything in order to get drunk on a Tuesday night.

I'm saying waking up an hour earlier or going to bed an hour later, dedicating that time to homework and then you can say yes to randomly getting coffee or going downtown. Also, no you do not need to sleep twelve hours straight on a Saturday.

One of the best impromptu decisions I made was applying for a study abroad trip.

It was the hardest and the best thing I've ever done. It changed my relationships with everyone in my

life, but it also taught me to take what life throws at me and just go with it, to not miss out on anything and or sweat the small stuff.

The past year I decided to take this and apply it to life in Stevens Point.

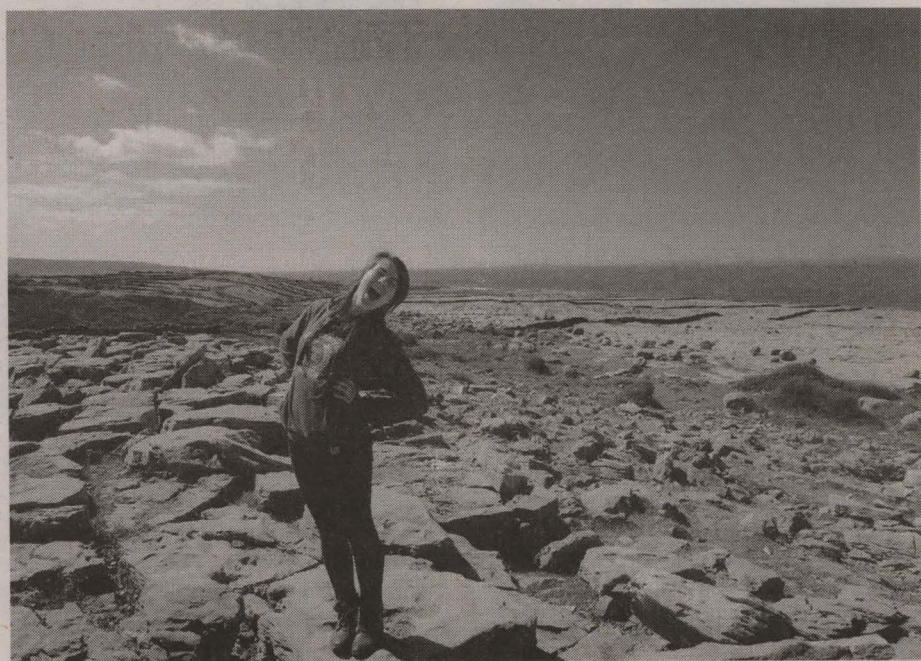
My first two years I was trying to just do my homework, my clubs and organizations. I thought I was being the best college kid I could be, but I learned more about myself and enjoyed the a lot more once I started saying yes to going downtown, to the farmer's market and to meeting new people.

Enjoy the time you have in Stevens Point, because it goes by so fast. Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way because you never know when you'll get the chance again.

Make bad decisions, but learn from them. Use them to grow.

The past couple years has opened my eyes to how much we have going for us in college.

We have six floors worth of knowledge where you can find anything. We are within walking distance of gorgeous trails. There are countless local coffee shops, each



one just as good as the next. We can ask any professor anything we want. Our curiosity can be fueled, I for one did not take advantage of that.

There are things I think everyone should do at least once: Belt's on opening day, walking in the sculpture park, biking by the river, the nutella frappuccino at the Coffee Studio and going to see live music and performances by the amazing departments

housed in the Noel Fine Arts Center. No art exhibit or performance will ever be as cheap as it is with a student ID.

Take advantage when people ask to have an impromptu grill-out or driving three hours for a concert and then back in the same night.

If all else fails, you can blame it on the fact you're not technically a real life adult yet.

Remember Graduates, Success is Subjective

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As I prepare for graduation, it becomes clear what is expected of me. Teachers, friends, relatives and complete strangers reiterate these expectations by asking the same types of questions...

"What do you want to do with your degree?"

"Do you have any jobs lined up?"

"Where are you going to live?"

These are all valid questions. While many are asking out of interest, let's be honest and admit that many are asking so they can quietly judge your response and compare it to the societal standard that's been established.

It's tough to ignore the expectations of the world around you, especially if you're about to do something a little risky. This could be moving to a foreign country to teach English or moving to

New York City to climb the corporate ladder.

Rest assured, there will always be someone there to tell you that what you want is unrealistic or naïve. However, just because it's impossible for them, doesn't mean it is for you.

Up until this point in our lives, we've had someone telling us exactly what steps we need to take in order to be successful: work hard, finish high school, go to college, get your degree and, finally, get a good job. However, I don't think any of these things, not even a diploma, can guarantee a happy and successful life.

What represents success to one person may not for another. Many people find the utmost fulfillment in being a stay at home parent, because it means they get to watch their children grow up everyday, without missing a beat. Others may find happiness in working full-time at Subway, because it means they'll



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one day have enough money to go to Paris.

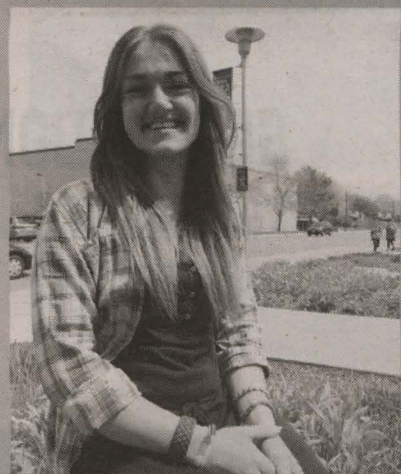
Different people measure success differently. If everyone does exactly what is expected of them, they may never live their ideal lives.

Growing up, my dad repeatedly told me that it doesn't matter what you

do in life, as long as you keep moving forward. For me, that means traveling, writing and coming home to the people I love.

If it weren't for these past four years at UWSP, I would not have known it is these things that keep me moving forward, and for that I am thankful.

Recognized Graduates: Plans For Life After Point



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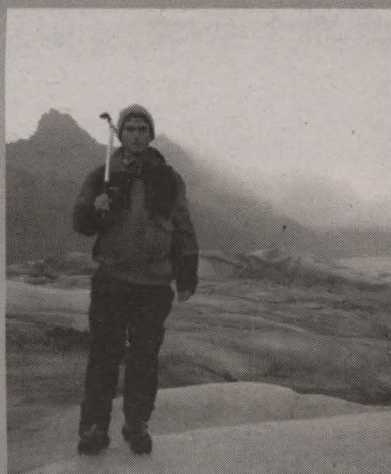
Dacia Giordana is a senior spanish education and international studies major.

"Next semester, I'll be student teaching in Ashwaubenon and I'm excited to actually use the skills I've learned here at UWSP to teach Spanish.

After I graduate in December, I plan to stick around and work for about half a year, and save up for a return trip to Spain. I would like to hike La Camino de Santiago through Spain, which will take me a month or two.

I'm not sure how long I'll stay in Spain, but when I return to the U.S. I'll find a position teaching either Spanish or ESL at the elementary level.

Over all, I'm very excited for what the future holds.. Coming to UWSP was one of the best decisions I could have made, and it'll be so hard to leave all my lovely friends."



MARCO MASCITTI

Marco Mascitti is a wildlife management and ecology major.

"After graduation I will be working in northeast New Mexico at Philmont Scout Ranch. There, I will be working to monitor black bears on the property and mitigate conflicts between bears and campers, and I will be using much of what I have learned through UWSP's Wildlife Management and Ecology program.

My time at Point has been invaluable and I am so thankful for all the teachers, staff and friends who have made it a great four years. I look forward to connecting with Pointers throughout the country for the rest of my career."



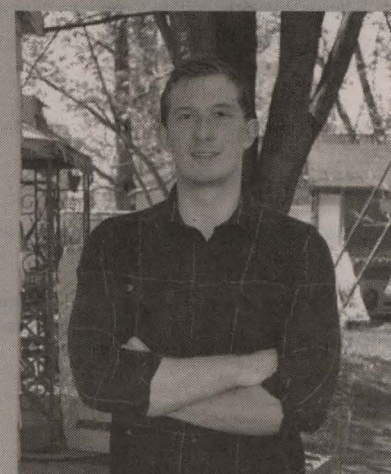
CAILIE KAFURA

Cailie Kafura is a senior international studies and Spanish major.

"I found myself in environmental activism when my eyes were opened to the destruction of Wisconsin in the way of mines and pipelines which catalyzed my need for action.

Come August, I will be starting my year with Green Corps, an environmental activist training program where I will be trained by the MVPs of the environmental movement and then use those skills to run campaigns for the rest of the year in order to save the world.

These four years at Stevens Point have been a cathartic and sublime experience as I have had the honor of being surrounded by the most fantastic humans that one would never expect to discover in the central cornfields of Wisconsin."



CHRIS POWERS

Chris Powers is a senior English major.

"I will be taking a secretarial position for Embridge in Superior, Wisconsin. With my free time, I hope to publish stories I've been working on as well as writing independently for different organizations.

I would like to thank the professors at UWSP for going the extra mile and really caring about their students."

Photos courtesy of Dacia Giordana, Marco Mascitti, Cailie Kafura, and Chris Powers

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Hanke's Grand Slam Concludes Pointer Baseball with Split

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team ended its regular season play winning one game and falling to the Eagles in the second.

The Pointers took game one of the Senior Day series, 9-2, over No. 4 UW-La Crosse.

Although the Eagles took the early 1-0 lead in the first inning, the Pointers stuck back with multiple home runs in the following innings.

Sophomore Turner Doornink gave the Pointers a 3-1 lead in the bottom of the first after he homered to left field, scoring senior Cody Hanke, freshman Ben Diedrick and himself.

In the third inning, UW-La Crosse's Justin Anderson knocked in a run to put the Eagles within one run.

Hanke boosted the score in the fourth inning with a grand slam, giving UWSP a 7-2 lead.

The Pointers scored two additional insurance runs in the seventh inning with an RBI single from senior Peter Strommen and Hanke scoring on a wild pitch for the eventual 9-2 victory over the Eagles.

Hanke recorded a game-high four RBI with three runs and one hit. Junior Thomas Thomka tallied two hits and one run, while Doornink and Strommen had one hit apiece.

Sophomore Cole Erickson earned the win on the mound having pitched all nine innings for just seven hits, six strikeouts and two runs.

Game two of the afternoon went in favor of the Eagles, as UWSP fell 11-6 to UW-La Crosse.

After a scoreless first inning, the Eagles were again the first to get a run on the scoreboard and then some.

UW-La Crosse scored seven runs in the second inning, which included a home run from Taylor Kowhlwey.

Down by seven runs, freshman William Iloncaie and Thomka scored off of a single from sophomore Ray Greco in the fifth inning to give the Pointers three runs to the Eagles eight.

Greco stuck again, this time with a two-run home run in the seventh inning to make the score 9-5 in favor of UW-La Crosse.

Strommen put the Pointers within four runs in the eighth inning after he hit a solo home run.

UW-La Crosse's Alex Brown hit a home run and cemented the Eagles 11-6 victory.

Greco's four RBI, two hits and one run led the Pointers batting efforts in the game.

Doornink and Strommen contributed three hits each for the team total, while Diedrick and Thomka had two apiece.

On Alumni Day the previous afternoon, UWSP dropped both games to the Eagles.

In game one, the Pointers were defeated 8-4 against the Eagles, who scored six of their eight runs in the seventh inning and UWSP fell in game two 7-6 in extra innings.

With a 10-10 record in the WIAC and 21-19 overall record, the Pointers have advanced to the WIAC Tournament.

UWSP will begin tournament play on May 13 in La Crosse.

Opponent and game times are to be announced, with the winner of the tournament earning an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Championship.

Flynn and Williams Claim Individual Title Wins at WIAC Championships

The Pointer track and field teams were well represented at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships with event title wins from senior thrower Kadie Flynn and junior jumper Jerry Williams.

Flynn's winning mark was a

best triple jump mark in the conference, and he backed up his season placement with the top jump of 14.36 meters.

Sophomore Darin Ward's jump of 14.12 meters earned him a third place finish in the triple jump.

Williams was also one of five Pointers to place within the top six in the men's long jump. His

14.55 seconds.

The men's 4x400-meter relay team made up of senior Alec Oestreich, freshmen Dylan McGuire and Collin Meyer and junior Takuto Kobayashi crossed the line in 3:17.74 for a third place finish in the event.

Sophomore Logan Heil was fifth overall in the in the hammer throw with a toss of 52.60 meters



Photos by Jack McLaughlin

158-foot, three-inch throw (48.24 meters) in the women's discus, almost 10 feet further than UW-Eau Claire's Sam Anderson, who was runner-up in the event with a throw of 149-feet, six inches.

She also earned two top-five finishes in the hammer throw and shot put.

Flynn placed third overall in the hammer throw with a toss of 54.39 meters and recorded a fourth place finish in the shot put with her top toss of 12.98 meters.

Going into the WIAC meet, Williams had previously recorded the

7.09-meter jump was good for a second place finish.

In addition to Williams, UWSP athletes claimed third through sixth place finishes.

Freshman James Mackenzie finished in third with a top mark of 6.96 meters. Senior Jordan Richards placed fourth with a jump of 6.95 meters. Ward tallied a jump of 6.91 meters and finished fifth overall, while senior Alec Dix rounded out the UWSP jumpers with a jump of 6.86 meters to place sixth.

On the track, Ward finished fourth in the 110-meter hurdles in

and sophomore Tylar Kohnke also took home a fifth place, but in the javelin with a throw of 51.57 meters.

Freshman Jeremy Lee tallied a total of 6,170 points and finished third in the decathlon. Senior Albert Unruh was fifth with 5,786 total points and freshman Matthew Miller placed ninth with 5,042 points.

The Pointer men totaled 80 points and placed fifth out of eight teams. UW-La Crosse won its 26th consecutive and 52nd WIAC team title in program history with 201

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points.

On the women's side of the track, sophomore Leah Trempe placed third in the 400-meter dash in 57.70 seconds. Junior Kathy Derks also finished third overall, but in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:15.01.

Senior Holly Winberg was runner-up in the 5,000-meter run after she crossed the line in 17:48.98. She also placed second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 11:26.36.

The women's 4x400-meter relay team—made up of freshman Hannah Mertens, junior Jacklyn Butler, Derks and Trempe—placed second with a time of 3:52.17.

In the field, senior Shannon Burke was UWSP's top performer in the pole vault, where she placed third overall, where she cleared a mark of 3.67 meters.

The women's team totaled a combined 85 points to place sixth. UW-La Crosse won the WIAC title with 238 total points—its fifth straight conference title and 31st title win in program history.

The Pointer track and field teams will be back in action at the UW-La Crosse regional qualifying meet on May 13 in La Crosse.

Softball Sweeps Wisconsin Lutheran in Final Season Series

In their final two games of the 2016 season, the UWSP softball team swept Wisconsin Lutheran in a non-

conference doubleheader.

The Pointers shutout Wisconsin Lutheran 8-0 in six innings in game one, with freshman Maddie Durie pitching a complete game, drawing the Warriors to just two hits.

Senior Bailie Sheahan and freshman Alyssa Cooper scored two unanswered runs for the Pointers in the first inning and continued with this momentum for the rest of the game.

Sophomore Katie Uhlenbrauck, freshman Paige Kitzing hit singles in the third inning to score two more runs and a double from sophomore Paige Allen made UWSP's scoring advantage 6-0 after the third.

In the fifth inning, Kitzing hit a solo home run, increasing the Pointer lead by seven unanswered runs.

A single from Cooper in the sixth inning cemented UWSP's 8-0 shutout game over the Warriors.

Kitzing led UWSP's batting efforts with two runs, two hits and two RBI, while Sheahan contributed three runs and two hits.

Freshman Dana Gertschen, Allen and Copper each had two hits for the Pointers.

Durie earned her sixth win of the year on the mound with five strikeouts.

The Pointers totaled seven hits to the Warriors three and held Wisconsin Lutheran to one run in their second victory of the day.

Both teams went scoreless for two innings, until the Pointers were



up to bat in the third inning.

Freshman Jen Jacobson doubled to left field and scored freshman Kristen Perkinson to give the Pointers the early 1-0 advantage. Jacobson then scored an unearned run off of a Warrior error later on in the same inning.

Wisconsin Lutheran scored its only run when Sydney Horton reached first on Pointer error and scored Libby Schellpfeffer.

In the fourth inning, Perkinson singled off of a bunt and Sheahan scored UWSP's final run of the game, giving the Pointers the 3-1 win in their final outing of the season.

Perkinson went 2-for-3 in the

game with one run and one RBI.

Junior Cori Semler, sophomore Cassidy Winter, senior Jodi Vanderford, sophomore Sydney Opdahl and Jacobson tallied one hit each for the team.

Freshman Amelia Heup earned her third win of the season having pitched four innings for one strikeout and one hit.

Sophomore Averi Kanyuh pitched three innings of relief, which resulted in four strikeouts and two hits.

The Pointers concluded their season with a 14-22 overall record and finished seventh out of eight teams in the WIAC with a 3-10 conference record.



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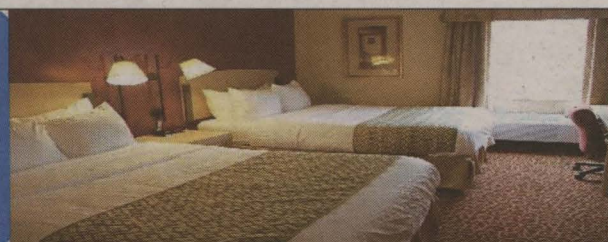
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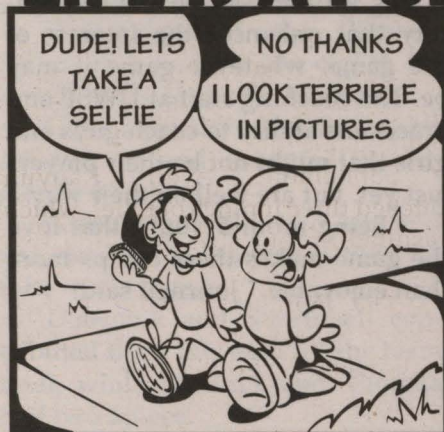
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Athletic Programs Give Back with Youth Summer Camps

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As most of the university packs their bags for the summer, many of the sports teams at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will put on youth summer camps.

Throughout the summer months, almost all UWSP teams will run a youth camp. Some run a few days, some run a couple weeks. Most camps are available to any ages between kindergarten to incoming freshman.

The camps vary in number of participants, and some of the most successful ones attract a few hundred youth.

"In my few years we have been growing in the size of our camp each year," volleyball Head Coach Abbey Sutherland said. "Last year we had 250 sign up, and this year we are looking to get around 315."

That kind of turn out for the camps creates a great recruiting

tool for some of UWSP's athletic programs. Taking advantage of having that talent in your gym over the summer is key.

"I strongly believe in using this as a recruiting tool. We have our elite prospects camp in which we get a bunch of girls to come and we can evaluate them over the few days to see where they might fit in the program," Sutherland said.

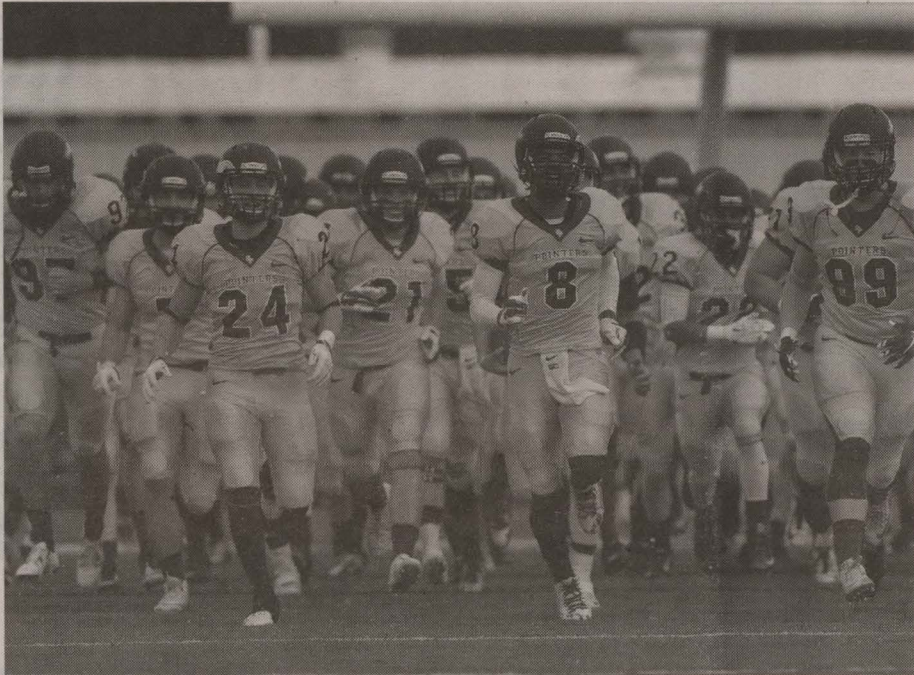
The same thought process is used on the football field, in which the coaches run a variety of different camps including the evolving 7-on-7 camps that emphasize skill position players.

"Our 7-on-7 passing camp attracts over 250 players," football head coach Tom Journell said. "Each year we find talent that we may not have otherwise seen if not for the camps."

The football camp is primarily run by the staff, whereas some other sports are helped out by members of the student body, players or not, such as basketball and volley-



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ball.

"We try to get as many of the current players here as possible, it counts as a job for them too, so they are working with these campers hands on and they are getting paid to do it which is nice," Sutherland said.

Although one of the major goals for these camps is to see potential talent for the university in the future, the staff's ability to make the camp an enjoyable experience helps the university out in other ways.

"We want to provide a great experience on campus while they are here so they want to come back, regardless if they are a football recruit or not," Journell said.

The camps are also used to try to maximize the level of talent and competition in the area well before participants reach the collegiate level.

"The camp is designed to provide enthusiasm and cultivate interest in the sport, thus helping area programs," Journell said. "We are trying to promote the game as best as possible."

Not only is there a lot of work being done on the court, but most camps try to give the youth a chance

to see what college life is about.

"The older prospects, we let them stay in the dorms for the few days, eat in Debot, walk around and see what the campus is all about," Sutherland said.

Student involvement is crucial to this development and recruitment of prospects for the university.

"This year we are starting something where the prospects go and talk to some of our players and ask them stuff in a Q&A fashion about being a student-athlete so they are well prepared and ready to take on that challenge of college," Sutherland said.

What it all comes down to is giving a little back to the community that enhances the interest of the game, whatever game it may be. The coaching staff at UWSP embraces the ability to coach guys and girls that might not be their players just yet, but are well on their way.

"Being around youth that love the game makes these camps more than enjoyable," Journell said.

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Student Organization Climbs Trees and Makes Music

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The Ukulele Tree Climbing Club is a new organization, fusing two diverse activities together, playing the ukulele and climbing trees with equipment.

After receiving recognition from the Student Government Association in early spring, the club has already performed at concerts around Stevens Point, emphasizing safety and providing an inviting and creative environment.

Members are educated and aided about how to use the tree climbing equipment safely. The group sits in trees and creates renditions of songs.

Cate Lucas and Brewster Johnson advertising the Ukulele Tree Climbing Club Concert and Clothing Swap taking place on Friday, April 29th at 7- on the Front Lawn of Old Main. Come jam! An active member, Chelsey Graunke, senior acting major, said, "As a city person, I never climbed trees before. The people in-

volved are really awesome but also open to interpretation and having us recommend songs."

Graunke said it is a relatively informal set up and everyone is encouraged to learning and welcoming of individuals of all musical levels. It is a very collaborative process.

The ukulele has become a more popular instrument in recent years and is considered to be one of the easiest to pick up. It is a member of the lute family and it generally employs four nylon, or gut, strings or four courses of strings.

"I joined because I wanted to meet new people who were interested in the same things as I was. They climb trees with gear and I've never done that before, so I wanted to try something new," said Stephanie Stanton, senior biology student.

Stanton said she wanted to learn more about playing the ukulele and kept returning to the club's practice sessions.

"I think it is a really innovative club, it's fun and impressive. They integrated two totally non-related

recreational activities so more people can come together," said Christopher Benny, freshman biochemistry major.

Interested individuals can visit "UWSP Ukulele Tree Climbing Club" on Facebook for more information.



Photo by Lily Dettle

Cate Lucas and Brewster Johnson advertising the Ukulele Tree Climbing Club Concert and Clothing Swap

Abby Herold: One Woman Wonder

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Originally from New Berlin, Abby Herold transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and has completed the musical theatre program in three years.

Herold is a dedicated student and an innovative artist and is graduating in May. She is also the secretary of the Players Student Artistic Alliance.

"UWSP has a very supportive arts community. The professors and the student body are so supportive of every student's success and it has been a very positive experience. The classwork is rigorous but a welcomed challenge," Herold said.

She wants to remind others not to wait for opportunities and to not be afraid to create their own.

Recently, she created a set of monologues and performed them in the one woman show called "Here and There." She has been invited to perform the pieces at the United Solo Theatre Festival in New York in the fall.

Tyler Marchant, associate professor of acting & directing was involved in the project.

"She brings a positive spirit to the room and is brave. People see her as focused and hardworking, and someone who has a lot of drive. She always strives to push herself

out of her comfort zone on stage," Marchant said.

Marchant said actors need tenacity and Abby has a lot of that. She created this show from the bottom up, acted in it and then submitted it to a festival.

Herold approached Miranda Reindl, senior drama major, to collaborate on "Here and There."

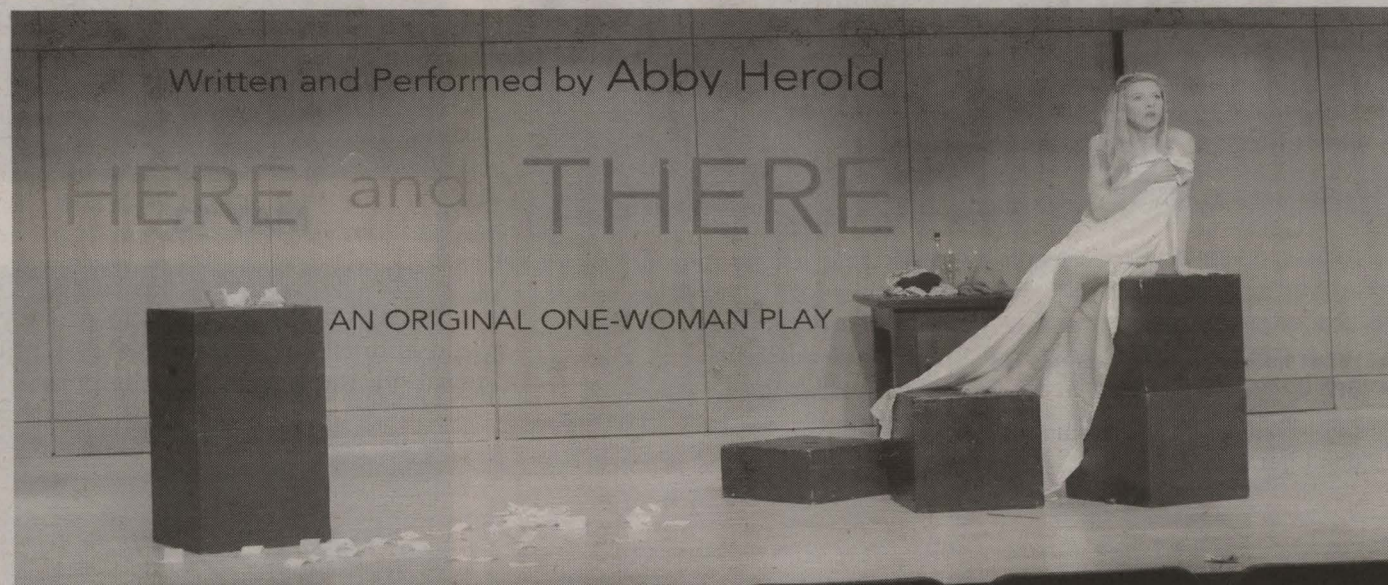
"We bounced ideas off each other and I was there to give her my point of view. Other students can learn to be fearless and to not rely on a ton of lights or sets or other people to create a full show," Reindl said.

Reindl said students can learn from the way Abby trimmed down

her show while learning a lot about herself in that process.



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LILY DETTLE

Lily Dettle is a senior communicative sciences and disorders major.



JENNA KOSLOWSK

Jenna Koslowski is a senior English major.

If you could bring back a television show that was cancelled what would it be?

Lily - "Definitely Recess. Spinel-li was my favorite... I liked her spunk."

Jenna - "Selfishly, 'Nine Lives of Chloe King,' it had a unique premise, but maybe 'Firefly' because it would make a lot of people happy."

Would you rather live where there's constant climate or all four seasons?

Lily - "I love all four seasons - biking, running, snowboarding... there's always something to do!"

Jenna - "Constant warm climate, I wouldn't have to have as many clothes and then I'd get to go outside a lot more."

What holiday would you get rid of?

Lily - "Valentine's Day, because you don't get vacation days."

Jenna - "Christopher Columbus Day because he didn't really do anything good."

Do you think technology brings people closer together or farther apart?

Lily - "I think technology is a great way people can keep in touch- especially those you don't see very often. I know it can also make people over analyze the meaning behind simple words."

Jenna - "Closer together because you can keep yourself updated on their lives and make plans a lot quicker."

Who is your favorite movie character and why?

Lily - "I will always be in love with Ferris Bueller from Ferris Bueller's Day Off. He's clever, funny, and tech savvy."

Jenna - "Tyler Durden from 'Fight Club' because he's such a character, the first time through you never know what to expect. And it's Tyler Durden."

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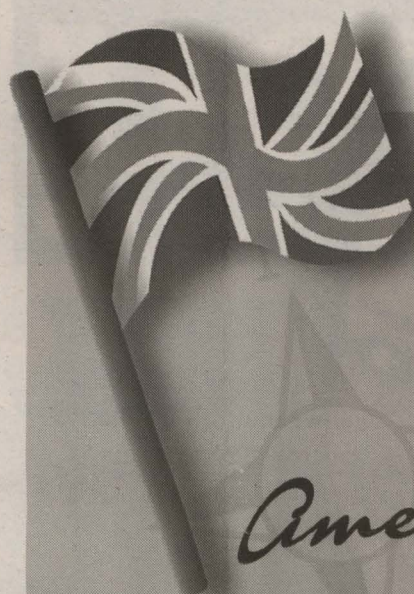
8 P.M.
Joe Marcinek Band
Encore

MAY 13

7:30 P.M.
Horseshoes and Hand Grenades
Laird Room

MAY 12

7 P.M.
Decades of A Capella
Michelsen Hall



STORIES OF AN *American Scouser*

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With only six days remaining until I fly back across the pond, there is still one thing left to do. I have been putting it off for as long as possible, but the time has come (cue dramatic pause) for me to pack.

I guess packing could be considered a sort of adventure in itself. Trying to fit all the contents of a more than four-month long exchange program into two suitcases is quite the challenge.

As I begin cleaning out my desk drawers, I find old train tickets, boarding passes and other reminders of the many experiences I've had over the semester. I cannot help but become a little reminiscent as all of the unforgettable memories flood back to me.

Looking at these mementos, a

familiar study abroad quote comes to my mind: "An exchange is not a year in your life, it is a life in a year."

Me and other international students from Liverpool Hope University. Photo courtesy of Mary Knight. I first saw this quote when I had just arrived in Liverpool back in January. It was hanging as a decoration in my flat mate's room.

I remember wondering if I would actually feel as if I had had a lifetime of experiences when I finished studying abroad.

Now, being at the end of my exchange program (sniff sniff), I can truly say that I do. This home away from home has taught me more about myself than any other experience could have.

Before coming to Liverpool, I was unsure about so many areas of my life. This experience has built my confidence in decision making

and being less dependent on others.

My solo travels have allowed me to become comfortable with being completely alone and even lost. I have realized my strength as an individual and how to fully stand on my own, which is the greatest feeling.

Not only has Liverpool helped me find my independence, but I now have a greater appreciation for everyday aspects of life. I have realized how content I am with coffee in my hand and a beautiful view in front of me. I am more grateful for the kindness of random strangers and the feeling of being home again after a long journey.

Traveling has opened my eyes to how grateful I am for the friends I have made here and my family back at home. I am incredibly excited to return and share all the stories of my adventures with

them.

Although I do not know how to say goodbye to the international family I have made here, I know I will see them again someday. They have been my support system through this experience and I am so thankful for that.

Lastly, I am incredibly proud of myself for taking advantage of this crazy, life changing experience abroad.

There was a lot of hesitation and unanswered questions when I decided to join in on this adventure, but I am so happy I did. Every second has been a whirlwind of first times and life lessons that will impact me for the rest of my life.

So, thank you and farewell Britain. I promise I will come visit again soon.



Review: 'The Poison Artist'

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After the last murder mystery I read I wanted something happier, something where no one dies, something motivational.

Apparently my mind wanted more murder mysteries because those were the only books I found interesting when I was looking for a new book.

Thankfully, "The Poison Artist" by Jonathan Moore redeemed the genre from the last book I read.

Dr. Caleb Maddox is a toxicologist and is working on obtaining funding for more research.

He needs people to volunteer to go without medication to measure the chemical effects of pain. This, along with a troubled childhood and a harsh breakup lead him to the bar one night. He meets a beau-

tiful woman named Emmeline over some absinthe.

Moore began this novel by introducing Maddox's character, but only halfway. He started with a fight with his now ex-girlfriend and hinted that he had been discovered by police when he was younger. Some of this is more important at the end than other parts, but it leaves the reader with a sense of wonder and curiosity over what happens which draws you in until it gets to the real mystery.

Bodies keep showing up in the rivers.

What sets this apart is when they realize the lab equipment is not giving them accurate information. However, when Caleb looks into things with his personal lab he can tell the order of the chemicals and how much pain the people are in, to know they are clearly being tortured.

After discovering a body that had been in the river for over a month they realize the bodies are being tazed as well.

The middle bit drags, and took me a little longer to get through.

Emmeline and Maddox are building a relationship, and he keeps saying he feels bad because it is so soon after his breakup but he keeps trying to find her and meet with her. It is all very cliché of the beautiful mysterious woman who takes charge in the relationship.

She takes charge so much that at one point Maddox allows her to drive him somewhere without telling him where, while he is blindfolded and murder victims are showing up. It did add a nice touch when he found the chemical that's been found in murder victim's bodies in her bathroom that night.

The writing had one flaw.

Maddox was good at literally

everything he needed to do with no explanation. He could pick locks, cook a five star meals, hotwire a motorcycle, work boats, do science and computer sciences. Sorry, that's not realistic one bit.

For some reason he had a lot of cash on him at one point, enough to pay a \$300 bar tab in cash for no reason. He wasn't on the run or anything. So, just for convenience, why not put it on a card?

The ending was quite predictable and psychologically thrilling.

There was one torture scene where I considered putting the book down forever. But then I wanted to see if my prediction was right, so I kept reading.

There were a couple parts where I was just thinking --why? But I was kept on the edge of my seat and always coming back for more.

"The Poison Artist" gets 9 murders out of 10.



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