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Administration Uses Threat of "Mandatory Charge" to Coax Students Into Online Courses

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Freshman, transfers and incoming students alike were presented with three online classes to take at the beginning of this school year.

There are two courses to the requirement. One, on alcohol and marijuana use, and another on rape and consent.

Each course has multiple sections. Each course was supposed to take approximately 90 minutes.

While there was a variety of reactions to these online courses from the student body, about 98 percent still completed the programs.

On Aug. 1, new students to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point received an email

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Campus Food Pantry Celebrates Five Years



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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Food Pantry, better known as the Cupboard, is celebrating their fifth year this fall by adding perishable food items to their stock.

UWSP Dining Services donated a refrigerator to the Cupboard. Michele Miller, volunteer coordinator of the Student Involvement and Employment Office, said that having perishable foods is new because they never had the capability to store it in the past because they use funding for food items.

Thanks to Dining Services, students have access to fresh produce as well as common canned and boxed goods. The refrigerator will change the amount of food the Cupboard can collect and distribute.

Last year, the Cupboard had over 11,000 lbs collected and distributed to UWSP students in need. Perishable items were not part of that number, but will hopefully increase the already large amount of donated food this semester.

"Back then, that was pretty much all canned goods," said Miller. "This year it will be interesting to see how that maybe changes with the fresh produce."

453 UWSP students came to the Cupboard last year a total of 1,253 times, a majority of those students being older, off campus residents. Besides coming in person, there is an online request for pickup available as well.

On average, Miller said there are about 39 requests per week but also a period of high demand.

"There is a peak in the last few weeks of school," said Miller.

This is most likely because students are running out of meal swipes before classes end so they are coming in to help supplement what they need through the end of the semester.

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from Stacey Duellman, program director for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Interpersonal Violence Prevention, which said, "All incoming students are required to complete online courses about Alcohol and Drugs."

UWSP, like all public colleges, is regulated by the government to receive state and federal funding. This includes regulations to address drug and alcohol problems.

There is a federal law titled Drug-Free Schools and Community Act which these online courses are fulfilling. This is a law not only for Wisconsin schools but all public universities in the country.

According to the U.S. Government Publishing Office, an institution of higher education must certify that it has implemented a program "to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees."

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act states that public universities merely need to have a program to distribute accurate information about the outcomes and legal sanctions from using drugs and alcohol.

Other public universities only have information and optional programs for students who wish to learn about drugs and alcohol. The University of Wisconsin-Madison, for example, has a one-on-one intervention program for people who are found with illegal substances on campus. The University of Minnesota-Twin Cities gives out information and has a building for prevention on campus.

On the other hand, UWSP's compliance with this law involves online classes and a potential 100 dollar mandatory charge.

If not finished, students received several email reminders to complete these courses. The alternative is for them to take a three-hour in-person class as well as receive a 100 dollar fine on their student bill.

Quintien Tyra, freshman soil and land management major, completed the online courses last month. However, he completed it mostly because he was worried about what might happen if he didn't.

"They weren't any fun and I didn't feel like I learned anything new about the topic. I mainly just did it because I didn't want to be charged or forced to take the in-person class," Tyra said.

One email sent to incoming stu-

dents on Sept. 20 was titled "Reminder to Complete UWSP Mandatory Course." The word mandatory, although not stated directly, often comes with specific connotations about the potential consequences.

While Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines the word mandatory as "required by law or rule," Troy Seppelt, dean of students, clarified the definition of mandatory for this circumstance.

"It's not a requirement, let's remove the word mandatory. It's not a requirement to graduate, it's not going to block your registration. There are campuses that actually block your registration. You don't do it you can't register for the next term. We don't want to do that," Seppelt said.

Although Seppelt expressed that this would not hinder graduation or registration, the student billing office had a different answer.

Seppelt sends the office a list of students who did not complete the course, then the billing office adds 100 dollars to each student's account.

Melanie Schultz, financial specialist senior, said, "This 100 dollars needs to be paid in full prior to registering for the next semester. If it is not paid, a student will not be able to register for the next semester."

This will be a barrier before you can register for your last semester. It is a barrier that will block your registration, implying that it is, in fact, a requirement to graduate.

UWSP administration uses terms which might come off as vague to students, creating an incentive to spur a large portion of the incoming class to complete the courses. They seem to go above and beyond the federal law requirements, perchance they really want to keep the campus safe, or to have boastful statistics.

In regards to what they use this completion data for Seppelt said, "We use the completion percentage in a number of websites. I use it. It's on my website-- go to the dean of student's front page."

While the completion rate was 98 percent this year, don't necessarily take the number at face value.

Would 98 percent of incoming students still complete the courses if they knew the loose definition of mandatory and requirement the administration is using? Did a portion of them only complete this out of fear of what might happen if they didn't do it?

PROTECTIVE SERVICES
REPORT

Sunday, October 30

A call about bird noises coming from somewhere in Debot was placed; Facility Services was notified to remove the bird.

A male was approached after caught urinating outside of Steiner Hall.

Monday, October 31

A call from the Schmeeckle blue phone played "Tip Toe Through the Tulips" on the other line.

Another call from the Schmeeckle blue phone played "Tip Toe Through the Tulips" again.

Tuesday, November 1

A box of 20 rounds of ammunition was reported in a room in the NFAC.

A report from a student said part of their bike was stolen.

Wednesday, November 2

A maintenance car was called in by a residential living member as the driver seemed unconscious and potentially asleep.

Individuals who were biking on the campus track were asked to leave the area.

Thursday, November 3

A Hansen Hall staff member called to report drug paraphernalia in a student's room.

A student requested to be driven to her dorm room from the health services building.

Friday, November 4

An individual was injured in the HEC, though an ambulance was not called.

A student car could not start and was having difficulties with the jump rack.

Saturday, November 5

Individuals who climbed the Schmeeckle tower were caught trespassing.

An individual reported their roommate missing since the day prior.

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Welcome to the UW-Stevens Point community! Alcohol-Wise, Marijuana-Wise and Consent & Respect, online prevention programs, are now available for you. All incoming first-year students, drinkers and non-drinkers, are required to complete Alcohol-Wise with Marijuana-Wise and Consent & Respect as part of our campus prevention program. The courses will provide you with important information about substances and sexual misconduct to help you be better prepared to be a resource for others.

The combined Alcohol-Wise and Marijuana-Wise course has a total of 5 lessons as well as a follow-up (part 2) survey. Consent and Respect is 6 lessons all in one part. These experiences are offered at no cost, take only 180 minutes to complete and are available 24/7. You can start and stop as needed.

All new UWSP students are expected to complete Alcohol-Wise, Marijuana-Wise and Consent & Respect by Friday, September 30, 2016.

To get started on the course, go to the 3rd Millennium Classrooms website at www.3rdmilclassrooms.com.



UWSP Students Brew Up a New Business

Maximilian Hasselhoff and Tanner Pickett. Photo by Olivia De Valk.

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pH Brewery is being founded by Maximilian Hasselhoff and Tanner Pickett.

The brewery seems a fitting business to come out of a friendship that began on tours through the Stevens Point Brewery.

The tentative name pH Brewery comes from a combination of the names Pickett and Hasselhoff and was selected because the two want their business to have a science focus.

Hasselhoff is a senior resource management major and brew mas-

ter at pH Brewery.

Hasselhoff, who has been brewing for the past four years, is not afraid of experimentation and has crafted beers featuring jalapeños, vanilla and even Fruity Pebbles.

"Every time I brew I always learn something different, it's always getting better," Hasselhoff said.

Jacob Ponkratz, a former environmental education and interpretation major, said Hasselhoff's beers have "amazing drinkability."

Ponkratz oversees marketing and sales for pH Brewery.

While Hasselhoff brews the beers, Pickett, a former business owner, handles the technicalities of the business.

Pickett said his primary job at the moment centers around getting business in order and making their name known.

Pickett and Hasselhoff have big plans for the future of their business.

Within the next two years they hope to have the brewery up and running, and soon after will open a tap house.

In addition to energy and ambition, the duo brings an environmentally conscious mindset to every aspect of their business.

Hasselhoff and Pickett are taking full advantage of the opportunity to build their brewery from the ground up. They want to make environmentally-conscious choic-

es wherever possible and have already discussed the possibility of burning manure to provide heat for their kettles.

Pickett and Hasselhoff want to keep pH Breweries Wisconsin-based for as long as possible.

By staying within the border, they hope to maintain a local-feel.

The tap-house, which will operate in conjunction with the brewery, will feature local bands and a split menu that includes a vegetarian counterpart to every entrée.

"We're hoping to make it the number one place for college students," Ponkratz said.

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The Cupboard has partnerships with both Dining Services on campus and other organizations in the community to help bring in donations.

Operation Bootstrap is a local Stevens Point community food pantry that contributed canned goods and fresh produce items like cheese, yogurt and juices. The Giving Gardens and the farmers market donated squash, eggplant, peppers, kale and other fresh vegetables as well.

With the Cupboard well-stocked for students, there are still needs to be met and ways to help. Anyone can donate food, non-perishable items, toiletries, money or time as a volunteer.

Dining Services has set up a program called Food for Friends for students on meal plans to donate meal swipes to someone who needs them. At any of the Dining locations on campus, a student can donate a meal swipe to the Food for Friends program.

"Some of the food service workers actually have little buttons they wear that say 'Ask me how I can donate a meal'," Miller said.

Cupboard recipients then receive a card with the donated meal swipes on them, go to Upper Debot, swipe it and eat a hot meal said Miller.

There are also food drives coming up. On Nov. 9, at the men's basketball game and Nov. 12, at the men's hockey game there will food

collections for the Cupboard.

Looking to the future, the student body will directly benefit from the Cupboard's new food offerings. SIEO originally started the Cupboard with the help of students and with their success in mind.

However, support like this is about more than just success in the classroom. The Cupboard empowers students to feel successful in life as well as allowing them to provide for themselves.

If students are in need of food or want to donate they can stop by the Cupboard Monday through Wednesday from 1:30-4:30 p.m. near the student organization offices and SIEO. Students can also visit the Cupboard page on the UWSP website.

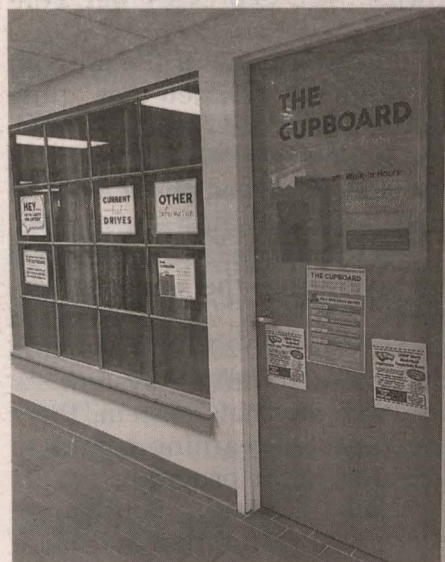


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UW-Stevens Point Knows How to Play Fair Trade

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Last week, the Office of Sustainability finished the last act to designate the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point as a fair trade university.

The definition of fair trade, according to the World Fair Trade Organization, is a product partnership that is beneficial to the trade itself, workers involved and the environment.

In partnership with the Student Government Association and Students for Sustainability, the actions to qualify for a designated fair trade campus were completed last week. The award was through Fair Trade Campaigns.

To qualify for designation, a campus must provide at least two fair trade options at every vending location, host at least two educational events a semester and have offices support fair trade items.

All requirements were filled last week when chancellor Patterson started serving fair trade coffee in his office.

Justin Seis, projects coordinator at the Office of Sustainability,

said the process to becoming fair trade began years ago with a survey through Students for Sustainability. Together, along with other clubs, they put in the effort to make sure enough items were sold at vendors and educational programs were in place.

Robert Abrahamian, senior water resources major and environmental and sustainability director for the Student Government Association, said, "The biggest thing was connecting with the vendors to make sure they could offer some of these products."

The university bookstore is now selling fair trade cotton shirts, chocolate and accessories. The CPS Café uses fair trade ingredients and sells fair trade coffee and tea.

Dining services and the Brewhaus are also supplying at least the minimum requirement of two fair trade items. Different faculty and student groups are additionally involved, both in curriculum and in activities.

"It's showing that they are advocates for ethical treatment of workers in a sustainable fashion that also creates great products," said Alex Thomas, senior waste management and biology major

and caucus chair for the College of Natural Resources.

The legislation was passed through student government to maintain the fair trade standard. The legislation was written by Seis, Thomas, and Shaun Piette, senior natural resource planner and treasurer for Students for Sustainability.

"Being designated is a large step but a first step, in that it'll become more institutionalized once we have the designation," Thomas said.

The three offices that utilize fair trade items are the Office of Sustainability, Student Government Alliance and the chancellor's office.

The chancellor was enthusiastic with the idea of a fair trade campus.

"We sent him an email and he was on board right away," Seis said.

Seis spoke with head of the University Involvement in the Fair Trade Campaign on Friday after chancellor Patterson's final step. This finalized the designation and allowed the campus to receive its certificate of recognition.

The fair trade committee in charge of keeping the designation

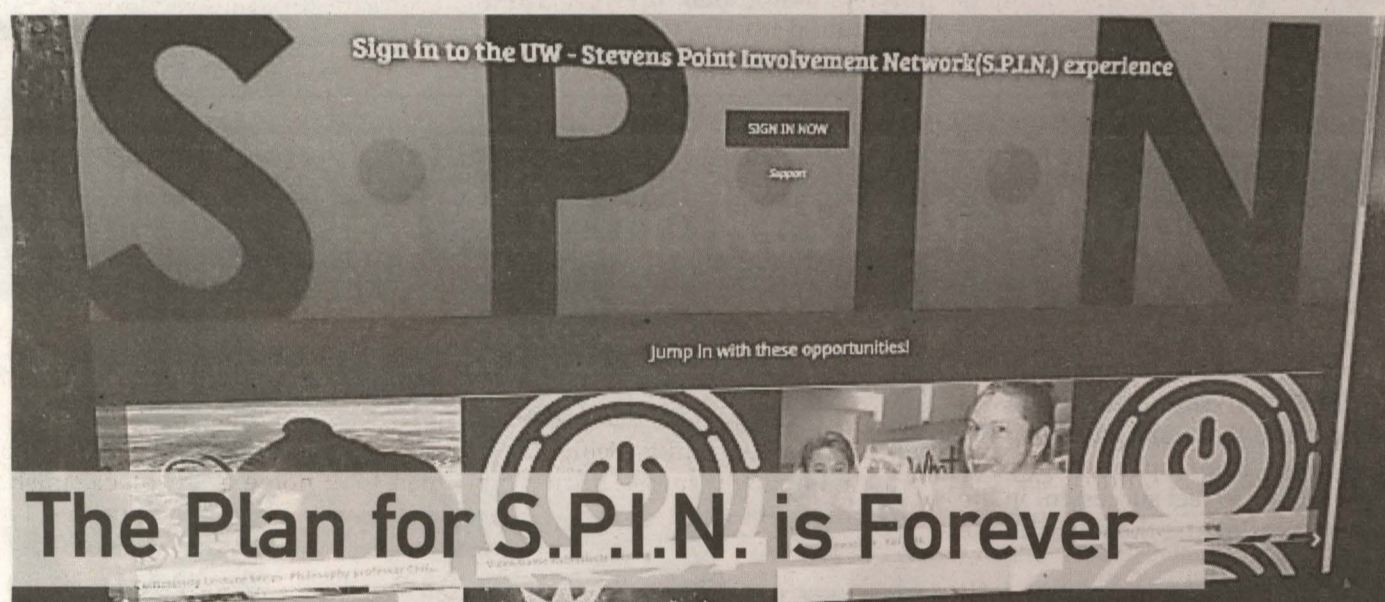


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for years to come involves the projects coordinator for the Office of Sustainability, the environmental and sustainability affairs director of the Student Government Association and some representatives of Students for Sustainability.

UW-Oshkosh was the first declared fair trade university in the state and the country, and UW-Stevens Point is the second university in the state and 39th university in the country to be awarded this designation.



The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is trying out a new program- SPIN. Photo courtesy of Samantha Bradley.

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The SPIN and correlating Corq app have been extremely busy since their implementation.

The Student Involvement Employment Office is able to see how many people log onto the system. On average, there are 350 users any given weekday and 150 on weekends. There have been up to 829 users in one day. There are over 200 events coming up in the next 30 days posted on S.P.I.N.

Leigh Jentz, program assistant at SIEO, is also the main point of contact for S.P.I.N. at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"It's great for S.P.I.N. but it's also something that I wouldn't

have known about this campus, that there is that much going on every night of the week," Jentz said.

Jentz is continuing to work with campus departments to increase their knowledge of the system by informing them of the benefits. The system allows student organizations to have one central location for their organization's documents, to track meeting attendance, hold elections and log service hours.

The system also gives each organization a website presence and the opportunity to promote events or a Facebook page as a marketing tool.

S.P.I.N. makes student turn-over easier to maintain and training for future leaders easier to navigate.

Ellie Corbin, senior physical geography major, utilizes

S.P.I.N. as the events coordinator for the Office of Sustainability. She agrees that the system improves efficiency in the office through outreach, making reservations and completing documents such as hold harmless forms, yet expresses her concerns.

"I don't know if the amount of students reached has quite gotten up to the Facebook level, but hopefully it will continue to grow as the word about S.P.I.N. does," Corbin said.

Students are taking initiative by exploring the various features of S.P.I.N. and there have already been 720 service hours documented into the system.

With any new system, there are expected learning curves to get used to the program.

Nick Champ, sophomore ecosystem restoration and man-

agement major, utilizes S.P.I.N. as a community advisor for planning programs in Burroughs Hall.

"I have mixed feelings about S.P.I.N.. I think that S.P.I.N. has a lot of potential, but not enough people know about it or are on it," Champ said. "So I think it's ineffective, but has a lot of potential for the future."

Although no immediate changes have happened to S.P.I.N., Jentz explained the software company itself is working to build a new platform, S.P.I.N. 2.0. This new platform will hopefully be released this next summer and adopted by UWSP two years after being introduced.

"The plan for S.P.I.N. is forever, and I'm hoping students will see it the same way," Jentz said. "The biggest point is to make life easier for our students, for our office - to just increase efficiency."

To help departments become more familiar with S.P.I.N., SIEO hosts training events each week with topics in advanced features, messaging, officer transition, service hour documentation and more.

These training events can assist students to utilize the system to its full potential even though students are already adopting the system. These training events can be found on the SIEO S.P.I.N. page and on the CORQ app.

Athletes Create Club for Child Fanbase

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The Pointers Kids Club allows kids from the community to have access to both University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point home sporting events and student-athletes, for a reasonable price.

The club is in its first year and was recently introduced to the public. Some of the perks a club member receives is a free t-shirt, access to eight home sporting events and special club events. It costs \$20 to be a member, and eligible members must be in eighth grade or younger.

Diane Gilbert, women's basketball associate head coach, has worked with the Student Athletic Advisory Committee to make this club possible. Gilbert said, the club

received about 10 members within the first week.

Gilbert said the club, "gives the kids role models and the ability to work with student athletes when they are not at their specific sport."

Taylor Douglas, senior basketball player, is a member of SAAC and the leader of the Pointers Kids Club. Ideally, Douglas would like to have more than 100 kids involved with the club. She feels that the goal is for kids to experience what it is like to be at college while meeting and watching athletes at sporting events.

"I think that it kind of shows that we are really involved with the community and that we are trying to get more involved with the community," Douglas said.

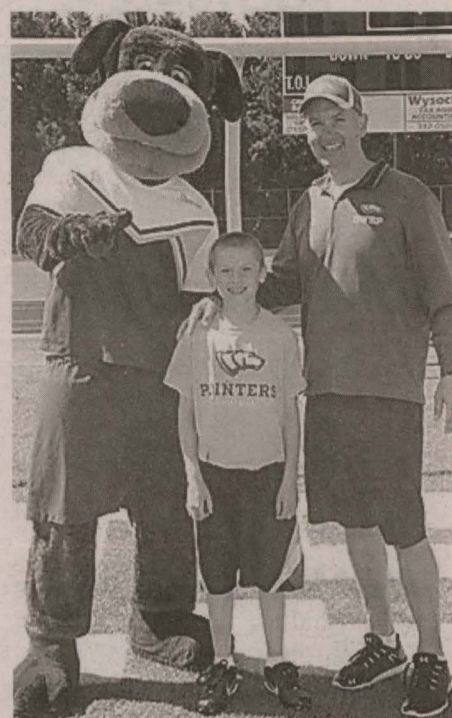
Alexander Malueg, junior football player, is also a member of

SAAC. Malueg sees the club as an organized way to get kids involved in athletics at the collegiate level.

"I am a very big advocate for it just because I was a kid that always looked up to collegiate athletes and pro athletes. I think just getting to know athletes as a kid was a big moment for me when that happened. Just the chance to give that back to kids nowadays is an awesome opportunity," Malueg said.

As a kid, Malueg was given the chance to meet professional football players and understands that kids look up to him and his athletic peers. He is hoping this club will help increase connectivity.

"I just think it's such an amazing opportunity to connect our own community and the kids that want to play sports at a higher level," Malueg said.



Stevie Pointer and head football coach Tom Journell pose with a UWSP athletics fan. Photo courtesy of UWSP Athletics.

Women's Hockey Team Skating to the Start of the Season

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As the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey season begins, players are looking ahead with optimism and excitement.

The team had their first game against St. Olaf College on Oct. 28 and thus far their record is 1-2-1.

Meredith Ingbretson, senior center forward and team captain, feels confident about the team's rapport.

"The relationship within the team has gotten better each year, everyone feeling like they are a part of it. Having that structure and support system to fall back on is really nice. I feel like this year especially we have a very tight knit group," Ingbretson said.

She cited UW-River Falls as one of biggest rivals they will be competing against. This season Ingbretson is hoping the team will win the conference championship for the first time since 2007.

"I'm just trying to fill some of the shoes from last year and do as much as I can to help the team win each game," Ingbretson said.

Ellie Punnett, junior defender, is Ingbretson's co-captain.

According to Punnett the

team lost a lot of seniors last season giving other players more opportunities to have playing time this season.

As a captain, Punnett emphasizes the importance of leading by example and giving her teammates the chance to speak up.

"I feel like a lot of times the positivity comes from the team and the coaches kind of see that and feed off it," Punnett said.

Since she has been coaching, Ann Ninnemann, head women's hockey coach, has seen the talent increase within the university's program and the region. She is hoping the players stay healthy this season, especially since the team's roster is smaller than in past years.

Ninnemann wants the team's penalty kill to improve this season, and has already been impressed by the improvements the returners have made.

"I am excited to see how everyone is going to grow and develop. The freshman in the first two weeks have grown and become better hockey players already," Ninnemann said.

This week the team will compete against Gustavus Adolphus College on Nov. 8 and UW-River Falls on Nov. 11.

Dissatisfied Cross-County Sprints Toward Future Victory

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The Pointer cross-country team hosted the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship at the Wisconsin River Golf Club.

Head coach Brett Witt felt disappointed about the championship race over the Oct. 29 weekend.

"We are better than we placed," said Witt. The coach commented on feeling hopeful for the upcoming regional championship.

Although the conference championship did not meet the standards of the team, "Emily Schlebecker was an impactful runner during the championship," Witt said.

The UWSP junior earned 28th place, a team high.

Jenna Smith, senior, felt the similar feeling of defeat following the conference championship.

"We've been working hard all season. We didn't show up and run how we wanted," Smith said.

Senior Kathy Derks was making personal records at every race

leading up to the championship, but could not maintain the streak during the championship race.

"I did not have a good race, but I'm ready to come back for the regional championship," Derks said.

Following the trend, Luke Johnston, senior, is recovering from an injury that put him out of practice and meets for two weeks. Johnston said, "The race did not go how I wanted. It's a disappointment, but I'm recovering."

The era of gloom will not hold back the UWSP cross-country team and the runners are ready to push themselves and place high at the regional championship coming up.

The UWSP placed 7th while the men took home a 5th place finish. The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse placed first in the women's title and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire took the men's title at the WIAC championship.

"The team is ready to prove we are better than this championship at the upcoming regional meet," said Witt.



Senior Jenna Smith finished her race in 25:26.0. Photo by Kylie Bridenbagen.

SPORTS EVENTS

FOOTBALL

Nov. 12,
vs. UW- River Falls
2 p.m.

WRESTLING

Nov. 12,
vs. Dubuque
1 p.m.

vs. Loras College
3 p.m.

MENS BASKETBALL

Nov. 9,
Purple-Gold Game
7 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Nov. 12,
at NCAA
Midwest Regional

WOMENS HOCKEY

Nov. 8,
vs. Gustavus
Adolphus
7 p.m.

Nov. 11,
vs. UW-Riverfalls
7 p.m.

MENS HOCKEY

Nov. 11,
vs. Concordia College
7 p.m.

Nov. 12,
vs. St. Johns
7 p.m.

SWIMMING & DIVING

Nov. 12,
vs. Northern Michigan
1 p.m.

A Look Into Sports

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UWSP WOMEN'S HOCKEY TAKES TO MINNESOTA

Finding themselves in a 3-0 deficit to Concordia-Moorhead, the UWSP women's hockey team only scored once as they fell in their first game in Minnesota 3-1.

Two of Concordia's goals came in the first period followed by their final goal coming early in the second.

Coming at the 2:55 mark in period three, senior Meredith Ing-bretson notched her second goal of the season to bring the Pointers within two.

Without being able to convert on any of their four power plays and only scoring on one of 28 shooting, the Pointers fell to 1-2 on the season.

In the team's rematch on Saturday with Concordia-Moorhead, junior Ali Biagini's two goal effort helped the Pointers tie 3-3 moving to 1-2-1 on the year.

The Pointers got ahead by two goals before allowing the Cobbers

to score three unanswered goals to move ahead 3-2.

Biagini got the scoring going in the first period for the Pointers before knocking in her second goal halfway through the second, assisted by freshman Alex Grubbs and sophomore Mackenzie Kratch.

However, UWSP found itself down 3-2 before the second period came to an end.

Assisted by junior Ellie Punnett, sophomore Cara Lemirande tied the game for the Pointers early in the third.

UWSP challenged the Cobber goalkeeper another 11 times before period's end, but were denied in each of the teams' attempts.

The Pointers went 2-4 on power play chances, while allowing Concordia to only go 1-10.

The Pointers next game comes Nov. 8 against Gustavus Adolphus before their home opener on Nov. 11.

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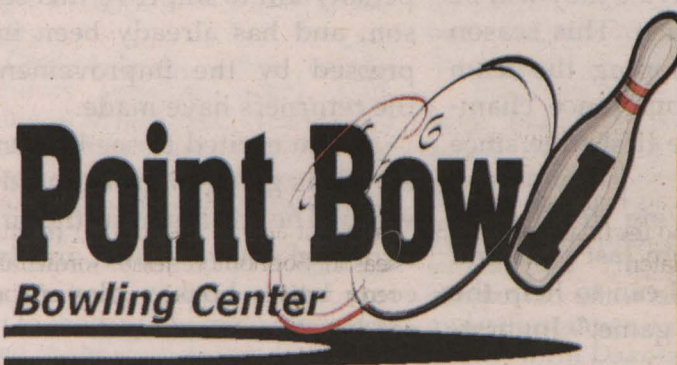
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POINTER FOOTBALL CLAIMS A VICTORY ON SENIOR DAY



Senior running back Britton Vernon carries the ball downfield during Senior Day against UW-Stout on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Community Stadium at Goerke Park. Photo by Kylie Bridenbagen.

Seniors Kyle Larson, Logan Taylor and Jared Pankow shined on senior day, scoring all four touchdowns for the Pointers in the team's 35-28 victory over UW-Stout on Saturday.

Along with completing 29 of 45 passes and throwing four touchdowns, Larson set a new career high with 456 passing yards in the win.

Taylor put together a career day by catching 10 passes for 169 yards and three touchdowns. Pankow added to the strong day through the air with eight catches for 140 yards and a touchdown.

Senior Britton Vernon led the ground attack for the Pointers with 93 yards on 22 rushing attempts.

On the Pointer's second drive of the game, Larson connected with Pankow four separate times, capped off by a nine-yard touchdown pass to give the Pointers a 10-0 lead early.

After Stout scored on the next drive, the Blue Devils capitalized on a Pointer turnover and scored again to take the lead, 14-10.

The Pointers gained momentum

before going into half after Larson connected with Taylor five times including a 14-yard touchdown to give the Pointers a 17-14 lead.

On the first play for the Pointer offense in the third quarter, coming after an interception from junior Kevin Sanchez, Larson again found Taylor in the end zone for a 19-yard score.

The Pointers went ahead 27-21 before the Blue Devils took advantage of a Pointer penalty to take a late lead 28-27.

In the fourth, after converting on a fourth down, Larson connected with Taylor once again for a 26-yard score. After Larson completed the two point conversion, the Pointers went ahead 35-28.

UW-Stout had a chance to score but the Pointers defense prevailed, bringing the team's record to 6-3 on the season.

The Pointers season finale comes against UW-River Falls this upcoming Saturday at 2 p.m.

UWSP VOLLEYBALL KNOCKED OUT IN SEMIFINALS



After recording a career-high 48 digs in the first round of the WIAC Tournament against UW-Eau Claire, senior libero Bri Piepenbrok became the first Pointer in program history to surpass 700 digs. Photo by Kylie Bridenbagen.

In a five set thriller highlighted by senior Bri Piepenbrok recording a career high 48 digs and becoming the first player in school history to surpass 700 digs, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point volleyball team defeated UW-Eau Claire in the first round of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Volleyball Championship.

After taking the first set, the Pointers dropped the next two sets which included a tightly battled third set the team dropped 30-28.

The Pointers claimed a fourth set victory to take the match to the fifth set where UWSP found itself down 11-8 to the Blugolds.

Tied at 13-13, UW-Eau Claire scored its 14th point of the match, junior Bella Nelson answered back with back-to-back kills to seal the victory for the Pointers.

In the semifinal round of the WIAC volleyball championship, the Pointers faced up against UW-Whitewater. UWSP took the

top seeded Warhawks to the fifth set where the team fell short, losing 15-10 and ending its championship run.

On the day Piepenbrok was named WIAC Defensive Player of the Year, the senior notched another 25 digs to her school record. Fellow All-WIAC team member, senior Kelly Cefalu recorded her second-consecutive double-double with posting 18 kills and 15 digs.

Freshman Abby Majercik contributed with her team high ninth double-double after recording 35 assists and 13 digs. Junior Kelly Magliano led the way with seven blocks.

Senior Gabby Thomas and Cefalu kept the fifth set close with crucial kills, but the Warhawks kept the lead throughout the match and continued their WIAC run.

UWSP ended its season with a 27-7 record and awaits its postseason fate.

UWSP MEN'S HOCKEY SKATES TO A VICTORY AND TIE IN MINNESOTA

The No. 1 ranked UWSP men's hockey team came away with a 3-3 tie on Friday with Gustavus Adolphus after allowing a third period goal with 5:52 remaining.

In the first period, senior Jono Davis took advantage of a power play opportunity and netted the first goal of the game for the Pointers.

The Pointers allowed two consecutive goals and found themselves heading into the third period down 2-1.

Seconds into the third, junior Nathan Harris tallied his first goal of the season to even up the score at two.

Freshman Austin Kelly scored the next goal of the game giving UWSP a 3-2 lead that was brought back to a tie, and the final score of 3-3, only a minute later.

The Pointers then faced off against Bethel on Saturday. Fueled by two scores from senior Jacob Barber, UWSP came away with a 5-2 victory.

Barber scored 11:42 into the first period to give the Pointers an early 1-0 lead. Freshman Baxter Kanter followed up the Barber goal only four minutes later to giving UWSP a 2-0 advantage.

Senior Kyle Sharkey extended the Pointer lead to 3-0 in the second period. Shortly after on a power play, Barber tallied his second goal of the night to add insult to injury.

Bethel scored before the end of the second, but Harris answered back 40 seconds into the third period putting the Pointers up 5-1. Bethel only scored once more coming later in the third period giving the Pointers a 5-2 victory.

UWSP out-shot Bethel 56-22 on the night and moves to 3-0-1 on the season. Sophomore Jesse Gordichuk recorded his second victory of the season with 20 saves.

The Pointers return home to play on Nov. 11 and 12 against Concordia-Moorhead and Saint John's.

TWO POINTER WRESTLERS NOTCH FOUR WINS

This past Saturday at the Pointer Open, senior Logan Hermesen and sophomore Donny Ralston both notched four victories in the 165 and 285 weight class, respectively.

Hermesen dropped his finals decision 5-3, placing second for his class while Ralston placed fourth in his.

Wins in the 184 weight class came from freshman Carlito Schiro with three wins, sophomore James Borgen also with three and freshman Ben Stassin rallied two victories.

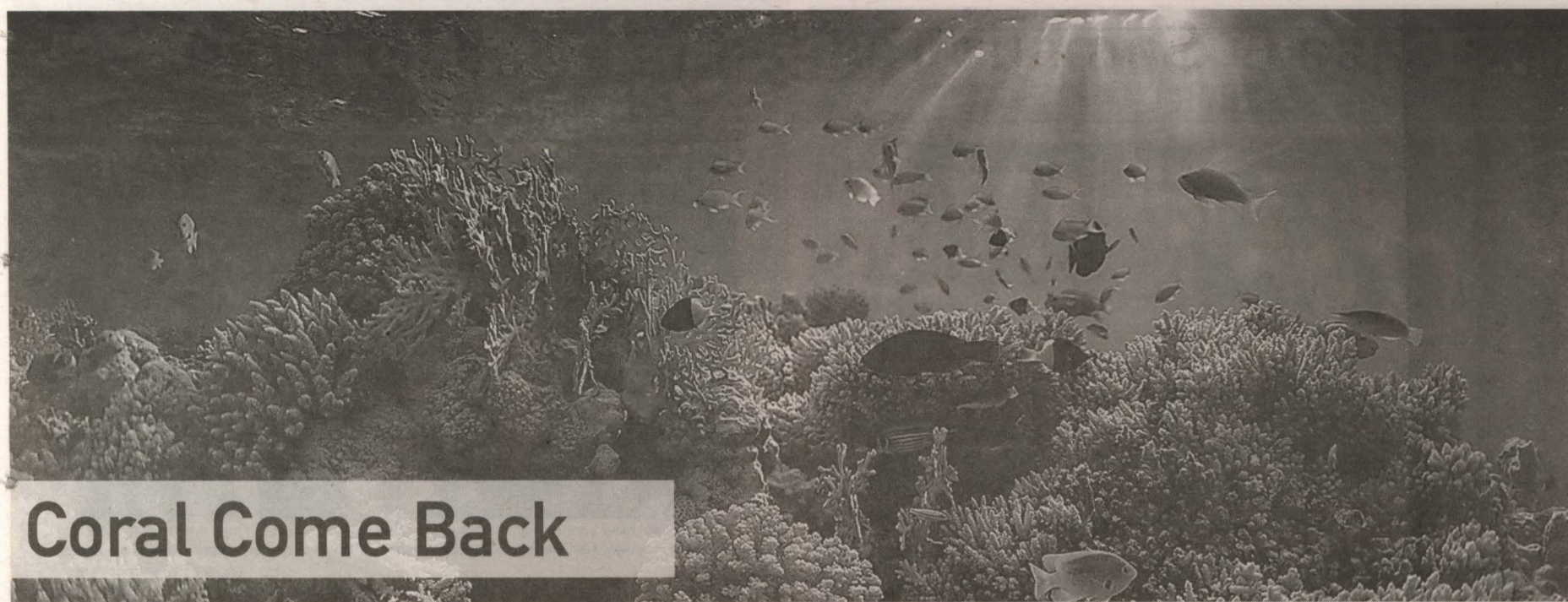
Freshman Frank Lor's two wins helped him claim a fourth place finish in the 141 weight class. Sophomore Mozhiah Clark notched three wins to place sixth in the 125 weight class.

Sophomore Steve Collins, junior Tanner Goddard and senior Boone Roycraft each recorded two wins in the 157 weight class for the Pointers.

UWSP heads down to Iowa on Nov. 12 to match up with the University of Dubuque and Loras College.



Sophomore James Borgen tallied three wins in the 184 weight class at the Pointer Open on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Bennett Court at the Quandt Fieldhouse in Stevens Point, Wis. Photo by Kylie Bridenbagen.



Coral Come Back

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In early October, *Outside Magazine* published an obituary for the Great Barrier Reef stating that the reef is officially dead, citing its life span from 25 million BC to 2016.

This article has sparked huge controversy in the scientific world as the reef is in fact very much alive.

Located off the northeast coast of Australia's Queensland, the reef stretches almost 1,500 miles along the coast and is the largest living organism in the world. Home to 1,625 species of fish, 133 varieties of sharks and rays and 600 types of soft and hard corals, the reef's biodiversity is internationally recognized as outstanding.

Bleaching due to climate change and pollution have devastated reefs all over the world, the most severe global event being the summer of 2016.

Contrary to popular belief, "when a coral bleaches, it is not dead," as the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration website explains.

Reefs can exist in a narrow temperature range but due to climate change, those temperatures are swinging out of the reef's survivable range during the summer, causing the symbiotic algae that lend their extraordinary colors to the reef to be expelled, turning it white. Although a healthy reef can bounce back from these bleaching events, if the damage is too severe, the reef will die.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority reported that 22 percent of the reef has perished because of "record-breaking surface sea temperatures—reflecting the underlying trend of global ocean warming caused by climate change combined with a strong El Niño."

This is despite 93 percent of the reef being affected by bleaching per the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies located in Queensland. This means that over two-thirds of the Great Barrier Reef are still alive.

The article was written as a sat-

ire to draw attention to the severity of the issue, but it was widely taken at face value by the public.

Russell Reichelt, chairman of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, said the claims of the reef's death are "irresponsible and untrue," in a statement published on the authority's website.

Scientists are worried that portraying the reef as dead will not empower conservation efforts, but rather dismiss the value of efforts to save what is left.

When asked if they think the Great Barrier Reef is worth saving, Mitchel Deady, senior natural resources management major, said, "It would be worth it for Australia. The reef is home to many fish species that we eat. Plus, with the importance of tourism, it should be saved."

The obituary said "No one knows if a serious effort could have saved the reef, but it is clear that no such effort was made," when in fact, the Australian and Queensland governments have already dedicated \$2 billion toward improving the health and resilience

of the Great Barrier Reef through 2050.

Climate change is not an easy phenomenon to halt, but there are other factors damaging the health of the reef that are easier to tackle. Poor water quality from land-based agricultural run-off, impacts from coastal development and illegal fishing also contribute to the deterioration.

Those other factors are addressed in the Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Report by the Australian and Queensland governments.

Greta Aeby, a coral expert with the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology at the University of Hawaii told *Huffington Post* that regarding raising awareness, the article did its job. Although it may not make much of a difference, at least it is raising the issue to the public eye.

Whether *Outside's* obituary was meant to inspire controversy, it has brought the health of the reef to the forefront of the public eye, hopefully inspiring others to help it before it is gone for good.

Mass Facebook Check-in Shows Thousands Stand With Standing Rock

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Facebook users scrolling through their newsfeed last Monday, Oct. 31, were confused by friends and family claiming to be in North Dakota.

Although those checking in weren't physically at the site of the protests of the North Dakota Access Pipeline, their support was seen throughout the country.

Over 30,000 people falsely checked-in at the Standing Rock Indian Reservation because of a post that claimed police at the construction site of a 1,200-mile oil pipeline had been using Facebook to target protestors. The protestors called on everyone to show their support by checking in at Standing Rock as an attempt to confuse police.

Opponents of the pipeline are concerned that if installed, the pipeline would lead to oil spills which would taint drinking water

on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation and that the construction of the pipeline would destroy cultural artifacts.

Hannah Novicki, senior general resource management major, said, "I said I was at Standing Rock because I learned that police were using Facebook check-in as a way to target individuals protesting."

The Morton County Sheriff's Department of North Dakota denied using Facebook to monitor the Sacred Stone Camp.

With tensions rising between protestors and police in recent weeks, police from seven states have been sent to North Dakota to control the protestors.

Wisconsin has sent police officers from five counties. The Portage County Sheriff's Department denied sending any police to the Standing Rock Camp.

The police at the protest site have recently been highly criticized for using excessive force. Numerous videos show officers using

pepper spray and rubber bullets on those at the protest site. The Facebook check-ins were used as a symbol of defiance towards the police as well as support for those on the frontlines of the protest.

While the original post asking Facebook users to check-in was not made by an official representative from the protest site, many leaders of the movement later called upon people to check-in as a show of solidarity.

Deaken Boggs, senior natural resources planning major, said, "Being in school here, I really can't take the time off to go out there and protest in person. So being able to have some solidarity action was really cool."

Despite over 30,000 people using Facebook to show their support to those at the camp, the event failed to show up as trending news on Facebook. The seven-month long pipeline protest has been ignored by mass media despite the 2,000 people currently at the Stand-

ing Rock Camp.

Novivki said, "I truly believe it made a difference. The minute I checked in at Standing Rock, my mom, sister and friends asked what I was doing out there on a Monday. This then opened the door to tell them the importance to stand with Standing Rock."

The Facebook check-ins themselves may not have done much as the original plan to confuse police, but it did raise support for stopping the pipeline all across the country.

Since the mass check-in, there have been hundreds of actions across the United States backing the protestors at Standing Rock.

On Friday, Nov. 4, a group of about 100 people gathered at the sundial on UW-Stevens Point's campus to show support, respect and appreciation for those protesting in North Dakota.

Next week on Nov. 11 there will be a donation drive at the sundial for winter equipment for those at the Sacred Stone camp.

The Case of Samsung's Flaming Phone Waste

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Earlier this year Samsung Galaxy Note 7 smartphones were bursting into flames and, as a result, have been recalled as a threat to consumer safety; but what about the threats the recalled phones pose to the safety of the environment?

The cause of the flaming phones was due to the batteries. Most modern smartphones use lithium ion batteries as their power source, and the liquid inside lithium ion batteries is highly flammable. If the battery short-circuits, it could warm the flammable liquid too quickly and the battery can explode.

Consumers who have a Galaxy Note 7 device can now exchange their phone for another Samsung smartphone, or receive a refund, but what is the Samsung company planning to do with the defective phones?

Samsung created 4.3 million of the Note 7 and sold over 1.8 million of the faulty model. The company recalled every single phone in order to prevent any more accidents. All of those phones will most likely be thrown out instead of repaired.

That's a ton of waste going into landfills.

Jaken Brukbauer, a past student said, "I actually did own the Note 7 that had the recall. I think that it will be devastating on landfills, the amount of waste that this contributes is awful. With that being said, though, a lot of the phone parts can be remade and reused into different things."

When phones or other electronics are disposed of in landfills it is called e-waste. E-waste has multiple negative impacts on soil, land and air.

Stephanie Jepson, a senior soil and waste management major, said, "The most common problem would be that e-waste leaks a ton of toxic metals in the landfill; which could potentially have a hazard of leaking into groundwater depending on the age and status of the landfill."

Toxins from e-waste seeping into the soil from landfills isn't the only negative environmental outcome of the flaming phones; to create the phones in the first place, rare earth metals must be extracted.

Rare earth elements can be found in many pieces of the phone, from the screen to the speakers. The process of mining

rare earth metals has been highly criticized as a violation of human, and environmental rights.

Mine laborers are usually severely underpaid and overworked. Many developing countries where rare earth metals are found lack proper regulation to protect these workers resulting in dangerous work conditions.

Along with ineffective policy to protect workers comes weak environmental regulation. To extract the materials needed for phones ecosystems become disturbed. These disturbances result in polluted water, loss of biodiversity and erosion.

Samsung's faulty phones needed to be replaced, and that was done by producing even more phones.

Consumers can prevent the negative outcomes of mining by reducing consumption of phones. On average, people get a new phone every 18-20 months. That's a lot of new materials that need to be mined.

Despite Samsung already recalling all of the Note 7 devices, consumers can also prevent the harsh contaminants from leaching into the earth by recycling old phones.

Jepson said, "The Waste Management Society does an

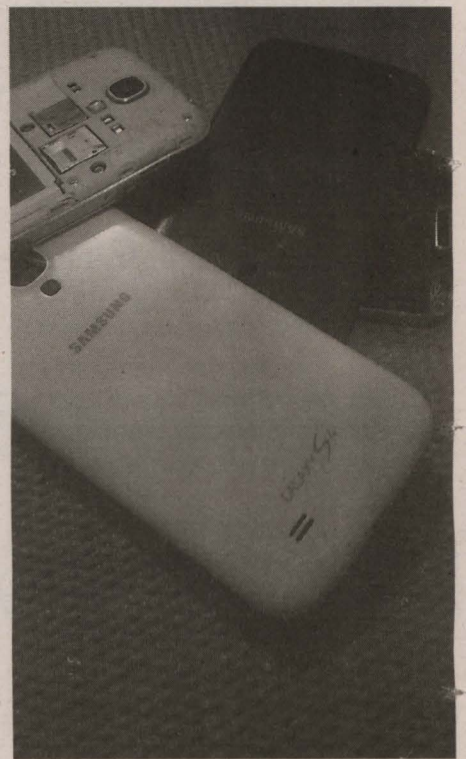


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electronics and textile recycling collection every year for college students."

Besides the yearly electronic recycling event, students can dispose of old electronics off campus at Best Buy, Goodwill or Midwest Computer Recyclers for free. Some companies will even pay for old phones and reclaim the rare earth metals to be reused.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Album Review: Miynt Experiments with EP No. 1

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Miynt experiments with airy sounds in her latest album, EP No. 1.

Throughout the album, she uses high-pitched sounds to compliment her light soprano voice.

It's a short album, with only six songs, but each song is jam-packed with different sounds.

The opener, "After the Gold Rush," starts out with distorted, high-pitched sounds that seem to be underwater. This repeats and a heavy drum set punches through, giving the song a driving beat.

In the interlude between the second verse and the final chorus, they do even more layering on the underwater tones. Miynt uses a buzzy keyboard to overlay and give more definition and style to the track.

The fourth song, "Cool,"

takes on a different vibe than "After the Gold Rush."

The song opens right away with a simple rhythm which is added to by the funky beat of guitars that are reminiscent of earlier songs done by Maroon 5. Miynt also uses her Soprano voice layered in octaves, showing off both her low and high range.

Lyric wise, this song talks about the protagonist craving for air conditioning on a hot day. She uses descriptive phrases such as "if desert is a feeling" and "Sunshine's killing me." As a result, the song itself gives off a summer vibe.

Finally, "You Were Never Too Much," the second to last song uses, sparkle tones to create a relaxing atmosphere for the listener.

The electric guitar does continuous small riffs that add to the relaxing tones in the song, making the listener feel as though they are never too much in relationships.

Overall, even though it's sounds that mesh together to short, this album gives the create something delicate and listeners a wide variety of soothing.



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Funk Rock Bands Take on the Encore Stage

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This week brought something unique and close to home to The Encore stage: two live bands right from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus, Heartlight and Eazy on the Eyez.

The two-hour show gave equal light to both bands.

Heartlight filled the first slot, playing for an hour. After a short break for the bands to organize themselves, Eazy on the Eyez took the stage for the remainder of the night.

Centertainment productions advertised the bands as "funk rock" groups.

Shelly Stein, junior natural resources major, attended

the event and also saw Eazy on the Eyez' performance that won them Centertainment's Battle of the Bands last academic year.

"I would say it's alternative with some funky bass and bongos," Stein said.

Ian Vierck, freshman forestry major, also came to The Encore Friday night to see the bands perform.

"I've never seen them play before," Vierck said. "The music was fantastic. Kind of like The Black Keys, kind of like blues rock."

Along with music goes dancing. Chairs and tables had been pushed aside to create a mosh pit in front of the stage. Attendees were encouraged to dance through

the night as they enjoyed the bands' music.

"It was a lot of fun," Vierck said of the setup. "It helped me connect a lot better to the music."

While both bands rocked at Friday night's show, they are also taking strides to expand their musical careers beyond UWSP.

"Right now, our big goal is to increase our fan-base by getting out to new places," Anthony Balynas, bassist, and vocalist for Eazy on the Eyez, said.

"The next step is to record four to five songs and release an E.P. early next year. By then, we are hoping to be gigging regularly

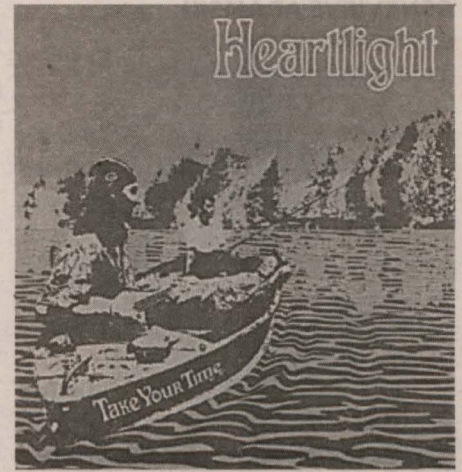


Photo courtesy of Heartlight Facebook page.

on the weekends. We've been thinking about our future a lot lately and we're super motivated to get off the ground and keep moving forward right now," Balynas said.

Heartlight has recently produced an eight-song E.P. that was for sale at the event.

These groups certainly have the enthusiasm and drive to put on a great show.

"I really enjoy performing songs that only we as a group have performed," Balynas said. "It's a cool feeling, to know people can dance, groove, and have a good time to what we came up with together. The energy is unreal too."

For more information, find the bands on twitter @eazyontheeyez band and @HeartlightMusic.



Photo courtesy of EAZY ON THE EYEZ Facebook page.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9	THURSDAY, NOV. 10	FRIDAY, NOV. 11	SATURDAY, NOV. 12
<p>Don't Breathe DUC Encore 7-9 p.m. & 9-11 p.m.</p> <p>La Cage Aux Folles JenkinsTheater 7:30-9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>La Cage Aux Folles JenkinsTheater 7:30-9:30 p.m.</p> <p>Jeff Scheen Comedian DUC Encore 8:00-10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>La Cage Aux Folles JenkinsTheater 7:30-9:30 p.m.</p> <p>Don't Breathe DUC Encore 7-9 p.m. & 9-11 p.m.</p>	<p>La Cage Aux Folles JenkinsTheater 7:30-9:30 p.m.</p> <p>Neil Hilborn DUC Encore 8:00-10:00 p.m.</p>

Humans of Point

Emily Oestreich and Caitlyn Matheny. Photos by Lhea Owens.



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What is your favorite on-campus hang out?

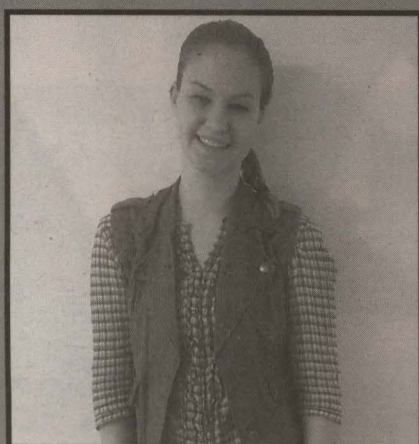
Emily- "I really like the DUC because I like the different student organizations offices down there. They are really friendly. I also like the occasional nap in the NFAC with those padded benches. It's a good spot to just chill out."

Caitlyn- "My favorite on-campus spot would have to be on the second floor of the NFAC. There are benches and that's my favorite napping spot on campus, so that's probably my favorite hang out."

Why do you think this school would be appealing to other students?

Emily- "The student organizations are definitely a great place to go if you want information on anything or even just to talk to different people. Some of them even host stress relief programs, not to mention we're all just a friendly bunch so you could literally walk into any one of them and have 5 or more people be like, 'Hey how's your day?'"

Caitlyn- "It's small enough that you recognize a lot of the people who walk past on the way to classes, but it's also big enough that you don't see all of your friends every day. So it's like you're still meeting new people, but you also



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always have that familiar face that you get to see every now and then. That's what I would say students would find most appealing who are looking at smaller schools because bigger schools like Madison it will be very unlikely that you see people you recognize every day. You would definitely have to go out of your way to see the same people every day, but here it feels a lot friendlier, especially if you are a long way from home."

What is an on-campus hang out you would like to go to more?

Emily- "The Brewhaus. I work right next to it and I never get to go because I'm always so busy going other places, but it always looks like they're doing cool stuff in there. They have nice low lighting and comfy seating with live music and stuff like that, so if time allows I'd like to go more."

Caitlyn- "I don't get to go to Schmeckle as much as I'd like to. Especially because when it gets cold outside it kind of loses its appeal a little bit, but my goal by the end of this year is when Lake Joanis freezes over to finally go out to the island because I never got to my freshman year, so that would be the on-campus location I'd like to go to more often."

Pointer Poets

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Strange Dreams

I Hope You Hurt Me
like a satellite colliding into the moon
to dust
when I tell you your new haircut looks great
those strange flattened locks
the world will freeze with ice in a moment
when the sun sets

It was a strange dream

I Want to Snuggle with the Tiger
from beyond the circle
the layers of friends on couches
it came
here kitty kitty
three tornadoes touched down
that day
we hid in a white office labyrinth
the kids questioning my authority
thank god for my friends
who chuckled in amazement
as that great tiger nuzzled faces
with me, and I knew if I thought
just for an instant
of how it could snap rip my throat
it would

I Woke Up Mad
I saved a shop
from Latino gang members
and spoke Spanish to the owner
who said I could have anything I wanted
I picked a tassel mood ring necklace
no no you can't
said my friend Wednesday
no it doesn't suit you
no
His Secret Sink
don't worry
he said
we can make love in my room
with the secret sink
he turned the lock as it clicked
I woke up to a call
from Wednesday

Hillbillies
at a cattle competition
lay calmly in the fire
and stand up
white as ghosts
they sold their souls
and cannot die

Visits from my Sister
tonight my sister sleeps in China
but here she is
eight years old
in a backyard understood to be my aunts
while the adults all
get drunk in lawn chairs
she leaves me in the grass
to climb the high ropes course
I follow her below the net

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Get Your Hands Messy with SCULPT

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On Tuesday, Nov. 1 the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students could be found at a studio night event in the Noel Fine Arts Center's Sculpture Studio creating ceramic pendants, bracelets, key chains, zipper pulls and much more.

The event was hosted by SCULPT, a student organization on campus focused on the practice of sculpture, and other 3D art forms.

Amanda Langer, senior 3D bachelor of fine arts major, said that while the club is primarily focused on sculpture students, that they still welcome students of any major who have an interest in sculpture.

"They don't have to be art majors," Langer said. "The mission of SCULPT is to provide students with opportunities to network and grow professionally in the field of sculpture and provide opportunities that they normally are not going to get just through their classes."

Langer said one of the ways that SCULPT helps its students is by networking with other artists, seeing their field of study being performed in the real world, going to different conferences and bringing in visiting artists to the UWSP

community.

"These conferences are a form of exposure to market ourselves," Langer said. "Also, a lot of our visiting artists come to UWSP because they've met with our students on these trips and have developed relationships with them."

Najah Alboushi, alumna communications and 3D bachelor of fine arts major, said that SCULPT does a lot of fundraising to help fund the organization's activities.

"One of our biggest things we do is the glass pumpkin sale in October," Alboushi said. "All of the funds that are raised go towards bringing in our visiting artists, which are usually technical and conceptual artists, and allowing us to go to SOFA, which is a sculptural artists conference."

Langer said that the main goal this year is to reach out to the Stevens Point community and show them how much the organization has appreciated everything they have done for them over the years.

"We want to focus on giving back to the campus and the community members around us because we've received so much support from them. That's why we started doing these studio nights, to try and reach out to more students and

community members to give them the opportunities to touch sculpture without actually being in classes" Langer said.

Alboushi said that the Stevens Point community's role has been extremely vital in keeping not only SCULPT, but the 3D art department afloat.

"They have done a lot to keep us going," Alboushi said. "Most of our students are glass students, and they were going to cut our program last year. Luckily we got a lot of donations from the community to keep it going for at least another two years."

Langer said that the practice of sculpting, and any other form of art, is a very important form of expressing one's true self, along with questioning the world around us.

"I think if you talk to any of our students about their work you'll see people grappling with some deep philosophies," Langer said. "Art is a practice that kind of forces you to understand yourself, your relationship with others and your place within the world on a deeper level that is constantly pulling things into question. So it's a super deep, thoughtful way to spend your time."

Alboushi said that a lot of her inspiration for her sculpting comes from her identity as a person and what that has meant to her.

"I am an American, but my dad is from Syria and I think that has had a pretty big toll on how I view myself and how others view me," Alboushi said. "I'd like to think of my art as a form of social activism to get people aware of all the cultures, especially my culture, to help them understand that I am an American, but that I am also Syrian and that's okay."

Georgina Graff, senior 2D and 3D bachelor of fine arts major said that at the end of the day SCULPT wants people to be exposed, involved, or inter-



ested in the fine craft of sculpting, and other 3D art forms, to come to their studio nights.

"There are a lot of funky people in SCULPT, myself included, and we've got a whole bunch of characters here that are interested in all different areas of the art world," Graff said. "They are just pursuing what they want to do and working their asses off to get that done, all while making some really cool stuff in the process."

Graff said that they want as many people coming to play with SCULPT's tools as possible because a big part of what makes 3D art so great is getting your hands messy, sweating, and seeing how your art works out.

"It's important to work with your hands," Graff said. "We sit at a computer and type our words instead of writing them down, we type a text message instead of writing a handwritten note or postcard but it's really important to be connected to your body when creating things, because without creation life is really boring. One of the best ways to explore this practice is through sculpting."

SCULPT meets every Monday at 5 p.m. in the NFAC's Sculpture Studio, room 197.

