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Pokémon Goes Outside

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Pokémon Go was released in July of this year and millions of people are itching to catch 'em all, but what are the impacts of such a popular app bringing people outside?

Parks are now popular destinations for Pokémon hunters. Even at National Park Service sites, there have been large influxes of Pokémon trainers. Players are going outside, even if they're on their phones the whole time. The controversy is whether or not players are actually experiencing nature, or just passively playing a game while being immersed in virtual reality.

Some do not view the app favorably because they believe that, while being outside is good, being outside staring at a phone isn't actually experiencing the outdoors.

Ethan Robers, senior fire science and ecosystem restoration management major said, "Yes, you get out of the house, but you're trading one screen for another. I think it's a good idea, but I think the way it's used can be improved."

Wes Haas, senior English major said, "The only people who have their faces in their screens are people who choose to have their phones in their faces. The way the Pokémon Go works is you don't have to constantly be staring at the screen, your phone will vibrate when a Pokémon shows up."

There are many social groups that meet up to share hints and tips for catching Pokémon. In Stevens Point there are two Facebook groups dedicated to notifying players where certain Pokémon can be found in the city.

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This semester, the construction for the new science building will continue alongside the school's academic affairs. Scheduled to be com-

pleted by fall 2018, thus far, the building consists of two floors and the initiation for steel expansions. Working in the mornings and afternoons, the construction crew in charge will continue to pour concrete to create the re-

maining floors and rooms to enclose the structure in time for the coming winter.

Much of the elaborate building creation has been completed over the summer, according to Christopher Cirmo, dean of the College of Letters and Science. Cranes and trucks will make up the majority of the noise heard on campus this semester.

"The framework and floors are scheduled to be completed and the building enclosed by February of 2017," Cirmo said. Students have been supportive of the new building, even with the noise and construction happening during the first week of classes. Students say the sound of building and restriction of parking has not led to a large overall conflict as the semester starts.

Drew Dow, senior web digital media development major said, "I like walking out of the old science building in the morning and looking at the progress."

After the exterior has

Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen

been completed, interior work will begin and the building should be commissioned to occupy by May 2018.

All money for the building has been funded by the state instead of through the university.

While the cost for the building is roughly \$450 per square foot, which is expensive in comparison to other buildings that have been built on campus, funding has not been an issue as construction carries on.

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Gerald David, project superintendent of Miron Construction, said, "We've been working with very few breaks to get this done and we are about three weeks ahead of schedule." Any circumstances that will require additional time or effort will be approved by the dean to make sure it does not conflict with the rest of the occurrences happening on campus.



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The City of Stevens Point website has an official Civil Alert on their website to ensure that those participating in the game are both safe and respectful of others' property. There have been issues with players of the app trespassing on private land.

On Sep. 12, the Stevens Point Area Pokémon Go Group worked with the student organization, Daisho Con to organize a Pokémon GO crawl. During the crawl, students and community members were socializing and walking around campus while collecting Pokémon.

When asked how much he was actually experiencing nature while playing, Mark Gypsy, a recent graduate of arts said, "Ever since I graduated from UWSP I've been kind of down, Pokémon Go got me to go outside and get me back into nature and that kind of helped lift my spirits a little bit." Regardless of whether or not people favor Pokémon Go; people are going outside because of this app. Some have argued that Pokémon Go is nothing more than vamped-up geocaching, which is a popular outdoor activity where people use GPS systems to locate hidden objects.

As far as phone applications go, there are actually many games in the category of "augmented reality." This type of game requires players to physically walk outside and discover landmarks around their cities. Pokémon Go is the most popular augmented reality game due to its prevalence as a game on Nintendo Gameboys in the early 2000's.

Pokémon Go has become a cultural phenomenon. Parks are packed with Pokémon, but it's up to the players to determine whether or not they are absorbing nature or ignoring it.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Sunday, September 4

The Hansen residence hall reported a smell of marijuana coming from a suspected student dormitory and officers were dispatched to locate the potential drug use.

Monday, September 5

After a call was placed concerning a gas leak, the location of said leak in Parking Lot Q was discovered and pinpointed.

Tuesday, September 6

A student in a residence hall was seen and treated for making suicidal comments after moving into his new dorm room for the school year.

Wednesday, September 7

A student found a bike that had previously been stolen from her but no proof of her prior ownership could be determined.

Thursday, September 8

A report was made concerning a man repeatedly seen sleeping on a campus picnic table in the early hours of the morning.

Friday, September 9

Activities located in Lot J were investigated as a vehicle was seen with people being put into the trunk.

Saturday, September 10

A report was issued on a large black truck driving through campus sporting a confederate flag on on the back of the cab.

Students Face Tough Decision at Polls

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point was heavily interested in voting for Bernie Sanders. litical revolution. "I wanted to vote for Sanders because he promised free education and had a good plan for it too," said Josh Norman, freshman natural resource policy major and volunteer for the Wisconsin Democratic Party.

evant to college students. Now that Sanders is no longer in the running, Clinton has adopted some of his policies to appeal to younger voters. One of these policies is free college.

It is plainly too difficult for some students to decide who to vote for. Many have joked about the thought of leaving the country to relieve themselves of the upcoming election. "Her [Clinton] I'm actually leaning away from which is actually really hard to say because it means I am leaning more towards Trump," said Jaqeus Thompson, junior graphic design major. Instead of finding which candidate they agree with more, some students focus on who they disagree with less. Thompson said, "In truthfulness, there is only one question to ask, 'who is the lesser of two evils?""

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Who will millennials vote for now?

The majority of millennials cannot decide who to vote for: Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton or Republican nominee Donald Trump.

Some students claim Trump needs more experience and self-control while others claim Clinton is unqualified due to her past. However, millennials are actually inclined to vote for a third-party option. They might not know much about a third party but they simply do not want to vote for the other two candidates

Millennials loved Sanders because he stood for change and poRegardless of nominees, college students are becoming more informed about the world around them. The desire to have a voice is prevalent on college campuses due to the large turnout of 18-25 year olds who voted in the primaries.

Allison Stoffel, junior health science pre-occupational therapy major, "I think it's important for people our age to get out and vote because it would encourage future candidates to develop more of a platform for what people our age would want." said.

Sanders captured the support of a large student population because he focused on issues that were relThe paper is free to all tuition-paying students. Non-student subscription price is \$10 per academic year.

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S.P.I.N. Kicks Off With Academic Year

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You've seen the posters around campus: "S.P.I.N.," "CORQ," a lot of letters urging you to get involved.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Student Involvement and Employment Office, S.I.E.O., is launching a new student involvement network, S.P.I.N., Stevens Point Involvement Network, and companion app, CORQ, with the launch of the 2016-2017 academic year.

"S.P.I.N. at its very basic level is just the student organization management system. So, it kind of replaces our old S.O.D. [Student Organization Database], where it just lists our student organizations and their rosters. Building from there, it does a lot more. It lists events, so we have all of our student organization events in there as well as campus department events that have been put in there," said University Services Associate II, Leigh Jentz.

"If you're part of a student organization, this is your new home," said Susan LeBow, Assistant Director of S.I.E.O. Lebow hopes that students will automatically go to the app to find out about student events and organizations.

As well as keeping students connected with their student organizations, S.P.I.N. includes an event browsing feature. Through the S.P.I.N. website or the CORQ app, students are able to log in and view events by date or filter by category, such as "employment," "movie," "recreation," or "volunteer", by themes (i.e., athletics, fundraising, spirituality, or by perks like free food, free stuff and credit.)

"CORQ goes hand-in-hand with S.P.I.N. It's a very easy way to access the events that are currently in S.P.I.N. It's basically a lite version of S.P.I.N. that's quick to access and answer the question of 'What's going on tonight?'" Jentz said.

In addition to providing a compre-

hensive calendar of events on campus, S.P.I.N. provides students with a co-curricular resume.

"The chancellor requested that we look into a program that could create a co-curricular transcript or record, so basically a listing of all a student's activities outside of the classroom, which SPIN does," Jentz said. "So students can use it to basically build their own e-portfolio, kind of a resume, to list all of their organization memberships and events that they've attended and they can also add their own experiences ... So come the time you're applying for a scholarship or grad school or a job, all that information is easily accessible."

To keep track of the events they have attended, students will be able to "swipe in" when they arrive to automatically add their attendance to their S.P.I.N. record, according to LeBow.

Allison Stoffel, junior health science with pre-occupational therapy major, uses S.P.I.N. to keep up with her involvement in Habitat for Humanity.

"I mostly use it for keeping updated with the club that I'm in. I haven't used it yet with any other organizations, just with Habitat. But one of my favorite things is that people can join before they come to a meeting, so they can kind of see what's going on in the club before they actually decide to go. So if they're more shy, I think that's a really cool thing," Stoffel said.

While there is still much to discover through S.P.I.N. and CORQ, many students are already on their way. You can sign into S.P.I.N. at spin.uwsp.edu or download the CORQ app by CollegiateLink to get started.

"I'm hopeful that people will really like using it," LeBow said. "We're still figuring out how to use it, but I'm just thrilled with what it allows us to do."

International Education United on Campus



International Club makes this possible by featuring and learning about one culture each month. International Club is not just for international students, but for traditional students and community members as well.

Junior psychology major and President of International Club, Michelle Wilde, said, "The whole point is that you are there and engaged to show that you are supporting this [international] community."

Other ways to get involved include studying abroad, joining Pointers with Passports, participating in the international friendship program, or visiting the new international office to make friends.1

Photos by Kylie Bridenhage



KAITLYN WANTA REPORTER Kaitlyn.M.Wanta@uwsp.edu tional programs, study abroad, Pointers with Passports, and related international events.

International student adviser, Melissa Murray, said, "Aside from informational presentations, workshops and programming, our goal for this space is to get American and international students together; to hang out and get to know each other."

sity of Wisconsin-Stevens Point allows students to learn, grow and be challenged right on campus.

Many international and English as a second language students need to make quick adjustments to new people, locations and cultures here on campus.

The Office of International Education, once located in the Collins Classroom Center, was often hard to locate, crowded with students, and not effective for presentations.

In order to resolve these issues and break the barriers between international and traditional students, the Office of International Education completed a yearlong application process for new space.

After approval from the Student Government Association, computers were distributed to various locations throughout the Dreyfus University Center for future use and renovations began.

The new space will host interna-

Renovations to the new international office include new couches, chairs, meeting tables, monitors, a full size map of the world and the addition of two of-

There are many academic and social challenges with traveling abroad, but "[it] also increases your ability to problem solve, be flexible, understanding, and patient," said Angela Kessler, senior clinical laboratory science and Spanish major.

It is highly encouraged to learn about the world first-hand by visiting another country, however, the Univer-

"Having an open study/hang out space will help to dissolve a lot of those fears and hopefully promote more solid interaction," said Elise Beck, senior international studies and French major.

However, international students are not the only ones that will benefit from this space. Jacob Peichuan Ji, senior graphic design major said, "Many American students don't know anyone or anything from outside of the US."

Knowing the stories of international students can be a great way to break cultural boundaries, and learn about other parts of the world. In fact, international students want to be asked questions about their country, life, travel and culture.

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The Freshman 15 is Not a Life Sentence?

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The phrase "freshman 15" is associated with first-year college students gaining up to 15 pounds by the end of the academic year.

This weight gain is primarily associated with stress and the availability to use meal plans at campus buffets.

Freshmen are already stressed with changes such as adjusting to new courses, making new friends and living alone for the first time. Temptations are present everywhere and with one meal swipe, one can indulge on a wide variety of goods on campus.

Upper Debot is a great money saver for students as it is the best value for each meal swipe.

With all this food available for the first time, freshmen may have the tendency to overeat. This can lead to significant weight gain. Being conscious of portions and adding healthier choices in meals would help to counteract weight gain. Being conscious of what goes into one's body makes a healthier and more content individual.

"Avoid any salty food. If I am buying anything always pick the 'lite' like lite mayo, lite spam et cetera," said Ji Sung Kim, sophomore communications major.

Making food changes can be a difficult task, yet a very attainable one. One way to be healthier is by reading the ingredient labels and choosing products with the smallest ingredient list. Deciding to put healthier food in one's body affects nutrient levels, hence affecting the brain directly. It is important to eat healthy, but that does not mean one should deprive themselves of all delicious foods available. Moderation is key and applying this while eating will help one make better choices.

"Since residential halls are so close to Division Street that has so many fast food joints, there are abundant amounts of choices on how to gain weight. Surround yourself with friends that like to stay active," said Michelle Wilde, a junior psychology and international studies double major. During stressful times, such as exams, many students rely on food as comfort, especially since they do not have the comfort of their families. The best way to avoid this indulgence is to not eat while studying or watching TV.

"Don't assume walking around

campus will get you enough exercise. Start playing Pokémon Go! Visit the Health Enhancement Center," said Nicholas Kubley, a senior computer information science and web and digital media development double major.



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UWSP Campus Garden Celebrates a Decade of Growth

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This fall, the Campus Garden will celebrate its 10th anniversary as part of the Stevens Point community.

Started back in 2006, the Campus Garden was founded by a group of students looking to create more sustainability activities for themselves and others on campus.

The garden, located on Franklin Street across from the Stevens Point Fire Department, is now managed by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student organization Students for Sustainability.



has seen many changes.

have been made, including replacing plant beds with raised beds to encourage better growth and shade structures have been built to protect plants from rain and other elements.

Lindsay Larson, garden manager

and senior health and wellness major,

says that in the last 10 years the garden

Holly Petrillo, professor of forestry, has been the faculty advisor for the garden the past nine years. She agrees not only that the garden itself has improved but that the organization has significantly grown in members and community awareness.

The UWSP Campus Garden is part of the Giving Gardens of Portage County, an organization whose mission is to donate the produce harvested from area gardens to local food centers to help those who are economically disadvantaged.

Day.

Organization members also tour and volunteer at area farms and participate in other sustainability efforts in the Stevens Point community, such as Farmshed, a non-profit organization who works to connect community members to local food sources.

To celebrate the garden's decade milestone, Students for Sustainability is hosting a Garden Party on Thursday, Sep. 22 at 4 p.m.

Students for Sustainability president Kelly Adlington said the event is really just to say thank you to all those who have contributed to making the garden what it is today.

"I have seen people come back with their kids who have previously worked in the garden and it is really cool to see how important it was to them," said Adlington, senior waste management major.

The event is open to the public and attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to pass. Along with enjoying great food, those who attend can take part in an apple cider pressing workshop and take a tour of the garden. To get involved with the Campus Garden, attend their weekly Wednesday Work Days from 4 to 6 p.m. and help with weeding, harvesting and other upkeep duties. For more information, contact Students for Sustainability via email at sfs@uwsp.edu.



Every year, the majority of the food harvested from the Campus Garden is donated to area charities and food centers such as the Salvation Army's Hope Center and The Lincoln Center, an elderly care facility.

Along with growing and donating organic foods, the Campus Garden does many other activities including composting and canning workshops and a tree planting event to celebrate Earth

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Farmshed and Local Restaurants Serve Up Sustainability

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Central Rivers Farmshed partnered with the owner of El Jefe's Tacos Y Tequila, On Sept. 3, to do a local food demonstration at the farmer's market in downtown Stevens Point.

The Restaurant, El Jefe's Tacos Y Tequila, had their chef come out to the farmer's market to show local food preparation in action.

El Jefe's, Father Fat's and Christian's Bistro are all part of a family of restaurants that are providing local food items on their menus.

Farmshed has worked with many restaurants in the area to get their chefs out to demonstrate at the farmer's market, including PJ's SentryWorld, Stevens Point Country Club, Christian's Bistro, El Jefe's and Michele's Restaurant.

This week there was grilled sweet corn, aioli, diced green onions and red peppers. Chef demos always have samples and people can ask the chefs questions.

Becky Veldhoff, a volunteer for Farmshed who was working the booth during the farmer's market said, "It's a great opportunity for people to get ideas for using local food, raise awareness, and connect people with local food. It's also a great way to taste flavors they've never tried before."

The local food movement is gain-

ing momentum. People are concerned with where their food comes from and who makes it. That relationship between farmers and consumers is really important, and restaurants like El Jefe's are fostering that relationship by including local items in their menus.

Katlyn Kreuser, junior communicative science and disorders major said, "I'd prefer to get a food item from a local source because I feel the nutrients in the food itself are probably higher. Because when you ship it from somewhere they pick it before it's ripe and that ruins the quality."

Local food can be challenging to come by in Wisconsin since the state has such a short growing season. There are certain times of the year when produce like berries aren't available because the growing season is shorter in comparison to California or Florida. However, some community supported agriculture shares have local food products available even in winter, due to the utilization of greenhouses which allow produce to be grown all year.

There will be one more Chef on the Square event this season at the Stevens Point Farmer's Market. On Saturday Oct. 1 at 9:30 a.m. Michele's Restaurant will be demonstrating some of their recipes.

National Park Service Celebrates 100 Years in Action

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This year, the National Park Service is celebrating 100 years of service. The United States' National Parks are the envy of the rest of the world.

We are a younger country, and while we don't have ancient castles or churches to tour, our pride lies within the land. Our wild areas are like nothing found in Europe.

The first National Park, Yellowstone, was established in 1872. But there was no government organization to oversee the newly declared gem, and so the Park Service was born. In 1916 the Organic Act established the Park Service to preserve the natural resources of America.

Neil Howk, acting chief of interpretation and education for the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore said, "The goal of the centennial celebration is to express our goals, hopes and challenges here and to connect with and create the next generation of park visitors."

Today, there are 58 parks and over 300 National Park Service sites across the country. Wisconsin hosts four parks. The Apostle Islands, St. Croix Scenic Riverway, the Ice Age Trail and the North Country Trail.

In the coming years, Park Service jobs are expected to increase. "Workforce needs to evolve and grow; we need people with special expertise in social media platforms because that's how the next generation of people are planning their excursions outdoors," Howk said. Park Service jobs are attractive to many students in The College of Natural Resources. Working in, and preserving these national treasures is where many students are headed with their careers.

Kaira Kamke, senior water resources major said, "We need to preserve the wild spaces and natural areas and allow visitors in to experience these areas, while still preventing degradation. It's great that the general public can get out there."

While in past years there has been a large number of visitors, the diversity of park goers is lacking.

"We've still noticed the people using the parks are aging and not a very diverse demographic. We want to reach out to people of color and younger people," Howk said.

To answer this, the Park Service has implemented a program called "Every Kid in a Park."

The program is designed to get children in fourth grade out in the parks for free. The participants have to complete an online activity to get a park pass voucher, good for free park admission for the students and their families for one year.

With programs like Every Kid in a Park, the National Park Service hopes to increase attendance and diversity in the parks. Last year there was a record of 300 million visitors, and there's a good chance park attendance this year might break last year's record.

Federal Disaster Status in Northern Wisconsin

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Eight counties in northern Wisconsin have been given a Federal Disaster Declaration this summer due to flooding.

Damages from the events have exceeded \$25 million according to the Wisconsin Public Radio website. Flooding, road and bridge damage and power outages left some areas seevent. However, the Environmental Protection Agency website explains that climate change does increases the odds of severe weather occurring.

With the increase of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, more heat is retained from the sun which makes the air warmer. Warmer air can hold more moisture which then falls as more rain.

The National Wildlife Federation website states that in the Midwest and Northeast, huge storms such as the Noles-Krantz, senior biology major at UWSP has family in one of the counties affected.

Her uncle's boat in Saxon Harbor was one of only a handful that was not lost to the storm. Noles-Krantz said the weather being seen as long term seems abnormal to her, both here in Wisconsin and worldwide.

The one flooding incident in July is not the only event that led to Governor Scott Walker asking for the Federal Declaration. Just days after the initial rain storm where, according to the National Weather Service, some areas received up to 10 inches of rain in a 24-hour period, a wind storm took many trees down, leaving 20,000 Xcel Energy customers without power for several days.

Photo by Colton Oltesvi

verely crippled when an intense wind storm struck just days after the initial flooding began.

This is not the first time a Federal major Disaster Declaration has been granted to the state. The Federal Emergency Management Agency lists 38 declarations since 1965, all but seven list flooding in the description.

The frequency of these storms has increased over the past 50 years, and some may say climate change is to blame.

Severe weather is normal and caused by a multitude of factors, it is difficult to pinpoint climate change as a direct cause of any one weather

one seen this past July occur, on average, in 20 year intervals. By the end of the 21st century, that average had increased to every four to six years.

These changes in weather have not gone unnoticed by residents of the state. Natalea Wright, recent international studies and German major graduate at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, was aware of the flooding up north this summer and said she believes climate change is to blame. With ice caps melting and water levels rising throughout the world, Wright said "everything seems offtilt."

She's not the only one. Katrina



SPORTS



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Pointer Football Kicks Off New Season

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Goerke Field is fresh and ready for purple and yellow cleats to dig deep into it's turf.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Football Team is blowing the whistle to begin another year of entertaining football. Yet again, the coaching staff and team is working hard toward a successful season.

"Our primary outcome goal is to always win the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference,"said Head Coach, Tom Journell.

Head UWSP football coach Tom

more than a football team, they represent a proud town and Universi-

"Stacking W's" is a term the team uses to focus on success every single day. "Overwhelming success academically and athletically,"-Journell said.

Journell is entering his fifth season as Head Coach, Assistant Head Coach Aaron Vicko is in his sixth and Sam Kent and Mike Tatten are entering their first season here at UWSP as Defensive Line and Offensive Line coaches.

Combining both old and new coaches, the team will have an outstanding coaching staff directing them.

Making up the Pointers' Football Team are 12 seniors, 24 juniors, 35 sophomores and 45 freshman. With each class represented in heavy numbers, Senior Offensive Lineman, Adam Prince said, "I am most looking forward to being with my teammates and growing better as a team everyday." When asked about what a team athletic achievement for the season could be, Prince said, "As a team, we are mainly looking to get better from week to week and focus on one game at a time. Along with getting better, we are looking to develop better team chemistry."

the first game approaches the team has become more amped than the practice before.

The Spud Bowl against Albion on Sep.10, the Pink game against

UW-Platteville on Oct. 8 and Homecoming against UW-Oshkosh on Oct. 15 are all thrilling events to come watch and support the team that works so hard to "stack W's." Supporters of the Pointer Football Team can help reach a win by creating large exciting crowds in the stands. "Come out to Gorke and cheer us on," Journell said, "Huge, loud crowds make a difference for our team."



Journell speaks to a referee during the Pointers season opening game against St. Norbert College on Sept. 3 in De Pere, Wis. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen.

The team focuses on a positive attitude on, and off, the field to reach its goal, along with supporting one another in practice and games. Not only does the team strive for athletic success, but also success in their academic and community roles.

How are all of these goals met? "The coaching staff changes every year,"Journell said, but the principles and goals stay the same.

Football games have been ab-The Pointers represent much sent for nearly nine months and as

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Volleyball Team Embraces Optimistic Outlook

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The women's volleyball team is starting off its season strong with a record of 9-0.

This is, Women's Volleyball Coach, Abbey Sutherland's fourth season at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Sutherland hopes that the team will make it to the NCAA tournament this season, but is focusing most of her energy on helping the players improve.

According to Sutherland, this season the team is focusing on having a growth mindset in hopes of embracing growth and improvement.

"We talk about the importance that you grow when you are uncomfortable. When we are in a tough situation we want to embrace that instead of walking away from it," Sutherland said.

Bri Piepenbrok, senior athletic training major, is a member of the women's volleyball team. Piepenbrok admitted that the team was upset that they had not made it to the national championship last year, after having made it the past two years.

"We know we have to work harder this season, we did our mourning and then we decided to get back in the gym and find a way to get better," Piepenbrok said.

Piepenbrok is adamant about not underestimating any of the competition this year. She cited UW-Whitewater, UW-Eau Claire and UW-Lacrosse as some of the competitive teams that they



will be up against.

Marie Krengel, senior health promotion and wellness major, is Piepenbrok's teammate. She wants to spend this season looking at the process rather than the team's outcome.

Krengel feels that the team is doing a good job integrating this season's new players.

"Overall they are very open minded and have positive attitudes when it

comes to criticism, which has made is easier for us to integrate them into the team," Krengel said.

According to Krengel the team has struggled in the past with losing players to injury. She is hoping that the injuries this season will be minimal.

"Personally my goal this season is to be there for my team physically and emotionally, and making sure they are all on board with the growth mindset," Krengel said.

Photo by Kylie Bridenhager

The team will be playing the University of St. Thomas this weekend and are looking forward to competing against them and building on their strong start to the season.

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Sneak Peek into Sports

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WOMEN'S GOLF STARTS WITH **EIGHTH PLACE FINISH**

In the team's first event of the which would tie for 38th overall at season, the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point women's gold team would take home an eighth place finish out of 10 teams at the UW-Oshkosh invite on Sept. 2 and 3.

the invite. Other notables for the Pointers included Bailey Ryan finishing in 47th place shooting a 193 and Co-captain, Jalyn LaBine finishing 58th with a two day total of 202.

Captain Tiffany Boak shot a team low of 187 over the two days

FOOTBALL DOMINATES SPUD BOWL

The UWSP football team rolled past Albion College by a score of 50-13 in the 30th annual Spud Bowl on Sept. 10.

The Pointers were able to rack up 474 total yards on offense to go along with a 91-yard kickoff return touchdown from Christian Almonte.

The Pointers special teams crew was also able to block an Albion punt that was recovered by Britton Vernon and would eventually lead to a 25-yard touchdown pass from Kyle Larson to Logan Taylor.

Larson later connected on 74-

yard and 64-yard touchdown passes on back-to-back drives in part of his game high five touchdown performance.

Wide receiver Jared Pankow ended the night with eight catches for 144 yards and two touchdowns, while Almonte added three catches for 99 yards and a receiving touchdown to go alongside his kickoff return touchdown.

The Pointers are now 2-0 on the season and for the second time this year have held their opponent under 20 points.



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The UWSP volleyball team opened up the Stevens Point Invitational on Friday by picking up a pair of victories at Berg Gym.

The Pointers defeated the College of Saint Benedict followed up with a straight-set sweep against Macalester.

In a tightly contested battle with St. Benedict, the Pointers had a few players step up and help the team to victory. Last week's Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week Bri Piepenbrok recorded 29 digs while Abby Majercik led the way with 30 assists. Kelly Cefalu,

Gabby Thomas and Marie Krengel all posted double digit kill numbers throughout the four sets.

The Pointers got off to a hot start against Macalester with Thomas and Majercik leading the way in a set that would see the Pointers take the last eight points for the win.

Sets two and three were highlighted by Piepenbrok serving the final eleven points in set two and the first seven points in set three before the team eventually swept the Scots.

SOCCER SUFFERS THROUGH LOSS

Hoping for their first win on the season, the UWSP soccer team was edged late at Edgewood in a tough fought contest. Edgewood was able to prevail with the lone goal of the game coming in the 86th minute in the 1-0 loss for the Pointers.

Sarah Peplinkski had a good game on defense for the Pointers as goal keeper. She was able to make four saves on the only 13 shots that came her way

After the Edgewood goal, the Pointers attacked with two quick shots that kept the Eagles' working for their victory.

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SOCCER	VOLLEYBALL		CROSS COUNTRY	TENNIS
Sep. 14, Crown College 4 pm	Sep. 14, vs. Lawrence 5:30 pm vs. St. Norbert 7:30 pm (both in Appleton) Sep. 17, vs. Concordia 10 am vs. Dominican 2 pm (both in Eau Claire)	Sep. 16, vs. St. Thomas 3 pm vs. Lakeland 5 pm (both in Eau Claire)	Sep. 17, Tom Hoffman Invitational	Sep. 16, vs. UW-River Falls 12 pm

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New Director of Athletics Brings Enthusiasm

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Brad Duckworth has been easing into his new role as Athletic Director at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Before accepting his current position with UWSP in July, Duckworth had been the director of athletics and head women's basketball coach at Alverno College. He believes that the impact his coaches have made on him has driven him towards his career path.

Duckworth is incredibly passionate about sports, which has helped him grow and understand how to be a good leader.

"If I had an infinite amount of money I would still do what I do," Duckworth said.

As the director of athletics, Duckworth oversees 600 athletes and the entire coaching staff. According to Duckworth, his new position requires him to spend a lot of time spending and raising money while also creating revenue. He admits that his first year will consist of a lot of

listening and learning.

Duckworth enjoys being able to work for the university, which he believes has an immense amount of support from the student body, coaching staff and community. He feels that the biggest challenge he will face is transitioning from a private college to a state university

Bob Semling, head men's basketball coach, believes that Duckworth is ready for the challenges that he will face in his new position.

"He's going to adapt just fine because he's got the talent and the ability to be a strong leader on our campus and in our community," Semling said.

Dawn Crow, head women's soccer coach, sees Duckworth as an asset to the coaches at UWSP. She believes that his previous coaching experience will help him understand how to build and maintain a program.

"As an athletic department, we would love for the department to grow and even be more respected than it is," Crow said. Crow wants to see the de-

partment back the "One Point" slogan and feels that Duckworth will be able to get them there.

"I want to help our student-athletes grow and continue to build on the long legacy of

leadership that our student-athletes have provided after leaving Stevens Point," Duckworth said.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT Chris Jones - Unlike Your Average Card Trick

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The Encore in the Dreyfus University Center was packed to the brim. Students bustled about, buying beers and finding their seats.

On Sep. 10 at 8 p.m., Chris Jones, a nationally known hypnotist took to the stage at The Encore in the DUC here on campus. Half Drake clone, half comedian, Chris Jones immediately had the audience captured as he walked around the room, talking to people, tapping shoulders, silently prepping his victims for a night of hypnotic embarrassment...

starts. It gets very weird." Jones said as a great number of students fell under his spell. He walked the audience, reciting words like relax, sleep and heavy. He spoke over calming music. His voice echoed through the reverb. The lights fell low. Soon, at least ten students found themselves on stage in a lucid-like trance. They looked weary and complacent as they sat under the stage lights, the audience grinning ear to ear as Jones told jokes and spoke freely of his entranced students. They were completely

unaware.

His first trick, which carried through the 90-minute show, was to remove their abilities to remember their first or last names. Soon after, he was making them dance like cats, pretend to be at a house party that gets raided by police, and even kindergarteners experi-encing their first school crush.

"You're going to find out that the person sitting next to you has just saved your life. It's Stockholm Syndrome time." Jones said to the audience as his hypnotic slaves made kissy faces at each other and blushed with a bashfulness that you can't easily imitate.

The show was wild, with "This is how the show the audience totally captured

monly used lotion that helps sooth tattoo ink after a session. But this does not explain Boom, another super hero who was born from hypnosis that night, whose super power was

"To make stuff go boom." Jones noticed my pen and notebook and commanded his super hero army into the audience to read the minds of random show-goers. He coaxed Boom, a show favorite, over to me and told him to try his best at 'reading the reporters' mind. This hypnotized stu-dent was an excellent dancer, far too good at posing like a superhero, and had a curious thought pattern. He confidently told Jones that I was think- that was turned away at the

like this before." He said as we laughed about the night.

Jones thanked Colin profusely at the end of the show for helping him make it a reality, as the lighting, sounds and music played a key role in the hypnosis process.

If you're looking for a break in homework, want to meet new friends, or to simply watch your peers become super heroes for the better half of an hour, then be sure to check out the rest of the awesome events that Centertainment Productions will bring to our campus throughout this new school year, and if you're one of the unfortunate students ing of Mother Russia, and that doors due to over-capacity, I was glad that Boom smelled know that Jones himself gives

the whole time; totally involved. Once or twice, a stu-dent fell under Jones' spell unintentionally, which Jones would take advantage of, pull-

ing them up onto stage. "Joe..." One hypnotized person responded to Jones as he hastily asked him to make up a fake name. "Joe Muhschwashwagon."

It seemed that hypnotism played off of these student's natural responses. One girl with many tattoos told Jones that her super hero name was Aquaphor, which is a com-

so nice today.

From mind reading, to super hero identities, running from police that don't exist, to thinking Chris Jones was actually the real rapper, Drake, the hypnotism show was an event not worth missing.

Colin Welch, a resource management major from Program Services, who worked the audio and visuals during the performance was shocked at how funny the whole event was.

"I've never seen anything

you his greatest sympathies.

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90FM Offers Alternative Opportunities

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It's a cold and stormy Monday night. You drive through Stevens Point with a broken heart and an empty wallet. What more could go wrong?

You take a wrong turn, and in your frustration, bump the radio dial. You turn to 89.9FM. Jazz starts playing, not normal jazz, but weird jazz. Your hands are tapping. Your head is bobbing. Suddenly things seem that much more is okay in the world.

"I started listening to them in high school," said Asa Plon-

wear headphones at work that gets the radio."

And it was from that moment she was hooked on the sense of musical discovery. Plonsky went on to list the various bands that she continues to listen to after glimpsing them on our very own home radio here at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"90FM is a great way to get some of these tunes that I like," Plonsky said.

Whimsical music aside, 90FM provides Stevens Point with much more than a taste of the alternative genres in the music world.

"We have the world's largsky, junior biology and natu-ral resource major. "We got to we broadcast 24 hours a day

7 days a week. Beatlesfest in May, Jazzfest in Oct., Radiothon in Dec.," said Bailey Sexton, 90FM Underwriting Director.

90FM, also referred to as WWSP, hopes to begin this school year by reaching out to new and old students on our campus to bring hidden talent out of the woodwork.

WWSP encourages students who are interested in joining or curious about the station to stop in and visit them in the Communication Arts Center, Room 105.

Opportunities exist to hone skill in audio and visual editing, management of a facilities and team, space for local advertisements and even talk show segments that will teach you something you never knew you wanted to learn.

From highly interpretive music that screams an emotional grunge to smooth sailing A Capella vibes, 90FM will never stop supplying our area with unique tunes and a radio station built on superior community involvement.

Stop by between classes to see what being Stevens Point's only alternative radio station is all about.



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Coffee Aromas and Student Diplomas

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There is a certain glow about these places. They posses an atmosphere that begs you to contribute to it. The subtly strong aroma of coffee hangs in the air.

Stevens Point is home to some of the most charming coffee shops you may ever run across in your college days and all of these coffee houses are located within two miles of campus.

Here on campus lies our first three.

The CPS Café, located in the College of Professional Studies building, is our Dietetics students' pride and glory.

Run by the students of this department, the CPS Café beholds the perfect college atmosphere. Just busy enough. Just bright enough. Their lunch options come crafted from the students with health in mind.

This cafe is among the most affordable for students, offering a wide range of payment options and even a dollar off your coffee should you supply your own mug. If you're looking to immerse yourself in the campus experience, you must check out the coffee shop that is run by your peers.

Dreyfus University Center, you can find the Basement Brewhaus which is arguably the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's best hotspot for activity.

It is a low-light atmosphere that brings all kinds together under one basement roof. The Brewhaus has a spacious layout with many activities such as pool, darts and board games.

This coffee house has an awesome feel of familiarity. The furniture also came from students moving out and local rummage sales.

Enjoy weekly specials such as dollar bottles on Thrifty Thursdays, and the infamous Quit'in'Time every Friday night which brings us local talent, music, contests and beverage deals to prepare students for a much needed weekend.

Directly across from parking lot F-W you will find a community favorite, no doubt.

Zest Bakery and Coffeehouse



latte specials board, homemade soups and sandwiches and even a community acoustic guitar for some sweet pluckin', head over to Zest.

Further down the way, nestled Not far down the street, in the _ in the heart of downtown Stevens Point is The Coffee Studio, another quiet place for the easy-going studier.

> The Coffee Studio has one of the most visual spots in downtown, offering large windows that let nature's glow take care of the rest. The Coffee Studio opened in Aug. of 2011 and chose the name 'Studio' to reflect their commitment to the artists of Stevens Point, inviting those to perform and display their work for the community.

> This coffee house is perhaps most known for their flatbreads and paninis, a delicious sandwich type of meal that is robust in flavors. Their menu is large, so if you enjoy variety, don't be afraid to grab some buddies and take a short walk from campus to downtown.

> Lastly, Emy J's is one of Stevens Point's most prosperously known establishments. Founded in 2003, Emy J's has stayed committed to providing a business which sources local ingredients.



is one of the more unique spots in Stevens Point, offering an artistic environment by giving space for blossoming artists to sell and display their work.

Zest's new summer porch will surely catch your eye and invite you inside where some of the town's most dangerous pastries await (dangerous to your waistline). If you've never tried a pastry with bacon included, now is the time.

Zest's style is much more relaxed and quiet, so if you are a student who seeks that personal bubble when getting down and dirty with homework, an ever changing

Not long ago, Emy J's opened a second restaurant wing to their already booming coffee house which gives locals an ever-changing array of unique and healthy meal options. Their ice cream is sourced from Madison, and is so delicious that the packaging itself tells you to not bother with looking at how much fat and calories you're about to consume.

Every ingredient in every item comes to you fairly on all angles. From local vegetables and treats, to fair-trade coffee that even farmers will smile about, Emy J's raises the bar in Stevens Point just that much

higher. Even their energy comes solar-powered from the many panels that line their rooftop.

You can find Emy J's comfortably sitting behind the downtown bustle on Second St, across from Midstate Technical College. If there is one coffee house among the many amazing options we have here in Stevens Point, Emy J's is the one you cannot miss.

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Review: 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child:' The Boy-Who-Lived's Epic Return To The Shelves

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Author J.K. Rowling, of the seven-part book series Harry Potter, has caused a magical stir of emotions within her fan base with her recent release of "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child."

The original arc of the novels followed the wizarding teenage boy and his best friends through a coming of age story based around themes of defeating dark forces, the importance of love, family and friendship, as well as coping with the burdens of loss and death. By the end of the series, we encounter a once gangly, unpopular teen turned ultimate hero of the wizarding world.

In the play based exactly 19-years after the defeat of the Dark Lord Voldemort, we follow a middle-aged Harry who is now working for the Ministry of Magic and exploring his roles as a father.

"Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" not only continues to follow Harry's story but also focuses on the beginning of his teenage son Albus' start at Hogwarts.

Albus struggles with the shadow his father's fame has left looming over him, and the journey he and his best friend Scorpius, Draco Malfoy's son, take to stop dark entities from rising again.

Though the story is based on Ms. Rowling's original story, the play was written by playwright Jack Thorne and directed by John Tiffany. Due to the play's special rehearsal edition book being written in script form, it's missing Ms. Rowling's impressive craft in creating the major visuals and descriptive language to explain her magical world.

What makes this script so unique is while her immense descriptions are missing, and for those of us not lucky enough to get to see the highly raved about special effects in person, no in-depth explanation of Ms. Rowling's world is actually needed to be able to visualize the scenes.

Due to Ms. Rowling's already established world that she crafted so perfectly in her fan's minds, even with the introduction of new characters like Albus or Scorpius, it is still easy for readers to imagine the characters they have grown to love and their protégées so clearly. This is thanks to Ms. Rowling staying so true to her characters, her world, and the rules that apply to it. This book is filled not only with great characters, but an exciting plot, high-stakes action, and soul-crushing anguish that it will be impossible for readers to put down.

What makes Ms. Rowling's plot so exciting is her clever use of recalling and revisiting past events and items that her fans are already comfortable with. Scenes from the original saga featuring the horrors caused by the Dursley family in Harry's past, events from the Tri-Wizard Tournament from "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," as well as the use of Polyjuice Potion and Time-Turners are all present in "Cursed Child." Giving her fans something they are already all-knowing about allows for an easier experience while reading the text.

The plot point that might shock fans the most while reading the eighth installment of the Potter saga is the strained relationship between Harry and his son Albus.

Albus has a deep resentment for his father due to him being "The Chosen One" and saving the wizarding world. Thanks to his father's shadow, Albus feels the need to always prove himself not only to his father but the wizarding world itself.

But, upon arriving at Hogwarts for the first time and being sorted into

the Slytherin house, Albus already feels like a failure in his father's eyes. This is the start of the dark spiral of their strained relationship and what they must do to regain an equal understanding of one another.

Without giving away too many spoilers, not only the Potters, but

several other familiar and not so familiar characters must find the courage to fight old and new demons lurking in the darkness, within themselves and within the wizarding world. Throughout these character's journeys, the themes of love, death, friendship, family, heroism and concurring over evil are all still present in Ms. Rowling's delightful new script just as they were in the first seven books.

Fans can be put at ease that "Cursed Child" is worth the read and will live up to the standards of the original saga.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

Captain America: Civil War DUC Theater 7 pm - 9:30 pm 10 pm - 12:30 pm

Captain America: Civil War DUC Theater 7 pm - 9:30 pm 10 pm - 12:30 pm

> Open Mic Night NFAC 221 7 pm - 9 pm

Hip Hop music group "Rated R" DUC Encore 8 pm - 10 pm

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17