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\$42.5 Million Budget Request to Increase Students' Academic Potential

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A proposal for the UW System to invest \$42.5 million in universities across Wisconsin is slated to improve students' opportunities to succeed both academically and professionally.

The proposal the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is creating for the 2017-19 biennial budget request will focus on four aspects.

These focuses will be an education pipeline, an increased university experience, business and community mobilization and performance metrics.

The upcoming biennial budget request will be considered after this academic year. At this time, departments on campus are focusing on creating an ideal proposal to submit before the UW System.

"There'll be some jockeying, if you will, over the next few months," said Nick Schultz, media...

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Oil, Environment and Water, Oh My!



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The Dakota Access Pipeline, or DAPL, is the most controversial environmental issue in the news right now, but what exactly is it and why should we care?

DAPL is a proposed underground pipeline meant to connect the oil fields of North Dakota to the Gulf Coast. The DAPL pipeline facts website explains that it would stretch 1,172 miles through North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois though a 12 to 30-inch wide pipeline.

It would be able to transfer 470,000 barrels of crude oil a day from the Bakkan and Three Forks formations in North Dakota, potentially lowering the amount of oil the U.S. has to import from foreign countries.

Plus, the construction would create up to 12,000 jobs... that sounds like

a good thing, right?

Many would disagree, including members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and others that have been protesting the installation of the pipeline since construction was approved in July.

USA Today reports that the Sioux tribe is most concerned with the pipeline making several crossings of the Missouri river upstream from their reservation. The harm to the environment from both installation and the potential leaks are threatening the quality of the drinking water from the river and people are making a stand against these threats.

Celebrities and political figures alike are making appearances and protesting the pipeline. Actress Shailene Woodley, Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein and former Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders have made their opposition known.

The pipeline is supported by a slew of oil and shipping companies

that are tied together through long-term contracts according to the DAPL facts website, which makes it easy to see why they wouldn't have the biggest concern for the environment.

Allison Walker, junior art and international studies majors, is from North Dakota and is disgusted with the disregard and disrespect for the environment by these companies.

The U.S. Department of Transportation heavily regulates pipelines for safety and reliability, and the DAPL website claims that they have been "proven to be the safest and most efficient means of transporting energy resources."

However, the facts simply don't seem to match up.

Enbridge Energy Inc. is one of the oil companies heavily invested in DAPL, and their track record for spills is not great.

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Editorial

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I started writing this editorial angry.

I was bitter, I was biased and I was tired.

Once again, there was a general lack of books within classrooms and students as well as professors were angrily cursing the textbook rental gods.

I was caught up with the mob. Angry fists shook as people threw around terms such as budget cuts and incompetence.

Then I began asking questions and found that I was quick to judge.

I should have been looking at all aspects of the situation.

Were the students the type of students who wait till last minute to get their books?

Are professors worn down from the stress of budget cuts? Should they try to order their books earlier

and be prepared to double check in advance if their books are being supplied?

Can we improve the text rental process? Are there reoccurring problems that text rental should prepare for?

When I was busy looking at who to blame, I should have been more open-minded about the lack of general communication.

Communication is something we need to focus on in all areas: our romantic relationships, our internet provider relationships and our university relationships.

Instead of shutting down because we are afraid that our next-door neighbor would be angry about turning down their music and instead of festering in our own anger because there just doesn't seem to be enough money anywhere, we need to be asking questions.

As a university, we will not be able to motivate change unless we ask questions.

Additional Advising Centers Help Students Stay on Track

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Starting this semester, many new academic and career advising centers have been created across campus.

The advising changes and restructuring are being funded by the newly implemented differential tuition program, which the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student body voted in favor of last fall.

Proposed by The Pointer Partnership, the goal of the differential tuition program is to address major campus issues such as inconsistent campus advising and bottleneck courses.

The College of Letters and Science, the College of Professional Studies, the College of Natural Resources and the College of Fine Arts and Communication all now have individual advising centers available for students to utilize.

"Now students can do academic and career advising all in the same spot and the advisors on campus are going to be sort of a jack-of-all-trades," said Max Trzebiatowski, the director of advising for the School of Business and Economics and a board member of The Pointer Partnership.

The primary focus of these additional centers will be on new freshman and transfer students to assist them throughout their first year at UWSP. Incoming students will now have advisors specifically focused on academic advising and then transition to a professor for advising after completing their first three semesters.

Lori Brandt, an academic advisor for the College of Professional Studies, said the additional advisors will help make the process more accessible, especially for new students who are still learning to navigate academic life on

campus.

"Our goal is not to take away what our professors have with our students; we are all intermingled. I know all of our School of Business and Economic professors and I talk with them when a student may be struggling in a course. So, it helps us to reach out to them faster and also helps our professors know what to talk about when they are advising the students," Trzebiatowski said.

This restructuring of the advising process will be more of a transition for the College of Fine Arts and Communication and the College of Letters and Sciences because the majority of advising was previously done by faculty in each department.

Deb Aeby, an advisor for the College of Professional Studies, said, "We have doubled the number of advisors thanks to differential tuition, so that is huge. There will be more consistency and transparency across campus regarding advising and that is going to be a huge plus for students."

The differential tuition funds have also provided thorough training for advisors. The Stevens Point Academic Advising Association (SPACADA) put in more than 70 hours of advisor training over the summer and more sessions will be happening throughout the school year, says Aeby.

With all the restructuring occurring, The Advisory Council, a committee consisting of staff, faculty and students representing each college, was created. It meets each month to evaluate student feedback and discuss how they can better meet advisees' needs.

In addition to new advising centers, the Student Academic Advising Center (SAAC) and Career Services

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Sunday, September 11

A call was received from Neale Hall that a man had crawled through a student's window.

The flag was lowered to half staff for 9/11.

Monday, September 12

A call was received that a man in a black SUV was watching Pray Sims with binoculars.

Tuesday, September 13

A call was placed that Pray Sims smelled of marijuana.

Wednesday, September 14

A man called about a bike chained to the LRC railing that was obstructing a ramp for those who have disabilities.

Thursday, September 15

Protective Services looked into a smashed window after receiving a call from Schmeeckle.

A woman in the biology department received ambulance care as she was not feeling well.

Friday, September 16

The transportation department complained that a staff member hit a vehicle that belonged to another campus employee.

A screenshot from a snapchat was shown to investigate an individual who broke into Schmeeckle.

Saturday, September 17

A call was placed from the elevator in Hanson Hall but no one was on the other end of the line.

have merged to form the Academic Career and Advising Center, a department in the University College. Currently located in the Student Services Center, the University College Academic Career and Advising Center will be moving to the third floor of the University Library in October.

Over the next two years, the differential tuition programs will be evaluated and students will vote again to determine if the differential tuition program funds will be allocated to a different area on campus or continue to go toward advising.

"This change can have a profound effect on the success of our students and research tells us that students who make those connections early on are more likely to continue and finish their Bachelor's degree. The potential is there for this to have a profound effect on the success of our students and that is exciting," Brandt said.

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...relations director, in respect to the amount of money and propositions to be offered in the drafted proposal.

One proposal request is that classes at the collegiate level will be offered at public high schools to engage students in undergraduate studies before they enter a university setting. This would improve students' opportunities to excel early in college and potentially reduce the need for remedial collegiate classes.

What UWSP hopes to see, if the budget proposal is to be accepted, would include increased academic advising opportunities to help stu-

dents finish their desired degrees without delay.

Greg Diemer, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, said that "helping students select the right courses to keep them on the track will help them to get their degree on a timely basis."

Having the chance to talk to more professional academic advisors will help students realize what their majors should be and increase their time needed to complete their decided major.

Additionally, a chance to build professional relationships between students and local businesses would be addressed with this bud-

get acceptance. Student internships and job opportunities would be provided by Stevens Point businesses and those in the surrounding area.

Michael Rutkowski, senior communication major, said, "I think that the vast majority of learning still happens outside of the classroom and academics are just a small portion of the college experience."

"I think this would be an initiative that would get more of our faculty involved working with business operations to see if we can either help that business advance through approaches faculty might

bring to the business or help the business bring a new approach that might further their opportunities," Diemer said.

This push would give students an opportunity to work within their majors in a professional setting and gain experience in their field. Businesses would also improve their relationships with the university and the community.

Upon approval, the university's propositions will take effect starting in 2019.

The Real Story Behind Tattoos and Addiction

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Addiction is a powerful thing. It changes you and everyone around you. What about tattoo addiction - is it real?

Each tattoo on a person represents an anecdote about an individual's life. Some may be proud of their tattoos, but there are always tattoos that can cause shame.

What is it about tattoos that make an individual feel hooked into getting more, for better or for worse - is it addiction?

"My answer is simple - yes they can be, but [it] only depends on the person. Just like anything else, tattoos could be addicting," said Matt Fortun, junior physical education major. "I only believe tattoos could be considered addicting based on where people place them on their list of priorities. If an individual places getting a new tattoo over paying bills, food, or even taking care of children, then yes, I would think that person has an addiction."

There have been theories that suggest individuals enjoy the pain and the euphoric rush that come with getting inked. The adrenaline rush that one may get can be addictive, especially to those individuals that seek adventure. It is a rush that creates a high when one's serotonin levels are increased.

It has also been suggested that individuals get tattoos for stress relief. The feeling of needles releases tension for many with the release of endorphins.

Aside from its addicting quality, people use tattooing as a way to express emotions and tell stories. Many tattoos are representations of what one admires most or symbols of encouragement. Many people in tribes use similar tattoos to give them an identity as a group. Tattoos send a strong and powerful message in cases such as tribal ink or storytelling.

"For all of the people I know, I don't think their tattooing is an addiction, but rather, a way to express themselves, or mark major life events or accomplishments," said Elise Beck, a senior international studies and French major.

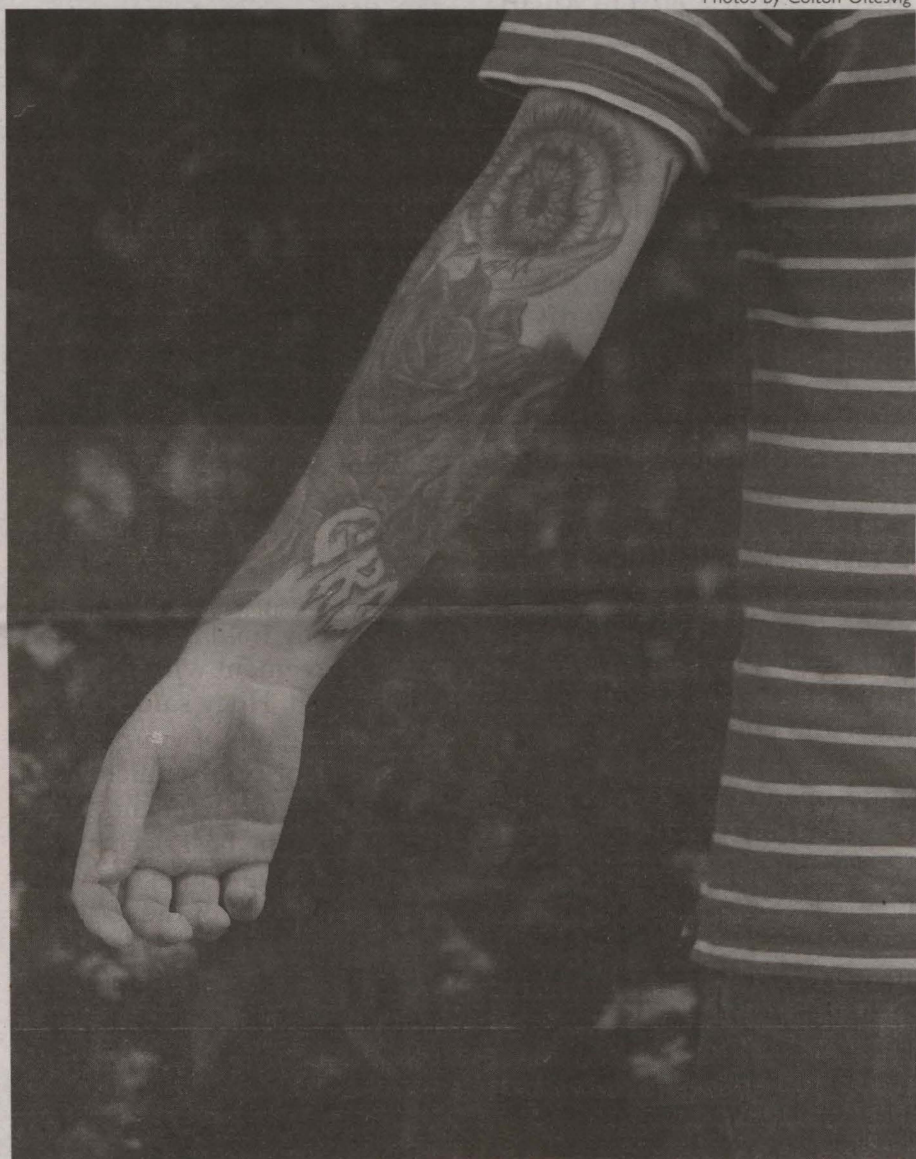
Some individuals have other motives and use tattoos as a rebelling method. This is most prominent during teenage years since it would not be legal to get a tattoo without parental permission.

Even so, tattoos can seem like a rebellious accomplishment for individuals that feared needles, permanent ink, or societal disapproval.

There is no real scientific research that indicates that tattooing is addictive, yet many believe it could be.

"I do think tattoos are addicting and anyone can take that any way; I say in the good way," said Maggie Luebke, sophomore psychology and English major. "Tattoos are pieces of art you carry around with you 24/7 that are also symbols that represent who you are. I think it's beautifully addictive."

Photos by Colton Oltesvig



Summer Study Abroad Trips Change Student Lives

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Try living in a foreign place, not knowing the language, tasting new food and consistently being pushed out of your comfort zone. This was the reality for many students as they took a leap of courage to study abroad this summer.

Ali Dickson, a senior English major, traveled to Austria with the health promotion and wellness department. She engaged with Austrians, Belgians, Italians and Syrian refugees. The course taught about each country's cultural diversity in food, exercise regimes and environment.

After learning about different parts of the world, "you don't realize how much of a bubble America is until you leave it," Dickson said.

After dining in Europe, Dickson realized how America is fast-paced and efficient while Croatia is relaxed because they value spending time with food and family. The rewarding part of the meal is the people to meet and bond with.

"It's not a clique, it's a mind-opening experience," Dickson said.

The most challenging aspect for Dickson was to learn how to communicate without using words. It is not expected that everyone will know what you want to say, especially due to varying slang. The group visited Croatia and used a majority of facial expressions to communicate with those that spoke Croatian or German.

Apoorva Sarmal, senior business administration and French major, visited France because she wanted to improve her French language speaking skills. To prepare for the trip, Sarmal practiced speaking in French, writing novels in French and watching Netflix in French.

Actually, Sarmal has been preparing for this trip since 2008. "I fulfilled my life dream. Ever since I was in 8th grade I wanted to go to these cities in France," Sarmal said.

Sarmal was accustomed to the fast-paced American culture while living in France. However, a French speaking man got upset at the quickness because the French dining culture will take hours to finish a meal.

Even when the unexpected

happened, Sarmal turned the miscommunication between the different cultures into a learning opportunity.

"I am going to take something from the negativity and add it to my positive experience," Sarmal said.

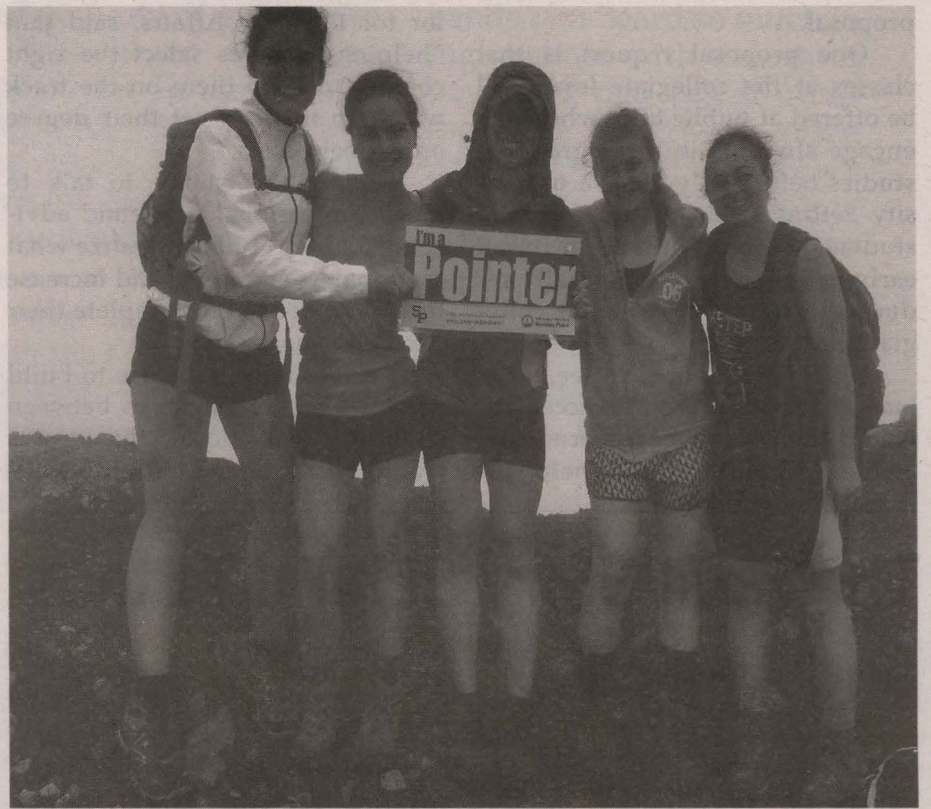
Erin Hoey, senior health promotion and wellness major, traveled to Altagracia, Isla de Ometepe, Nicaragua in Central America. Hoey worked closely with doctors, pharmacists, teachers and other professionals.

Experiencing the gratitude and warmth of the Nicaraguan people was the most rewarding part of the trip for Hoey.

"If someone is sick, everyone comes together to take care of them. If someone is celebrating a birthday, the whole community celebrates together. They appreciate the little things and are welcoming to all," Hoey said.

Hoey has learned the importance of taking the time to get to know people, a tactic applicable to any field or profession.

In agreement with Dickson and Sarmal, Hoey said, "Plan on stepping out of your comfort zone for pretty much your entirety of your trip, and know that it'll be the best decision you ever made. Eat every weird thing, talk to all of the locals you can, and go on all of the crazy excursions. I promise you won't regret it."



Photos courtesy of Ali Dickson.



A group of us at the top of the Volcano Concepcion. We hiked the volcano in 100+ degree weather. It was without a doubt one of the hardest things I've ever done. In this picture, we're standing right on the edge of the crater. Photo courtesy of Erin Hoey.

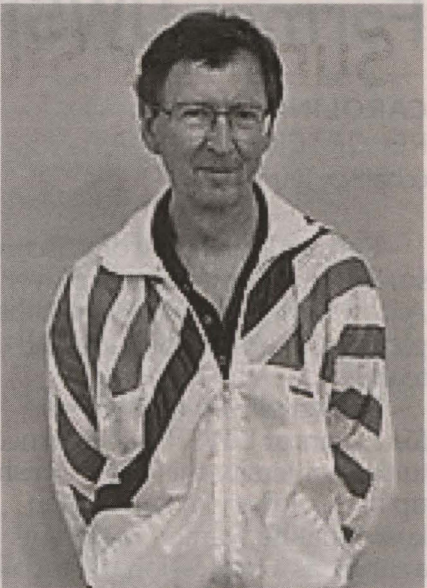
Tennis Coach Brings Fresh Ideas to the Court

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Mark Medow joined the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's athletic department with extensive experience and understanding of tennis. Medow is the new head coach of the women's tennis team. He has worked with internationally-ranked players in Europe and has played professionally in both the United States and Europe. This is Medow's first time coaching at a state university; he admitted that, in the past, he has worked mostly with individuals rather than teams. He is looking to expand the team, which currently consists of eight players. "We want to strengthen this program and bring in experi-

enced tennis players. There are some really outstanding young women in this program right now, and we'd like to increase the number of them," Medow said. Medow hopes to show people that the tennis program is growing in strength and quality. He wants to focus on enhancing each player's self-image. "You don't win by reputation; you win by hard work and determination, which is what the team has been doing right now," Medow said. Katelyn Asfeld, a senior pre-occupational therapy major, is the team's captain. Asfeld enjoys being coached by Medow and is excited about how successful he's been at incorporating the community this season. According to Asfeld, Medow's networking has made it

possible for community members to come to practices and help the players gain more experience. "These people from the community are having a blast coming to play with us college students," Asfeld said. Frances Weiss, a senior elementary education major, is thrilled to have Medow coaching her through her last season. According to Weiss, Medow always takes the time to help each player improve individually instead of just focusing on the team as a whole. Weiss believes that it would be beneficial for him to add more players to help the team grow. "I already feel like with him as our coach, we have improved in the last few matches, compared to last year. I know more of what to do then I have in the



Photos courtesy of UWSP Athletics

past. We have been able to try new things and throw more skills out there," Weiss said.

SPORTS EVENTS

FOOTBALL	VOLLEYBALL	GOLF	CROSS COUNTRY	SOCCER
Sep. 24, at Adrian 3 pm	Sep. 21, vs. UW- Platteville 7 pm Sep. 23, vs. North Park 4:30 pm vs. Elmhurst 7 pm Sep. 24, vs. Illinois Wesleyan 12pm vs. Wheaton college 4 pm	Sep. 23, UW- Whitewater Invite	Sep. 23, Augustan Invitational	Sep. 21, North Park 4 pm Sep. 24, North Central 1 pm

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Former UWSP Football Player Strives to Play Professionally

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Former University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football player, Aaron Karlen, spent two months playing for a Canadian football team.

Karlen played football for four years at UWSP and returned to the university this fall to finish up his sociology major. Karlen knew that he wanted to pursue a career as a professional football player, and hired an agent to help him reach his goal.

Karlen plays defensive end

and was looking for positions in both the NFL and CFL. He had caught the eye of many American and Canadian teams but struggled to get signed. Eventually, his hard work paid off when he was signed to a Canadian team called the Ottawa Redblacks.

"The paycheck was awesome, I loved it. I would say the biggest obstacle was the teammates because I didn't have the guys that I was close with at Point up there," Karlen said.

Football season in Canada starts in June, and Karlen was able to play in three games. The team had released him after two

months, but he is grateful for the experience.

Grant Parsons, senior business marketing major, played alongside Karlen at UWSP. Parsons admitted that there are not many division three players that get recognized by scouts, let alone make it to the NFL.

Parsons believes that it's Karlen's work ethic that will help him to accomplish his goals. As Karlen's roommate, he has seen firsthand his dedication to staying in shape.

"Ultimately I want to see him make a team whether it's the CFL or the NFL. I saw what he did in Canada, my vision for him

is that he makes a team and is successful there," Parsons said.

Kaylee Karlen, senior family consumer sciences major, felt that her brother's experience on the Redblacks gave him a taste of the bad and good that comes with playing professional football.

"I would like to see him get signed to an NFL team, get major playing time and fulfill his dream of being a professional football player," Karlen said.

After graduation, Karlen will continue his search to get signed to a team.

Cross-Country Crowns Hopeful 2016 Team



The UWSP cross country teams are hoping to earn another berth to nationals this season. Photo courtesy of UWSP Athletics.

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The men's cross-country team has started its season with an attempt at making this year better than the last; practices have been demanding with a particularly talented team that is expected to perform royally this season.

Runners feel the amount of experience that returning runners possess is the largest strength of the team this season.

"This year is very different compared to previous years sim-

ply due to the depth our team now possesses," said senior Ben Jurence. "Five of our top seven runners from last year have returned in excellent form."

Jurence also commented that a pair of "stud freshman" have shown promise in filling two empty pairs of cleats competing for the top seven runner positions.

Head coach Brett Witt backed the idea of a stellar season. "On the men's side, we feel we have the best team since the 2010 team finished sixth at the National Championships," he said. "So a bid to Nationals is the top priori-

ty with the hope for a high finish at the meet as well."

Senior Neil Pedersen is also encouraging the notion for a shot at Nationals. "Personally, I want us to make it to the National Championships as a team and to run well enough there to finish in the top 10, at least," Pedersen said when asked about season goals.

This season, both men's and women's cross-country are comprised mostly of underclassmen. "We have a great deal of youth on both teams. Freshmen and sophomores dominate both rosters," said Witt.

With a large amount of youth on the team, working towards a great season means, "young runners need to grow up quickly and help contribute to our success this fall," said Witt.

The team is looking forward to competing at a meet at Notre Dame in late September. Typically, the meet has displayed impressive competition in previous years and the team is preparing to see some of that competition again at nationals.

A Look into Sports

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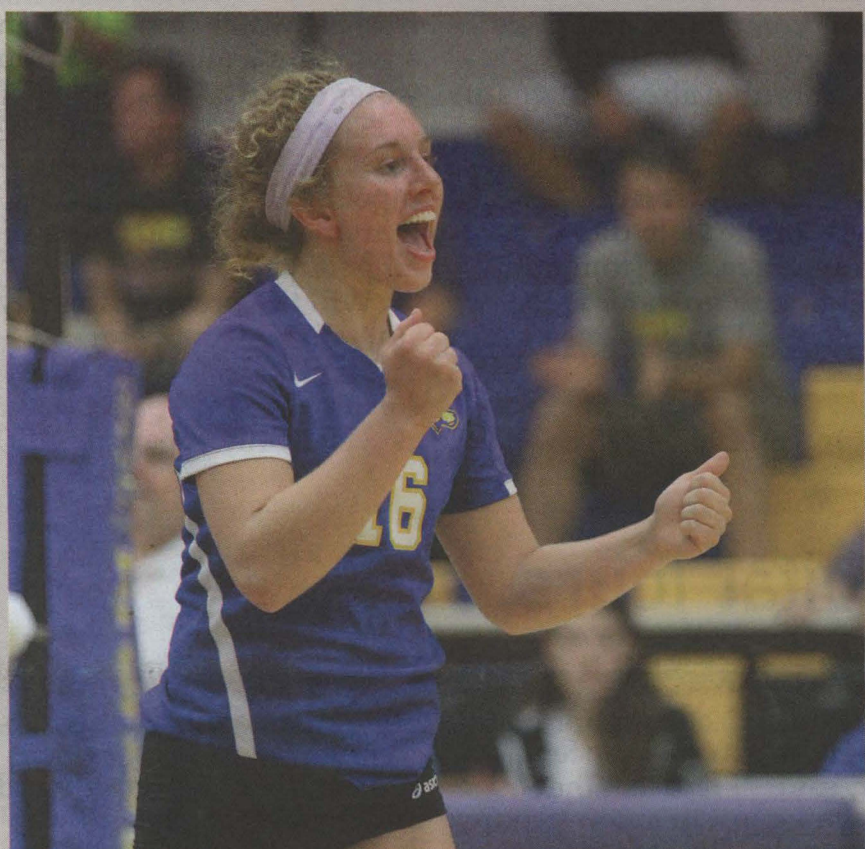
WOMEN'S TENNIS RECORDS FIRST CONFERENCE WIN

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's tennis team posted their first conference win of the season beating UW-River Falls 5-4 this past Friday.

In doubles play, Katelyn Asfeld and Jordan Tyjeski claimed a 9-7 victory while teammates Abbey Johnson and Erin Lemmer won their doubles match 8-2.

The Pointers' three singles match victories included wins from Lemmer, Johnson, and Frances Weiss to secure the victory for the team.

POINTER VOLLEYBALL CLAIMS THREE WINS OVER WEEKEND



Freshman Abby Majercik celebrates after winning a point against St. Benedict at the UW-Stevens Point Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Berg Gym in Stevens Point, Wis. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen.

In the Pointers' first five set match of the year, the team fell to St. Thomas in the deciding set of their first game in the UW-Eau Claire Tournament.

The team later rebounded against Lakeland, improving their record to 12-1 for the time being.

Seniors Kelly Cefalu and Gabby Thomas notched games with double digit kills against both teams while freshman Abby Majercik totaled 99 assists on the day.

The Pointers then swept both Concordia and Domin-

ican when tournament play continued on Saturday.

Cefalu, Thomas, and April Gehl recorded double digit kills while Bri Piepenbrok put up double digit digs in both matches.

After weekend play the Pointers' record improved to 14-1 for the season.

SOCCER SCORES 4 IN SHUTOUT PERFORMANCE

UWSP women's soccer team capped off a five game road swing with a dominant 4-0 victory over Crown College on Sept. 14.

With her first goal of the season, sophomore Olivia Bohnert started the scoring in the 10th minute of the game. Reilly Louko later dropped in the second goal of the game which would also be her third goal in the last two games.

Elise Thuot started the scoring in the second half and notched her second goal of the season giving the Pointers a commanding 3-0 lead.

The fourth goal of the game came on an unfortunate corner kick that would go off a Crown player into their own goal in the 88th minute to seal the final score of 4-0.

Strong defense came along with the scoring parade as the two goalkeepers who saw time for the Pointers only faced one shot on goal the whole game.



Freshman Reilly Louko fights for possession of the ball against St. Thomas at the Point Soccer Bowl on Thursday, Sept. 1 in Stevens Point, Wis. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen.

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The Polaris Institute calculated that between 1999 and 2010, Enbridge Inc. has had 804 spills, allowing over 160,000 barrels of crude oil to contaminate the environment. Five of the major spills being in Wisconsin.

The International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation, ITOPF, claims that the recovery of an environment after a spill is "often better than expected," and "should not be judged on an individual basis."

What does that mean exactly? In other words, a pro-oil federation is saying to not judge by how severely each animal or plant is affected by oil, or how many of them die, but to look at how well the ecosystem as a whole recovers.

Take that for what it is. Professor Michelle Shulfer, senior lecturer in the Clinical Lab Sciences department at UWSP, thinks that we need

to move away from the use of oil. She does think that it is a "necessary evil" at this time but acknowledges how it is hurting the environment.

Both Walker and Shulfer agree that the pipeline is going to hurt the environment during the installation and in the use of it.

Walker claims that the pipeline is a huge concern for the people of North Dakota, even the high school students "who never seem to pay attention to environmental issues" care about this.

Walker's hometown of Velva North Dakota, does not even have a recycling program. The pipeline making this much of a fuss among the people is a big deal.

The installation of the pipeline is front and center when it comes to environmental concerns now. The entire length of it will be at

least 36 inches underground, which sounds good in regard to keeping it away from wildlife, but those 36+ inches need to be dug up first.

The oil companies do claim to include restoration of the land they dig up in their installation plans, but people like Walker are skeptical.

This is all happening in North Dakota right now, but what about in the future?

There is already a similar pipeline proposed for northern Wisconsin by one of the same companies, Enbridge Energy.

Enbridge already owns an existing pipeline in Wisconsin, the same company that has had at least five major spills in the state due to an array of reasons from faulty welding to operator error. Superior, Wis. has even been affected three times in three years.

In Jan. 2007, faulty weld-

ing caused 1,500 barrels to spill in Superior, and a month later that same pipeline was struck by a construction crew, spilling another 4,800 barrels and contaminating a water table.

Then in 2009, an operator error caused 155 barrels to spill, resulting in the removal of 700 cubic yards of contaminated soil.

So why should we care? Josef Hartzel, a senior biochemistry major at UWSP, said "We should care because we have some of the freshest water in the U.S. and a pipeline would destroy our water quality."

There are plenty more reasons to oppose an oil pipeline in Wisconsin, but that one is encompassing of all people.

Will the protests actually stop DAPL from being installed? If so, will the Wisconsin pipeline be stopped as well? Only time will tell.

Aldo Leopold Center Offers Digital Tours

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The Aldo Leopold Center, located in Monona, Wis., is now implementing smart phone tours as part of their education center.

Smartphone tours started being offered at the center this August, where visitors explore and learn about the effects of climate change on different plants and animals.

The tour is called "Digital Docent: Climate Change Impacts." It is designed so that visitors can take a self-guided tour of the center while still learning important information on the changing world around them.

Visitors can scan a quick response code, or QR code, with their smartphone at different locations at the center to learn about climate change. Each QR code has a different digital fingerprint that, when scanned, directs the user's cellphone to a website with information that matches with the object with the QR code.

The Aldo Leopold Center website states that, "Through hands-on interactive programs and special exhibits at campuses in Monona and Black Earth, ALNC is leading the way to engage, educate and empower the next generation of stewards of the land for a healthy, happy and sustainable future."

Emily Crook, junior history and political science major, said, "I feel like they're reaching out to a new group of people. The center seems like they're appealing the new generation."

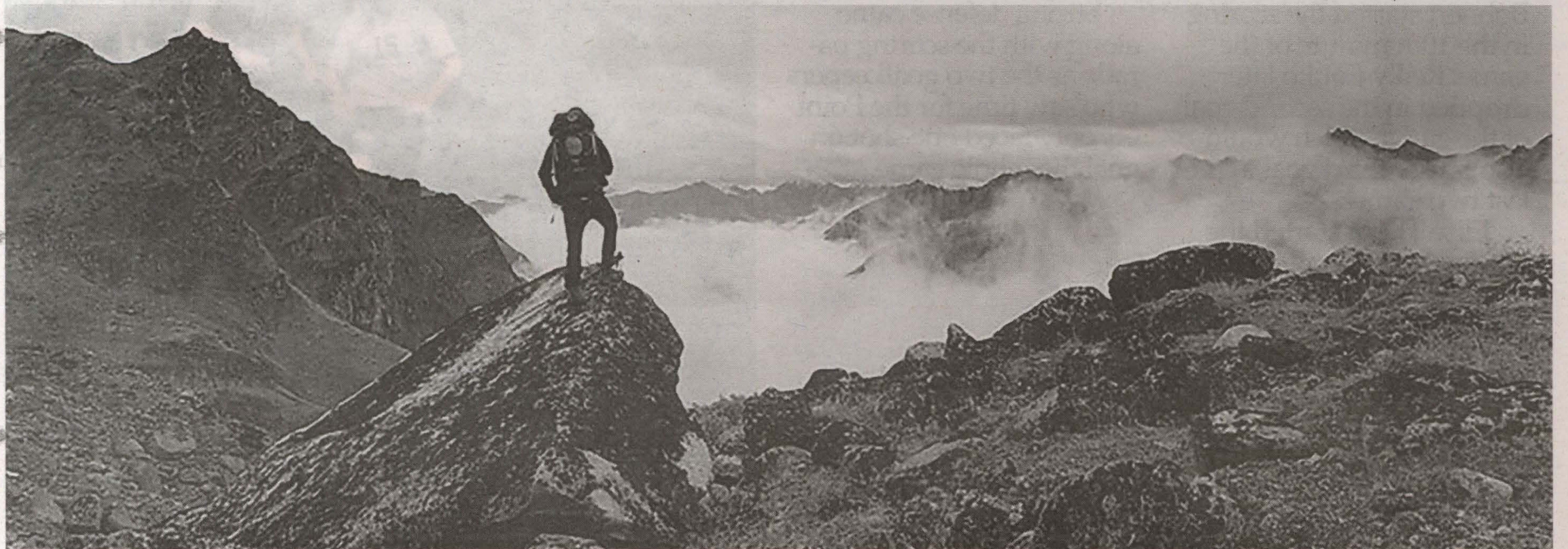
This educational platform does make information more accessible for younger people who are so attached to their smart phones. However, some have criticized the tour because it is supposed to connect people to nature, but is doing so by having the visitors immersed in their phones.

When asked about her preference for personal or digital education Emma Olson, senior wildlife education major, said "Overall,

I think personal interactions are the way to go, they can make more of an impact and understanding easier. But everyone learns differently so going on a digital tour can be just as interesting and can provide really concise information."

The Aldo Leopold center is open every day except for federal holidays and bad weather. Now with more diverse approaches to environmental education, the center is providing more than a simply traditional approach to saving the planet.

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Positive Outcome of Emerald Ash Borer



Ash trees occupy the field of Old Main. Photo by Colton Oltesvig

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Originally discovered in Detroit, the emerald ash borer beetle was first found in the Stevens Point area in 2002.

"It's a big deal now, it was a big deal in 2002. We just know more," said Rich Hauer, professor of urban forestry.

Essentially, anyone can identify emerald ash borer. The key identifying items to look for are woodpecker holes, lightly colored bark, and dying leaves. The woodpecker holes and light bark indicate birds going after the insect. The insect eats the tree in larva form and leaves a "D" shaped exit hole, which is the shape of their head.

"Infestation can cross paths and then the tree cannot hold nutrients anymore. Look at the top of the tree-the leaves start to die because the nutrients cannot get up there," said Luke Scheberl, recent soil science graduate.

The insect only feeds a small distance into the tree, but will affect the health of tree as a whole. It is better to report a potential case of emerald ash borer to the city than to ignore the signs.

Many students have wondered about the Golden Sands RC&D green ribbon urban forestry campaign on campus. Visually, the first response is to wonder if all the trees

with green ribbon are coming down. Scheberl worked on this project to raise awareness and educate the public about emerald ash borer, in hopes of raising funds for management options.

"When I saw this in operation, I thought this is one of the most effective urban forestry campaigns I've ever seen," Hauer said. Volunteers flagged the trees so that the public would not ignore the importance of having so many ash trees infected.

Hauer supports preparing for disasters such as emerald ash borer by implementing an emergency action plan. This plan was created a few years ago and has proven itself useful.

"A tragedy like this increases the opportunities but

also shows people the importance of trees," Hauer said.

Management options for emerald ash borer include doing nothing, getting rid of infected trees and replanting, or treating the infected trees. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus is putting together an emerald ash borer treatment program and educational demo to inform the public and deplete the ash disease within a two decade period. Good candidates for treatment are mature, healthy trees. Unhealthy trees contribute to a better host environment for the beetle.

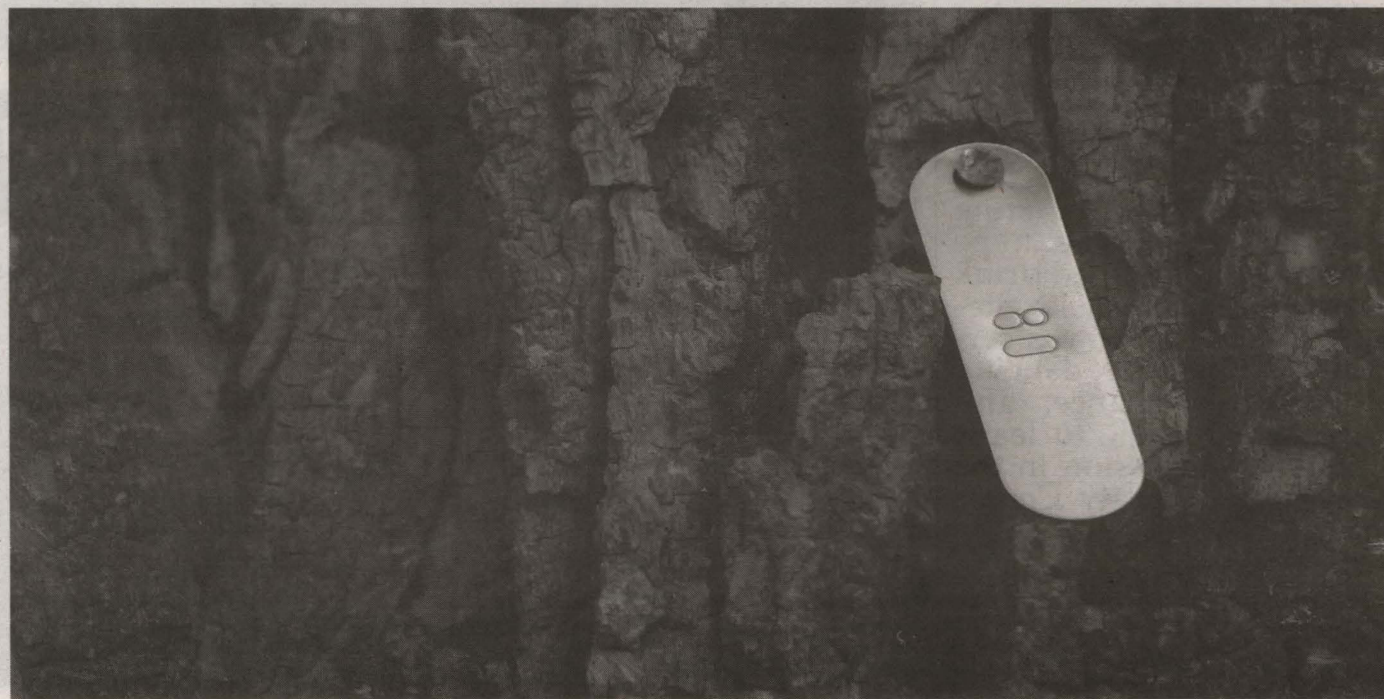
Iconic trees that have been in a location for a long time should be treated for the social health of the community. Treatment also depends upon

budget; trees will be treated every 2-3 years as long as the tree needs to be protected.

Scheberl's graduate work includes going into communities to complete soil inventory and discovering which trees are best planted there. There are a few species that can be planted anywhere, including ash trees.

"We are running out of those species that you can plant anywhere, so my project is to increase plant diversity," Scheberl said.

Plant diversity protects large populations of one species from being torn down if infected. Scheberl hopes clubs on campus will get more involved due to the long term impact the emerald ash borer has on the Stevens Point community.



Rated R for Rad

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Rated R, a hardcore hip-hop artist from New York City met the stage with L8ye, another hip-hop artist, except he classifies his genre as 'rap future hip-hop anime-hop' instead.

As he bounced off the stage and danced his way through the audience, L8ye was met with an eager crowd.

On Saturday, Sept. 17 these two rising hip-hop prodigies gave Stevens Point a show that will be talked about until the semester ends.

Bryce Moreno, a freshman studying biology, expressed his hype about the show.

"Rap future hip-anime-hop-whatever-hop never sounded so good," Moreno said as he laughed.

Jake Weisbrod, a junior philosophy major felt differently.

"I'm not sure it was my cup of tea, but I definitely still had fun," Weisbrod said.

L8ye's Facebook page shows his thankfulness to the Stevens Point campus with a fun ten-second video of him in The Encore during his performance.

Rated R, an equally underground artist, earned his chance to spread the music he loves to create and share it with students.

Proudly claiming to avoid the negative stereotypes that come with a commercialistic attitude, Rated R spit rhymes about things like working hard for what you love and not conforming to be like everybody else.

"It honestly reminded me of stuff that some of my friends would listen to in high school," said Nathan Widder, a local concert-goer.

With the show lasting until 10:30p.m., the hype continued and so did drink sales as people's excitement grew. There was certainly no lack of dancing at the performance, and Rated R was able to leave a lasting impression in the Dreyfus University Center that night.

Green Screen Kid Meets Dreamhouse

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In a strange twist of fate, it seems the early 2000's have made a return in the realm of music and culture alike.

On Friday, Sept. 16 at 9p.m., Green Screen Kid made their opening bang here at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

What started off as a reminiscent night where local Milwaukee band Dreamhouse took to the stage to bring us covers of popular hits such as Katy Perry's, "I Kissed a Girl" and My Chemical Romance's "I'm Not Okay," ended with three guys from Appleton, Wis. that were ready to per-

form you out of your seats.

"I've heard of Dreamhouse once in the past. It's cool to see them in person," said Devin Varga, a junior here on campus and a fan of local music. He attended the event with his friends.

After Dreamhouse played what they called an unusual one-hour set, they happily introduced local Appleton pop-punk trio: Green Screen Kid.

"Green Screen Kid looks to put on incredible live shows by incorporating green screen video technology and making a strong connection with their audience," states their official Facebook page.

Their shows are a throw-back mixture of all those

bands you heard so much in high school with a dash of boy-band that brings it all together. They wear green accessories like bowties or suspenders that also play a part in the use of the video technology that gives their shows a unique effect of lighting and sound.

"It's not what I typically listen to, but they put on a good show tonight." Cory Scott said, a University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh student who was visiting for the weekend.

The crowd wasn't as big as it maybe should have been, but nonetheless, Green Screen Kid was appreciative of all who came to rock out.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

**THURSDAY,
SEPT. 22**

**2nd Anual Lip Sync Battle,
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Encore 8pm-10pm**

**Great Artist Recital, NFAC
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**FRIDAY,
SEPT. 23**

**Old Shoe Rock n' Roll
group, DUC Encore
8pm-10:30pm**

**SATURDAY,
SEPT. 24**

**Spray Painting with Stephan,
DUC Encore
8pm - 9pm**

It's Hump Day: Featuring Eli The Happy Camel

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On a cool Wednesday afternoon on Sept. 4 anyone passing by Debot Field could witness University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students spending time taking pictures and riding atop a friendly camel named Eli.

Centertainment Productions hosted the event called Happy Hump Day for UWSP's Welcome Week. This event gave students the opportunity to get out of their comfort zones, as well as giving them an opportunity to see an exotic animal they may not otherwise often get to interact with.

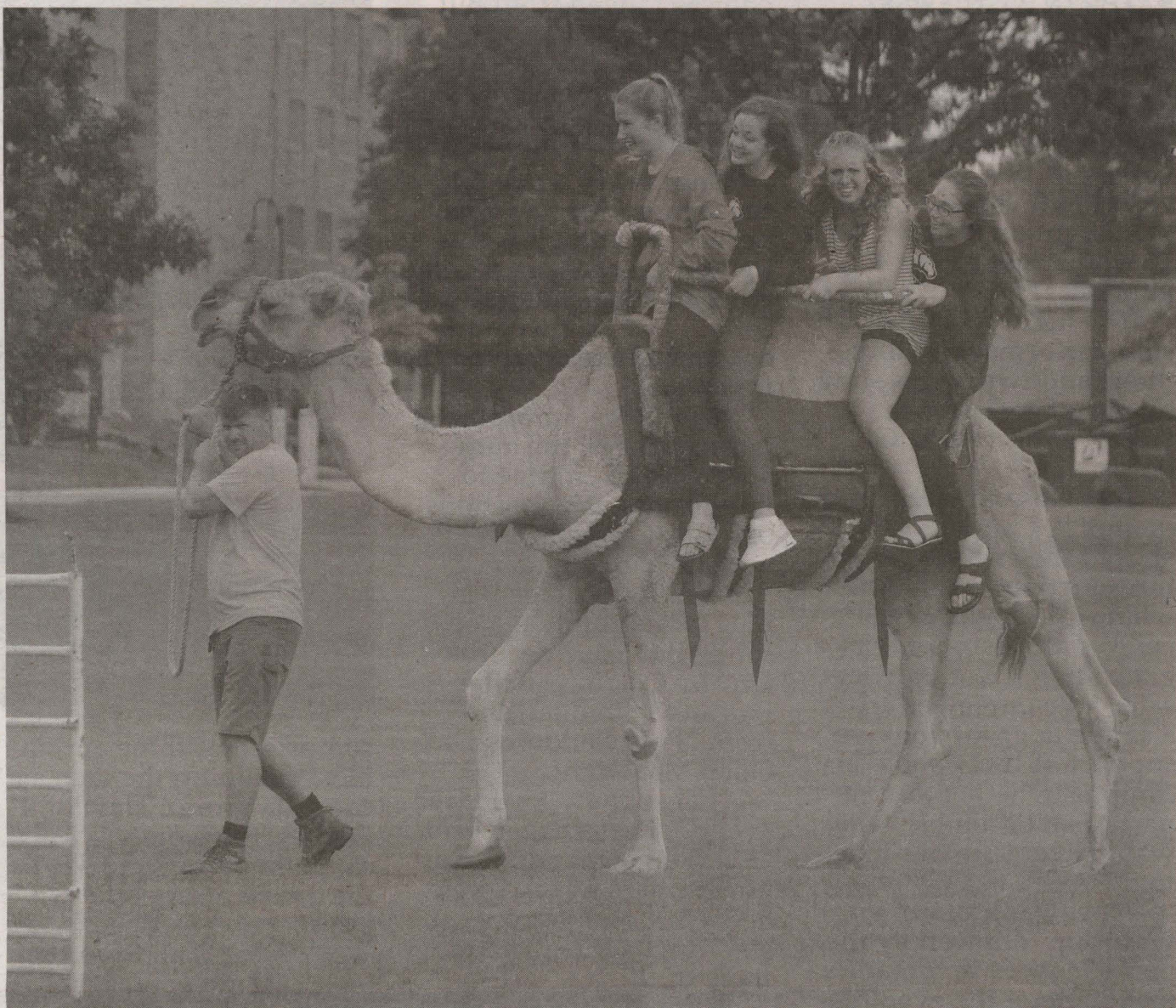
Braiden Bechard, Centertainment Productions' Student Manager spoke and played hit jams from Mariah Carey, Justin Bieber and even "My Humps," by The Black Eyed Peas to get student's pumped up at the event.

Bechard said that while Centertainment Productions wants to give students an opportunity to have fun with activities such as their Happy Hump Day event, they also want to try and get the new freshman students involved as much as possible.

"Centertainment Productions and the whole university centers are really trying to keep the new freshman body engaged and try to keep the retention rates higher," Bechard said. "We just really want all the new freshman and all students to have a lot of fun and get engaged with their community."

Bechard also said that the hope was that Happy Hump Day, and other Centertainment events, will help get students out of their dorm rooms, give them a break from the first week study grind and get them out in the UWSP community.

"We hope that this helps push students out of their comfort zones," Bechard said. "It's not every day you ride a camel, and even standing in line you never know who you're going to meet. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity and so is college,



Photos by Colton Oltesvig

so we want to give students the best experience while here at UWSP."

Shayne Rigden and Michael Riendeau, Zookeepers from Jo-Don Farms were both responsible for bringing the camel, Eli, to campus.

Rigden said that Eli is a 19-year-old rescue camel who was saved from an abusive home about six years ago, but is now very happy and one of the most well trained camels at Jo-Don Farms.

"There's definitely a stress relief factor to having an event

like this on a university campus," Rigden said. "This allows students to socialize and meet new people, while also riding a camel which they don't get to do on a regular basis. Eli also really likes to make people happy."

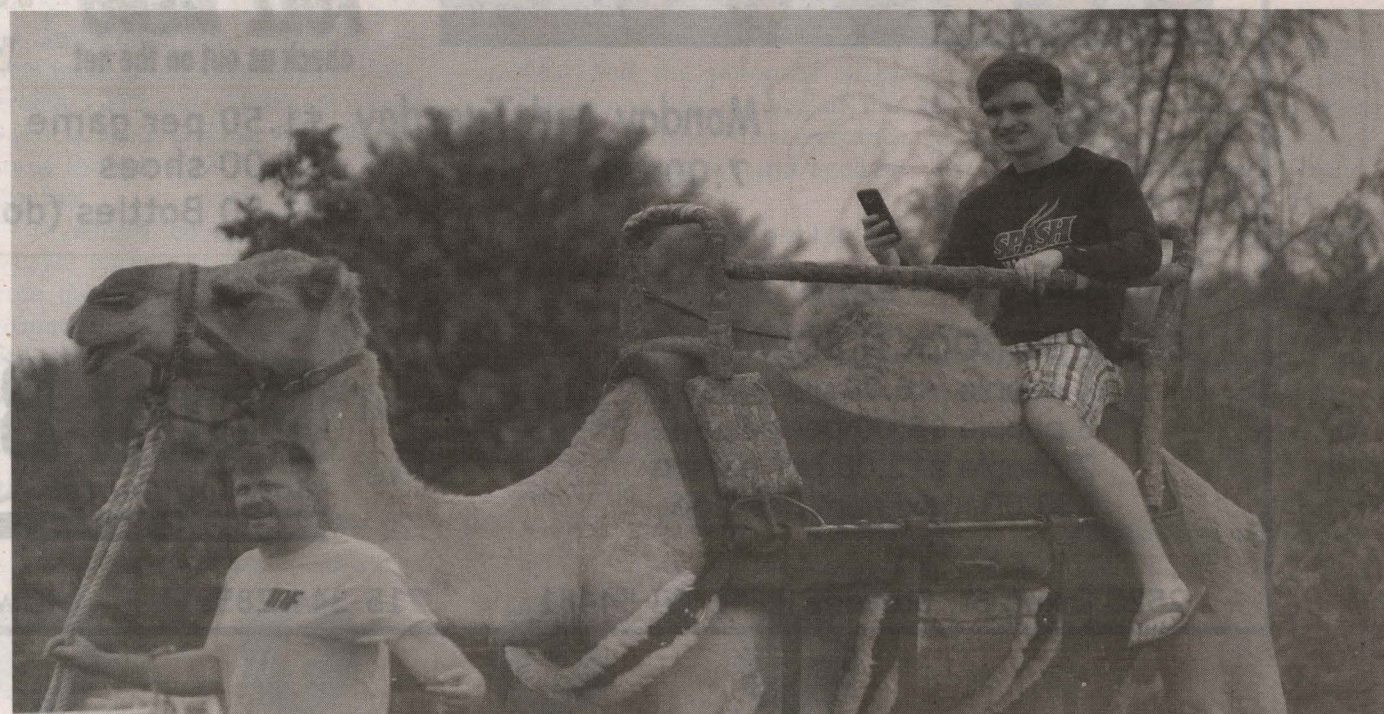
Olivia Lyman, freshman, said her experience riding Eli was as amazing as she would have expected and that she would definitely do it again.

"I'm personally obsessed with cute animals, and he is just so cute I had to stop by and ride him!" Lyman said.

Alona Taylor, junior, said that riding Eli was unlike anything she had ever experienced before.

"It was the best experience I could have had. I was freaking out the whole time!" Taylor said.

The students who decided to participate in Happy Hump Day all had smiles from ear to ear after getting off of Eli, and Eli himself even had a happy camel grin as they dismounted his hump.



A Cappella UWSP Hosts Open Mic Night

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A Cappella UWSP, a student group at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, hosted Open Mic Night on Friday, Sept. 16 which turned out 40 attendees.

The night included 12 solo performances, three duets and two songs sung by one of A Cappella UWSP's ensembles, On Point.

Rob Goszkowicz, President of A Cappella UWSP, started the event with an introduction, explaining what A Cappella UWSP is. "We are a student organization," Goszkowicz said. "We ourselves are an a cappella group, but we support all a cappella on campus, whether you're part of an ensemble or just want to come to our meetings."

Next was a group vocal warm-up followed by the performances. In the informal mode of the evening, performers were asked to share their name, student standing, favorite type of breakfast cereal and which ensemble they would be interested in joining. Song

choices ranged from Bill Withers' "Lean on Me," Sarah McLachlan's "Angel," to original songs and on-stage professions of love.

Once every name on the sign-up list had been called, the audience was invited up on stage to sing Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody." Twenty-two audience members accepted the invitation.

After a few impromptu performances, the audience was given time to mingle and ask questions of the A Cappella UWSP members in attendance.

Cora Katterhagen, junior radiography major, sang "Put Your Records On" by Corrinne Bailey Rae and "Summertime" from "Porgy and Bess" at Open Mic Night.

"I absolutely loved [the event]," Katterhagen said. "Everyone was super supportive here which really helps out with nerves considering I get really bad stage fright."

Brittany Zander, sophomore member of A Cappella UWSP, said "I thought [the event] was really fun. I think we had a pretty good turn out."

A Cappella UWSP is



Adam Rider and William Toney sing together at A Cappella UWSP's open mic night. Photos by Colton Oltesvig.

comprised of three ensembles: On Point, the men's a cappella group; The Point Pitches, the women's a cappella group; and TBA, the mixed a cappella group.

Members can form their own ensemble, however, by filling out an A Cappella UWSP Ensemble Recognition Form and meeting the requirements, such as having at least four members, all belonging to

A Cappella UWSP, naming an ensemble leader and treasurer and agreeing to abide by the A Cappella UWSP constitution.

TBA will be holding auditions on Sept. 22, The Point Pitches on Sept. 24 and On Point on Sept. 20. For more information concerning auditions, please see each ensemble's Facebook page.



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