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Campus Resource Room: Bro Do You Even Thrift?

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One person's trash could be another person's treasure with the the upcoming resource sharing room in Nelson Hall where students can drop off unwanted items and pick up other items for free.

The concept of a resource sharing room is similar to the way a thrift store works, except the items in the resource room will be free to students. There are no profits involved, besides the environmental capital gained by preventing items from entering landfills.

The resource sharing room is being created by the Office of Sustainability.

When asked how a sharing room was tied to sustainability, Jenessa Gilarski the communication specialist for the Office of Sustainability said, "Basically it is kind of like the idea of reduce, reuse, recycle. Reusing items instead of buying something new will cut down on waste."

Instead of purchasing new items, which can potentially have heavy resource inputs, students who utilize the re-

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Students Forced to Stay on Campus Next Year

DON'T SIGN an off-campus lease

If you graduated from high school in 2016, you are required to live in the residence halls in 2017-18.

Sign outside the residential office. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

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Living on campus, or at least paying to live on campus, will be required for sophomore students as well as freshman beginning next year.

Currently, it is required for traditional freshman students to live in the residence halls for their first year.

Although many return to the dorms, a portion of upper-classmen move off-campus in their preceding years of school.

Starting fall 2017, all freshmen and sophomore students will be charged with a housing payment even if they sign an off-campus lease.

This is because there are not enough students enrolled in the university to fill all the halls without having an enforced requirement.

Brian Faust, director of Residential Living, said he is worried about the department having enough money with fewer students because this branch of

the school is financially separate from the rest of the university.

"This is the first year we are enforcing this because enrollment has dropped. Before, we were always able to fill our halls with traditional freshman and enough voluntary returners," said Faust. "With enrollment dropping the number of students to fill our halls is not there any longer."

UW-Madison has the opposite problem. There is not enough housing for all their students so they do not require freshman or any student to live on campus and the numbers balance out.

"The UW-system professors and the whole academic side receive taxpayer money to pay their bills. In housing we are considered in auxiliary, meaning we get no money from anybody else," Faust said. "Whatever money we have to spend is from the students that live in the halls."

This is not a standard for public universities nationally. Each state's university system board of regents makes

decisions regarding university housing. Freshmen and sophomore students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point are already required to live on campus, but the rule has not been enforced.

"It's a Wisconsin thing. Before here, I worked as a director in Kansas and all the money was part of one big pot where I made money and academics made money and it was used as needed. Here the pot is all just what I make," said Faust.

Even though the administration would like everyone to be free to make their own choices for their living, there are bills that have to be paid.

"I need to have money to pay my bills and you look at how we reinvented eight halls and built a new one," said Faust. "I have to pay the bank back every year so if my halls aren't full I don't have the money to pay that back which gets me and my department in trouble. So we are enforcing this requirement."

Fritz Fritz, sophomore biology and psychology major, is currently living off-campus af-

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The Pointer Names Successor to Current Editor-in-Chief

The Pointer has chosen Genevieve Adamski, environment editor, to take over as editor-in-chief for the 2017-2018 school year.

Adamski is currently a junior natural resources planning major, with an emphasis in social policy sciences and conservation planning, and a sustainable energy minor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

She began working for the publication in January 2016, and has continued to develop her reporting and editorial skills since.

As the president of the women's rugby club, Adamski comes to The Pointer with a drive for high performance and experience in managing a student-run organization.

The change of leadership will occur in May when the current editor-in-chief, Sa-

mantha Bradley, will graduate with a major in English and minors in professional writing and Spanish.



Photo courtesy of Genevieve Adamski.

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ter being in the dorms last year.

"A lot of students find it way more affordable to live off-campus," Fritz said. "Not only because it is a cheaper price, but also you don't have to pay a giant bill upfront, and instead in smaller increments."

Fritz said the on-campus requirement, fortunately, isn't installed yet because he is not sure how he could've afforded to stay on-campus had this been put in place for this year.

Another consequence of this policy is that it will decrease the number of students signing off-campus leases.

With enrollment down, the amount of students looking to live off campus is already dwindling. This will further affect the housing market next year.

When asked, many students believed the new requirement was an unfair side-effect for a lower enrollment which they did not cause.

Students also preferred that the Residential Living administration spends time making the facilities more appealing so students would want to stay in the halls without it being mandatory.

Faust said, "There is data that shows students that live on campus have a history of having a better GPA and academic survival. We are here to help you

get to your goal."

While Faust is correct about a connection nationally between GPA and where a student lives, there isn't any proven causation to this correlation, especially at the UWSP.

Possibilities for the academic gap could be that the libraries are within easier walking distance of those on-campus, as well as the offices of professors, study groups and academic advisors.

Many students who choose to stay on campus may also be in better financial situations because it is normally more expensive.

It is possible that the theoretical correlation, between living on-campus and better academic performance that Faust speaks of, is an association between wealth and grades.

The majority of students who stay on campus are freshmen, mostly because freshmen are required to stay on-campus. This can lead to comparisons of academic performance between freshmen and upperclassmen, which can be unfair.

Fritz said, "Because of the financial burden it will put on students, this solution to the lower enrollment problem could make the situation worst by even fewer students being able to afford the total cost of school."

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Sunday, April 2

A staff member in the CCC reported a strange smell outside his office.

Monday, April 3

Male called to report a female who passed out in a lab in SCI C124. She was conscious and EMS was dispatched.

Tuesday, April 4

Staff from Facility Services requested an officer meet him by the DUC loading dock because he saw an "outside vendor hack into a loading van."

A caller reported being bitten by a dog outside the CCC. It did not break the skin and the caller did not confront the owner but wanted PS to know in case it happened again.

Wednesday, April 5

A student called to report a suspicious man wearing a trench coat and purple hair flailing his arms around between the Science and TNR buildings.

Thursday, April 6

Sprinkler system was being tested across campus by a vendor.

Friday, April 7

A female called PS reporting a male who seemed lost and distraught. She thought he could have a mental illness.

A middle-aged man with dark hair, black pants and a gray sweatshirt approached officers asking for a ride. He left campus upon officer arrival.

Someone called reporting a dog in distress that has been locked in a car for 3 hours in Lot R.

Saturday, April 8

A student outside Knutzen Hall was given a verbal warning and released for an open intoxicant.

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Tweet of the Week

Donald J. Trump
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What will we get for bombing Syria besides more debt and a possible long term conflict? Obama needs Congressional approval.

1:14 PM - 29 Aug 2013

Thursday, April 6

Trump ordered 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles at the airbase in Syria where the chemical attacks on Syrian citizens came from earlier in the week.

Senate Republican majority leader Mitch McConnell triggered the "nuclear option", changing the rules so that the senate could confirm Supreme Court Justice Nominee Neil Gorsuch.

Devin Nunes has stepped down as chairman of the House Intelligence Committee as the House Ethics Committee has announced review of the allegations against Nunes of "unauthorized disclosure of classified information".

Friday, April 7

The senate voted to confirm Neil Gorsuch after the change in the confirmation rules Thursday.

Trump hosted Chinese President Xi Jinping in Palm Springs, Florida.

Saturday, April 8

Alec Baldwin portrayed both Donald Trump and Fox News' Bill O'Reilly on Saturday Night Live in a highly critical skit of sexual assault allegations that have been placed against both of them.

Monday, April 10

Sean Spicer, White House press secretary, told the press that if a country gases babies, the world can expect a response by Trump.

Local Pregnancy Centers Offer Drastically Different Services

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On Division Street in Stevens Point, there are two family planning facilities that are dramatically different in the services they provide.

Delzell Hall on campus offers family planning services as well, but for varying reasons, Delzell is not always the go-to choice for family planning services.

Delzell's services are also only accessible to those currently enrolled at the university.

The first of the two off-campus family planning facilities is Family Planning Health Services, Inc., or fphs, a non-profit reproductive health clinic that provides low-cost services to both men and women.

This non-profit provides a variety of medical services including regular exams of the pelvis and breast, cervical cancer screenings and treatment for sexually transmitted infections.

Family Planning Health Services also provides patients with educational information. The facility does not offer abortion services but does make sure patients know about their options.

The waiting room is a little run-down, but still maintains a professional atmosphere with a similar appearance to a doctor's office. A container full of condoms and instructions on how to use one correctly sits on the check-in counter.

Pregnancy tests are not administered when trained med-

ical professionals are not present.

The other pregnancy center on Division Street is First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center. This center is also a non-profit but has a dramatically different goal.

With Christian radio playing in the waiting room, this faith-based pregnancy center is staffed almost entirely by volunteers that are not trained or certified by the state. There is one trained nurse on staff.

The center offers free pregnancy tests, but if the nurse on staff is not present at the time of a visit, the patient is given an at-home urine stick test and the patient is asked to read the results herself.

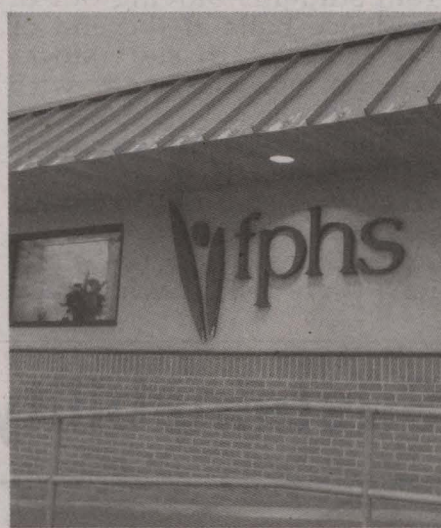
To get to the bathroom where the urine sample is obtained, the patient is directed to walk through the room with an ultrasound machine in it, and back through that room on the way out.

The rooms in which the test is formally given is more like a living room than a clinic, with a couch and small television with a DVD player.

Prior to knowing the results of the urine test, the volunteer asks the patient personal questions about who the father of the child is, whether they are "in the picture" and how the patient feels about parenting at this time in their lives.

Although not a state-supported medical center, the questions asked are all personal and are asked before the results of the test are read.

First Choice pushes religion



Outside of Family Planning Health Services.
Photo by Samantha Stein

and pro-life sentiments subtly, yet clearly, on the women that go there looking for help in a time of high stress.

First Choice has also supported pro-life events on the UWSP campus and is associated with the pro-life student organization, Pointers For Life.

Other crisis pregnancy centers that are similar to First Choice exist across the country, in every state. They are typically placed strategically near college campuses and in low-income neighborhoods.

Jen Sorenson, director of Student Health Services, said, "In all of our medical care, whether it is about pregnancy or not, it is a medical professional's ethical role to provide all options for whatever that medical condition is."

Sorenson stressed that it is not necessary for students to seek help off-campus for pregnancy tests, as Student Health

Services provides them for free.

As college students are often undecided about how to proceed with an unplanned pregnancy, Sorenson said making sure to fully educate a patient is very important.

Delzell Hall screens their physicians prior to hiring them to ensure they are capable of providing unbiased options and education to patients. They facilitate the decisions made by the patient about their own health, making sure all options are well-known, as is the responsibility of all healthcare providers.

It is important for students to know about the resources available to them and the services they will receive.



Outside of First Choice. Photo by Samantha Stein

Republican Healthcare Fails Trump's Administration

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On Friday, March 24, following President Trump's repeated campaign promises to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, also referred to as ACA or Obamacare, the GOP Healthcare bill fell through after facing opposition within the Republican party.

The bill formally referred to as the American Health Care Act, also known as AHCA or Obamacare-lite, was created to replace the

ACA put into place by the Obama Administration.

The AHCA was expected to cut the federal deficit but would significantly increase the number of Americans without health insurance.

Jen Sorenson, director of Student Health Services and physician assistant, said in regard to the bill's failure, "It did not feel like there was a lot of thought given to the specific provisions of the Affordable Care Act that are working. I did not see the Republicans making a big effort to talk to the people, and find out what provisions they

liked and wanted to keep."

Ron Brownstein, editorial director of Atlantic Media, said in an interview with Face the Nation that the core of the bill's failure was the fact that it clashed with voter interests.

The bill would have made healthcare premiums more expensive for older people regardless of income and would have also negatively impacted Medicare and Medicaid.

Brownstein noted that 60 percent of House Republicans are from districts that are older than the national average and the majority of Donald Trump's votes came from white people over 45 years of age.

"I mean, obviously there were some hiccups in Obama's plan, but over-all it was successful. I think that without Obamacare, a lot of people are going to suffer and so I don't think Trump is looking out for the greater part of the population," said Mary Runnoe, senior psychology major and former volunteer at a hospital.

The bill would have eliminated the requirement en-

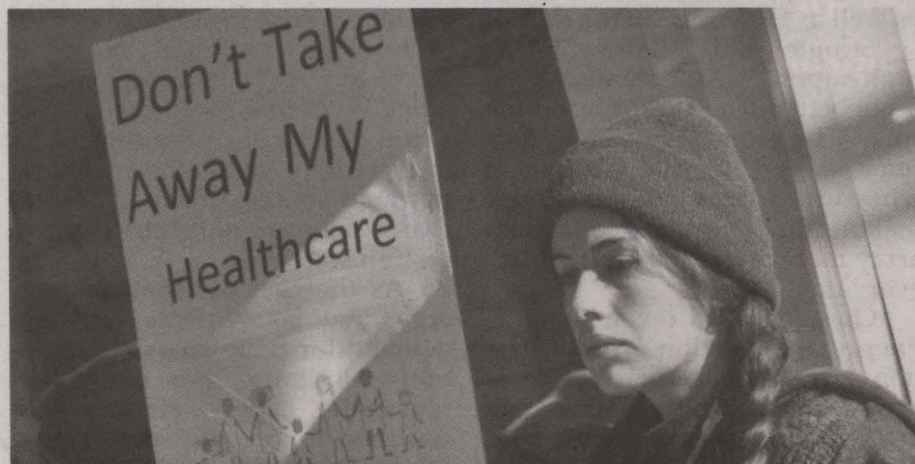
acted under the ACA that all employers must offer healthcare to employees who work a certain number of hours per week. This change would lift current regulations which prevent students from working more than 25 hours per week.

The bill would have defunded contraceptives, making it more difficult for students to gain access to free birth-control.

Sorenson said this could lead to a spike in unplanned pregnancies occurring within the university, which hinders a student's ability to continue their education.

"I just think that if you're going to cover medication for men, such as Viagra, then you really need to provide that same coverage for women on birth control," Sorenson said.

After the failure of the AHCA on March 24, President Trump and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan indicated that health care would not be revisited soon. Which, Sorenson said, will give more time for the ACA to develop and succeed.



Woman protesting the GOP Healthcare bill. Photo courtesy of commondreams.org

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source sharing room will cut down on resource extraction since they are giving a second life to items.

The resource sharing room aims to cut down on the amount of waste going into landfills. At the end of each academic year, students moving out of the residence halls throw out clothing, furniture, and lights which could be re-used by others.

The Office of Sustainability has plans to collect items from students moving out of residence halls at the end of this semester to start stocking the resource room with goods.

The idea of the resource room came from a survey which was sent out to multiple student organizations.

In the survey, organizations were asked what they

thought the best use of the extra space in Nelson hall would be. Options varied from an extra study space to the chance to have an upcycle room.

Gilarski said, the idea to offer the room for common use was because the Office of Sustainability wanted to provide a service to students. Since the Office of Sustainability is an administrative section of

campus, the staff was looking for a way to involve and engage with students.

While the room has no official name yet, another survey was sent out to multiple student organizations for naming ideas. The official name for the resource sharing room will most likely be announced the week of April 10.

Website Puts Sustainability at Student's Fingertips

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The interactive website run through the Office of Sustainability and McKinstry, Inc. allows students to see the energy usage of every building on campus.

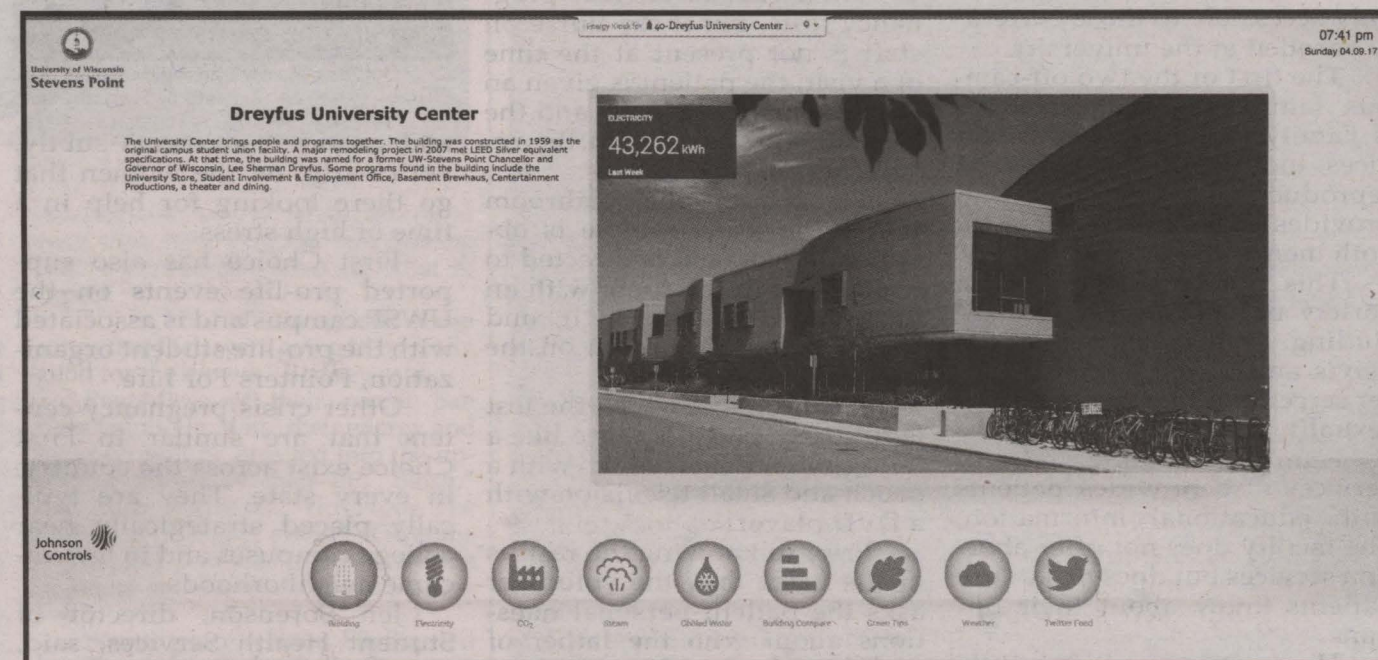
The website tracks energy usage in real time, enabling visitors to compare electricity, CO₂, steam and chilled water usage for each building compared to the previous the day, week, month or year chosen.

All information on the website is updated automatically through a Johnson Control Metasys system that tracks the University's energy consumption.

According to Shelly Janowski, sustainability program and policy analyst for the Office of Sustainability, this information has always been tracked by the Facility Services department.

"By tracking and displaying our energy consumption, we can see the cumulative impact of our behaviors on campus, building by building. Everyone has a role in our campus energy conservation effort," Janowski said. "Our goal is to provide real-time energy measurement visualization, along with historical data, so that building occupants can change their consumption patterns."

Every building on campus has the potential to be tracked, in-



A screen capture from the Office of Sustainability's website. Photo courtesy of bedashboard.com/Kiosk/17722.

cluding dormitory buildings.

This feature allows students living on campus to see and interpret energy usage and creates a visual graph of ways that student actions directly impact that usage and the environment.

Mary Runnoe, senior psychology major, said, "I think it would be a good way to put into perspective the environmental costs of what it takes to run a building, and it would be cool to see ways that your actions can make a positive impact on that."

Vince Helgersen, senior his-

tory major, said, "If people saw how much power they actually use, they would be more self-conscious about it."

The website is accessible to anyone who wishes to learn more about the University's progress towards clean energy.

This accessibility is not always put into context. The website measures CO₂ output by its weight, which may be confusing for students unfamiliar with the concept of measuring gas by weight.

To put this in context, Janows-

ki said that the average American adds 18 to 20 tons of CO₂ to the atmosphere every year, while the world average is only 4.8 metric tons per year.

According to the Environmental Defense Fund one ton of CO₂ is about the size of a balloon with a diameter of ten yards.

The University plans to be Carbon neutral by the year 2050 Janowski said.

The Office of Sustainability's energy tracking website can be found at bedashboard.com.

North Wind Renewable Energy Becomes Employee Owned

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As of this April, North Wind Renewable Energy has made the transition to a 100 percent employee owned cooperative.

This Stevens Point based company specializes in the installation and design of solar electric

systems. North Wind's clients include businesses, farms and homes across the state.

Doug Stingle, a consultant for North Wind, said that becoming an employee owned cooperative is a goal which the company has been aiming for since its inception in 2007. He said that being a cooperative allows all employees to work together, giving them

each an equal say in the company's decision making.

Stingle said the company has strengthened their focus on solar electric system installations, a market which he feels is growing in Wisconsin. He said that last year in 2016 was the best year for solar installation for North Wind as well as the entire state.

Stingle said, "there's a lot of high hopes for 2017 being as good if not better of a year for installing solar. The costs have come down remarkably on the equipment while utility rates continue to rise making the investment in a solar array more attractive pretty much every day."

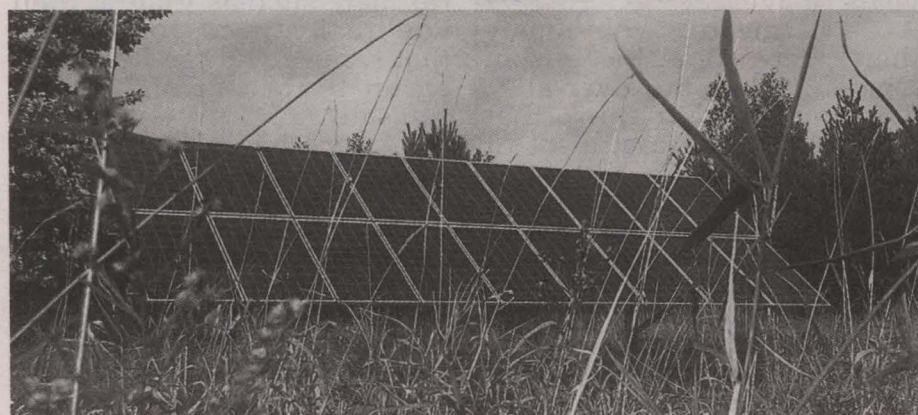
On a national level, the U.S. Energy Information Administration forecasts that between 2016 and 2018 the solar sector will grow the fastest in comparison to other renewable energy sources.

Despite this growth, the administration predicts solar will make up 1.4 percent of all utility-scale electricity in the United States in 2018.

A 2016 analysis by the U.S. Energy Information Administration found that coal fuels over half of Wisconsin's electrical generation.

Since Wisconsin has no coal mines, all coal fuel must be sourced from outside, primarily from Wyoming. Natural gas accounts for most of the remainder of electricity generation, with renewable sources making up less than 10 percent of electricity generation statewide.

As the cost of renewable energy like solar decreases, and demand for more sustainable options continues, it is likely that renewable energy sources will continue to become increasingly important in Wisconsin.



A North Wind solar panel installation. Photo courtesy of North Wind Renewable Energy.



Earth Week on Campus

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will host a range of events in honor of Earth Day the week of April 17-22.

Jenessa Gilarski, sophomore health science major and communication specialist for the Office of Sustainability, says that the theme for this year's Earth Week is diversity.

Diversity may be a word that is rarely associated with sustainability, but Gilarski pointed out that it still fits the concept.

"A lot of people don't know that social justice is one of the aspects of sustainability, because you think of sustainability and it's like 'oh planting trees and recycling' but there's also a lot more to it," Gilarski said. "The bottom line of the three P's is people, planet and profit, so that people aspect is really about social justice and creating equality."

For this reason, the Office of Sustainability and Student Government Association have chosen a diverse array of speakers to offer their perspectives on sustainability throughout the week. These talks will occur Monday through Thursday night at 6 p.m. in Room 116 of the College of Professional Studies.

Environmentally minded student organizations are also getting involved.

On Tuesday, April 18 the

Environmental Educators and Naturalists Association has organized an Eco-fair at the Dreyfus University Center in the Laird Room from 9-4 p.m., followed by a concert starting at 8 p.m. in the DUC Encore room.

The fair will feature booths of student organizations and local businesses. Raffle tickets and snacks will also be available for purchase.

Students for Sustainability will wrap up the week with their annual tree planting on Saturday.

Shelly Stein, president of Students For Sustainability, and junior soil and land management major, said the group plans to plant a new harmony elm. The sapling elm tree will be planted in the same bed that previously contained the iconic pin oak which was infected with oak wilt and had to be cut down over winter break.

The planting will occur at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, behind the DUC at the site of the old pin oak.

"I think Earth Day is important because it's a holiday with the intention of specifically acknowledging our natural world," Stein said. "I think that a big problem we are facing in the future is people being out of touch with their natural environment. Earth Day is a public event that's asking people, who maybe otherwise wouldn't, to acknowledge our planet."

The Office of Sustainability

will keep students updated on Earth Week events through their Facebook page and SPIN. They also plan on releasing a calendar outlining the many opportunities that week.

The events aim to appeal to a wide range of students.

Gilarski said, "We are really trying to reach out to a broader

audience because they think the Office of Sustainability is just for natural resources people, but it's not. You can incorporate sustainability into any career pretty much and really a lot of things do come down to sustainability in one of the three aspects of people, planet and profit."

Earth Day Events

Office of Sustainability Featured speakers in CPS 116 at 6PM Monday-Thursday evening.

Featured Speakers

Apr. 17: Noe de la Sancha (Chicago Professor)

Apr. 18: Ka Yeng (DNR warden) and Huda Alkaff (founder of Green Muslims)

Apr. 19: James Mills (outdoor enthusiast and NR diversity journalist)

Apr. 20: Peterson Toscano (Christian LGBT activist, actor, Bible scholar)

Apr. 22: Be the Change
8:30am-1:00pm

Students for Sustainability
Annual Tree Planting 2pm

Apr. 21: Schmeekle Appreciation Day-- 2-5pm at Schmeekle Reserve Visitor Center



Local Farms Offer Community-Supported Agriculture Shares

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With summer just around the corner, many Stevens Point residents are looking forward to local produce from their shares in CSAs, or Community-Supported Agriculture.

CSAs are a way of connecting individuals directly with local farmers and local produce.

At the beginning of the season, a farm will sell shares of their crops, usually in full or half shares. Once the plants start producing vegetables, those who purchased shares will receive boxes of fresh local produce on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.

Field Notes Farm is a local certified organic farm out of Custer, which offers CSA shares for their produce.

Polly Dalton, one of the owners of Field Notes Farm, explained



Fresh vegetables. "CSA_week12" by Christopher Paquette is licensed under CC BY-NC-ND 2.0.

how CSAs are beneficial to both farmer and community member alike.

"A farmer needs the support of community members financially to purchase the seeds and to know what to plant. The community helps to provide that, and the

farmers provide the food and often the opportunity to go out and experience what food growing looks like," Dalton said.

In addition to being able to buy shares with money, many farms, like Field Notes Farm, offer the opportunity to invest in a

worker's share. This means that you can trade a few hours a week at the farm in exchange for your box of local produce.

CSAs encourage environmentally friendly farming practices, such as being able to avoid monocropping, or growing only a single type of vegetable.

"Because we're not trying to grow a single crop, there is a built-in resiliency in the model of growing," Dalton said.

Dalton is optimistic for this year's growing season, saying that they hope to sell 1000 lbs of sugar snap peas this year between CSA shares and three different farmers markets, including the Stevens Point Farmers' Market.

Anybody interested in being involved in local CSAs can find the 2017 Central Wisconsin Farm Fresh Atlas online, which lists local farms, CSAs and farmers' markets for all of central Wisconsin.

Look Into Sports

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BASEBALL SPLITS SERIES IN CONFERENCE HOME OPENER

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team opened their home schedule over the weekend to take on UW-Oshkosh, finishing the weekend with a record of 2-2 versus the Titans.

The Pointers started the weekend with a positive, winning in the first game of the series on Saturday.

Cole Erickson, now with a 2-1 record, threw a shutout for Stevens Point in the 4-0 win.

After two scoreless innings, the Pointers got on the board in the third inning with an RBI single by Kyle Mrozinski.

With a 1-0 lead heading into the sixth, the Pointers extended their lead.

Ben Gerber reached home on an error when Clint Rose bunted. Later in the inning, Rose scored on an RBI sac fly by Mrozinski.

Mrozinski remained active in the eighth when he hit an RBI single, extending the Pointers' lead to four and helping to put the game away.

The Titans got the best of the Pointers in the second game, winning the game 8-2 behind a three-inning scoring stretch.

UWSP took an early lead in the second inning as Ryan Stanicek scored on a wild pitch and Tommy Duddleston hit an RBI double, putting the Pointers up 2-0.



Cole Erickson on the mound for the Pointer. Photo courtesy of Kylie Bridenhagen.

The Titans scored their first runs of the day in the third inning with a two-RBI single by Taylor Grimm.

After more scoring from the Titans, the Pointers fell behind 4-2 heading into the fourth inning.

Another two RBI double put the Titans up 6-2 in the fourth inning.

Two scores in the fifth inning helped put the game away as the Titans won their first game of the weekend.

Sunday, day two of the series, started off much like day one with a 4-0 victory by the Pointers.

Mrozinski had another great game with a homerun in the fourth inning.

UWSP scored once in the fifth and twice in the sixth inning as Stevens Point won their second game of the series.

Derek Kawlewski picked up the win after throwing a complete game shutout.

The final game of the weekend was a close extra-inning contest with the Titans winning 11-6.

The Titans forced extra innings in the top of the eighth inning with a game-tying RBI by Zack Radde, later scoring five runs in the 11th inning and ending the series with a win.

The Pointers return to action on April 13-14 as they travel to UW-Platteville for a pair of doubleheaders.

SOFTBALL STARTS CONFERENCE PLAY ON A ROUGH NOTE

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point softball team dropped all four of their games over the weekend in their first Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference action of the season.

Stevens Point traveled to take on UW-River Falls on Friday in a two-game series.

UWSP lost a shoot-out in game one of the series, ending with a score of 9-8.

The Pointers took an early lead in the first inning with an RBI walk. UW-River Falls countered with two runs of their own in the bottom of the first.

Stevens Point took back the lead with a home run in the second by Alyssa Cooper.

The lead did not last long as River Falls hit a grand slam to take back the lead 6-4.

The Falcons held onto a tight lead, winning game one of the weekend.

Game two proved to be another close battle between the teams.

Paige Allen homered twice early in the contest, giving the Pointers the lead heading into the seventh inning.



Then the game started to fall apart for Stevens Point as the Falcons scored six consecutive runs in the last two innings, winning the game 6-4 and sweeping the series.

On Saturday, Point traveled to Menomonie to take on the UW-Stout in a two-game series.

Stout started the game with a 3-0 lead on a three-run home run in the first inning.

The Pointers only managed one run in the game, coming in the third inning off of an RBI single by Katie Uhlenbrauck.

The Blue Devils scored twice in the fifth inning to help seal their win, 5-1, in game one.

Game two proved to be a closer, but Stevens Point still fell, 6-3.

Allen and Uhlenbrauck were active at the plate, both collecting RBIs in the third inning to close the Blue Devils lead to 4-3.

The Blue Devils scored once in both the fourth and sixth innings to win and sweep the series.

The Pointers will play their first home games of the season on April 14 with a doubleheader against UW-Whitewater beginning at 2 p.m.

A Pointer is up to bat. Photo courtesy of UWSP Athletics.

RECORD SETTING PERFORMANCE
FOR JOHNSON IN ASHTON MAY INVITE

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point track team traveled to La Crosse on Saturday, April 8, for the Ashton May Invite and came away with favorable results.

The day was highlighted by Jesse Johnson setting the pole vault record for UWSP. Johnson recorded clearing the bar at 5.01 meters.

Jerry Williams finished first in the triple jump with a distance of 14.73 meters.

Mackenzie James won the long jump for the Pointers with a distance of 7.43 meters.

The men finished third overall in the invitational.

Jordan Tyjeski won the discus for the women with a distance of 43.39 meters. Her victory comes a week after she finished in the top five in the event at the Carroll Invite.

The Pointers will be back in action April 13-14 as they travel to Platteville for the Platteville Invitational.



Sports Events

Baseball

April 13,
at University of
Wisconsin-Platteville
1 p.m. & 4 p.m.

April 14,
at University of
Wisconsin-Platteville
12 p.m. & 3 p.m.

April 17,
vs. St. Norbert College
1 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Track & Field

April 13 & 14,
at Platteville Invite
TBA

Softball

April 14,
vs. University of
Wisconsin- Whitewater
2 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Women's Tennis

April 14,
vs. North Park
University
1 p.m.

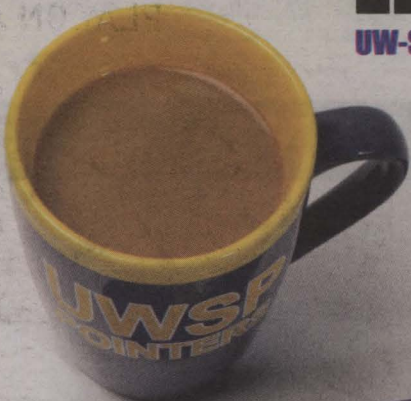


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Rugby Teams Reunite with Former Players for Alumni Game

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After a successful fall season, the men's rugby team will participate in a friendly competition with their former players at their annual alumni game.

Brady Lepak, senior and president of the men's rugby team, said that the tentative date for the game is May 6.

According to Lepak, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens

Point men's rugby team formed in the 1970s. Some of the original players on the team still return for the alumni game.

"This alumni game is a way to not only meet past players, but it's a way for a lot of the guys to network. The alumni are always interested in what our players are going for," Lepak said.

Lepak said that the alumni have always shown support for the players on the team and celebrate the team's successes. This

past season the team won their third consecutive conference title and placed third at the regional qualifier.

Though the alumni game in May is not a part of the team's competitive season, it gives them an opportunity to share stories and talk about their season with former players.

"I have gotten to see old guys leave and new guys come. It's your family away from home. They are always going to be there for you no matter what," Lepak said.

Trevin Oertel is a senior that plays both flanker and wing for the rugby team. Oertel described the alumni game as a family reunion.

"Once you are in the club, and you put in your time, it's part of you for life and you can't get away from it," Oertel said.

Like the men's team, the women's rugby team is also planning an alumni game.

Drea Sortillon, senior and a

captain for the women's rugby team, has been on the team for four years and said this is the first alumni game she will be participating in.

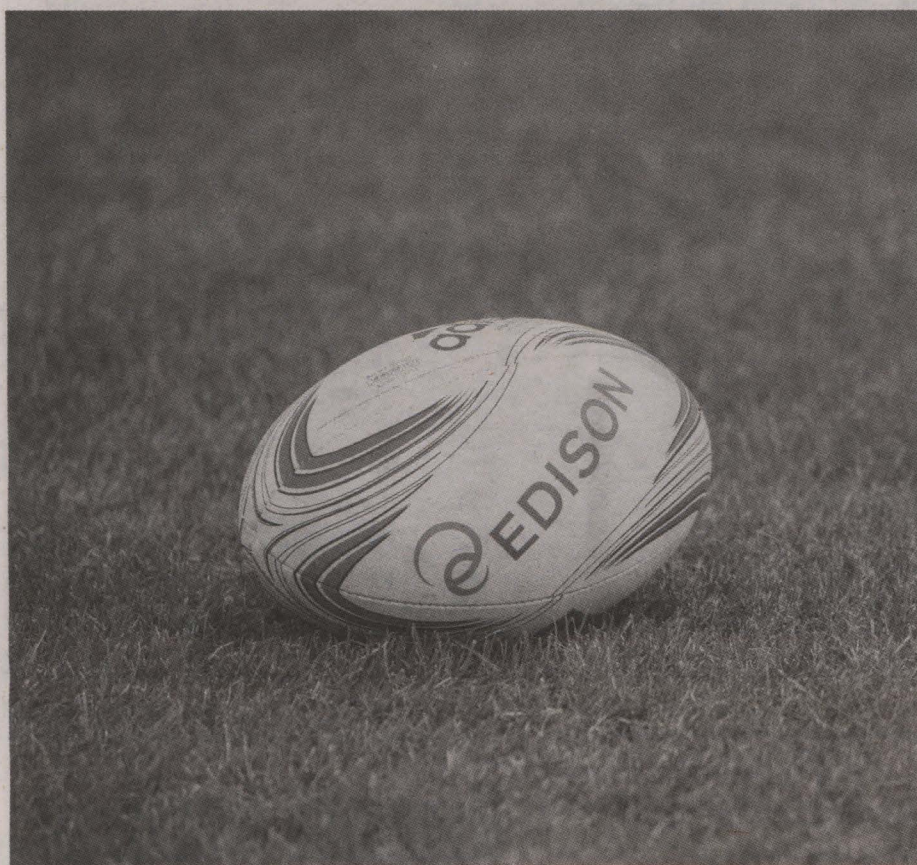
According to Sortillon, the team did not have an alumni game for the past couple of years because they had difficulty getting alumni to attend the game.

"I think it was just hard connecting with alumni and bringing them back. We have a lot of people that recently graduated and we are really close with them, so it was easier to get a group this time," Sortillon said.

The women's team also had a successful season this fall, placing third in the conference.

"I think for having a fresh roster we did great, I think we went above the bar that was set for us," Sortillon said.

The women's rugby team can also be seen competing against their alumni on May 6.



A rugby ball sits on a field. "Cus Torino-Lions Piacenza7" by Max is licensed under CC BY-NC-ND 2.0.

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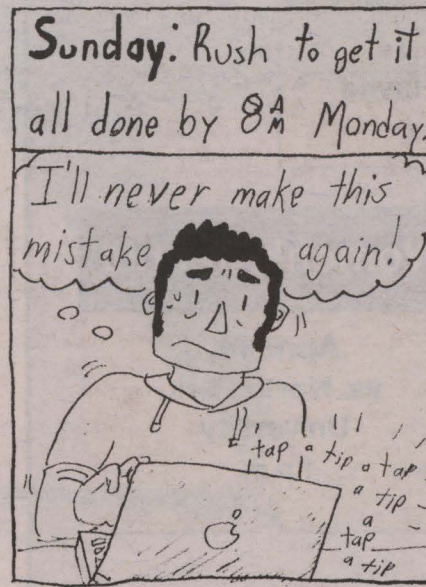
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The historically accurate set of the production, "The Miracle Worker." Photo courtesy of UW-Stevens Point University Relations and Communications

Let's Talk About Sets, Baby

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The Noel Fine Arts Center houses many pieces of art and modes to enjoy it, one being the theatres where student productions are shown each semester.

Most recently, "The Miracle Worker," allowed set designers the opportunity to research and create a historically accurate set.

Joe Klug, assistant professor of scenic design, described how the creation of a set is important to the show.

"The script is like a roadmap," Klug said. "It has all of the answers of where you're going to go and what you're going to be discovering along the way."

Sets allow the play to tell a visual story side-by-side with the actors on stage, which Klug described as involving an intense amount of research.

"It is important to be historically accurate to make it feel real. We want the performers to feel like they're in the time period, to help them discover their character," said Klug. "We look at the daily life of people during the time period and then begin the designs."

Beyond set designing, there are other vital aspects to be looked at such as the props that appear on stage.

Claire Allard, theatre design and technology major and prop master, said, "Miracle Worker was so prop heavy. The prop master was in charge of all of the dishware, the food on the plates. Some of that was actually real. We made eggs every night for each show."

Allard went on to mention the



Dogfight creates an appropriate scene that takes place during the Vietnam war. Photo by Allison Birr

research that goes into props as well. Something as simple as a teddy bear needs to be researched when working on a period play.

"In the production of Helen Keller we had to make sure everything was historically accurate," Allard said. "We couldn't even give her a teddy bear because they were not invented until Teddy Roosevelt became president."

How actors interact with props drives the plot and allows the audience to connect with what is happening on stage.

Nina Barresi, junior musical theatre major, said, "Props are really important. All the technology helps the actors get into the world of the play. While playing a cop I had to use handcuffs all the time. They were vital to the story and the point of the plot."

There is constant communication happening between actors and set designers to ensure the production is

the most accurate for the audience.

"In Miracle Worker, we asked the actress if she knew how to cross-stitch already, if not we needed to make it appear as if she did, which would change the prop," Klug said. "It is most important with food. If I have

an actor or actress who is allergic to something then obviously I can't have that on stage."

Set designs and props help to create a story. In this way, the actors in the show go hand in hand with those who create the set.

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**Danstage
Jenkins
Theatre NFAC**
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**Is Easton
Corbin
Quant
Fieldhouse**
7:30-10p.m.

**Psychology of
Sex (speaker)
DUC Theatre**
8-10p.m.

Friday
April 14,

**Danstage
Jenkins
Theatre NFAC**
7:30-9:30p.m.

**OMNOS Quintet
DUC Encore**
8-11p.m.

Saturday
April 15,

**Jaded Living with Elk Startled by
Thunder
DUC Encore**

8-10p.m.

Battle of Bands Diversifies Point's Music Scene



Members of Jaded Living. Photo provided by Pete Koconis

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This year's Battle of the Bands first place winner, Jaded Living, described by band members as "progressive rock 'n roll with hard rock and metal elements," and second place winner, Elk Startled by Thunder, a punk band will be performing their music on April 15 in the DUC Encore to showcase the best that the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has to offer.

Battle of the Bands is a yearly event where bands compete for the title of Best Band based on musicality, style, stage presence, song writing and crowd reaction.

Winners are selected by a panel of qualified judges to determine the best bands Stevens Point has to offer.

This year's judges included two staff members from 90FM. One of the winners from last year's Battle of the Bands who is a recent graduate of the music therapy program, and a worker that has attended every show.

First place winner, Jaded Living, includes Jacob Ramsey as guitarist and vocalist, Pete Koconis on bass and David Lawrence on drums.

Jaded Living started in fall 2015, however, after months of not being a band, Ramsey wrote a collection of songs while visiting his friends and family in Illinois.

While listening to music by Grateful Dead, the band name, "Jaded Living," came to Ramsey as a complete opposite.

Koconis and Lawrence joined Ramsey for makeshift practices in Ramsey's basement.

In their fifteen minute Battle of the Bands performance, the band members believe their originality, energy, confidence and crowd response was what put them above the other bands.

"The crowd response, I think, was what really won it for us," Lawrence said.

Jaded Living is a band that plays based on how they feel in the moment,

causing them to have a different sound each time they perform and leaving their audience not knowing what to expect.

"I just kind of strategically chose songs that I felt were going to be really good for the crowd," Ramsey said.

Regardless of their recent ban from Guu's On Main, their energy and intensity will be directed into the upcoming release of their EP, "Slosh," and their initiative, "Up From The Basement." The EP, predicted to come out fall 2017, is meant to showcase the diversity of the music scene in Stevens Point.

Second place winner, Elk Startled by Thunder includes Baily Sexton as guitarist and vocalist, Atticus Polansky on bass and Nathan Klink on drums and vocals.

The name, "Elk Startled by Thunder," originated from the founder spending time in a national forest and literally seeing an elk startled by thunder during a storm.

The band also has an environmental focus that is encompassed into the lyrics of their songs.

Preparing for Battle of the Bands three weeks ahead of time, members of Elk Startled By Thunder believe they placed because they did not waste any time, performing six songs in fifteen minutes.

Baily Sexton said Battle of the Bands is fun because there is typically not much crossover in the music scene of Stevens Point.

"That's really cool because you'll have people who listen to one band that might not necessarily know the other ones and they get all genres of music," Sexton said.

In the future, Elk Startled By Thunder plans to master their first album to show who they are and would like to see more mosh pits at their shows.

On April 15, attendees can expect to hear loud, messy and fun music as well as "something special" from Sexton and the rest of this year's Battle of the Bands winners.



Updated version of logo, made by Quinton Spajamas. Photo provided by ElkStartledByThunder/

Humans of Point



HANNAH TYZNIK

is a junior psychology major.

April 22 is Earth Day. Do you think students should be more aware of this? Why or why not?

I believe so because I think sustainability should be a bigger thing. I mean, I get offended when people don't recycle. I just don't think people realize, and this will sound cliché, but we only have one Earth and we don't really take to heart that we are destroying it slowly. So I think people should probably be more aware.

What are some resources on campus you use to live a greener lifestyle?

I use the recycling shoots for sure. I recycle constantly because they are so close and you don't have to take a whole load of plastic somewhere. But also, if I have a bottle on me, I'll carry it around until I find a recycling bin, which is actually really easy to do on campus. Almost every garbage area has recycling bins as well, so it's really easy. I guess I just recycle in every bin on campus!

What is something you would wish to see on campus to make it an even more green campus?

That's a hard question. I mean they try pushing compost, but I don't think it's that popular just because the idea of having a little bin of food in your dorm isn't that great. But I guess if they could make that more available not so much where you have to keep it in your dorm, like in the kitchen maybe or a shoot, then that would be easier and more people would be willing to compost maybe.



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Pride Week Set to Shine Bright and Proud

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April 10 was the start of pride week and, for some students, the start of movies, prom and much more.

On Monday night, in partnership with the Black Student Union and Centertainment, the Oscar winning movie *Moonlight* was shown to a nearly full house in the Dreyfus University Center.

Moonlight is extra special to students because there is rarely a mainstream movie featuring a protagonist who is both LGBT and a person of color, even rarer for it to win best picture at the academy awards.

Pride week is an annual series of events put on by the Gender and Sexuality Alliance. Because there are always new board members, each year has its own unique charm.

To put an emphasis on transgender issues, this year's theme of pride week is "Alec in Genderland."

This theme will focus on inform-

ing students about what being transgender means and clearing up misconceptions.

Lex Blaschke, junior international studies and communications major, is on the board of the Gender and Sexuality Alliance and is putting on Tuesday's event, Trans Tea & Cookies.

"Trans Tea & Cookies is a time for people not necessarily a part of the trans community to ask questions about what it really means to be transgender. We will also be talking about different issues facing trans students in the world today," said Blaschke.

Wednesday is Bi-ing time.

Bi-ing time is essentially a knock-off version of a singles auction. Students of all identities are able to sell their time to the highest bidder.

Kade Johanning, junior web & digital media design major, is arranging Thursday's event, pride prom.

Pride prom is a dance night that could be potentially more inclusive than what was held at some high schools.

Johanning said, "People can come of any sexuality, people can come wearing any outfit, and people can come with any date they would like."

Pride prom will include drinks, snacks and everything else to recreate the prom experience.

Friday night is the finale of the week.

Both Alan Bustamante, senior history and international studies major, and Griffin Morrison, sophomore English major, are organizing this year's pride show.

Formerly, this show was exclusively a drag show but, in the sake of inclusivity, it will be open to all talents as well as drag.

"The pride show is a great way for us all to show off our talents and to express oneself," said Morrison.

Some in the queer community find the concept of drag to be problematic.

"Drag practices are great but they often come as having drag queens and transwomen lumped together as the same thing," said Blaschke, "Not all drag performers



GSA's new logo design. Photo courtesy of GSA

are transwomen and not all transwomen dress in drag."

It's not that drag performers are being discriminatory, but the concept at large can come across as misleading to outside viewers who otherwise wouldn't be aware of the difference.

All events for this year's pride week begin at 7 p.m. in the Dreyfus University Center and students of all identities are invited.

Centertainment's Paint Night: Glassware Goodies



Supplies used for paint night in the Encore. Photo by Nomin Erdenebileg

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On Thursday night, brightly colored paint palettes and a variety of different glassware littered the tables throughout the Dreyfus University Center's Encore.

Centertainment Productions hosted Paint Night, inviting students to take some time out of their busy schedules to have some fun painting glasses.

Tess Tranel, junior music education major and travel and leisure coordinator for Centertainment, was in charge of the event. Tranel said that a wine and painting night she experienced in Milwaukee inspired the idea for the event.

"I thought the idea of painting wine glasses was a really cool

idea, but people have already taken that idea and used it before for past events," Tranel said. "I saw that someone did wine glass painting night and I thought, 'Wait, it doesn't just have to be wine glasses, it could be other forms of glassware too!'"

To make things more unique, Tranel supplied students with glassware like mason jars, little glasses and an assortment of corked bottles. She also supplied an array of colored paints and brushes for creators to paint with.

Tranel believes that painting can be therapeutic, especially with students prepping for their inevitable final exams a month and a half away.

"Being a college student is stressful," Tranel said. "I mean you're constantly around people

doing homework and school related things, so if you come here to do something that is completely not related to school, your major or what you're studying it's kind of a nice escape."

At the event there was not specified structure to what the attendees could paint like you would usually see at painting events, so painters were able to stretch their creativity to the maximum.

"It's honestly just about them doing their own thing," Tranel said. "They went in and made some pretty unique and awesome creations. I hope that by giving them the freedom to make what they want they will have more fun this way."

There were about 75 students in attendance, excitedly buzzing around their tables and talking to new people as they worked on their take home creations.

Quintien Tyra, freshman soil and land management major, said that he attended the event on a whim when his friends invited him saying they weren't going to study that night.

"At first I thought it was go-

ing to be something like stained glass, but when we got closer to the entrance I saw people with the glasses they were providing and the paint," Tyra said. "I was like, 'Oh this might actually be cool and I definitely don't really want to study right now.' I honestly just wanted to try something new."

Madeline Ahrens, freshman paper science and engineering major, also attended the event for the simple fact that she loves to paint.

"I don't think there are enough opportunities in college to be creative, financially, so programs like these are great," Ahrens said. "I think I'm going to plant a flower in my glass after I'm done with it."

With the constant struggles college students go through on a daily basis, Tranel hopes students will walk away with a fun and lasting experience.

Tranel said, "I hope these students think that coming to this event was a good use of their time, that they had fun and that they now have a cute little souvenir to take home with them."



UWSP Students having fun at paint night. Photo by Nomin Erdenebileg



International Dinner: 47 Years of Making Connections

UWSP students wearing their beautiful dresses at the International Dinner 2017. Photo courtesy of Jacob Peichuan Ji

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On Saturday, April 8, students from all over the world united to celebrate diversity at the 47th Annual International Dinner.

This year's dinner theme, "Destinations: Off the Beaten Path," was chosen to recognize that some of the most beautiful aspects of a country lie off the beaten path.

The dinner is a celebration of the diversity of students who attend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

17th Annual International Dinner booklet. Photo courtesy of Jacob Peichuan Ji

Dinner booklet. Photo courtesy of Jacob Peichuan Ji

Melanie Snyder, junior English major and dinner attendant, said, "There was a real feeling of connection and movement in everything that evening. It felt impossible to simply be a spectator and not also be actively engaged in what was being offered."

The sold-out dinner served 342 people and featured student performances, a silent auction and a fashion show.

Michelle Wilde, senior psychology major and president of International Club, said that International Dinner helps to represent students from diverse backgrounds by allowing them to represent themselves and



Beautiful table setting of the 17th Annual International Dinner. Photo courtesy of Jacob Peichuan Ji

their countries.

The dinner opened with the traditional flag ceremony, which gives students the opportunity to carry the flag of their country on stage and wave it in unison with the other flags. This year's ceremony featured the flags of 35 countries.

Laura Campo, sophomore sociology major and outreach coordinator for International Club, organized this year's flag ceremony to the beat of Pitbull's "We are One."

Campo said the flag ceremony is imperative because, "It's important to represent those students that we have because then they feel that they are accepted."

This year's dinner was unique because it was the last dinner for two of the club's long-standing advisors, Marcia Mace and Remya Sarma-Traynor.

In honor of their commitment to inclusivity and the success of the club, Chancellor Bernie Patterson lauded their efforts in his address to the audience.

The menu represented a broad spectrum of foods from places all over the world such as Spain, Korea, Puerto Rico,

Brazil, Vietnam and Mumbai.

Ketevan Shonia, junior pre-occupational therapy major and cross-organizational event coordinator for International Club, co-chaired the foods committee.

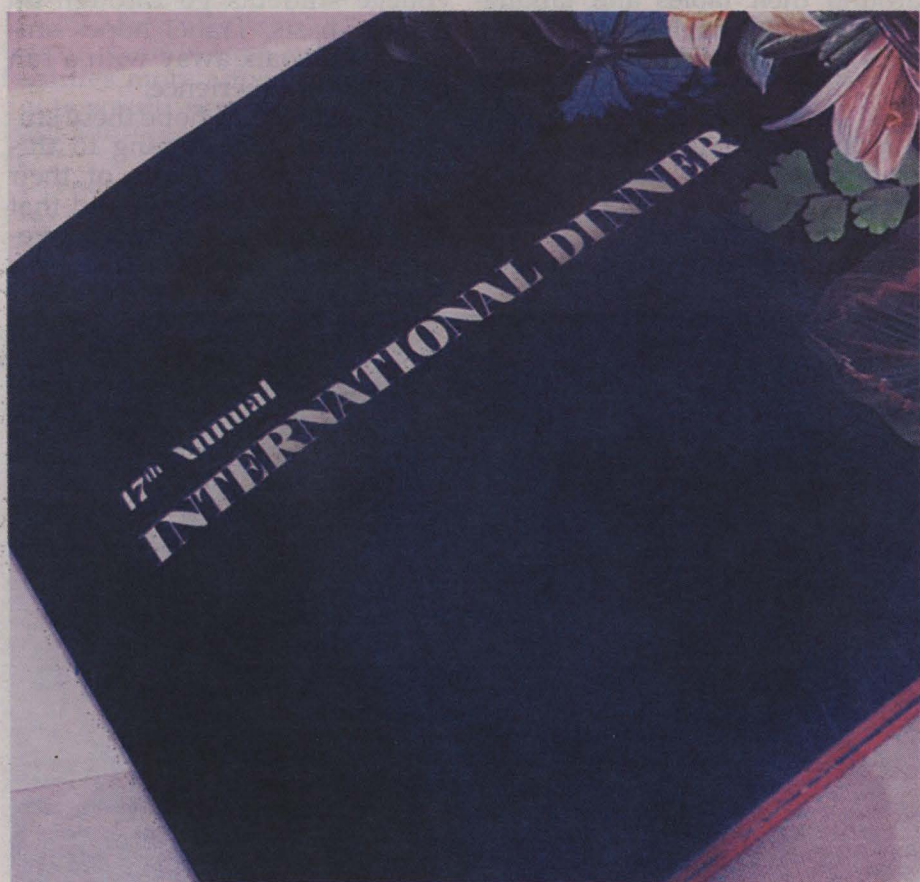
The crowd favorite of the night was a drink called the Brazilian Vitamina, which consisted of ripe avocados blended with milk and sugar.

Other foods included traditional Spanish cold soup called Gazpacho and a dessert enjoyed across South America, Arroz Con Leche.

After the dinner, students performed traditional and modern songs, dances and skits.

The performance portion was concluded with an energetic dance put on by the officers of International Club and choreographed by Apoorva Sarmal, the vice president.

"It's a very nerve-wracking and high-stress experience but my favorite part is when the I-dinner actually happens and watching everything actually unravel," Shonia said. "At the very end you really feel part of the team and part of the community."



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