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## Ecosia Vies to Be New Search Engine On Campus

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The Informational Technology Council has voted to install Ecosia as the default search engine on campus computer labs. The search engine would be installed on Microsoft Edge in campus computer labs at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

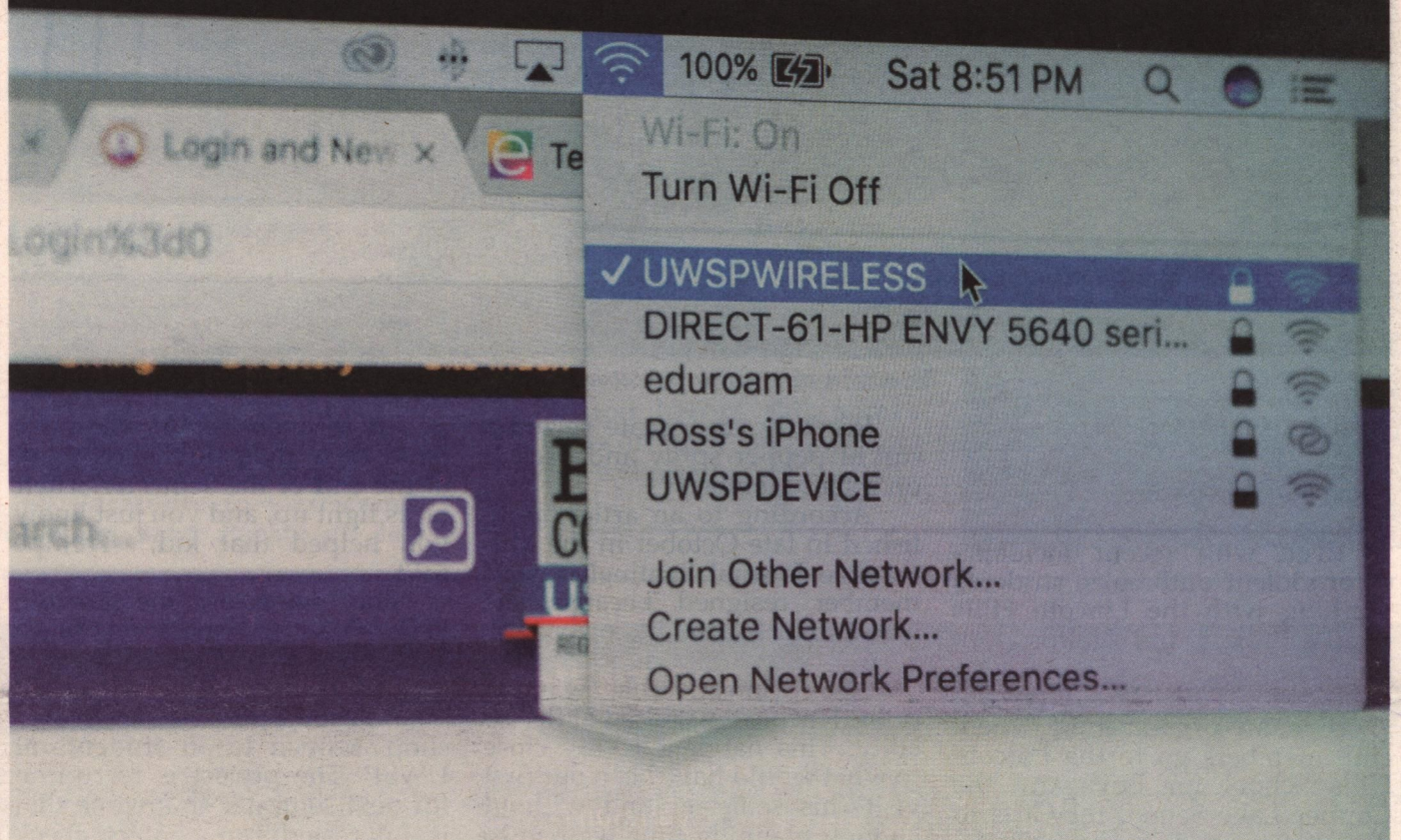
The 2017-2018 chair of the Informational Technology Council is Eric Simkins, who has been a member of ITC for three years.

The recommendation was introduced to the council in February 2016 by Dave Barber and Justin Seis from the Office of Sustainability. They believed that Ecosia's principles align with UWSP's sustainability goals and initiatives.

Ecosia is a search engine that plants trees with its ad revenue. Currently, there are over 7 million active users. Ecosia publishes monthly financial reports and tree planting receipts to improve transparency with users. They currently have six planting sites.

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## New Annual Cyber Security Training Mandatory for University Employees



UW System employees are required to take a course for cyber security training. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

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This year is the first installment of mandatory annual cyber security training for all faculty and staff at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

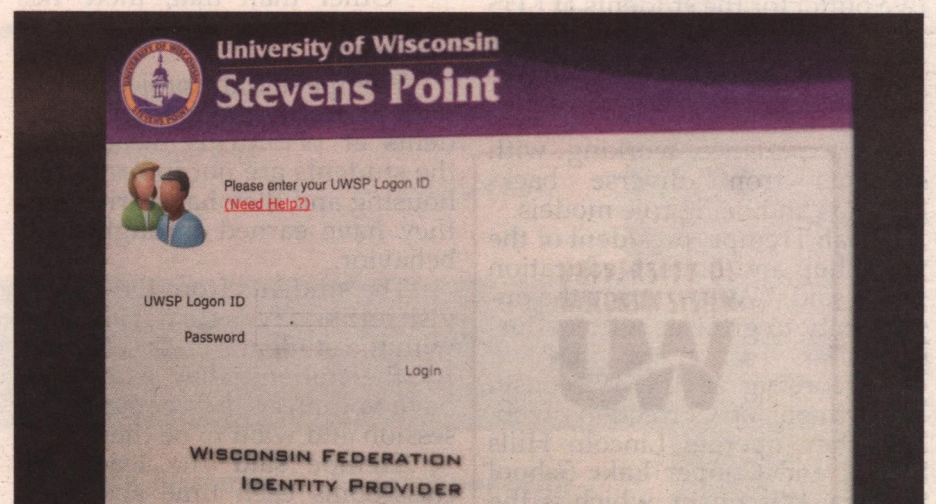
The Cyber Security Training became mandatory on July 21, 2017, when UW-System Administrative Policy 1032 was revised.

The trainings are intended to protect the security of UWSP's database by educating faculty, staff and student employees.

Chad Johnson, information security officer and associate lecturer, is heading up the training with two student staff working underneath him.

"The weakest link is the human element," Johnson said. "It's only going to be effective if everyone participated in it. If everyone has a key to a door, it only takes one person to lose their key and the whole system is compromised."

Johnson hopes people finish the training with an understanding that the information they possess is valuable to



All UW System employees are required to take a course in cyber security training. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

someone somewhere and that all it takes is for one person to be compromised for someone to have access to the entire university system.

Students who are not employed by the university possess much of the same access as those who are, but they are not being targeted with training, Johnson explained, because it would be an enormous operation to undertake.

The cybersecurity training is already going out to 2,000

faculty, staff and student employees.

Students, instead, are being targeted instead with traditional security awareness measures: hanging up posters around campus and sending out modules.

Johnson explained, "There is a proven, direct correlation between information security awareness and security in general."

The training is conducted through the Lawroom System,

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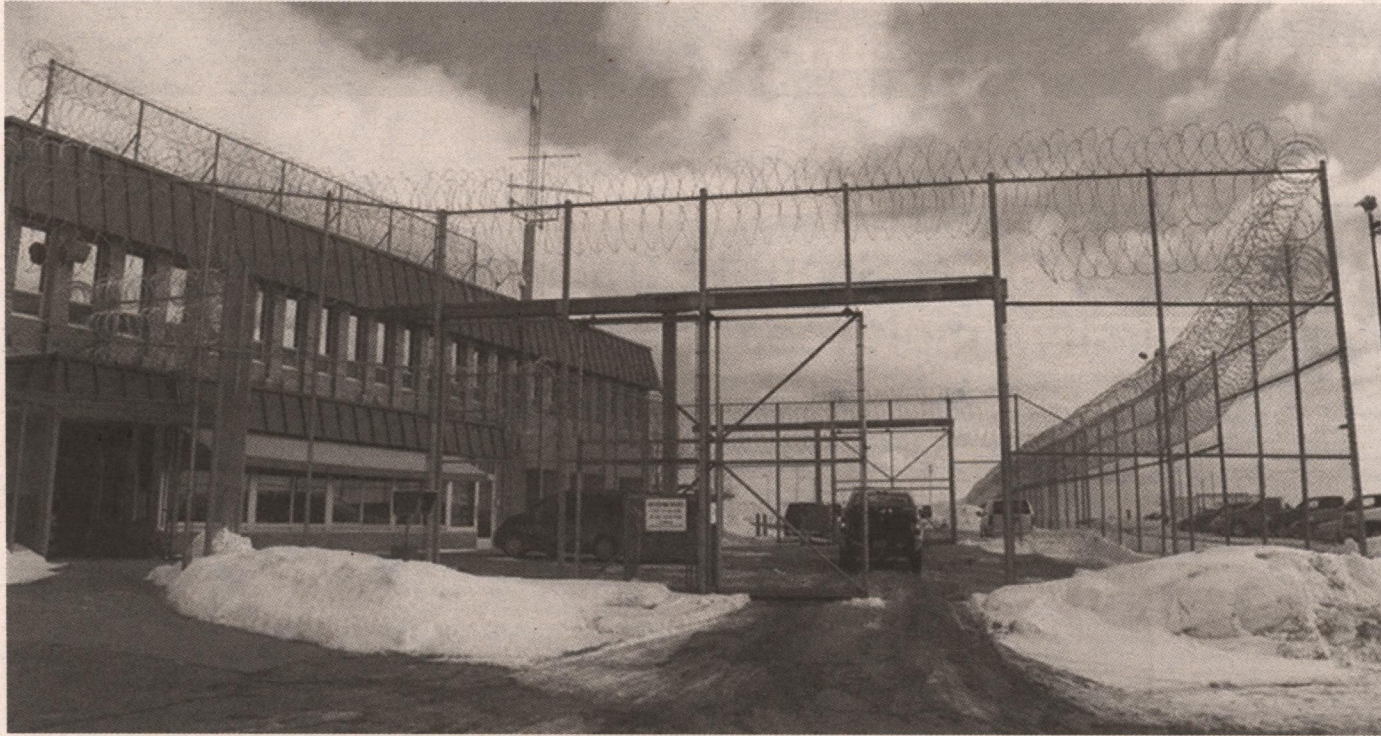
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# Violent Outbreaks Don't Scare These Student Poets From Their Mission



The entrance of the Lincoln Hills School in Irma, Wisconsin. Photo by Dan Young of Daily Herald Media.

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Even with recent incidences of violent outbreaks, students working with the Lincoln Hills Poetry Project don't falter from their mission.

Lincoln Hills Poetry Workshop is an organization where club members go to the Lincoln Hills School for Boys and the Copper Lake School for Girls to do poetry workshops with the students there. It serves as a positive outlet for the students at LHS and CLS and gives them a voice in a world where they aren't often heard.

For UWSP students, it provides experience working with students from diverse backgrounds and being role models.

Leah Trempe, president of the workshop and English education major said, "We also have the opportunity to grow as writers ourselves."

According to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections website, they operate Lincoln Hills School and Copper Lake School in Irma, Wisconsin, which is the state's type one secure juvenile correctional facility for male and female youth in DOC custody.

Recently, an inmate seized a can of pepper spray and used it on a staff member.

According to an article published in late October in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, a staff member resigned because she was in fear for her life on a daily basis.

"Our primary contact was one of the teachers assaulted at the facility. This happened very close to what would have been our first visit this semester and without enough planning time we had to cancel our trip," Trempe said.

"Other than that, there has been no repercussions on our mission."

Trempe said the project works with primarily the top tier of students at LHS. This means that the students are not in restrictive housing and they have privileges they have earned through good behavior.

The students from the project visit on Sundays as to not interfere with the student's class schedule. All the students they work with have volunteered to come to the session and want to be there.

Trempe said she leads the classrooms each time she goes, and her favorite part is when students there actually see the potential that they have.

"It is even better when we hand them their published work at the end of the semester. Their faces light up, and you just know you helped that kid," Trempe said.

This semester, the Lincoln Hills Poetry Workshop project has helped over 65 students at the facility.

Lincoln Hills Poetry Workshop is open to all students at UWSP. The project is recruiting for next semester so anyone that is interested can contact check them out at the involvement fair on January 31.

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**Trump Card**

**Tweet of the Week**

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · Nov 27  
We should have a contest as to which of the Networks, plus CNN and not including Fox, is the most dishonest, corrupt and/or distorted in its political coverage of your favorite President (me). They are all bad. Winner to receive the FAKE NEWS TROPHY!

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### Big Tax Cuts and Bigger Deficit

Republicans hope that the tax cuts will bolster the growth of the economy without adding to the \$20 trillion dollar deficit. Republicans claim the bill will pay for itself but outside analysts expect the assessment to demonstrate that the senate bill does not create nearly enough growth to generate revenues to offset those lost via tax cuts.

### Michael Flynn Pleads Guilty to Lying to the FBI

President Trump's former national security adviser, Michael Flynn, plead guilty to lying to the FBI about conversations with the Russian ambassador in December of 2016. This news undercuts claims Trump made in January that his aids were not fully aware of Mr. Flynn's discussion with Russians about sanctions. Flynn's plea deal says multiple members of the team coordinated the specifics of Flynn's outreach to Russia.

### "The Failing New York Times"

President Trump seemingly frustrated with the New York Times's coverage of the Republican tax bill, tweeting on Nov. 30, "The Failing @nytimes, the pipe organ for the Democrat Party, has become a virtual lobbyist for them with regard to our massive Tax Cut Bill. They are wrong so often that now I know we have a winner!"





## Come January, Local Kmart Closes Its Doors for Good

Kmart, located on 111 Division Street, makes it a convenient location for students on campus. However, the store will be closing. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

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Located at 111 Division Street, Stevens Point, the local Kmart is scheduled to shut its doors for good by the end of January 2018.

Kmart has been known for their low prices and nationwide accessibility for decades. However, as more superstores begin to popularize, Kmart is plummeting and Stevens Point is seeing the effects.

According to the press release from Nov. 2, 2017, the Stevens Point Kmart location was the only Wisconsin operation to make the closing list. In addition, 63 other Sears Holding Corp locations are scheduled to close by the end of January, including 43 Kmarts and 18 Sears.

The closing of the local Kmart is estimated to leave many people jobless. Because of this, the Department of Workforce Development is working diligently to provide the former employees with information and workshops in preparation for their future employment.

It is unknown if the employees will be given severance, or if any other benefits will be given to those affected.

According to the press release, the corporation plans to evolve by closing unprofitable stores in order for their business model to meet member needs.

It is estimated that the store has yet to gain a profit in the last seven years and stock in the store has plummeted by 40 percent.

To add to an already poor fiscal situation, a press release done on Nov. 30, 2017, on the Sears Holding Reports for the 2017 third quarter enumerated a 15.3



Kmart will be closing its doors. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

percent decline in total comparable store sales, Kmart's sales decreasing 13 percent while Sears' declined 17 percent.

However, while the corporation seems to be weeding out the weaklings, they have since opened two new Appliances and Mattress Stores in Hawaii and Pennsylvania.

During this extensive and multiple year processes, the cor-

poration has also seen a change in their Board of Directors. The decision was announced October 16, 2017, that Bruce Berkowitz was stepping down from his position. He was on the board for less than a year and a half.

Another press release titled "Sears Holdings Announces Change to Board of Directors" which was made by the corporation quoted Berkowitz as saying,

"I wish the company and its associates all the best as Sears Holdings continues to execute on its strategic priorities."

While nearing its closing date, the local Stevens Point Kmart store began liquidation sales ranging from 15-40 percent off their products.

It is unknown what will replace the store, which is in the hands of the building owners.



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which is separate from the University System, so employees were uploaded manually.

Some student employees have yet to be uploaded, but the second round of Cyber Security training will be sent out soon to them, Johnson said.

High turn-over with student employees is the primary benefit Johnson sees from annual training.

Currently the training takes 60 to 90 minutes, but Johnson hopes to modify the training in succeeding years to take ideally

20 to 30 minutes, and conclude with a quiz to test understanding. People who do not pass the quiz would then go on to take further training or attend in person training.

Johnson said, "I can assure you that we wouldn't be im-

posing this on faculty staff and students, and I wouldn't be voluntarily doing it and taking up a great deal of my time, if it weren't that important."

## Counseling Center Sees Spike in Need For Services Which Causes Waitlist

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The University Counseling Center has seen the necessity for counseling rise which is causing a waitlist to grow longer.

Dr. Stacy Gerken, Director of the UW-Stevens Point Counseling and Testing Center, said the reason for the waitlist is a constant tension between quality and quantity.

"We want to reach as many students as we can, but we want to give each of them quality therapy," Gerken said. "Counseling is a limited resource."

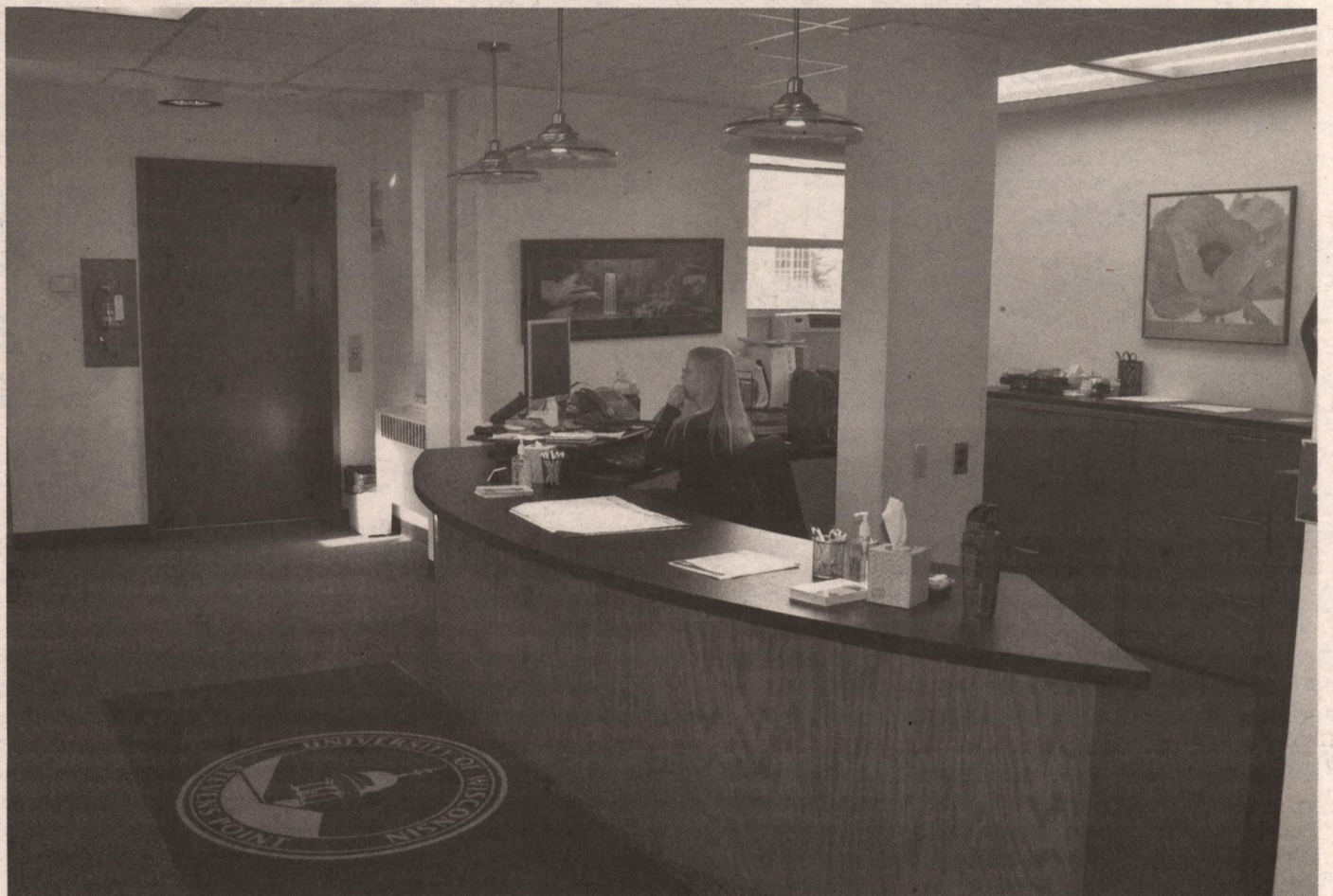
Gerken also said that nationally there has been a rise in the need for counseling in students. In an article published for Psychology Today, 70 percent of counseling centers believe that the number of students with severe psychological problems on their campus has increased in the past year.

The American Freshman annual survey from 2012 found the fewest numbers of freshmen describing themselves as emotionally healthy.

"The most common reason or need for counseling used to be depression. But increasingly it's now anxiety," Gerken said.

In the past five years, enrollment statewide has gone down but that hasn't affected the number of students needing counseling.

"Even with the drop in annual enrollment we have seen



Counseling center located on the 3rd floor in Delzel. Photos by Nomin Erdenebileg

a huge spike in visits from students," Gerken said. "We have already seen 30 more people than last year and overall have had 174 more individual sessions than last year."

Given the rise in need and to ensure that quality therapy is given to students, a waitlist has begun to grow for students looking to schedule appointments.

"The waitlist depends most-

ly on student availability. The less time they have available, the longer they may be on the list," Gerken said.

"What kills us the most is when students decide not to show up and don't call us. So, we have an hour we could be seeing someone, wasted."

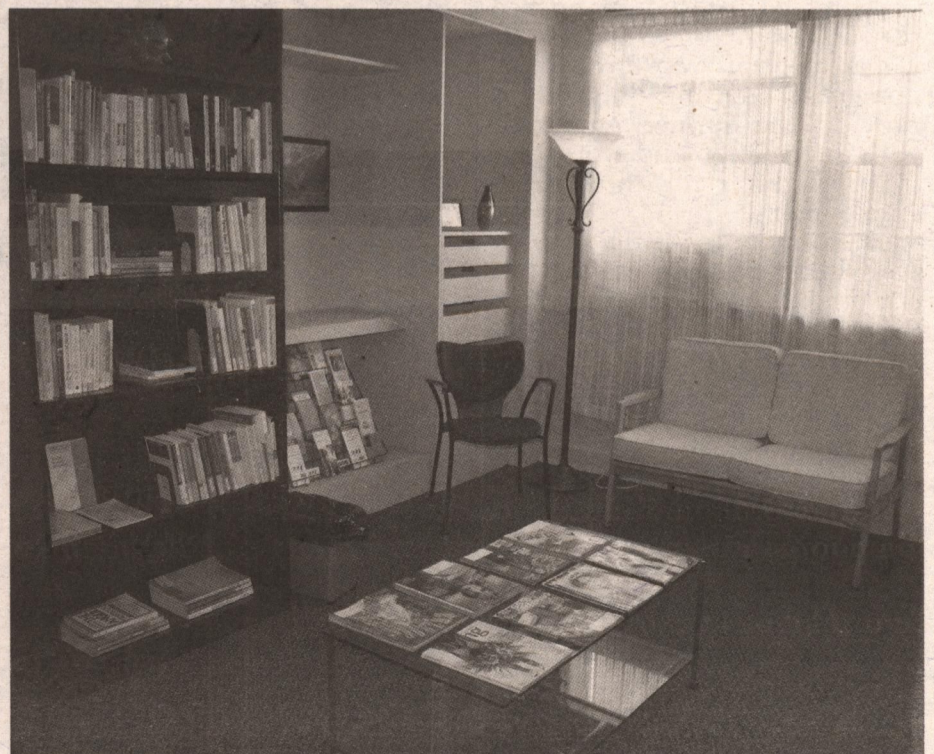
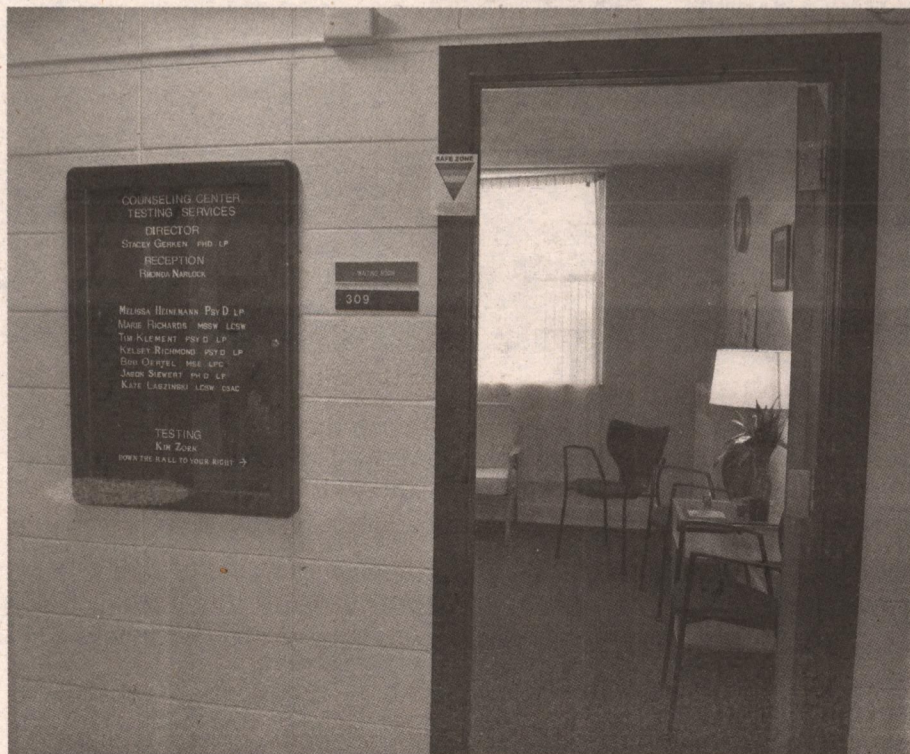
Gerken said that as soon as someone moves off the waitlist another gets put on it, so the wait-

list is ever changing and existing.

If students need counseling, they get 20 visits for free in their academic careers.

"That is not a hard and fast rule either, counseling services will do the best they can to help students," Gerken said.

"It's free and confidential and students get email reminders to alert them of upcoming appointments."





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Simkins said ITC voted on the recommendation on Nov. 3 and the motion passed 10-0-0.

"Ecosia runs on Bing, which is Microsoft's search platform, and Edge runs on Microsoft, so there would be no change in the quality of results in the background which was one of the primary reasons," said Simkins.

"If it were to be put in Chrome or Firefox, then custom

coding would have to be done and that would require work time from IT Department."

Justin Seis, speciality projects coordinator for the Office of Sustainability, is an ambassador for Ecosia. He said that when a fellow ambassador was able to implement the search engine on their college campus, he was inspired to try to do the same.

Seis said, "The Office of

Sustainability sends out an annual Sustainability Literacy Assessment to all students which gauges the knowledge of students regarding sustainability issues and where the interests of students lie. For the last two years, the Sustainability Literacy Assessment asked if students would like to see Ecosia on campus computers and the results were favorable."

Simkins said that there were still some concerns regarding the quality of results that Ecosia could produce compared to Google. If the recommendation passes Common Council, the changes cannot occur until January at the earliest said Simkins.

Now that the recommendation has passed ITC, Common Council will vote on it on Dec. 6.

## Sulfide Mines No Longer Have to "Prove it First" in Wisconsin

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Last month, the Wisconsin Legislature repealed what was known as the "Prove it First" law, a law which has put a freeze on sulfide mining in the state since 1998.

Under the "Prove it First" law, the Department of Natural Resources could only grant sulfide mining permits to companies which had operated for 10 and then closed for 10 years without polluting ground or surface water with acid drainage or heavy metals. This law essentially created a sulfide mining moratorium in the state, since no companies were able to prove they met this requirement.

The repeal of this law, opens Wisconsin to the possibility of Sulfide Mining for the first time in nearly two decades. Support-

ers of the repeal, feel that the mining moratorium posed an un-necessarily stringent regulatory standard and hope that relaxed mining regulations will bring more mining jobs into the state.

With the lifted moratorium, sulfide mining could come to central Wisconsin.

Marathon County contains the Reef Deposit, one of the four metallic mineral deposits that the DNR lists in Wisconsin. However, local politicians are wary of the prospect. Marathon County board has investigated the possibility of creating a local mining ordinance to offer the county additional protection given the possibility of a mine at the Reef Deposit.

Earlier this fall, a group of mayors from three central Wisconsin communities, including Mike Wiza, mayor of Stevens Point, published a letter in opposition to the bill. They said

the bill, "will have devastating impacts on communities in our state, polluting local waterways and soil that support tourism, agriculture, and jobs in our communities."

Many environmental groups have voiced the same concern, that sulfide mining will pollute water.

Ron Crunkilton, fisheries and water resources professor, said that sulfide mining can contaminate water by creating sulfuric acid, which occurs when sulfur in the mine tailings is exposed to oxygen and water. Although any mining can cause pollution, sulfide mining is particularly risky because large amounts of sulfide ore must be crushed to obtain the desired minerals, usually gold, silver, copper or zinc, contained within the rock. Since the percent recovery of these minerals can be very low, the process can gener-

ate large amounts of waste.

Crunkilton said that if sulfuric acid reaches streams, the water can in some cases become so acidified that it is uninhabitable for fish. Furthermore, this acidification continues as long as the sulfur remains exposed to air and water, creating impacts that can last for decades and longer.

Crunkilton, said what is more concerning is that the sulfuric acid can dissolve metals normally tied up in rock, allowing them to move with water into lakes, streams and the ground. These can include heavy metals which create a human health hazard when they reach the groundwater.

"Once it's in the ground it can be there for really generations... it's not really something you can restore after you have ruined a resource," Crunkilton said.

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# Look Into Sports

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## MEN'S HOCKEY FINISHES WEEKEND WITH TIE AND WIN

The Pointer's finished a second straight weekend with a 1-0-1 record by claiming a road victory over UW-River Falls 6-1 on Friday, Dec. 1, and tying at home against UW-Superior 2-2 on Saturday, Dec. 2.

In the win over UW-River Falls, UWSP scored six unanswered goals to walk away with the win.

Steven Quagliata, Brennen Miller, Baxter Kanter, Colin Raver, Willem Nong-Lambert and Carter Roo each scored to help rout UW-Superior.

Senior goalie Max Milosek picked up the win for the Pointers and recorded 18 saves.

Coming back home to host UW-Superior, Stevens Point fell behind early but rallied back to tie the game in the final minutes. In overtime neither team succeeded in scoring as the game ended.

Raver and Tanner Karty each netted a goal to force the tie.

Milosek recorded 19 saves to bring his weekend total to 37.

UWSP men's hockey returns to the ice at home when it hosts Concordia University on Friday, Dec. 8. Game time is set for 7 p.m. and the night will feature a teddy bear toss for fans.

### Current Standings

<b>UW-Stout</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>5-6-1</b>
<i>UW-Stevens Point</i>	<i>1-0-1</i>	<i>1-3-2</i>
<b>UW-Eau Claire</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>8-4</b>
<b>UW-Superior</b>	<b>0-1-1</b>	<b>3-7-2</b>
<b>UW-River Falls</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>3-7-1</b>

## MEN'S BASKETBALL USES STRONG FIRST HALF TO GRAB ROAD WIN

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team defeated UW-Superior on the road 70-57 on Saturday, Dec. 2, after a 43-point first half propelled the team to its second victory of the season.

After coming off the bench in the previous game, senior guard MJ Delmore was back in the starting lineup for the first time this season and contributed 13 points.

Junior Nate Dodge caught

fire and scored 27 points to lead the Stevens Point in the category.

Junior Mark Nelson lead the Pointers in assists with four.

UWSP's 20-point halftime lead proved to be too much for the Yellowjackets to overcome as Superior went on a late game 19-6 run to draw within 13 points but ran out of time.

The Pointers return home to host Hope College on Saturday, Dec. 8. Tip-off is set for 3 p.m.

### Current Standings

<b>UW-Whitewater</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>6-0</b>
<b>UW-Oshkosh</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>UW-Platteville</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>6-1</b>
<b>UW-River Falls</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>6-1</b>
<b>UW-La Crosse</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>5-1</b>
<b>UW-Eau Claire</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>4-3</b>
<b>UW-Stout</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>4-3</b>
<i>UW-Stevens Point</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>2-2</i>

## MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING TAKES FIRST AT WHEATON INVITE

Records fell as the men's team took home first place with a score of 1141.5, while the women took home fourth place with a score of 528.5 as both teams competed in the Wheaton Invitational in Wheaton, IL., over the weekend.

Jack Englehardt (50-yard freestyle, 20.22) set a pool record for the Pointers and set an NCAA selection time, while fellow teammate Reilly Donnellan finished second and set an NCAA selection time with final time of 20.47.

Sam Jekel, Donnellan, Brandon Richardson and Englehardt combined to form a 200-yard medley relay team that broke its own record and tied

a pool record with a time of 1:29.71. The time set an NCAA selection time.

Grant Moser, Englehardt, Donnellan and Jekel won the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:01.06, breaking another pool record and producing an NCAA consideration time.

For the women, Anna O'Malley gathered a second-place finish with a time of 58.33 in the 100-yard butterfly.

Both teams will hit the road to take on UW-Oshkosh on Friday, Dec. 8. Events are set to begin at 5 p.m.

## WRESTLING STRUGGLES IN LA CROSSE DUALS

UWSP wrestling took one of three matches over the weekend, defeating Concordia College, then falling to Wartburg college and Loras college on Saturday, Dec. 2, in La Crosse to drop its record to 2-4 overall.

Jordan Weinzetl, Cody Nielsen and Dylan Diebitz each recorded falls in their matches to help propel Stevens Point over Concordia 31-12

Against Wartburg, Dan Squires and Diebitz picked up falls as the Pointers dropped round two 39-16.

In the final round of the day, the Pointers were defeated 26-15 by Loras. Ben Vosters recorded the lone fall for UWSP.

Stevens Point heads back on the road to take on UW-Platteville on Thursday, Dec. 7. Matches are set to begin at 7 p.m.

### Current Standings

<b>UW-Whitewater</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>5-1</b>
<b>UW-La Crosse</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>3-1</b>
<b>UW-Eau Claire</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>2-1</b>
<i>UW-Stevens Point</i>	<i>1-1</i>	<i>2-4</i>
<b>UW-Platteville</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-2</b>
<b>UW-Oshkosh</b>	<b>0-3</b>	<b>0-3</b>

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS TO RANKED ST. THOMAS AT HOME

The UWSP women's basketball team ended the week with a .500 overall record as it fell to the University of St. Thomas 78-54 on Friday, Dec. 1, at the Berg Gym.

Senior guard Lexi Roland led the Pointers in scoring with 13 points.

Senior guard Mickey Roland led the team with five rebounds, while fellow freshman guard Brooke Geier led the team in steals with four.

Stevens Point was outscored in each quarter and failed to overcome the Tommie's deep scoring runs.

The women's basketball team will look to avenge the loss as it travels to take on North Central College in Naperville, IL., on Monday, Dec. 11. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.



## Student-Athlete Profile: Bailey Wolf



**What does cross country mean to you?**

Cross country is probably one of the greatest things that I've been able to do and accomplish in my life and it's provided me with so many different friendships and opportunities to travel and meet people.

**What does it mean to be a Pointer?**

To be a Pointer, I think just the comradery of the team and the atmosphere, not only of the cross country and track team alone, but the entire athletic department.

**Where do you see yourself after your sports career is over?**

I see myself being successful in whatever I do, and I think that transfers over from being in sports and learning how to be competitive, compete with other people and meet other people.

**What is your favorite class on campus?**

My favorite class was my religion class that I took.

**What is one destination you would like to travel to?**

Europe, just anywhere in Europe.

**Favorite Restaurant?**

Chick-Fil-A

**Favorite Food?**

Ice Cream

**Favorite Color?**

Purple

As a Sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Bailey Wolf represented UWSP at the cross country Division III National Championships in Elsau, IL. Wolf was named second team all-conference by the WIAC and received All-Region honors as well. She will be competing on the varsity track and field team starting in January for Point. Wolf is from Oconto Falls and graduated from Oconto Falls High School. The underclassman is a mortuary science major at UWSP.

## Sports Events

**Men's Basketball**

Dec. 9,  
vs. Hope College  
3 p.m.

**Swimming & Diving**

Dec. 8,  
at UW-Oshkosh  
5 p.m.

**Wrestling**

Dec. 7,  
at UW-Platteville  
7 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**

Dec. 8,  
at Saint Mary's  
University  
7 p.m.

**Men's Hockey**

Dec. 8,  
vs. Concordia University  
7 p.m.

**Women's Basketball**

Dec. 11,  
at North Central College  
6 p.m.

Dec. 9,  
at Augsburg University  
2 p.m.





## Iceland Discontinued from European Environmental Studies Seminar

Tourists view multiple water falls. Photo courtesy of Vanessa Komada.

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The European Environmental Studies Seminar will be cutting Iceland out of their program next year.

As an alternative course for the required Treehaven summer camp for College of Natural Resource students, the European Environmental Seminar is divided into equal amounts of learning time between selected international countries.

As noted on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point international programs website, this course gives students the opportunity to learn how several European countries manage their natural resources in comparison to the United States.

These include studies on practices in wildlife management, agroforestry and renewable energy.

The trip highlights consist of exploring the unique ecology of the Pieniny and Tatra National Parks in Poland, observing examples of intensive and multiple land use in the Black Forest in Germany and, until this year in Iceland, experiencing the Westman Islands and glacial landscapes.

Tim Ginnett, the CNR Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, said cutting Iceland was a financial decision.

"The cost of the Iceland trip is exploding. Because Iceland has become a popular tourist destination, hotel prices are up, food prices are up, transportation prices are up, everything is going up. The program last year sustained a loss because of the

cost of the Iceland part of the trip," Ginnett said.

In addition to this, he said it was not meeting the same academic level as Poland and Germany.

Vanessa Komada, junior ecosystem restoration major, attended the seminar last year.

"I'd be ok with it going either way," Komada said. "Iceland is so different from every other country... It was fascinating, but if your trying to compare it to a program like Treehaven, I felt like doing more field work

in that country would have been more beneficial. That's what I think they were lacking in Iceland, more of the field work."

Komada said that tourists outnumber the population of the country.

As Iceland is building infrastructure to support the growing numbers of tourists, both the infrastructure and the tourists themselves are having a negative impact on the environment.

While the building of infrastructure itself is at odds with the environment, individuals

create a negative impact when they go off-trail in restricted preservation areas.

Though Iceland offered a unique landscape, Poland and Germany still hold large focal points for students in the program.

The Black Forest in Germany, one of the most beautiful locations in the country, and Polish national parks offer plenty of opportunities for hands on experience such as soil and water sampling.



A scenic overlook of Iceland. Photo courtesy of Vanessa Komada.



# Pipeline Spills 210,000 Gallons of Oil

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An estimated 210,000 gallons of oil spilled from Keystone pipeline on agricultural land near Amherst, South Dakota last month. The pipeline is owned by the Canadian company TransCanada.

TransCanada reported that 44,730 gallons of oil have since been recovered in clean-up efforts and the pipeline resumed operations at the end of November. The company said that there have been no water issues thus far.

Cassie Steiner, PR and Outreach Associate for the John Muir chapter of the Sierra Club said that the spill, "represents the concerns that we have with the pipelines. No matter the safety measures that the companies state they can put on these pipelines, they are still at risk to spill. And the spill in South Dakota is just another example of why these pipelines are dangerous to put in the ground and why we are looking at other alternatives including electrifying vehicles and clean energy as solutions to our future that are much less risky."

The week following the spill, Nebraskan regulators approved an alternate route for construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, another TransCanada project.

The Keystone XL's approval came after years of controversy. The project was rejected by former president Obama in 2015,



Construction of a pipeline. Photo courtesy of NPCA Online

who said that approving another pipeline would not align with the United States commitment to addressing climate change. However, this decision was rescinded in 2017 by President Trump who approved the project and praised the pipeline as, "the greatest technology known to man or woman."

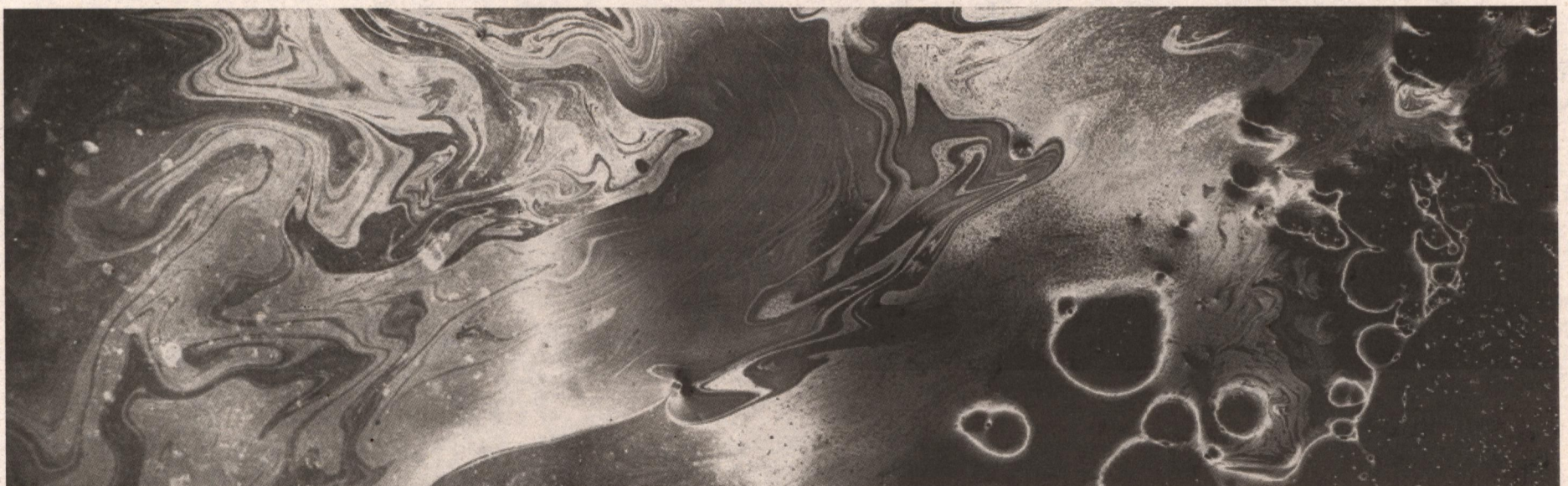
Supporters of Keystone XL point to the economic stimulus provided by the estimated 42,100 jobs the pipeline would support during the one to two

years of construction. However, the pipeline would only create 50 jobs which would last during operation.

Although the approval seems like a blow for environmentalist groups, many are very optimistic about Nebraska's decision, because the route approved for Keystone XL was not the preferred one proposed by TransCanada.

Steiner said that the rejection of the preferred route acts as a major set-back for TransCanada,

she said that this means more permitting that they will have to go through. "It actually sets them back several years and with this project being delayed and delayed the cost has gone up for it and the longer it is delayed the more expensive this project becomes. As clean energy becomes more affordable the less this project makes sense," Steiner said.



Oil wasted on the ocean. Photo courtesy of Flickr.

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## Food Review: Shaw's Jamaican Kitchen

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Last weekend, a friend and I visited Shaw's Jamaican Kitchen to see what kind of grub this place is serving up. Located walking distance from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point just off of Stanley Street, we experienced both good and bad in the little cozy atmosphere.

We arrived and were greeted by a woman that appeared to be the only staff member in the restaurant. There was no music, nor sound coming from a TV set to the Disney Channel. We placed our order and sat down at a booth among the plastic flowers placed at every table.

The tables themselves were comfortable, though nothing

fancy. There were a few high tables, a few low and a few booths. The whole restaurant appeared clean, though the table was sticky. Colors of the Jamaican flag, yellow, green and black covered the walls. It was cozy.

Our food came out fast. Immediately impressed, I was just as quickly deflated when I realized that the food was cooked in advance and later reheated. This was confirmed when my friend grumbled about a part of her jerk chicken still being cold. I had ordered the curried goat. Both plates had the same side, and both had pooling grease on the bottom of the plates.

The goat was falling off the bone. I would have had no qualms with it if I didn't have to spit out small bits of bone. The chicken was good. It was

served with a hot BBQ sauce that was less than impressive. With the simplicity of making sauces from scratch, I always wonder why restaurants opt out for Costco brands or the equivalent.

Sometime during the meal we were greeted with the stench of burning oil. Shortly after, the sizzle of food cooking in a fryer sounded from the back of the kitchen. A rule about cooking with oil states that when it starts to smell bad, it is time to be replaced. I was surprised at how much I could have told the cook from my observations from the dining area, but I chose to stay quiet.

The sides were just as much a mixed bag. One was cabbage with carrots and bell peppers, good but neutral. It was not spiced or flavored in any particular way, just a basic staple.

The red beans and rice were not good. As is often the case with rice, the cook did not salt the rice water. This creates rice as exciting as boiled cabbage.

Apart from the main dishes, we also shared a soda called Ting. It was, as my companion stated, just a soda. To me, it tasted like ginger ale with lime. Everything together cost 30 dollars (for two people), not including gratuity. In my opinion, the quality was on par for five dollars per plate.

Overall, it was too expensive, had no choices of sides, and was cooked in advance. On the bright side, it came out fast, the servings were large, and the atmosphere was cozy. Looking down at the plate after I finished eating, I realized it was comfort food.

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## Humans of Point

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#### What is your favorite movie genre?

My favorite genre is probably thriller because it keeps you on your toes and requires your full attention.

#### What are some of your all time favorite movies?

I'm a big fan of Quentin Tarantino, so Reservoir Dogs is probably my favorite. I love how he uses satirical subject matter and disrupted narrative techniques that somehow come into full circle at the end of the film. Another favorite is Dazed and Confused as well as Pineapple Express.

#### Are you looking forward to anything over break?

I'm looking forward to seeing the new indie movie Lady Bird, directed by Greta Gerwig. I was hooked after watching the trailer and seeing how it broke rotten tomatoes record.



# Mike Paramore Talks Relationships and "Embracing Weirdness"

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Comedian Mike Paramore performed for a packed house in the Encore of the Dreyfus University Center of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on the night of Dec. 1, where he irreverently delivered his take on relationships, the differences between men and women and embracing weirdness.

Paramore took to the stage around 8:45 p.m., after a spirited and well-received warm-up from two UWSP student comics.

Near the beginning of the show, Paramore made his position on college relationships when he asked students to clap if they were currently seeing someone. After receiving a moderate wave of applause, he let out a baffled "What the [expletive]!?" and spent a while asking audience members about their relationships, light-heartedly ripping into them along the way.

Paramore shed some light on relationships of his own, from witnessing his date tear into a McDonald's worker over the drive-through intercom to fighting over whether or not you weigh more at night.

Paramore ended his routine with more audience participation, encouraging the audience to share their "weird thing." Some audience members shared with gusto, some to "ooo"s and "ewww"s from the crowd. These participants were each awarded with a round of applause, encouraged by Paramore, while others were pretty quick to say that they did not think they were very weird.

Paramore left the stage at 9:30 p.m., applauded by the crowd.

Robert Parker, sophomore mathematics, economics and business administration majors, coordinated the event and also served as the MC.

When asked why Center-tainment Productions wanted Paramore to visit campus, Parker said Paramore left a

great first impression on them.

"We saw Mike last spring at a conference where we book a lot of acts," said Parker. "As soon as we saw him, we thought he'd do well on campus and resonate with students."

Parker also said he "thought the show was a great success."

Parker encourages students to come to the Encore once more on February 2nd to see Janesville native Pete Lee, who has been on The Tonight Show, David Letterman, and Comedy Central.

Center-tainment Productions is the primary source for student-run entertainment, programming and campus activities outside of the classroom at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. While the calendar for spring events has not been posted yet, students can check out what events will be hosted before this semester ends on their section of the UWSP website.



Mike Paramore performing his comedy set at the Encore.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

Wednesday  
December 6

**Cookie Swap**

DUC Laird Room

7-8:30p.m.

**Jazz Combos  
Concert**

Michelsen Hall, NFAC

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Thursday  
December 7

**The Appointed  
Hour book  
launch**

DUC Encore

7-9 p.m.

**It showings**

DUC Encore

6:00 and 8:45

**Afterimages  
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Studio Theater, NFAC

7:30-9 p.m.

Friday  
December 8

**Writers workshop  
with author  
Susanne Davis**

CCC 227

4-6 p.m.

**DAWG Semester  
Showcase**

DUC Laird Room

7:30 p.m.

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Studio Theater, NFAC

7:30-9 p.m.

**Tuba Christmas**

Michelsen Hall, NFAC

7:30-10 p.m.

**Harbour with  
Native Zoo concert  
(Funky pop)**

DUC Encore

8-10:30 p.m.

Saturday  
December 9

**It showings**

DUC Encore

6:00 and 8:45

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Studio Theater, NFAC

7:30-9 p.m.

**4th Annual UWSP  
Battle of the  
Bands**

DUC Encore

8-11 p.m.

Sunday  
December 10

**Afterimages  
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Studio Theater, NFAC

2-3 p.m.

**Seasons of Light  
Planetarium Show**

Blocher Planetarium, Sci  
Building

3:15-4:15p.m.



# Future Looks Bright for Local Artist, Yuliya Bay

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Anyone who has stopped by Zest Bakery and Coffeehouse recently has probably noticed the fanciful artwork of Yuliya Bay for sale near the pick-up counter.

The 22-year-old local artist started selling posters and stickers last year to help get her name out in the community. Bay had seen art there before and decided it was a good place for hers as well.

"It was local, it was readily available, and you just take every opportunity life throws at you... so I took it," Bay said.

Zest, known for its laid back atmosphere and silly themed lattes, seems to be the perfect location for her ornate, imaginative sketches. Each one tells a unique story that's bursting with color and whimsy. The psychedelic vibes made all the more sense once Bay explained that she is also, "a professional palm reader and part-time psychic."

Bay is very excited about the addition of stickers to her display but is hoping to soon upgrade to a waterproof, more durable sticker material that would be ideal for laptops or water bottles.

However, Bay's talents go far beyond a coffee shop display. She also does commission work where she paints life-like portraits, murals and has even done wood-carved signs for

Schmeekle Reserve.

When asked about her favorite art medium, Bay said, "I'm fond of everything except for one medium, and that's watercolors... I just really hate watercolors. They're the worst. I just like to beat up the paper and they really don't take that. You have to be quite gentle with it. That's why I like doing mixed media, which is like different materials and different tools. I excel at that."

Bay lives by a philosophy that not everything is art, but everything can be utilized in art: when an artist has passion and puts in hard work, true art is made. Bay's passion is evident from the level of detail in her work, her dedication to the craft and her optimism.

"I'm very passionate. I don't need someone to believe in me. You can tell me I suck. Good on you! You have a good day, sir! I'm going to go out and just do my thing," Bay said.

As a young artist just making a name for herself, Bay enthusiastically takes on any work she can. This contrast has created a division in her art style.

"There's a couple sides to my art. There's the commission side which is always kind of a cluster of whatever life throws at me. And then there is the part of, kind of like mysterious, visionary sort of art that is usually very illustrative," Bay said.

Bay is booked for the time being, painting portraits to be given as Christmas gifts.

Bay is excited about the ris-



All pieces below done and provided by Yulia Bay.

ing interest in her work throughout the Stevens Point community because she hopes to leave a mark here, even if she ventures on to a different city someday.

"I don't plan on being a nobody. I mean, I'm psychic, right?"

I can see my future. It's bright," Bay said.

To invest in Yuliya Bay and support the local art scene, stop by Zest Bakery and Coffeehouse to purchase a poster or sticker and follow @yuliyabayart on Instagram.

Bay can also be contacted for commission work by calling 715-570-6758 and leaving a voicemail.

