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Get to Know the Candidates and VOTE!

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The Student Government Association is holding elections for president and vice president next week.

Candidates for president are Robert Abrahamian and Sean Piette, and their respective running mates are Nellie DeLain and Katie Hansen.

There will be a debate on Wednesday, Mar. 8, at 8 p.m. in the Encore room of the Dreyfus University Center that is open to all to observe and ask questions of the candidates. The SGA Facebook page plans on streaming the debate live.

Students will receive emails through which they can cast their votes. The election will be open from Monday, Mar. 13, until Thursday, Mar. 16 at noon. Results will be announced the evening of Mar. 16 at the SGA meeting in the Legacy room of the DUC, and emails will be sent out the following day to students announcing the winners.

Both tickets have their own Facebook pages to promote their messages at facebook.com/AbrahamianDeLain and facebook.com/ManyVoicesOnePoint.

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Taste of Wisconsin Unites State

UWSP Pointers enjoying their beer at the Taste of Wisconsin. Photo by Nomin Erdenebileg

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Rumbling voices, floating music and breweries from A to Z crowded the Alumni Room of the Dreyfus University Center Friday night for Taste of Wisconsin.

The Basement Brewhaus of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point hosted the annual event.

Twenty-five vendors brought their wares and 300 students and community members flocked to taste them. Beer, wine, pizza and baked goods came together in a medley of food from vendors all across the state.

Businesses as local as Polito's Pizza and Portesi Italian Foods from Stevens Point and as far away as Door Peninsula Winery in Sturgeon Bay and Rush River Brewery from River Falls were in attendance.

Though an annual occurrence that draws students, alumni and community members from as far



Home Grown Stillmark Brewery Company booth. Photo by Nomin Erdenebileg

as North Dakota, this year's event was the largest it has ever been.

Miles Voss, operations coordinator for Basement Brewhaus, has been coordinating the Taste of Wisconsin event for the past two years. Voss said that the event coordinators raised the ticket count from 250 to 300 and still the event

is selling out.

"This year, we have 25 vendors who are actually here representing the breweries, wineries and food vendors to talk about their product. Having a representative is more insightful," Voss said. "They get to tell great

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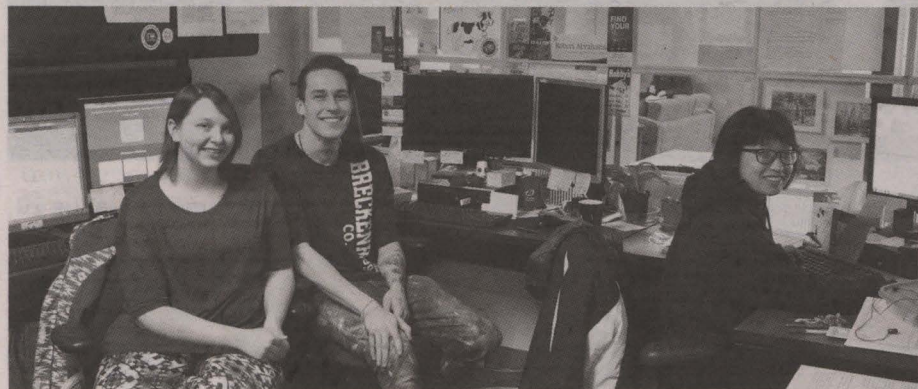


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SGA Elections: What Positions are on the Ballot?



Some SGA members working in their office. Photo by Nomin Erdenebileg

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Spring presidential and vice presidential elections for the Student Government Association are upon us.

Despite the democratic nature of student government, only three positions are elected by the student body. The others apply directly to their position and are selected by student government and advisors.

The three positions elected by the student body are President along with Vice President and Senators.

To run for president and vice president, the candidates are required to have a minimum GPA of 2.0, enrollment in at least six credits or three graduate credits at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and the candidates must obtain a combined total of 200 student signatures.

Sean Piette, senator for the College of Natural Resources and presidential candidate for this year's elections, stated that the reason our student government only elects three positions and selects its executive board is to mimic the way the government is run on the national level.

Senators are the other position that the student body has a chance to elect.

To be elected into the senate, a student must meet the same credit and GPA requirements as the president and vice presidential candidates but need only obtain 40 signatures.

The student body votes for senators each fall after they are confirmed by existing members of the senate throughout the previous academic year.

Melissa Clement was elected

senator for the College of Letters and Science on Feb. 23.

After filling out an application and collecting her 40 signatures, Clement answered questions posed by current senators. After extensive questioning, the senators took a vote, electing Clement to be a senator for the College of Letters and Sciences.

Other schools in the University of Wisconsin System take a different approach to student elections.

According to their website, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire elects 30 senators, a president and a vice president.

Unlike UWSP, the 30 senators represent students living on and off campus, not the different colleges. The 30 senators are divided up proportionally and change every year to match the percentage of students living on and off campus over all.

In their current session, there are 11 on-campus and 19 off-campus senators. The Student Senate President appoints directors, chairs, commission and committee members at his or her discretion.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has a similar system to Eau Claire. Their student council is elected in pre-ordained numbers.

Unlike Eau Claire, they split their senators up by college, rather than living situation.

Most similarly to UWSP, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville has each college represented by a specified number of student senators elected each spring along with president and vice president. Their executive board members are appointed each spring as well.

"We have more committees that I know of. This year this SGA has been noted throughout more

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Sunday, February 26

A fire alarm went off on the third floor of Smith Hall.

A male locked himself out of his office in the NFAC.

Monday, February 27

A man called to let PS know he would be walking across campus with four axe handles in case anyone complained.

A student called to report seeing a male push a female to the ground and hit her in Lot Q. The male was also seen grabbing the female's hair and calling her names such as "hoe".

Tuesday, February 28

A student requested an escort from Lot Q to Knutzen Hall from the blue phone.

A staff member in Steiner Hall reported a smell of marijuana.

An intoxicated person was reported by staff in Steiner Hall.

Wednesday, March 1

A car was seen driving erratically on Franklin Street. The car then lost a tire and pulled into a driveway.

Students called from the library saying they were trapped in the elevator on the third floor.

Thursday, March 2

A tired and disoriented man was seen in the DUC that did not seem like a student. The man tried to get a ride from campus cab when they arrived for a different person. He was unable to get a ride.

A student called for a jump for his car by Hansen Hall.

of the SGA's as being incredibly active," Piette said.

Senate meetings are at 6:15 p.m. Thursday nights in the Legacy Room of the Dreyfus University Center and are open to the student body.

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Tweet of the Week

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · 2d
Arnold Schwarzenegger isn't voluntarily leaving the Apprentice, he was fired by his bad (pathetic) ratings, not by me. Sad end to great show

Screen Capture from twitter.com

Tuesday, February 28

Executive Order: An order was signed to move the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities from the Department of Education back to the White House in an effort to bolster HBCUs.

Executive Order: Trump calls for a review of the Waters of the United States rule that allows smaller bodies of water to be under regulation of the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers per the Obama Administration.

Wednesday, March 1

Cabinet: Ryan Zinke was confirmed by the Senate to the position of Secretary of the Interior.

Thursday, March 2

Sad! Attorney General Jeff Sessions recused himself from the investigations involving the Trump campaign and communications with the Russians.

Cabinet: Ben Carson was confirmed as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Rick Perry as Secretary of Energy by the Senate.

Friday, March 3

EMAILS: The Indianapolis Star reported that Vice President Mike Pence used his private AOL email server while he was Governor of Indiana to convey messages about sensitive homeland security information. The email was hacked last summer.

Saturday, March 4

Obama: Trump accused President Obama of wiring tapping his phones in Trump Tower over Twitter.

Monday, March 6

Executive Order: Trump signed a new travel ban for the same countries in the previous ban except for Iraq. The new order does not apply to green-card-holders and will take effect Mar. 16.

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The Abrahamian & DeLain mission statement is one of unity between the city of Stevens Point and the university, and for strong advocating on behalf of students to the administration.

The Piette & Hansen ticket has a goal of helping every student make educated choices about the environment, their health, their finances and the community to make the student experience the best it can be for everyone. Helping students outside of the classroom so that they can better focus in the classroom is central to their message.

Abrahamian is a senior water resources and political science major, and is currently the SGA Environmental & Sustainability Affairs Director.

"There is a disconnect between SGA and the student body," said Abrahamian. "With everything that is going on at the state and federal level, it is important for students to understand how their student government affects them."

Piette is a natural resources and political science major with minors in sustainability and music. He has been a Student Interest Representative and a Senator for SGA.

"SGA is as local as it gets," Piette said. "Federal votes affect everyone in some ways, but SGA decisions affect you direct-

ly, every day."

Both Abrahamian and Piette have been heavily involved on campus in a variety of settings for years.

Abrahamian said there is a tendency within some University of Wisconsin schools for SGA to "bow down to the administration, and I absolutely will not do that. I will advocate for the students."

Piette said he wants to use his planning background to engage people and bring them together, finding better solutions to problems that have been difficult to solve. Emphasizing the importance of life outside of class, Piette said, "Helping students on the life level would im-

prove the focus on school."

Katie Hansen, Piette's Vice Presidential running mate, is a senior social studies major with teaching intent. Hansen is a non-traditional student with a degree in communication and the arts and minor in 2D studio art.

Hansen has filled many roles as a student. While attending UW-Green Bay, she was heavily invested and involved in Residential Living for several years. She was also once a commuter to UWSP from Scandinavia, WI but now lives in Stevens Point.

Hansen hopes to represent the often under-represented commuter and non-traditional student demographics well. To-

gether, Hansen and Piette represent every college in the university, including the University College, where Hansen works in student support.

While taking on the community support and health half of things, Hansen hopes to compliment Piette's focus on sustainability and finances.

Nellie DeLain, the Vice Presidential half of the Abrahamian ticket, is a junior biology and psychology major and SGA Senator. DeLain is relatively new to student government in comparison to the other candidates but has a passion and "dove head first" into SGA after working up to President of Watson Hall in her first two years at UWSP.

Emphasizing her connection with students on campus, DeLain hopes to aid in opening the conversation between the student body and SGA. "Every student is a member of SGA, and the elected members are simply the channel through which students can talk to administration."

The last time the president and vice president elections were held, only 8 to 10 percent of the student body voted.

Write-ins are possible for this election, and Senatorial positions are open as well. All four official candidates are strongly urging students to read up and vote, regardless of who for.



On left, Robert Abrahamian and running mate Nellie DeLain. On right, Sean Piette and running mate Katie Hansen. Photo courtesy of facebook.com.

Presidential Breakfast Reveals a Bible Trumper

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Last month was the first national prayer breakfast for the Trump administration.

The National Prayer Breakfast has been an annual event in Washington, D.C. held on the first Thursday of February since 1953.

Historically, presidents since Eisenhower have had an opportunity to read from scripture and invite special guests such as Mother Teresa in 1994.

Besides talking about how The Apprentice ratings went "right down the tubes" since Arnold Schwarzenegger took over, Donald Trump talked about what he will do as president to the audience at the breakfast.

"Among those freedoms is the right to worship according to our own beliefs. That is why I will get rid of and totally destroy the Johnson Amendment," Trump said.

While what Trump said sounds factual, he is incorrect in his assessment about what the Johnson Amendment is limiting. In no way does it stop anyone from "the right to worship according to their own beliefs."

The Johnson Amendment was a bill in Congress written by then-senator Lyndon B. Johnson in 1954. It is a provision in the US tax code that prohibits all 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations from endorsing political candidates.

This provision extends to all tax-exempt entities beyond just churches and other religious sites. These entities can still endorse certain political positions, just not specific candidates.

Because of this, there are ways for churches to informally endorse a party by endorsing certain ideologies.

Shanny Luft, associate professor of religious studies, believes the Johnson Amendment is not significantly hurting religious organizations.

"In this present moment, the parties are pretty far apart from one another. We have this sense if you're pro-life which party you are and if you're pro-choice which party you are. That wasn't the case 50 years ago. There were pro-choice Republicans, there were pro-life Democrats," Luft said.

One of the intentions of the separation of church and state was that churches didn't have the power to tip the scale for one local candidate over another. But, because of how stark the contrast between candidates is, the Amendment is not much of a burden at all.

Luft said, "The odd thing about the Johnson Amendment is if you endorse a policy it's pretty obvious to people which party you are endorsing and perhaps which candidate you're endorsing."

It's surprising a president would try to destroy this amendment and Luft does not understand why more churches



Photo illustration by Natalie Matthews-Ramo. Photos by Justin Sullivan/Getty Images and Thinkstock.

are not actively fighting against Trump on this particular issue.

Luft believes there should be a universal appeal, even among groups that the amendment would seemingly put more restrictions on, because being able to publicly endorse candidates could lead to negative consequences.

"I'm surprised there are a group of evangelicals who are so enthusiastic on withdrawing the Johnson Amendment," said Luft. "I expected them to be more concerned because if it's removed, and they are allowed to make political endorsements, the reason why they should stay tax exempt becomes less clear."

Trump has made an effort to continue the Republican party's strong relationship with evangelicals.

Last summer, Donald Trump met with Jerry Falwell Jr. who introduced him at the religious leaders' summit in New York.

According to exit polls, Trump won the evangelical vote by the widest margin since 2004 with George W. Bush.

Last year, when speaking on former Secretary of State John Kerry's Iran Deal, Trump said, "Obviously Kerry did not read The Art of the Deal, probably didn't read the bible either."

The day before, Trump said, "Nobody reads the Bible more than me."

Though Trump may not wear religion on his sleeves as some politicians might, he is not shying away from trying to appeal to that section of the electorate.

Students are Abroaden-ing Their Horizons

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Every semester the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point study abroad staff works hard to promote the academically and culturally enriching programs that the university offers.

Katya Leek, study abroad adviser, said that one way the program is promoted is through the international education resource center in the Dreyfus University Center. The center, opened this academic year, is a space where international students and students interested in studying abroad can meet one another and communicate about their experiences.

According to Leek, some students that have had positive experiences studying abroad come back as ambassadors or mentors and promote various programs on campus.

"Lots of times students have rewarding academic and cultural experiences and when they come back, they experience reverse culture shock, coming from a different culture back to U.S. culture," Leek said.

Leek said the best way for students to deal with reverse culture shock is to share their experiences with other students.

In addition to the mentors and ambassadors that promote programs, there are two

to three student recruiters that are employed by the university each year. Student recruiters organize informational sessions for those that are interested in studying abroad.

Both short-term and semester-long programs are offered to students that are looking to gain cultural experience. One of the reasons Leek believes that students should take advantage of available programs is because they can enhance resumes.

"When you study abroad you are learning how to work with diversity and learning about the diverse world, and that makes you very attractive

to prospective employers," Leek said.

Nicole DeMarb, junior wildlife ecology major, spent six weeks this past summer in Poland, Germany and Iceland. As a wildlife ecology major, DeMarb was required to either spend part of her summer at Treehaven or study abroad in Europe for six weeks. DeMarb chose to earn her eight credits in Europe.

DeMarb explored Europe with 39 other students from the College of Natural Resources.

"The greatest part was meeting 39 other people who I had a couple of classes with but never got to talk with. I got to know

them on a very personal level. I made some of my best friends on that trip," DeMarb said.

DeMarb admitted that many people are hesitant to study abroad because of the cost, but she believes that the experience is worth the money.

"I recommend it because it's a once in a lifetime opportunity. After college, you have an internship, a career, get married and have children. Suddenly you're 50 and all of you have seen is the Midwest. How many other chances do you get to travel to exotic places?" DeMarb said.



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Art and Design study abroad options. Photo by Nomin Erdenebieg

University Navigates Academic Fork in the Road

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With student enrollment steadily dropping, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has reached a fork in the road.

In February, the Strategic Planning Committee present-

ed an interim report to the student body proposing two options to help the university decide what students it will market towards.

The two primary options presented in the interim report were recruiting students with higher ACT scores or identifying and marketing signature programs to increase enroll-

ment.

Greg Summers, Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, said recruiting students with higher ACT scores will cause enrollment to decrease, potentially below the 8,500 students the university now has enrolled and is additionally dependent upon costly upgrades to residential living and other facilities.

The signature programs option would set UWSP apart by emphasizing approximately half a dozen programs that excel and are unique to the university.

In doing this, Summers said that to augment signature programs "inevitably means we're going to have to take resources away from other programs."

Defining a program as signature will not detract from the value of non-signature programs.

Todd Huspeni, Associate Vice Chancellor for Teaching, Learning and Strategic Planning, said, "Just because a particular program may not be named as a signature program does not mean that it is not es-

sential and vital to the student experience and serving our students."

The interim report stated that "non-signature areas should consider ways in which their curricula might be modified to support the university's strategic direction."

"For example, members of the committee suggested that developing offerings under the heading of Applied Liberal Arts might dovetail well with a campus brand associated with applied, career-focused education."

Huspeni gave the example of a business student using the Applied Liberal Arts programs to take a course in philosophy on the ethics of business. This would tailor the area of expertise so that it can complement other majors.

The Strategic Planning Committee will present their final report and offer suggestions, but ultimately the direction that the university takes will be determined by Chancellor Bernie Patterson and other leadership on campus.



UWSP Old Main. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

Basement Brewhaus Gives Composting a Shot

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The Basement Brewhaus in the Dreyfus University Center will now host a compost bin to keep the food waste out of landfills.

The baristas noticed waste from coffee grinds and bagels was getting thrown out daily. The staff wanted to prevent the waste from entering a landfill and so they settled on composting as an option.

Courtney Cordova, senior wildlife ecology major and barista at the Brewhaus, said, "We

got the idea because we throw out a lot of old bagels as well as all of our coffee grounds."

Cordova orchestrated the composting initiative by working with other baristas as well as coordinating with Dining Services to add a compost bin for the baristas to use.

The Brewhaus staff has been willing to lessen their environmental footprint.

Cordova said, "All of our baristas are willing to do it and they want to help out."

There are compost bins in all of the academic buildings for student use. However, at this point, the compost bin in the Brewhaus is for the staff only.

Coffee grounds and bagels from the Brewhaus will be mixed in with the food waste from the DUC food court to be turned into compost.

Kirk Prince, junior business and philosophy major, said, "It's one step forward to a more sustainable food system. This makes me glad that the staff cares about the environment."

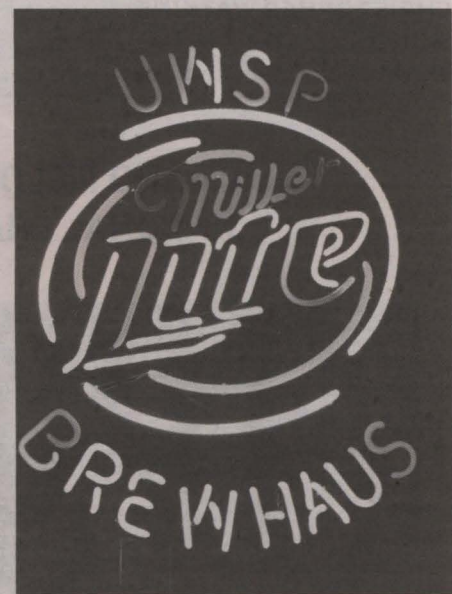
Cordova stated that she hopes there will soon be compost available for customers to use, but for now she is satisfied with keeping the back-of-house food waste from entering landfills.

While composting is currently only in the hands of the Brewhaus staff, customers of the basement coffee shop can take their own measures to keep items out of landfills.

Reusable mugs are offered to patrons to reduce waste as well as the perk of getting a 25-cent discount.

While not everyone takes advantage of the reusable mugs and the associated discount, the warm liquid carrying cups and lids are biodegradable.

Not all of the drink options are waste-free however. Cold drinks are given in plastic to-go



Brewhaus token, the Miller Lite sign. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.



The Brewhaus offers reusable mugs and cups. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

cups, which are not biodegradable.

Cordova explained that patrons could opt to get an iced drink in a reusable mug, but the plastic containers would inevitably be used because they serve as a measurement tool in the process of mixing the cold drinks.

With the new compost bin the Brewhaus staff has made sustainability a priority, and students are recognizing their efforts.

Bison Back in Canada's Banff National Park

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A herd of wild bison has been reintroduced to Banff National Park in Alberta, Canada.

This is the first time bison have roamed the countryside since their near extinction in the 19th century.

Overhunting brought a population of over 30 million bison in Canada to the brink of extinction.

In order to save the species, the Canadian government purchased one of the last surviving herds in the early 1900s. This herd was kept in a protected paddock at the base of Cascade Mountain for almost a century before being released in 1997 to begin their reintroduction to the wild.

The relocation of these bison has been in the works since 2010 when the Canada parks agency gave themselves seven years to

determine how to safely move and manage the bison upon their introduction to the park.

This is a move that Shelli Dubai, professor of wildlife ecology, said makes all the difference for the success of this herd.

Dubai, who is also a member of the Wildlife Disease Association said when she thinks of bison she immediately thinks of tuberculosis and brucellosis.

Bison infected with these diseases have the potential to contact and contaminate herds of cattle.

Dubai said that in Montana and other western states, cattle that are infected with brucellosis are not able to be traded with other states where cattle have not been infected. This gives unaffected states more freedom of mobility with their cattle and is creating political tension among ranchers whose cattle cannot be moved through no fault of their own.

To avoid this political conflict,



An air-lifted shipping container that took the bison to their new location. Photo courtesy of ibtimes.co.uk.

the bison currently in Banff came from Elk Island National Park, which has been tuberculosis and brucellosis free for more than forty years.

In anticipation of diseased bison being introduced to the landscape, Parks Canada, the agency responsible for the introduction of bison, developed a pre-emptive Bison Health Monitoring and Disease Response Plan in addition to precautions that they have already taken.

The progressive plan includes an initial "soft release" where the bison are quarantined and monitored for 16 to 18 months and intense testing and monitoring of the bison for diseases.

"From what I have learned I feel like the project has been very well planned, well thought out," Dubai said.

Parks Canada has also anticipated the potential environmental effects of the bison in a detailed impact analysis and will continue to monitor the impacts and interactions of the bison throughout

the life of the project.

The bison are giant ruminants who will graze and clear off some of the coarser vegetation allowing room for more nutritious vegetation to grow below it.

Parks Canada relocated the herd of 16 bison containing mostly pregnant females to the remote Panther Valley in Banff National Park.

The herd will live in an enclosed pasture under the supervision of Parks Canada officials until summer 2018 where they will be set free to roam across more than 460 square miles around Red Deer and Cascade river valleys.

"It's great to have a keystone species return to one of our nation's most iconic places. I'm proud to say that history has come full circle and wild bison are once again in Banff National Park," said Dave McDonough, Banff National Park Superintendent.

If the herd thrives, they will be just one of the four herds in North America that are roaming in the wild.



Bison being released in Banff National Park in Canada. Photo courtesy of ibtimes.co.uk.

Look Into Sports

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TRACK AND FIELD READY FOR NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



UWSP Women's hurdlers run during their race. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point track and field teams made their last preparations for the NCAA National Championships during Saturday's Pointer Final Qualifier.

On the women's side, Briana Simonis won the high jump event, recording a height of 1.65 meters. Pointer teammate Shannon Callahan also competed in the event, notching a fifth-place finish with a height of 1.55 meters.

In the 4x400-meter relay, the quartet of Kathy Derks, Leah Trempe, Sarah Vils and Hannah Mertens put forth another strong outing, clocking in at second place with a time of 3:56.27.

Abigail Clement finished third



A UWSP runner awaits his sprint. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.80 seconds, just .006 behind the second-place finisher.

In men's action, Brent Reiersen's second-place finish in the shot put was good enough to qualify for the men's indoor championship meet.

Reiersen also participated in the weight throw, placing fourth with a distance of 17.44 meters. Fellow Pointer Logan Heil finished second in the event, recording a distance of 18.36 meters.

The NCAA National Championships will take place March 10-11 in Naperville, Ill. UWSP will have representatives in 15 events.



Thrower Isaiah Yaroch readies the shot put. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

POINTERS EARN ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point athletics has continued its tradition of producing outstanding players and coaches across multiple sports, including basketball, hockey and track.

On the men's basketball team, guard Ethan Bublitz earned first-team all-conference honors, as well as a spot on the all-defensive team. Bryce Williams received an honorable mention, and Jared Gjertson earned a spot on the all-sportsmanship team.

The women's basketball team also featured several all-conference awards. The senior tandem of Autumn Hennes and Lauren Anklam earned first-team all-WIAC honors, while Taylor Barrett received an honorable mention. Sarah Gamillo landed a spot on the all-sportsmanship team.

The women's hockey squad earned four all-conference selections, headed by first-team all-conference nods for

Cara Lemirande and Ellie Punnett. Sydney Conley, who earned an honorable mention selection, was joined by Meredith Ingbretson, who also received a nod on the all-sportsmanship team.

The men's hockey team earned seven All-WIAC selections. Ryan Bittner, Lawrence Cornellier and Kyle Sharkey all earned first-team honors, while the quartet of Jacob Barber, Mark Bittner, Stephan Beauvais and Max Milosek each earned honorable mention selections. Ethan Strong represented UWSP on the all-sportsmanship team.

UWSP track and field features a clean sweep of Coach of the Year honors. Brett Witt was named WIAC Coach of the Year on both the men's and women's sides for indoor track, representing the first time a UWSP coach has won the award on either side.

POINTERS SWEEP REGULAR, POSTSEASON WIAC TITLES

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's hockey team captured the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament championship for the second consecutive year on Saturday, outlasting UW-Eau Claire 3-2 at KB Willett Arena.

The contest featured a scoreless first period, but Ethan Strong's goal with under five minutes to go in the second gave the Pointers the early advantage. Minutes later, the Blugolds responded with a goal of their own to tie the game at 1-1 heading into the final period.

UWSP relied heavily on its veterans down the stretch. Lawrence Cornellier's short-handed goal with 15:27 to go in regulation put the Pointers back on top, 2-1. The goal moved Cornellier into third all-time in UWSP career short-handed goals.

From there, the Pointers wouldn't look back, as Tanner Karty's goal with less than five minutes to play gave UWSP a bit more

insurance.

After pulling their goalie, the Blugolds scored, cutting the deficit in half. UWSP fended off late rally attempts over the final minutes to secure the Commissioner's Cup.

Up next for the Pointers is the NCAA Division III Tournament, where the reigning national champs will square off against Adrian College at KB Willett Arena on March 18, with a 7 p.m. start.



Tanner Karty (14) and Logan Fredericks (22) keep the puck in the offensive zone. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.



Senior captain Kyle Sharkey takes a shot during warm-ups. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

BASEBALL GETS SEASON UNDERWAY

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team got its 2017 season started last week with doubleheader action at U.S. Bank Stadium, in Minneapolis, against the University of St. Thomas.

The first game of the set saw the Pointers take a 2-0 lead before falling, 6-2.

Clint Rose and Ryan Stanicek each tallied RBI singles to put UWSP in front. However, a trio of Pointer errors in the sixth inning allowed St. Thomas to take a 4-2 lead.

The Tommies scored an additional pair of runs in the seventh, and final, inning to secure a 6-2 victory.

In the latter game, the Pointers trailed 7-3 before the action was halted in the bottom of the sixth in-

ning.

UWSP fell behind early, as UST scored four runs in the bottom of the second. Ben Gerber got the Pointers on the board in the top of the third with an RBI single, before Clint Rose, sacrifice fly, and Ryan Stanicek, RBI groundout, each drove in runs to cut the deficit to 4-3.

The unfazed Tommies responded with three more runs of their own over the span of the next two innings. The teams' time to use the field ran out in the bottom of the sixth inning, which halted the action until the teams can resume the contest at a date to be determined.

Up next for UWSP is a March 16 date with Clarkson in Auburndale, FL. The game will begin the Spring Trip for the Pointers.

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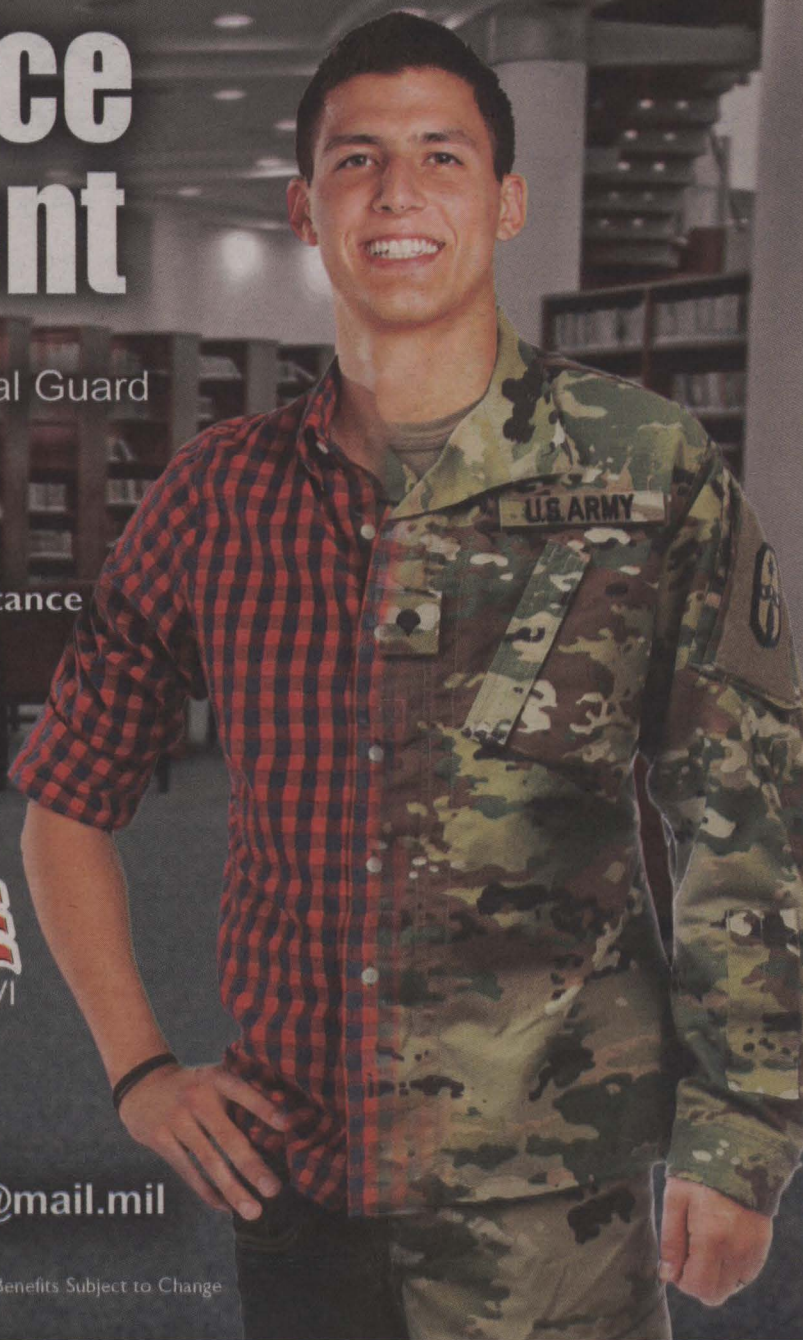
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Student Shares Experience as Two Sport Athlete

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Kennedy Halsmer, sophomore engineering major, has become an expert at managing her time between rugby games, swim meets and academics.

Halsmer has been swimming competitively for 14 years and entered college with the intention of being on the swim team.

As a senior in high school, Halsmer was introduced to rugby and enjoyed the sport enough to play for the club team at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

As a two-sport athlete, Halsmer has to balance her time between swim and rugby practices.

Since rugby is a club sport, Halsmer is only required to attend two practices a week during the season. However, rugby's fall season does overlap with the swim season, which starts in September.

"I think if I had to pick one to care about more, it would probably be swimming because I have done it for fourteen years. If I had to pick one that is more fun to do, I would pick rugby," Halsmer said.

Halsmer swims the 200-yard backstroke, 100-yard backstroke and the individual medley. The two rugby positions that she plays are wing and flanker.

"In rugby, you are used to getting a certain position that you play, so it's hard to relate to the other positions that people play," Halsmer said.

Halsmer admitted that there are times when swim meets overlap with rugby games.

She usually opts to attend the swim meets over the rugby games, but when she does



Photo courtesy of Nicole Rockman.

miss a swim meet for rugby, her coach is understanding.

She is appreciative that she gets to compete for two different teams at UWSP.

"I came in and instantly had 70 friends. There are around 60 people on the swim team and about 20 to 30 on the rugby team. When I am around swim people all the time it's nice to go and hang out with rugby people," Halsmer said.

Gray Zischke, head coach for the women's rugby team, said that previously there have been other swimmers on the rugby team. However, Halsmer is currently the only women's rugby player that is involved in

two sports.

"Swimmers, I find, tend to be able to concentrate a little bit better and are more focused on training and playing," Zischke said.

Like Halsmer's swim coach, Zischke is also understanding of her commitment to the swim team.

"My standpoint is that I've always honored the varsity commitment as number one and worked around that," Zischke said.

Halsmer and her rugby teammates will head off to their first game of the spring season against UW-Madison on Saturday, Mar. 11.



Kennedy Halsmer is a two sport athlete in swimming and rugby. Photo courtesy of UWSP Athletics.



First Winter Farmers' Market a Success

Winter Farmers Market. Photo courtesy of facebook.com

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The Stevens Point Area Winter Farmers' Market will have the last day of its first season on March 25.

During the summer, Stevens Point has a thriving farmers' market that fills the Square downtown with local farmers and hungry shoppers. In the past when winter rolled around, the market was closed for the season.

This year, Stevens Point held its first winter farmers' market

on the east side of town, at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Although, it should be mentioned that this farmers market is put on by a different organization than the summer market.

There were about 12 vendors each week at the winter market this year selling goods such as meat, fresh produce and coffee.

Robin River, of Primitive Pastures, a local organic meat producer, said, "This is our first winter market. It's been doing better than we'd expected."

Primitive Pastures is in its first year of business and travels to Stevens Point from Iola. The success of this winter has

River considering selling at the Stevens Point summer farmers' market, in addition to the Neenah market, where he already sells.

Katja Marquart, of Stone House Farm, and associate professor of interior architecture at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, also sold at the winter market this year.

"There are some weeks that are better than others, but overall I think it has been great to see the community come out and support the winter market," Marquart said.

Marquart also said she suspects the market will grow in

the next few years.

"Will definitely be back next year," she said.

How busy the market was depended on things like weather and attractions offered during the market.

"Weeks that we've had food trucks around, like when Chef C's Muchie Wagon was here or when we have chef demos, those tend to be better weeks. So, I think having some sort of a regular event would be helpful," Marquart said.

The market is open from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturdays.

Rhode Island Carbon Tax Could Protect Planet and Local Economy

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As a coastal state, Rhode Island could soon see the devastating effects of climate change.

In response, some Rhode Island lawmakers recognize their state's imminent danger and have introduced a proposal to tax heavy carbon producers.

The proposed bill, referred to as Energize Rhode Island, would create a fund for clean energy and jobs with some of the revenue from the tax. This fund would be invested in renewable energy and programs to help citizens and businesses become more energy efficient.

The bill's proponents say that through these programs, Energize Rhode Island will add over 1,000 jobs in the first several years and 4,000 jobs by the year 2040.

In addition to creating jobs, the bill is designed to strengthen the local economy by keeping money in the region.

Rhode Island spends over three billion dollars a year on fossil fuels, mainly from out of the state. Discouraging the use of fossil fuels sourced out of the state would keep more money in local businesses.

The bill also prevents the cost of the tax from being a burden to residents by sending rebates to citizens and businesses.

Rhode Island is working to be the first state to implement a carbon tax.

Forty percent of the fund collected from the tax would go directly back to households in the form of rebates, and another 30 percent would be returned to employers.

Energize Rhode Island aims for participation in the entire Northeastern region, and stipulates that Massachusetts must enact a comparable policy before the bill can go into effect.

Shiba Kar, assistant professor of natural resource planning and policy and a sustainable energy specialist with the University of Wisconsin-Extension, feels that a regional approach for Rhode Island is the most practical since it is interdependent on neighboring states. He feels that if regional efforts are successful, the next step would be on a national level.

Although there is not a similar proposal in Wisconsin, there are local efforts for a nationwide carbon tax.

One organization with this aim is Citizens' Climate lobby, which focuses on lobbying for climate change legislation.

Dan Dieterich is the Group Leader for the Stevens Point Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby as well as the Wisconsin Coordinator for the group.

Dieterich said Citizens' Climate Lobby is focused on passing a Carbon Fee and Dividend Policy through congress. Like the Energize Rhode Island Bill, Carbon Fee and Dividend aims to tax carbon polluters but on a national rather than state level.



Rhode Island is working to be the first state to implement a carbon tax. Photo courtesy of marketplace.org.

Dieterich believes that it is important to pass a carbon tax at a national level because it would provide an incentive for other countries to do likewise since goods from countries without comparable carbon policies would be taxed upon entry to the United States.

Kar feels that with a financial mechanism like a carbon tax "we are paving the way to move to more alternative energy options," by providing the funding for switching gradually from fossil fuels.

Dieterich says he is involved because climate change is "not only an environmental, social, economic, but moral issue."

He explained this is be-

cause climate change hurts the most vulnerable who "are not the ones responsible for the problem, they are the ones getting clobbered with it."

Dieterich says that "if we keep doing what we are doing we will live in infamy."

He quoted Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington, who said, "We are the first generation to feel the sting of climate change, and we are the last to be able to do something about it."

The proposed carbon tax brings hope that climate change can be solved while strengthening the economy, proving that having both a healthy environment and economy is possible.

Ducks Unlimited Chapter Receives Five Awards

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The weekend of Feb. 4 the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point chapter of Ducks Unlimited attended the Wisconsin Ducks Unlimited Convention and received five awards.

Among the awards was the prestigious President's Elite Chapter Award which is the highest recognition a chapter can receive. This award revolves around overall money brought in as a chapter, to raise this money every chapter of Ducks Unlimited is required to host a banquet. Last year at their first annual banquet the UWSP chapter brought in \$154,000 to give back to the Ducks Unlimited Headquarters where the money was put towards wetland conservation.

The chapter has accomplished a lot in their two years as a student-run organization.

Ben Oldenburg, banquet chair and senior fisheries major, explained that part of the reason

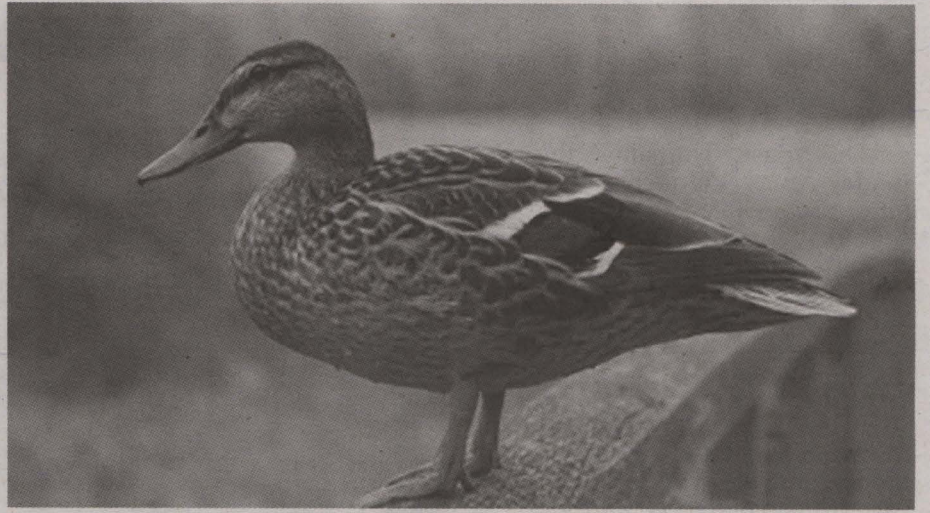
for the organization's success is the hard work of the officers.

Oldenburg said, "A lot of this stuff comes from people in the chapter reaching out and doing what they can to make this chapter more successful than the next."

Lucas Koch, Senior Media Studies Major and head of alumni donations and other major donations, said that the support and donations of UWSP alumni also had a huge impact on the success of the UWSP chapter.

Graham Steinhauer, President and senior forest restoration major, said the success was in part due to the generous donations of community members who were excited to support the new chapter.

The goal of Ducks Unlimited is to raise money for the conservation of North America's wetlands. Oldenburg said for this reason the club puts a lot of focus on efficiency, spending as little as possible to create a larger gross margin that can be donated to the National Organization.



A mallard hen stand atop of of railing. "Duck" by Danny Chapman is licensed under CC BY 2.0.

"It's nice to get the awards but at the same time that's not why we do it," Koch said. "Our end goal, is more conservation and more ducks in the skies."

The National Organization uses this money to forward the conservation of wetlands by restoring grasslands, replanting forests, restoring watersheds and working with landowners and partners.

This year's banquet is projected to be twice the size of last years and will feature dinner, beverages, and door prizes.

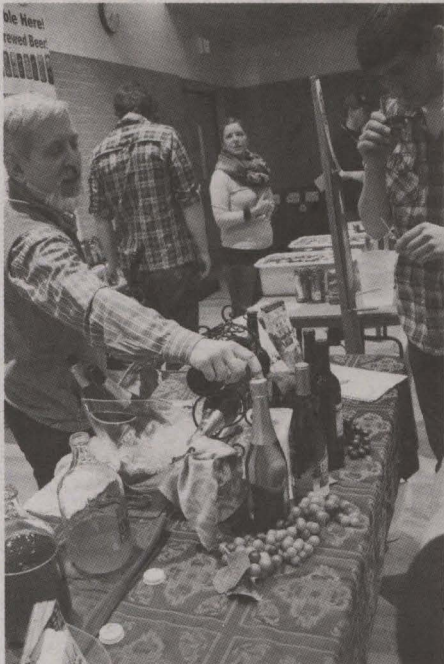
The banquet will be held Mar. 30 at the Moose Family Center in Stevens Point. Tickets are \$25 for students and \$40 for alumni and can be obtained online at ducks.org/Wisconsin/events or by contacting Ben Oldenburg.

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to tell something fun behind the winery."

Katie Minch, a returning student studying music, speech and language pathology, enjoyed this channel for communication in her first year attending Taste of Wisconsin.



Delicious wine and cider tastings. Photo by Nomin Erdenebileg

consin.

"All of the vendors are really nice," Minch said. "They'll tell you all their stories, and I like to know the history behind each group."

Ross Hubbard, director of sales for Ale Asylum Brewery out of Madison, was one of the representatives at Taste of Wisconsin.

The brewery showcased five different beers at the event. Though the company is only ten years old, it is the third largest brewery in the state.

"Taste of Wisconsin gives people a chance to see something they haven't seen or taste something they haven't tasted or exposes them to a brewery they haven't seen before," Hubbard said. "I like being able to do that especially in areas where there are people who are making up their minds about what kind of beers they like."

The casual and close-knit atmosphere of Taste of Wisconsin is one of its marking characteristics as well as its component of allowing attendees to try a wide range

of new things.

"It's always a good time putting on, and it's always fun hosting an event where everyone just gets to expand their pallet, have a good time, drink some beer, drink some wine and eat some good food, right here on campus," Voss said.

Minch shared in Voss's opin-

ion about the experience when she said the event was appealing due to the variety.

"You have the opportunity to try so many different things," Minch said. "I like to test the waters when it comes to food and wine. I think it's a great atmosphere."



Courtney Kaleel and Jarod Richter enjoying their beer sample during Taste of Wisconsin. Photo by Nomin Erdenebileg

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAR. 9	FRIDAY, MAR. 10	SATURDAY, MAR. 11	TUESDAY, MAR. 14
<p>Bad Poetry Contest University Library Room 650 7 - 9p.m.</p> <p>Sing DUC Theater 7 - 9p.m. and 9-11p.m.</p> <p>Better Yeti DUC Encore 8- 10p.m.</p>	<p>The Handmaiden DUC Theater 7-9 p.m.</p>	<p>TIFU Cultural Ensemble DUC Encore 8 - 10p.m.</p>	<p>We Banjo 3 Laird Room DUC 7:30-11p.m.</p>

Pointer Learns Truth About Journalism in San Francisco

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This past Thursday through Sunday Anyon Rettinger, our online editor, Genevieve Adamski, our environmental editor and myself had the pleasure of attending the 33rd Annual ACP National College Journalism Convention in San Francisco, California.

To say the least, we were extremely excited not only to be able to get the chance to represent The Pointer at a national journalism conference, but we were also eager to learn from experienced journalists.

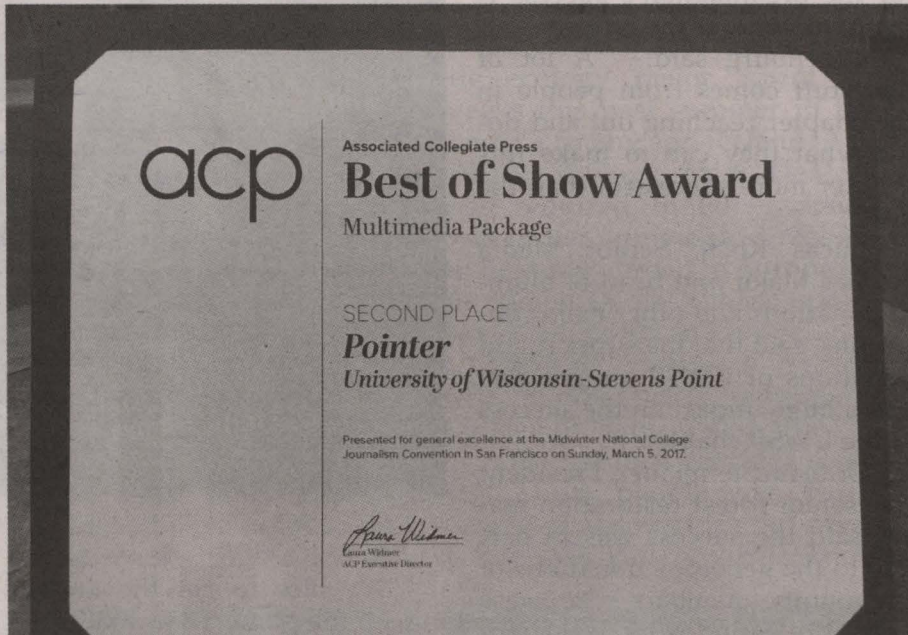
The Pointer was also lucky enough to win second place nationally in Best Multimedia Package created by Shay Spatz's, our former multimedia reporter, for her coverage of Arts Bash 2016.

I learned a lot from this conference, but I am happy to report that the most important lesson I learned was something extremely simple: about 65 percent of the time I suck at my job. Seriously.

I do not mean to wreck my own credibility as an editor or writer, but I honestly believe that there is always room to grow in this profession.

One week I think an article I either edited or wrote is the greatest thing in the world only to find out the next week that it is the worst piece I have ever written or submitted to the printing press.

We all make mistakes though, and that's okay as long as we learn from them.



Pointer wins National Award in San Francisco. Photo by Anyon Rettinger.

All the professors and professionals had a similar message throughout several days of sessions: we can and will continue to grow as writers, as designers, as media coverers and as people.

These presenters stressed that we should constantly be attempting to make our paper the best it can possibly be. That may mean coming up with completely new, out of the box story ideas, design concepts, or media coverage in order to appeal to our readership.

We want to keep our readers engaged and invested in our newspaper, and we may not always do that job as well as we should.

That is why we love hearing

from our readers. As a student run publication, sometimes it is hard to distinguish what we need to write about, what our readership wants us to write about and how to find that happy medium.

The world of journalism is in the spotlight right now due to President Trump's views of fake news media, but that is not what our main focus should be on.

Our focus should be on reporting the truth, finding the stories that matter the most to our readers, keeping our university informed about what's happening in the world all while having a positive attitude.

I promise we as, your student newspaper, will do our absolute best

to better ourselves as a publication and to publish important news, environment and arts and entertainment stories.

We want to hear, represent and share your voices, the voices of UWSP, to paint the bigger picture of what being part of our campus entails.

At the end of the day, we are equals we are unified, we are UWSP.

The Pointer will continue to do our best to keep providing the best news we possibly can. Thank you, readers, for sticking with us on this journey as we continue to better our university and ourselves.



From left to right, Lhea Owens, Genevieve Adamski and Anyon Rettinger, accept ACP award.

Photo by Anyon Rettinger.

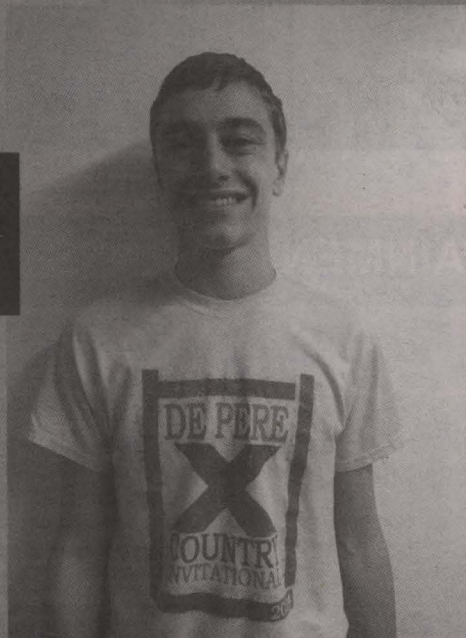


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Humans of Point

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What is your favorite Disney movie and why?

I'm going to have to say Cinderella because when I was five years old I would watch it once a week. That's just what happened and what I did! I was just kind of me and my sister's movie together. At five years old I just thoroughly enjoyed the pumpkin turning into a carriage. It was pretty fascinating!

If you had to be one Disney character who would it be and why?

Cars is a Disney movie right? I would definitely be Lightning McQueen because he's pretty great. He's super over confident in everything he does and he has that 'Ka-Chow!' catch phrase thing! He's great.

Did you ever have a crush on a Disney character growing up?

Oh man! What was the girl's name from High School Musical that Vanessa Anne Hudgens played? Well, whatever her name was in the movie, I was jealous of Troy Bolton because she was gorgeous and smart and everything I wanted in a woman.

Editors Note: Mueller was referring to Gabriella Montez from High School Musical

Vibe Street Dances to Encore Center Stage



Vibe Street Performing at the Encore. Photo by Nomin Erdenebileg

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A clash of bluegrass, electronic and EDM performers burst on stage in the Encore room creating a club-like atmosphere, pumping speakers with “new-aged” music last Thursday, March 2.

These bands Vibe Street, Evanoff and Cliffy Tokes performed to a group of students thirsty for

fast-paced electronic music offered by each group.

Cliffy Tokes, the opening performer, a local mixer out of Wisconsin Rapids, was playing a collection of fast-beat, head bobbing, hula-hoop using, mix of beats and instruments everyone can dance to.

Mindy Schmitt, freshman communications and public relations major, entered the night with a dose of curiosity.

“I heard about the event from my co-worker and I thought it would be different and fun,” Schmitt said.

A sea of tie-dye could be seen from the stage, swaying and bobbing to each song as the beats easily transitioned from one to the next, making it nearly impossible to discern when one song ended and another began. Students were excited and encouraging the DJs and performers.

The artist coined as “Vibe Street,” otherwise known as Ben Davis, bases his music out of Denver, CO.

Davis considers himself an artist in his self-proclaimed genre, “grass-hop/future-folk.” The crowd anxiously awaited for the headlining group to usher onto the stage.

Vibe Street has a considerable amount of followers around the nation by using “forward-thinking” when creating music and it showed on the Encore stage. Enthusiastic listeners were accompanied by rainbow-lit hula-hoops swinging throughout the center floor.

An assortment of colorful flashing lights from the stage met with students trying to “vibe,”

stated one of the event attendees.

There were several props that fans brought to allow their dancing on the floor to appear nearly effortless. Other fans took to the seats at the perimeter of the room, allowing their ears to do most of the dancing.

“We drove for a long time,” JJ Evanoff, member and founder of the self-named group, said to the crowd. “We didn’t drive for you to sit down!”

Evanoff is a trio consisting of Jake Hall, Parker Oberholzer and Evanoff. The band rushed onto the stage with music they describe as “dream rock,” which is comprised of classic rock and contemporary dance music.

Bridget Pintz, arts management and public relations major, organized the “Vibe Street” event.

“We put this event on because there is a large following of electronic/EDM music here in central Wisconsin,” Pintz said. “People don’t want to drive hours to Milwaukee or Madison, so we created an event on campus.”

Drinks were flowing into the hands of event attendees while bluegrass/hip-hop EDM music spilled into the lobby of the DUC.



Energetic crowd during Vibe Street. Photo by Nomin Erdenebileg

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Students Work Miracles on UWSP Stage

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The time: the 1880s. The place: Tuscumbia, Alabama. Some stories have the miraculous ability to transcend time and space. Helen Keller's is one of them.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is currently showing their production of *The Miracle Worker*. The play follows the interaction between Annie Sullivan and the child Helen Keller who would grow up to be the first deaf-blind person to earn a bachelor of arts degree.

Karley Scheidegger, freshman BFA acting major, portrayed Keller in the production.

"I think everybody knows Helen Keller, but they know the older Helen Keller who is more accomplished and dignified," Scheidegger said. "This is her beginning story. She had to struggle and she had to overcome a lot. It's just an inspiring story that really helps people see that one person can really make a difference."

While the story centers around Keller's childhood, Annie Sullivan is the young tutor who comes to the Keller home. Sullivan, played by Elana Cramer, is also a central character within the play.

The production features a lavish, period set of multiple rooms within and locations around the Keller house. Lighting was cleverly used to highlight specific areas on stage, and sometimes single characters, in every scene.

The same technique was used to portray Sullivan's flashbacks into her past.

Ava Wilkerson, a local high school student, attended *The Miracle Worker* this past weekend.

"When I left, I was almost emotionally drained because it was so intense, but it was amazing," Wilkerson said. "It makes you look at your life problems in a different light because you realize that sometimes the thing that you blow out of proportion and seem huge are really small in perspective to this play."

Vanessa Gassman, freshman with an undeclared major, also attended. She agreed that the play and its presentation were very powerful.

"I almost cried," Gassman said. "It was really well done."

Complementing the raw emotion the story lends to the stage, the script also provided some instances of comic relief, including many humorous one-liners from a variety of characters.

Much of the show's cohesion and success is attributable to the show's director, Stephen Smith,



Cast of *The Miracle Worker*. Photo courtesy of UW-Stevens Point University Relations and Communications.

professor of theatre and dance.

Johnny Stang, freshman BFA acting major, gave life to James, Keller's older brother.

"Steve Smith holds his shows to a professional standard and he'll be consistently reminding us of that," Stang said. "I feel so much more confident in this kind of work now that I've worked with him and done this."

Almost all of the students involved in the show were freshman.

"There's a couple juniors and a sophomore, but we're all pretty young, and yet we took it so seriously," Scheidegger said. "Everyone was on the same page on what kind of production we wanted to put forth to people."

Though the show was an outstanding success, it had its challenges. One of Scheidegger's, in the role of Keller, was acting without dialogue.

"It was so tough," Scheidegger said. "During rehearsals, there'd be moments where I would break character and just scream out. I want to talk. I want to say what I'm feeling because that's what I'm used to. I'm used to having the words, and when the words are ripped from you, all you're left with is your body language and your facial expressions."

The theme of language and communication within the framework of human connection was one of the powerful messages of the show.

"Language is such an intricate, miraculous thing we have developed," Gassman said. "It's amazing that we have this system of communication. The whole time, for me, I was witnessing Helen like that. It made me think about what it would actually be like if you couldn't see or couldn't hear. You'd be completely cut off from everything. And then once she finally understands language as a concept, everything opens up. It's amazing."

The Miracle Worker combines inspiration and hope with the presentation of challenges. It also shows the struggles that push

people forward and teaches the audience "what help is," and "how to live again," as one of Sullivan's lines states.

Tillie Petersen, a high school student who attended the show, said, "It is intense and very moving. It makes you think differently once you walk out of the theatre."

There will be three more performances of *The Miracle Worker* on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Mar. 9 - 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Theatre. Tickets are available for purchase at the University Information and Ticket desk in the Dreyfus University Center.



Karley Scheidegger (white dress) playing Helen and Elana Cramer (black dress) playing Annie. Photo courtesy of UW-Stevens Point University Relations and Communications

