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Movies in Park Provide Free Entertainment

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As the semester winds down, students are preparing for summer. Those that are staying in Stevens Point for the next three months will have the opportunity to enjoy community events.

One of the affordable events that Portage County offers is Movies in the Park, which takes place at Pfiffner Park in Stevens Point.

Trisha Steinhorst, board member of Evergreen Community Initiatives, is the organizer for Movies in the Park. Evergreen Community Initiatives is a group of people that work on creating programs for those in need.

One of the beneficial programs the group runs is a warming center that is open to community members who might otherwise be sleeping outside during the cold seasons.

The group also has a food pantry that is made available on Thursday nights at the Place of Peace in Stevens Point.

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Come On In: The Dumpster Is Fine



Unidentified student dumpster diving for some pizza late at night. Photo by Nomin Erdenebileg

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They say one man's trash is another man's treasure, at least that is what some people say about dumpster diving.

Mackenzie Grover, junior biology major, is one of many people who take part in dumpster diving in Stevens Point.

Grover was introduced to dumpster diving by her older sister. At first, she was disgusted by it and felt nothing was worth going through garbage for and could not fathom going in a dumpster for anything.

That is until Grover heard that she could find books. From there it opened a door to a new world.

"As a college student, I'm often short on money and dumpster diving is a resource

for free food," said Grover. "A lot of the stuff that stores throw out is simply tossed because it's damaged or dented, but it's still okay."

Grover has multiple jobs and she can afford food, however she dumpster dives for the resource of it.

"I work as a waitress and I see whole plates of food being tossed because someone ordered a sandwich without pickles or something. It's just torture to throw all that out when someone would be willing to eat it," Grover said.

Some of the things others have found while diving include bread, lightly bruised fruit, packages of Easter candy, boxed cookies, boxes of unsold doughnuts, whole pizzas and so much more.

"One night we found a bunch of chicken pot pies, pizzas and brownies," said Max Hanrd, a freshman eco-

system restoration and management major.

People hear dumpster diving and they think of homeless people scrounging for food. But it is more than that.

"It makes me cringe how much is thrown out and wasted that's still good. There are people without food and water yet here we are throwing away packages of bottled water because it's dented or the package is ripped" Grover said.

Though businesses do not appreciate someone taking free stuff from their garbage, most divers can get away with searching through dumpsters worry free. Grover stated that there have been times where she's been chased away from bigger businesses.

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Law Preventing Women from Living Together Debunked

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There is a long-standing rumor that in Stevens Point it is illegal for eight or more unrelated women to live together. The law is believed to have been put in place to prevent brothels from existing in the city.

The rumors have been proven false. There is no documentation of any such law existing in Stevens Point, or in Wisconsin that can be found online.

Sarah Johannes, Greek life and leadership coordinator at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point said there is no restriction on a certain number of women living together. A law like that would directly affect sorority houses if there was one in place.

George Jensen, vice president of the Phi Sigma Phi fraternity at UWSP, said although members of his organization are definitely interested in having a fraternity house, there are no official houses associated with Greek life here.

Madyson Main, president of the inter-Greek council and member of Delta Phi Epsilon, said members of Greek life work very hard to prove wrong the poor stigmas surrounding sororities and fraternities.

Stephanie Lesperance, president of Phi Omega, said the presence of Greek-houses in a city is also dependent on the culture of the community. She said the idea of many college students in one house together unsupervised can be daunting to the community.

Jensen agreed and said before Phi Sigma Phi would ever officially own a house for the organization, they would want the blessing of Stevens Point and of the administration at UWSP.

Jensen also said there would likely be more Greek houses in Stevens Point if

Greek life were more popular like it is at Ripon College.

Although Ripon is smaller than UWSP, there is around 60 percent involvement in Greek life there, which makes it easier to both pay for and maintain a house owned by the organizations.

Regarding the number of students living in one house together, the Greeks are not the only group that consider housing together. Sports teams at UWSP are known to band together and live in larger houses with eight or more people.

Some members of the women's club rugby team had a house last year with eight women living in it.

Mikayla Ison, senior arts management major and member of the women's rugby team, said she did not live in the house herself, but knows her teammates lived there together.

There are no rumors that a similar law has existed for unrelated men living together, and no documentation exists online of anything similar.

While some peculiar laws do exist in Wisconsin, like ATCP 81.60(1) which requires certain kinds of cheese to be "highly pleasing" there is nothing to worry about for female students looking to live together.



One of the larger student houses with 8 bedrooms, located on Main and Division. Photo by Nomin Erdenebileg

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Sunday, April 30

Someone was caught urinating on the outside of Thomson Hall by a PS officer.

Monday, May 1

A dog without a leash or owner was seen running between the Science and TNR buildings. The dog was about 50 pounds and white with black spots and a red collar.

Tuesday, May 2

There was a homeless man sleeping on one of the couches in the NFAC. He was wearing a long black trench coat with a hoodie underneath.

Wednesday, May 3

Medical was paged to the HEC for a 21-year-old male that was about to pass out.

Thursday, May 4

A seemingly intoxicated driver was spotted leaving campus, heading down Clark Street, to Michigan and Jefferson. An officer was sent.

Friday, May 5

A homeless man was reported to have been sleeping in the DUC all day.

Saturday, May 6

Parking Lot F East was being used by the baseball team and they would not move their cars, despite it being reserved for Pow-wow participants.

SPPD called alerting PS of a man with a warrant for battery and disorderly conduct in Brown County. PS moved to Berg Gym in attempt to locate the man and act on the warrant.

CORRECTION

In The Pointer Volume 61, Issue 27, "From myPoint to acsSPoint" said that there were 400 lines of data that need to be added, the correct number is 4 million lines.

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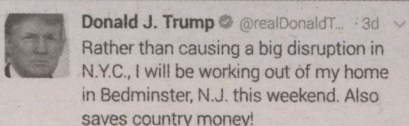
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Tweet of the Week



Screen Capture from twitter.com

Thursday, May 4

Executive Order: Trump instructed the IRS to ease up on enforcing restrictions that prevent religious organizations from being politically involved and from formally endorsing political candidates. The order also allows religious organizations to not cover the cost of birth control in employer health insurance plans.

Healthcare: The House voted and passed the AHCA, or TrumpCare. This bill, if passed by the Senate, would lead to 24 million people losing healthcare insurance over the next 10 years, and does not cover pre-existing conditions including depression and pregnancy.

Friday, May 5

Goodbye: House Democrats were heard singing in celebration of the passing of the AHCA bill not for the passing of the bill itself but for their Republican House members that they expect to lose their seats as a result of voting for the bill.

Monday, May 8

Yates Strikes Back: Former Attorney General Sally Yates testified to the Senate Judiciary subcommittee that she had warned the Trump White House that Michael Flynn was compromised by the Russians two full weeks before he was fired, and that she did nothing wrong by refusing to support the first version of the travel ban on January 30.

You're Fired: Twelve advisory board members at the EPA were fired. The board of the EPA is responsible for making sure the science conducted and evaluated at the agency meets rigorous standards.

Tuesday, May 9

You're Fired: The head of the FBI, James Comey was also fired for his handling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation.

International Club Moving Forward After Loss

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Two key advisors for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point International Club will be stepping down after this year.

Marcia Mace and Remya Sarma-Traynor will both be leaving the International Club after advising it for 10 years.

Mace is not only leaving, but is retiring completely from the university. Sarma-Traynor is leaving the International Club with Mace, but is not leaving the university.

Mace is currently the English as a Second Language Customized Program Coordinator and teaches Spanish.

Sarma-Traynor is currently an instructor of Chinese. She is leaving the club because she must focus on teaching and does not have the time needed for International Club.

Both advisors chose to join the club together 10 years ago and have since become important assets.

Michelle Wilde, president of International Club, assured that there was no animosity in the advisor's departures, but both will be dearly missed.

"They've been the most consistent thing this organization has had for a while," said Wilde.



2016-17 International Club board members. Photo by Mostafa Alabed

The greatest change for the club will be answering questions without the dependence on Mace and Serma-Traynor.

Both advisors have provided great support for the international and English as a Second Language students of UWSP. They have been able to make those in the International Club feel much more at home.

Two great assets will be leaving the club, but International Club will not be left without advisors. The club still has Melissa Murray.

Murray is an International Student Success Advisor, has been an advisor for the

club for about 5 years and has been teaching international students since experiencing a summer teaching English in Poland when she was in graduate school.

In addition to keeping Murray, the club will be adding a new advisor: Lara Olson.

Olson is an English as a Second Language instructor originally from Germany and has only been at UWSP for a short time. She is honored to be part of the club and is ecstatic about bringing in English as a Second Language students.

"My hope is that I will connect my ESL students to the

bigger community," said Olson.

The International Club is excited for her to come in as an advisor.

"She is so friendly, open, and enthusiastic," said Wilde.

Wilde also said that Olson will be helpful in bridging the gap between the English as a Second Language student community and the rest of the UWSP community.

The club will be losing two advisors, but will be coming back next year just as strong as ever.

Project Unites College and High School Students

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High school students from across the state traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Friday, May 5, to talk about literature, get a taste of the college experience and make connections with each other.

Throughout the spring semester, students from Menasha, Adams-Friendship and Madison La Follette high schools collaborated with UWSP English 381 students on the Connections Project.

Initiated in spring 2006, the Connections Project provides English education majors an opportunity to practice skills essential to becoming successful teachers.

High school students read and discussed a book throughout the semester, with UWSP English 381 students acting as teachers and facilitators.

The project gives these future teachers the opportunity to interact with a variety of students, evaluate work, give feedback and create lesson plans.

Participants from UWSP visited the high schools throughout the semester and spent a day with students at each school.

To complete the project,

options were provided for the high school students to create and present on their visit to UWSP.

Erica Ringelspaugh, assistant professor of English and UWSP alumna, is teaching English 381 for the first time this semester. However, Ringelspaugh has experience with the project as a teacher at Adams-Friendship high school.

Ringelspaugh was one of the first cooperating high school teachers involved with the Connections Project in 2006; it was her second year of teaching.

Ringelspaugh explained that the project provided UWSP students a chance to apply lessons learned during the semester.

The project allows 381 students to slow down the teaching process and take teaching a lesson one step at a time.

"Students get to look at every step and see what is best practice. That forces students to make some of those skills habits that they can build on later," Ringelspaugh said.

Morgan Brinkman, English 381 student, agreed with Ringelspaugh.

"This experience has helped me step into that teacher role pretty authentically," Brinkman said. "I feel

like I can stand in front of a group of students and say 'My name is Ms. Brinkman' and not falter."

Rachel France, another English education major, felt the project prepared her in ways like no other class during her college career.

"This is the most hands-on project I've ever done," France said. "We get full control of our classroom."

With experience as a high school teacher, Ringelspaugh understands the importance of this project for both the college and high school students.

"They are so thrilled to talk with college students. My students in Adams-Friendship didn't picture themselves on college campuses because they don't have that life experience," Ringelspaugh said. "This was a way to get them talking with college students and get them on a college campus."

The Connections Project culminated with a campus visit day, which saw close to 100 high school students experience a day at UWSP.

English 381 students prepared opening and closing activities and gave their students a campus tour. The high school students presented final projects to their peers and connections teachers from the 381 class.

Both France and Brinkman admitted they were slightly nervous when students arrived but deemed the day a success.

Brinkman said that despite the demands of the project, making connections with the students was wonderful. "Overall it was really an amazing experience for me and hopefully for the students," Brinkman said.

France shared similar thoughts. "It was rewarding to look at the students' final projects," France said. "I think our students learned a lot from each other and I learned a lot from them just seeing the work that they put in."

Ringelspaugh gave credit to the 381 students for their tremendous work this semester. She feels like the Connections Project provides a unique opportunity.

"I didn't get to do the Connections Project when I went to UWSP," Ringelspaugh said. "I really think that it has been a game changer in our program."

"I wish every program did this," said France. "I was talking with some of my roommates, who are also education majors, and they are kind of jealous because they've never had anything so intensive in their program."

Look Into Sports

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SOFTBALL SPLITS FINAL SERIES OF SEASON

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point softball team traveled to Milwaukee on Thursday to take on Wisconsin Lutheran College in a two-game series. Stevens Point split the series with a record of 1-1.

Ashley Cohen pitched a scoreless game as the Pointers won game one in extra innings with a score of 3-0.

The game remained scoreless after the ninth inning as Cohen allowed only five hits in the contest.

UWSP's bats came alive in the tenth inning as Katie Uhlenbrauck, Payton Mix and Paige Kitzing each hit RBI singles, giving Point the lead.

Cohen pitched a scoreless tenth inning to preserve the victory and was credited with the win.

The win marked the 100th victory of head coach Ashley Steltenpohl's career.

Stevens Point was not as successful in game two as they lost 6-4.

The Pointers had another slow start as they failed to score in the first six innings.

The Warriors scored one run in the first inning followed by five more runs in the third inning, taking a 6-0 lead.

UW-Stevens Point got onto the board in the seventh inning when the team scored four runs, highlighted by a two-RBI single by Paige Allen.

The four runs in the seventh would not be enough as the game was shortened to seven innings.

Stevens Point ends the season with a 12-24 record.

Jen Jacobson led the Pointers with a .406 batting average and 27 RBI's.

WILLIAMS WINS THIRD TRIPLE JUMP CONFERENCE TITLE

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point track and field team traveled to Platteville on Friday to compete in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships. The men finished the weekend third while the women finished sixth overall.

For the men, Jerry Williams captured the triple jump title with a distance of 14.45 meters. Williams has now won three of the last four triple jump titles.

Christian Ferguson placed third in the high jump with a height of 2.02 meters.

Calden Wojt finished third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.62 seconds.

For the women, Sylviann Momont took second in the heptathlon with a total of 4,313 points.

Senior Kathy Derks finished in second place in the 800-meter dash with a time of 2:14.07.

Derks combined with Sarah Vils, Makani Peters and Leah Trempe in the 4X400-meter dash to finish third with a time of 3:54.81.

Emily Schlebecker placed third in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:50.16.

Stevens Point returns to action Thursday, May 11, as they travel to Naperville, Illinois, for the Dr. Keeler Invitational.

Jerry Williams competes during the long jump event. Photo courtesy of UWSP Athletics.

BASEBALL HAS SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND AGAINST STOUT

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team hosted UW-Stout in a four-game series Friday and Saturday where the Pointers went 3-1.

Stevens Point scored early in game one with four runs in the first two innings.

Kyle Mrozinski hit an RBI in both the first and second inning, while Tommy Duddleston had a two-RBI single in the first inning.

The Blue Devils scored five runs throughout the next three innings, taking the lead 5-4.

Stevens Point provided a quick answer with a nine-run sixth inning.

William Iloncaie, Mrozinski, Ryan Stanicek, John Popham, Clint Rose and Tyler Thomka batted in the runs for the Pointers in the sixth inning in a team effort.

Point finished off the scoring in the seventh inning as Angel Ramirez hit an RBI single.

The game finished in the seventh inning and Stevens Point won 15-5.

Cole Erickson picked up the win for the Pointers.

Fortunes reversed in game two as Stevens Point's bats fell quiet, losing 6-0.

Noah Brown hit three home runs for the Blue Devils and UW-Stout routed UW-Stevens Point.

The Pointers started out day two with a 4-1 win over the Blue Devils.

Popham and Rose each hit an RBI in the second inning, giving the Pointers an early 2-0 lead.

Rose hit his second RBI of the game in the sixth inning and Ramirez added another RBI later in the inning, putting Stevens Point up 4-0.

Stout managed one run in the seventh inning but Stevens Point held on for the 4-1 win.

Derek Kawlewski picked up the win for the Pointers, while Alex Stodola was credited with the win.

The Pointers finished off the series in game four with a victory in a back and forth contest.

Down 1-0, Rose had an RBI groundout to tie the game at one in the fourth inning.

In the sixth inning, Stanicek homered, while Duddleston and Thomka had an RBI, giving UWSP a 4-2 lead.

The Blue Devils rallied back in the ninth to tie the game at four.

With the Pointers facing extra innings, Stanicek hit a walk-off RBI double to center field, lifting Point over Stout 5-4.

Kawlewski was the standout pitcher of the week, pitching five innings, allowing five hits and one run in game three and was credited with the win.

Stanicek's bat helped the Pointers during the series, with six hits and four runs batted in. Stanicek hit the walk-off RBI along with a home run to help the Pointers win game four.

The Pointers will be back in action on Friday, May 12, as they head to Whitewater to take on UW-La Crosse in the conference tournament.



Reliever Ben Miller warms up before entering the game. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dabli.

Sports Events

Track & Field

May 11-12,
at Dr. Keeler Invite
TBA



Baseball

May 12,
vs. University of
Wisconsin-La Crosse
Whitewater, WI
10 a.m.

May 12,
vs. TBD
Whitewater, WI
4 or 7 p.m.



Sports Analytics Conference set at Stevens Point

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will be hosting the Great Lakes Analytics in Sports Conference, set for Thursday, July 13.

Over 35 speakers are already committed to a growing list of presenters who will be discussing the latest concepts, research and innovations in the fast-growing field of sports analytics.

The event will feature speakers and presenters from professional and college sports organizations, the business sector and academic community across the country.

The diverse conference lineup will cover sports such as football, basketball, baseball, soccer, hockey and more.

Scott Tappa, director of the Great Lakes Analytics in Sports Conference, said, "We even have an eSports presenter discussing League of Legends."

Tappa is excited that Stevens Point alum and former Philadelphia 76ers executive

Daniel Hauser will be presenting at the event.

Hauser has many years of business and sports experience at the professional level.

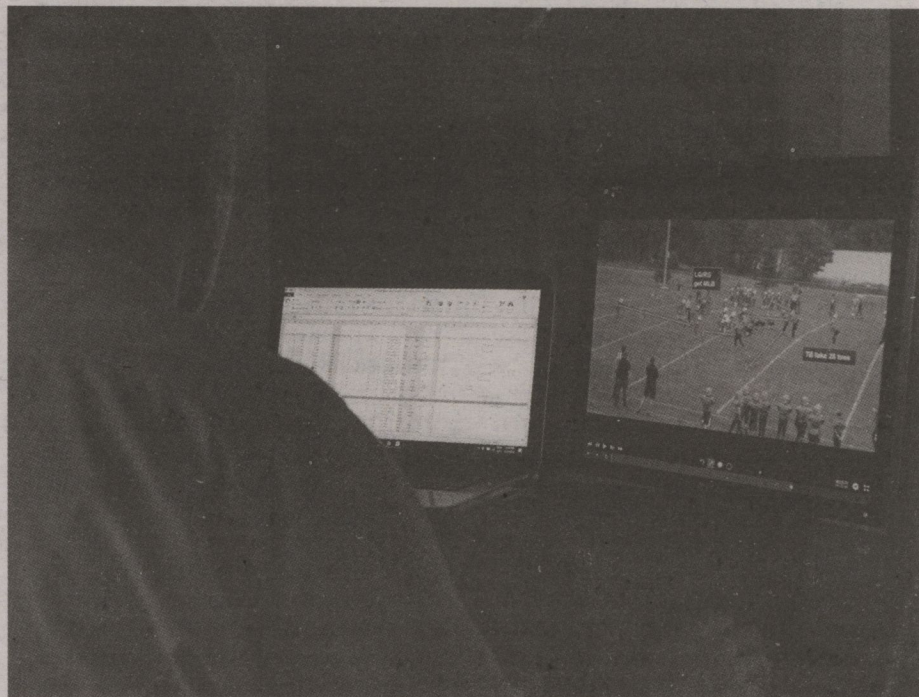
Kevin Pauga is another speaker that Tappa is looking forward to coming to the conference. Pauga helped found the KPI ranking system in college basketball.

This conference will be of interest to students, faculty members, coaches, athletes and sports professionals who want to learn how to collect and analyze relevant data for a competitive advantage.

When talking about what he thinks students will acquire from the conference, Tappa said that "I would expect them to make some good contacts, to network and to be inspired by places they can take their research or careers."

The conference will feature an opportunity for students and faculty to present research or oral presentations on sports analytics topics as diverse as mathematics, athletic training, business, biology, computer science, GIS and journalism.

Attendees are encouraged



Watching film is key in the sports world. Photo courtesy of Scott Tappa.

to pre-register by July 1 to reserve their spot at the conference. Group rates are available.

For more information on the Great Lakes Analytics in Sports Conference, email stappa@uwsp.edu or call 715-346-4211.

Those interested in starting a sports analytics club or working at the sports analytics conference recording video of speakers, taking photos, assisting with social media and more should contact Scott Tappa.

STEVENS POINT, MY SECOND HOME

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Growing up in the suburbs of Chicago, I was a stranger to big lots of land and unaware that people ate fried fish on Fridays.

Living close to a metropolitan area, I was familiar with utilizing public transportation and enjoyed the seven-minute drive to the mall. Therefore, when I began my freshman year at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, I was not prepared for the culture shock I would soon experience living in Central Wisconsin.

My first week living on campus taught me that many people prefer country to pop

and indie music. I also came to understand that there was a new set of norms in Wisconsin that I would have to get used to.

As I tried to navigate through my first semester of college and make friends, I quickly realized that I was surrounded by a lot of people that grew up in small towns and rolled their eyes at the mention of a big city.

I was feeling out of place and making naive judgments until I started to become friends with people that I would have thought I had nothing in common.

One of the best friends I made in college was initially intimidated by where I came from. But after getting to know me, we realized that we share

many of the same interests.

Though I still miss riding the train to the city and taking trips to the mall, I started to realize that I don't hate all country music and enjoy spending time outdoors. As I gained new interests, I lost my ignorance.

Beyond all the vital information that I learned in the class room, spending four years at UWSP has helped me understand that there is life outside of the big city.

I'm never going to wear camouflage or buy a gun, but I am also not going to make preconceived judgments about those that do.

Now that graduation is approaching and I am writing my final article for The Pointer, I realize how thankful I am to have spent four years in Cen-



tral Wisconsin. Not only has this experience given me the opportunity to step out of my comfort zone, but it has made me respect diversity of thought.

Thank you, Stevens Point, for becoming another place that I feel comfortable to call home.

I SWEAR THAT I AM UP TO NO GOOD

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Jokes have been floating around campus about getting ready to dive head-first into the adult world, but it wasn't until I was sitting alone at my usual table in the Brewhaus that this idea really hit home.

Coming to college is scary, but leaving it is scarier.

I remember sitting in the gazebo next to the HEC at midnight in the cold, consoling my new friends who cried about missing home. Now, the same friends have been crying over missing their college home, the same place they were so scared to become part of.

My advice to those who are leaving college or who have only just begun—embrace it all.

Hold tight to old and new friendships, let go of those you'll inevitably say goodbye to.

Recognize that you don't have to be "on" every day. Rock that four-day-no-shower grunge because frankly, no one gives a damn.

Understand that not every assignment is going to be a masterpiece by van Gogh or Shakespeare, but that is okay because there is always next time.

Revel in moments of pure bliss, partying until 4am with your friends, singing Panic! At The Disco at the top of your lungs and solemnly swearing that you are up to no good.

Get involved with organizations, sports, on-campus job opportunities and anything else you can get into because it will be some of the best experiences you ever commit to.



Struggle through the "I think it is time to down five cups of coffee, three Red Bulls and possibly eat a whole gallon of Ben and Jerry's" kind of all-nighters. While you'll probably take a seven-hour nap the next day, all that hard work will be worth it in the end.

Most importantly, be an advocate. Don't be afraid to stand up for those who need it as well as for yourself.

In our current climate, there has been a lot of hate. While we may not see eye to eye, respect and love are what makes us different.

If we can learn from each other, then we can fight for a better world together.

It's cliché to say enjoy college while you can, but there is no other time in life to experience anything like what college has to offer.

In the blink of an eye, you are graduating, and you will wish you could live every one of those moments over again.

Unless you are one of the lucky ones prolonging the adult experience and going to graduate school. Kudos to you for being one of the truly smart ones.

As I prepare for the excitement and tears that graduation will bring, while packing my bags for a London internship, I hope you embrace it all because that is what being a Pointer has taught me.

"Mischievous managed."

HERE'S TO YOU, LITTLE BEER CITY: MY HOME

ANNA SCHUTTENHELM

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point was not my first choice when it came to deciding on colleges and universities my senior year of high school.

At my high school, college decisions were heavily influenced by the students who graduated before you. I knew of less than five people who chose UWSP in the years before me.

When my mom mentioned it to me, I said I would look at it just for her, but my heart was set somewhere else.

As I began getting to know UWSP, I admit it started to grow on me, but it was still not my first choice.

In the end, I choose UWSP because of financial reasons and thought "it probably won't be that bad."

Now, as I near the end of my senior year of college and think back to that time in high school when I almost refused to consider UWSP, I laugh quite a bit.

To think that I barely wanted to go here and now UWSP is my home, is quite humorous.

UWSP has seriously given me the absolute greatest college experience.

Where else can you get an amazing education for such a low price? Where else can you excel in your classes and have time to have a job, or three, and be involved in clubs and organizations?

UWSP is the perfect university.

As someone who learns and thrives from a busy schedule, I loved every part of UWSP.

My involvements have not only prepared me for my career, but have led me to some of the nicest and greatest friends. The number of amazing memories I have



here adds up to more than the number of tiles on the TNR mural.

I will never forget practically living in the Brewhaus, talking with friends and seeing so many familiar faces. I know there will be some Tuesday night in the future where I will wish that I was with my friends at a Brewhaus trivia night or grabbing Belts' at 10 p.m.

To think that I will not be able to retreat to Schmeckle on a beautiful fall day to take a walk around Lake Joanis hurts my heart a bit.

This city is a gem, smacked in the middle of Wisconsin. Nature, excitement and a strong sense of community make this place one-of-a-kind.

A little advice for the young Pointers: do everything.

Get involved in a club, get an on-campus job, go to your classes and, yeah, go out on the weekends. Here you have the opportunity to be a well-balanced and successful student while still having fun.

If I could have two more years here, I would. There is always room for 100 more memories.

So here is to you, little beer city and perfect university. Thank you for everything. You truly have no idea what you mean to me.

PHOBIAS, LOVE AND TATTOOS, OH MY!

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I have only been at The Pointer for one year. Through it, I found a thing I love, got to work with some of the best and some of the worst people and got over a phobia.

When I came to Point, I had transferred from a small private school in Massachusetts that was no larger than my high school, and I didn't know a single person. I thought I was going to be a veterinarian then.

After taking chemistry I also discovered I have a passionate disliking for the subject, and dropped that minor.

Stevens Point has drawn out the best and the absolute worst in me, and I am grateful for every single experience.

I have worked hard to get A's in courses I hated, slacked in courses I love, been blackout drunk in a bar I was too young to be in, fought, loved, lost and loved more.

It hit me recently that I have felt similarly about exploring campus and people and opportunities this last year as I did my senior year of high school. You know, when everyone seems to get along more than normal, and people get emotional about maybe never seeing that one annoying kid ever again?

Except this time, I went out on a limb to explore campus and as many things offered here as possible that scare me. When else will I have the opportunity to do this stuff?

How can I get over my debilitating fear of letting others read what I write? Apply at The Pointer.

What is there to do oth-

er than drink in a dorm or at the bars? Explore downtown when the sun is out.

What else can I do that scares me? Model for art classes totally nude. And even make friends with another model! Hey Bianca!

I even got my first tattoo in Point, a sleeve on my left arm that I love (I know, I know, go big or go home).

So, long story short, I have changed quite a bit in my time here, and I could not have asked for a better experience.

My best friends, the ones I may not get to see very much anymore but will keep in contact with for the rest of my life, I met in Smith Hall. The upgraded halls are overrated.

I don't want to be deceiving, I had hard times here. I took a semester off after failing everything and I am a year behind because of it.

But it was and still is worth



it. I met the love of my life here and cannot be happier as I enter the "adult world," as I find myself calling it.

Long story not-so-short, I love Point. I wish I opened up earlier and had more time to submerge myself in it all.

That's it.



POST-GRAD POINTERS

ALI DICKSON

It feels nice to be writing for The Pointer one last time!

After graduating in December, I have been working as the events coordinator at a nature reserve in the Driftless area of Wisconsin. In my spare time, now that I have spare time post-graduation, I also am a content writer for a web design company.

Writing about college is making me all kinds of nostalgic because it really was the best of times. The stress of classes, the friendships, the relationships, and the opportunities I was given at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point undoubtedly made me who I am today.

The clubs, spring break

trips, and the connections were some of the best parts of life so far.

I am so happy that I took trips through Adventure Club, protested with 350 Club, and wrote for The Pointer. These organizations, among others, fostered my passion for environmental studies and sustainability, and made me employable with the killer experience.

On the flip side, the breakdowns from too much homework, the calls to my mom when I needed help, and the realization of how to stand up for myself all came with the territory of college.

The good has to be taken with the bad. Otherwise, how can we appreciate the good stuff?

If I had any advice for students, I would so so so recommend investing your time, however little free time you may have, in making experiences.

Looking back, I didn't focus on the midterms or the deadlines or my GPA. I think of the places I got to go, the people who went with me, and the way both shaped me into the person I'm proud to be.

The writing job I have now came from meeting a web editor on a school backpacking trip. A huge amount of my professional skills came from working at The Pointer. And most of my good friends have been a beautiful byproduct of stepping out of my comfort zone the past four years.

Invest your time in experiences, because getting out and experiencing what you love makes you a force of nature.

COLLEGE SHOULD MAKE YOU CRY

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The other day, my roommate and I were walking past groups of touring children in blaze orange t-shirts. They looked excited and energized about walking with the cool college students and we couldn't help mumbling dismissively about them.

How dare these kids in blaze orange lollygag around, we had places to be and things to do.

Then we realized with amusement, we used to be those kids.

It's funny to think about that, about life before college, because the thing is, I don't feel a day older than I did four years ago.

Me change? Never.

But as I pack and prepare to move out of my house,

I can't help but realize how much I've evolved over the last four years.

So what, I've changed. Everyone changes right?

There is no way in heck I wanted those to be my last words to our readership.

So I sat down to write my last article for The Pointer, hoping that the words would magically appear.

I tried to think of an extremely witty remark to share with the younger generation. Something that I could warn them about, something I would change if I could go back.

But then this overly cliché thing happened. I realized I didn't want to change anything.

With that, I want my last words to be this: College is supposed to make you cry.

It's about running through the rain to feed that Belt's craving when it is 35 degrees.

It's about waking up early and having a constant stream of classes, meetings and work until you return to your bed, but then partying till 2 a.m. on the weekends when you are already sleep deprived.

It's about eating noodles and eggs every meal for a week and then binging on cookies the first chance you get.

It's about meeting friends and losing friends.

It's about all of those moments that break your heart as well as those moments that leave you breathless from laughter.

It's about wanting to be done with the late nights and stress,



but as soon as you get to the point of closing the door on this chapter of your life, you won't want to.

If you're pushing yourself in the right ways, making sure you are as involved as you can be, having a job to support yourself, and going all out with your class as well as social life: college will make you cry.

And when everything is said and done, you will look back and not want to change a thing.

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date, the food has not necessarily gone bad.

"I would never be able to go in a dumpster. I just could never get past the feeling of being in garbage," said Hannah Wiedmeyer, sophomore communication and media studies major. "Maybe if there was an animal stuck in the dumpster or free Disney movies in there I would but I'd have a hard time with dealing with the fact that I'm going into garbage."

It is no clean job. Most divers have a specific outfit they wear for going in the dumpster, Grover said. Though, she doesn't really care if her everyday clothes get dirty or torn.

"It's all a part of the experience and a part of the ad-

venture," Grover said.

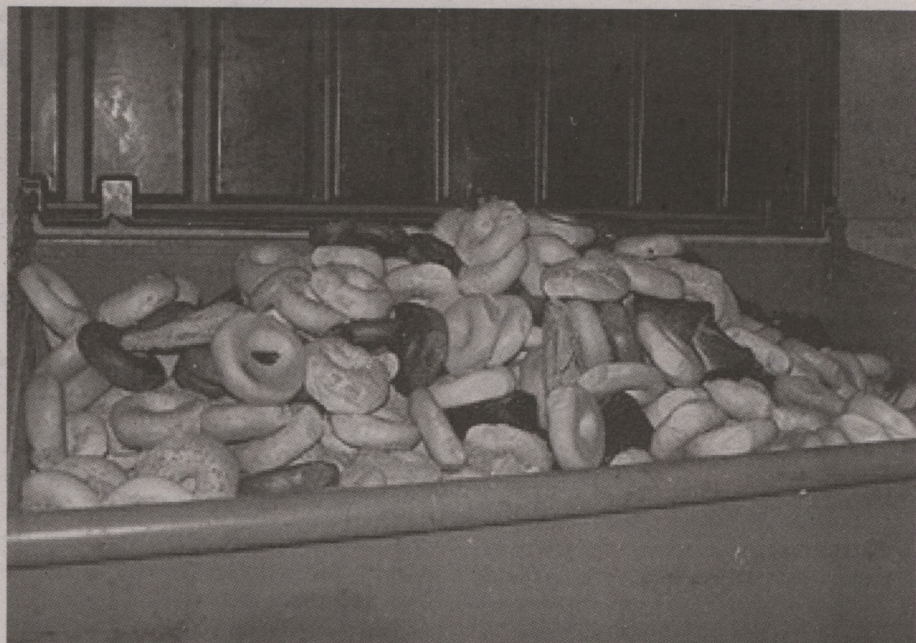
Most divers stick together and go in groups of four to five people so many hands make light work and they always have a lookout.

Though now larger groups are becoming a problem as dumpster diving is becoming more popular, large groups can easily make a mess. Some groups are not cleaning up the messes that they make.

"It's an unspoken rule of dumpster diving that you leave the dumpster in better shape than you found it otherwise if you leave it a mess, some poor underpaid employee has to pick it up," said Grover.

All in all, the goal of dumpster divers is to save money and score some free stuff.

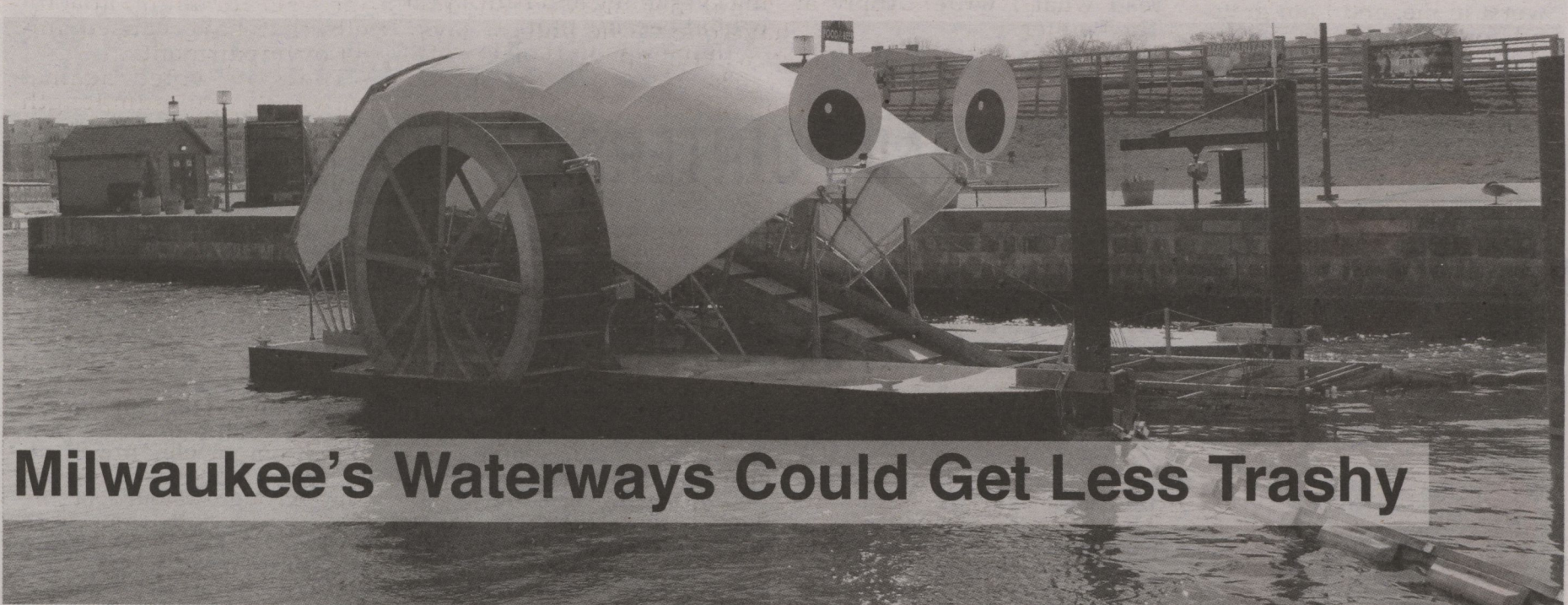
Grover said, "I encour-



Disregarded bagels in dumpster. Photo provided by wikipedia

age people to challenge the stigma of getting dirty from garbage. Go dumpster diving

and you will be amazed with what you'll find."



Mr. Trash Wheel in Baltimore, Maryland. Photo from <http://baltimorewaterfront.com>.

Milwaukee's Waterways Could Get Less Trashy

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Milwaukee's waterway litter clean-up may soon be on a roll in the form of a trash collecting wheel placed in the water.

The litter removal device will be modeled off an existing device located in Baltimore, Maryland known as The Inner Harbor Water Wheel, or Mr. Trash Wheel.

Baltimore's Mr. Trash Wheel was installed back in 2014. The wheel is located at the end of the Jones Falls Watershed which drains into the Baltimore Harbor and Chesapeake Bay.

All 58 square miles of the Jones Falls Watershed drains into the harbor where the wheel is located.

The wheel works like a sift to collect trash floating in the river before the debris can enter the ocean and is powered by the water current with the help of solar power.

Since its installation, Mr. Trash wheel has prevented 1,147,660 pounds of garbage

from entering the Atlantic Ocean.

Elliot Retzlaff, a resident of Baltimore and native of Racine said, "Everybody seems to like it because it's nationally known now. I've never heard of anyone complaining of noise or anything."

Retzlaff is impressed with the progress of the wheel and said, "I think it's working really well and people seem to like it."

In Milwaukee, the Kinnickinnic River Watershed is 33 square miles of mostly urban development. That amounts to a lot of trash entering the river, and eventually ending up in Lake Michigan.

Emily Crook, junior political science and history majors said, "I think the wheel is a good thought, but the water draining from Milwaukee into Lake Michigan is polluted with a lot more than just litter. There are other chemicals that are part of the problem as well."

The addition of a trash wheel to Milwaukee is be-

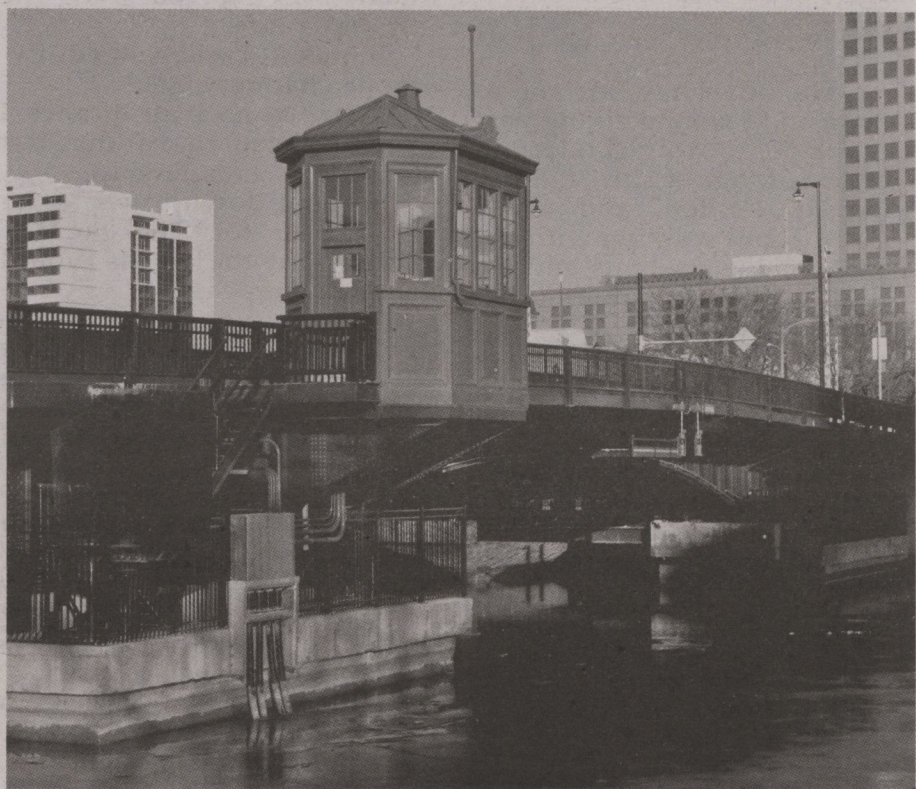
ing organized by the Harbor District Inc. The project is expected to cost around \$500,000 to \$600,000.

To pay for the wheel, the organization would need to fundraise as well as apply for federal aid.

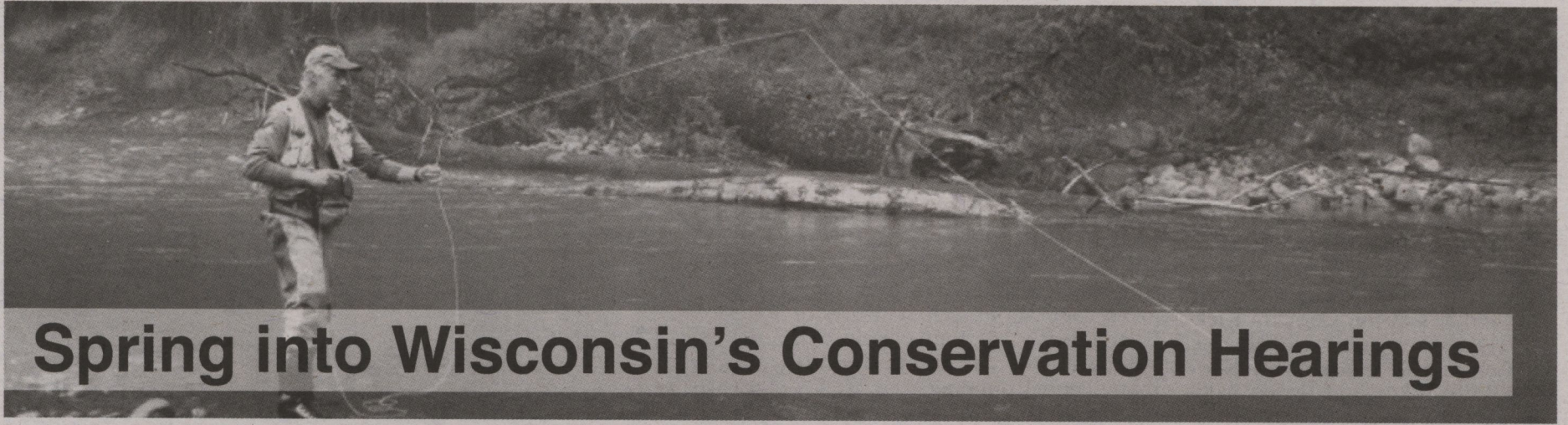
Federal funding for the

project may be a challenge in the future.

Recently, Congress denied a proposal from the Trump Administration's 2018 federal budget to slash \$300 million from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding.



State Street Bridge in Milwaukee. Photo provided by wikipedia commons



Spring into Wisconsin's Conservation Hearings

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Over 5,000 people attended the 2017 Spring Fish and Wildlife Rules Hearings and Wisconsin Conservation Congress county meetings which were held Monday,

April 10.

The public hearings were held simultaneously in all 72 counties and allowed citizens to comment and provide their input on proposed changes to fish and wildlife regulations, as well as Natural Resources Board advisory questions and Conser-

vation Congress advisory questions.

"It's important that the public is aware of or is influencing what's going on because they're the ones that are out there, they can see firsthand what the seasons are like," Andrew Szyman-ski, junior resource management law enforcement major, said. "The people that are out there the most should have one of the biggest says in what happens."

The results of the meeting, along with written comments on the evening's questions and DNR recommendations are used to advise the state Natural Resources Board. Votes are not final and are presented to the Board as advisory.

Issues addressed at the hearings included hunting and fishing regulations, issues related to high capacity wells, pipelines and dog licensing.

The results revealed that Portage county and the state were in favor of opposing the Enbridge Pipeline. The

64-year old pipeline was recently voted against by the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Native Americans.

Citizens of Portage county also voted to increase funding to state parks, for public notice to be sent to areas within a two-mile radius of high capacity wells, and the authority to suspend approvals for high capacity wells that have caused impact or impairment.

The state voted against removing a minimum length and daily bag of five for trout on certain waters in Sawyer County, reducing the size of the Theresa Marsh Wildlife Refuge in Dodge and Washington counties and eliminating the Wolf River Waterfowl Closed Area in Winnebago County.

Portage County also voted yes, 83 to 31, in favor of quality muskellunge management in Dane, Lafayette, Portage, Sawyer and Vilas counties.



The Wisconsin Conservation Congress logo. Photo from wisconsinbio.org.

Wysocki Denied Golden Sands Dairy Farm

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An appeals court ruled in favor of the Town of Saratoga, and against permitting the operation of the Golden Sands Dairy farm, after a five-year legal battle.

The rejected farm would have been large enough to hold 6,130 animal units, and would thus have been characterized as a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation, or CAFO.

The farm also intended to convert 4,660 acres of wooded area, and an existing 1,800 acres of farm land, into irrigated crop fields, according to the Wisconsin DNR website.

The plan also would have required 33 high capacity wells.

The farm was proposed by the Wysocki Family of Companies which own similar operations, like Central Sands Dairy, in Nekoosa, Wisconsin.

The legal struggle be-

tween the Town of Saratoga and proposed Golden Sands Dairy farm began in 2012 when a notice was given to the town about the intentions for the farm.

"On that day, I saw it on TV, we got something in the mail and it came out in the newspaper also," said Rhonda Carrell, a resident of Saratoga. "A representative from Wysocki Family Companies just dropped off a binder at

our town clerks house and said it was a formality that she should pass this on to the board."

It did not take long for the town to get together in an attempt to learn more about what was being proposed. Public meetings took place within days of the notice.

"We started meeting at each other's houses and we founded Protect Wood County and its Neighbors," Carrell said.



A farmer spreading manure on a field. "Manure Fertilizer" by eutrophication&hypoxia is licensed under CC BY 2.0

The concerns that Carrell, Protect Wood County and its Neighbors, and the Town of Saratoga had were, in large part, for the water quality, from the high levels of manure, and for the water quantity, from the high capacity wells being used for crops.

There were additional concerns that were not environmental.

"We lost \$70,000 on our home already, just at the announcement that they were coming in here," Carrell said.

Carrell's decrease in property value is not an isolated incident, as there are over 500 homes adjacent or within a quarter mile of the 7,838 acres owned by the Wysocki Family of Companies.

It has been reported that the Wysocki Family of Companies may appeal the current decision to the state Supreme Court.

The Wysocki Family of Companies' media contact was unavailable for comment.

Comedy Brings Stevens Point Community Together

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Laughter boomed in the nearly-full room of the Encore as students came to Centertainment Production's event, Comedy Kick-back, featuring Matt Donaher as seen on Conan O'Brien, Joe Riley from Milwaukee and Jerron Baldwin also known as Bubba.

Bubba, senior drama major, stepped on stage to perform stand up for the first time ever and opened the show telling jokes and stories about his experiences at college.

He was honored that people noticed the posters of him around campus and felt loved from the solid group of people who came to support him. Bubba would love to perform stand up again and can see it becoming part of his future.

Bubba welcomed Riley to the stage who told jokes in a narrative, story-type style based on events that happened in his life.

When he is not at his full-time job as a social worker, Riley works out of the Comedy Cafe in Milwau-

kee where he won his first comedy competition two years ago. He was featured for Nate Craig and sees comedy as something he will do in tandem with another career.

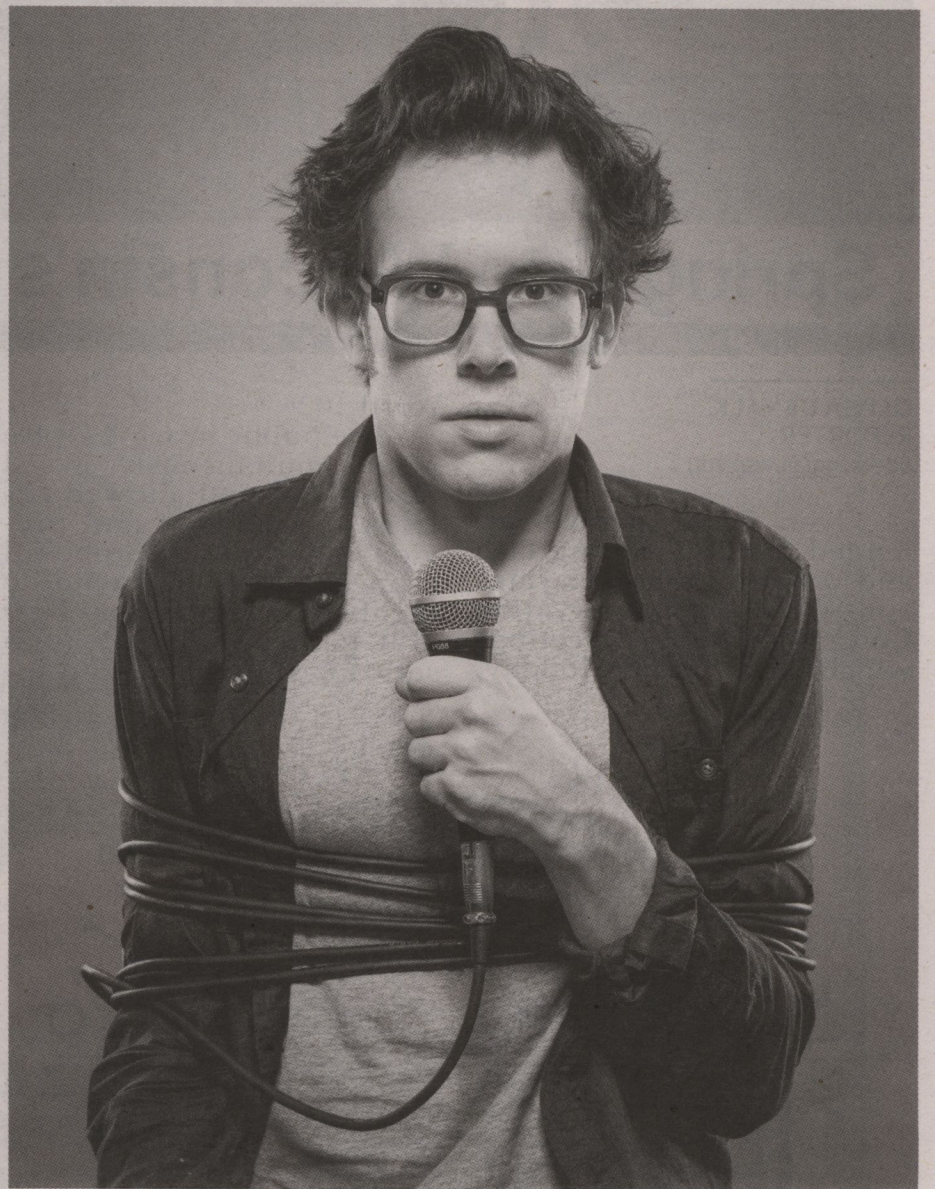
Then, Matt Donaher took the stage to tell jokes. He told short jokes, not about pop culture or trends, but jokes that people will still be able to read and find funny many years from now.

Donaher grew up watching stand-up comedy, but did not think to try it himself until a friend of his decided to pursue stand-up at open mic one night. Donaher is forever thankful to his friend for getting him hooked on stand up.

A great benefit to his performances, Donaher never had to worry about stage fright because he grew up playing in a band. Four years later, he is still pursuing stand up.

After moving to Boston and doing everything he could with comedy there, Donaher traveled to Japan. He then finally decided to live in New York where he was approached by the booker for Conan O'Brien's show to work on a set.

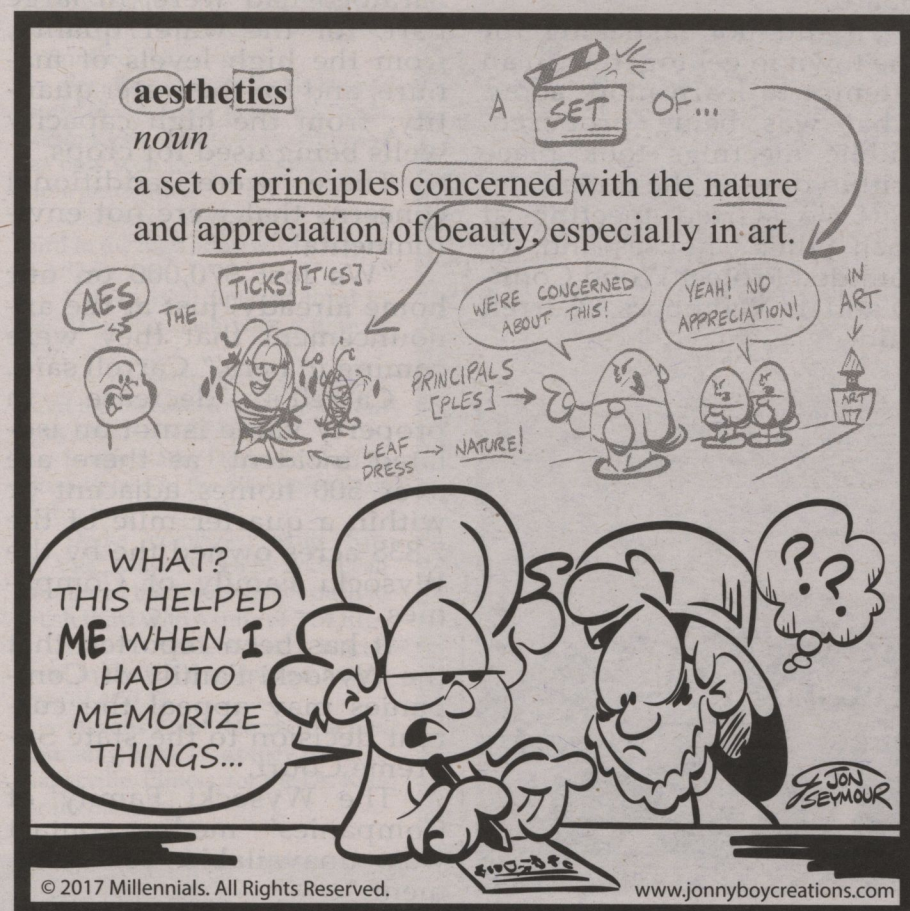
Fulfilling his long-term goal



Talented Comedian, Matt Donaher. Photo provided by mattdonaher.com



Comedian, Matt Donaher on the Conan O'Brien show. Photo provided by mattdonaher.com



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of wanting to be on television, his appearance on O'Brien's show advanced his attitude and commitment to stand up.

"I think it's really important to have a short-term goal because you might not realize how fast you'll get something and then to have a longer term goal," Donaher said.

His long-term career goal is to write for a television show, either someone else's or his own.

When asked how he got to where he is today, Donaher mentioned Eugene Mirman's philosophy to keep telling jokes until you are telling them on TV.

Although he has many heroes in the comedy world, Donaher claims he has not adapted their style of comedy, but their work ethic and how they approach living life. He often does not listen to stand up because he does not want to take something from someone else.

"I think just by me being me and writing things that I think are funny with my thoughts, they're gonna be pretty different from anyone else," Donaher said.

Donaher follows a structured process to stimulate creativity in writing and telling jokes. On as close to daily basis as possible, he writes at least three pages.

The first page of his creative process is to write anything to free up the mind. Using a random word generator, the second page consists of guided jokes based on the random and related words while the third page consists of jokes about anything.

According to Donaher, the

work pays off, "If you're up every night and writing everyday, you'll be good at stand-up."

Naturally, it has taken him less time to come up with a set of jokes ready for an audience due to his frequency of writing and getting on stage.

Every joke in his set has work behind it and has been tested with an audience. Even if a joke is made up on the spot, the years of improvisation training is the work put into that joke.

Donaher has seen improvisation classes benefit businesses and recommended everyone take an improvisation class because it can help them become a better listener and speak more directly.

Before stand up, Donaher thought a lot about how he could leave some kind of mark on the world, even if small. He wants his art and work to exist far beyond himself and to benefit many generations to come.

His humor was even showcased in his interview. When asked how he would describe himself in three words, he replied, "bad at describing." After a few laughs, he seriously replied, "nice human being."

Donaher said, "That's what I try to esteem to all the time because that's my overall long-term goal."

Donaher currently lives in Los Angeles with hopes of more opportunities for writing. His hopes for the future include having a writing job during the day and doing stand up at night.

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Movies in the park facebook photo. Photo by Evergreen Community Initiative

Like the warming center and food pantry, Movies in the Park is an event aimed to help families or individuals struggling financially have the opportunity to view a movie. The event is free of charge.

According to Steinhorst the event is sponsored by Klasinski Clinic, Izaak Walton League - Bill Cook Chapter, CoVantage Credit Union and other businesses and organizations in the community.

"It is really nice to enjoy an evening with friends and family without the financial strain, that is what we hope to do for others in our community," Steinhorst said.

The films that are shown are typically rated G - PG13. This year, after surveying community members, Steinhorst determined that people showed the most interest in viewing the following films: Moana, The Wizard of Oz, Guardians of the Galaxy and Willy Wonka and the Choco-

late factory.

Steinhorst hopes to show six films this summer, but right now the event is funded for four films. As of now, the films that will be shown have not yet been confirmed.

"The amount of movies that we play are solely based on the amount of financial and volunteer support that we receive from our community," Steinhorst said.

Ashley Hartjes, community member, found out about the event through Facebook and took her three children to see a couple of movies last summer.

Hartjes enjoys the event because, as a mom, she is aware that it can be costly to take her family to a movie theater.

"I just think it's a great event and I hope that they continue to do it. Thank you to the sponsors that make it possible, it's awesome," Hartjes said.

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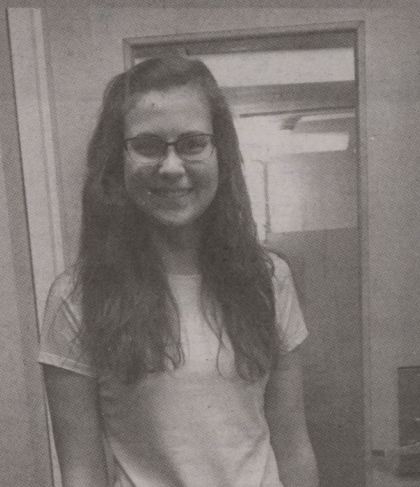
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HUMANS OF POINT



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With finals right around the corner, what do you think is the best way for students to relieve stress?

I feel like the best way for students to relieve stress is to make sure that they are making time for themselves. Taking time to sleep, go outside, play a game or even watching an episode on Netflix helps your mental well-being while giving yourself a break. Sitting and studying for hours on end without doing something you enjoy takes a mental toll on you, which actually hinders your studying.

In your opinion, what is the best way to study for finals so it is the least amount of stress it can be?

In my experience, the best way I have managed to reduce my stress when studying for finals is prioritizing my exams and making a study schedule. Knowing which classes I will need to study for the most and how much time I will have between exams to study helps keep me focused. I also make sure that I will have time to study adequately for each one. I would have to say planning ahead is probably the best way to reduce stress.

What do you like to do for fun when you are feeling stressed, especially during finals week?

Well, I am not sure how many people would consider this fun, but my go-to stress reliever is going for a run. Running helps me clear my head and also gives me a nice endorphin boost that always brightens my mood.

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Centertainment Helps Students Belly Dance the Night Away



The group Salaam performing a Turkish song called "Girl in the Blue Dress." Photo by Ross Vetterkind

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Jangling bangles, colorful scarves and ornate skirts brought to life the traditional Middle Eastern music performed in the Encore.

On Friday night, Centertainment Productions hosted An Evening of Belly Dancing accompanied by the musical ensemble, Salaam, in the Dreyfus University



One of the many belly dancers on Friday night having fun performing in the Encore. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The ensemble played music from countries throughout the Middle East, such as Morocco, Iraq, Syria and Azerbaijan. Some of the music were medleys of traditional songs while other pieces were original compositions.

"Middle Eastern music takes a lot of instruments to unfold, and it's fun to play with those sounds," Dena El Saffar, Salaam ensemble member, said.

Shuvani Tribal Dance and the Belly Dance Club of UWSP represented the dancing component of the event.

While the members of Salaam encouraged dancing during any one of their numbers, some pieces were choreographed in advance with the dancers.

Bridget Pintz, alternative sounds coordinator for Centertainment, organized the event and explained that the dances were choreographed with the use of Salaam's CD and knowledge of which songs they would be performing at An Evening of Belly Dancing.

A few years ago, Salaam played the same event with entertainment, combining their music with belly dancing.

"I thought it was a great program," Pintz said. "I went to it

when I was a freshman, and now this is my last show as alternative sounds coordinator."

Pamela Luedtke, dance lecturer, is the director of Shuvani Tribal Dance and the adviser for the Belly Dance Club of UWSP.

"Basically, belly dance is really about creating community," Luedtke said. "The people who get together don't know each other at first, but become really good friends."

Luedtke is hoping to arrange a summer belly dance class at Studio B Pilates and continue with the

Belly Dance Club of UWSP in the fall.

The Evening of Belly Dance successfully brought a unique experience to students and awakened awareness of the community that is belly dancing.

"We don't have a lot of folk or traditional music in central Wisconsin, especially not Middle Eastern," Pintz said. "I thought it would be fun to bring in a couple belly dancing groups to add to the event. It's another fun element that people might not have experienced before."



The entire belly dancing troupe dancing in unison as Salaam took a break. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

Thursday
May 11,

Feminist Artist Showcase

DUC Alumni Room
6-9 p.m.

Friday
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DUC Encore
8-10 p.m.

Saturday
May 13,

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DUC North Laird Room
7-8:30 p.m.