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Katie Youngberg Joins CNR Advising Program

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This semester, the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point welcomed a new face to their advising team.

Katie Youngberg, a UWSP alumna, recently became an advisor for the CNR, where she has begun to help students on the path of achieving their academic and career goals.

Youngberg is a recent graduate of the wildlife ecology program and is well acquainted with the faculty and curriculum. Yet, she has been learning and picking up changes which have occurred since she was a student, such as the university switch to accessPoint.

As an advisor, Youngberg's daily tasks circulate around bettering students' academic experiences and their futures.

Currently, in the midst of a busy advising season, Youngberg is preparing students to register for the classes they need. She is also busy discuss

For First Time Renters, There's A Lot of Places Like Home



Two off campus housing fairs take place in the month of October. The first was on October 17 and the second on October 30. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

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October is an exciting month for students leasing a new place to call home, however, many first-time renters may be unfamiliar with the renting process or even unsure where to begin.

To help students, the Student Government Association hosts an Off-Campus Student Housing Fair every year. This year's was held on Oct. 17 and 30.

Rich Sommer, of Sommer Property Management LLC, said he helped get the fair going 19 years ago.

Landlords filled the Laird Room to answer questions and find potential renters.

Brad Chernak, junior resource management and law enforcement major, said that when selecting off campus housing, "location is big, also whether they do a nine month or a twelve-month lease."

Students renting apartments further from campus may have the option of taking the free Campus Connections bus, which runs every half hour and picks up and drops off students out-



A student leafs through housing materials at one of the many booths present at the October 17 housing fair. A second off campus housing fair will be held on October 30. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

side of the CCC and the HEC.

Regardless of location, students should know the right questions to ask their potential landlords when touring houses and apartments.

Rebecca Bond, Leasing Manager of the Village Apartments and the Michigan Terrace Condos mentioned that students often, "don't seem to know the right questions to ask, like laundry,

parking, snow removal."

Bond emphasized that the answers to these questions are essential for any renter deciding where to live.

Rick Froehlich of F & F Properties, said one thing that keeps students from signing leases is that they, "are unsure right now because it's so early in the year, it's tough for them to make a decision ten months down the road."

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TLC Ambassadors Promote Learning

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The academic year of 2017-2018 brought many new things including the new honors program. The program was first attempted in the 1990s, however it did not see the success the university had hoped. Now, the program has changed some. First and second-year students are eligible to join the new honors program through evaluation of their ACT scores, high school and colleges GPAs and a well-written essay. Once accepted into the program, students are then able to apply for a housing incentive provided through the University Honors Program by becoming an ambassador with the Tutoring-Learning Center. Dr. Trisha Lamers, Director of the TLC, said, "TLC Ambassadors are tasked with connecting their peers with academic support resources on the UWSP campus. As part of that, TLC Ambassadors are expected to experience as many of those resources as possible." Only 43 out of over 100 students were accepted into the housing incentive for the 2017-2018 academic year. These selected students received fifty percent off their housing payments and are required to help connect other students to resources on campus and the community for at least five hours a week. TLC Ambassadors, like

all honor students, are held to a very high academic standard. According to the TLC website, first-year students are required to have a 26-28 ACT score with a GPA of 3.5 at the end of each academic year. Any student scoring a 28 or above on their ACT are automatically admitted into the the Honors Program. Continuing students are required to have a 3.75 GPA at the completion of their first semester. In addition, both must complete at least 12 credits each semester while completing honors curriculum. However, Honors Program courses are offered along side general education offerings. Once a student completes their general education requirements, the only honors course left they have to complete is a capstone course in their final year of their undergraduate degree. "The TLC Ambassador program is in a pilot stage. It is likely that UWSP will review the successes and challenges from this pilot experience and adjust the program accordingly to best serve the students," Lamers said. The program will be reviewed at the end of each academic year but will undergo an additional review after the completion of each semester.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Monday, October 23

Mother called because she was concerned her daughter never made it back to Stevens Point the previous night. The mother also reported the student's cell phone was turned off.

Tuesday, October 24

Individual called stating they saw three individuals smoking marijuana in Lot P near Taco Bell.

Friday, October 27

Woman reported she was followed into the NFAC by a bald man with a Lysol can. She was in the building for about an hour and a half, and the man repeatedly followed her. She sat down on the 2nd floor, and the man sat right next to her.

Saturday, October 28

Male requested to be admitted to the DUC catering room in order to grab some food that was forgotten for an event. He was admitted and retrieved the taco dip for the football game.

Staff member from Pray-Sim Hall called to report that a male was passed out in the hall of the second floor and was laying in his own vomit.

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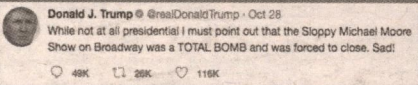
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Tweet of the Week



Trump vs. Michael Moore's Play

Michael Moore's satirical play "The Terms of My Surrender" finished its twelve week run on Oct. 22 as schedule. Officially, the play was billed, "a hilarious satirical tour through the depraved new world we find ourselves in since appointing a mad-man as the leader of the free world." On Oct. 28, President Trump tweeted, "While not at all presidential I must point out that the Sloppy Michael Moore Show on Broadway was a TOTAL BOMB and was forced to close. Sad!"

Republican Senators Turn on Trump

Republicans Bob Corker and Jeff Flake, two republican senators who will not be seeking reelection in 2018, have begun to strongly criticize Trump. This isn't the first time for Corker, who was previously involved in a twitter altercation with Trump. In addition to announcing his decision not to run, Flake criticized Trump saying, "Reckless, undignified behavior has become excused and countenanced as 'telling it like it is,' when it is actually just reckless, outrageous and undignified. And when such behavior emanates from the top of our government, it is something else - it is dangerous to our democracy."

"He's a deranged animal"

When asked at a press conference in the White House Rose Garden why he had not yet commented publicly about the loss of four special forces soldiers who were killed in Niger last week, President Trump said, "If you look at President Obama and other presidents, most of them didn't make calls." Alyssa Mastromonaco, Obama's former deputy chief of staff, wrote, "That's a f---ing lie. To say President Obama (or past presidents) didn't call the family members of soldiers KIA - he's a deranged animal."

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And I've noticed the last two, three years I think a lot of them are waiting longer than they had been in the past."

In addition to the housing fair, SGA also helps students find housing through an off-campus housing database, available through the university website, and even offers legal advice for \$5 through campus lawyer, Kathrine Munck.

Even though student rentals come with a few drawbacks, Sommer said he enjoys renting to students because they are interesting and always excited. He added that for him, the most important indicator of successful renters is the compatibility between roommates.

"We rent to wildlife majors but not wild life majors," Sommer said with a laugh.



A landlord at the off-campus housing fair ready to answer any questions students may have. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

UW-System Addresses Freedom Of Expression With New Policy

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On Oct. 6, the UW-System Board of Regents approved a Commitment to Academic Freedom of Expression policy.

This policy was built following past policy changes to set

standards for students who may use their free speech to impede the speech of others in ways not congruent with the nature of academic discourse.

Throughout the UW-System schools have been struggling with the decision of what actions should be taken when students make the decision to act out, or speak out, when a visiting speaker is presenting.

er is presenting.

The board of regents hopes the policy change will lead to a consistent learning experience on all campuses across the system.

Regent President, John Robert Behling, said in news release from the UW-System that through this policy, the regents are informing students and taxpayers that they can provide a world-class education in an atmosphere where civility, respect, and safety is required and expected.

Sanctions such as expulsion and suspension, are just some of the actions continually disruptive students may face.

However, the definition of disruptive is left flexible, and ultimately up to the university to decide. Multiple actions could be considered disruptive such as interrupting a public speaker's presentation, impeding another student's ability to participate, obstructing a university ran event as well as several other instances.

Regent José Delgado expressed support for the policy in a media release while describing his childhood growing up in Cuba.

"I lived under a government that tightened the grip on public opinion, which ultimately led to

violence. We must open our mind to rational discourse. I feel the pain when I hear an opinion I vehemently disagree with, but any limitation to this type of conversation cannot be accepted. And it would be a scandal to do so at our university, which is why I support this policy," Delgado said.

While this new policy states that the university cannot force a student, or employee of the university, to agree with, make a stance, or take a certain position on a public policy issue, it does require the university to talk about freedom of expression to transfer and freshman students upon their arrival.

Due to suspension and expulsion being such high disciplinary sanctions, there are guidelines in order for these actions to occur. If a student is found being disruptive twice, then they are to be suspended. If a student is found being disruptive three times, then they face expulsion. However, once again, what is considered disruptive is at the discretion of the university.

The policy sanctions will not be in effect until the UWS Administrative Code 17 has been updated.



A speaker holds a question from the audience during his presentation. This photo Austin Community College is licensed under CC BY 2.0



Students voice their opinions on a college campus. This photo Fibonacci Blue is licensed under CC BY 2.0

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ing majors and minors, answering questions about courses and credits, helping students find jobs, reviewing cover letters and even helping students find potential research opportunities.

"A lot of it is about involvement," Youngberg said.

Her love for her field grew further once she graduated, realizing how much she enjoyed helping undergraduate students.

"Being able to get students passionate about natural resources and the different things

they can go out and accomplish is something I love. Whether its jobs or experiences or even hobbies, I get to help them reach these through natural resources," Youngberg said.

She is very excited to connect students with resources they may not even know about, such as student clubs and organizations. For example, not only is the Wildlife Society a great way for students with similar interests to connect, but a great resource for research and networking.

Youngberg emphasized the research opportunities available by referencing the Wildlife Society's research projects currently in progress, totaling at over 18 different offerings and possibly even more in the future.

Students have the ability to go out and trap deer, squirrels and other wildlife for projects, an experience very unique to UWSP.

"Just getting people excited, meeting new people, doing things that they were either afraid to do or never have expe-

rienced before is very rewarding," Youngberg said.

She has already learned several skills and has taken away many lessons from being an academic advisor. She continues to stress that one's passion is important for whatever challenges they take on.

Youngberg plans to continue using her passions to help students achieve their academic and career goals. She is very happy to be back home on the UWSP campus.



Stevens Point Winter Farmers Market

Starting on November 4th will be the second winter farmers market in Stevens Point. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

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The Stevens Point Winter Farmers Market is about to kick off, taking place at the Redeemer Lutheran Church on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Along with the usual items for sale at the winter market, such as fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables, honey, and select meats, there will be other goodies such as salsas, pestos, and bread and pastries from a local Scottish baker.

Though every vendor's items reflect a personal touch, several vendors offer specialty items that could not be found from local supermarkets.

Mielke's Farm will feature salsa made with organically grown garlic, tomatoes, and peppers. Daniel and Robin Mielke, owners and market vendors since 1995 explain that the garlic is processed at home. First dehydrated and then powdered, they render their own garlic powder. The vegetables in the chunky salsa are hand chopped to maintain consistency and the poblano peppers are home roasted before being added to the salsa.

Stonehouse Farm offers a myriad of pestos, including a

garlic scape pesto consisting of garlic scapes, cashews, and olive oil. Their sweet basil pesto is a vegan and nut allergy conscious option. Nutritional yeast replaces parmesan, and pepitas, the nuts.

Bakery By The Lake will also be at the market this year selling freshly baked breads and pastries. This vendor from Amhurst Junction adds a Scottish influence to his baked goods from his culinary training in Scotland, where he acquired his unique style that is shown in his work.

While the summer farmers market in Stevens Point is the longest running in the state of Wisconsin, for over 150 years now, the winter market is freshly in its second year of operation.

Layne Cozzolino, Farmshed executive director, said, "We've been asked about a winter market for a long time, but didn't have an ideal location to hold it in."

Last year's winter market saw a total of 15 vendors, with a few that started late in the season. This year, there are 21 vendors and still space for a few more. Everyone is enthusiastic about the expected turnout this season.

"We have a really great network of farmers that we felt comfortable reaching out to to see

if they were interested, and we had enough vendors in the initial phase to feel comfortable moving forward," Cozzolino said.

Karl Schwingel, owner of Stonehouse Farm, said, "This year will be great because there is twice the vendors, and both people and vendors have been planning for the market."

Once a month, the winter market will include some of the same events as the summer mar-

ket such as children's activities and chef demos. Opportunities are open for musicians that would like to play for the duration of the market.

Though not paid, it is one of the many ways the market brings people together.

The market will run from Nov. 4 to Apr. 28, with the exception of Nov. 25, Dec. 23, and Feb. 17.



A young vendor at the farmers market located in Mathias Mitchell Public Square in downtown Stevens Point. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

Restrictions Removed for Elk Hunting Seasons in Wisconsin

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On Oct. 25, the Department of Natural Resources' board eliminated previously set guidelines for establishing elk hunting seasons in Wisconsin, in favor of less arbitrary rules and more flexibility.

Prior to the change, elk herds in Wisconsin had to reach a specific population before harvesting permits could be issued. Additionally, permits would have had to have been issued for five percent of the population.

There are currently two elk herds in Wisconsin, one in Clam Lake and the other in Black River Falls. The previous population requirements for these herds was 200 and 150, respectively.

With the rule change, hunting seasons may be established without reaching a minimum population, and without restrictions regarding how many harvesting permits can or must be issued.

Eric Lobner, Director of the Wildlife Management program for the DNR, explained that both the population requirements and the five percent rule were arbitrary numbers.

"What we were trying to do is make it more of a biological decision, a scientific based decision, for when we would implement a hunting season," Lobner said.

Lobner posed a hypothetical

scenario in which the Clam Lake herd had 198 bulls and only one cow. Prior to the restrictions removal, there could be no hunting season in this scenario.

Lobner said, "As you could see in that situation, where you have a lot of surplus bulls, realistically you could have a harvest and it really would not have an impact on the herd."

He believes the DNR has a good enough understanding of what's happening within the elk herds to be able to create less arbitrary standards for when to issue harvesting permits.

"Most of the elk out on the landscape have collars on them, so we have a really good idea of exactly what the population numbers are in the herd. At the same time, because we have collars on most of the animals, we also know what our reproductive rates are, as well as any winter loss," Lobner said.

Despite rules changing, Lobner said he does not expect there to be any immediate effects since the herds are near what would have been their population requirement anyway. He said the idea was to allow for flexibility in the future, should the populations drop.

The state of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin DNR has been working to reintroduce elk into Wisconsin since 1989, approximately 100 years after elk had been extirpated from Wisconsin.

Most recently, 31 elk from Kentucky were added to the Clam Lake herd.

Lobner said the benefits of reintroducing elk are both economic and ecological.

Economically, the tourism industry benefits from people who wish to see elk bugling. Additionally, the possibility of an elk hunting season could be

financially beneficial.

"From an ecological standpoint, restoring a wildlife population to the ecosystem here in the state is really helping fine tune that love of life that we have for wildlife species across the state," Lobner said.



The Wisconsin DNR could soon remove restrictions on hunting elk in the state. Currently there are two herds within the state. Photo courtesy of pixabay.com

"Searching for Sustainability" Documentary Premier

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"Searching for Sustainability" is a documentary which addresses the consequences of food production which will be shown on campus on Nov. 6.

This documentary explores relationships between people and resources and provides stories from Wisconsin farmers on this topic. Valerie Dantoin is the creator and producer of the documentary. The director is Dan Bertalan.

Dantoin said, "The generation of millennials inspired me to leave the world in the best shape as possible. In the documentary, a variety of farmers discuss what is sustainable and viewers get to make their own judgement on what is sustainable. I want to make the public conscious and empower them to make more sustainable decisions."

Dantoin said the style of the interviewing process and what goes into directing a documentary was a learning experience for her, working with Bertalan.

The editing process was also eye opening, she said.

"I didn't know what being a producer meant, the easy part was coming up with the idea

and rounding up the experts, but the hardest part was actually finding funding," said Dantoin.

The production cost of

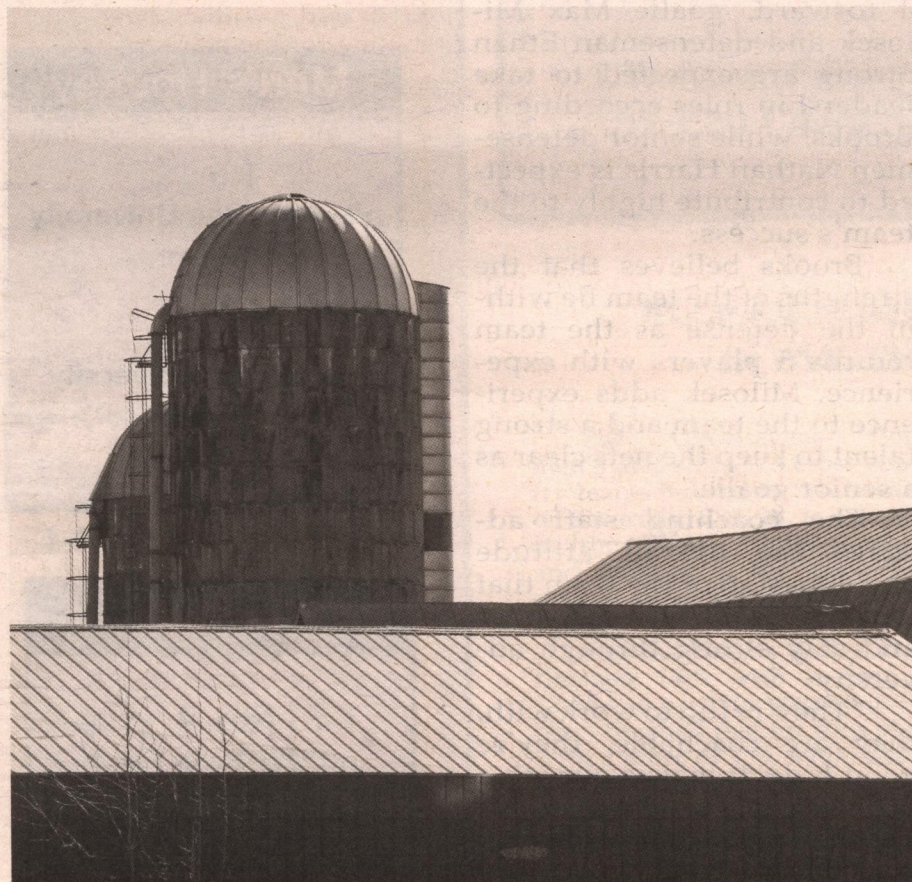
\$125,000 was fundraised through companies and individuals including Organic Valley and Wisconsin Farmer's Union.

George Kraft is a Professor of Water Resources at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He is featured in the documentary discussing ground water withdraw and how cow manure management impacts water quality around Stevens Point.

There is no narrator during the documentary but instead the farmers and experts are telling stories through examples.

The documentary will be premiered to the public for the first time on Nov. 6th at 8 p.m. in the College of Professional Studies room 116. Dantoin will be available after the premier to answer questions and facilitate discussions.

This event is open to anyone who is interested in sustainable practices, the study of natural resources, cultivation of crops and livestock grazing, and the Wisconsin farming culture.



Wisconsin dairy farm. Photo by Pixabay.



Men's Hockey Team Ready to Chase Title

The Pointers Men's Hockey team lines up during pregame introductions. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's hockey team begins its home slate at the KB Willett Arena on Friday, Nov. 3, as this year's team is hungry to improve on last season's bitter end.

The five-time National Champions ended last season with a 6-3 loss in the quarterfinals to Adrian College during the 2017 Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship Tournament.

"I know myself and other veterans are still a little upset about it, which is good because this year's main goal is to win the national championship," Point's forward and team captain Willem Nong-Lambert said.

Stevens Point lost its top three scorers to graduation and players like Nong-Lambert are expected to step up and lead the team.

This year's team is young, featuring only four seniors on the roster. Nong-Lambert pointed to his experience as an attribute that can help the team grow and win games.

"I think my biggest strength is seeing the ice and knowing where to be, knowing where the puck is going to be," Nong-Lambert said.

Nong-Lambert hopes to improve team chemistry and sustain a winning atmosphere.

"Accountability every game, being ready to go and leading by example throughout the entire season," Nong-Lambert said.

The Pointer's interim head coach Tyler Krueger commands a team that he helped win three consecutive national championships between 2014 and 2016 as an associate head coach under former head coach Chris Brooks. Brooks believes that the off-

season has prepared the team to compete at a high level.

"The guys had a good first six week of preseason," Brooks said.

"I think we are a step ahead of where we've been in past years."

Brooks acknowledged that a goal over the off-season was to acclimate the 10 new players to the roster.

"Bringing in 10 players, I think that it's a positive. Guys worked hard, they got together right away and gelled as a team," Brooks said.

Additionally, the interim head coach expects that the returning players step up to fill the shoes of the departed.

"Willem was a junior, more is going to be expected of Willem as a senior and as our captain," Brooks said.

"Same thing with the freshmen this past year, more is going to be expected of them as sophomores."

Though the team has changed, the end goal remains the same, to win the national championship.

Co-captains Tanner Karty, a forward, goalie Max Milosek and defenseman Ethan Strong are expected to take leadership roles according to Brooks, while senior defensemen Nathan Harris is expected to contribute highly to the team's success.

Brooks believes that the strengths of the team lie within the defense as the team returns 5 players with experience. Milosek adds experience to the team and a strong talent to keep the nets clear as a senior goalie.

The coaching staff admires the overall attitude and cohesion of the team that looks to build off each other and stay strong through adversity.

"They're fun to work with, they are coachable, they're good kids, it makes our job a little bit easier and makes our job that much more rewarding," Brooks said.

The Pointers host Hamline University on Friday, Nov. 3, in its season home opener. Game time is set for

7 p.m.

"It's great to be back," Nong-Lambert added.



Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

Sports Events

Men's Hockey

Nov. 3,
vs. Hammes University
7 p.m.

Nov. 4,
vs. Bethel University
7 p.m.

Women's Hockey

Nov. 3,
at University of St. Thomas
7 p.m.

Nov. 4,
at University of St. Thomas
2 p.m.

Football

Nov. 4,
at UW-River Falls
2 p.m.

Swimming & Diving

Nov. 4,
Gustavus Adolphus/
Minnesota State
Mankato Tri-Dual
12 p.m.

Look Into Sports

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VOLLEYBALL ENDS REGULAR SEASON
WITH LOSS TO UW-LA CROSSE

After a road win against UW-River Falls on Wednesday, Oct. 25, UW-Stevens Point lost on the road against UW-La Crosse 3-1 on Friday, Oct. 28, to close out the Pointers regular season.

Stevens Point defeated River Falls 3-0 to begin the final week of the regular season and kept the Falcons winless in conference play.

Match leaders for Point were: Kelly Magliano (13 kills), Abby Majercik (2 aces and 35 assists), April Gehl and Maglia-

no (2 blocks each) and Kendra Kunding (14 digs).

The Pointers managed only one set victory over the Eagles as they closed the regular season in defeat.

Match leaders for Point were: Gehl and Morgan Wirkus (11 kills each), Wirkus (3 aces), Gehl and Magliano (3 blocks each), Majercik (30 assists) and Kunding (18 digs).

UWSP Volleyball enters the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship as a number four seed.

Current Standings

UW-La Crosse	7-0	16-1-2
UW-Whitewater	4-2-1	13-3-3
UW-Stout	3-1-3	8-5-5
UW-Oshkosh	3-1-3	7-7-4
UW-Stevens Point	2-3-2	9-7-2
UW-River Falls	2-4-1	5-13-1
UW-Eau Claire	2-5	5-11-1
UW-Platteville	0-7	7-11

WOMEN'S SOCCER DROPS REGULAR
SEASON FINALE TO WHITEWATER

The UWSP women's soccer team ended the regular season with a home loss to UW-Whitewater 1-0 on Saturday, Oct. 28, as the team finishes the fall with a 9-7-2 overall record.

The Pointer's defense held strong for the entire first half and most of the sec-

ond half until it surrendered a goal to the Warhawk's Katy Kusswurm during the 71st minute.

Stevens Point goal keeper Sarah Peplinski was credited with two saves in the defeat.

Point heads into the WIAC Championship as a fifth seed.

Current Standings

UW-La Crosse	7-0	16-1-2
UW-Whitewater	4-2-1	13-3-3
UW-Stout	3-1-3	8-5-5
UW-Oshkosh	2-3-2	7-7-4
UW-Stevens Point	2-3-2	9-7-2
UW-River Falls	2-4-1	5-13-1
UW-Eau Claire	2-5	5-11-1
UW-Platteville	0-7	7-11

POINTER FOOTBALL FALTERS AT HOME
AGAINST WARHAWKS



Photo by Nathan Wallin.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team fell to UW-Whitewater 35-7 at Goerke Park on Saturday, Oct. 29, as it failed to record any touchdowns on offense. The team's overall record is 4-4 and 1-4 in conference.

Midway through the second quarter, Stevens Point trailed the Warhawks 21-0 after Whitewater's Drew Patterson ran into the end zone from eight yards away. On the ensuing kickoff, Point's kick returner Jahi Stighall took the football back 92 yards for a touchdown to get the team on the scoreboard and pull within 14 points of Whitewater.

Unfortunately for the Pointers, the touchdown failed to spark a comeback as the Warhawks

scored two more touchdowns and held Stevens Point scoreless through the second half.

UWSP sophomore quarterback Mitchel Neubauer led the passing attack with 79 yards on 13 attempts.

Pointer's senior wide receiver Jerry Williams hauled in six passes for 56 yards, while freshmen running back Shamaj Williams ran for 66 yards on 14 carries.

Kevin Sanchez, Boyd Delebrea and Logan Strang each recorded a sack on defense for Point.

Stevens Point Football looks to close the regular season home schedule on a positive note as it hosts UW-River Falls on Saturday, Nov. 4 for senior day. Kick-off is set for 2 p.m.

Current Standings

UW-Oshkosh	5-0	7-0
UW-Whitewater	4-1	5-3
UW-La Crosse	3-2	6-2
UW-Platteville	3-2	6-2
UW-Stout	3-2	5-2
UW-Stevens Point	1-4	4-4
UW-River Falls	1-4	3-5
UW-Eau Claire	0-5	1-7

WOLF AND EGBERT FINISH STRONG
IN WIAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's cross country teams headed to Whitewater on Saturday, Oct. 28, to compete in the WIAC Championships and finished in the lower half overall of the eight teams on the course.

Stevens Point's Bailey Wolf finished 14th with a time of 22:54.5 to pace the women as the team finished tied for fifth place with a score of 139, while Pointer's Alex Egbert led the men's team with a 13th place finish and a time of 25:40.8. as the

men's team finished sixth with a score of 133.

UWSP Seniors Emily Schlebecker and Kara Hoier finished 34th and 35th for the women with times of 23:39 and 23:43.2 respectively.

Point's Matt Stelmasek finished in 20th place with a time of 25:53, while Tyler Tanko finished in 29th with a time of 26:19.4.

The Pointer's cross country teams return to the course on Saturday, Nov. 11, for the NCAA Midwest Regional. The regional meet is set to begin at 11 a.m.

EDITORIAL

Sustainable Living in Stevens Point: Vote With Your Dollar



One way to reduce waste is through recycling. With bins around every corner, the opportunities for recycling on campus are many. Photo courtesy of Deutschlandreform

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A crucial component of living sustainably is reducing the amount of waste produced. In 2013, the EPA estimated that the average person produces 4.4 pounds of waste per day.

There has been a great deal of emphasis put on recycling and composting, and while these are helpful strategies, it is equally important to consider consuming less. This could be through buying fewer products which come in disposable packaging or have a short lifespan.

Food is one area that produces an astronomical amount of packaging, it seems that everything we eat comes neatly wrapped in plastic.

Daunting as it may seem, buying package-free food is possible. This means embracing the challenge of learning to cook with what is locally available and in season, and adapting your diet to the turning of the year. Although this approach to food requires more thought and energy spent cooking, it is extremely rewarding. A less-processed diet has additional health benefits.

The Stevens Point Co-op provides a way to avoid packaging with its bulk section where shoppers have the option to fill their own reusable containers with anything from oatmeal to coffee. A membership offers a 15 percent discount at the Co-op and is available to students for

\$25 a year per household. Another area business which sells products from local farms is the Market on Strongs, which was started by Central Wisconsin farmers.

For fresh vegetables, the local farmers market is a great resource. During the summer months, an array of vegetables, breads, coffee and other foods are sold in the downtown square. Beginning Nov. 4, the Winter Farmer's Market will be taking place at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Most of the food bought at the farmers market comes packaging free, eliminating waste. Furthermore, buying local food lessens the amount of pollution and energy from transportation.

Justin Seis, senior sociology and philosophy major and specialty projects coordinator for the Office of Sustainability, supports buying locally.

"You do more for the local economy too," Seis said. "You are supporting local people."

For those dedicated to buying directly from local farmers, there are many community supported agriculture, commonly referred to as CSA, options in the Stevens Point area.

By signing on with a CSA, customers receive a share of the harvest weekly, biweekly or monthly. Joining a CSA is a powerful way to commit to eating seasonally and locally and provides a connection between farmer and consumer.

There are 20 CSA options

in the Stevens Point area which are listed in a brochure created by the Center for Land Use Education which is available online. Many of these CSA's have different niches and collectively offer just about everything ranging from vegetables and fruits, to cheese, eggs and meat. You

name it: it's probably produced locally.

It's more than grocery shopping; it's voting with your dollar. The number of local options in Stevens Point give consumers the power to make a difference and support the kind of community they want to see.



As a part of the value UWSP places on sustainability, composting is made accessible by having compost bins at a number of different locations around campus and in the dorms. Photo courtesy of Oregon State University

Friends of Schmeckle Reserve Embark on New Amphitheater Project

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Friends of Schmeckle Reserve are in the process of constructing a 200-seat amphitheater which will take the place of the existing campfire and stage area.

For many, Schmeckle is an area to take in nature, relax and attend community events.

The Candle Light Hike, scheduled for Oct. 27, is one of the increasingly popular events hosted in the Reserve. Last year's night hike had 2,800 people attend, a number that the current campfire area could not support.

Jim Buchholz, the Director of Schmeckle Reserve, said, "A new amphitheater development will feature tiered stone seating for about 200 people, a timber-frame stage for performers,

and a lighting and sound system that will enhance the experience for everyone. The amphitheater will serve as a unique outdoor venue for Schmeckle Reserve's programs and other university and community groups."

The "Friends Amphitheater" will be the first major capital improvement project for the non-profit group. With no state funding, they hope to raise the funds through gifts and donations. With a total cost estimate of \$235,000, the group hopes to raise at least \$110,000 in cash donations.

In addition, the Friends of Schmeckle Reserve hope to gain support from local companies donating materials.

Local donors, Dallas and Edith Pankowski, have generously offered to match donations up to \$40,000.

Buchholz said, "I am a strong supporter of the Friends am-

phitheater for several reasons. First, the amphitheater will better meet the needs of audience members attending Candlelight Hike Festival performances. As the number of attendees continues to grow, so does the need for a better performance space. Second, the amphitheater will provide new opportunities for partnerships with other university departments, student organizations, and community groups. Third, it is an opportunity for the Friends group to bring in revenue through rental fees, as it will be an ideal site for weddings and other private celebrations. All funds that the Friends generate help support Schmeckle Reserve."

The group has started fundraising recently and will continue into the spring. By summer 2018, they hope that the funds will be met and construction can begin.

Jerry Lineberger, the Friends of Schmeckle Reserve Board President said, "We certainly hope that the availability of such a unique venue will provide a chance for UWSP students and community arts groups the chance to perform more frequently in the wooded area in the reserve!"

Donations of any amount are acknowledged through the newsletter and Schmeckle Reserve web page. Those who choose to donate \$1,000 will then have their name engraved on a stone plaque. For those who are considered partners, meaning they donated \$10,000, they will have their name engraved in addition to an image or logo on the plaque.

For more information on donating, contact Jerry Lineberger, or visit the web page of the Schmeckle Reserve.

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Pointer Profile: Spamalot Scenic Designer Alesha Hollatz

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There are many talented students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point who are doing incredible work. One of these students is Alesha Hollatz, who is the scenic designer for the Department of Theatre and Dance's production of Spamalot.

Hollatz is a fifth-year student at UWSP. She is double majoring in theatre design and technology and arts management.

Hollatz has worked as the scenic designer on multiple shows for the theatre program. The first show she designed was Dogfight in spring of 2016. In fall of 2016, she designed Unnecessary Farce. This year, she is designing two more shows.

"This year in spring, I did Blood Wedding, and now I'm working on Spamalot which will be my fourth and final design because I'll be going on externship next semester," Hollatz said.

Someone not involved with theatre may not know what scenic designers are and what they do.

"What a scenic designer does is talk to the director, and the

director gives us a concept for the show. For Spamalot, we really want to play homage to the movie 'Monty Python and the Holy Grail.' We are really trying to stick to the styles of the cartoons of the movie and different things like that. So, that is the style he pitched to me and then I go off with the script and I read through it and decide what kind of scenery elements are needed for the show. I come up with research and a couple sketches then go back to the director and we just kind of build up that way," Hollatz said.

The scenic designer draws everything out to scale, and the drawings are then handed off to the technical director who oversees the building of those sets.

"I don't do the building or the painting; I just design it then pass it off. All of the design aspects are all me. Pretty much all of the stuff I create is so that everyone else knows what it is going to look like and how to create it," Hollatz said.

Designing a show is an incredibly difficult and stressful process, but Hollatz truly loves the art of theatre.

"Originally, I was really interested in the visual arts in high school and it was the end of my sophomore year that I got involved in theatre. One of my

good friends told me I should try doing tech for the shows. I ended up going to set construction where we built the scenery, and I really liked it because it combined the love I had gathered for theatre and the love I had since I was a child for visual art. Within my junior and senior

year, I ended up doing sixteen shows through volunteering for the Oconomowoc Arts Center, the Theatre on Main and high school shows," Hollatz said.

Spamalot opens on Friday, Nov. 10. It will be Alesha Hollatz' last show at UWSP.



Alesha Hollatz, a senior at UWSP, is designing Spamalot as her final show. Photo courtesy of Alesha Hollatz

Humans of Point

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What's the best part of winter in Wisconsin? The worst?

I am originally from Florida, so I never really saw snow growing up, so I would say the best part of winter in Wisconsin is the snow because everything looks so beautiful covered in it and I always get excited for the first snowfall. The worst part about winter is the bitter cold and how I can't go outside, I usually don't anyway, but the fact that Mother Nature is forcing me to makes it worse.

What is your favorite winter article of clothing? Describe it. What do you love about it?

My favorite winter article of clothing is my jacket. The jacket is black and padded and it keeps me warm and comfortable. I love it because it makes me feel like a marshmallow.

What's your favorite cold-weather beverage? How do you prepare it?

One of my favorite cold-weather beverages is a french vanilla cappuccino that I make with my coffeemaker because you can't stay woke if you're still sleepy and the best thing to complement cold weather is a warm drink.

International Club Shows Students Kazakhstan and Then Some

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International Club hosted event to educate students about Kazakhstan, featuring a speaker and traditional cuisine.

On Thursday, Oct. 19, students flocked into the Helen Parkhurst lecture hall to learn about the heart of Eurasia. The event was hosted by the International Club, featuring a speaker from Kazakhstan.

Katya Martynova, Interpersonal Organization major and the evening's speaker said, "It's shocking that it's such a huge country and not many people know about it."

Martynova said that those that have heard of it usually say it's because of the movie "Borat."

"I hate that movie," Martynova said.

Martynova shared a video that showed some of Kazakhstan's beautiful landscapes, culture, food and life styles of modern Kazakhstan. She also talked about traditional dishes some of which were going to be available after her speech.

Two of these dishes included baurzaki, which is a Kazakh style doughnut but less sugary than the traditional American doughnut. The second is bliny which is a thin pancake similar to a crepe.

"It can be served with ber-

ries and sour cream," Martynova said.

Martynova also talked about the history of the Kazakh people, who were nomadic and lived off the land. The "stan" in Kazakhstan means settlement. They made huts called yurtas that were spacious yet transportable.

"Kazakhstan is known for its hospitality. If you were to enter any given household, they would probably give you a lot of tea and a lot of food," Martynova said.

Martynova also talked about how Kazakhstan was once a part of Soviet Russia.

"But now it's one of the fastest developing countries since the fall of Soviet Russia," Martynova said.

A lot of people had questions for Martynova after her speech was over. Most of them wanted to know some differences between the U.S. and Kazakhstan. Martynova shared with the group that there is a rather different sport they play in Kazakhstan called Kokpar. She described it like football played while riding horses and traditionally uses a dead goat that is now replaced with a rubber version.

Some students came for the food, others came for the School of Business and Economics credits, but some came just to expand their knowledge on another country.

"We came because we were

at the I-club meeting about Siberia and wanted to learn more about another country," said international studies major Ashley Watzig.

Elementary education major Kasie Feind, said, "It's always cool to go into this knowing nothing about the countries and coming out with all this cool new information about somewhere else in the world."

The International Club (I-Club) is a student organization created to encourage exchange of values and ideas and raising awareness and acceptance of different cultures on the UW-Stevens Point.

The general meetings like the Kazakhstan event are held once a month every semester and are usually on every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Other events that they do include fundraisers, volunteer events and entertainment. Their biggest event of the year is the International Dinner, where they feed and entertain 400 students, faculty and community members. It has been held every spring semester for the past 47 years. Their 48th International Dinner will be in April 2018.



A poster outside of the International Club office in the Dreyfus University Center promoting the club's event on Kazakhstan. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

Wednesday
November 1

Monsters in the Muck

Schmeckle Reserve
Visitor Center

5- 6 p.m.

**Coffee and Culture:
Myth Busters AIRO
Addition**

DUC Theatre

6-7:30 p.m.

**University
Evening: Darkness
at Noon**

DUC Alumni Room

7-8:30 p.m.

Thursday
November 2

**Film Showing:
Atomic Blonde**

DUC Theater

7-9 p.m., 9:30-
11:30 p.m.

**Horn/Low
Brass Choir
Concert**

Michelsen Hall, NFAC

7:30-9 p.m.

**DIY Popsicle
Palooza**

DUC Encore

8-9:30 p.m.

Friday
November 3

**All Tiny Creatures
with No Death**

DUC Encore

8- 11 p.m.

Saturday
November 4

**PLSF, Lane Tech
Gospel Choir
Concert**

DUC Laird Room

6:30- 9 p.m.

**Film Showing:
Atomic Blonde**

DUC Theater

7-9 p.m., 9:30-
11:30 p.m.

**Pottery Night with
Clay Corner Studio**

DUC Encore

8- 10 p.m.

Sunday
November 5

**Austin Bolden
Senior Jazz Bass
Recital**

Michelsen Hall, NFAC

8- 11 p.m.

A Schmeekle Mystery: The Case of the Missing Animals

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The Schmeekle Candlelight Hike Festival took place on Oct. 27. This year's theme was "A Schmeekle Mystery: The Case of the Missing Animals."

The festival, which started back in 2005, has taken on many different themes including prehistoric Schmeekle and underwater Schmeekle.

Emma Phifer, graduate assistant for Schmeekle Reserve, said, "It is always a challenge to choose a theme. It gets more difficult the longer we try not to repeat ourselves. We always want to choose something that appeals to kids, but we don't want to leave the adults and parents out either."

The festival wouldn't function without the help of student volunteers. Schmeekle Reserve only has two full-time staff members. The others are either part-time, work-study students or volunteers.

Phifer's job is to coordinate as much of the hike as she can, including recruiting volunteers, making arrangements for approximately 300 donated pumpkins and planning crafts and snacks.

Phifer is also the teaching assistant for the Environmental Education and Interpretation students during their 12-hour capstone practicum course.

The practicum students get involved by coming up with a skit that aligns with the theme

to perform during the Hike's Campfire Program.

This year's 25-minute program centered around the "The Case of the Missing Animals" theme. The practicum students also decided on the Discovery Stations, which are the activity and guest tables available across the reserve during the hike.

Carina Crowe, junior graphic design major, said, "I loved the event, it was very peaceful and relaxing to just be able to enjoy nature for a while."

The hike also featured a "Detective Scavenger Hunt" along the trails, s'mores and marshmallows by the campfire, the previously mentioned "Discovery Stations" featuring hands-

on suspenseful activities, clue craft and sleuth snack stations and mystery-inspired gifts.

Schmeekle's office and maintenance staff as well as the students play a role in preparing the reserve's trails and visitor center for the Candlelight Hike.

Preparation for the festival begins about one month prior to the event, and includes clearing and mending trails, tidying up the reserve and making sure that the trails are prepared for 400 torches to go up on the Trail of Reflections and around Lake Joanis.

Student volunteers also help on the day of the hike by decorating the Visitor Center, preparing crafts and snacks, set-

ting up the torches on the trails, carving jack-o-lanterns, staffing all the tables and running activities.

The Candlelight Hike is a staple event in the Stevens Point community that consistently brings people of all ages on campus to enjoy nature.

"I think it is important for the community because a lot of people show up to enjoy the hike, and it helps raise money for future events and programs," Crowe said.

The Candlelight Hike Festival as well as the other Schmeekle events, offer a welcoming atmosphere where anyone can come explore Schmeekle.



The cast of "The Case of the Missing Weasel" character program. Photo provided by Schmeekle Reserve.

The Transcontinental Piano Duo Comes to UWSP

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An interesting musical event was held at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point this past Friday, Oct. 27.

The Music Department held a recital of The Transcontinental Piano Duo. This Duo is made up of two acclaimed pianists, Elaine Greenfield and Janice

Meyer Thompson.

Greenfield is a recognizable face in the piano world, known as both a performer and a teacher. She has released albums like "Debussy Preludes, Bks. 1&2" and received great praise from The New York Times. Apart from being in The Transcontinental Piano Duo, she is the artistic director of St. Paul's Cathedral Arts in Burlington, Vermont.

Thompson has performed and taught all around North America, Europe and Asia. She has performed in places such as the U.S. Consulate in Florence, Italy and the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland. As well as Greenfield, Thompson is a nationally recognized pianist and teacher. She also performs with The Kent Camerata, a professional chamber music ensemble. On the side of being part of The Transcontinental Piano Duo, she plays the cello and works as an independent travel consultant for Grand Circle Travel and Overseas Adventure Travel.

Greenfield and Thompson met as faculty members of the Vermont's Adamant Music School in 1990.

Since the formation of The Transcontinental Piano Duo, they have performed all across the countries in concert series, conferences and universities. They also give workshops, masterclasses and record their own music. The most recent recording being "The Elegant Erard"

which was recorded on a historic Erard piano.

Molly Roseman, Professor of Piano here at UWSP was incredibly excited to bring The Transcontinental Piano Duo to the school.

"They are touring the upper midwest and coming to UWSP; Duo member, Jan Thompson, is an alumna of UWSP. If you've never heard two pianos playing together live, it is really captivating. And, the fact that artists will be answering questions during the concert is really fun and unique," Roseman said.

"It's cool to have a concert of just two people playing a piano. This is not what I normally listen to, but they sounded beautiful together," Junior Communications major Summer Thompson said.

The Transcontinental Piano Duo has moved on from UWSP, but anyone that missed the concert, but is interested in listening to their music can find their recordings on YouTube and Spotify.



Elaine Greenfield and Janice Meyer Thompson performed their concert favorites in Michelsen Hall on October 27. Photo by Ross Vetterkind