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## Budget Cuts Spark Difficult Conversations About What's Next

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is looking to half its structural deficit of \$5 million in another round of budget cuts.

In the current fiscal year, the university has already reduced its budget by \$2 million, and an additional \$2.5 million reduction is planned for July 2018.

Due in March, the changes to the budget will come from Academic, Business and Student Affairs.

Kristen Hendrickson, vice chancellor for business affairs, said, "The conversations are much more difficult now because we just don't have as many options anymore to look at cutting costs without really saying we're going to stop doing something."

There are three key factors

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## Liberation Farm Brings Meat, Eggs and Coffee to Stevens Point



Chickens and their portable coop. Depending on the season and the available vegetation, Liberation Farm will move the chickens to wherever they are needed.

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Liberation Farm in Almond, offers diverse food options.

Holly Petrillo, assistant professor of forestry, began the farm with her husband John Sheffy in 2011. Petrillo said that they first got into farming because they wanted to be able to grow their own food and provide their young daughter the opportunity to grow up on a farm.

One of Petrillo and Sheffy's main focuses has been restoring their farm and bringing fertility back into the soil.

"Both my husband and I are ecologists and really feel strongly about taking care of the land, so it was our sort of restoration project," Petrillo said.

Petrillo also said that, initially, one of the main reasons they brought animals to the farm was to add organic matter to the soil.

Currently, they raise heritage pigs, chickens for meat and eggs, goats and rabbits.

"Our main thing is to restore the land but to produce really healthy ethically raised animals too," Petrillo said.

The goats and pigs graze on

pasture. In addition to foraging on the farm, the goats are also rented out to eat invasive species on other properties.

Liberation Farm sells goat,



A young pig takes a short break from eating. Photos by Ross Vetterkind

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## CORRECTION

In the Arts & Entertainment section of the Nov. 8th edition, the "All Tiny Creatures" article was attributed to Aaron Zimmerman when the correct author was Iain Hood.

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driving this deficit. Foremost is state support, which has declined by \$14.6 million. Due to declining enrollment, fiscal year 2018 is projected to bring in \$10 million less in tuition revenue than fiscal year 2013 when enrollment was 9,400 students. The tuition freeze, started in fiscal year 2013, has resulted in \$7 million less in revenue.

"We've gotten pretty good at downsizing. What we need to do, I think, is something more fundamental. We need to permanently adjust to the reality of our financial situation rather than hoping funding gets restored in some way," Greg Summers, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said.

Hendrickson mentioned that to avoid lay-offs, her department would try to adapt and avoid rehiring when faculty retire.

"We cannot be the same kind of comprehensive university that we've been historically, people tend to think of this university as trying to offer as broad a program array as we possibly can, so we want to serve every possible student need. And I don't think that's realistic in the financial climate that we're in," Summers said. "I think we have to pick what our strengths are and be really committed to serving those strengths well and to providing

adequate resources. But that also means that we have to let go of the things that we can't be strong in that we just don't have enough money to support. And that's really difficult for people to do. People just don't want to let go of that vision of the university."

The College of Letters and Science is facing perhaps the biggest challenge among the university's academic units, since its programs have collectively experienced the largest enrollment declines. However, the College of Fine Arts and Communication is facing a similar challenge as it has experienced declining enrollment in recent years as well.

Hendrickson emphasized the university can't keep cutting the budget all the time, at some point it needs to make strategic investments.

In the colleges, these changes include adding new degrees like aquaculture, adding graduate offerings like a doctorate in physical therapy and expanding minors, like graphic design, into majors.

"Providing a quality education for our students, I think that's first and foremost," Hendrickson said.

The university's website, [www.uwsp.edu/forkintheroad/](http://www.uwsp.edu/forkintheroad/) contains the most up to date information on budget cuts.



An advisor helps a student with their schedule. This photo by US Davis College of Engineering is licensed under CC BY 2.0

PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
REPORT

Sunday, November 5

Female was transferred to UPSS by Portage County Dispatch. She called to report that her boyfriend physically assaulted her last week.

Staff member called stating a bathroom in the North wing of the basement of Smith hall was flooding.

Monday, November 6

A woman was having seizures in the back room of Upper Debot. 911 had already been contacted. The student was cleared by paramedics and sent home with her roommate.

Wednesday, November 8

PerMar security called to alert of a burglary alarm in the Carlsten Storage room. Alarm was cancelled using a code. Everything was 10-2

Thursday, November 9

Staff member from Facility Services received a complaint that there are a lot of bikes parked in front of the entrance to the Science Building. She requested an officer go and look at it.

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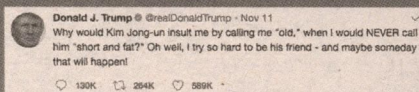
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## Tweet of the Week



## Democrats have the best Election Night in five years

On Nov. 7 Democrats won big governor's races in New Jersey and Virginia and tight mayoral races in Charlotte, North Carolina and St. Petersburg, Florida. In Virginia, Dem. Ralph Northam won over Rep. Ed Gillespie. Gillespie took stances similar to President Trump's on issues like immigration and Confederate statues. But reportedly never asked the president to stump in Virginia on his behalf.

## Trump Believes Putin Didn't Meddle in the Election

President Trump spoke with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of an Asia Pacific summit the two men attended in Vietnam. Trump reports that during those conversations Putin again denied interference in last year's election. "He said he didn't meddle. I asked him again. You can only ask so many times," Trump said.

## Trump on Befriending Kim Jong-un

After weeks of attacking Jong-un and referring to him as 'rocket man', on Nov. 11 Trump tweeted, "Why would Kim Jong-un insult me by calling me 'old,' when I would NEVER call him 'short and fat'? Oh well, I try so hard to be his friend - and maybe someday that will happen!"



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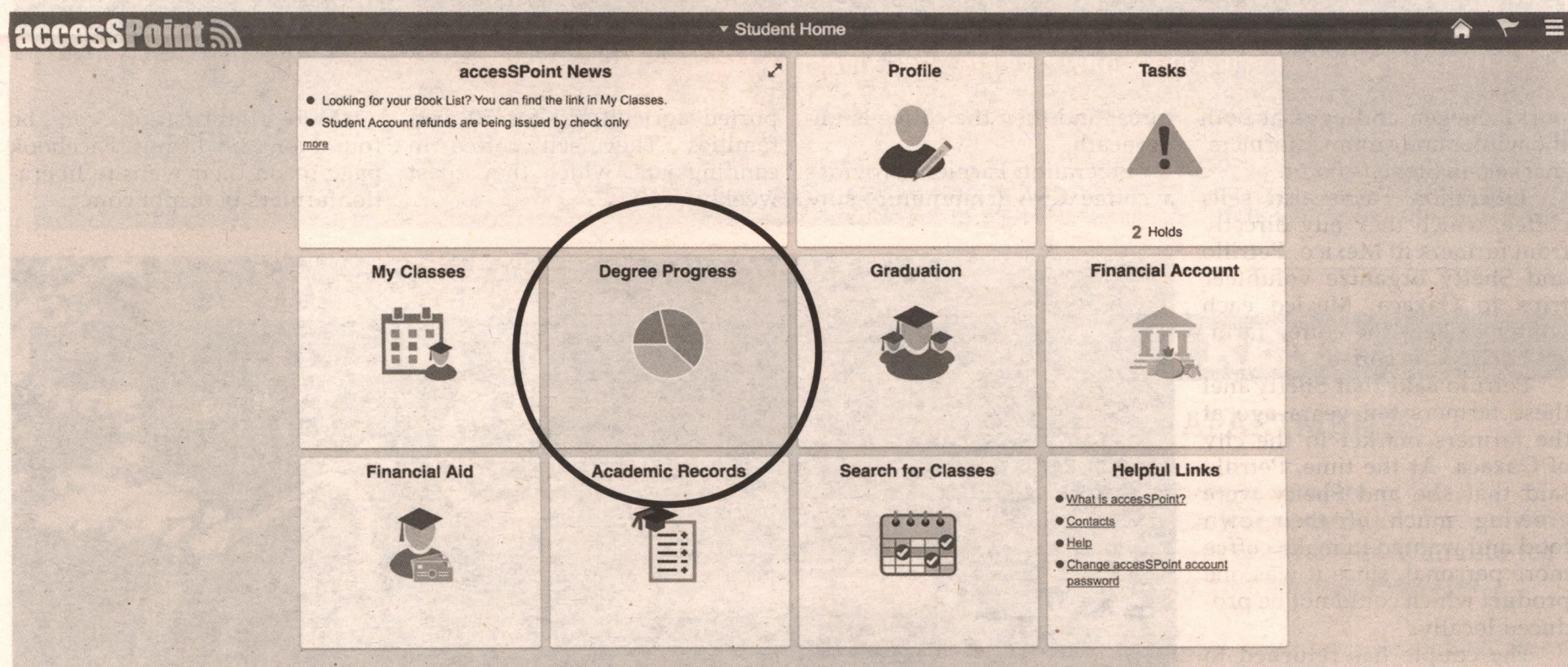
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## General Degree Progress Reports Tile Put on AccesSPoint



Screen Capture by Jake Powell

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Students were notified that general education degree progress reports accessible online starting Oct. 31.

Specific major degree progress reports are not yet complete. The email sent out to all students stated that requirements for majors and minors will be rolled out as they are completed.

According to Ed Lee, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point registrar, 20 years of information and data is being transferred over and it's not complete yet. October is month

12 of 18 in the timeline of the complete transition of all the DPR information from myPoint to AccesSPoint.

Julie Schneider, advisor for the undeclared majors in the Academic and Career Advising Center, said, "I've watched the people rebuilding the DPRs putting in countless hours to get them to where they need to be." Students who have taken a look at the new DPRs have noticed there's a new look to how they can read the DPR information.

Chris Dax, English major, said, "To be honest I try to avoid AccesSPoint as much as possible. I liked it better when everything was in one place.

Now I don't know if I'm supposed to look for things on myPoint or AccesSPoint."

Lynne Niznik, advisor for the College of Fine Arts and Communication, said, "I really like it. It's easy to check for graduation requirements."

Niznik also explained that if any of her advisees don't understand something or are confused in the transition she is happy to help them and show how things work.

"It's all right there, you just got to know where to look," Niznik said.

"I think the DPR is a little easier to understand now than what it used to be. The drop-down features help declutter

things and makes it easier to read online," Dax said.

Schneider said that it works great for undeclared majors because they see the general education and university requirements, but for anyone with a declared major it could be harder as that part of the DPR is still being rebuilt.

"All advisors got a sneak peek at the DPR's, so we could look them over and fix any errors before they released them to the students. We okayed them before they came out," Schneider said. "Slowly I think in due time people will get used to it. We just aren't there yet."



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Liberation Farm is located in Almond Wisconsin and is run by UWSP professor Dr. Holly Petrillo and her husband, John. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

pork, chicken and eggs at both the winter and summer farmers' markets in Stevens Point.

Liberation Farm also sells coffee, which they buy directly from farmers in Mexico. Petrillo and Sheffy organize volunteer trips to Oaxaca, Mexico each winter to help the coffee farmers harvest the coffee.

Petrillo said that Sheffy met these farmers ten years ago at the farmers market in the city of Oaxaca. At the time, Petrillo said that she and Sheffy were growing much of their own food and wanted to make coffee more personal, since it was one product which could not be produced locally.

The couple has returned to Mexico each year to help with the harvest since then. During this time, Petrillo said that the farmers have become like family. The volunteers stay with the farmers during the trip and everyone cooks and shares meals together. Petrillo said that this creates a sense of community.

"Everyone learns how to make tortillas," Petrillo said.

Petrillo describes the farms as "a forest with some coffee, they have an intact overstory, and there's all kind of really delicious things there... There's a lot of citrus, allspice and cinnamon trees all in the overstory and then they have vanilla vines that grow up the trees and up the coffee, so really when you are there it's like you are in this

forest and then the coffee is underneath."

Liberation Farmers provides a coffee CSA (community-sup-

ported agriculture) for 50 area families. They sell coffee in canning jars, which they roast weekly.

More information can be found on the farm's Facebook page or on their website [liberationfarmers.blogspot.com](http://liberationfarmers.blogspot.com).



Dr. Petrillo gathering grain to feed the pigs on the farm. Photo by Ross Vetterkind



# The Central Rivers Farmshed: "Farm Fresh Beats" Fundraiser

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The Central Rivers Farmshed is holding a fundraiser on Nov. 18, starting at 8 p.m. at the Brickhouse Tavern in downtown Stevens Point.

Brickhouse Tavern is the host for the event, in conjunction with \$Top Dolla\$ Entertainment which is a music management company "dedicated to giving you the best that the Electronic Dance Music Scene has to offer delivered from some of the most talented DJs in Wisconsin," according to their website.

Central Rivers Farmshed is a local nonprofit and is made up of community members, a small staff, board of directors and farmer advisors. Their mission according to their website is, "to expand the connection between local residents and their food by providing opportunities for participation, education, cooperation, and action to support a local food economy in Central Wisconsin."

Jackie Mather, volunteer coordinator at Farmshed, said, "I hope to see a variety of community members who are in-

terested in supporting something local as well as getting the word out on Farmshed."

David Lintereur arranges electronic shows for Brickhouse Tavern and made the arrangements for sound equipment and transportation for the artists to this event.

Lintereur estimates that a Saturday night could raise approximately \$450, as Brickhouse Tavern is donating 10 percent of all bar sales.

Marther said, "We chose artists that perform genres that are sure to impress a crowd with a variety of musical tastes and preferences and the organizers planned it near thanksgiving because what a better time to have a fundraiser for the growers."

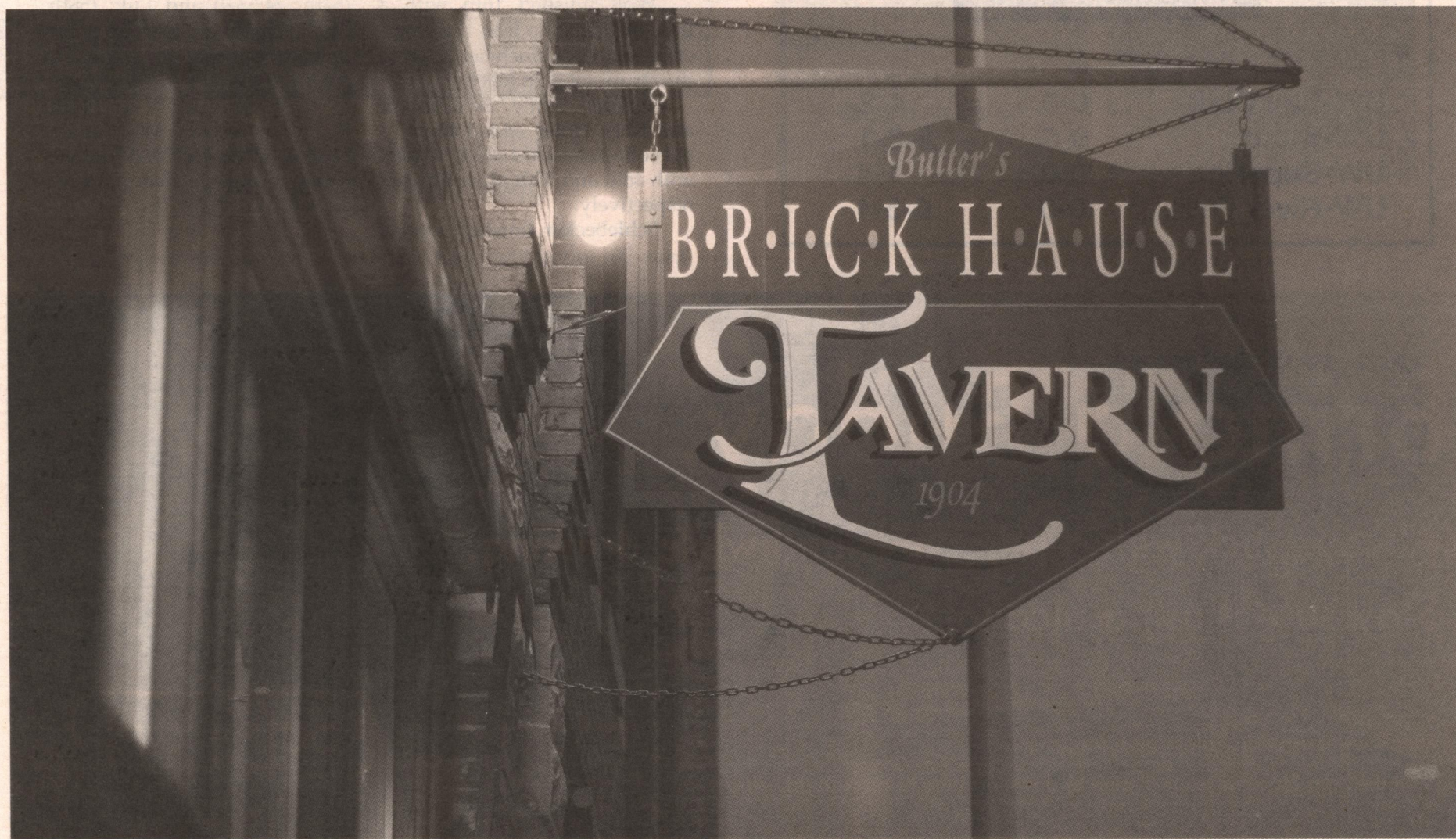
There will be five artists beginning at 8 p.m. until bar close around 2 a.m. The lineup for the night is Davey Keynotes, Frosty, Drew 1, Brian Yonker, Glish and Bver. Each artist will perform for one hour.

Brickhouse Tavern is located on 1343 2nd St. For more information and updates follow the event on Facebook.

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The Farm Shed is hosting a fundraiser at Brickhouse in downtown Stevens Point. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.



Look Into Sports

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MEN'S HOCKEY SWEEPS WEEKEND  
ROAD SLATE



The Pointers celebrate after a goal. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

Pointer men's hockey defeated both St. Mary's University and the University of St. Thomas during a Minnesota road trip in week three of the collegiate season and improved its overall record to 5-1.

UW-Stevens Point routed the St. Mary's Cardinals 7-2 on Friday, Nov. 10.

Junior forward Tanner Karty led Point with 2 goals, while Brennen Miller, Luke McElhenie, Drew McLean, Steven Quagliata and Austin Kelly netted one goal each.

Senior goalie Max Milosek recorded 20 saves and collected the win for Stevens Point.

St. Thomas proved to be a formidable opponent as it took the Pointers to overtime where Karty put the game away early with a goal just 43 seconds into

the extra period to lift Stevens Point over the Tommies 2-1.

UWSP took an early lead when junior defenseman Stephan Beauvais scored during a power play at the 17:43 mark in the first period.

St. Thomas evened the score with a goal during the 10th minute of the second quarter.

After a scoreless third period, Karty scored the deciding goal on an assist from Logan Fredericks.

Milosek secured 34 saves and picked up his third win of the season to improve his record to 3-1.

UWSP Hockey will be back on the ice on Friday, Nov. 17, when it hosts Marian University. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

Current Standings

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

POINTER FOOTBALL ENDS SEASON  
WITH ROAD LOSS

UWSP Football left Platteville in defeat on Saturday, Nov. 11, as the team dropped its fourth straight game of the season to the Pioneers who took down the Pointers 36-14 in the season finale.

Pointer's sophomore quarterback Mitchel Nuebauer garnered his first start at quarterback and logged 220 yards passing on 29 attempts and a touchdown, but threw four interceptions.

Stevens Point Freshman Shamaj Williams led all running backs with 51 yards rushing on 11 attempts.

Junior Steve Herra paced the receivers with 90 yards, while senior Jerry Williams added 82 yards and a touchdown in his final collegiate football game as a Pointer.

Freshman kicker Hayden Neidert connected on one of two field goals from 31 yards out.

Stevens Point trailed by only four points at halftime as it added a touchdown by Williams from Nuebauer midway through the second quarter and scored on a fumble recovery by defensive back Kevin Sanchez late in the second quarter to combine with Neidert's early game field goal to make the halftime score 20-16.

The Pointers failed to add to its lead in the second half and surrendered two more touchdowns to the Pioneers.

Pointer football finishes the season with a 4-6 overall record and 1-6 in conference play.

Current Standings

<b>UW-Oshkosh</b>	<b>7-0</b>	<b>9-0</b>
<b>UW-Whitewater</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>7-3</b>
<b>UW-La Crosse</b>	<b>5-2</b>	<b>8-2</b>
<b>UW-Platteville</b>	<b>4-3</b>	<b>7-3</b>
<b>UW-Stout</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>5-4</b>
<b>UW-River Falls</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>4-6</b>
<b>UW-Stevens Point</b>	<b>1-6</b>	<b>4-6</b>
<b>UW-Eau Claire</b>	<b>0-7</b>	<b>1-9</b>

WOLF HEADED TO NATIONALS AFTER  
STRONG FINISH

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's and women's cross country teams finished seventh and 10th in the NCAA Midwest Regional on Saturday, Nov. 11, and sophomore Bailey Wolf qualified for the NCAA Championship.

Wolf finished 16th with a time of 21:26.8 to lead the women's team and punch her ticket to the championship meet.

Seniors Emily Schlebecker and Kara Hoier ended their final collegiate cross country meet with 48th and 55th place finishes respectively.

Schlebecker finished with a

time of 22:13.0, while Hoier finished with a time of 22:19.7.

On the men's team, Alex Egbert, Matt Stelmasek, Tyler Tanko and Robert Lutz finished in the top 60.

Egbert (30th, 24:27.0), Stelmasek (35th, 24:28.5), Tanko (54th, 24:53.9) and Lutz (58th, 24:57.1) highlight a group of underclassmen that are eligible to return to the team next season.

Wolf will head to Elmhurst, IL., to represent UWSP at the NCAA Division III Women's Cross Country championship on Saturday, Nov. 18.

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# Look Into Sports

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## WOMEN'S HOCKEY FALLS TO RIVER FALLS



Cara Lemirande looks over at a battle in the corner. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

The UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team was handed its fourth loss of the season in the WIAC road opener versus UW-River Falls 6-1 on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Senior forward Ali Biagini scored the Pointers' only goal as fellow senior Ellie Punnett provided the assist to tie the game at one just over seven minutes into the second peri-

od. Stevens Point was unable to keep up with the Falcons scoring and allowed 5 unanswered goals through the rest of the game.

Junior goaltender Sydney Conley registered 37 saves in the loss.

Pointer women's hockey re-enters the arena when it hosts UW-Superior on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 2:30 p.m.

### Current Standings

<b>UW-River Falls</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>3-1-1</b>
<b>UW-Superior</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>4-2</b>
<b>UW-Eau Claire</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>3-1-1</b>
<b>UW-Stevens Point</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>1-4-1</b>

## SWIMMING AND DIVING SWEPT AT NORTHERN MICHIGAN DUAL

The Pointers swimming and diving squads fell to Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI., on Saturday, Nov. 11, marking the first loss of the season for the men's team.

The UWSP men lost by a score of 177-120.

Top performers for the men were Payton Kilian (first in the 200-yard freestyle), Owen Gluck (first in the one-meter diving event), Evan Plummer (second in the three-meter diving event), Sam Jekel, Reilly Donnellan, Brandon Richardson, Jack Englehardt (first in the 200-yard freestyle relay and second in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle) and Zach

Ogurek (second in the 100-yard breaststroke).

The UWSP women lost by a score of 188-90.

Top performers for the women were Jackie Braun (second in the three- and one-meter diving events), Sydney Richetto (second in the 100-yard freestyle) and Kaylee Benson (second in the 200-yard backstroke).

Swimming and diving teams for UW-Stevens Point enter Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play when it hosts UW-Whitewater on Saturday, Nov. 18. Events are set to begin at 1 p.m.

## UTTECHT AND GRANATELLI REIGN VICTORIOUS AT DAN GABLE OPEN

The Pointers wrestling team traveled to Oshkosh on Saturday, Nov. 11, for the Dan Gable Open and finished with two wrestlers claiming class wins.

Junior Bobby Uttecht won the 133-weight class with a pair of decisions, a fall and a tech fall throughout the bracket.

Senior David Granatelli triumphed in the 157-weight class. Granatelli defeated fellow

Pointer Boone Roycraft in the finals.

Sophomore heavyweight Ross Agg finished in second for the Pointers with two falls on his way to the finals match.

UWSP wrestling returns to the mat when it hosts UW-Whitewater. Matches are set to begin at 7 p.m.

## Sports Events

### Wrestling

**Nov. 16,**  
**vs. UW-Whitewater**  
**7 p.m.**

**Nov. 18,**  
**at CUW Open**  
**9 a.m.**

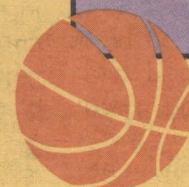
**Nov. 20,**  
**at UW-Oshkosh**  
**7 p.m.**

### Women's Basketball

**Nov. 15,**  
**vs. Alverno College**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Nov. 17,**  
**Loras Tournament**  
**vs. Simpson College**  
**6 p.m.**

**Nov. 18,**  
**at Loras College**  
**4 p.m.**



### Women's Hockey

**Nov. 18,**  
**vs. UW-Superior**  
**2:30 p.m.**

### Swimming & Diving

**Nov. 18,**  
**vs. UW-Whitewater**  
**1 p.m.**



### Men's Hockey

**Nov. 17,**  
**vs. Marian University**  
**7 p.m.**

**Nov. 18,**  
**vs. St. Norbert College**  
**7 p.m.**

### Men's Basketball

**Nov. 15,**  
**vs. St. Olaf College**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Nov. 18,**  
**at Buena Vista**  
**University**  
**7 p.m.**



## Student-Athlete Profile: April Gehl



Enrolled as a Sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, student-athlete April Gehl is involved in the classroom as well as on the court. Gehl is an outside hitter on the right side for the UWSP women's volleyball team and is also pursuing her degree as an interpersonal and organizational communication major with a minor in business administration.

The 19-year-old led the 2017 volleyball team and the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in kills with 495. Gehl has been named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Midwest Region honorable mention squad recently. Gehl was named WIAC Offensive Player of The Week on Oct. 3 and named to three different all-tournament teams throughout the 2017 season.

### What does Volleyball mean to you?

I started playing when I was in third grade, and I have loved it ever since. When I was playing with my mom and my sister, it just meant a lot to me.

### What does it mean to you to be a Pointer?

I love volleyball, and I love Pointer's volleyball, so it's awesome to be a part of it.

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

Hopefully, I'll find a full-time job in HR and hopefully, I can be a high school coach.

### What is your favorite class?

Business Marketing 330, I think it's really interesting.

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

Bora Bora.

### Favorite Restaurant?

Olive Garden.

### Favorite Food?

Lasagna.

### Favorite Color?

Purple.

### Favorite Season?

Summer.

### Small town or big city?

Small towns, I grew up in a small town and I just like it. I like knowing everyone.



## Humans of Point

### ELIZABETH OLSON

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### What are you looking forward to over Thanksgiving weekend?

The food, of course. After a few months of eating like a Survivor contestant, I'm very excited for my grandma's homemade stuffing and pecan pie.

### Do you have any traditions?

Every year, my grandpa insists that we all gather around the fireplace and use a timer to take a family picture for the Christmas card. It always takes three times as long as it should because the timer doesn't start, one person isn't looking at the camera, another person is too tall for the frame, and the list goes on and on. The picture always turns out looking a little dysfunctional, but we laugh so hard in the process that it doesn't even matter.

### What is your favorite part of the holiday season?

Being able to spend time with people I don't get to see very often is the best. College is a busy and stressful time, so being able to use my break to spend time with family and catch up with friends from my hometown is so refreshing.

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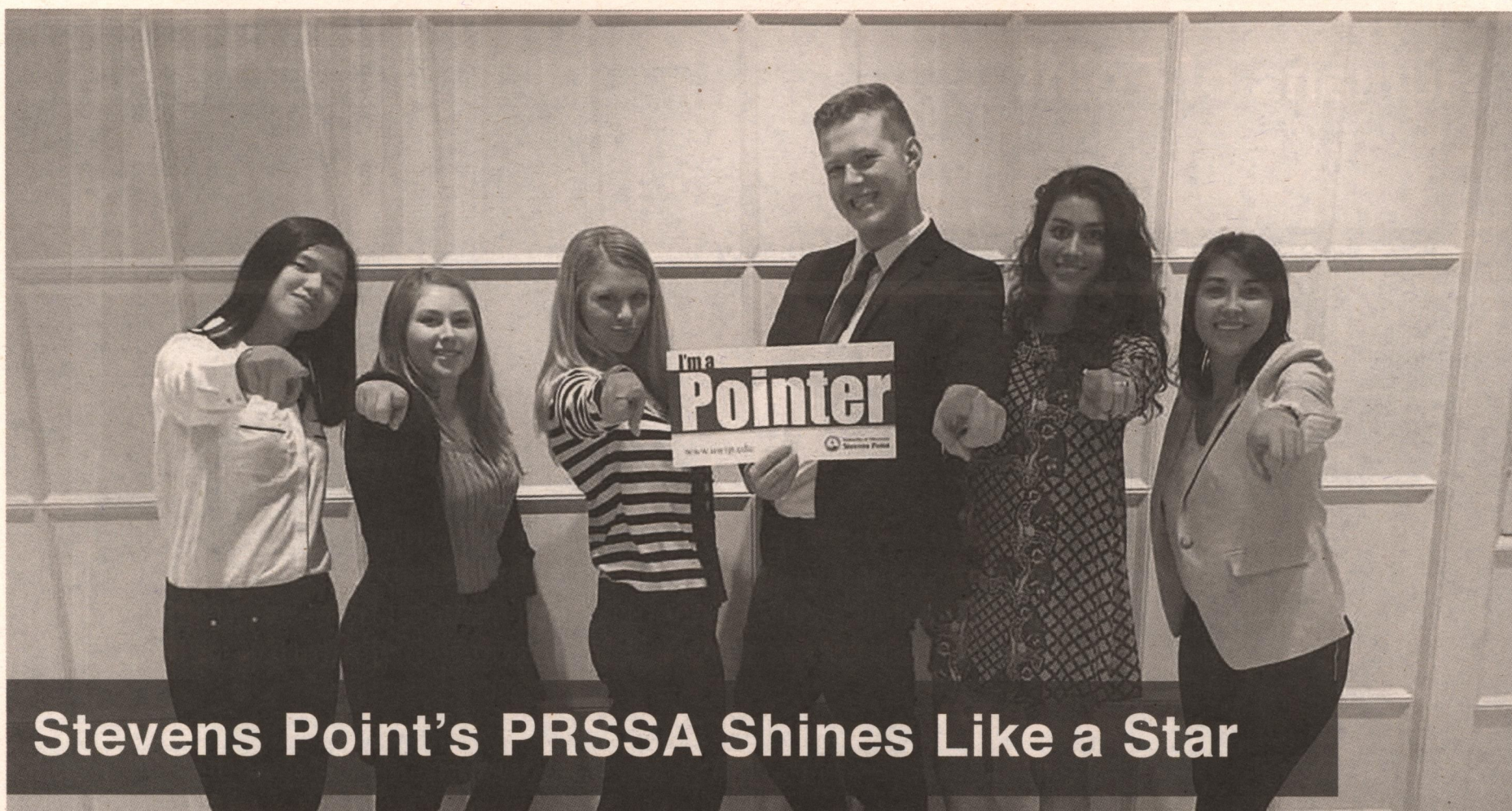
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## Stevens Point's PRSSA Shines Like a Star

For the fourth year in a row the UWSP chapter of PRSSA won the Star Award. In order to be eligible for the award, the chapter must fulfill eight of ten requirements. Photo courtesy of PRSSA University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Chapter

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The Public Relations Student Society of America recently brought home the Star Chapter award for the fifth year in a row.

PRSSA is a student organization at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. It is all about public relations.

"PRSSA is dedicated to enriching our peers career development. We offer an array of opportunities for members that are all geared towards advancing the young professional. With speakers, workshops, volunteer and fundraising opportunities, our organization is equipped with the tools to develop real world experience," Alyssa Giaimo, senior communication major with a public relations emphasis and Vice President of PRSSA, said.

"It is a place to come together with friends in a relaxing setting to gain insight on various topics from entrepreneurs, non-profits, arts management, sports, LinkedIn, resume building, etc. We cover a lot of subjects, but our passion is effective communication which binds the members together," Jessica Wenzel, junior communication major with an emphasis in public relations and Secretary of PRSSA, said.

PRSSA is a great place for anyone that wants to be successful when they leave college. This year, PRSSA brought home another Star Chapter Award.

"The Star Chapter Award is awarded to those PRSSA chapters across the country who fulfill a number of requirements that show a dedication to community and personal evolution as a young professional. A few include: high school out-

reach, community service project, a discussion and lesson on ethics, etc. UWSP was proud to win this award for the fifth year in a row. In order to win the award, the president, vice president and other members crafted a number of essays on our years' work. We hope to keep the streak going," Giaimo said.

The UWSP chapter of PRSSA has made a name for itself as an amazing organization and one that is incredibly helpful to the students involved.

"I love all the knowledge PRSSA brings to campus by having various professionals from all different walks of life

speak about their passions. Each week I learn something new that a classroom setting would never have taught me. I also love everyone that is involved with PRSSA because there is this special bond we all share for communication making us a little family on campus. The field trips we take are a wonderful way to bond with members, network with professionals, and see all types of businesses one on one," Wenzel said.

"This is by far my favorite thing. Everyone is genuine, and committed to developing new relationships with peers and our community. I've become so close

with so many! Also the field trip and conferences have been an incredible way to bond with everyone and explore a new city's culture," Giaimo said.

It is not too late to join PRSSA for any student that is interested in this organization.

"PRSSA will show you doors that you never knew existed and we want to see every student take advantage of these opportunities. I have grown so much as a student through this org and I want others to experience the same," Wenzel said.



The UW-Stevens Point PRSSA chapter won the Star Award for the fourth year in a row. Photo courtesy of PRSSA University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Chapter.



# CREATE Portage County Competes to Bring Free Concerts to Stevens Point This Summer

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Voting has begun for the Levitt Foundation's \$25,000 "Levitt AMP Grant," which helps nonprofit organizations bring free concerts to small-to-midsize towns and cities.

CREATE Portage County, a local arts and entertainment nonprofit, has led the charge for Stevens Point to win this grant. 15 entrants will win and Stevens Point currently holds fifth place. Stevens Point was one of the winners of the grant in 2017.

On its website, the Levitt foundation presents itself as "a national creative placemaking funder dedicated to strengthening the social fabric of America through the power of free, live music." The Levitt AMP Grant is specifically structured to meet the needs of towns and cities with populations under 400,000.

In its online proposal for the grant, CREATE Portage County tells that they would use the money to host a live concert series again in Pfiffner Pioneer Park on Crosby Avenue in Stevens Point.

"The coolest epiphany we had during our 2017 Levitt AMP series," the proposal said, "is that Stevens Point is thirsty for music they either haven't experienced before or that is less likely to travel through our community."

CREATE goes on to espouse

their focus on presenting diverse music, saying, "Our 2018 Series will also build on the vibrancy we brought to the park by investing more in the music, supplemental programming, and marketing that drew college students, young professionals and young families to the series."

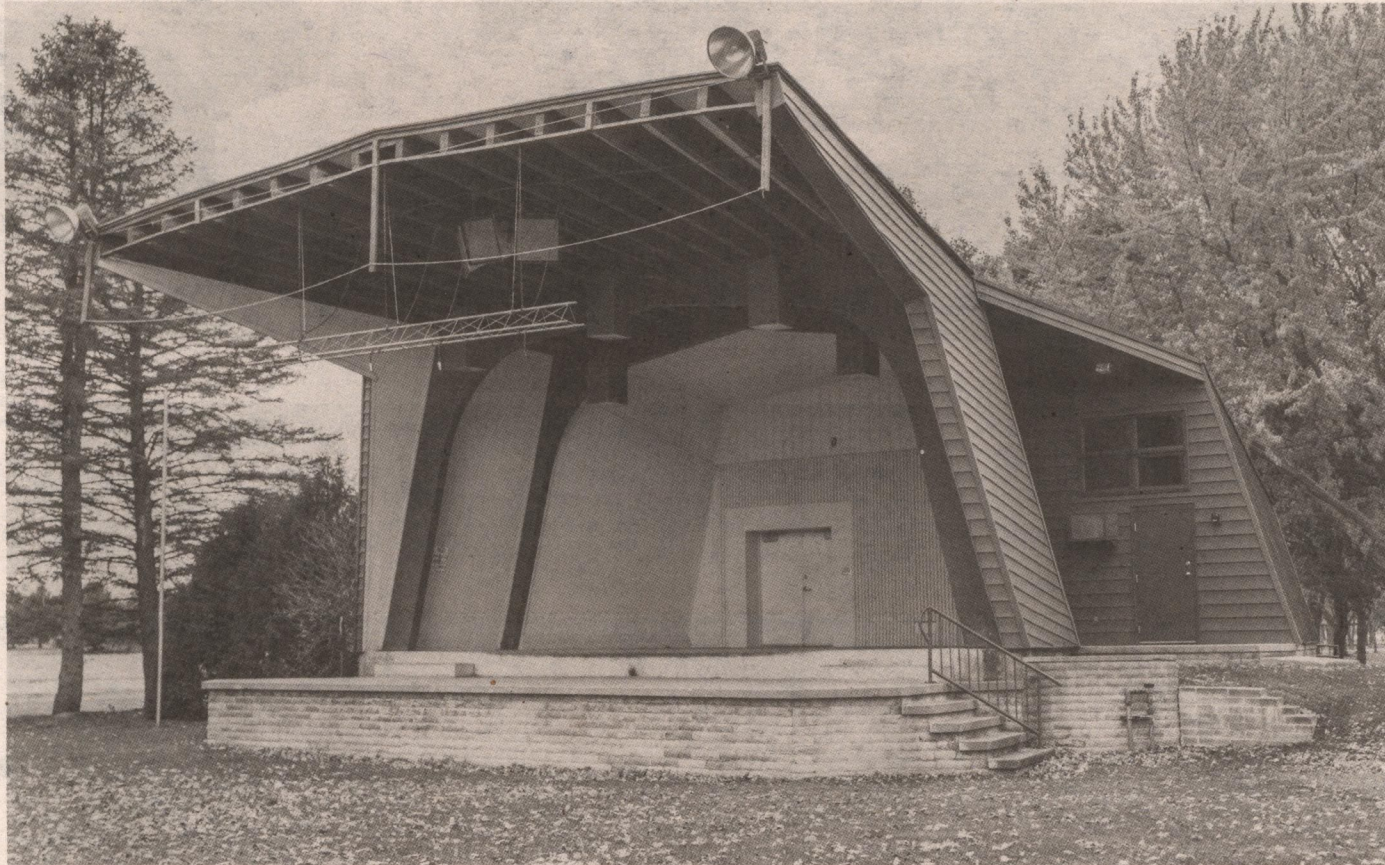
The Pfiffner Park, and the included Pfiffner Park Bandshell where the concerts will be held, is a cultural staple in Stevens

Point history.

As CREATE explains in their proposal, "the space at Pfiffner Park ties directly to the city's history and sense of identity. The bandshell was dedicated in 1977 as a Bicentennial project, resulting from a fundraising effort to give the City Band (dating back to 1890) a permanent performance space. Since that time, Pfiffner Park has been used for City Band concerts as well as for limited communi-

ty events, including the annual July 4th weekend festival, Riverfront Rendezvous."

Students who want to participate in the voting progress can do so by going to [grant.levittamp.org](http://grant.levittamp.org), creating an account with their e-mail address, and clicking the "vote" button near the bottom of CREATE Portage County's proposal. Voting for the grant is open until 7 p.m. Nov. 20th.



The Bandshell in Pfiffner Pioneer Park. A student run campaign in the month of November is fighting to bring back free summer concerts. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

Wednesday  
November 15

**Spamalot**

Jenkins Theatre,  
NFAC 280

7:30p.m.

Thursday  
November 16

**Spamalot**

Jenkins Theatre,  
NFAC 280

7:30p.m.

**Zach Finnegan  
Senior Jazz  
Trumpet Recital**

Michelsen Hall, NFAC

10 p.m.-12 a.m.

Friday  
November 17

**Spamalot**

Jenkins Theatre,  
NFAC 280

7:30p.m.

Saturday  
November 18

**Music Dept.: Kelsie  
Menzia student violin  
recital**

Michelsen Hall, NFAC

2p.m.

**Music Dept.: Val  
Evans and Ben Sawyer  
Trombone Recital**

Michelsen Hall, NFAC

3p.m.

**Spamalot**

Jenkins Theatre,  
NFAC 280

7:30p.m.

Sunday  
November 19

**Much Ado  
About  
Nothing**

NFAC Lecture Hall

7:00p.m.

Monday  
November 20

**Geoffrey  
Fischer**

Michelsen Hall, NFAC

7:30p.m.



## A Taste of Hmong Life



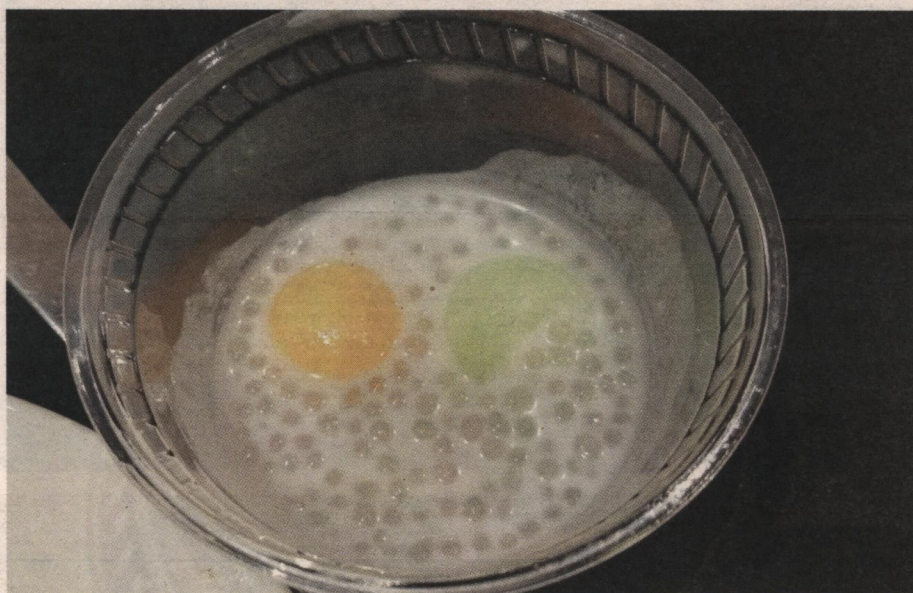
Crowd enjoying their dinner at the Taste of Mountains event. Photo by Nomin Erdenebileg

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The Hmong and Southeast Asian American Club (HaSEAAC) hosted the 17th Annual Dinner Taste of Toj Roob on Saturday, Nov. 11, in the Dreyfus University Center. Though the festivities were many, I decided to focus on my favorite part: the food.

As I sat down at one of the many banquet tables, I had the company of both University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and UW-Milwaukee students. The Milwaukee students were Hmong and had made the trip specifically for this event. We all introduced ourselves and made friends, which was very much in the spirit of HaSEAAC, promoting diversity and culture.

The menu advertised an appetizer of salad rolls with spicy garlic cream dip. The servers brought out the rolls, with the regret that there would not be any dip to go with them. In biting down on my salad roll, I found I was chewing on raw cabbage (the main ingredient



Tapioca Melon Dessert Soup. Photo by Marty Pikula

along with some greens, cucumber and carrots). On the second bite, I found a morsel of chicken that eluded me the first time. It was well seasoned and acted to balance the cabbage. Nevertheless, it was evident that the sauce was what was meant to bring the two together.

Next came a large bowl of rice. We passed it around the table serving each other, Thanks-

giving style in anticipation for the Pad See Ew to come. When it did arrive and made it around the table just as the rice, I found it to be a classic Asian dish which later realized was my favorite of the evening. Pad See Ew, (translated as fried soya sauce) had some classic elements of a rice noodle dish including the hoisin and soy based sauce. It also had some unique elements

expressed through the use of Chinese Broccoli. This vegetable was not the star of the dish, but still a welcome member in a very enjoyable entree.

With Hmong music playing (both traditional and modern) throughout the banquet hall, we were served our dessert. The Tapioca Melon Soup was just as its name suggested, tapioca pearls bobbing in a sweet blend of coconut milk, coconut water and whole milk like a harbor full of buoys. Balls of cantaloupe and honeydew melon were the rocks in this harbor. The soup was chilled but not cold.

Long Thao, junior childhood education major at UW-Milwaukee, remarked, "It needs ice inside or just served cold. Some like it hot. Hot, it emphasizes the coconut milk."

All in all, the food was enjoyable. While not first-rate dishes, the food was only one part of the event. In conjunction with the dancing and music, it added to the understanding of the flavor of Hmong life. In this way, the program including the cuisine, was a success.



HaSEAAC booth selling merchandise. Photo by Nomin Erdenebileg



Salad Rolls. Photo by Marty Pikula