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Graduating Students Can Add One More Thing to Their To-Do List

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Students will now have to apply to graduate on AccesS-Point.

If seniors received an email telling them about the new "Apply to Graduate" tile in AccesSPoint, they may begin the application process there.

Ed Lee, campus registrar, said, "It appears to students who have earned 90 credits."

Lee also said that this process is common and there aren't many universities that do it any other way. The process is also for the student to confirm that they are ready and want to graduate.

"Say you find out that you are only a few credits away from completing another major or minor and you only need a class or another semester of classes to complete it, rather than automatically graduate, this allows the students to con-

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Spiked Drinks and Off-Campus Assault: Update



Students reported dizziness after drinking contaminated beverages. Photo provided by www.pexels.com

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Reports of spiked drinks at off campus parties continue to shake the community of Stevens Point.

On the weekend of Sept. 23, two separate groups of students who attended off-campus parties reported that they believed their drinks were drugged. One student reported they were assaulted after consuming this drink.

The students reported feelings of extreme intoxication, dizziness, dream-like and sedated feelings and the inability to respond or move.

In response to this report, Troy Seppelt, Assistant Vice Chancellor for student affairs, sent out a safety alert to raise awareness for all members of the campus community. The alert contained a list of protec-

tive measures for students to follow should they choose to drink.

The official investigation was later taken over by Seargent Tony Babl of the Stevens Point Police Department.

"We know that victims of crime are not responsible for being victims," Seppelt said. However, since the investigation is undergoing, Seppelt emphasized ways students can protect themselves until the situation is resolved.

Both Seppelt and Babl expressed concern that underage students may not be coming forward with information. Both expressed that first priority in a situation like this is to investigate the larger crime.

"We know underage drinking is going to happen," Babl said. "That's the least of our problems when it comes to assaults and druggings."



Bucket of drinks. Photo provided by www.pexels.com

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On the weekend of September 23, two isolated groups of students reported that they believed their drinks had been drugged. Photo courtesy of Melissa O'Donohue

Earlier this year, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point implemented Safe Point, a grant-funded program responsible for increased visibility of police officers both downtown and near student housing.

The goal of the program is to reduce dangerous alcohol use and minimize community concerns in Stevens Point.

Safe Point was initiated by Seppelt and developed in partnership with Police Chief Marty Skibba and is funded by an \$8,000 grant from the Portage County Coalition for Alcohol

and Other Drug Abuse.

While the grant helps, the best way for students to stay safe is to stick together. For the time being, Babl urged students to stay safe by staying, "with people you trust. Don't go off on your own with people you don't trust. Take care of each other."

Please contact the Stevens Point Police Department at 815-346-1500, or Sergeant Tony Babl at 715-346-1515, with any information related to these crimes.



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PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Sunday, October 15

A phone call from the mother of a student who hadn't heard from her child since Thursday, which was unusual.

Monday, October 16

Female called to report two people with a German Shepherd in Schmeckle Reserve.

Tuesday, October 17

Student called to report four loose screws, one in each tire, on his vehicle which was parked in the southeast corner of lot Y. When pulling out of lot Y the caller heard a popping noise and pulled in to Cousins where they discovered the loose screws.

Thursday, October 19

Painting was stolen from the NFAC courtyard.

Male called from Watson Hall to report that a package was tampered with.

Friday, October 20

Staff member of Smith Hall called to report an individual fell down the stairs and possibly broke his ankle.

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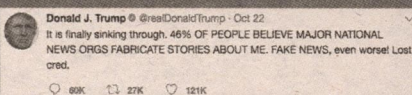
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Tweet of the Week



Screen Capture from twitter.com

Puerto Rico Recovery . . . Loan?

A hurricane recovery package was given to Puerto Rico in the form of a 4.9 billion dollar loan. This loan comes despite the fact that Puerto Ricans are citizens of the United States, and other states devastated by hurricanes are not being asked to repay their aid.

Trump vs. "Fake News"

On Oct. 11, President Trump tweeted, "Fake @NBCNews made up a story that I wanted a 'tenfold' increase in our U.S. nuclear arsenal. Pure fiction, made up to demean. NBC = CNN!" In following tweets, Trump suggested challenging NBC's license.

Trump vs. NFL

President Trump suggested using federal tax law to punish the NFL as part of his campaign against players who kneel during the national anthem. A spokeswoman later said Trump was just making a point, and that tax law would not be used to punish the league.

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firm that they are ready and want to graduate," Lee said.

Students should review their Degree Progress Report (DPR) at the time of applying for graduation to identify courses or areas that need to be completed. This will ensure they have everything they need to graduate since degree progress reports are only up to date through the 2017 Spring semester.

"We check over the general degree requirements as part of the auditing process as well as check over the graduating requirements while the departments make sure the major and minor requirements are completed," Lee said.

Megan Betka, a recent alumnus of University Wisconsin-Stevens Point, works as the Graduation Auditor. She checks general degree re-

quirements and education requirements among other items to ensure students are indeed ready to graduate.

"We print off a DPR, the student's grades and current classes and I look for any minuses or things marked 'no' and I highlight them to let them know that they are missing something," Betka said.

Lee explained that the process is a simple one. When students are ready to apply, they click the tile. From there, it is self-explanatory, and students can complete it easily.

Paige Jacob, senior public relations major, said, "I think the process is almost too easy and too good to be true. You just select the term you are graduating in and make sure all the info on your diploma is correct and hit submit."

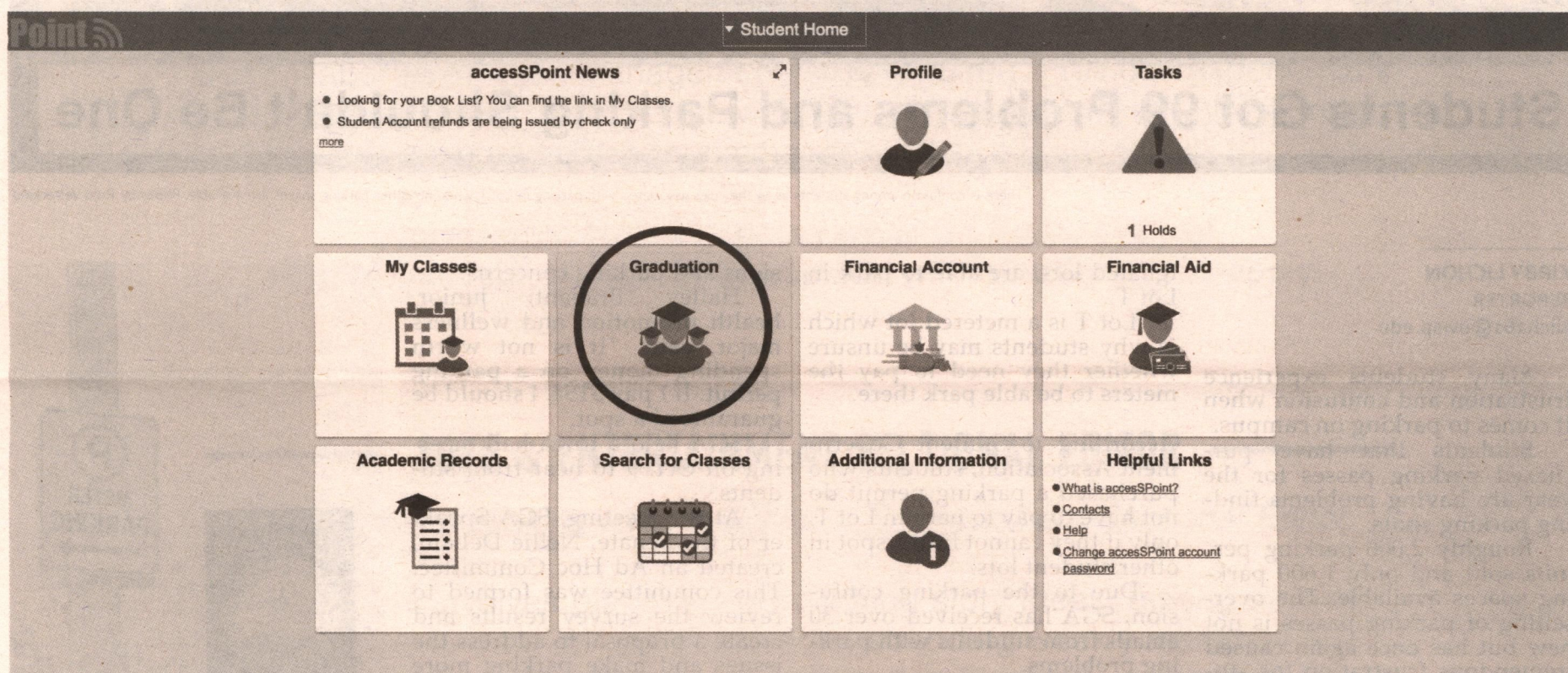
Should students have any



Seniors Michael Bannach, Jose Gonzalez, Taylor McCumber, Kelsey Schneider, and Ashley Panka (respectively) by the Pointer sculpture. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

questions or confusion about their general education requirements and their university graduation requirements,

they can contact Megan Betka at 715-346-2504 or Gradaud@uwsp.edu.



Students can apply for graduation using the Graduation tab on accessSPoint. Screen capture by McKenzie Noltner.

UWSP Math Department Provides Tutoring for Community

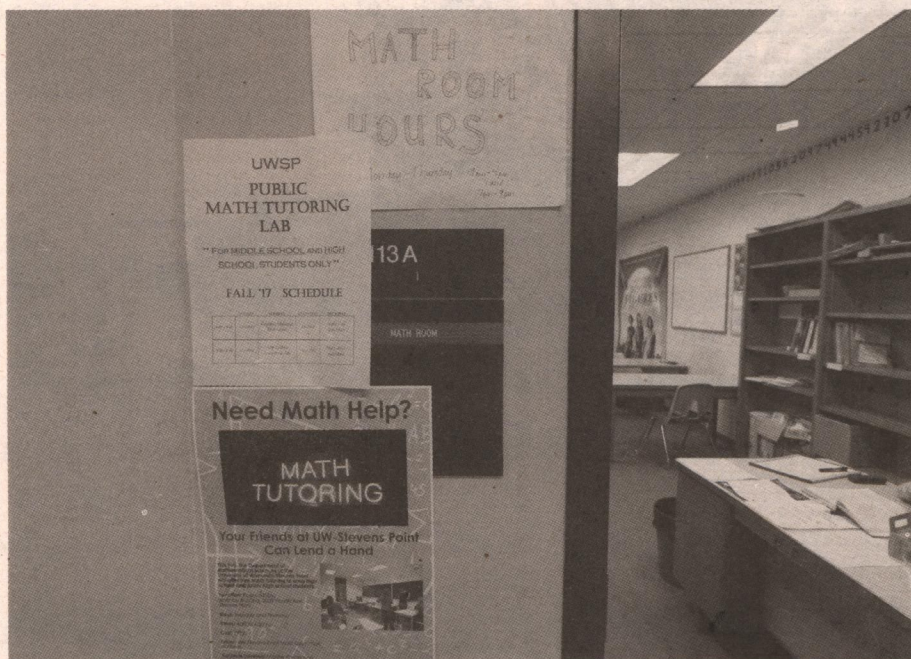
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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point math department is offering a free service to local students in the area.

In the Fall of 2015, the math department started a free math tutoring program for local junior high and high school students as well as home-schooled students for both the fall and spring semesters.

Prior to the start of this program, the math department wanted to help the community in accordance with "The Wisconsin Idea."

This idea is considered one of the oldest and deepest traditions of the University of Wisconsin System. It came to be in 1904 by the UW System President, Charles Van Hise, who said "I shall never be content until the beneficent influence of the university reaches every family in



The Math Room, room A113A in the Science Building, is where tutor sessions are held. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

the state."

The program takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30

p.m. in room A113A in the Science Building.

The math education students

in the Department of Mathematical Sciences are the tutors. There are two tutors in the lab at all times to circulate and help students. They cover a wide range of middle and high school-level mathematics depending on each student's level.

Not only do the middle school and high school students receive a great experience but so do the tutors helping them.

Susan T. Talarico, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Math Tutoring Coordinator, said, "They (the tutors) get very valuable experience working with middle school and high school students, which is the age group of their future students, once they graduate and start teaching."

The Wisconsin Idea continues to influence the UW System's work, keeping programs such as math tutoring alive and helping students off campus too.



Students Got 99 Problems and Parking Shouldn't Be One

There is confusion among students as to the rules associated with parking in Lot T, when no other parking spaces are available. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

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Many students experience frustration and confusion when it comes to parking on campus.

Students that have purchased parking passes for the year are having problems finding parking spots.

Roughly 2,000 parking permits sold and only 1,600 parking spaces available. The overselling of parking passes is not new but has once again caused tremendous frustration for students.

Some weeks ago, Parking Services sent out an email explaining that students who purchased a parking permit, who cannot find a spot in the des-

ignated lots, are able to park in Lot T.

Lot T is a metered lot which is why students may be unsure whether they need to pay the meters to be able to park there.

According to Student Government Association, students who purchased a parking permit do not have to pay to park in Lot T, only if they cannot find a spot in other student lots.

Due to the parking confusion, SGA has received over 30 emails from students with parking problems.

From these concerns, SGA sent an email to all students with an anonymous survey which had over 1,570 responses and more than 700 individual comments about their confu-

sions and parking concerns.

Hailey Brabant, junior, health promotion and wellness major, said, "It is not worth spending money on a parking permit. If I pay \$154, I should be guaranteed a spot."

SGA held a town hall meeting on Oct. 9 to hear from students.

At the meeting, SGA Speaker of the Senate, Nellie DeLain, created an Ad Hoc Committee. This committee was formed to review the survey results and create a proposal to address the issues and make parking more convenient for students.

For now, students can continue to park in Lot T, but only if they purchased a permit.



The metered section of Lot T has been designated as overflow parking. This resolution comes after many complaints of there being too little parking spaces. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

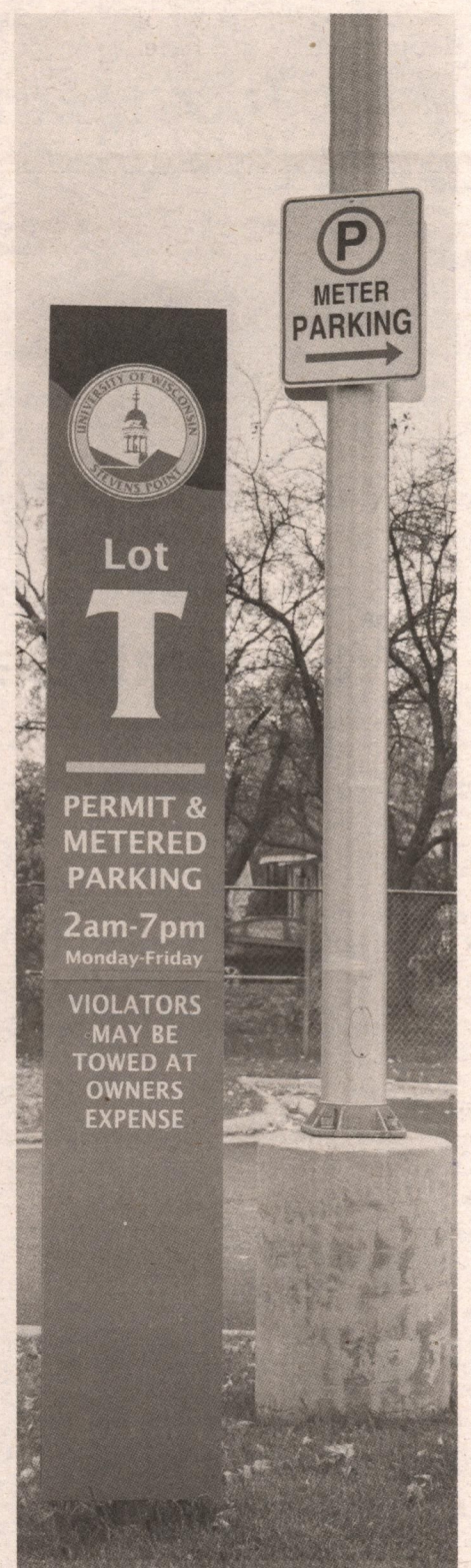


Photo by Ross Vetterkind

Proposed Legislation to Repeal All Air Quality Regulations

State representatives have proposed a bill that would take away some of the regulations on air pollution for businesses. Photo courtesy of Shaun Ganley

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The Senate Bill 459 was introduced to Wisconsin State Legislators on Oct. 18, 2017.

The bill was authored by Sen. Duey Stroebel who is also the chair of the Senate Committee on Government Operations, Technology and Consumer Protection where the bill is currently up for discussion. Other authors include Senators Craig Nass and Kapenga.

Michael Tapia, junior political science major, said, "This bill is representative of what is happening at the federal level, the relaxation of critical environmental laws in the hopes of

making businesses more profitable. However, in the long run, it could hurt businesses because if areas of Wisconsin's natural landscapes are impacted through these changes, tourism could decrease."

The bill was first read and referred to the committee signifying that the title of the bill was read and immediately assigned to the committee. The bill is now up for consideration by the committee between the first and second readings at a later date.

The analysis by the Legislature Reference Bureau stated "This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to identify and repeal all administrative rules promulgated by DNR that relate to the regula-

tion of air pollutants that are not regulated under federal law."

The bill states, "The DNR shall repeal all identified rules no later than December 31, 2018." This means that all the rules and laws that were found to be stricter than federal law will be removed by Dec. 31, 2018.

However, there are individuals who agree with the purpose of the bill such as Andrew Romanesca, senior paper science and engineering major. Romanesca said, "There is no reason a state should have more or stricter environmental laws than the federal level. The red tape from these unnecessary laws are financially costly to small businesses around Wisconsin, there-

fore I am glad this bill exists and will be discussed."

Currently, there have not been any public hearings regarding this bill nor are there any scheduled in the immediate future at this moment. Interested individuals are able to voice their concerns and opinions at public meetings as well as monitor the committee's calendar for updates through the Wisconsin State Legislator's website.

The entirety of the bill is available for the public to read at <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/proposals/sb459>. To comment on this Senate Bill, contact representatives through the Wisconsin State Legislature website by input of a residential address.

Carcass Tags No Longer Required for Deer Hunters

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The recently passed 2017-2019 biennial budget for Wisconsin included a statutory change which eliminates the need for hunters to use deer and turkey carcass tags.

"The main message is you do not need to validate and attach a carcass tag, you still need to carry proof that you have a tag, or license, or authorization to hunt deer where you are hunting deer, and you still need to register deer and/or turkey by 5 p.m. the day after harvest," said Todd Schaller, Chief Warden for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Schaller said the purpose of the change is to make the process easier for hunters in the field.

"These changes do not affect requirements for the hunting of other species," Schaller said.

Mike Rader, an assistant natural resources professor at UWSP and former employee of the WI-DNR said, "In the early 1900's the deer population was really low in Wisconsin. In the 1920's they even had closed seasons for a while."

"When you consider what the deer population is in Wisconsin, it's not as much of a concern as it was in the early 1900s."

Rader said the elimination of the carcass tags has some potential to make it easier for people to harvest extra deer without registering them.

"It was another incentive to keep people from thinking, 'Well I'm just going to get this thing home, cut it up, and then use my tag on another deer,'" Rader said.

However, he stressed that this concern was small.

"A warden can still check somebody in the field, and if

they've got a deer, the warden should be able to verify electronically that they have a license and that they have an authorization for that sex of deer in that county," he said.

Schaller agreed that hunters taking advantage of the rule was a concern of low priority.

"My philosophy is people are going to take advantage no matter what rules you have, and that most people are trying to do it right," Schaller said.

Since the rule change came

only weeks before hunting season, the DNR is working hard to get the new information to hunters in time.

Schaller said, "We're getting the word out. One of our challenges is that about 100,000 gun deer hunters purchase their license two to three days prior to the season, so those folks we might miss, but the advantage is if they do what they always were doing, they're fine. They're just doing extra stuff."



White-tailed deer in field. This photo by Idaho Fish & Game is licensed under CC0.

Pointers Ready to Dive Into New Season

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The Pointer's swim and dive team dove into its long season on Saturday, Oct. 21, when it traveled to take on UW-Eau Claire.

"Going into our first meet, it's been a wonderful fall thus far," head coach Al Boelk said. "We have a wonderful freshmen class."

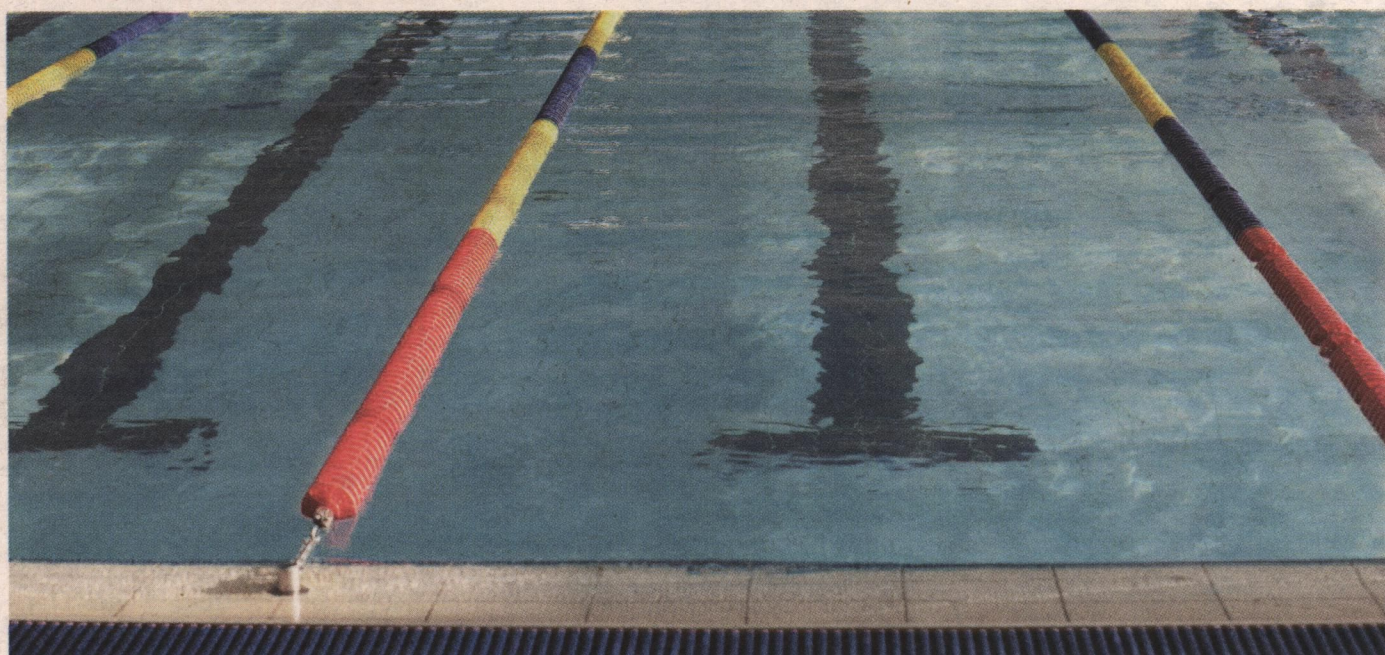
This year's team is dominated by freshmen, with 18 on the men's side and 11 on the women's.

With such a large portion of the Pointers team underclassmen, it presents a different challenge for Boelk, assistant coach Justin Stoffel and diving coach Sara Schierl.

"It's all fun. I like working with the old dogs, and I like figuring out the new ones," Boelk said. "This is my 21st year, and every year I get to work with freshmen, seniors and everybody in between."

On the men's side, 15 junior and senior swimmers return to the water as the leaders of this experienced squad. Although the men's team had an outstanding season last year, Boelk says he's not expecting great results.

"The way I think about



Pools must have 10 lanes with each lane measuring 2.5 meters across. This photo by Heung Soon is licensed under CC0.

it, it isn't where you're going to place," said Boelk. "I don't think about it that way. I don't care about winning. It's if we do the right thing and do it well. If we do things right, we'll probably win."

The men's team is in search of its 19th-straight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) championship. After the victory in Eau Claire over the weekend, the men's team already has a foundation laid that can be built upon.

For the women, Boelk is

trusting the process.

"We've had two huge senior classes in back-to-back years. We've gone from pretty dominant to, well, not," said Boelk. "We're doing what they call in athletics a 'rebuild.'"

Most notably on the women's team, senior Jackie Braun was very close to qualifying for the NCAA championships last year. Boelk's ultimate goal is to get Braun to the biggest stage of them all.

"We have a couple of divers that went to the NCAA

zone meet last year and fell short of the NCAAs," said Boelk. "It would be really cool for her to make the NCAA Championships. She's such an incredible diver."

Overall, goals are pretty simple for the 17-time WIAC coach of the year.

"I want them all to take care of each other, in and out of the school, do well in school, and do well in the pool," Boelk said.

Look Into Sports

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Sports Events

Football

Oct. 28,
vs. UW-Whitewater
1 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Oct. 28,
vs. UW-Whitewater
1 p.m.

Oct. 31,
WIAC Tournament
TBD

Cross Country

Oct. 28,
WIAC Championships
12 p.m.

Volleyball

Oct. 25,
at UW-River Falls
7 p.m.

Oct. 28,
at UW-La Crosse
2 p.m.

Oct. 31,
WIAC Championship
Tournament
7 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY SWEEPS OSHKOSH OPEN

Stevens Point men's and women's cross country took first at the Oshkosh Open on Friday, Oct. 20. The men finished with a score of 38, while the women finished with 29.

The Pointers had four top 10 finishers in both the men's and women's events.

For the men, Point's Tyler Tanko (second), Nick Lawson (seventh), Noah Schulze (ninth) and

Max Zeitler (10th) helped lead the team to victory.

The UWSP women were led by Makani Peters (second), Alexis Anderson (fourth), Mada Laundrie (sixth) and Rachel Halbach (ninth).

The team will look to carry its momentum over to the WIAC Championships in Whitewater on Saturday, Oct. 28. The event is set to begin at 12 p.m.

SWIMMING TEAM SPLITS SEASON OPENER

The UWSP men's swimming and diving team won their road meet with UW-Eau Claire 162-78, while the women's team lost to the Blugolds 144-98 on Saturday, Oct. 21.

For the men, Sam Jekel, Brandon Donaldson, Brandon Richardson and Reilly Donnellan took the victory in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:35.61.

Austin Teunissen and Michael Mills finished first and second in the 1,000-yard freestyle. Teunissen finished with a time of 10:38.10, while Mills finished shortly after

with a time of 10:52.21.

In the three-meter diving event, UWSP's Owen Gluck picked up the win with a score of 293.95.

For the women, Jackie Braun claimed victory in the one-meter and three-meter diving events. Braun's final scores were 261.95 and 274.05.

Stevens Point will have a week off before heading to St. Peter, MN. for a tri-dual on Saturday, Nov. 4. The meet is set to begin at 1 p.m.

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STEVENS POINT STYMIED IN ROAD LOSS

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team lost a close road game to UW-Stout 23-17 on Saturday, Oct. 21, to drop its conference record to 1-3 while its overall record stands at 4-3.

Starting quarterback Matt Urmanski continued to struggle as he completed only 52 percent of his passes for 163 yards and two touchdowns, while throwing one interception. Urmanski dealt with a high amount of pressure from the Blue Devil's defense as he was sacked seven times.

Stevens Point starting wide receiver Steve Herra recorded eight catches for 109 yards with two touchdowns, while fellow wide re-

ceiver Jerry Williams also topped the century mark with 104 yards on six catches.

Freshman running back Shamaj Williams led the Pointer's rushing attack with 14 carries for 51 yards.

Stevens Point traded the lead back and forth with Stout in the first half before the Blugold's defense strengthened and held the Pointers to three second-half points.

With the loss, UWSP falls to sixth in the WIAC standings.

The Pointers will look to avenge its defeat as the team hosts UW-Whitewater on Saturday, Oct. 28. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

Current Standings

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

POINTER'S END WEEK ON HIGH NOTE AGAINST EDGEWOOD

A rather quiet offensive week ended with a 3-0 home victory over Edgewood on Sunday, Oct. 22, as the UWSP women's soccer team maintained 4th in the WIAC standings.

Stevens Point began the week at home on Wednesday, Oct. 18, with a 0-0 tie against UW-Oshkosh.

Senior goal keeper Sarah Peplinski had nine saves in 110 minutes of play.

The Pointers headed on the road Saturday, Oct. 21, to take on UW-River Falls and lost the match to the Falcons 1-0.

Peplinski added seven more saves but gave up a goal in the

loss.

The offense came to life in the final game as Kassidy Spees, Olivia Bohnert and Kortnee Haas each scored a goal to take down Edgewood. Bohnert assisted Haas with the Pointer's final goal, just before the 63-minute mark, to help close out the game.

Peplinski collected one save while splitting time with Junior goal keeper Olivia Mecham, who finished with three saves.

UWSP will close out the regular season with a home game against UW-Whitewater on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 1 p.m.

Current Standings

UW-La Crosse	6-0	15-1-2
UW-Oshkosh	3-0-3	7-6-4
UW-Stout	2-1-3	7-5-5
UW-Stevens Point	2-2-2	9-6-2
UW-Whitewater	2-2-1	10-3-3
UW-River Falls	1-3-1	4-12-1
UW-Eau Claire	1-4	4-10-1
UW-Platteville	0-5	7-9

POINTER'S VOLLEYBALL WINS TWO OF THREE AT OSHKOSH TOURNAMENT



Kelly Magliano goes up for the block. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

Pointer women's volleyball topped Bates College and UT Dallas on Friday, Oct. 20, but lost to Carthage College on Saturday, Oct. 21, to finish the UW-Oshkosh Tournament as the final week of the regular season lie ahead.

Stevens Point claimed victory in the Friday's first game with a narrow 3-2 win over Bates College.

Match leaders for Point were: April Gehl (27 kills and 20 digs), Shannah Carter and Gehl (three aces each), Maddie Courter (four blocks) and Abby Majercik (52 assists).

The Pointers finished Friday with a win over UT Dallas 3-1.

Match leaders for UWSP were: Gehl (18 kills), Danielle Coleman (three aces), Kelly Magliano (four blocks) Majercik (40 assists) and Kendra Kunding-er (20 digs).

Point closed out the tournament with a 3-0 loss to Carthage College on Saturday.

Match leaders for the Pointers were: Gehl (10 kills), Coleman, Majercik and Gehl (one ace each), Majercik (28 assists) and Kunding-er (12 digs).

Point Volleyball returns to the court on Wednesday, Oct. 25, as it travels to take on UW-River Falls. The match is set to begin at 7 p.m.



The Pointers celebrate after scoring. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

WOMEN'S TENNIS STRUGGLES AT WIAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Stevens Point women's tennis team finished sixth out of seven teams, scoring six points, in the WIAC championship over the weekend of Oct. 21 and 22 in Madison to complete its season.

Erin Lemmer and Kaylee Roberts combined for a fifth place finish in a doubles match with a 8-5 victory over UW-Stout.

Lemmer won two straights sets in singles matches over UW-Stout, 6-0 and 6-1, while Abbey Johnson took fifth place in a singles match with a third set tie-breaking win 10-5.

Pointer women's tennis finishes the season with a 7-7 overall record and a 1-5 conference record.

Current Standings

UW-Whitewater	6-0	9-0
UW-Eau Claire	5-1	7-1
UW-La Crosse	4-2	7-2
UW-Oshkosh	3-3	7-3
UW-Stout	2-4	4-7
UW-Stevens Point	1-5	7-7
UW-River Falls	0-6	1-9



Rusko landfill in Oulu. This photo by Estormiz is licensed under CC0.

Post Landfill Action Network Offers Students Opportunities to Think About Waste

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This fall the University became a member of the Post Landfill Action Network, known as PLAN.

According to their website, "The Post-Landfill Action Network cultivates, educates, and inspires the student-led zero waste movement. We inform students about the waste crisis and equip them with the necessary skills and resources to implement solutions to waste in their campus communities. PLAN empowers our generation to be changemakers."

Funding for the cost of membership was split between SGA and the Office of Sustainability.

Since the University is member of PLAN any student has the

opportunity to create an account on PLAN using their university email and use the benefits of the membership. Being a PLAN member university allows students access to online workshops, trainings and a discount with certain brands through the PLAN store.

These trainings and workshops focus on facilitating a movement. Beyond workshops on food waste, expanded recycling and composting they also offer trainings on leadership and volunteer recruitment.

In the PLAN online store, the organization offers members discounts to companies they deem as responsible. The products they carry include anything from reusable straws and sustainable feminine products to granola bars with compostable wrapping.

Robert Abrahamian, senior water resources and political science major, was one of the students who brought the initiative to campus after he and Stevens Point alumnus Alex Thomas presented at the PLAN conference.

Abrahamian feels that the trainings the site offers could be useful for student organizations and that the discounted products that PLAN offers through their online store could be sold in the university bookstore. "I think it can help have the different entities that focus on this like facility services, office of sustainability, student organizations, SGA have a more cohesive and coordinated strategy to like reduce waste so that we aren't like all trying to work on it from different angles but we can all sort of come together."

Abrahamian said.

Abrahamian feels it's important to, "Take a step back and think about how much waste you create." He recommends looking at the PLAN website to investigate alternatives for everyday things like food storage.

Lucy Delain, sophomore elementary education major and SGA Environmental and Sustainability Affairs Director, said of PLAN, "I think having that support is really important for our campus and our students." Delain thinks that one step students can take towards reducing landfill waste is simply by recycling and composting. She encourages students to look into PLAN and use the resources it provides to further their personal sustainability efforts.



UWSP's Office of Sustainability recently became a member of the Post Landfill Action Network or PLAN. Photo courtesy of Pasi Maenpää

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Senior, Hanna Zakrzewski. Photo provided by Hanna Zakrzewski

What does sustainability mean to you?

It means understanding where my resources come from and appreciating the processes it took for them to get to me. It means being mindful and critical of my local and global community, whether it be environmental or social issues. It's living a life that keeps myself and others happy and healthy.

Why do you think sustainability is important?

Sustainability can pertain to many aspects of life; the food you eat, how you travel, what you buy, where you shop, and how you treat others. With a little effort and thought, anyone can be a little more sustainable every day.

In what ways do you practice sustainability in your life?

Instead of studying, I garden and cook food. Just kidding - kind of. I use my bike, I turn the lights off, and I winter proof my home. I really enjoy food preservation like freezing, dehydrating, canning - doing these things lets me enjoy the summer's harvest in the winter months, and I don't have to buy as many out of season groceries. The best part is, I'm saving money too.

What do you think people in your community should do to be more sustainable?

Go to the farmer's market, talk to people different than yourself, be aware of your actions and products you buy, learn how you can save money and energy at home (or in the dorms), and tell your friends you love 'em.

Battle of the Comedians Comes to Campus

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The first comedy open mic night at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point was held on Saturday, Oct. 21.

UWSP holds open mic nights every other Monday at the Basement Brewhaus, but this event was special as it was only for stand-up comedy.

"The comedy Open Mic Night came about because, previously, Centertainment Productions has held battle of the bands, where bands can all perform for the chance to be an opener for a headlining band. I liked this idea and figured, 'Why not do it with comedians?'" said Robert Parker, sophomore mathematics, economics and business administration majors and Centertainment Production's club and variety coordinator.

The event felt like a battle of the bands for comedy. The winning performer will have the opportunity to open for an upcoming comedian coming to UWSP in the spring.

"Students who were interested in performing had the opportunity to sign up for a slot at University Information and Tickets desk in the DUC," said Parker.

The comedy open mic night had six performing comedians.

The acts were Josh Hanyard, Jerron Baldwin (AKA Bubba), Tajeesh Conaway, Sean McCarthy, Nathan Berceau and Joshua

Hafemann.

Each act was given ten minutes to bring down the house with its own unique, comedic voice.

UWSP students were interested in the fun event.

"I think that having open mic nights is a great way to showcase the hidden talents here on campus," said Genevieve Zophy, freshman wildlife ecology major.

"Open mic nights are fun. You can see lots of different talents," said Annalise Keaton, sophomore biology major.

Parker also showed his delight.

"I'm most excited about seeing students share their comedic talents with other students," said Parker.

Open mic nights are always a great way to show off talent, but, at least in Central Wisconsin, there are not many places to go for a night of comedy. Making an open mic night at UWSP different from what is expected is certainly enticing.

"Comedy would be interesting because everyone has different humor and I would be sad if no one laughed for a whole set of someone," said Keaton.

Zophy also commented on this version of battle of the bands.

"I think having a comedy one is interesting because who doesn't love to laugh?" said Zophy.

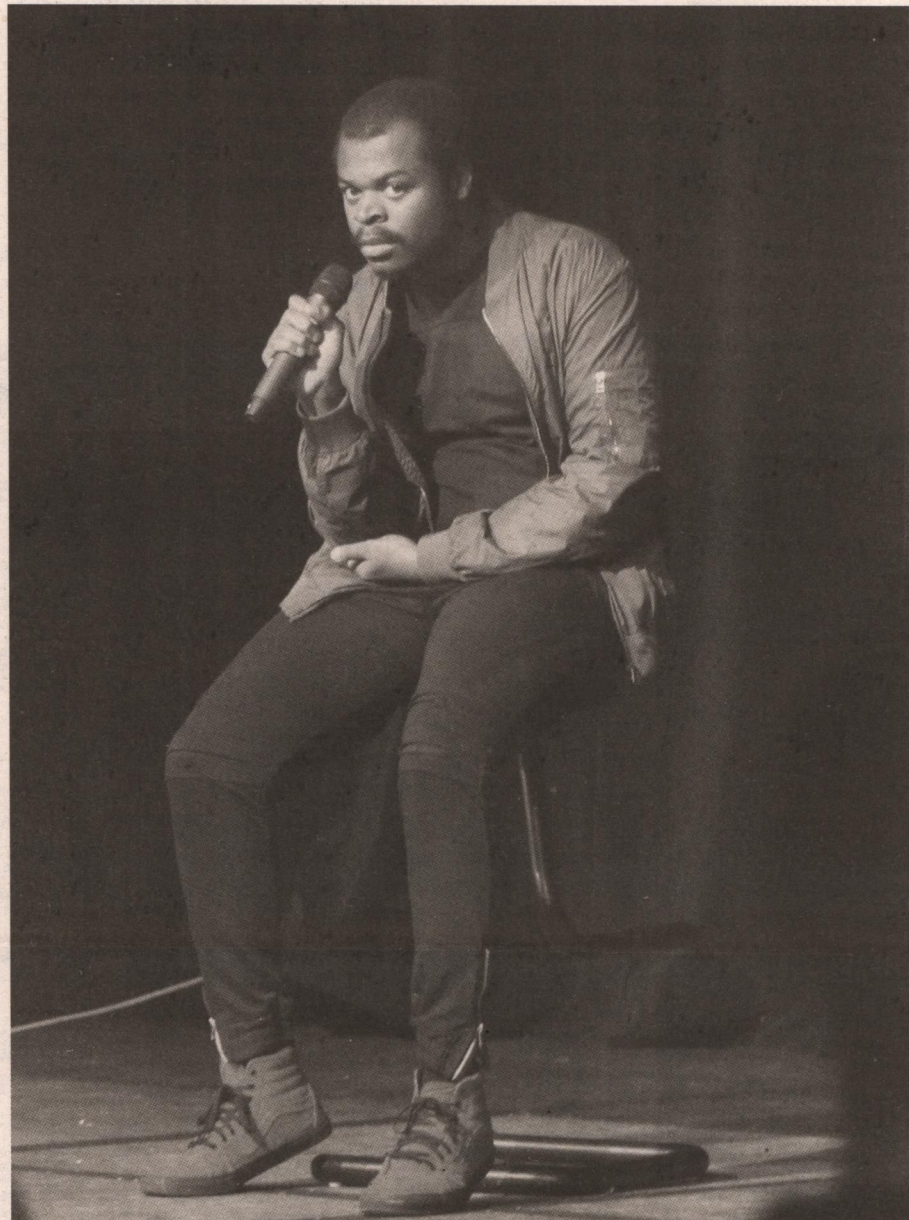
There was also some student interest in having these nights become more often.

"I think I would go see some if it did become a regular thing," said Zophy.

Parker is also interested in doing more comedy nights on

campus.

"Yes, I would like to continue doing comedy open mic nights in the future," said Parker.



A comedian gives the stare down. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

Wednesday
October 25

**Music Department:
Voice Area Recital**

Michelsen Hall, NFAC

4-5:30 p.m.

**Film Showing:
Annabelle Creation**

DUC Theatre

7-9 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

Thursday
October 26

**Music Department: Percussion
Ensemble Concert, Decades**

Series, 1940s

Michelsen Hall, NFAC

6-10 p.m.

**TBA with Monsters
of the Grass
(Bluegrass)**

DUC Encore

8-10:30 p.m.

Friday
October 27

**Candlelight Hike
Festival**

Schmeeckle Reserve
Visitor Center

6-9 p.m.

**Film Showing:
Annabelle Creation**

DUC Theatre

7-9 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

**Music Department:
Guest Artist
Transcontinental Piano Duo**

Michelsen Hall, NFAC

7:30-9 p.m.

**Halloween
Lituation**

DUC Encore

10 p.m.-12 a.m.

Tuesday
October 31

**Happy
Halloween!**

Galezio Plays Heart Out at Senior Recital

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On Saturday, Oct. 21, Keaton Galezio, 23, preformed his senior recital featuring his talents on the trombone.

Galezio's life with music started when he was in kindergarten taking lessons on piano. When he got to middle school, he started band, where he made the switch from the ivory keys to a brass slide.

"My older brother played the trombone so I naturally gravi-

tated toward it," Galezio said. "I was about halfway through my junior year in college when I fully decided what I will go to school for."

Galezio is a double major in performance and education.

"For the performance degree, we have to give one and a half recitals. The first recital we share with someone else, but the senior recital is a full recital by yourself," Galezio said. "I've never had to play more than 45 minutes of straight music before."

Galezio said some of the



Photo by Kim Schliep.



Keaton's recital was held in Michelsen Hall on Saturday. Photo by Kim Schliep.

pieces he played were what he considered standard repertoire that is common for trombone players to perform. But his recital also featured some pieces that he had sentimental value with.

"The final solo I'm playing is a transcription from a song in an opera. A friend of mind once showed me the song and I fell in love with it," Galezio said. "It goes up into some extreme registers especially at the end, so it's a piece I've been constantly working towards to master."

The other piece Galezio cherishes that he played in his recital was "Back Home Again In Indiana."

"It holds a special place in my heart because it's now sung at the opening ceremonies of the Indianapolis 500. Going to the Indie 500 has been a tradition in my family for years for over 40 years," Galezio said.

This is Galezio's last semester on campus as he will be completing his internship at Oostburg High School as a band director.

"I will be working with students in the band and it'll count for my student teaching for my education degree," said Galezio.

Galezio's mom is a middle school band director so he's happy to use the knowledge he's gained through her and carry on the tradition as a high school band director.

Galezio said, "I still want to keep playing because teaching will be my main source of income, but I hope to keep playing. Hopefully I can find a community band or theater and play for a pit orchestra."

Galezio said he's been playing music for over half his life and he doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon.

