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Bang! The Benefits and Drawbacks of Bullet Journaling

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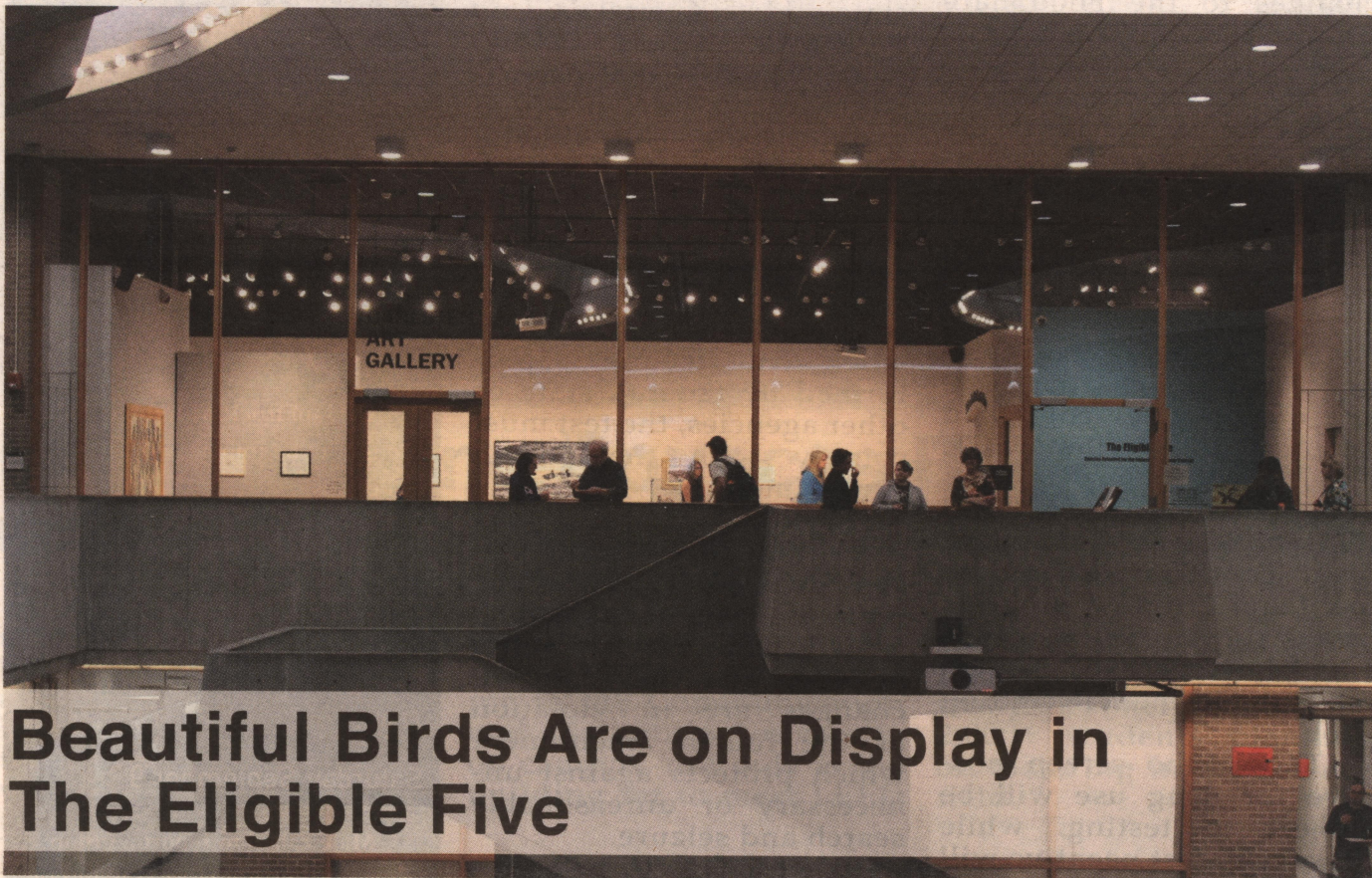
They are everywhere on social media. Instagram photos, Facebook posts and tweets scatter the web, depicting beautiful notebook entries, ranging from simplistic to ornate. They are bullet journals.

The bullet journal was developed by Ryder Carroll and has come into pop culture prominence over the last few years. The goal is to create an organized space within which people can sort through their busy lives and focus on being productive.

Any journal can become a bullet journal. The idea is a sort of do-it-yourself, customizable planner.

"Bullet journaling combines planning, time-management, creative expression, reflection and goal-setting; like a life coach in a notebook," said Jan Eppingstall for the official Bullet Journal website in her article "Productivity Coach in a notebook."

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A view of the Edna Carlsten Gallery. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

Beautiful Birds Are on Display in The Eligible Five

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A reception for the current exhibition in the Carlsten Art Gallery was held on Thursday, Sept. 7.

The exhibition is called "The Eligible Five" and will be on display in the Noel Fine Arts Center until Sept. 24.

"The Eligible Five" exhibition brings together the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Fine Arts and Communications and the College of Natural Resources in a celebration of this year's Federal Duck Stamp Contest put on by the UWSP College of Natural Resources.

The Federal Duck Stamp Contest is an annual competition where U.S. artists submit work to be chosen for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp.

Mallards, gadwalls, cinnamon teals, blue-winged teals and harlequin ducks are the five species that are to be used in the art contest.

"This exhibition is to introduce the five species that artwork can be created for

that contest," said senior arts management major Meghan Wagner who curated the exhibit.

Wagner worked on the exhibition during her summer internship at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau where most of the pieces are on loan

from.

"I wanted to have a variety of mediums and artists, so I picked a few artists from Wisconsin, a few international artists, and some of the artists were past federal duck stamp winners," said Wagner.

Other than the pieces



A student house for rent. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

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What's Happening with Drug Screening for Food Share?

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Wisconsin is seeking a federal waiver to implement changes to the FoodShare program, beginning Nov. 1, 2018.

The waiver would allow Wisconsin to change the way it regulates the FoodShare program through the implementation of a drug screening, testing and treatment policy.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website, The FoodShare Employment and Training, also called FSET, is a free program that helps FoodShare members build their job skills and find jobs. The FoodShare Employment and Training program assess the strengths, needs and preferences of participants to aid them in finding a job.

Those who screen positive for drug use will be subject to testing, while those who test negative will be cleared for participation in the FoodShare program. Anyone who tests positive for illegal drug use will be provided a path towards treatment.

These changes were approved by Gov. Scott Walker in Sept. of 2015, and apply only to able-bodied adults with no dependents. As of right now, it still has yet to be approved by the Federal Government.

A public hearing was held on Aug. 21, 2017 to hear and receive facts, opinions or arguments concerning the rule. Vanessa Kuettel, an attorney for Legal Action of Wisconsin, offered her testimony at the hearing.

"We are concerned that the proposed mandatory drug testing of FSET

participants will increase barriers to accessing food among able bodied adults and will have a negative consequence for our clients and our client's population state-wide," Kuettel said.

Kuettel also said that no evidence exists that participants of the FSET program and members of the general population are any different in terms of drug use or unemployment due to drug use.

Since drug testing qualifies as a search of a person, when drug testing is performed by federal, state or other agencies, the test must comply with the Fourth Amendment.

Kuettel said that the screening questionnaire itself does not provide the requisite level of suspicion.

Given these facts, Kuettel believes that the proposed changes are in violation of the fourth amendment which protects against unnecessary or unreasonable search and seizure. Federal law already requires drug testing for benefit applicants who have been convicted of felony drug crimes within the last five years.

Blocking access to the FoodShare program because of positive drug testing does not bar participants from other means of access to assistance.

"They would also, in all likelihood, be eligible to get food through emergency services and other food pantries," said Bob Quam, Director of Operations at The Salvation Army in Stevens Point.

While the Salvation Army does not administer the program, in the past they have seen an influx due to changes in drug screening legislation.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Sunday, September 3

Schmeeckle Patrol contacted Campus Police and Security to assist them in what was believed to be a person living in Schmeeckle.

Monday, September 4

Drug complaint in Pray Sims Hall, contact was made with the resident of the room, nothing found.

Tuesday, September 5

Student called to report her bike stolen from Pray-Sims Hall.

Thursday, September 7

U-Haul truck with three males thought to be intoxicated, last seen at Perkins.

Friday, September 8

Staff member called to request EMS check on a student having an anxiety attack in Hyer Hall.

Saturday, September 9

Male called to report a group of people outside Hyer Hall in Lot W fighting. Caller heard shouting and saw the individuals hitting and yelling at each other. One of the males was antagonizing and exposing his genitals to the others.

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Tweet of the Week

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · Sep 7
For all of those (DACA) that are concerned about your status during the 6 month period, you have nothing to worry about - No action!

Monday, September 4

Trump congratulates Peggy Whitson, NASA astronaut for spending 665 total days in space, a new record for American astronauts.

Tuesday, September 5

Trump Administration rescinds Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Current DACA recipients generally will not be impacted until March 5, 2018, to give Congress the chance to consider appropriate legislative solutions.

Wednesday, September 6

President Trump spoke with President Xi Jinping of China to discuss North Korea's Sept. 3 test of a powerful nuclear device. The two leaders condemned North Korea's provocative and destabilizing action and committed to the goal of strengthening coordination to take further action to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula.

Thursday, September 7

President Trump announces intent to appoint Pamela Bondi to the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addition and the Opioid Crisis. He also announced four new additions to his Administration.

Friday, September 8

President Trump proclaims Friday, Sept. 8, 2017 and Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, as National Days of Prayer and Remembrance.



The New Science Building Bounces Back

It was rumored mold was found within the building causing a complete shutdown of construction. This was false. Photo by Dalen Dahl

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In spring of 2017, Stevens Point seemed filled with days of harsh weather and cloudy days.

According to the U.S. Climate Data, in April, the average precipitation reached a high of 2.95 inches of rain per day, followed with a max wind speed of 17 mph.

For months, issues of fallen trees, shingles stripped from roofs and small floods worried those in the area; especially those on campus.

The construction of the new science building was brought to a halt due to this unforeseen weather.

The construction of the building started in April of 2016 and is set to house three 48-seat classrooms, two 55-seat classrooms, two 24-seat classrooms, two 96-seat lecture halls plus research and teaching labs.

With the building being both free-standing and having large construction, the university hired Potter Lawson, Inc., and HOK to design the structure while Miron Construction Co., Inc., was to construct the project. The building was originally set to be finished in the spring of 2018, however, this date must now be pushed back.

With harsh weather, it was rumored mold was found within the building causing a complete shutdown of construction. This was false.

Because the building was in the middle of con-

struction, many areas were vulnerable to heavy wind and rains, causing a mild leakage into the construction site. With 150 men working on the site daily, the problem was quickly addressed.

The compromised enclosures were repaired in a timely matter, and the damages have since been repaired or replaced. The completion date is said to be slightly set back, however, a specific date could not be given.

It is also not known if the project budget of \$75.18 million will be exceeded due to damages and repairs. With a setback in construction, it is unsure if the incoming class of 2018 will be welcomed with a new science building.

Even before completion,

the building continuously draws students in. According to the Communication and Marketing University on campus, not only is the building set to meet LEED

standards, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design but help further the 2,000+ students planning on majoring in the science field.



Photo by Dalen Dahl.



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Volunteer EMTs make up 75 percent of the ambulance services in Wisconsin. Photo by Dalen Dahl.

Rural Wisconsin Faces Shortage of Volunteer EMTs

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As years go on, the service provided by volunteer first responders in rural Wisconsin is slowly decreasing.

These volunteers are known as emergency medical technicians, or EMTs. An EMT is a first responder to emergencies such as car accidents, traumas, heart attacks and childbirth.

The volunteer EMTs, which many rural areas depend upon, have a large set of responsibilities, all of which is done without pay.

As of Jan. 2017, there were 425 total ambulance services available in the state. Volunteer EMTs make up 75 percent of those ambulance services, while 25 percent are actually responsible for responding to emergencies.

To counter this growing issue, Wisconsin lawmakers are trying to create a new system for these responders. Three bills written by state Rep. Jesse Kremer, R-Kewaskum, were composed to improve the number of rural area first responders.

Wisconsin Public Radio reported that, "Under the proposals, EMTs would have an additional year to be re-certified."

This means volunteers would also be responsible

for logging between 40 to 1,000 hours of class time, on-the-job training and an additional year to re-certify.

This could take volunteers up to three years to become fully certified. This raises concerns that the extended time period would lead to lower training expectations among the program.

Training in the EMT program can be quite taxing, especially for people that have jobs as well as families to support. Volunteer EMTs are always on call, including weekends and holidays.

Joe Alf, Township Fire Department Chief of Res-

cue Services, said "Because of the time commitment and cost to be certified this is a big reason why rural areas are losing volunteers."

Lisa Wolosek, student medical assistant at Mid-State Technical College said, "I believe at this point, if these people are in the program from nine months up to three years they should be getting paid for all the effort. They are doing life-saving work, and this would mean no need for volunteer EMT services."

"Many of these people that are going through the program to be certified are

of working income, and use so much of their time and effort. They should be paid for their contribution. But some personally do this out of selflessness and want to give back to the area," said Wolosek.

With more stringent requirements for volunteer EMT certification, fewer people may be able to dedicate the time to become certified. This problem could reach a critical peak in the next few years, putting the rural communities which rely upon volunteers at risk.

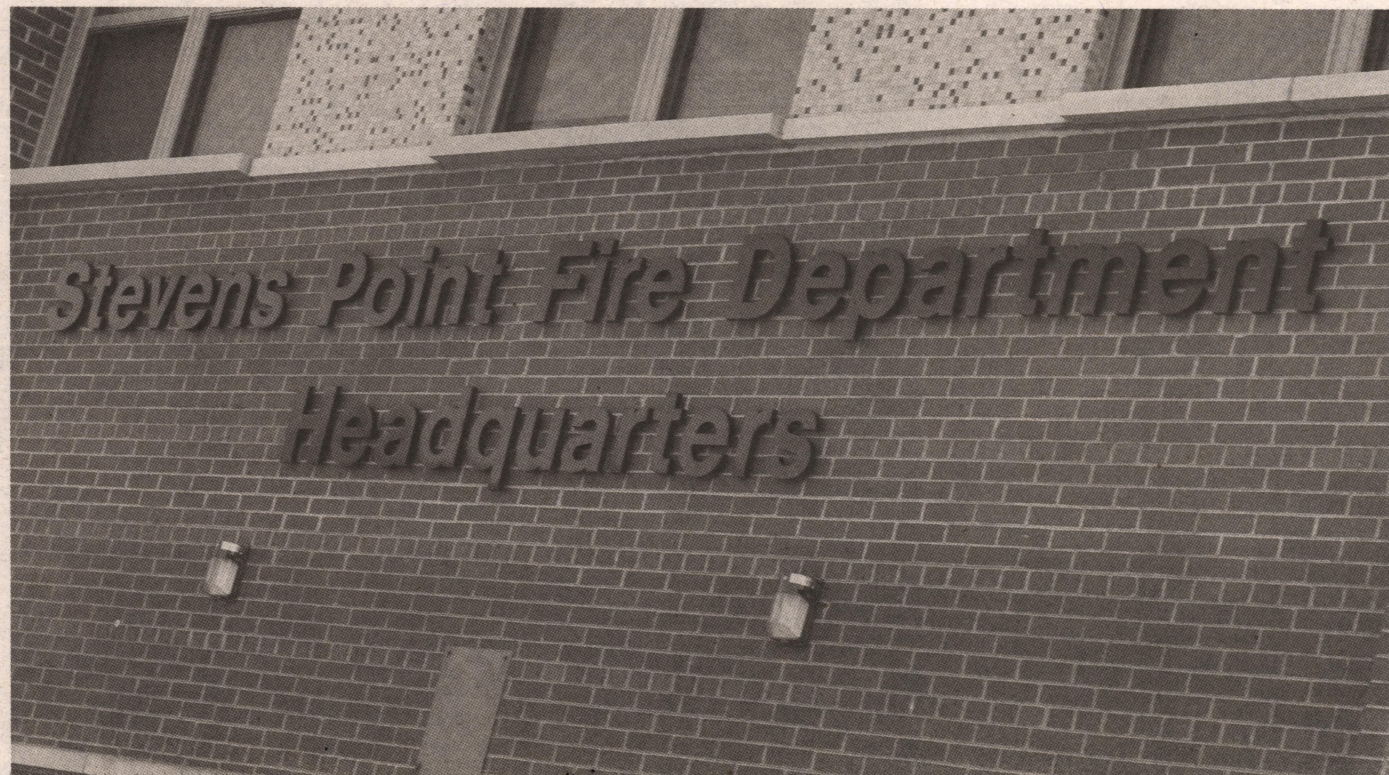
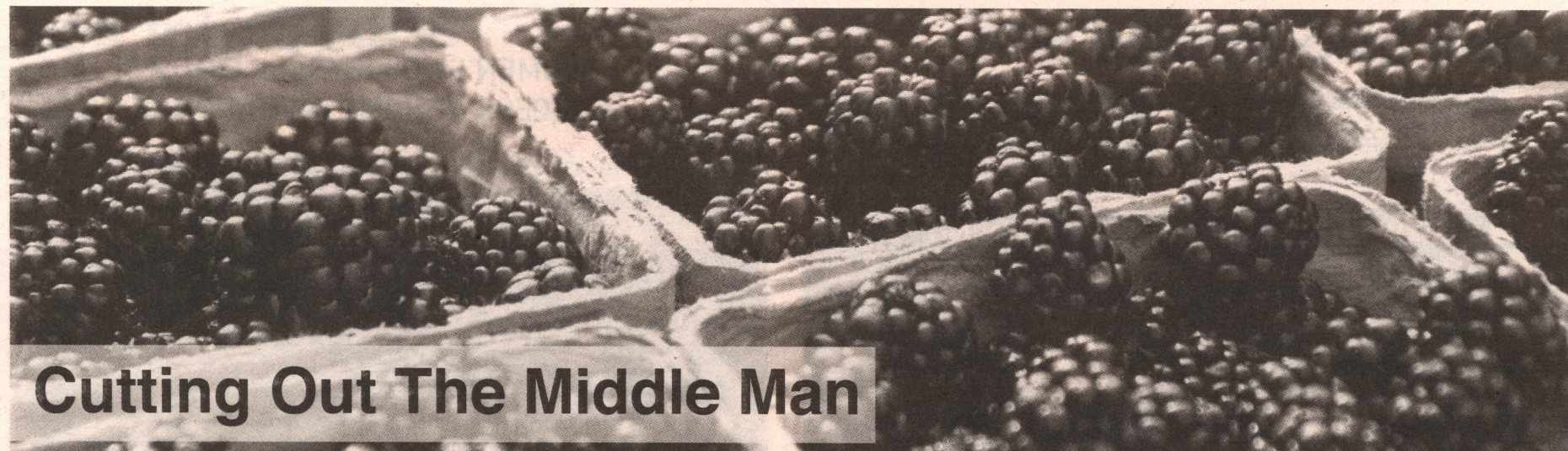


Photo by Ross Vetterkind.



Cutting Out The Middle Man

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While there are many waves of new trends or ideas coming our way with unknown intentions, direct farming is a tide many can welcome with open arms.

As reported by the United States Department of Agriculture, not only is Wisconsin ranked within the top five in sales of direct farming, but the entire country has seen an increase in 2.3 percent of farmers participating in direct farming.

This form of sale consists of farmers setting up at farmers' markets, road side stands, you-pick farms or on-farm stores in which the middle man of a distribution

system is eliminated. Stevens Point joined in on this trend long before most.

Mathias Mitchell Public Square, located in downtown Stevens Point, is home to the longest running farmers market dating back to 1847, according to the Stevens Point Farmers Market. Stevens Point is found in the Central Agricultural Statistics District which is said to be where the highest-valued farmland is located.

When asked how they chose to participate in direct farm, many Stevens Point farmers responded that the local farmers market or other small stands were their go-to option. Although one can find you-pick fields filled with blueberries or apples in the area, an appointment is

often needed for the sales to occur.

The direct method of selling at a farmer's market is well-liked for several reasons such as immediate feedback of the products as well as an open connection between seller and consumer. These connections would not occur if one were to buy from a commercial store, so this method allows the community to have a strengthened relationship.

Direct farming can be crucial in the business of farming and the importance of community members cannot be stressed enough. When goods are purchased through a commercial setting, a fraction of the dollar goes to the seller while another fraction goes to the distributor.

Whereas with direct farming, the whole dollar goes to the seller helping to benefit further production of said goods. While the seller may gain in both scenarios, there is a higher profit for the local farmers if consumers are able to buy all products directly.

The Stevens Point Farmers Market is located on the corner of Second and Main St, in the downtown Stevens Point area. At the market, one can find fruits, vegetables, flowers, syrup, herbs, eggs, meat, root crops and many other locally grown goods. More information regarding the market can be found on the Stevens Point Farmers Market web page.

Many different kinds of fresh, organic produce and other food can be purchased at the farmer's market. Photo by Mary Knight.

ENVIRONMENT

Campus Compost is More Than What Meets The Nose

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What is that smell? It is not the paper mill and it is not the football team practicing on the fields. If students have caught a strong odor walking over on the north side of campus by the Reserve, odds are it is the campus compost pile.

The compost pile equates to about 15 cubic yards of material. About 15 dump truck loads, explained Chris Brindley, director of the facility services.

"There are three piles of compost that facility services maintain," said Brindley. "An active pile, which has material added daily, the second which is left alone as it breaks down to its final product, the third is the finished pile that is ready to be used whenever."

"It takes 12 months and then we start a new pile," said Brindley. "Then the first and second piles become the second and third piles and a new active pile is started."

Brindley explained that all the compost is put back on campus, it is also used to amend the athletic fields and flower beds.

Campus top-dresses the fields when they need to seed them as well, said Brindley. They put a thin coat of the soil over the field which provides the seed with soil contact for germination and is a great source of nutrients for the newly germinated seed. The soil allows facility services to use one less application of a synthetic fertilizer on our fields.

"We use this soil that we create with the compost in all our landscaping projects as well," said Brindley. "Usually two parts sand to one part compost and it makes the most beautiful

topsoil one could ask for."

"Students get involved with composting when they use the compost bins throughout campus, in their residences and in the academic buildings," said Brindley.

All the food scraps and compost collected from campus help make the best compost possible.

"We need the food source to help create a well-balanced product," said Brindley. "Residential living has always been active in this program and it ties into student involvement."

Items such as fruits, vegetables, grains and dairy products

are acceptable to add to compost according to the Facility Services website.

According to the website, "If it can be eaten, grown on a farm or field garden, then it can be composted."

From July 2014 to July 2015, around 125,870 pounds of compost were collected from Debot, the Dreyfus University Center, the Trainer Natural Resources building and the College of Professional Studies building. All of that waste equates to 62.9 tons according to Facility Services.

Professor Rob Michitsch teaches soil science and waste management. In one of his classes, Michitsch has students do numerous experiments and research on the food waste from campus, Brindley explained. They take the food waste that residential living provides for them and do different experiments on it to find ways to break the products down more efficiently.

The composting process makes a complete circle on campus. Students can breathe easy knowing that the scent near Schmeckle means campus is working hard on composting materials and reducing waste.



Compost bins can be found around campus in the academic buildings. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

Look Into Sports

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WOMEN'S SOCCER HOLDS WINNING RECORD HEADING INTO THIRD WEEK



Senior Megan Rocolle. Photo by Ross Vetterkind.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point soccer fell to Macalester College on Friday, but finished the weekend with a victory over Illinois Institute of Technology.

The Pointers lost to Macalester in overtime by a score of 1-0.

Goal keeper Sarah Peplinski had seven saves in the match.

UWSP rebounded with a home win over IIT by a score of 3-0.

Amanda Maestas scored a

goal just before half-time to give the Pointers the lead. Francesca Hamilton scored twice in the second half and was assisted by Maddy Hardyman on both goals.

Peplinski added two saves during the match to bring her season total to 23.

Pointer women's soccer returns to action on Wednesday, Sept. 13, as they head to Appleton to take on Lawrence University. The match is set to start at 4:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL TEAM CLAIMS VICTORY IN MICHIGAN



Photo by Jack McLaughlin.

Stevens Point took care of business on Saturday night, beating Albion College 33-19.

Quarterback Ryan Swigart threw for 326 yards on 31 attempts, while backup quarterback Matt Urmanski threw for 40 yards on four attempts and added a rushing touchdown.

Two of the Pointer receivers broke the 100-yard mark during the game. Steve Herra and Jerry Williams combined for 262 yards and three touchdowns.

Zach Bosek led Point's rushing attack with 87 yards on 15 attempts and a touchdown.

On defense, Kevin Sanchez led the team with eight tackles, while teammate Logan Strang had the lone sack of the game during the third quarter.

The Pointers did not get on the scoreboard in the first period, but Urmanski and Williams scored on back to back drives to start the second quarter and give UWSP a 14-3 lead at halftime.

Stevens Point trailed heading into the fourth quarter after giving up two touchdowns to Albion in the third. UWSP responded by scoring a touchdown on three straight possessions to start the final quarter.

Bosek, Williams and Herra were responsible for scoring the last three touchdowns to secure the road victory for the Pointers.

Pointer football returns to action on Saturday, Sept. 23, when the team will host Adrian College in the annual Spud Bowl. Kickoff is slated for 4:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL FINDS SUCCESS AT HOME INVITATIONAL



UWSP against Gustavus Adolphus College. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

Pointers volleyball reigned victorious in three out of four games at their home invitational Friday and Saturday. Stevens Point also left victorious on a road trip to Lakeland University.

The Pointers started the week with a series sweep of matches against Lakeland by a score of 3-0.

UWSP match leaders against Lakeland included: April Gehl (13 kills), Maddie Courter (2 aces and 3 blocks), Delaney McCreary (15 assists) and Kendra Kundering (29 digs).

Stevens Point came home on Friday to host Ripon College in game one of the UW-Stevens Point invitational and swept the series of matches against Ripon by a score of 3-0.

Point match leader against Ripon included: Kelly Magliano (13 kills and 2 blocks), Morgan Wirkus (4 aces), Abby Majercik (23 assists) and Kundering (13 kills).

The Pointers knocked off undefeated Bethel University in game two with another match se-

ries sweep, 3-0.

Stevens Point match leaders included: Wirkus (12 kills and 2 aces), Courter (3 blocks), McCreary (21 assists) and Kundering (17 digs).

UWSP fell to Gustavus Adolphus College on Saturday by a score of 3-1.

Point match leaders included: Gehl (12 kills and 6 blocks), Kundering, McCreary and Ali Zamzow (1 ace each), McCreary (13 assists) and Kundering (16 digs).

Stevens Point ended the invitational with a 3-1 series win over Millikin University.

Match leaders for the Pointers included: Gehl (15 kills), Wirkus (6 aces), Gehl, Courter and Tara Emme (4 blocks each) and McCreary (16 assists and 14 digs).

Pointer Women's volleyball returns to action Wednesday, Sept. 13, as they head to Oshkosh for the Oshkosh Quad. The Pointers will head back on the road on Friday, Sept. 15, to travel to River Falls for the UW-River Falls invitational.



Celebrating after scoring a point. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

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WOMEN'S TENNIS SPLITS SEASON OPENER



Photo by Jack McLaughlin.

Point topped North Park University on Sunday before falling to Carrol University.

The Pointers took down North Park 5-4.

Erin Lemmer, Anna Dobbe and Elizabeth Wilichowsk won their single matches as UWSP, collectively, took three of the five matches.

Kaylee Roberts with Emily Kleist and Elizabeth Wilichowsk with Anna Dobbe won their respective doubles matches to help Point claim two of the three match-

es.

The second match of the day yielded much different results.

Anna Dobbe and Elizabeth Wilichowsk won their singles matches, but Stevens Point dropped four of the six matches.

UWSP lost all three doubles matches to Carrol.

Pointer women's tennis returns to action on Friday, Sept. 15, when they travel to Menomonie to take on UW-Stout. Match time is set at 4:00 p.m.

Sports Events

Women's Golf

Sept. 16 & 17,
at Marian University Invite
TBA

Volleyball

Sept. 13,
vs. Lawrence University
6 p.m.
vs. St. Norbert College
8 p.m.

Sept. 15,
vs. College of Saint
Benedict 5 p.m.
vs. University of St.
Thomas 7 p.m.

Sept. 16,
vs. St. Olaf College
10 a.m.
vs. Finlandia University
2 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Sept. 13,
at Lawrence University
4:30 p.m.

Sept. 17,
vs. Ripon College
1 p.m.

Cross Country

Sept. 16,
at Tom Hoffman
Invitational
10:45 a.m.

Tennis

Sept. 15,
at UW-Stout
4 p.m.

Baseball Season Review

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team finished their season on a sour note in mid-May, losing two games in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament to UW-La Crosse. Now the players are looking to improve on last year's finish.

Last year's team tied for second place in the conference with an 11-9 conference record and finished the season with a 22-19 record overall. Though the team had some success, players are raising expectations for the team and not getting complacent.

"I would say last year was an improvement, but not where we want to be. To us, a season is a not a success without a World Series championship, because that is our goal as a team. We did show a lot of promising potential last year, but now we need to play for each other and our school," said pitcher Cole Erickson.

Erickson identified that the weakness of the team was

exposed when the game was on the line.

"The thing we struggled with the most was putting teams away and losing those close games that we should have won," said Erickson.

Each year a college team will lose players, this year is no different for the Pointer baseball team as they lost seven seniors to graduation. The team lost outfielder Tyler Thomka, catcher and outfielder Ben Gerber, second baseman Clint Rose and pitchers Alex Thompson, Chris Hetzel, Derek Kawlewski and Heinrich Walder.

"All of them were a huge part of the team and showed great leadership throughout

the year," said Erickson.

Even with the number of seniors leaving the team, expectations remain the same.

"I'm expecting everyone to step up this year. Each year we must be better than the last. I think a lot of the returning guys have gotten a taste of what can be and how far we can go. I think everyone is ready and hungry to take that next step," said outfielder Ryan Stanicek.

"We had a lot of young guys last year who filled in key roles for the team, so this year I'm hoping we all can build off that chemistry and keep everything rolling in the right direction."

With returning youth on

the team, players are hoping to showcase a top-level group.

"You can tell in the locker-room that there is more of a 'wanting to win' atmosphere. Everyone is putting in hard work this offseason to put us in the position we want when the tournament comes around in Spring," said third baseman and short-stop William Iloncaie.

With a long offseason ahead for the Pointers and plenty of returning players, the baseball team seems set for more growth and progression.

Erickson added, "We will be a fun team to watch this year."



Photo by Salma Boskey.

The City of Stevens Point Joins Green Tier Charter

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In August, the Stevens Point City Council voted to join the Legacy Communities Green Tier Charter.

This charter is a collaborative effort among Wisconsin communities, the Department of Natural Resources and organizations such as 1,000 Friends of Wisconsin and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities to enable communities to become more sustainable.

After assessing Stevens Point's past sustainability efforts, Alderperson Mary McComb felt that joining the Green Tier program would be a valuable step for the city. She feels that the charter will be particularly useful because it allows the city to exchange ideas and collaborate with communities who share the same objectives throughout the state.

The program also provides the DNR as a resource, giving the city better access to grants, and assistance in grant writing. McComb said that the Green Tier provides a framework for

assessing sustainability progress which makes efforts much more feasible and streamlined.

Since passing the charter, McComb and Alderperson David Shorr have been working to rate the city's present sustainability. The city will then use this initial assessment to develop a plan which will focus on areas that need the most improvement. As a member of the charter, the city will not only develop a sustainability plan but also submit a yearly report documenting its progress.

The charter published by the DNR defines sustainability as including, "a broad framework of interrelated issues that includes environmental stewardship, economic growth, public health and social equity." The sustainability scorecard that the charter offers looks at a diverse range of issues including transportation, city zoning and community design to encourage healthy living.

Tori Jennings, Alderperson and professor of anthropology at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, said there are also real economic benefits to being

a part of the charter.

"Not only is it good in its own right, but communities are basically in competition to show their desirability, and people want to live and a move to communities that offer green space, walk-ability and bike-ability. So, by getting in this program and being on this website, it also sort of indirectly advertises the city as a place to be," said Jennings.

McComb agrees that working towards sustainability will boost the Stevens Point econo-

my. By working towards sustainability, she said you get, "indirect and very real economic benefits, because we are thinking of not just getting business in, but making the kind of city that people want to live in and that will attract business and entrepreneurs."

Both McComb and Jennings emphasized that making Stevens Point more sustainable would attract people to the city, specifically the younger generation like UWSP graduates.



The council authorized the option of a \$590,000 purchase for 64 acres of land. Photo by Ross Vetterkind.

Growth or Sprawl?

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The city of Stevens Point purchased 64 acres of land off Highway 10 in the hopes of developing the area in the future.

At the Aug. 7 City Council meeting, the council authorized the option of a \$590,000 purchase for 64 acres of land consisting of 53 acres of open land and the adjacent about 11 acres of property, which includes a single-family home and out-buildings.

According to a report from the city's department of community development, the Bickford Family Trust is listed as the seller of both properties. There is no official plan for the property, according to the report, but the city could use it for future development.

First District Alderperson, Tori Jennings, said, "Since the surface water is under four feet, any type of development will be very expensive. Additionally, due to the shallow depth, there will be no basements, decreasing the possible value of future houses by \$25,000. The development will require new infrastructure and the city of Stevens Point will be responsible for implementing and managing it."

The discussions surrounding future development of the lot have led to concerns about environmental degradation and suburban sprawl.

"It is uncertain how developing this land would impact the surrounding wetlands and



A partial view of the 64 acres of land, located on U.S. Highway 10, looking to be purchased by the city of Stevens Point. Photo by Ross Vetterkind.

ecosystems," said Jennings.

Ninth District Alderperson Mary McComb said, "The land was bought to maintain control of that corridor. This is land banking in a way and I would like to see it preserved as a conservation area but understandably that is highly unlikely. I don't think it is a good prospect for development due to the high water table."

Should the land be developed, the prices of houses could range between \$120,000 to \$150,000 said McComb.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point geography and geology associate professor Ismaila Odogba said "Stevens Point has a growth mindset assuming that all growth is good but if you build low income houses, you attract lower wage earners and

therefore have lower tax revenue. Even though there are sensitive areas on the property, the city has to have a return on investment."

Odogba is conducting a capstone course where students are tasked with analyzing the land and recommending three options to the city planning commission for development. The options could be either residential, commercial or a mixture of both. Students will be able to gain professional experience and use Geographic Information System technologies with the aid of GIS faculty associate Christine Koeller.

Koeller and Odogba advised Yoon Bin Bae, an undergraduate student who researched tax revenue for land parcels in Stevens Point and Portage County.

Their research found evidence of suburban sprawl as properties closer to the city core, near downtown and Main street produced more tax revenue than newer developments when revenue was standardized by the acreage of land a development consumes.

The study also showed that 3D models are very powerful communication tools. We do not look at the world from above looking down which is the view of many 2D maps, we look at it from the side, Koeller said.

Koeller said, "Nature does not respect political boundaries. If the wetlands are drained, it can impact other surrounding sensitive areas. We need to focus on infill infrastructure and maximizing land currently available."

Wisconsin Legislature Attempting to End Mining Moratorium

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A bill is being discussed in Wisconsin legislature that would pave the way for new mining operations. Environmental activists oppose the bill.

The bill was introduced by Sen. Tom Tiffany and Rep. Rob Hutton of Hazelhurst and Brookfield, respectively. If passed, it would remove a 20 year old moratorium on sulfide mining.

Amber Meyer Smith, Director of Programs and Government Relations for Clean Wisconsin, has been reviewing the bill with her team and said that Clean Wisconsin opposes the bill.

"We think that it is creating a bad precedent for companies coming in. Needing to relax environmental laws in order to come here is a bad deal for Wisconsinites," Smith said.

The current moratorium requires that companies who wish to have a mining operation in Wisconsin be able to demonstrate that they had previously operated for 10 years and been closed for 10 years without showing symptoms of pollution.

To demonstrate the dangers of mining, Smith referred to a 2011 report by the Environmental Protec-



Mines like this one may no longer have to prove that they have operated without polluting if a newly proposed bill repeals a current Wisconsin law. Photo by Siegmund Schmidt.

tion Agency which reviewed toxic releases throughout the nation. It was reported that metal mining produced 41 percent of all the nation's toxic material.

In addition, Smith said that sulfide mining was linked to six of the World Health Organization's top 10 list of public concerns.

"This all points to the need for very strong laws on sulfide mining and instead what this bill seems to do is weaken those laws," Smith said.

In an Aug. 17 press release, Tiffany said, "People want to make things in America again. Our neighbors, Minnesota and Michigan, have placed their shovels in the dirt of America's future. It is Wisconsin's turn to do the same."

Political science professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Ed Miller, said the political climate in Wisconsin was ripe for legislation which values economic growth over environmental policy.

"You always balance environment and economic growth," Miller said, "The balance is going in the direction of economic development, rather than environment."

Miller said legislation of this nature was part of a larger trend and pointed out budget cuts in the Department of Natural Resources and UWSP's natural resources programming, as well as the current Foxconn deal to demonstrate his point.

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from the museum, there are a few displayed pieces by Todd Wohlt.

Wohlt was a UWSP

graduate from 1994 who tragically died in 2016 at age 47. Some of his brilliant, award winning work is on display in "The Eligible Five."

Wagner is incredibly

excited about the exhibition she curated.

"I had no idea that my offer to help Jim O'Connell in the gallery this summer would lead to me curating the show you are now

standing in," said Wagner.

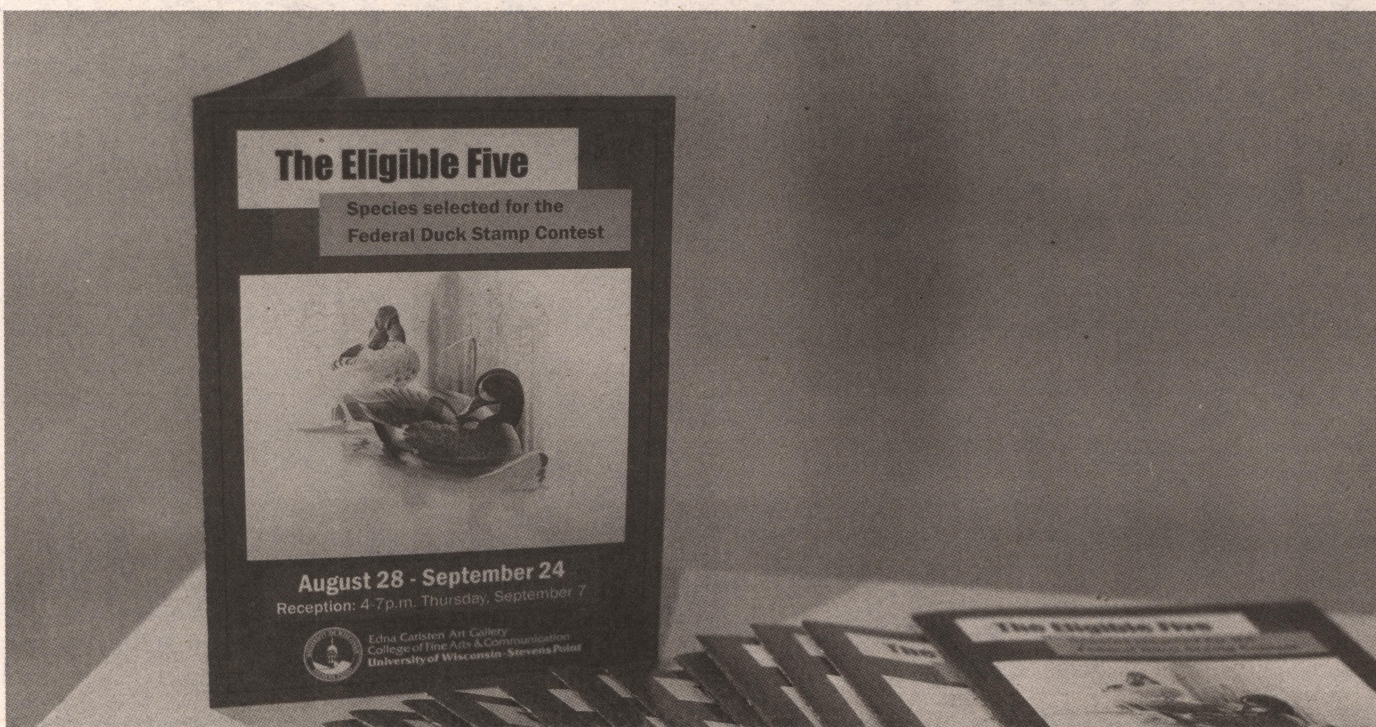
While the exhibition is used to show off the five birds of the Federal Duck Stamp Contest, it is also important for UWSP.

"I think that it's important for our college this semester because we're holding a federal contest. I think that's really important and it's important for students to support other colleges (within UWSP) for everybody to come learn more about it," said Wagner.

"I find the mixing of the two colleges really interesting," said Sophomore Biology major Annalise Keaton, "You never really see that otherwise."

Judging for The Federal Duck Stamp Contest will be on Sept. 15 and 16. There are set to be 250 entries from around the country.

The entries will be on display with "The Eligible Five" in the Carlsten Art Gallery.



The Eligible Five exhibit runs through September 24. Photo by Dalen Dahl.

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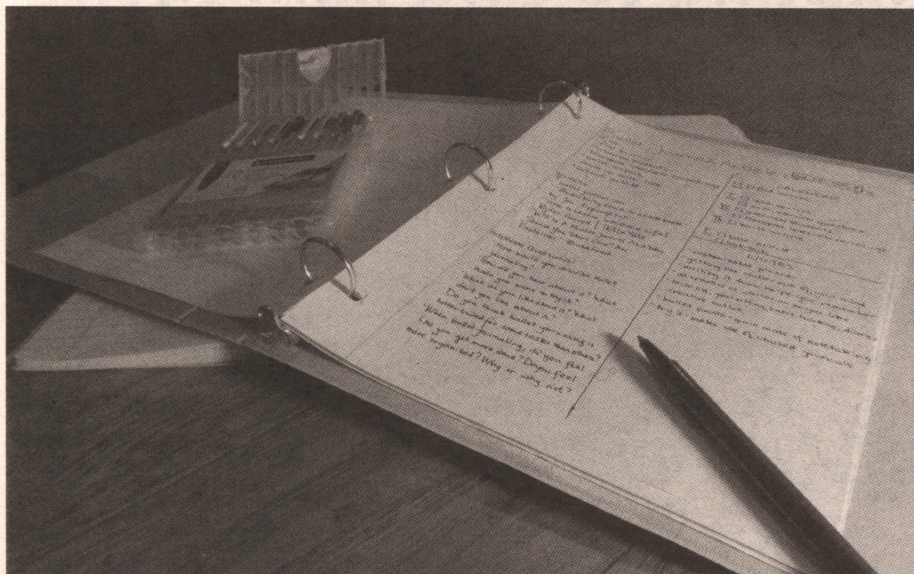


Photo by Kathryn Wisniewski

Carroll developed the system in response to his experience with Attention Deficit Disorder and his struggle to allocate his focus to particular tasks in order to be productive with the myriad of demands life imposes.

The idea is to clear the clutter out of the mind by writing it down.

Earning its name, the bullet journal employs the use of simple, bulleted lists as its primary mode of entry. Whether the writer is creating a to-do list, setting goals or tracking habits, the idea is not to spend time composing

full thoughts and complete sentences. Keeping to the basics allows writers to produce a physical document in a short period of time.

Though Carroll and a plethora of others have broadcast their methods for organizing a bullet journal, the possibilities are endless.

In an article by Rachel Wilkerson Miller and Ellie Sunakawa for BuzzFeed, the bullet journal is described as the intersection between a to-do list, a planner and a diary.

The photos of bullet journals seen on social media feeds are more often than

not extravagant, but no two are exactly alike.

Just as each mind is unique, each bullet journal is unique.

Lydia Anderson, second year graduate student in speech and language pathology, has tried out bullet journaling. She used it both for schoolwork and for personal scheduling.

Anderson said, "It's kind of a stream of consciousness, which is what drew me to it," said Anderson. "It's organized and personalizable. You're basically designing your own planner, which makes it very time consuming. It doesn't have to be time consuming, but in the way a lot of people do it, it is."

To outweigh the time spent designing, creating and upkeeping the journal, Eppingstall argues that writing things down by hand helps to clarify the tasks that need to be done and define nascent thoughts. Additionally, writing aids in memory, twofold of what can be recalled without writing things down by hand.

In addition to being a physical repository for the mental clutter that can clog up the mind, the "analogue

system for the digital age," as bulletjournal.com taglines, bullet journaling can be a fun and creative way to loosen up the drudgery of planning and organizing.

Instagram is full of photos of bullet journals that boast the use of colorful pens, doodles, elegant hand-lettering and even stickers.

The bullet journal can be as creative or as utilitarian as the writer desires or requires.

While there are no requirements for a "proper" bullet journal, the system can be daunting.

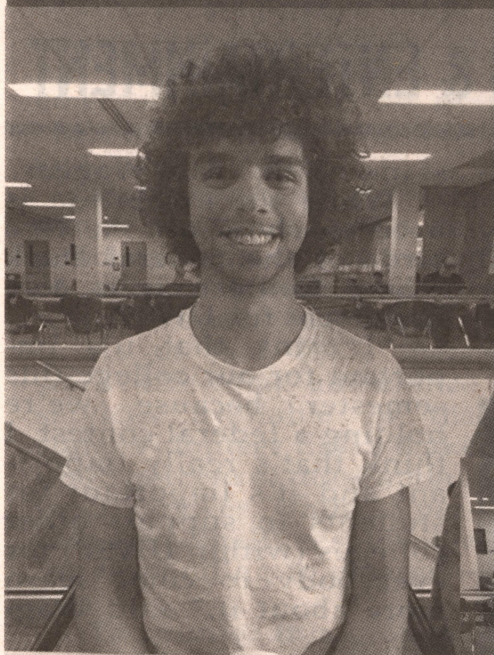
"It kind of stressed me out," said Anderson. "It was organized, but I felt like it needed constant maintenance."

Though bullet journaling can appear intense at first and it does require continual input, the system is designed to be simple and to aid in productivity.

It may not be for everyone, but the bullet journal can be adapted to be as uncomplicated or as intricate as desired. All it takes is a notebook, a pen and a few bullet points.

Just like that - bang - you've got a bullet journal.

Humans of Point



PIERCE DUCSAY

is a fifth year, actuarial science major.

What three words best describe you?

P.D.: Laidback, funny and theatrical.

T.N.: Nice, creative and anxious.

What is the longest, fanciest or strangest word you know? What does it mean?

P.D.: I know "pulchritudinous" which is a way of saying pretty or beautiful, but it only applies to people.

T.N.: The only phrase that comes to mind is "lux aeterna" because I was listening to the song ten minutes ago. I'm pretty it's Latin for moon or night eternal.

If you could ban one word in the English language, what would it be and why?

P.D.: Do I have to ban a word? There are plenty of ideas that I hate, like fidget spinners. If I had to, otherwise I would choose not to because of free speech, the words I hate are usually just fad things because it's a fad at the moment. Any word with empty meaning. I used "literally" a lot, but that's lost its meaning, but if somebody banned "literally," they'd just come up with a replacement for it.

T.N.: Again, because of the free speech thing, I really wouldn't ban a word, but I don't like the word "slut" because it feels really derogatory.



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is a fourth year music major.



Students Test Their Musical Forte With "Music Mayhem"

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On the evening of Thursday, Sept. 7, students arrived at the Laird room in the Dreyfus University center to participate in Music Mayhem.

Music Mayhem is a group that can be booked for events like parties, weddings and for campuses.

Some of the participants were curious after seeing the demonstration in Upper Debot around lunch time.

"I saw the demo, and I like music so I wanted to check it out," said Mandi Durocher, freshman social work major.

"I came because I saw their demonstration in upper Debot, I like music, and Mandi made me," said Cailyn Dusky, sophomore social work major.

Students had to sign in on a website with their phones. As teams, participants had to come up with the song title and the artists and punch in their answers on the website.

They could only answer when the song started to play and the boxes projected on the screen showed the number of letters in the title and artists name.

"The purpose of the event was to have students meet new people and have fun," said Ben Vanderlogt, sophomore social science major and special event coordinator for Centertainment Productions.

Vanderlogt said that it plays

a variety of different music so there is something for everyone.

The target audience was new students since it was an event where you had to get to know some of your team members before they started.

"I came because I'm into different types of music, and I'm good at trivia, even if it's just me guessing," said Adrienne Hagen, sophomore sociology major.

Throughout the night, the group that ran Music Mayhem handed out raffle tickets to win prizes. Prizes included hats, long sleeve shirts and phone wallets.

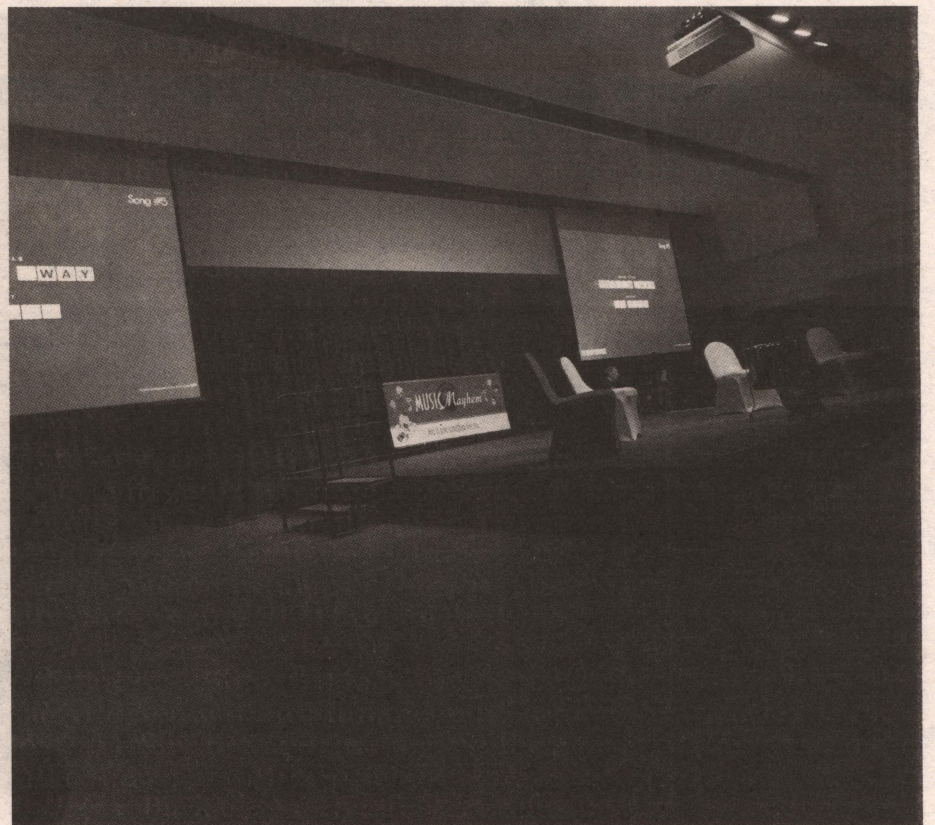
The winning team of each round won two tickets. Second place received one ticket each. At the very end of the night, they raffled off the rest of the gear and a home version of the game Music Mayhem.

Participants were enjoying themselves so much that, at one point in the night, the whole room came together and sang "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz.

The touching moment was over when, after that round, the team named "team better than you" fell from first place on the scoreboard and someone in the room yelled, "Apparently they're not after all!"

The night was a great way for students to meet other music lovers and work together with new people and test their knowledge of music.

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Photo by Dalen Dahl.



Participants had to come up with the song title and the artists and punch in their answers on the website.
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CREATE-ing Urban Artistry

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The fourth installment of the Phantom Gallery Party series was held on Sept. 8 from 7-9 p.m.

CREATE Portage County is a non-profit organization that focuses on the arts and creativity of the local community.

This event features an interesting twist. CREATE turns old rough spaces into temporary art galleries for one night only and holds the location of the gallery a secret until the day before.

The gallery was held in The Vetter Building. The building was home to The Vetter Manufacturing facility, the area's original window manufacturing plant.

"It adds to the excitement - people tend to enjoy the reveal of the location a little bit more when they don't know where they're going," said Greg Wright, executive director of CREATE.

This year's gallery, titled WILDLIFE, showcased life and landscape in contemporary, colorful and abstract works. One



Attendees of the Phantom Gallery enjoying the artwork. Photo by Maggie Marquardt.

of the artists on display was watercolor artist Jane Barnard. Barnard is a professional artist as well as a teacher, member of the

Wisconsin Watercolor Society, the Door County Art League and Wisconsin Visual Artists.

The Phantom Gallery Party series this year is helping to kick off the upcoming Federal Duck Stamp Contest that will be held in the Edna Carlsten Art Gallery inside the Noel Fine Arts Center on Saturday, Sept. 16.

As a part of CREATE's goals, some of the artists' pieces at the gallery were up for sale. Any revenue that was generated will go towards promoting creative place making, supporting people who create and to grow creative arts and entertainment experiences.

"We're specifically trying to bring in programming that typically happens in urban communities," said Wright.

The intersection of wildlife, environmental concerns in the form of art is an interesting approach.

Carina Crowe, junior graphic design major, said, "Art attracts people to look at and take interest in the topic. Pictures will attract people a lot more than a big wall full of words."



One of the installations at the Phantom Gallery. Photo by Maggie Marquardt.

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Thursday
September 14,

Fall Involvement Fair

Laird, Encore and Concourse

6-8 p.m.

Friday
September 15,

Million Dollar Duck film screening

DUC Theater

5:30 p.m.

Main Street Parks

Downtown Stevens Point

3 p.m.

Saturday
September 16,

Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest

Laird, Encore and Concourse

6-8 p.m.

Art in the Park

Downtown Stevens Point

10 a.m.