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Net Neutrality Leaves Rural Cities Behind

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The repeal of net neutrality by the Federal Communications Commission in early December 2017 has a number of people questioning the future of their access to the internet.

Since 1970, rules restricted corporate power over businesses and people using the internet. Since 2005, bans on blocking and throttling or slowing down content to users have existed.

The repeal eliminates oversight from the FCC, allowing big providers to rule the market. Companies, such as Verizon and Comcast, will now have the ability to throttle, block or charge users for accessing specific sites and content. For example, because Verizon owns Yahoo!, it could charge users for using Google.

Supporters of the repeal believe net neutrality prevented innovation and that this new system will promote competition and lower prices.

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D2L to be Phased Out for New Canvas System

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University of Wisconsin Stevens Point will be switching learning management systems from Desire 2 Learn, to Canvas. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

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By June of 2020, Desire 2 Learn will be completely phased out and replaced by a new digital learning environment system called Canvas.

The switch is being made to find a new digital learning environment to better meet student needs because the University of Wisconsin-System's contract with D2L is expiring.

Shifting from a learning management system like D2L to a digital learning environment will better facilitate learning by supporting the needs of all teaching and learning modes, whether face to face, blended or fully online.

Sean Ruppert is the digital learning environment project manager and learning management system admin at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

UWSP's project timeline

for the transition from D2L to Canvas will end June 30, 2020, with the complete shutdown of D2L. However, the transition is already starting this semester, with course migration beginning in April and the first courses will be live in Canvas by fall 2018.

Ed Miller, professor of political science, commented on the system UWSP used before D2L which was Blackboard. Similar to the transition from Blackboard to D2L, he said he hasn't used Canvas yet, but explained that, with course migration starting in April, nobody has.

Canvas encourages collaboration by providing a means for instructors to easily share course materials across courses, departments and institutions.

Other highlights of Canvas include a simple interface, grading features that provide efficient feedback from instructors directly to students and a more collaborative envi-

ronment for students.

"Always, when you switch from one program to another, there's some learning that needs to take place, and that's just simply what happens, it depends on how much better, if it's better, that this is than D2L," Miller said.

In selecting Canvas, the UW-System established a team of 10 evaluators and 15 core subject matter experts from across the system. Based on their investigations into eight outlined teaching and learning scenarios, Canvas by Instructure scored the highest.

Additional information on the training and support plan for the implementation of Canvas will be available in March of 2018.

More information on the switch to Canvas can be found on the UWSP website at www.uwsp.edu/canvas and the UW System website at www.wisconsin.edu/dle/.



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Due to their dependency on broadband services, rural communities around the nation will suffer the greatest with this new system.

According to the FCC, high-speed internet is inaccessible to 710,000 residents in rural Wisconsin.

In 2016-2017, the Broadband Task Force for Portage County initiated a needs assessment for high-speed internet in the county. The report found respondents strongly believe every household in the county should have high-speed internet. Respondents view accessibility to high-speed internet beneficial to the local economy as well. The report also found a larger percentage of rural residents paid a monthly internet bill of \$160 than urban residents who paid a monthly bill of \$60 to \$80.

In comparison, the national average internet bill ranges from \$40 to \$50 per month. About 7 percent of respondents didn't have an internet connection. Over half of respondents who don't have in-

ternet said it was because of the high cost.

In spite of the recent repeal of net neutrality, a number of communities around the country are putting their residents before profit. The Institute of Local Self-Reliance lists 95 communities with municipality-run, publicly owned fiber-to-the-home networks. Municipality-run broadband lower prices, boosts local economy and provides equal access to all residents. Researchers at Harvard found city-run internet services cost 2.9 to 50 percent less than corporate providers, such as Comcast and AT&T.

Chattanooga is one of the several Tennessee communities with a successful city-run network. Run by the city's electric utility, the service provides 100 Mbps connection for \$57.99 per month. Compared to AT&T, which offers 50 Mbps connection for \$40 per month, the city-run service is the better option for Chattanooga residents.

Stevens Point attempted to establish a city-run internet

provider several years ago, in hopes to provide equal internet access to all residents at a reasonable price.

"We began to anticipate that the time was coming where the major internet providers might start discriminating or charging different users of the internet," said Gary Wescott, former mayor of Stevens Point.

During his time in office, Wescott and his colleagues conducted an intricate analysis of the city's need for its own internet provider. Even though a number of community members and government officials backed the plan, cost became the largest prohibiting factor.

"We recognized that having that infrastructure in place was going to be an important tool for the future," said Wescott

The future of a possible city-run internet service is uncertain for the city of Stevens Point as the repeal of net neutrality hasn't taken full effect.

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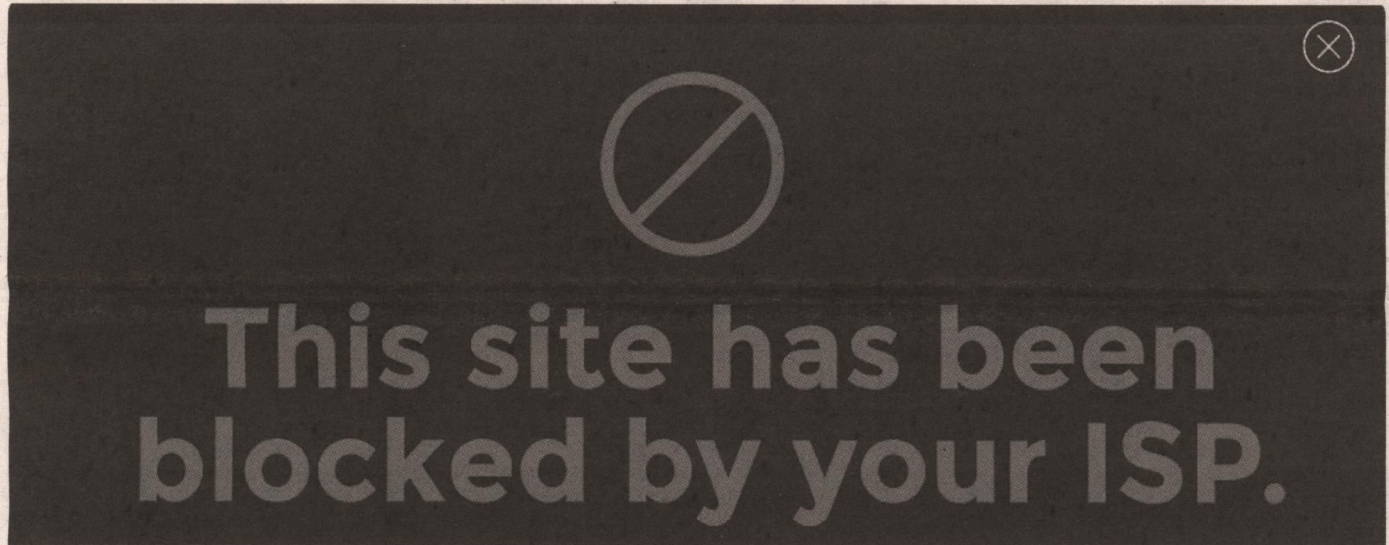
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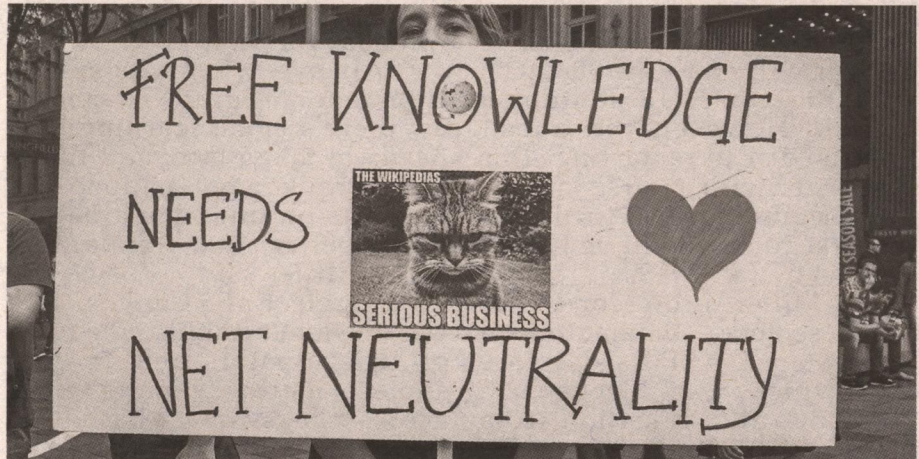
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Many are worried about the effects that losing net neutrality would have. Photo courtesy of Fight for the Future



The controversy surrounding net neutrality sparked outrage in many people around the country. Photo courtesy of Epicenter Works

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Good News! and Stock Market Crashes

On Feb. 5 the Dow Jones industrial average dropped more than 1,500 points or 4.6 percent. This drop completely wiped out its gains for the year. President Trump responded to the drop by tweeting, "In the 'old days,' when good news was reported, the Stock market would go up. Today, when good news is reported, the Stock Market goes down. Big mistake, and we have so much good (great) news about the economy!"

Trump Signs Bill to Avoid Government Shutdown (Again)

President Trump ended the second government shutdown early in the morning of Feb. 8. The 71 to 28 Senate vote did not come soon enough to avoid the brief shutdown. The delay of this vote came primarily from Republican Senator Rand Paul who opposed the estimated \$320 billion to the federal budget deficit.



Tweet of the Week

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Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · Feb 11

So many positive things going on for the U.S.A. and the Fake News Media just doesn't want to go there. Same negative stories over and over again! No wonder the People no longer trust the media, whose approval ratings are correctly at their lowest levels in history! #MAGA

Justice Week Brings Awareness About Human Trafficking at UWSP



Photo courtesy of Zoe Burckle

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The International Justice Mission chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will be hosting its annual Justice Week event this year on April 9-13 to shed light on modern day slavery to students on campus.

The UWSP chapter was founded by individuals from the Campus Crusade for Christ. Since their creation, the chapter has hosted their own Justice Week at the university.

The week will be full of a variety of events. On Monday, a series of Ghana videos will be shown, documenting abusive conditions endured by children in Lake Volta.

An attorney from Lotus Legal in Milwaukee will be here for an open panel discussion on Tuesday, along with an intern from International Justice Mission and the founder of Fresh Start Learning in Milwaukee.

On Wednesday, there will be a prayer and worship night with live music and educational materials. Then, on Thursday, there will be a restaurant fundraiser. Friday is still up in the air with an event still in the works, so stay tuned to the Justice Week's Facebook event page for more information.

Each event is different during the week, but each highlights IJM and the work they do. All proceeds from the week's events will be used to fund rescue operations around the world, freeing people from

forced labor and sex trafficking.

Zoe Burckle, vice president of advocacy, looks forward to this year's event.

"Our hope for the week is to bring not only a greater awareness of human trafficking to our campus, but to also spur students toward seeking justice for the poor and oppressed," Burckle said.

The most successful event that IJM has put on had about

70 people attend. This year, they are hoping to raise that number so students have the opportunity to become more aware of human trafficking and slavery.

International Justice Mission's vision is to "Rescue thousands. Protect millions. Prove that justice for the poor is possible." IJM is a global organization that believes that change is possible.

The UWSP campus chapter

meets on Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. in DUC 211. Burckle and other members of IJM welcome anyone that would like to be a part of this movement.

When asked why join IJM, Sophia Bergner, dietetics major, said, "It just gives people something beautiful to stand up for. Freedom for innocent people, and the justice that they deserve to see."



A group of students at the North Star conference in Washington D.C. Photo courtesy of Zoe Burckle

LGBTQ+ Student Org. Moves in with Sibling Office for More Convenience

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The Gender-Sexuality Alliance has moved in with its sibling office, the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, in the upper level of the Dreyfus University Center.

Over the past couple weeks, the GSA has been moving its stuff from its previous location in 70B in the lower level of the DUC to the upper level adjacent to the Multi-Cultural Resource center and the Drop in Tutoring and Learning Center.

Eli Masinini, sophomore studio arts major and public resources coordinator, said, "It's been a long time coming for this combination and I do like that we are all together in one place."

Masini explained it was confusing originally when he first arrived on campus be-

cause there were two different offices, each with its own purpose and each serving students a little bit differently.

The GSA was a safe space to hang out and meet other LGBTQ+ students as well as a social organization to be a part of. The GSRC is a center for resources like information, counseling and support for those students.

Alan Bustamante, alumnus and advisor for GSA as well as the GSRC coordinator, said that both groups are happy to be under one roof because its not only centralizing the resources but also they can connect easier to students because the groups are in one place.

Bustamante said the two organizations are still separate entities.

"I can help students get from point A to point B with graduating if they are having trouble," Bustamante said. "I can also open dialogues about how we can make this campus

more inclusive and welcome."

Kade Johannning, GSA executive coordinator, said, "While the space is tight, the GSA is happy to be closer to their advisor and both of the staff for the GSA and the GSRC are excited to see what the future holds."

One of the things Bustamante wants to do is open a dialogue on queer transgender people of color and the resources they need.

"We need to see how we can utilize our resources to help them out as well," Bustamante said.

Every first Monday of the month is when the GSRC has its transgender support group, the second Tuesday of every month is the QTPOC support group and the third Wednesday of every month is the coming out support group.

Another major thing Bustamante wants to bring to campus is getting the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

onto a Campus Pride Index.

"As far as recruiting goes, it is important for us to get on it because LGBTQ+ students will look it up to see where our campus sits on it," Bustamante said. "The national index lets students see how friendly and accepting the community and university campus is. Currently, UWSP isn't even on it."

Bustamante explained that the GSRC focuses on five major things. They include, supporting all students, building a community, educating the local community, highlighting QTPOC and creating the campus pride.

If students wish to check out the GSRC, it is located in DUC 206, and students can get on an emailing list to get updates from the GSA or the GSRC events and news.

"We've got everything from books to movies, pamphlets, contraceptives, chill people and occasional visits from dogs" Masini said.

ENVIRONMENT



Farmshed, located in Stevens Point, will be hosting a Local Food Fair February 17 at Sentry World. According to Farmshed's website, they will be "bringing together producers, consumers, local businesses, and educators to celebrate community and the food that's grown within it." Photo courtesy of Farmshed

Local Food Fair to Be Held at SentryWorld

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This Saturday, Feb. 17, Farmshed is holding a local food fair at SentryWorld. The event will exhibit over 60 local farms, businesses and educational organizations that will be selling goods and sharing information about their programs.

The organization is made up of staff, community members, a board of directors, and farmer advisors who share their concerns about the current food system and take action to change the way the local community relates to their food. The Farmshed board meets bi-month-

ly on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

"We believe the public should know local farmers and local farmers should know who eats their food," the Farmshed website states. This is the principle around which Farmshed has built its vision of a sustainable community.

Many Pointers may have heard of, worked for, or volunteered at Farmshed throughout their college careers. However, for those unfamiliar with this organization, this weekend is a perfect opportunity to get to know local farmers and fill up on the delicious goods that they offer. Ellyn Strong, Farmshed's volunteer coordinator, said that the

food fair has been going on for 10 years. In an attempt to reach more people, the organization moved the fair from its original location at SPASH high school to SentryWorld this year.

The event kicks off at 11 a.m. with a chef competition, where local chefs will try to create a unique potato dish and will be judged based on their use of the vegetable. The participants include your favorite local vendors, such as Emy J's, Thrive Foodery and Rock N Roll Café. The consumers will get to try the dishes for a modest price of \$4 per dish or three for \$10.

After the competition, the fair offers a baked potato bar with butter, cheese, and sour cream provid-

ed by the Stevens Point Area co-op.

The drinks provided by companies including Central Wisconsin Craft Collective, Stevens Point Brewery and O'so Brewing Company will be offered as free samples and available for purchase at the bar.

Aside from the abundance of food and drink, the Farmshed fair will also include an art gallery for the first time, which will feature the work of Offbeat Press designs and musical performances by Snow of the Mountain and Chazz'nGerry.

The food fair is family friendly, offering food-focused demonstrations and a kid's activity center. Admission is free to the public.



Photo courtesy of Jill Wellington

Students Think About Consumerism This Valentine's Day

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For weeks now, store-fronts have been teeming with cards, candy and teddy bears in all shades of pink and red as a constant reminder that it is time to buy that special gift.

It seems that this is exactly what Americans plan to do. The National Retail Federation has reported that collectively Americans are projected to spend \$19.6 billion on Valentine's Day this year. This number averages out to just over \$143 of spending per person. With numbers like these, it is hard to deny that Valentine's Day is a lucrative business. Greeting cards alone are expected to account for \$894 million in spending.

But what happens to all these cards, candy wrappers and balloons the day after Valentine's Day?

Chances are they will be heading to the nearest landfill. To avoid adding to this waste, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Waste Management Society held an event early this February to make Valentine's Day cards out of materials pulled from the waste stream.

Lindsey Carlson, senior soil and waste resources major and president of Waste Management

Society, said she thought of the event after seeing a meme which said, "I love you more than all of the waste in the ocean." Carlson said that she likes to put a positive spin on holidays associated with consumerism by creating homemade gifts.

When Carlson saw a gift bag at a retail store which said, "Don't worry I promise it's not homemade," she said her reaction was, "Wouldn't you want to make something homemade and upcycle something special versus sending it to a landfill and letting it rot for 500 plus years?"

Chelsea Huckbody, geoscience and waste management majors, and vice president of Waste Management Society said that her waste background has made her think about Valentine's Day differently. Huckbody said she is more aware of how products are "excessively packaged and it's just like kind of mind blowing."

The Office of Sustainability showed a series of films the first three weeks of February which focused on consumerism.

Claire Gorman, junior health promotion and wellness major, is the student special events coordinator for the Office of Sustainability. Gorman said that she hopes the films will help people learn more about the

effects of their consumption on the environment and society.

"Consuming a lot in our society is really normalized and a

lot of people don't really realize the effects that has," Gorman said.



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UW Stevens Point has several electric vehicles in its fleet. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

Future of Electric Vehicles Called Into Question

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Use of electric vehicles in Wisconsin is facing changes and challenges due to state legislation and public opinion.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, transportation is the second largest emitter of greenhouse gases, contributing to 27 percent of the nation's annual greenhouse gas emissions. With the environment in mind, many people have switched to driving electric cars.

In 2017, 90,302 electric vehicles were estimated to be on the road nationwide. The largest concentration of electric vehicle drivers are in California, Washington and Hawaii. Wisconsin, on the other hand, has fewer registered electric vehicles than Illinois, Michigan and Illinois, with only one electric vehicle per 1,000 registered conventional vehicles.

In September 2017, Governor Scott Walker approved a two-year state budget of \$76 billion that issued a \$100 fee on electric and a \$75 fee on hybrid vehicles. These fees would bring in \$8 million to the state's Department of Transportation. Walker backs the fees, saying it is only fair that electric and hybrid drivers pay for the roads they use.

An additional fee may make potential electric vehicle buyers wary of purchasing a vehicle.

2016 marked the highest record of miles driven in Wisconsin, at about 64 billion. Since 1970, the annual mileage for the state has increased by over 100 percent. A

lot of miles calls for a lot of gas, gas that isn't found in the state.

Wisconsin lacks any fossil fuel resources. All petroleum is imported from other states and countries, causing a large amount of money to leave the state. In 2012, 76 percent of out-of-state expenditures were from transportation.

A 2013 report by the Wisconsin Energy Statistics Book found gasoline and diesel prices underwent greater price variation and experienced higher price increases than electricity prices between 1970 to 2012. Investing the state's transportation into the electric market would allow for more predictable prices and less money leaving the state. The transition

to more electric-heavy transportation may not be the right answer for the environment however, unless the state's primary electricity source is reconsidered.

From 2012 to 2016, 52 percent of Wisconsin's electricity came from coal. Not only is this amount one of the highest in the Midwest, but it is higher than the nation's use of coal for electricity, which is around 38.6 percent.

Minnesota, in this four year timeframe, decreased its dependency on coal from 45.3 percent to 39 percent. Illinois also experienced a decrease in coal dependency. Illinois and Minnesota are migrating to relying more on renewable resources and less on coal, both states aim to reach 25

percent renewable resource use by 2025. In comparison, Wisconsin had a 2015 goal of 10 percent use of renewable resources for electricity.

Lynn Markham, land use specialist for the Center of Land Use Education, said, "Overall, I view encouraging electric vehicles and updating our sources of electricity as two prongs in a multi-pronged approach to decrease the money Wisconsin sends out of state for energy, increase Wisconsin's energy independence, increase jobs in renewable energy installation and reduce the air pollution and greenhouse gases from gas and diesel-powered vehicles that harm people's health."



Several electric vehicles parked at charging stations. Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons



Men's Hockey Team Gears Up for Conference Tournament

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After wrapping up the regular season with an 18-4-3 record, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's hockey team sets its sights on the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament.

The team's strong season was briefly diverted by a mini-slump during the third week of November when it struggled through a three-game stretch with two consecutive losses and a tie, but the Pointers quickly righted the ship.

Head coach Tyler Krueger attributed some of the team's early-season struggles to inexperience, but felt that his group rebounded nicely as the younger players got comfortable and earned more playing time over the course of the season.

"I think just everybody getting in on the same page," Krueger said. "Some of the nine freshman getting their feet wet underneath them and getting some games in and some other guys holding the fort down the first half until those guys get used to the pace of play."

Junior forward Tanner Karty agreed that inexperience was an issue for the team earlier in the season.

"With the freshman it was little bit of a slow start, hit some bumps in the road, but guys have been coming along well, growing as a team throughout the season," Karty said.

Senior goalie Max Milosek felt that UWSP's back-to-back wins against Adrian College in the middle of December were part of a pivotal point in the season and helped the team get back on track.

"You're always going to have ups and downs throughout the season, but I think we handled adversity well and especially after Adrian came and

we got those big wins and then we've kind of been rolling since then," Milosek said.

After picking up a much-needed win against Concordia University on Dec. 8, and after a pair of wins against Adrian College in subsequent contests, the team managed to win 11 of its last 13 games.

With the regular season wrapped up and the conference

tournament now squarely in its sights, Karty insists that the team will go about its business as usual despite the change in format.

"I don't think our game really changes much. We just played at what? Four or five games of conference? And now we're going to play two more this weekend and then we go into conference tournament, so I think we're kind of just sticking with what we're doing and we'll be all right," Karty said.

Milosek agreed and expanded on the team's mindset as it prepares for the postseason.

"Yeah, I think it's just maintaining what we're doing and paying attention to the little things," Milosek said. "We need pretty much every game here--we need a win--so, just kind of focusing on one game at a time more so instead of focusing on or thinking its conference or playoffs or anything like that."

With the way the season has unfolded this year, the team's ultimate goal of winning the national championship is still within reach.

"We're set up right now, we kind of control our own destiny right now so we take care of what can take care of and that should be the end outcome," Karty said.

The WIAC Tournament semifinals run from Feb. 23 to Feb. 24.

The championship final is scheduled for Mar. 3.



Uwsp tied with Eau- Claire on 2/10/18, but is still looking forward to the WIAC tournament.

Sports Events

Wrestling

Feb. 16,
at Augsburg University
7 p.m.



Women's Basketball

Feb. 14,
at UW-Oshkosh
7 p.m.

Feb. 17,
vs. UW-Eau Claire
3 p.m.

Track & Field

Feb. 17,
Big Dawg Invitational
10:30 a.m.

Swimming & Diving

Feb. 15-17,
WIAC Championships
TBD

Men's Basketball

Feb. 14,
vs. UW-Stout
7 p.m.

Feb. 17,
at UW-Eau Claire
5 p.m.



Look Into Sports

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FIVE SCORE FOR POINTERS IN VICTORY OVER SUPERIOR

It had been 18 days since its last victory, but the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team secured a 5-2 win on the road against UW-Superior on Feb. 10, its first win since Jan. 23.

Freshman forward Cassie Newcomer started the scoring with a goal midway through the first period to give the Pointers a 1-0 lead.

Later in the first period, Superior stormed back with two goals of its own to take the lead from Stevens Point at 2-1.

Senior forward Ali Biagini responded with a goal on a power play early in the second quarter

and junior forward Cara Lemi-rande scored just over six minutes later to regain the lead for Point.

The Pointers helped put the game away in the third period with goals by senior forward Maddie Schlossmacher and senior defenseman Ellie Punnett.

Senior goaltender Sydney Conley picked up the win for UWSP with 22 saves.

Stevens Point will now prepare for the Wisconsin Inter-collegiate Athletic Conference Championship semifinal games at UW-River Falls on Feb. 23 and 24. Times for each game are yet to be announced.

UWSP WRESTLING FARES WELL AT WIAC CHAMPIONSHIP

Pointer's wrestling failed to win any of its weight class titles, but still took third in the WIAC championship with a score of 116.5 on Feb. 9.

Junior Ben Vosters (125 lbs.) and freshman Luke Smiley (149 lbs.) finished second in their respective weight classes.

Senior David Granatelli (157

lbs.), senior Dylan Diebitz (197 lbs.) and junior Dan Squires (184 lbs.) each took third in their respective weight classes.

The Pointers will finish off the regular season when it travels to Minneapolis, Minn., to take on Augsburg University on Friday, Feb. 16. Matches are set to begin at 7 p.m.

Current Standings

UW-Whitewater	5-0	10-5
UW-La Crosse	4-1	10-4
UW-Platteville	3-2	4-3
UW-Eau Claire	2-3	11-6
UW-Stevens Point	1-4	6-10
UW-Oshkosh	0-5	4-10

MEN'S HOCKEY FINISHES REGULAR SEASON WITH TIE

The UWSP men's hockey team stalemated Eau Claire to a 4-4 tie on Feb. 10, as the team finished the regular season undefeated in conference play with a 6-0-2 record.

Junior forward Tanner Karty gave Stevens Point the early lead with a score during the second minute of the game with an assist from senior forward Willem Nong-Lambert and freshman forward Colin Raver.

After falling behind 2-1 to close the first period, the Pointers answered with two goals in the second period by sophomore forward Brennan Miller. Miller was assisted by junior defenseman Stephan Beauvais on the first goal and freshman forward Carter Roo and sophomore forward Kelly O'Brien on the second.

Eau-Claire tied the game at

three early in the third period, but Nong-Lambert provided the answer for the Pointers with a goal just over eight minutes into the period. Junior defenseman Ryan Bittner assisted Nong-Lambert with the goal.

Stevens Point's defense failed to secure the win as the Blugolds scored during the 11th minute of the final period and the two teams went scoreless in overtime.

Senior goalie Max Milosek recorded 33 saves in the draw.

UWSP heads into the WIAC Men's Ice Hockey Championship as a one seed in the battle for the Commissioner's Cup. Stevens Point will host the winner of the first-round series between UW-River Falls and UW-Superior. Game time is yet to be announced.

POINTERS NET A TRIO OF VICTORIES AT MIDWEST INVITE

Three Pointers won their respective indoor track and field events as the men finished fifth with 77 points and the women finished sixth with 53 points in a field of eight teams on Feb. 10 in White-water.

Junior Brent Reiersen finished first in the shot-put event with a throw of 16.05 meters.

Freshman Evan Torgerson took first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.67.

Freshman Adrienne Lewis grabbed the lone victory for the women, finishing first in the long

jump with a distance of 5.73 meters.

Freshman Matt Stelmasek pocketed a second-place finish in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:59.48.

Junior Angela Breunig recorded a second-place finish in the pole vault with a height of 3.68 meters.

UWSP will stay home this weekend to host the Big Dawg Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 17. Events are set to get underway at 10:30 a.m. in the Multi-Activity Center.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL EXTENDS WINNING STREAK TO THREE

UWSP women's basketball eclipsed its season-high win streak of two with a road win against UW-Stout 77-55 on Feb. 10, to claim three straight victories and even the Pointer's conference record at 6-6.

Stevens Point used a 25 point fourth quarter, while holding the Blue Devils to just eight points, to pull away for the win.

Sophomore guard Carly Cerrato led the Pointers in scoring with 18 points. Cerrato added four rebounds and two assists as she played 25 minutes coming off the bench.

Senior guard Mickey Roland

led the team in rebounds with seven and added 12 points, a steal and an assist.

Fellow senior guard Lexi Roland led the team in minutes (33) and steals (two) while contributing 13 points, six rebounds, two assists and one blocked shot.

Senior post Taylor Barrett led the team in field goals made with seven and added 14 points, six rebounds, two blocked shots and a steal.

Stevens Point will travel to take on UW-Oshkosh Wednesday, Feb. 14, in the team's final regular season road game. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

O'HERON DOMINATES IN WIN OVER STOUT

Junior forward Canon O'Heron used a 19 point and six rebound effort to propel the men's basketball team to an 80-63 victory over UW-Stout on Feb. 10, at Bennett Court.

The win keeps Stevens Point tied with UW-Platteville for first in the conference with a 10-2 record.

O'Heron added an assist and steal to his game leading statistics.

Junior guard Nate Dodge finished the game with 18 points and

contributed three rebounds and two steals.

Senior guard M.J. Delmore recorded 15 points and two rebounds as three Pointers finished in double figures scoring.

Bennett Court will be in use again this week as it hosts the Pointers final regular season home game when UW-Oshkosh comes to town on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

Current Standings

UW-Platteville	10-2	20-3
UW-Stevens Point	10-2	16-7
UW-Oshkosh	8-4	18-5
UW-Whitewater	6-6	16-7
UW-River Falls	6-6	15-7
UW-Eau Claire	3-9	11-12
UW-La Crosse	3-9	11-12
UW-Stout	2-10	8-15

Sip Some Poet-Tea with Centertainment

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My name is Dashanay Scott, and I'm a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point majoring in communication with an emphasis in media studies. I am the late-night event coordinator for Centertainment Productions, which is part of Campus Activities and Student Engagement. This past weekend I had a great time coordinating Poet-Tea, a poetry event with Ebony Stewart and Jay the Poet, also known as Joshua Hanyard, in the Encore of the Dreyfus University Center.

Centertainment Productions coordinates all sorts of on-campus events, including concerts, movies, comedy shows and poetry events. Every year, the Centertainment Productions staff attends National Association for

Campus Activities, an activity conference, in St. Paul, Minnesota to book talent that the students will love for the upcoming year. It was at this conference that we booked Ebony Stewart.

After booking talent, the student coordinators decide what the event will look like, plans for advertisement and what other services the event will need. Along with every event there are countless roles and responsibilities that often go unnoticed, such as ushers, campus reservations and program services. Confirming and requesting these services are very important because without them, there would be no show. During the show, Ebony made sure to commend our program technician Amy on her great work with the stage lights and sound.

Coordinating a range of events will bring about a variety of

emotions. With every event there comes multiple details and a time commitment. At times, the amount of details can become overwhelming, but having a supportive team, staying organized and having a thorough plan helps coordinate a successful event.

One of the things I like most about coordinating events for UWSP is that I'm able to indulge in the events that I put on.

I think Poet-Tea went very well and so did other attendees. My main goal for this event was to give attendees a relaxed atmosphere to develop intimacy with the poet. I hoped attendees would be able to feel the words being spoken rather than just listening. In the end, my goal was accomplished. The crowd was small, yet both poets kept the audience's attention.

I think what makes this job stand out from others is that

I can still be a student while working. It makes it more enjoyable.

Something that stood out to me with this event was the artists themselves. Their poems, while short, were touching. I felt as though some of the poems summed up emotions that I've felt my entire life. Jay the Poet and Ebony Stewart's poems were diverse and each poet displayed characteristics of their attitude. I enjoyed when both poets channeled "the love of a mother," while also speaking on the absence of a father.

Follow UWSP Centertainment Productions on Facebook if you'd like to stay up to date with our events. You can also download the Corq app to be notified of all events taking place near you.

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"Around the Corner with John McGivern" Puts Stevens Point in the Spotlight

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Fans and viewers of Wisconsin PBS stations may already be familiar with "Around the Corner with John McGivern," hosted by the titular Emmy-winning actor of Disney fame, as he explores and highlights Wisconsin communities and shares their stories.

McGivern and his crew have been all over Wisconsin throughout the past six years,

from Milwaukee to the nearby town of Wausau to Appleton.

The program has come to Stevens Point, and the episode about our community will air on Feb. 22 statewide on PBS. For those interested in catching a glimpse of the episode early, the Stevens Point Area Convention & Visitors Bureau is hosting a preview showing at the Sentry Theater at 1800 Northpoint Drive on Feb. 20.

Doors will open for the preview showing at 6 p.m., and the show will start at 6:30 p.m.

McGivern will be in attendance. The preview is open to the public, and there is no cost of admission.

Highlights of the upcoming Stevens Point episode include McGivern's visits to Point Brewery, which has been running for over 160 years, and his visit to WWSP 90FM to talk about their yearly trivia contest, which is the largest in the world.

"I just want you to know how grateful we are to all of you, and we don't want you to miss out on the fun. John McGivern and

I can't wait to see you all again and watch you enjoy this episode - it's one of our personal favorites of Season 7. We hope to see you on February 20th," Lois Maurer, producer and director of "Around the Corner," said in an email to featured guests on the show and members of the community.

Those who can't make it to the preview showing can watch the episode on PBS on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m., or find it on the Milwaukee PBS YouTube channel after it airs.



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Humans of Point

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How do you feel about Valentine's Day?

I feel like Valentine's day is a great time to show someone that you care about them. Some years I am happier about it than others. This year I am excited to have a day with my girls!

Do you have any traditions or favorite memories of the holiday?

Every year on Valentine's Day I watch "A Walk To Remember." It is wonderfully sappy, sad, and cheesy... everything you want in a Valentine's Day movie. Also I always make chocolate-covered strawberries.

What's your favorite Valentine's Day candy?

My favorite Valentine's Day candy are Reese's Peanut Butter Hearts. I don't know what it is but they just taste better than the regular cups.

Galentine's Day: No Boys Allowed

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When I think back to grade school, Valentine's Day was one of the best days of the year. I looked forward to it the second the post-Christmas buzz wore off.

Now that I'm in college (and single), my feelings have completely changed. For a while, I was confused why my opinion toward this holiday of love had shifted. If the purpose is to celebrate your significant other, why do children enjoy it so much?

Then it clicked.

In elementary school, Valentine's Day wasn't about boy-friends or girlfriends, it was about celebrating with all your friends. I spent hours personally filling out Hannah Montana

Valentine's, sealing them with a heart sticker and individually taping them to Fun Dip packets.

Valentine's Day wasn't bogged down with romance (or the lack thereof), it was just fun! In an effort to revive this childlike excitement, Galentine's Day has become my favorite February tradition.

Just as the name suggests, Galentine's Day is all about gals celebrating the gals.

This isn't a pity party just for single girls; it's an excuse for all ladies to gather up the other ladies in their life and enjoy each other's love, support and company.

The holiday gets its origin from the popular TV series "Parks and Recreation." Amy Poehler's character, Leslie Knope, gathers all her girlfriends at a café every year to celebrate Galentine's Day with brunch and thoughtful gifts.

A few of the gifts Knope

gives to her friends include mosaic portraits of each gal made from the crushed bottles of their favorite diet soda, needlepoint pillows featuring their face and the newspaper headline from the day they were born and 5,000-word essays about why each friend is so special.

I don't exactly have the time and creativity to whip up gifts for all the ladies in my life like Leslie does, but I aspire to her level of enthusiasm for Galentine's Day.

The official date for Galentine's Day, according to "Parks and Recreation," is February 13th, but don't let that hold you and your girlfriends back from celebrating whenever you can fit it in your busy schedules. Savvy gals might even hold off on celebrating until after Valentine's Day to reap the benefits of clearance priced candy and decorations.

This holiday has expand-

ed way beyond just the fans of "Parks and Recreation." Women all across the country are jumping on the bandwagon and adopting this tradition as a welcomed excuse to spend some quality time with friends.

We are living in an age where the tides are shifting in female culture. Women are stepping out of traditional roles and using their voices with platforms such as Women's Marches and the #MeToo movement.

Galentine's Day may seem silly, but it means a lot. Its rise in popularity shows that even amongst controversy and scrutiny in the public eye, women support women.

I'll be spending this Galentine's Day with my roommates and all the gals we can possibly fit inside our tiny college house. There will be cute snacks, heart-shaped decorations, girl power music, plenty of laughter and absolutely no boys allowed.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

Wednesday February 14	Thursday February 15	Sunday February 18	Tuesday February 20
American Creed showing	Nick Toombs (Hypnotist)	Planetarium Show: Clouds of Fire	Summer Camp and Recreation Fair
DUC Alumni Room	DUC Encore	Blocher Planetarium, Sci Building	DUC Laird Room
5:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	8- 9:30 p.m.	2- 3 p.m.	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY POINTERS!

