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University College Helps Students Succeed

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The University College (UC) is one of the five colleges that make up the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. It was established in 2015 and has expanded over the last three years, adding new programs like the General Education Program.

Gretel Stock-Kupperman, Dean of University College, said, "University College is a central place on campus where students can get support on their learning journey. We focus on academic success, resources for research, general education, effective teaching and experiential learning."

University College is located in Albertson Hall. Dean Stock-Kupperman believes that being so close to the other academic buildings makes collaboration and connection easier. That specifically was why the UC was created, to allow students to have easier access to academic support, with all services located in one building.

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UW-Stevens Point to Cut 2.5 Million from Budget



Old main in midst of winter. Photo by Alex Grant.

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point needs to cut 2.5 million dollars from their spending for the fiscal year of 2019, which begins July 2018.

Provost Greg Summers said that there is an ongoing structural deficit that was in danger of growing beyond six to seven million dollars. Structural deficit is when the spending goes beyond the revenue.

"Part of this is because of the drop in enrollment," said Summers.

But there is a silver lining, Summers explained, this is because the university has become better at graduating quicker.

"This isn't all about reductions though. We also want to invest in new things that have demonstrated an increase in enrollment. So, it's not just a reduction but rather a repositioning," said Summers.

"We are investing things in admissions because they help contribute to enrollment growth."

In the College of Fine Arts and Communications, consolidations are helping to prevent the need to cut programs and faculty.

Dean of COFAC, Valerie Cisler, talked about how certain credits were being condensed into one similar focus in the arts. In communication, it has been proposed that the Interpersonal Organization emphasis be combined with the Public Relations emphasis.

"What has really exploded since I was a student is the technology. The huge amount of staff we have to maintain it is costly. Don't get me wrong, I love it but we have to have the fire department to come in, vents have to be cleaned and cleared, all of that is something we didn't used to have to deal with," said Cisler.

Cisler explained that the needs of students have changed and with that the trends have

changed.

"Students don't enroll in certain majors as time goes on. And, as those shrink, so does funding. It doesn't mean any one [is] neither more nor less important necessarily, but the needs have shifted," said Cisler.

Cisler said that even with the consolidations and combinations, the COFAC will still have to cut a total of three positions, with two in communication and one in art.

"In the next several years there will be some retirements but to meet this immediate need, we will have to let some people go. It's the worst thing in the world to have to do. But we must," said Cisler. "It's pretty tough to try and take parts away from things that can't exist without others."

Cisler said she wants to maintain the integrity of all the arts programs. She wouldn't be able to do it without the staff who she said already work 18 percent below normal level of salary.

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Some students may have already worked with some of the departments within the UC including the Academic and Career Advising Center, Tutoring-Learning Center, University Library and Disability and Assistive Technology Center.

Having all of these facilities in one college allows the faculty to have one vision, which is helping the students. Dean Stock-Kupperman said, "It's a structure that allows us a unified focus on student success and effective teaching."

The General Education Program (GEP), which is also apart of the University College, houses a large portion of UWSP students in it. Many students either think they know what they want to study, or have completely no idea. This program allows students room to figure that out exactly.

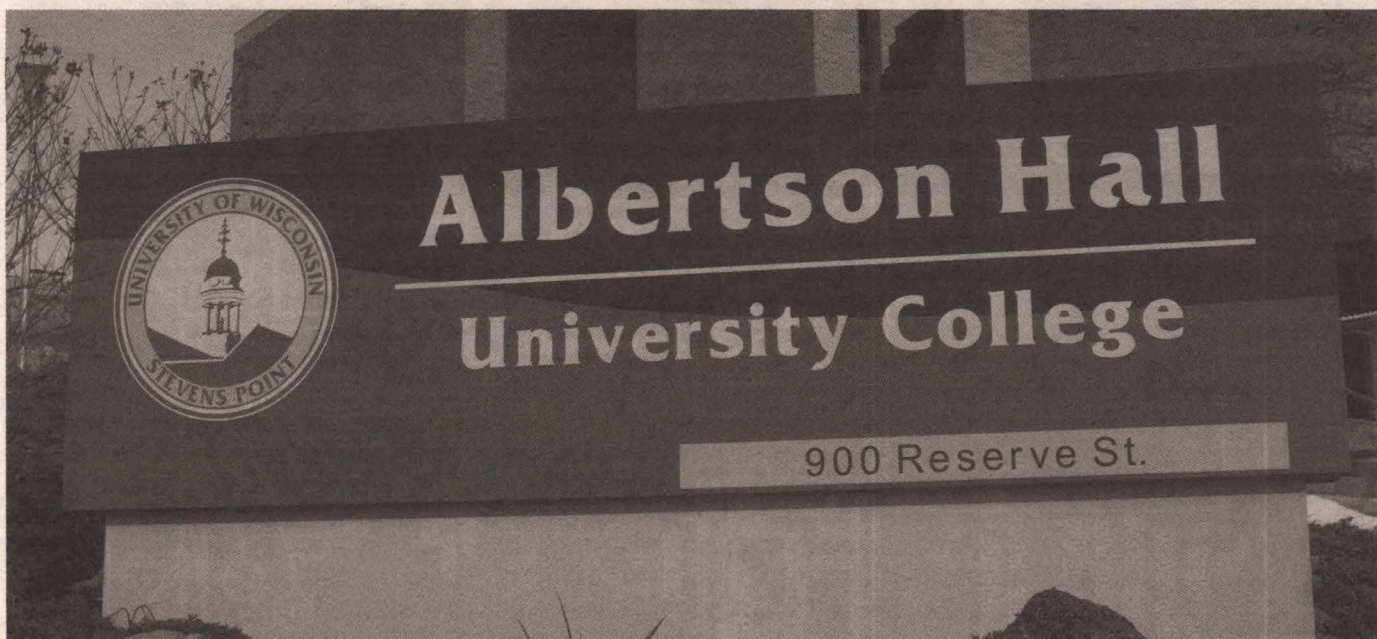
The associate dean and head of the General Education Program, Nancy LoPatin-Lummis, believes that the GEP is very beneficial, especially to those who are unsure about their major. The GEP allows students to explore other majors and take courses that they might not have been able to in high school.

"I would love students to see the opportunities in general education," LoPatin-Lummis said, "to see it as a way to expand their knowledge and experiment, and try learning new things they may have not got-

ten the chance to learn about before."

Even though the University College is not a degree granting college, its departments offer every tool needed by students to get their degrees. The UC

faculty strives to help students transition into the university and create strong educational skills to better their education.



Albertson Hall, where the UC is located. Photo by Alex Grant.

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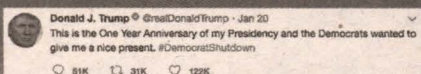
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Tweet of the Week



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Government Shutdown 2018 Ends

At midnight on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018 the United States Federal Government shut down after a failure to pass relevant legislation funding bill for government operations and agencies. The shutdown lasted until Jan. 22 when President Trump signed a bill to fund the government up to Feb. 8.

Americans Reflect on Trumps First Year

A poll conducted by NPR, PBS NewsHour and Marist poll found that 53 percent of Americans considered Trump's first year in office a failure. Additionally, 61 percent believe the country has become more divided due to Trump's election.

Anti-Trump Protest Temporarily Shuts Down US Embassy

On Mon. Jan. 22, more than 1,000 people protested President Donald Trump. They were blocked from reaching the embassy by Haitian police. The embassy closed for the rest of the afternoon with plans to reopen Tuesday.

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lege of Letters and Science, Eric Yonke, said that departments of COLS have gathered their ideas for combining but about 12 to 15 positions will have to be cut. Though, COLS makes up about 65 percent of UWSP's education.

When asked about the concern about humanities being gutted, Yonke said, "Humanities enrollments have been going down

but also the humanities are less expensive to run. So, it's tough to decide what we cut from it and how much."

One solution to the need for cuts is the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program. This program gives a small pay out for any staff willing to voluntarily retire. If a faculty or staff member retires and the position doesn't need to

be filled, the decrease in paid positions saves money.

Yonke said there is more on the horizon that they will have to deal with for what still needs to get cut. Things like supplies and equipment can only get cut so far. The goal though is to see what it takes to keep the building running and fill the needs.

"Every department is doing

what they can to contribute" said Summers.

"If we had a single goal, it would come down to maintaining strong curriculum, strong faculty and doing what we can for the students," said Cisler.

Say Hello to New Internships and Opportunities with Handshake

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Graduating and continuing students looking to build their resumes with applicable experience can now turn to Handshake to discover relevant jobs and internships that will help them gain marketable skills as well as a consistent income.

In the Fall of 2017, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point switched its online job database from CareerPoint to Handshake.

Handshake differs from CareerPoint in that users are prompted to create a detailed profile highlighting their year, major, volunteer experience, employment, marketable skills and even relevant coursework.

This completed profile then assists students in their job searches by recommending opportunities that match their qualifications and interests with employment opportunities that are relevant and engaging.

This switch to Handshake is reflective of a larger move within the UW-System towards the career database and most universities, including UW-Milwaukee and UW-Eau Claire, have already switched.

Shelley Auer, Career Specialist with the Academic and Career Advising Center, said Handshake "helps guide a search, so you're not starting with nothing, or with everything rather."

Handshake checks basic student qualifications like major, grade point average, school year and work authorization with employer preferences to show students which jobs they are qualified for without ever having to leave their search results

The screenshot shows the Handshake website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs for 'For You', 'Jobs', 'Events', 'Students', and 'Career Center'. Below this, there's a search bar and a list of featured internships. One prominent listing is for 'Administrative Internship' at Wildcard Corp., which is a part-time position in Stevens Point, WI, with an application deadline of 1/31. Another listing is for 'Multimedia Communications Intern' at Wildcard Corp. There are also sections for 'Internships Popular Among Radio, Television, Media Majors' and 'Upcoming Events at UW Stevens Point'. The interface is clean and modern, with a focus on providing relevant job opportunities to students.

Handshake, a new way to connect students to employers.

screen.

In addition to recommending jobs based on major, Handshake also creates collections of jobs based on interests outside of work. Collections titled Jobs in Cities with the Best Nightlife, Jobs in Non-Profits, Jobs in Cities for 20-Somethings and Companies with Great Perks are some of the filters students can use when looking for jobs.

"A student should use Hand-

shake for resume development, looking at jobs and preparing for their careers," Auer said. "When they get ready to graduate and they're looking for positions, they can find something using Handshake, and then they graduate, they can come back and use Handshake."

Handshake is available to enrolled students as well as alumni. Enrolled students can log in and complete their profile

at uwsp.joinhandshake.com.

Alumni can gain access to Handshake by emailing Libby Heidmann, Career Outreach Coordinator at the Academic and Career Advising Center.

Auer said, "The more detailed you make your profile, the more likely you're going to start seeing opportunities that are more interesting to you as a user."

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Handshake, a new way to connect students to employers.

Waukesha Seeks Solution to Water Crisis from Lake Michigan



The city of Milwaukee seen from Lake Michigan. Milwaukee has agreed to sell water to Waukesha due to its unsafe drinking water. Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

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The city of Waukesha has made arrangements to divert water from Lake Michigan.

Waukesha's current water source, the deep sandstone aquifer, is contaminated with radium. The problem has been worsening over the last decade and a solution had to be found to ensure the safety of the drinking water for Waukesha residents.

The effects of radium contamination can lead to serious chronic health conditions.

Kevin Masarik, Groundwater Education Specialist at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, explained the dangers of high radium water consumption.

"Drinking the water once or twice is not going to result in any kind of health complications, but elevated levels of radium over long periods of time would increase the risk of certain types of cancers," Masarik said.

Unlike the deep well water, Lake Michigan is a freshwater surface source which is known to be lower in radium and is generally of good quality. In addition, it would take significantly less energy to get the water from the lake rather than pumping it from the aquifer.

Switching from the deep wells to Lake Michigan as a water source would mean that the groundwater levels would begin to rise and return to their original levels, allowing the city to tap into the source again over time.

Some concern over Waukesha's switch to Lake Michigan water is based off the Great Lakes Compact, which states that only communities within the Great Lakes Watershed can utilize the water source. If Waukesha is given a green light to divert Lake Michigan water, that could potentially make it easier for other communities to ask for a similar diversion.

"The concern is that, what is to stop the community like Arizona from putting the pipeline to the Great Lakes?" Masarik said.

Luckily, the Great Lakes Compact protects against significant water shortage by requiring the outside communities to return the water back to the Great Lakes after undergoing treatment to meet the Great Lakes standards.

The mayor of Waukesha, Shawn Reilly, ensures that all of the water can be safely returned.

"The consent decree which required us to fix the problem by June of 2018 has now been extended by another court order until 2023. This allows enough time to build the pipeline and return the water back to Lake Michigan after being fully treated," Reilly said.

When asked about other potential solutions for the Waukesha water crisis, Reilly explained that tapping into Lake Michigan was by far the most sustainable choice.

"We looked at 13 or 14 different options and compared them to each other before deciding that the Great Lakes water was the only one that was sustain-

able and reasonable in the long term. The only other option that was feasible was drilling shallow wells, but environmental effects of that would be significant and DNR would not approve of that being done over a long period of time," Reilly said.

Overall, the solution for the

Waukesha water crisis is a good compromise to balance the environmental concerns and the needs of Waukesha for clean water supply. Further conservation efforts can also minimize the amount of water taken from Great Lake



The city of Waukesha has made an agreement with the city of Milwaukee to purchase water. Waukesha otherwise suffers from unsafe drinking water. Photo courtesy of NASA

Stevens Point Provides Winter Opportunities to Outdoor Adventurers

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It is that time of year when Central Wisconsin begins to feel like the arctic tundra and just venturing to class can feel daunting. Yet, even in these frigid temperatures, the Stevens Point area still offers plenty of opportunities for outdoor adventurers.

One way to get outside is by hitting the slopes.

Ski and Snowboard Club is an organization of students who love to do just that. Hannah Keckeisen, junior natural resource planning major and treasurer for the Ski and Snowboard club, said the group rode in Colorado over break and are planning a trip to Lutsen Mountain in Minnesota later in the semester.

In the meantime, the club is riding at Granite Peak.

Keckeisen said, "Usually Granite is going to be the best place to go in Stevens Point vicinity because it's really close and it's one of the nicer hills in the state."

Keckeisen said that those interested in carpooling to Granite Peak can check comments on the

Ski and Snowboard Facebook page and that new members are welcome to join the organization by sending a request on SPIN.

For those who are less than enthused about steep slopes, there are plenty of opportunities for hiking, cross-country skiing and ice skating in the area. The city of Stevens Point is home to four outdoor skating rinks as well as the Green Circle Trail which circles the city with over 20 miles of trails.

Branching off the Green Circle Trail, the Stevens Point sculpture park is a great place for a winter hike. The sculpture park path weaves through dozens of thought-provoking sculptures. Next to each sculpture is an artist statement providing insight into the meaning behind each piece. It is fun to visit the park in winter when a fresh coat of snow creates an enchanting background for the sculptures.

As January comes to an end, it is time to embrace the remainder of the winter season and the unique range of activities it offers. So, bundle up and head outdoors!



Cross country skiing is a good way to get outdoors and stay active during winter. Photo courtesy of Max Pixel

SPORTS

Club and Intramural Sports Provide Students With Opportunities for Wintertime Involvement

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As fall sports come to an end and winter months loom, students looking to get involved with seasonal sports for the upcoming semester are in luck with the change of seasons.

Some students like junior Hannah Keckeisen, who serves as treasurer of the Ski and Snowboard Club, choose to get involved because they enjoy the social interaction aspect of winter sports.

"My favorite part of winter sports is getting to know the people that are also involved," Keckeisen said. "I have met so many cool people in the past couple of years that have some serious skill. I am lucky to be a part of something so fun."

For Keckeisen, a longtime snowboarder, the Ski and Snowboard Club offers an opportunity to connect with a community of like-minded people, and it also

presents a chance to learn and showcase new tricks.

"The Ski and Snowboard Club is very welcoming and we try to get members to meet other people to go up to Granite Peak," Keckeisen said. "Going skiing or snowboarding with other people challenges you to do tricks that you might not do otherwise."

Weekly trips to Granite Peak and other regional destinations are among the perks of Ski and Snowboard Club membership, according to Keckeisen.

"We are offering a weekend trip to Lutsen Mountain in Minnesota, and we go up to Granite Peak weekly. Members can post on our Facebook page and find rides up to Granite daily," Keckeisen said.

Those interested in joining the club can contact them through their Facebook page or email them at uwspskiandsnowboardclub@gmail.com.

The Ski and Snowboard Club is not the only club sport operating on campus during the winter

months.

Lindsey Reach, Student Manager of the Club Sports Department at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, detailed the range of club sport offerings during the winter months.

"We have approximately 25 clubs who are actively practicing and meeting every month, but we have three clubs in particular who are active during the winter months: Adventure, Curling and Ski and Snowboard," Reach said.

The best way for students to get involved with club sports, according to Reach, is by utilizing the Stevens Point Involvement Network website.

"Students can join our clubs at any point during the school year. The best way to contact a club is searching for them on SPIN and directly contacting the listed primary contact to receive more information about the club," Reach said. "If a student doesn't know which clubs are available, they can email the Club Sports staff at uc.club.sports@uwsp.edu to re-

ceive more information on how to get involved."

Club sports are not the only avenue for involvement in campus athletics during the winter months. Intramural sports offer many additional options for students looking to get involved with wintertime athletics.

UWSP will be offering a wide variety of sports during the upcoming block of intramurals.

Badminton, bag toss, basketball, broomball, curling, indoor soccer, indoor volleyball, log rolling, spikeball, table tennis, trench and ultimate frisbee are among the offerings for Block 3 of UWSP intramural sports, which kick off on Feb. 4.

Sign-up for Block 3 of winter intramurals is currently open and will remain open until Feb. 1 at 12 p.m.

For those interested in skiing and snowboarding, curling, soccer or broomball, there's plenty of ways to get involved with winter sports this spring semester.

Look Into Sports

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY STIFLED BY RIVER FALLS DEFENSE

UW-River Falls came to Ice Hawks Arena for a two-game series against UW-Stevens Point over the weekend and held the Pointers to two goals over the course of two days en route to a tie and victory over UWSP.

The two teams tied 0-0 as Stevens Point junior goaltender Sydney Conley set a program record with 55 saves on Friday, Jan. 19. Conley recorded at least 13 saves in every period except overtime.

The Pointers fell 6-2 to the Falcons on Saturday, Jan. 20, as River Falls outscored Stevens Point in every period.

After falling behind 2-0 early

in the second period, UWSP responded with goals by forwards Cara Lemirande and Ali Biagini to tie the game.

Later in the second period, the Falcons answered with its own score and proceeded to score three more goals throughout the rest of the game.

Conley secured 25 saves in the loss.

The Stevens Point women's team will head to Eau Claire on Saturday, Jan. 27, to take on the Blugolds. Game time is set for 7 p.m. This will be the first of a three-game series between the Pointers and Blugolds.

MEN'S BASKETBALL ROLLS TO SIXTH STRAIGHT VICTORY

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team picked up another home win as it took down UW-Platteville 80-74 on Saturday, Jan. 20, Alumni Day, to keep a perfect record in conference play.

Junior Forward Canon O'Heron led the Pointers in scoring (18 points), rebounds (7) and assists (5). O'Heron made 7 of 13 shots from the field and hit 4 of 6 free-throws.

Stevens Point trailed 37-34 at halftime but used strong showings from O'Heron and sophomore Matt Koerner in the second half to help generate an additional 46 points.

After an uneven start in non-conference play, the Pointers seem to have reversed its fortunes with victories in each of its first six Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference games. UWSP holds a two-game conference lead over Platteville and UW-Whitewater, while claiming a victory against every team in the WIAC except UW-Oshkosh.

The men's basketball team heads to Oshkosh on Wednesday, Jan. 24, to take on the Titans. A victory would complete a sweep of all WIAC teams in the first set of games in conference play. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

UWSP TRACK AND FIELD OPENS SEASON WITH STRONG SHOWING

Another season commenced as the men and women of the Pointers' track and field teams participated in the WIAC Triangular in Platteville on Saturday, Jan. 20, with the men taking first place with a score of 123.5 and the women taking second with a score of 92.

Matt Stelmasek (8:48.69, 3000-meter run), Evan Torgerson (49.93, 400-meter dash) and Travis Wollenberg (1:59.06, 800-meter run) each pocketed a first-place finish in their respective events.

Hannah Mertens (26.42, 200-meter dash), Bailey Wolf (10:38.75, 3000-meter run), Anna Hogan (10.89 meters, triple jump)

and Brooke Wellhausen (2:22.58, 800-meter finals) took home first place in each of their events for the women's team.

The men and women look to carry the momentum into their next competition as the team heads to Whitewater to compete in events that span Jan. 26-27. The weekend begins with the Whitewater Multi Friday, Jan. 26 at 1 p.m., followed by the men competing in the "Squig" Converse Invitational later in the day at 5 p.m. and wrapping up with the women competing in the Whitewater Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 12 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL BOUNCES BACK WITH VICTORY OVER PLATTEVILLE

After dropping its last three contests, the UWSP women's basketball team rebounded with an 83-61 home victory over UW-Platteville on Saturday, Jan. 20, as the team nears the mid-point of the conference schedule.

Sophomore Guard Carly Cerrato had a career day as she led Stevens Point in scoring (19 points), rebounds (7) and tied for

the team lead in steals (4) with fellow guard Lexi Roland.

Roland added 16 points of her own and secured 6 rebounds.

The Pointers outscored the Pioneers in every quarter except the last in route to its win.

Stevens Point heads back home on Wednesday, Jan. 24 to host UW-Oshkosh. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

Current Standings

UW-River Falls	5-1	14-3
UW-Oshkosh	4-2	14-2
UW-Whitewater	4-2	14-3
UW-Eau Claire	4-2	12-5
UW-La Crosse	4-2	11-6
UW-Stevens Point	2-4	8-9
UW-Platteville	1-5	5-12
UW-Stout	0-6	7-10

MEN'S HOCKEY SWEEPS WEEKEND OF WIAC PLAY

UWSP men's hockey returned to conference action over the weekend and proceeded to take down both UW-Eau Claire on the road and UW-River Falls at home on Friday, Jan. 19, and Saturday, Jan. 20, respectively.

Stevens Point scored early and often in its 5-2 win over the Titans to open the weekend. Willem Nong-Lambert scored two goals in the first two periods while Carter Roo added a goal in the first and Tanner Karty added a goal in the second period before the Blugolds could get on the scoreboard.

The Blugolds recorded its first goal during the tenth minute of the second period but trailed 4-1 heading into the third period. Luke McElhenie added to the Pointers lead with a score midway through the final period and Stevens Point held the Blugolds to one goal the rest of the way to preserve the victory.

Senior goalie Max Milosek recorded 29 saves in the contest to

pick up the win.

UWSP extended its win streak to three with a 3-2 win over River Falls to close the weekend of play.

After falling behind 2-0 in the first period, Stevens Point responded with a goal by Karty at the 14:53 mark in the first. The Pointers closed out the scoring with goals by Logan Fredericks and Colin Raver in the second period.

Milosek secured 18 saves in the victory and finished the weekend with 47 overall.

The Pointers remain undefeated in conference play with a 3-0-1 record and sit atop the WIAC standings.

The UWSP men's hockey will have over a week to prepare for its next opponent as the team looks to extend its win streak to four games when it hosts UW-Stout on Friday, Feb. 2. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

MEN TAKE FIRST AT POINT INVITATIONAL

A fourth-straight victory for the UWSP men's swimming and diving team highlighted a home invitational that occurred over the weekend as the men team finished first out of three teams with a score of 1,368. The women's swimming and diving team took fourth out of four teams with a score of 494 points.

Sam Jekel, Reilly Donnellan, Brandon Richardson and Jack Englehardt combined to finish first in the men's 200-yard medley-relay with a time of 1:33.16.

Grant Moser, Garrett Richetto, Englehardt and Richardson combined for a first-place finish in the

400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:11.50.

Englehardt (20.84, 50-yard freestyle), Zach Jorgenson (4:21.26, 400-yard IM) and Richetto (1:46.91, 200-yard freestyle) each finished first in their individual events for the Pointers.

Anna O'Malley took home the lone victory for the women with a time of 2:00.23 in the 200-yard freestyle.

The Pointers swimming and diving teams return to the pool to host UW-La Crosse on Saturday, Jan. 27. Events are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

New Volunteer Program Will Bring Outdoors Experience to the Elderly and Less-Abled

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Cycling Without Age is a non-profit volunteer program that offers free bicycle rides to the elderly and people of differing abilities in the local community.

The program was originally founded in Copenhagen, Denmark by Ole Kassaw in 2012.

Thanks to the endeavors of First District Alder Tori Jennings, fellow members of the Cycling Without Age (CWA) board of directors and support from a myriad of donors and partnerships, the program will soon claim a chapter in Stevens Point.

The idea for a Stevens Point chapter of CWA first came to Jennings several years ago after she stumbled upon some photographs and a YouTube video which depicted the program in other parts of the world.

It wasn't until last year, though, that Jennings turned the inspiration into action.

"Last September, I borrowed a trishaw from Brewster Village in Appleton and hosted a hands-on event at both the [Aging and Disability Resource Center] (ADRC) and Portage County Health Care Center (PCHCC)," Jennings said. "The day was a huge success and participants agreed that we have a real need for the program in our community."

After a few years of careful

planning and fundraising efforts, the Stevens Point chapter will launch officially on June 1 after a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 30 at the ADRC.

Cycling Without Age Stevens Point is estimated to service between 750 and 1000 seniors as well as people with differing abilities at 19 in-home care, independent living and assisted living facilities in the Stevens Point area.

CWA board member Marcia McDonald believes that the program has the potential to make an enormous positive difference in the lives of those it serves, citing examples from the September trial run led by Jennings.

"A married couple celebrating their wedding anniversary... rode together and 'came alive'. He ultimately discharged back to their community living setting, and I attribute much of this change of attitude to 'the ride,'" McDonald said. "Also, a younger individual who had not been out of her wheelchair for mobility for several years. After taking a ride Leone exclaimed: 'I feel like I am alive again. What a true life change for me!'"

McDonald also brought up the issue of isolation for seniors and people with disabilities when discussing the need for the program and explained the value of CWA as a remedy for those feelings.

"This program is such a cool answer to lack of purpose and meaning," McDonald said. "It



Cycling Without Age is a new program coming to Stevens Point, with the aim of providing elderly people the experience of being outdoors on a bicycle. Photo courtesy of Dave Adams

also allows for experiencing the out of doors in a safe and 'escorted' manner."

To accomplish the task of transporting these individuals around the city, the program makes use of trishaws, "a tricycle-rickshaw hybrid equipped with electric pedal assist," as Jennings describes it. These trishaws are operated by trained volunteers called 'pilots' who pedal the vehicle.

According to Jennings, the program has raised over \$19,000 through funding from the ADRC, Copperleaf Assisted Living, and individual donations -- and they've already purchased two of the three \$9,000 trishaws that they're striving to obtain ahead of the program's launch.

The program's benefits will also extend to students in the School of Health Promotion and Human Development at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point who will now have the opportunity to fulfill practicum requirements through volunteer

work with the program.

"Professor Annie Wetter will lead HPHD undergraduate research projects that explore and analyze the program's impact," Jennings said. "Not only will UWSP students gain practical job skills, their research results should provide valuable local information about the program, the people it serves and our community."

To ensure a smooth operation and maximum accommodation, the program leaders are looking to recruit 75 volunteer trishaw pilots.

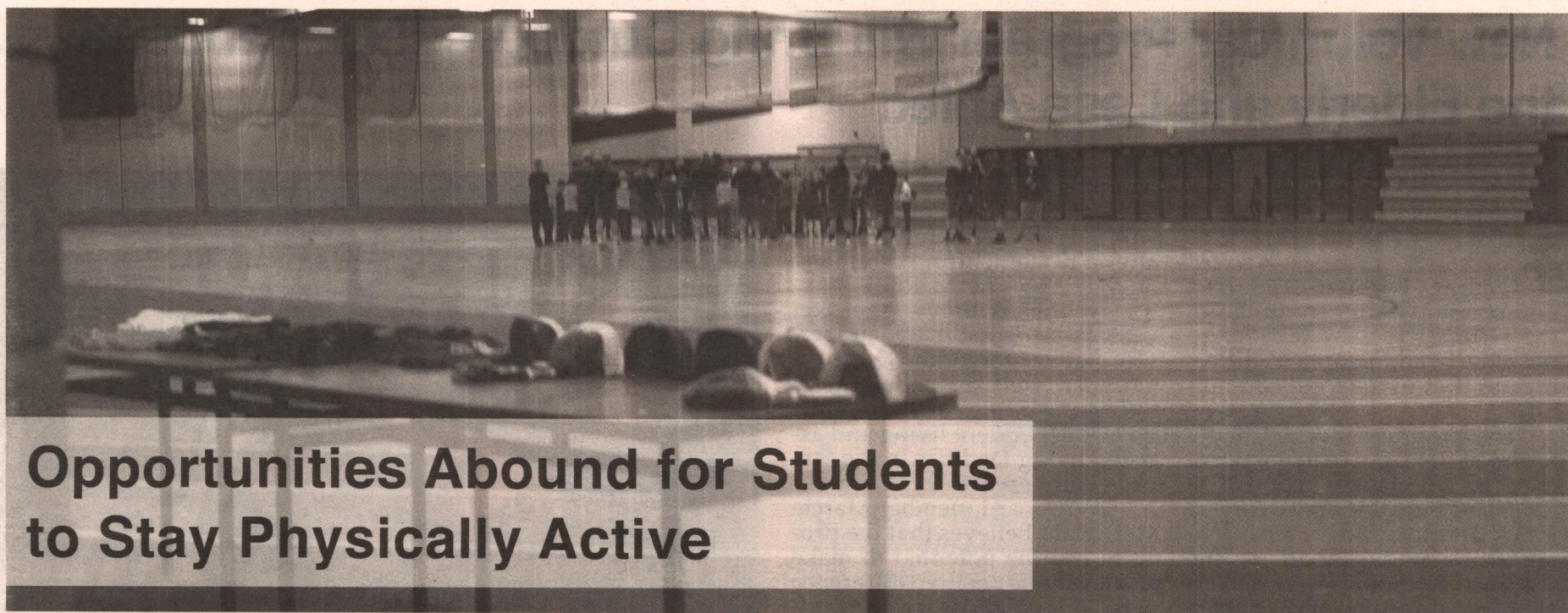
Those interested in partnering with CWA as a volunteer pilot or program sponsor can contact Tori Jennings by email at cwa.stevenspoint@gmail.com or by phone at 715-344-7377. More information can be found on the program's Facebook page. Donations to the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin can be made at <http://www.cfcwi.org/>.



Participants of Cycling Without Age, a worldwide program providing elderly people with the experience of being outdoors on a bicycle. Photo courtesy of Tori Jennings



Two participants of Cycling Without Age sitting in the trishaw used to transport participants. Photo courtesy of Tori Jennings



Opportunities Abound for Students to Stay Physically Active

The Multi Activity Center is one of many places students can exercise at.

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Not being on varsity teams at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point does not mean that students cannot have fun, compete and stay healthy during the winter months. UWSP offers many facilities to students, such as the Cardio Center and Multi-Activity Center.

The Cardio Center, located on the upper level of the building at 400 Illinois Ave., features many different cardio and strength machines.

"I've been going to the cardio center for two years. What I like most about the cardio center is that it's a great environment and never really busy. It provides a means of staying in shape while also going to college classes," said Andrew Wittmann, junior resource management major.

The Cardio Center also provides variety for student workouts.

"It's also a great stress reliever," Wittmann said. "I like to work on my cardio fitness while at the Cardio Center, but they also provide some weight train-

ing which is also great to have instead of going to the strength center."

The rate for an entire spring semester membership for students is \$85 dollars, according to the university website, and students can purchase late spring memberships for \$50. Some of the free services that a membership provides are sweat and shower towels, day-use lockers and locker rooms, showers, TV and music access.

The Cardio Center is open from 5:45 a.m. - 11 p.m., Monday through Thursday with special hours on Friday and the weekend.

Yoga sessions are also available on Monday evenings and include a free session for students on Monday, Feb. 5, from 4:45 - 6 p.m.

The Multi-Activity Center offers a variety of different activities for students when not in use by the varsity teams. From rock climbing to running to basketball, the MAC offers something for everyone.

"I like the fact that I can use the gym between classes without having to leave campus. Also, being free for students is certainly a bonus," said senior, Da-

vid Falkosky Jr., a double-major in accounting and business administration.

"I personally enjoy using the basketball courts, whether it's just shooting around or playing a pick-up game with the other students," Falkosky said. "Occasionally, some of the varsity basketball players come in and shoot around with us."

Open recreation for students is held daily in the MAC from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Friday and is free for students that present a valid student ID.

Free student-only climbing sessions are available Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6-9 p.m. with the presentation of a valid student ID.

The MAC hosts select intramural league competitions such as volleyball, basketball and indoor soccer which let students play in game-like settings with officials and collegiate rules.

"It's hard to put together a pick-up game of football or trench ball on our own, so it's nice that the school arranges it for us," said Nick Myers, senior soil and land management major.

Each "block" of games consists of six weeks of competi-

tion and is available twice a semester. Competitions include curling, volleyball, ultimate kickball, trench ball, basketball, soccer, flag football, softball, sentry world golf league, college hockey league, log rolling and more.

Division 1 intramural leagues are competitive, while Division 2 leagues are more recreational.

"The best part about intramurals is that it's treated like a real game. Most of us aren't able to play collegiate sports, so this presents a really fun alternative," Falkosky said.

Prices per team vary depending on the sport, and students can register their teams online by following the links on the university website. The captains' meeting for each sport is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 1, to officially register a team and pay the league fee. Details of the meeting are listed on the walls outside the MAC.

These facilities and activities on campus, offer opportunities for students on campus to have fun, improve their health and make new friends throughout the second semester.

Sports Events

Men's Basketball

Jan. 24,
at UW-Oshkosh
7 p.m.

Jan. 27,
at UW-La Crosse
5 p.m.

Swimming & Diving

Jan. 27,
vs. UW-La Crosse
1 p.m.

Track & Field

Jan. 26,
at Whitewater Multi
1 p.m.

at "Squig" Converse
Invite
5 p.m.

Jan. 27,
at Whitewater Multi
12 p.m.

Wrestling

Jan. 26-27,
at Pete Willson
Invitational

Women's Hockey

Jan. 27,
at UW-Eau Claire
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Jan. 24,
vs. UW-Oshkosh
7 p.m.

Jan. 27,
vs. UW-La Crosse
3 p.m.

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Welcome Back
Pointers!

Hope you enjoyed your break!

UWSP Jazz Festival Honors Don Greene and Benny Goodman

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The 27th annual University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Jazz Festival invites middle school and high school jazz ensembles from all over Wisconsin and Minnesota for a day of workshops and master classes, culminating in a professional show that's open to the public.

"This year is a special year," said Mathew Buchman, professor and director of Jazz Studies. "It marks the fiftieth anniversary of the UWSP Jazz Ensemble, first directed by Don Greene, Professor Emeritus, on February 22nd, 1968. He'll likely be in attendance."

Buchman went on to explain that the festival is also celebrat-

ing the 80th anniversary of the first ever jazz ensemble concert, played by Benny Goodman in Carnegie Hall on January 16, 1938. Professional trombonist Ryan Keberle and his band, Catharsis, are headlining the public performance, which will pay tribute to both Greene and Goodman.

In addition to performing, attending high school and middle school jazz combos and jazz ensembles will attend master classes taught by UWSP faculty and receive feedback. Performers are also eligible for scholarships to attend Camp COFAC, the College of Fine Arts and Communications' summer education program.

When asked how UWSP faculty and students are getting involved with the festival, Bu-

chman said that "Faculty are helping with master classes, as well as helping general management of the festival. Students play a huge role in running the festival. They volunteer, run sound equipment and help people get set up. We couldn't do it without the students."

Buchman said that he hopes that students get a lot out of attending the Keberle and Catharsis performance, saying "it will be a great show."

The festival will take place on Feb. 2 in the Noel Fine Arts Center. While tickets for the 1 p.m. performance are sold out, tickets for the 7:30 p.m. performance are still available to purchase over the phone or online.



Ryan Keberle. Photo provided by <http://ryankeberle.com/media/>

Humans of Point

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What did you enjoy most about winter break?

I would like to say the rest and relaxation, but I took a winterim course, CIS 345: Alternate Programming Language. It sounds horrible, but my final project was an app that helps me and my friends decide where to eat. Trust me, I'll use it throughout my indecisive life.

How do you feel about the snow?

Snow is like that obnoxious friend from high school. You bump into them again, and it's all fine and dandy at first, then you quickly want them to leave, but they stick around. Seemingly. Forever.

What are you looking forward to most this semester?

I'm taking 18 credits and working, so I look forward to the precious little sleep I'll get. Oh, and I'm taking English 357: Independent Writing again. If it's anything like last time, it'll be a cultivating experience.

MADISON ANDROPOLIS

is a senior majoring in communications with an emphasis in media studies.



What did you enjoy most about winter break?

I enjoyed having some stress-free time over winter break to reconnect with friends and family. I was able to spend some quality time with my sister who flew back from Colorado just for a week.

How do you feel about the snow?

I love watching and photographing the snowfall. The fresh snow makes hiking and running a little more difficult, but it's really good for sledding!

What are you looking forward to most this semester?

I am looking forward to the TEDx event on February 17th. I am the event manager for the team and I have been working very hard to bring this event to UWSP.

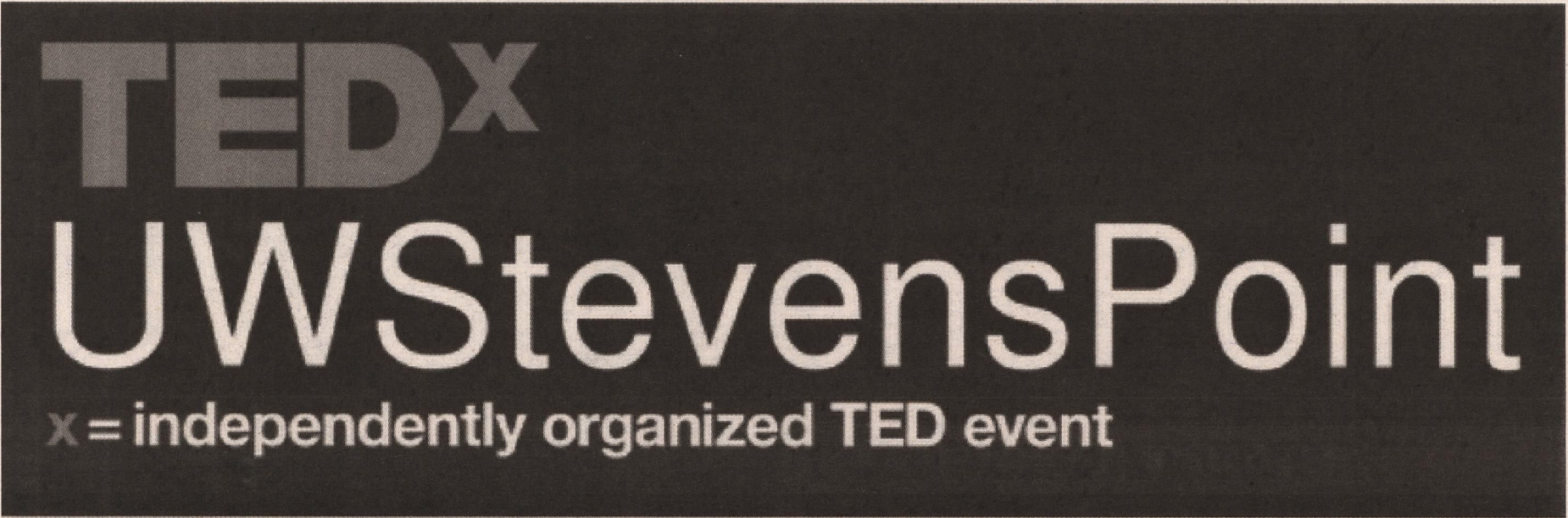


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TEDx Brings Big Ideas to UWSP

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is set to host a TEDx event for the first time on Saturday, Feb. 17 in the Dreyfus University Center Alumni Room.

With over 2,000 TED talks and nearly 100,000 TEDx talks circulating YouTube, TED has become a household name. From light issues like “why we procrastinate” or the “importance of comedy” to powerful topics like social justice or mental illness, these videos address almost every subject area imaginable.

TED began as a nonprofit conference in 1984 where experts discussed topics related to Technology, Entertainment and Design. It has grown immensely since then, and now encompasses a wider variety of subject areas than the original three that gave TED its namesake.

All TED talks can be found online, free of charge, on either YouTube or the TED official website. Attending a TED conference live comes with a hefty price tag, since all attendees

must apply, be accepted and pay the yearly membership fee which starts at \$10,000.

In an effort to make TED talks less exclusive, TEDx was launched in 2009.

TEDx is a day-long conference that is independently organized by volunteers in the community hosting the event.

TEDx conferences must follow the extensive list of rules set forth by the TED organization and apply for a license in order to be recognized as an official TED event. The content must be bias-free and focus on the same ultimate goal as all other TED conferences: to spread ideas.

Josh Nauber-Finch, TEDx UW-Stevens Point President and senior arts management and communication majors, first got the idea to bring TEDx to Stevens Point after talking to a friend who worked on TEDx Oshkosh.

Nauber-Finch said, after doing some research, “I saw that there’s a lot of events happening across the country and also in Wisconsin, so I figured why not in Stevens Point?”

Nauber-Finch then reached out to some friends who he thought might be interested in

helping, gained support from members of Administration on campus and took the proper steps to both become recognized by the TED organization and as an official club at UWSP.

Every TEDx event is required to have a theme to set the tone and present an overarching question or statement. The theme for UWSP’s event is “Small City, Big Ideas.”

“We juggled between three or four ideas until we finally came to this one and we teamed up with CREATE Portage County, who’s running a campaign,” Nauber-Finch said.

Nauber-Finch is very passionate about this theme and stresses that “just because you might be in a small city or you might come from nothing, that does not discredit you at all. Any individual can have a brilliant idea.”

The event is quickly drawing near, but it’s not too late to get involved. Students are encouraged to join the TEDx UWSP team by emailing tedx@uwsp.edu.

Students and staff are also encouraged to attend the free mini-series event that will be happening in the weeks leading

up to the main event. The date has not yet been determined but will be advertised on the student announcements, as well as the club’s Facebook page. At this event, attendees will watch a selection of TED talks and be provided with discussion questions to promote conversation and application from the varied topics.

“My goal is to see conversation happen on this campus,” Nauber-Finch said. “We as a whole organization want to be able to give those who have an idea a platform to express themselves as they see fit.”

Any who are interested in joining the conversation can still buy tickets for the full-day event on Feb. 17 at the Ticket and Info Desk in the DUC or on the UWSP tickets website. The cost is \$20 for UWSP students and \$35 for community members. The event will feature seven speakers, and lunch is included in the cost of the ticket.

More information on the event can be found on the TEDx UW-Stevens Point Facebook page.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

Thursday January 25		Friday January 26	Saturday January 27		Sunday January 28
Blade Runner 2049	Battle of the Bands Winners Concert: Meat Jelly	Indoor Lawn Games	Blade Runner 2049	Vision Board Party	Planetarium Show: Clouds of Fire
DUC Theater		DUC Laird Room	DUC Theater	DUC Encore	Blocher Planetarium, Sci Building
6:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.	DUC Encore 8:00 PM	8- 9:30 PM	6:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.	10-12 p.m.	2- 3 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Anne Rogalski.

Theater Trip Offers New Opportunities

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The Continuing Education department at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has organized the "New York City Theatre and Culture" trip for the past six years to provide the experience of New York and Broadway to those who have always dreamed of it. Each year the trip provides a range of shows, sightseeing attractions and a overall new experience.

The trip is organized by Patricia Kluetz, Jennifer Hess and Anne Rogalski.

Kluetz is one of the two founders of the trip and a former interior architecture professor at UWSP. Rogalski is the outreach manager for the College of Fine Arts and Communication at UWSP and the main contact for the trip.

"Each of us bring something

different, and this allows for us to branch off unto different directions based on the groups interests," Hess, outreach program manager for the College of Professional Studies, said.

The New York City Theatre and Culture trip takes place twice a year, May 29 to June 2 during the spring semester, and September 25 through 29 during the fall semester. The trip's total cost is \$2500, which includes the \$300 registration fee. This highly-anticipated trip has filled its occupancy in less than twenty-four hours of opening registration.

Included in the twenty-five-hundred-dollar total for the trip is a round trip flight from Milwaukee to New York; coach bus transfers between Stevens Point and Milwaukee; coach bus transfers from the airports to the hotels; four nights with a full breakfast at the Hampton Inn-Time Square with its ideal loca-

tion near Times Square, Broadway and the subway line; Four Broadway shows; and a custom city tour followed by a group lunch.

Broadway shows are selected in advance, based on Tony Award nominees and winners.

Shows in the past have been canceled due to vendors being undercut. Despite that, the shows that past groups have attended came with many opportunities. To name a few, prior groups have had a chance to speak with theater managers, technical directors and actress Jessie Mueller.

"Pat[ricia Kluetz] was able to secure an opportunity for us to meet and have lunch with Laura Osnes, distinguished UWSP alumni and Tony award winner," Rogalski said.

Some of the shows that prior trips have seen are "Fun Home," "The Band's Visit," "Junk," "Kinky Boots," "Once," "Come

from Away," "Dear Evan Hansen" and "The Humans."

Past tours have experienced the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Central Park, Brooklyn Bridge walk, 9/11 Memorial, the Tenement Museum, architectural boat cruises and more.

The tours are designed to show "the group all new things, even for the people that have been on multiple trips," Kluetz said.

With the continually-evolving nature of New York and Broadway, the trip is able to offer new experiences and emotions for all, even those who have already visited the Big Apple.

Questions about the trip can be directed to Rogalski via email at arogalsk@uwsp.edu or by phone at 715-346-3838.

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