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Evers Looks to Bring Change to Wisconsin

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Change is coming in Wisconsin. Democratic candidate Tony Evers overcame Republican Governor Scott Walker in an election that truly came down to the wire. By only a few thousand votes, Tony Evers managed to win a tight race.

With a new Governor comes change. Tony Evers says he is for Wisconsin, but what does that mean?

Here are Evers plans for the state of Wisconsin.

Tony Evers is a former public educator, and aims to fight for the teachers of Wisconsin. He plans to provide proper funding for our school systems. Furthermore, Evers

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Stevens Point Team Wins Big at Soil Judging Contest

Stevens Point's soil judging team won big at the recent regional soil judging competition in Prairie du Chien, coming in first place overall, the first time UWSP has won the competition since 1987.

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The competition was hosted by the University of Wisconsin—Platteville, and students from UW-Platteville, Purdue University, and the University of Illinois all participated in the competition alongside UWSP.

Shelly Stein, Soils and Land Management major, was part of UWSP's soil judging team during the competition in early October.

"When I talk about soil judging competitions with people who aren't familiar with it, their first thought is that we go around and we judge soil and say this is the best soil and this is the worst soil, and here's second place and here's first place, but it's not that," said Stein.

Soil judging is all about the details, and involves digging a pit, and using the soil's characteristics to evaluate the soil for a given purpose.

"You look at the surrounding landscape, the slope, the topography, and then in the end you use all the information you gathered to assess the suitability of the site for let's say a house with a basement, a sceptic tank or a road," said Stein. "There's a lot of knowledge that goes into it, and it's a difficult skill to develop."

UWSP's team didn't have as much funding as some of the other teams, and were the underdogs of the competition. Purdue was favored to win the competition, having won for the previous five years in a row. But according to Stein, their lack of funding actually gave them an advantage.

"We were the only team that was sleeping in tents," said Shelly. "When everybody else went back to their comfy hotel rooms that were heated and protected from the rain, they had their internet connections

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The Latest: Evers Names Chief of Staff, Transition Team

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MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The Latest on Gov.-elect Tony Evers transition (all times loc a l)

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Gov.-elect Tony Evers has named his campaign manager as his chief of staff, while announcing a transition team that includes a former teacher of the year and the head of a Madison biotech firm.

Evers released the appointments on Monday, less than a week after he defeated Gov. Scott Walker.

Evers says Maggie Gau will become his chief of staff once he's sworn into office on Jan. 7. Gau previously worked as a chief of staff to two Democratic state lawmakers before managing Evers' campaign against Walker.

The head of Evers' transition team is JoAnne Anton, who worked more than 20 years for former Democratic U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl.

Other members of the transition team include former University of Wisconsin Board of Regents President Chuck Pruitt; Marinette Marine president and CEO Jan Allman; Exact Sciences chairman and CEO Kevin Conroy; and former middle school Teacher of the year Amy Traynor.

12:50 pm

Tony Evers' transition team is asking the Republican-controlled Legislature for \$94,600 to hire staff and pay for office expenditures as he prepares to take over for Republican Gov.

Scott Walker.

Evers' transition team director JoAnne Anton made the request to Republican co-chairs of the Legislature's budget committee on Sunday. The Joint Finance Committee was scheduled to meet Tuesday to vote on approving the spending.

State law requires the Legislature's budget committee to meet within a week after an election to approve a transition budget when a new governor is elected. Walker received nearly \$83,000 for his transition budget in 2010.

Anton says Evers' request is to pay for staff, administrative costs related to hiring, making appointments, conducting budget review and preparation and "other necessary functions."

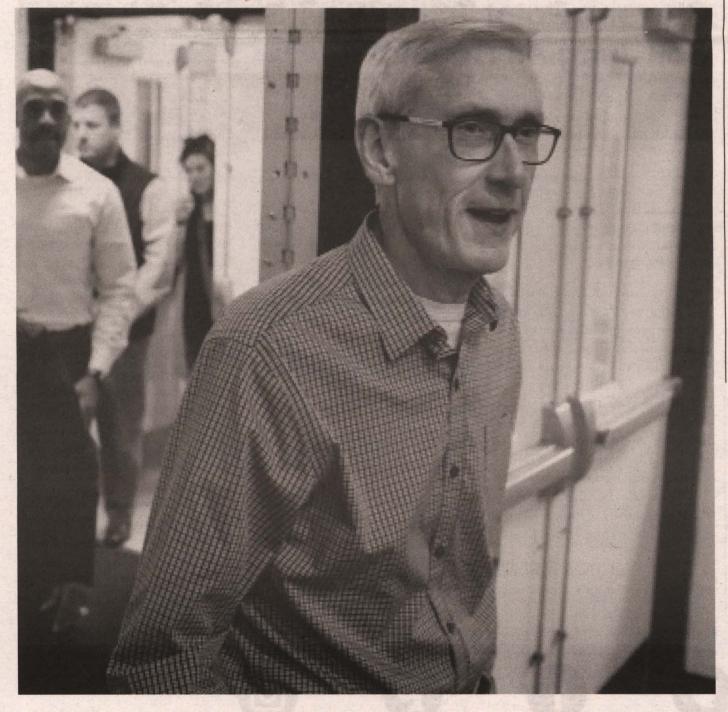


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and we went back to our campsite and cooked a meal over the fire and got rained on and got really cold. But honestly I think that was an asset to us. We were able to sit over the campfire and talk about what we saw over the day, and had a lot of team bonding."

Stein attributes a lot of the team's success to the sense of comradery amongst the teammates. The team consisted of fifteen students, many of whom were new to soil judging competitions but managed to perform very well despite this.

UWSP's soil judging team didn't merely win the competition in Prairie du Chein, but qualified for the national soil judging competition in San Luis Obispo, Calif., which will be held in April of 2019. The team will need to raise \$8,000 in order to finance this trip, and they are excited about the opportunity to learn about new soils.

Bryant Scharenbroch, Professor in the Soil and Waste Resources department, has coached the team for the past three years, and is also looking forward to the national competition.

"I think we'll do pretty well, but really it's more about giving people an opportunity to learn," said Scharenbroch.

Soils change drastically from region to region, but the UWSP soil judging team is excited to grapple with the challenge of unfamiliar California soil.

UWSP will be hosting next year's regional soil judging competition, and will be hosting the national competition in 2022.

In addition to being great field experience for résumé building, the soil judging competitions seem to be a lot of fun.

"I would have been happy even if we lost because it was such a great experience," said Stein.

Update on PointForward Initiative

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A revised PointForward Proposal was sent out by Chancellor Bernie Patterson to students on Monday, November 12th following an address he gave that morning regarding context for the proposal.

The proposal is centered around the liberal arts and restructures the four colleges into three: The College of Natural Resources and Sciences, The College of Professional Studies and The College of Fine Arts and Humanities.

The College of Natural Resources and Sciences would include an interdisciplinary School of Science and Engineering that "includes chemistry, physics and biology alongside existing faculty members," according to the proposal. There would also be a School of Natural Resources including faculty from the English, history, philosophy, political science and geography departments to provide students with the opportunity to pursue careers dealing with public policy, nonprofit leadership and urban and regional planning.

Next, the College of Professional Studies would be divided into three schools in addition to the already existing School of Education and School of Business and Economics: the School of Health and Wellness, the School of Computing and Information Science and the School of Human Services. The School of Health and Wellness would become home to four different disciplines of clinical health, rehabilitation sciences, community health prevention and communication sciences and disorders.

The School of Computing and Information Science would offer sci-

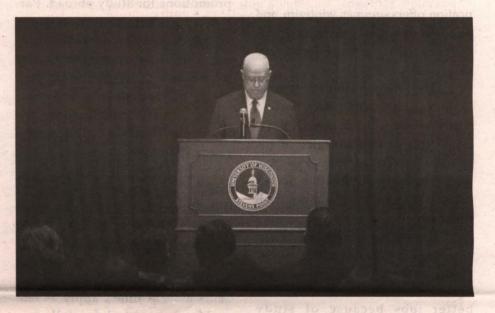
ence, mathematics, data analytics and geographic information systems. According to the proposal, this school is within the College of Professional studies to ensure faculty members work closely with business colleagues to ensure programs and degrees align closely with regional needs.

The School of Human Services would focus on supporting the social service and mental health needs of the region by including faculty members from the psychology, sociology and social work departments and combine them with human development and child and family studies faculty.

Finally, the College of Fine Arts and Humanities would be divided into four schools: the School of Performing Arts, the School of Design, the School of English and Communication and the School of Global and Public Affairs. The School of Performing Arts would bring together the programs of music, theatre, dance and arts management allowing their community performances to remain integral components of the University's partnerships with northern and central Wisconsin.

The School of Design would combine faculty members from art, graphic design and interior architecture. There would also be expanded studio options that include digital media, theatre design and intermedia arts with projects "aimed at promoting the kinds of innovative problem-solving skills needed for careers in all fields of art and design," according to the proposal.

The School of English and Communication would combine faculty from English education, English literature, professional writing, editing and publishing, media studies and strategic communication. The curriculum of this school would focus on clear-



A revised PointForward Proposal was sent out by Chancellor Bernie Patterson to students on Monday, November 12th following an address he gave that morning regarding context for the proposal. Photo courtesy of Amanda Greenthal.

ly-defined career pathways within these studies.

Finally, the School of Global and Public Affairs would combine faculty members from history, world languages, political science, philosophy and religious studies to ensure exploration in career opportunities, graduate school, legal studies and public affairs.

The proposal also cuts six—instead of the original thirteen—majors which are history, 2-Dimensional and 3-Dimensional Art, French, German, geoscience and geography due to a continuing drop in enrollment and under-enrollment in courses for the major.

In addition to the reorganization of the colleges, there is also a proposal for an Institute of the Wisconsin Idea and a Center for Critical Thinking. The Institute of the Wisconsin Idea would be responsible for education and outreach opportunities related to the liberal arts in central and northern Wisconsin and would be staffed by faculty members from various liberal arts disciplines across the university. The Center for Critical Thinking will teach thinking skills found in foundational courses to local high

schools, employers, nonprofits and other community partners through outreach.

Paterson, in his address prior to releasing the proposal, emphasized that the liberal arts are not going away, but are being enhanced for every student.

"If there was ever a time in our nation's history where our society needs graduates prepared to think critically, problem solve, innovate, communicate clearly and persuasively, understand the interdisciplinary nature of the world in which we live and recognize and resolve an ethical dilemma when they encounter one, that time is now," said Paterson. "These are the skills developed through the study and practice of the liberal arts."

The University will collaborate with the Executive Committee of the Common Council to finalize a plan that must be voted on by March 2019. There is a 90-day feedback period for students to give their feedback on the proposal. More information about other aspects of the proposal such as outsourcing and reorganization can be found at www.uwsp.edu/pointforward.

Everything You Need to Know About Studying Abroad

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Studying abroad has been an option for students at UWSP since 1969 and, since then, has only become more accessible. Even as of this year, the biennial Study Abroad trip to Greece will now occur annually.

The Office of International Education offers summer, winterim, and semester programs – these programs vary in length from three-five weeks to a semester.

The OIE continues to strongly support students' decisions to study abroad. Brad Ven Den Elzen, Director of the Office of International Education, says "We want students to take this up because it makes them stand out from their peers."

Katya Leek, study abroad advisor and National Student Exchange coordinator, says that "students report that they find better jobs because of study a b r o a d ."

"Also," Leek says, "students

find a lot of friends and learn about different cultures, so they really expand their understanding – not only of the world but of themselves in the world."

The OIE office in the Dreyfus University Center, room 203, offers free walk-in advising for students every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Some classrooms host brief promotions for study abroad. Particular programs' info-sessions are often advertised in the morning SMOD announcements and on posters throughout campus. Study abroad events and promotions are also featured on the service's Facebook and Instagram pages.

The OIE holds a rolling deadline for applications; the priority deadline is Dec 3, for summer/ fall 2019. However, Leek says "we welcome students who decide later, so we don't close the application up until very, very late." Students may, at times, apply as late as March or April for fall programs – but Leek encourages students to apply to summer programs much earlier.

To apply, students must complete a number of steps. They must: fill an application form, write a one-page Statement of Commitment, upload a Degree Progress Report, supply a faculty recommendation and an advisor recommendation, supply a Passport Commitment Acknowledgement, and pay a \$100 non-refundable application fee. After these steps, the rest of the application process is communicated to the student directly via email

The average cost for semester-long study abroad programs in the spring of 2019 is \$9,758 – the average cost for the shorter summer 2019 programs are \$4,824. Even some spring programs may cost less than an out-of-state student's semester on-campus at UWSP: including programs for Germany, Poland, Liverpool and Spain.

Most programs require a minimum 2.5 GPA. The UW-System also mandates flying exclusively through Fox World Travel – al-

though, the OIE often guides students' booking, or books flights on their behalf.

Students do not need a passport to apply for any program. However, Leek recommends they apply for a passport as soon as possible, since passport-processing may take four to six weeks.

"Studying Abroad and travelling really helps you to understand what you want to do in your future," says Leek.

The OIE also runs UWSP's National Student Exchange. The National Student Exchange offers semesters in distant colleges, but at the same price as UWSP tuition, for over 170 colleges. Currently, 18 UWSP students are participating in this program.

"I think that what brings me joy in my work is seeing students' perspectives kind of open up," says Elzen, "These experiences change people in their lives and sort of give them, in many respects, a sense of what's possible – and it's fun to watch that happen."



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EDITORIAL



There's so much Americans don't know about what's going on, even in the North American continent, much less across the pond. Photo courtesy of Anyon Rettinger

Somewhere in Europe

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"If adventures do not befall a lady in her own village, she must seek them abroad," once said by the wise Jane Austen. Not that Stevens Point, WI and college life isn't an adventure on its own but there is way more world to see.

I recently finished four years at two UW institutions, the later being University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. In this time, I was very involved in student life and even served as the co-editor of The Pointer last year. Now, I'm going back to my roots of writing instead of working as an administrator for the publication.

As a fifth-year student studying abroad, I feel complete freedom. Freedom with my studies, freedom in my travels, my food, my spending, my lifestyle, everything. Though I've completed all requirements for a bachelor's degree in Communication with an emphasis in public relations already, I am not officially a graduate until I return to the states. Until then, I am taking full advantage of this time to explore and grow without limitations except my return flight on December 28.

I'm living in Szeged, Hungary and study at the university here but I am traveling somewhere new every weekend. The classes I take include survival Hungarian language, pronunciation, culture, folklore and music, film history, and I also decided to join the campus choir.

In my film class, I watched a classic Hungarian film titled "Somewhere in Europe" from 1944 which inspired me. The film briefly follows a group of children during bombings of Europe which leaves them homeless and orphaned. They wander and travel, picking up others along the way who join the group. By the end, there is a diverse group of children representing various places in central Europe.

During discussion in class, it was pointed out to me that the movie is not set in any recognizable location or country, insinuating that it could've happened anywhere. I feel like this detail about the undetermined setting is similar to my weekend exploration. However, by the end of my semester, I, too, will bring memories and experiences representing the diverse list of countries I visited throughout Europe.

The daily lifestyle of college students here and additionally the popular and folk culture in Hungary will be its own article in the future because of the amount of details from my observations but to summarize, I'd say it's fascinating to live a new lifestyle from this perspective instead hearing about it or seeing it in books. This applies to my weekend trips, too, because I get to put on a new hat and attempt to assimilate into a foreign society, at least for a short weekend.

Some cities feel similar yet there are also many noticeable differences. Obviously, things like currencies, counting as well as languages like Polish for instance, are drastically different from others but also more common culture like the experience of eating and type of service at restaurants, walking almost everywhere to get from place to place, and even grocery shopping one day at a time is unique in each country. These quick nuances week to week are actually quite refreshing. It is just the change I needed in my life after strictly being a student and doing the same thing for the last 16 years in Wisconsin.

While I am here in Europe, I have many excursions planned including visiting United Kingdom, Ireland, The Netherlands, France, Germany, Austria, Czechia, Poland, Greece and Italy. As I go along, I hope to see both big and small cities from this lofty list of countries.

There's so much Americans don't know about what's going on, even in the North American continent, much less across the pond. A lot of world is out there beyond Wisconsin and I intend to see it.

Pointer Profiles: Women's Hockey Co-Captains

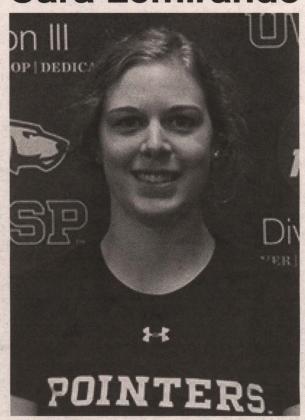
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Lauren Smith



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Cara Lemirande



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When did you start playing hockey?

I was 7 years old. A lot of my family's friend's kids played it so my parents decided to have me try it because I'm the only one in my family to ever play hockey and I got on the ice and I've been playing it ever since.

What other sports did you play?

I played soccer and ran track.

What would you consider a successful season?

Winning the WIAC.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Honestly, I'm not sure yet hopefully to go on to grad school with something I'm not sure what that is yet but more schooling somewhere.

What is your favorite part of hockey?

I think the best part of the sport is how close of a team that you get. They kinda become like your second family and just kind of like that energy and adrenaline rush that you get, like when you're out there playing and when you score a goal that feeling you get. You don't really get that anywhere else.

About Lauren:

Year: Senior

Major: Health Promotions Wellness

Hometown: Antigo, WI

Position: Defenseman

Season Highs:

Shots	6
Goals	1
Assists	1
Blocked	1
Penalties	1

Lauren's Favorites:

Favorite color? Grey

Favorite animal? Giraffe

When did you start playing hockey?

I started playing when I was like three. My brothers played and they're older than me so they got me into it.

What other sports did you play?

I played softball in high school.

What goals do you have for the season?

I definitely think our goal is to win the conference. Just win as many games as we can. Personally, I just try and do what's best for the team whether that's like scoring goals or just leading by example.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

I have no idea, I wish I knew what I wanted to do.

What is your favorite part of the sport?

I just love how competitive it is and how like close you get as a team and how much fun you have on and off the ice.

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go?

Africa and go on a safa-ri.

About Cara:

Year: Senior

Major: Math

Hometown: Janesville, WI

Position: Forward

Season Highs:

Shots 4
Goals 1
Assists 1
Blocked 0
Penalties 0

Cara's Favorites:

Favorite food? Mint Ice Cream

Favorite animal? Giraffe

Women's Wrestling to Add Positive Impact

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Last week on November 6th UWSP announced that they will be adding women's wrestling as a complement to the men's and women's competitive sports programs. The sport will begin in the fall of 2019 and will put UWSP at the forefront of the sport as the university will be the first public institution in the Midwest to offer women's wrestling and the 50th university in the country to host a varsity team.

Women's wrestling has become one of the fastest-growing sports in the country, UWSP's director of athletics Brad Duckworth says that there has been a huge demand for the sport and it led to the decision to add it. "Currently there are 16 thousand girls that wrestle on a high school team in the country. There's a lot more demand than there is opportunity right now so that was one of the first drivers."

In 1994 only 800 girls were wrestling at the high school level. In 2018 there were over 16,000 girls wrestling at the high school level and there are 14 states that have state championships for girls.

Mr. Duckworth said that it just made sense to add the program to UWSP, "the second piece was, we have a coach, a very well-established, national level coach. We have a mat, we have a wrestling room. We have the infrastructure and we have the demand."

UWSP men's wrestling coach Johnny Johnson will also coach the women's program which intends to join and compete in the Women's Collegiate Wrestling Association (WCWA).

"I think adding sports continues to do what the university's been asked to do right now. Help with enrollment, help with retention, and graduate students. We do that in athletics very well." The university has been looking for ways to improve its financial status and Mr. Duckworth believes this will help with that. "The tuition alone generated by our student-athletes is over 4 million annually and that

doesn't include residential living, dining services, segregated fees, all the other things that our student-athletes just like every other student pays."

Coach Johnson agrees, saying that adding women's wrestling will bring in more money for UWSP. "When we start bringing students on campus that normally wouldn't be coming to school here but they're coming for women's wrestling now we're going to be adding tuition dollars that are going to be coming into the university. Not only will we be bringing in girls from the state of Wisconsin but we're going to be bringing girls from Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan. So we will be bringing in tuition dollars that are either Midwest exchange or out of state."

UWSP has over 600 student-athletes and in Duckworth's opinion, many might not have attended the university if the university didn't have those sports teams.

The six-year graduation rate of student-athletes is 81%, which is about 17% higher than the general student population according to Duckworth. The director of athletics says that UWSP athletics "will continue to be passionate about gender equity and athletics and right now this is an opportunity."

Coach Johnson does not think that there will be big differences between the men's and women's teams. "There's gonna be differences just because of the gender difference will be a little bit different. The style isn't so far off that how we teach technique will be a lot different, it'll be pretty similar but the rules are a little different so those will be some changes. Aside from that I think, you know the success of our program for the men's side has been creating a culture where these guys are like a family and they're there for each other and they set very high goals for themselves and they walk into the room with the intention to work hard every day to be able to reach those goals but we really push a team concept because that's what collegiate and high school wrestling is about. I don't think that that will change from the women's side that's the same culture I can create for the women's team too."

Coach Johnson and Duckworth both think that adding women's wrestling could benefit the men's wrestling program. Johnson said "I think it'll be a positive for both programs, one of the things is that we will have coaches that will be able to work with both programs as well. I don't think it'll inhibit anything that we're doing on the men's side, I think in some situations that it'll get us some different opportunities for competition for both teams in the same venue."

The men's wrestling team is standing behind the decision to add the team, Johnson said "I think that they're looking forward to it and I think they embrace it as well. These guys are wrestlers and they've been in wrestling a long time. They also see the trend of women's wrestling and they can see that it's becoming an emerging sport. So I think that they respect it."

With the addition of women's wrestling, the athletics department will continue to evaluate all teams in three ways: classroom excellence, competitive excellence, and community impact. Mr. Duckworth said that UWSP doesn't want to have teams just to have teams. "we strive to be competitively excellent and we've done that in athletics here forever historically so I anticipate that our women's wrestling program will be very strong."

Brooke Thurber, a junior at UWSP, will be one of the members of the new women's wrestling team and is excited about the addition of the sport. "I wrestled since I was 5 and so when deciding where I was going to go to college I had a lot of scholarship opportunities to go out of state because they didn't have women's wrestling in Wisconsin yet."

Thurber recalls coach Johnson talking to her about adding the women's wrestling team. She said coach Johnson "put in for it and he started to get really serious about it this year. He let me know around the end of September, he was like 'we're probably going to go through with it and start a team' I was like alright cool. That's a really cool opportunity and then it finally happened."

"It was like really exciting because it's something that I've worked so hard for and I thought I was going to have to push off to the side just because Point didn't have a women's wrestling team and although I was working with the guys it's not the same as the actual aspect of having a team with you so it was really exciting to like see that the sport's expanding so much that we could start a women's team here," said Thurber. "Growing up I was always apart of the men's team because there was not enough girls just to have a women's team. There was no team aspect to it so I think it will be cool to finally be apart of a team now."

When asked if there has been any negative feedback about adding this team Duckworth said that he has not "read a single negative response. Everything has been 'finally'; finally a state institution, finally a public institution." He said he was a little worried when the announcement came out thinking, "okay, what's the next week going to look like here and are we going to end up defending our decision, I haven't had to defend it once." People have been more inquisitive than critical.

When it comes to wrestling matches at Stevens Point Thurber said that she and Johnson had talked about trying to get the wrestling Pointer open meaning that half of the mats next year would be women's and the other half would be for the men.

Coach Johnson said that "there's not a lot of teams in the Midwest that offer women's wrestling so we'll have to do a little bit of traveling but we're going to try to advocate for the sport and maybe hopefully you know lead the way and trying to get other programs in the Midwest to add it."

Duckworth said, "in times of adversity, you have to be willing to stick your neck out if you just going to take it you're going to fold so this was an easy one. We have a coach we have a mat we have a demand. I mean you can just go right down the line. It's like okay we can add this. This is likely not the end of our addition to sports"

Gold Tops Purple in Men's Basketball Annual Scrimmage

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The Gold team earned an overtime victory over the Purple team in the annual Purple-Gold Game 67-64 last Wednesday night in the Quandt Fieldhouse.

The game came down to a final possession for the Gold team, with senior Mark Nelson making a shot from behind the arc with a little over one second left in the game.

Senior forward Canon O'Heron handled the scoring load for the Gold team with 21 points and shot 70 percent from the field. For the Purple team, Koko Songolo was the scoring leader with 22 points, shooting 75 percent

from the field.

When it came to shooting the basketball, there was no shortage of three pointers in this game. 14 total buckets from behind the arc were made. 42 of the 131 total points scored came from three point range.

"A lot of practice," said senior Nate Dodge when asked about his confidence in shooting from long range. "When you take that many shots and spend that much time, you just get increments of confidence overtime."

Both squads showed great ball movement throughout the game, as both teams ended with 13 assists. 26 assists total.

"That's very important," said senior guard Koko Songo-

lo when asked about playing unselfishly. "We got to get the defense out of position first before we can attack the basket, otherwise we're just trying to attack against a set defense."

The Purple-Gold Game is more than just a simple practice before the season gets started. The team really takes pride in the response that they get from the community.

"It's an incredible event. We've been doing this for almost five decades," said Head Coach Bob Semling. "I told our players at 2 o'clock when we had our shoot around that there's a lot of programs at the Division III level that could not run an event like this. We don't want to take it for granted, we want to embrace

it, and be grateful and thankful for it. It's a testament to the basketball fans in this community and the people who are passionate about Pointer basketball."

"The community support we get here at Stevens Point is second to none. It's unbelievable," said senior Chaz Mootz. "We might play some teams on the road that won't draw this much attention and this many people, and this is just the Purple-Gold scrimmage for us. Everyone shows up for us and that makes a difference."

The next time the Pointers play at home it will be against Buena Vista University on Saturday November 17th with tipoff set for 3PM.

Women's Hockey Drop WIAC Opener to UW-River Falls

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The Pointers Women's hockey team struggled to contain top ten ranked UW-River Falls and were never able to overcome an early two goal deficit, losing 5-0 on November 10 at Ice Hawks Arena.

The Falcons came into the matchup against the Pointer ranked 7th overall by USCHO rankings, they were led offensively by Kora Torkelson who netted two goals in the game. Her first coming at 1:26 into the game, followed up by her second of the game at the 5:13 mark of the 1st period.

The Pointers were able to hold the Falcons from scoring until Alex Grubbs was called for a five minute major penalty for boarding at 13:31 of the second period. The Falcons would add two more goals during their power play to widen their lead to 4-0.

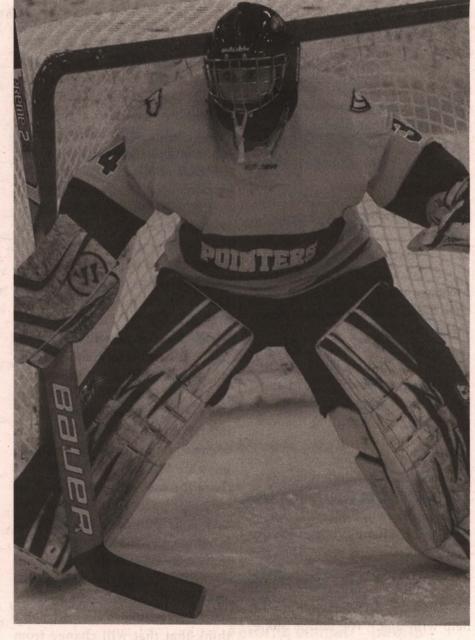
Falcon's goalie Tatyana Delaittre was perfect in net tonight posting an 11 save shutout which put a stop to what the Pointers were hoping to do offensively. "We wanted to get off to a fast started but that did not happen. We could not get enough pucks to the net", said Pointers sophomore forward Brie Larkowski.

For the Pointers, senior goalie Sydney Conley faced 19 shots during her two periods in net, before being replaced by Olivia Schultz at the start of the third period, Schultz went on to give up one goal in the final period.

Pointers senior forward and captain Cara Lemirande went 6-13 on face-offs in the game, with two shots on goal, Lauren Smith added three shots on goal of her own for the Pointers offense. Lemirande said after the game "I was happy with the effort of our girls tonight. We just could not get a bounce which is what we needed."

Pointers Head Coach Ann Ninnemann was pleased with the team's effort but knows there's work to be done. "I liked the way we responded after giving up two early goals. We have to fix a few things defensively and find a way to generate more shots on goal to be successful."

With the loss, the Pointers record drops to 2-3 overall and 0-1 in WIAC play, while the Falcons move to 4-1 overall and 1-0 in WIAC play. The Pointers are back on the ice November 16th and 17th for a two game series at home against UW-Superior.



Pointer Goalie Olivia Schultz entered in the 3rd period. Photography courtesy of University Wisconsin Stevens Point Athletics

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plans to refinance student loans at lower interest rates; similar to home mortgages.

As far as our road ways are concerned, Evers plans to solve Wisconsin's transportation crisis. He will invest more into road maintenance, and will fund new public transit. Evers believes that adequate transportation will provide more economic development opportunities for the state of Wisconsin.

With Evers in office, economic development will undergo serious changes. Evers believes that WEDC forces businesses to beg Madison for help. Under Evers, economic development dollars will go to local communities and regional organizations, allowing for more growth and development for areas in need.

Evers also plans to lower the cost of health care. He plans to accept the federal Medicaid expansion, in turn insuring thousands of Wisconsinites. He also believes in preventive health care measures, and providing care for the millions of Americans with pre-exisiting conditions.

Evers is for the environment, and looks to protect our state's natural resources. He believes in restoring balance and common sense to our natural resources. He believes that our drinking water remains unsafe, and plans on introducing a "Safe Water, Safe Kids" proposal that will rid Wisconsin of lead pipe water lines.

The LGBTQ community, minorities, and underrepresented Wisconsinites will find solace under the care of Tony Evers. He believes in racial, gender and sexual orientation equality. He plans to fight racism in our schools and workplaces. He will fight discrimination against the LGBTQ community, and opposes legislation that violates basic human rights.

The criminal justice system is flawed in Evers' eyes. He believes that minorities are incarcerated far more than people of non-color. He will push for openness and communication with our law enforcement. Evers will also fight for the right's of our incarcerated Wisconsinites; such as banning solitary confinement and fixing our broken parole system.

Evers believes Wisconsin's

women are underrepresented. He will allow women to make their own health care decisions, and will reverse Scott Walker's defunding of Planned Parenthood.

To Evers, Scott Walker attacked Wisconsin workers. According to TonyEvers.com, "Tony is committed to filling his appointments with people who actually have expertise and knowledge in their respective fields, not simply filling government with more political hacks who will rubber-stamp his policies. We must give our workers a seat at the table - listening to their concerns and hearing their ideas. We can do this on day one and don't need to pass a bill to treat Wisconsinites with the dignity they deserve." With this, we can expect Evers to raise the minimum wage, amongst other pro-workpolices.

In terms of legalizing marijuana, Evers will do so on a medical level. As a former cancer survivor himself, Evers understands pain, and the burden of other debilitating illnesses. As far as recreational marijuana, Evers will listen to the people of Wisconsin's voice, and will create a plan accordingly.

In respect to the environment, Evers will strive to create more renewable energy in the state of Wisconsin. He will invest in solar and wind power. Evers understands the real threat of global warming, and will work to create energy that does not harm, nor pollute, the environment; such as coal and other fossil fuels.

Evers will also fight for farmers. He aims to advance economic opportunities in rural areas of the state. He will support and market assistance to farmers working in a competitive environment. Under Evers, we will look to maintain our status as the dairy state.

Evers also respects and appreciates veterans. He has a litany of plans in place supporting our nation's veterans. Together, veterans can expect to receive money for retirement homes, improved status of the Department of Veteran Affairs, and more post-military college programs. Evers believes that veterans are taken advantage of, and seeks to put an end to it.

Tony Evers looks to bring new life to Wisconsin, and with his proposed platforms, we can expect change in the coming months.

Downtown Taverns See Drop in Student Presence Over Years

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The Down Town Stevens Point Business Alliance has noticed a significant drop in the number of students going out in the evenings.

Troy Hojnacki the vice president of the alliance and owner of Graffiti's Sports Pub said that there has been a decline in the downtown nighttime crowd for the last two to three years. Not just at bars but business in general is going down.

"Its actually been happening over a longer period of time. The downtown crowd has been getting smaller and smaller steadily for the last 20 years," said Hojnacki. "Stevens Point used to be the birthday destination in Wisconsin. But lately its not and we are trying to work on bringing that back."

Hojnacki also explained that he's taken to social media to help bring in more people. They

are on Instagram and Facebook as well as in the app store, but it's slow going.

The drop-in business is starting to effect employment at Graffiti's.

"Time was when we had a stack of applications thicker than a phone book and now, we are lucky to get one. I mean, we would never over staff but when we do look for employees, we don't see the numbers we used to," said Hojnacki.

With the cost of college and life in general on the rise, Hojnacki said he still has plans to get around that.

"We've also created more deals to help the people who may be budget conscious be able to come down town to get something to eat and drink and have a good time," said Hojnacki.

Vanesa Hernandez Cevallos, 21, Sociology major and bartender at Steve O's Bar and Grill says that the most popular times people come are Fridays and Saturdays around 11:30.

"Warmer weather usually helps too," said Hernandez.

Stevens Point native and owner of The Hub, Ben Louis, said that since homecoming business hasn't been too crazy.

Students though are simply following their friends and where their friends of friends going.

Karissa Koss, 21, and senior majoring in Athletic training said that she doesn't go out as much as she used to.

"I used to go out on like Wednesday or Thursday, but I feel like now that I've gotten further up in my major courses are more challenging, so I don't have as much time or energy to go out,"

Brooklyn Hackbarth, 21, and senior majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders said she goes where the deals and her friends are.

"I usually go out at like 10-10:30, and hit up Partners, Steve O's, Top Hat or Final Score. I

usually go out Friday or Saturday but never both," said Hackbarth.

Hojnacki says that while they are having the lowest attendance for nightlife currently, now more than ever they are having bigger and better deals on food and drink because of it.



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Photo courtesy of Aaron Zimmerman.

Walker Says He's Not Speaking Out of 'Decency'

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MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Gov. Scott Walker says he hasn't spoken with the media since his election defeat out of "dece e n c y ."

Walker posted on Facebook Wednesday that "the decent thing

to do is to let Governor-elect Tony Evers have his time to talk about his transition."

Walker has posted messages on Twitter since his loss, but his office has not responded to numerous questions over the past week, including issues facing the Legislature in an upcoming lame

duck session.

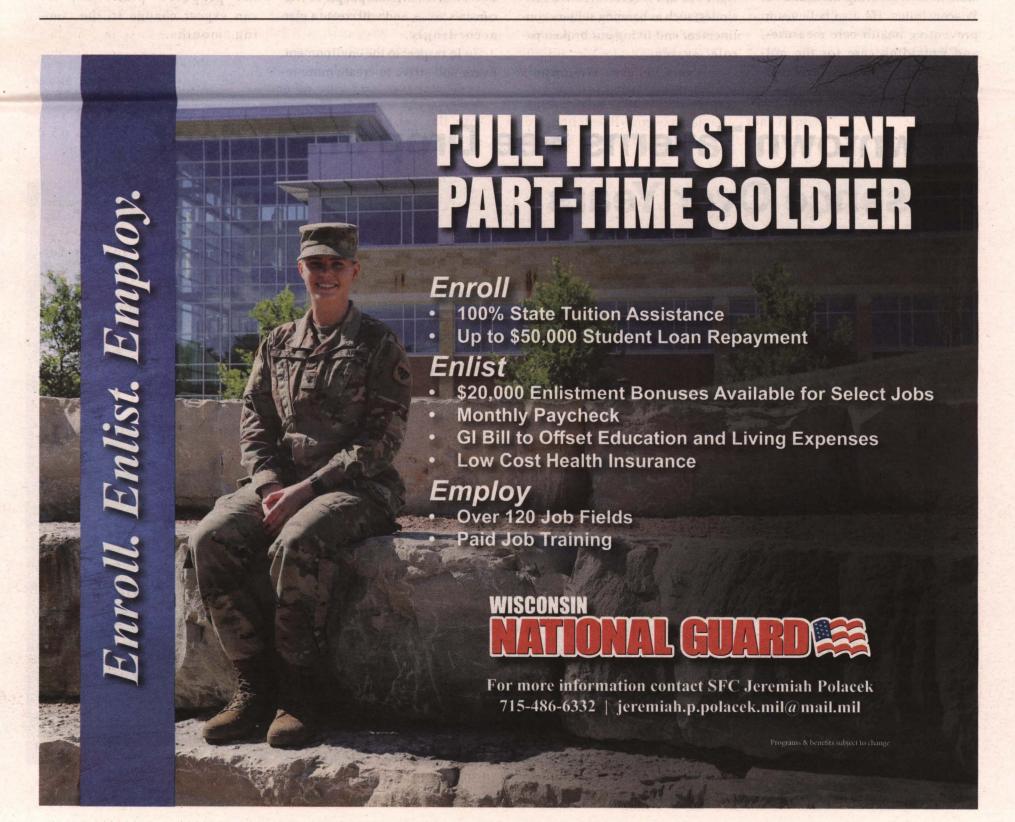
Walker says he has spoken with Evers, his staff and Cabinet, attended a memorial service for a longtime Milwaukee community leader, attended the Packers game and helped his mother move into a new apartment.

Walker says he will speak

to reporters "at some point in the future" but for now it's "only decent to let Governor-elect Evers have a week without me filling the airwaves."



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Review: 'Heathers: The Musical' Shows Teenage Angst With A Body Count

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The UWSP Department of Theatre and Dance's production of "Heathers: The Musical" opened Nov. 9 in Jenkins Theatre. How very!

"Heathers: The Musical" is a black comedy rock musical based on the 1988 cult classic written by Daniel Waters. The book, music, and lyrics are written by Laurence O'Keefe and Kevin Murphy. This production was directed by Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of BFA Musical Theatre Mark Hanson.

The story follows Veronica Sawyer, played by junior Acting major Elena Cramer. Veronica is an unpopular 17-year-old girl attending Westerburg High, where the archetypal hierarchy of high school rules. It's a eat-or-be-eaten world; nerds are prey for the aggressive jocks and the most popular girls dominate. After showcasing her forgery skills, she is uplifted into popularity by the most elite clique in all

of Westerburg.

The school is ruled by the scrunchie-wielding Heathers: Heather McNamara (played by senior Musical Theatre major, Psychology, and Women and Gender Studies minor Melody Hett), Heather Duke (sophomore Musical Theatre major Rachel Blount), and the alpha, Heather Chandler (portrayed by junior Musical Theatre major Laura Paruzynski).

After Veronica betrays the Heathers and their cruelty-ridden regime, she meets the new kid in town J.D., played by senior Musical Theatre major Christof Augustine Krumenacker. J.D. is a mysterious loner who catches Veronica's eye and has plans of his own to combat the Heathers' reign.

The show was a solid production featuring a huge set, beautiful lighting, and some standout performances.

With theatre performances based on movies, it is incredibly difficult to portray a character that has become a staple in pop cul-

ture. Veronica Sawyer was made a cult-classic queen from a stellar performance by Winona Ryder. Even Barret Wilbert Weed, who originated the role of Veronica in the original Off-Broadway cast, left her own powerful stamp on the role. Comparisons will ultimately be made no matter who plays these characters.

Cramer takes inspiration from these women in her role while also making it her own. The result is a great portrayal of the character that digs into Veronica's desire for a "beautiful" life. Krumenacker's portrayal of J.D. was dark and charming. His voice soared in "Freeze Your Brain", a proclamation of J.D.'s love of 7-Eleven.

Paruzynski gives her portrayal of Heather Chandler all the bratty, petty, and menacing grit you'd want from a mean girl. Her voice particularly shined in the song "The Me Inside of Me".

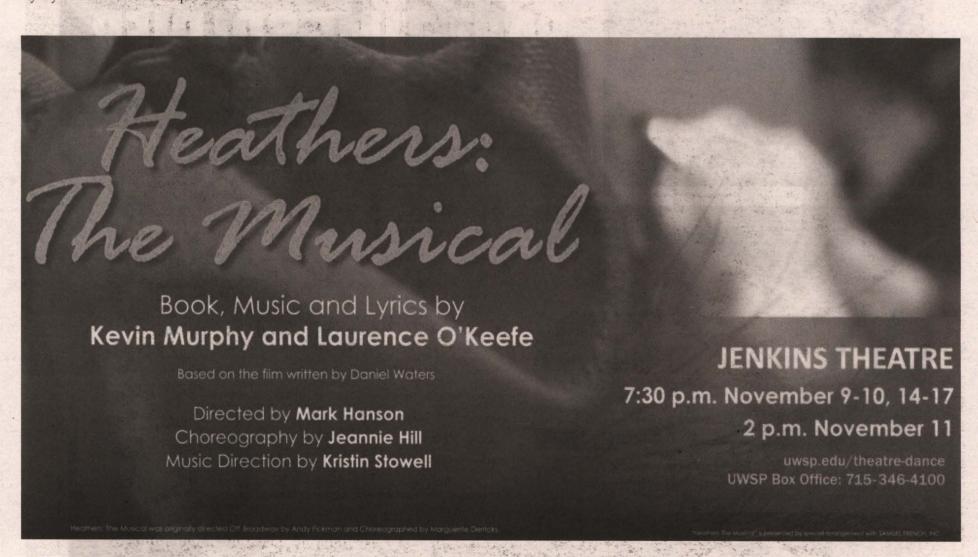
Apart from a great leading cast, the supporting characters had strong performances as well. Ram and Kurt, played respectively by

freshman Acting major Dominic Schiro and sophomore Acting major Joe Kelly, sank into their roles as meathead jocks. Their comedic performances were hilarious, welltimed, and their chemistry was undeniable.

Martha Dunnstock, Veronica's best friend, gives a performance of "Kindergarten Boyfriend", an ode to the simpler life of her childhood and the mourning of her longtime crush. Senior Musical Theatre major, Paige Proctor, adorned in a Lisa Frank-esque tie-dye shirt and space buns, gave a stunning take on the song.

The show is a fun, colorful romp that uses biting humor to investigate themes of death, high school cliques, and the abuse of power.

"Heathers: The Musical" remaining performances are Nov. 14-17 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be bought online, at the door, or at the University Information and Tickets Desk, located in the Dreyfus University Center.



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