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Miracle Makers Hold Informational Meeting at UWSP

Miracle Makers Informational Meeting and Ice Cream Sundae Social was held on Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point.

All UWSP students were invited to attend and learn about Miracle Makers. Students Mackenzie Mattheis and Sara Klapps, co-presidents of UWSP Miracle Makers, explained what this organization is about and how can students get involved. All the attendees enjoyed an ice cream sundae prepared by Klapps.

"Our mission is to increase funds and awareness for local sick and injured kids through Campus Activities and Involvement with our Children's Miracle Network Hospital - Marshfield Clinic," said Mattheis.

Stories about some of the Miracle kids and how they survived their illnesses and are enjoying life now, thanks to Miracle Makers, were narrated by Mattheis.

For example, Amaya's story began when she was born at 27 weeks. Weighing 1 pound and 14 ounces, she had to stay 83 days at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Marshfield Children's Hospital until she could go home. Amaya is now 6 years old and enjoying life.

Isaac was diagnosed with lymphoblastic leukemia at 5 years old. He received pediatric cancer care at Children's Miracle Network Hospital - Marshfield Clinic. Noah who was born with spina bifida and had 19 surgeries.

"These kids got the best care and treatment, and their rooms were as homey as possible, due that their environment affects how they deal with illnesses. Child Life Specialists are with these kids every

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March for Climate Change

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On Sept. 20, millions of people around the world gathered together to protest climate change. In an effort to pressure world leaders and the upcoming meeting on the Paris accord, students left classes and employees left their work, all banding together to march.

At the head of this march was Greta Thunberg, Sweden 16-year-old, sailing in an emission free sailboat from her home in Sweden across the Atlantic Ocean to New York City, where she joined a climate protest in front of the United Nations. Thunberg has been vocal about what she calls the "climate crisis", inspiring weekly strikes in some European countries. Even in Central Wisconsin, everyone knows her name.

"I would say that Greta Thunberg ... is a great inspiration because she's young and articulate," said Michelle Bjella, community member of Interfaith Community for the Earth as well as the citizens' Climate Lobby. However, members of the Stevens Point community do not need to look all the way across the globe for inspiration in their journey to become environmentally friendly.

"In this community I'm looking at Susan Zach," continued Bjella. "She pulled this all together and worked with 350 Stevens Point to get the community members... and the students on the UWSP campus to show up." Zach, however, pointed to Molly McGuire, sophomore student president

of this year's 350 Stevens Point.

With an estimated 165 people showing up to the march, McGuire was ecstatic.

"Seeing this many people here at Stevens Point, showing that there is so much commitment and support here in Central Wisconsin and that we all truly care about this is amazing."

Standing next to McGuire was Mayor Mike Wiza, who emphasized the importance of environmental responsibility as well as his passion for the topic, declaring himself to be a "staunch supporter of everything we can do to save the planet".

"I know it's been said a hundred times before in a hundred different occasions, but if not now, when, and if not us, who? We need to take those steps," declared Wiza. "Walk to work one day. Bike to work one day. Stop using plastic straws. Compost. Use less of the consumerist products that we have in this country. Whatever it is, it's going to help rather than hurt."

McGuire also shared her thoughts on what the Stevens Point area could do to help reduce its carbon footprint.

"We could definitely do a lot better with just educating the student body as a whole," McGuire said. "The students that are really passionate about the environment are really great at doing what they can, but there are so many students on this campus that couldn't care less to even recycle or think about the environmental impact that they make, so even though we're making a difference in some of the students, I think that we need to be able to include students that aren't

going to school for anything environmentally related, and realize that it's our planet and it doesn't matter what you're going to school for, we all need to be a part of it and get educated on these problems."

However, McGuire does think that the people at UWSP that are part of the efforts of 350 Stevens Point are truly passionate about what they do.

"I decided to join [350] because just first hearing about it, the people that I met seemed super genuine and really passionate, like they weren't doing it for school credit or for their resume, they were doing it because they truly had a passion for the environment and doing the best that they could in their personal lives and just taking advantage of the privilege that we have as students."

Jessyciah Andersen, 5 year student and fellow member of 350 Stevens Point, also loved the environment at UWSP surrounding awareness of the conditions of the planet.

"When I came to UW Stevens Point there was a community here that had that environmental awareness and consciousness and it just fired me up... Eventually [climate change] will affect you, or if it isn't right now, it's going to affect someone you love, or someone you love in the future. This is what's happening, this is the big event that's happening in this generation, in this time in humanity, and why would you not want to be a part of the solution?"

If you want more information on 350 Stevens Point's efforts, meetings are every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. at DUC 223.



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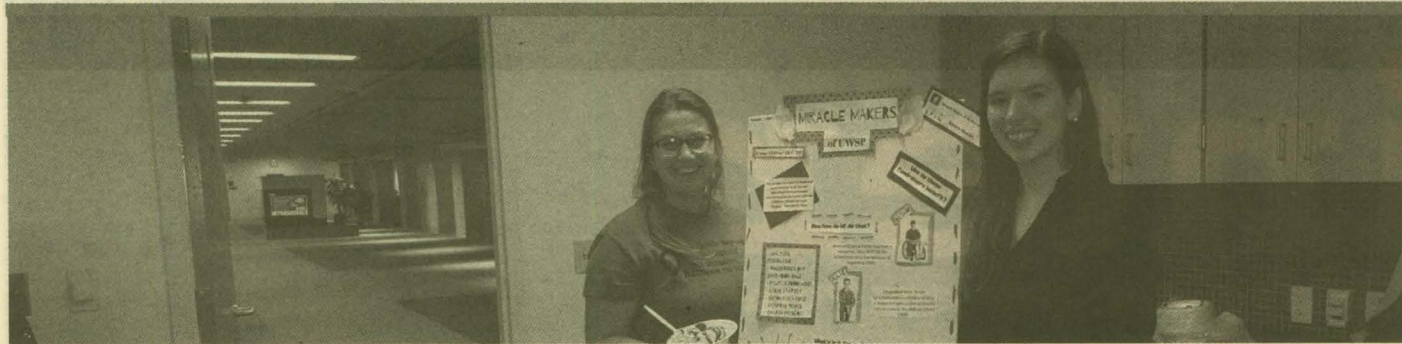
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day and get paid by funds," said Mattheis.

UWSP students can get involved with this organization by becoming members and/or volunteering. By being a member, students will have the opportunity of servicing and logging hours, improving leadership skills, getting involved in the community, visiting the Children's Miracle Network Hospital.

Members will also have an opportunity to meet families that were benefited from these fundraisers. "I enjoyed going to the

hospital last year, to see the direct impact on the kids and their families," said Mattheis.

When asked how she decided to join this organization, Mattheis said, "I was already involved for CMN in another organization outside the university. Here, I was excited to make it a bigger part of my life."

This group is organizing fundraisers and events this semester. The next fundraiser event will be a Bag Toss Tournament on campus on Oct. 15 from 4:30

p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are every other Thursday. The next meetings in October will be on Thursday, Oct. 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The location is to be decided. Students can find more information on SPIN, Facebook (MIRACLEMAKERS-UWSTEVENS POINT), by email at MIRACLE.MAKERS@UWSP.EDU or by visiting the Miracle Makers office at DUC 70F.



Letter from the Editor: find your tribe

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Hey Pointers! As we're nearing the end of September, I hope classes for incoming freshman have been going well and you've been settling into your new role as a college student. College can often seem intimidating; moving to a new city, making new friends, and encountering new perspectives can be a little scary! Going off to college shoves us all out of our comfort zones and it's easy to get swallowed up by feelings of fear and anxiety. At its core, college is about finding your tribe; exploring what you're interested in and finding like-minded people who can support you and grow with you. Being involved with theatre growing up, I've always had a built-in commu-

nity. I've never really had to go out and discover where I fit because I thought I had already found it. So, when I arrived to UWSP as an acting major my freshman year, I thought I had it all figured out. My sophomore year, after realizing that I really didn't want to pursue theatre after all, I decided to switch majors. It was terrifying, and for the first time, I had to wade into uncharted waters to find a new tribe on campus to reflect my change of interests. After a friend and I worked up the courage to apply for a position, we were fortunately able to find a community in The Pointer, our campus newspaper. Suddenly, stepping outside my comfort zone didn't seem so scary anymore. After feeling lost, I finally felt more connected to my place here at Point. Although argu-

ably super cheesy, the best advice I can give regarding college is to embrace what makes you uncomfortable. Living with anxiety, there have been countless times when embracing the unknown and the uncomfortable have been challenging. But reflecting now as a senior, I've realized that if I hadn't welcomed this advice, I wouldn't have found a home at The Pointer. UWSP offers over 200 student organizations! I promise that there is an organization out there for you. Whether it's writing with us at The Pointer, playing an intramural sport, getting involved with CASE to organize student events, or becoming a member of one of our many cultural and ethnic group clubs, there is space and opportunity to find your tribe.

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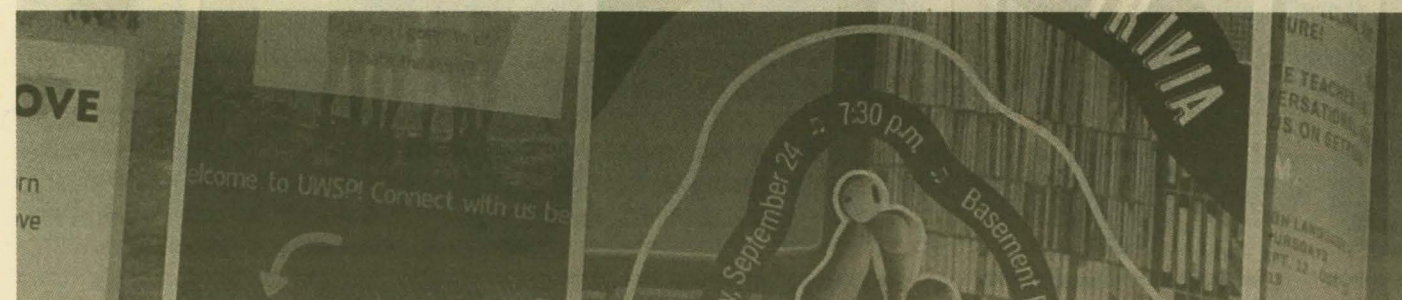
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Dining and Summer Conferences Change Meal Plans

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A big change occurred to the 2019-2020 meal plans for Dining and Summer Conferences. Announced on August 21, Dining and Summer Conferences wrote in an email to all students on their meal plan that a 15 percent fee would be taken out of their plan to pay for operation.

Dining and Summer Conferences also claimed they would deny the ability to use meal plans to purchase items not made exclusively by UW-Stevens Point. This included pre-packaged goods, such as groceries.

The email was met with extreme backlash, with many taking to social media to voice their anger about the changes. As a result, Dining and Summer Conferences rescinded the decision to exclude pre-packaged items from meal plan purchases the next day in another email. However, students were still unsatisfied, with many feeling as though their money should have been left alone.

What many students do not realize is that these fees are necessary and cheap compared to other UW System schools. UW-Stout has a 50% administrative fee to their meal plans, meaning students there only get \$900 of the \$1,800 they are spending.

The other two UW schools that have administrative fees, UW-Eau Claire and UW-Whitewater, have large administrative fees as well, making UW-Stevens Point the smallest in the state at 15 percent.

The administrative fee was put in place as part of a project to help pay for the

mandatory renovations to the DeBot Dining Center. The renovations, while some cosmetic, are mostly to update heating, cooling, and other necessary functions for the building. DeBot Dining Center was originally built in 1968, and the same systems have been in place ever since. With these renovations, the building is being brought up to code while also offering a much larger buffet line on the upper level and a convenience store on the lower level.

The project costs \$16.8 million to complete, meaning \$1.1 million per year. Without the administrative fee, Dining and Summer Conferences would only have \$700,000 each year, which is not enough to cover the cost.

"We started planning the DeBot renovation project in 2012. We knew the HVAC system was on its last leg. We knew we had to get it updated. We contracted with a company called Rippe Associates Food Service Design, and then we began the building part of the project through campus facilities," said Suzette Conley, Director of Dining and Summer Conferences.

Students have had one very similar reaction to the administrative fee: dissatisfaction. While some interviewed understand the necessity for money as DSC is not government-funded, it seems as though everyone agrees that there is a general disinterest in it.

The student's anger goes further than the surface level, though. Some feel as though Dining and Summer Conferences have raised the prices of the food in the Dreyfus University Center while some

feel as though there are less choices in the makeshift Allen Center convenience store. Some students even went as far as to say that the food was not good and did not understand the charge.

Dining and Summer Conferences was initially created in 2009, after a student-led initiative in 2007 demanded local and sustainable food. As part of the initiative, the food-service company Chartwells, the education division of the company called The Compass Group, was released from their contract.

One hope of Dining and Summer Conferences was for more student employment opportunities. At one point, 435 students were employed by Dining and Summer Conferences. However, employment rates are declining faster than enrollment rates. In 2015, there were 6,153 meal plans being used by students. This year, there is only 4,800.

The decisions to establish an administrative fee, as well as the changes with what you can purchase with your meal plan, stem from a study done by the independent company The Huron Group.

The study, which was done late spring 2019, found that Dining and Summer Conferences needed to increase their cash/credit sales, which will help with paying for the necessary renovations to DeBot Dining Center. The Huron Group discovered that UW-Stevens Point should be at a 30 percent cash/credit sales; however, it is only at 7 percent, a large deficit for the project which was taken on.

Fortunately, DeBot Dining Center will be open for the spring semester. While Dining and Summer Conferences get the

keys to the building back on October 22, it will not be accessible to students until January 19, 2020, for cleaning and installing equipment through winter break.

While the price for DeBot meals have not been published yet, it will be a set fee - with breakfast being cheaper than lunch and dinner service - because meal plans cannot be changed in the middle of the year. Starting the 2020 academic year, however, there will be a set number of meals students get per week, though the options have not been published yet.

DeBot will be the main dining center on campus come January. Its convenience store on the lower level will be significantly larger than at Allen, and the buffet will have more stations than is currently available at the Dreyfus University Center.

When the change occurs, the Dreyfus University Center cafeteria will significantly shorten its lunch hours from Monday through Thursday. DeBot Dining Center will be taking over the current hours at the Dreyfus University Center and will still be closed Saturdays for dinner.

If you would like to share your input on the current situation of dining, Conley said she is willing to hear it. There will be open forums in the upcoming months where all students are welcomed and encouraged to attend. The dates of these forums have yet to be released, and will be posted once they are arranged.

If there are any current questions, Dining and Summer Conferences is welcome to critiques and suggestions that students may have.



Critical Look: Universal Basic Income

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Universal Basic Income is a type of money transfer program that guarantees a basic income to all citizens, regardless of need.

Past supporters of the program have included Milton Friedman and Martin Luther King Jr., while Elon Musk and Charles Murray support the programs in place today. Recently, Universal Basic Income has gained popularity in the U.S. through the words of Andrew Yang, 2019 Democratic presidential candidate.

Different forms of Universal Basic Income exist; however, the most popular form suggests that every U.S. adult, aged 18 and older, unconditionally receives \$12,000 each year. Andrew Yang's proposal specifically adheres to these standards. Additionally, his proposal would be opt-in; this means that Universal Basic Income would replace most welfare programs, but only if an individual chooses to opt-in. He states that this program will be paid for in four ways: replace most welfare programs, additional taxes on top-earners, a carbon tax, and a value-added tax.

Concerning this program, there are advantages and disadvantages and solid arguments from both sides. While a plethora of different arguments exist, I will do my best to synthesize some of the main arguments and evidence for both positions (for or against) regarding UBI implementation in the United States.

Those in favor of Universal Basic Income say it's a necessity for various economic reasons: current and future labor markets are not delivering, income inequality is rising, and new technologies will displace millions of workers. In just over a decade, according to the McKinsey Global Institute, roughly 30 percent of American workers are at risk of losing their jobs due to new technologies. The National Bureau of Economic Research found that between 1980 and 2014, income for citizens in the bottom half of the income distribution has grown by 1 percent, 42 percent for middle and upper-middle earners, and by 121 percent for the top 10 percent of earners. Median income increased by less than 1 percent between 2000 and 2016. For less skilled workers, wages and job opportunities have stagnated. Overall, employment

growth has slowed since 2000, while the labor participation rate is the lowest in decades.

Universal Basic Income would address wage and job stagnation, income inequality, trade and globalization, and new technologies that displace workers. The Roosevelt Institute created three different models for U.S. implementation of Universal Basic Income and found that it would grow the economy by approximately \$2.5 trillion and create 4.6 million new jobs. Some argue that, though Universal Basic Income would reduce labor supply in the short-term, it would increase wages and have positive impacts in the long-term. Universal Basic Income payments could also help stabilize the economy during recessions and relieve credit constraints on students.

Universal Basic Income would increase entrepreneurship, human capital, and benefit families. With a guaranteed and stable income, workers that hold unpleasant, low-paying, or otherwise demeaning jobs would be better able to wait for better jobs. If an individual is in the middle of their career, they could participate in alternative career training while remaining economically secure. Additionally, people would be encouraged to pursue entrepreneurial risks or other jobs that are more aligned with individual interests that have the opportunity to increase human capital.

The National Bureau of Economic Research found that programs that increase the financial resources of a family, which includes Universal Basic Income, have positive impacts on children: including their development, health, and educational attainment. These programs have positive impacts for single mothers, leading to increases in employment, positive effects on health, and poverty reduction.

Currently, 79 different means-based programs exist in the U.S. Universal Basic Income would simplify these systems and minimize the amount of bureaucracy, money, and time spent on current welfare. Universal Basic Income would remove the "poverty trap" of the current system, freeing up individuals that rely on welfare. Additionally, needy subsets of the population who do not receive the amount of welfare they need would be benefited.

Another benefit for replacing most or all welfare programs with a Universal Basic Income would be the value of social

inclusion: Universal Basic Income would diminish the critique of the poor and reduce stigmas surrounding welfare participation, which has been shown to impact participation in the programs.

Lastly, Universal Basic Income-like programs have current implementation in the U.S. In the state of Alaska, every resident receives a yearly payment, recently between \$1,000 and \$2,000, from oil revenue. Started in 1976, this program has had no effect on employment, and has improved income inequality in the state.

Those opposed to Universal Basic Income say it is too expensive, will negatively impact labor supply, is too risky and not the answer to current and future economic woes.

Dr. Jason Davis, UWSP professor of economics, says that one drawback to UBI is that "It isn't clear how the program would be funded, especially in light of our currently high budget deficits". Estimates for the cost of UBI implementation in the U.S., whereby every adult receives \$12,000 each year, is around \$3 trillion. This is about 75 percent of the current federal budget, meaning that without new taxes, federal tax revenue would need to be doubled. Even eliminating all welfare programs, including social security, medicare, and medicaid, would only cover some of the cost, leaving about \$2 trillion left.

Some argue that Universal Basic Income would increase inflation. When individuals have more money in their pockets, a likely increase in demand for goods and services would follow, which may be unsustainable economically. If prices become inflated, standard of living would not increase either. This would be especially true for the lowest earners, who may be impacted most severely.

Universal Basic Income would create a disincentive to work, reduce the labor supply, and be worse for peoples' well-being. Similar programs, either in pilot studies or otherwise, have resulted in reduced labor participation as a result of there being less need to work. Surveys have found that the majority of Americans want to work, even if they are financially secure. From a social perspective, work is incredibly important to the well-being and happiness of humans. Universal Basic Income does not address these factors, some of which contribute to poverty, as it doesn't cure addiction, a lack of skills, or poor mental or physical

health. If Universal Basic Income was implemented, it could have huge ramifications: not only on labor markets, but also on the well-being of people.

Universal Basic Income is not the answer to current or future economic problems. Even if technological advances lead to job losses, it is possible that new jobs will be created or existing economic markets would expand. As robots or new technologies increase productivity and real incomes, people will shift the types of jobs they do.

Welfare programs are generally specific and targeted to groups of people that need financial support. Universal Basic Income would shift resources from people in need, such as the elderly or disabled, to non-elderly, wealthy individuals, and others who don't need the money. Financial resources and tax dollars would be better spent on restructuring or focusing on welfare programs that work and help those who truly need it. According to Dr. Davis, an alternative to Universal Basic Income may be a better option.

"Both the costs of Universal Basic Income and the negative work incentives could be reduced through a more targeted approach, rather than making it available to all." One issue, however, is that "this would create a new set of problems in designing the criteria for who could participate or not."

An alternative to Universal Basic Income could be to expand the already-existing "earned income tax credit" program. This may be a better option for multiple reasons. For one, expanding the program would be easier than implementing UBI. If the goal is to supplement low-earning households, Dr. Davis says that one reason it would be easier is because "it [the program] automatically targets low-earning households through their tax return data."

Another benefit of the program is that, unlike Universal Basic Income, it targets support for those in need. It would not provide money to higher-earners, and others who would not benefit nearly as much. A review from the National Bureau of Economic Research found that "earned income tax credit" programs in the U.S. have led to reductions in poverty and increases in after-tax income for families. And lastly, the "earned income tax credit" incentivizes work because it provides individuals who do work with cash benefits.

Schmeeckle Reserve Hosts Grand Opening for New Amphitheater

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On Friday, Sept. 13, the Friends of Schmeckle Reserve gathered people from the community and beyond to host the Pankowski and Friends Amphitheater Grand Opening next to the Visitor Center at 2419 North Point Drive, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

The Friends of Schmeckle Reserve is a community, nonprofit organization that aids the funds for the reserve. Two years ago, after watching a performance of *Shakespeare in the Park*, Edith Pankowski, Emeritus Professor of Interior Architecture, came up with the idea to host the Candle Hike Festival. With 3,700 people in attendance in fall of 2018, this festival became popular, sparking the idea to open up the amphitheater. Dallas and Edith Pankowski made the first donation that began the building project.

Ross Rettler of Rettler Corp. managed



Photo by Katelyn Voorhies

the project along with the help of Alliance architects in Minneapolis and Ellis Construction. After all of the weather setbacks, they were able to begin the project on Sept. 7, 2018.

The location was originally a compost education site, but after \$275,000 in donations from the Friends of Schmeckle Reserve and grants from Sentry Insurance, the Community Parks Improvement Committee, the Foundations of Central Wisconsin, the Stevens Point Area Convention. Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Grant, the Aldo Leopold Audubon Society, and the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation, it is able to become a

new location for students of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and members of the Stevens Point community to share and enjoy.

The ceremony started at 5 p.m. with a community meal and flowing conversation. This was by Jerry Lineberger, president of Friends of Schmeckle Reserve explaining the story of the amphitheater. Jim Buchholz, director of Schmeckle Reserve then told his story of how he donated the money to begin the construction after the Pankowski couple approached him with the idea of the amphitheater.

Dallas Pankowski said he was proud to support the project with hopes that

everyone can enjoy it. As he finished his speech, it began to rain, but the crowd stayed sitting until the end when Jerry Lineberger presented UWSP's chancellor Bernie L. Patterson with a ceremonial deed. The rain soon stopped, and everyone that stayed was presented with the first Pankowski Friends Amphitheater performance by Adam Greuel & Friends.

With 280 acres to enjoy with biking and hiking trails, Lake Joanis, and endless wildlife, the amphitheater is one more thing for the community to enjoy about Schmeckle Reserve.

Student Government Association (SGA) News Letter

New Year, New Administration

Welcome to the new school year everyone! The Student Government Association (SGA) is excited to get started, and President Jeidy and Vice President Knipple have some ambitious goals they would like to see accomplished.

Student - Faculty - Administration Relationship

President Jeidy and Vice President Knipple are both seeking to improve the current relationship between students, faculty and the administration. They hope that an improvement here would allow for students to be heard in a more significant way and help to bring them in on the decision-making process. This will in turn create a more transparent environment on campus that would keep everyone on the same page to avoid confusion about any upcoming policy changes.

Inclusivity

Creating an inclusive environment on campus is also vitally important to the President and Vice President. The Jeidy/Knipple Administration will make a push for the use of more accessible language in Senate meetings this year. They also hope to see their Executives and Senators become more active within the student body and attend other organizations events. Further, they are working on getting official recognition of Pride Month and Pride Week here on campus and have

an official proclamation ceremony.

Student Life

The President and Vice President recognize the need to create a twenty-four-hour workspace for students on campus. They also recognize the need for increased funding for on-campus mental health programs and are working in a multitude of ways to find that funding. Lastly, President Jeidy plans on creating a campus census. It will take a lot of preparation, but the work is needed in order to truly understand the needs of our students.

Get Out the Vote

One of the main goals SGA always has during election years is to try and get as many students out to vote as possible. This includes registering students to vote and giving them the resources to learn about what is on any upcoming ballot. The President and Vice President also hope to spread awareness about the building projects and improvements that are needed on campus through lobbying efforts in Madison.

Get Involved!

SGA is incredibly excited to get things moving this coming semester! We want to encourage everyone to get involved in any way they can. No experience necessary! If you are curious about how to get involved, stop on by the SGA office or message us on social media!



CASE Hosts Student Involvement Fair

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Despite the pouring rain and dreary weather, Campus Activities and Student Involvement (CASE) hosted an involvement fair in the Laird room of the Dreyfus University Center on Sept. 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. to further engage college students into the campus.

Sometimes having endless club opportunities advertised to students through the campus website can be overwhelming. Additionally, online information feels less meaningful when it's just words displayed on a computer screen. Involvement fairs can be the best way for students to discover different clubs and organizations by hearing directly from club members and learning about their firsthand experiences.

"Student organizations give life to the campus, and these involvement fairs are just an opportunity for them to put themselves out there," said alumnus Leigh Jentz, program assistant of CASE. "Involvement fairs give students the chance to meet about half of the student organizations we have here on campus."

Students are encouraged to participate in involvement fairs because it gives them the opportunity to hear from a member of the organization itself and describe the intent of their clubs to students passing by. UW-Stevens Point offers endless opportunities to students to get involved in their community, so there is a club for

just about anyone interested in having a chance to be a part of something bigger.

Each student club, regardless of how similar, has different intentions and opportunities to offer. Getting engaged can help students meet people with shared interests, build their resume, get involved in their community and learn more about their interests.

According to CASE's website, there are over 200 student organizations presented in the Stevens Point community that offer career, volunteer, and recreational activities. Involvement fairs are a great way to share these with the students, and there are also notifications online that keep everyone up to date on what is happening around Stevens Point.

Involvement fairs aren't only helpful getting students involved, it also gives a chance for organizations to spread word about what they're doing for the community. Brook Nagorski hosted the booth for Love Your Melon, a student organization made to provide entertainment and hats to children affected by cancer. Nagorski said, "It really gets our name out and helps us meet new faces. At the least it brings some attention to our cause."

With clubs constantly being created, changing, and developing, community members need to be informed about existing and upcoming clubs. Thankfully, CASE hosts an involvement fair each semester to fulfill that need.



First Climate Strike of 2019 School Year

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"We are all in the same boat so everyone should be concerned," said teenage activist Greta Thunberg about climate change. In 2018, Thunberg held a climate strike, marching solo in her home country of Sweden. Soon after, schools surrounding hers followed suit, then more and more. By March of the following year, over a million students had taken part in a climate strike.

Thunberg continues to strike in the name of the environment, encouraging people everywhere to do what they can, including taking part in their own strikes.

Stevens Point had the privilege of following in Thunberg's footsteps by hosting two climate strikes on September 20. The first strike of the day took place along Division Street at 11:30 a.m., and while only attended by about 30 people, still delivered a powerful message. The group of

strikers had no single demographic; from young children to older adults, and both men and women. Multiple dogs even attended the event.

Many of these strikers carried powerful signs and banners, showing them to both sides of traffic. Hopefully, the messages the group carried were seen by the large amount of gas-guzzling vehicles. If the banners were not seen, their chants were surely heard as the group screamed "Hey, hey, ho, ho, fossil fuels have got to go!"

The group not only stressed the importance of environmentalism in the general public but also in students. Michelle Van Berkel, mother of event organizer Olivia Van Berkel, spoke as to how students could do their part. She mentioned 350 Stevens Point, an environment group on campus devoted to lowering carbon emissions, as she talked about the importance of joining local organizations. She also talked about other ways students could do their part, such as biking and

walking instead of driving.

On a global level, Van Berkel talked about the impact of students, mentioning the incident with the Grand Canyon. Back in 2017, the Grand Canyon was underway to become a tourist attraction and hotel. The attraction has since been stopped by the U.S. government, and while a reason was not explicitly given, the numerous calls and letters from concerned citizens played a large part.

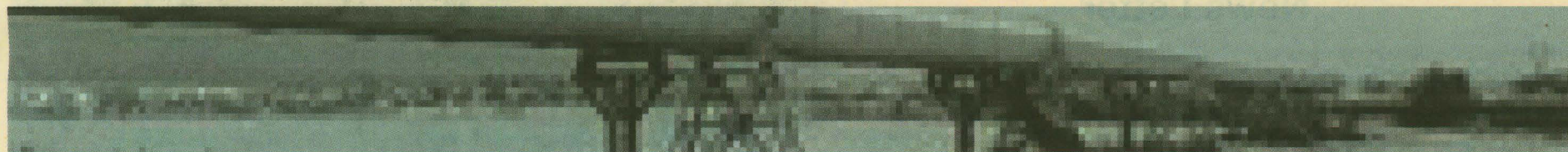
Students can fight climate change in many other ways as well. Cutting down meat intake has become increasingly popular, coining the phrase 'Meatless Mondays' to better spread the trend. By reducing the amount of animals consumed, especially cows and beef, it will create a lower demand and less resources will be given to animal farming. Unplugging devices not in use is another simple way students can do their part against climate change. Other options include buying more local produce, purchasing used

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goods or clothes instead of brand-new ones, and line-drying clothes.

The Stevens Point strikes were not alone in their marches, as over 1,000 marches were registered in the United States and even more were registered between 150 countries. There were over 600,000 participants in the United States, in addition to the over 3 million people who participated in other countries. More strikes will be held throughout the year, including another strike on November 29. Details on the November Strike can be found by signing up for the Climate Strike Youth Coalition email list.

This is not a one person effort. Any effort is better than none. Between all the options given to people in the modern world, there is no longer a reason to avoid doing your part. Whether it be walking more instead of driving or not eating as much meat everyday, everything matters. As Greta Thunberg stated, "We need everyone. There is nothing we can't do."



Line 3 Pipeline Avoids Minnesota Supreme Court Challenge

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The controversial and extensively studied Enbridge Line 3 pipeline project, which has faced stiff opposition from tribal and environmental groups, will not be challenged by the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The Line 3 replacement project, which was approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in 2018, will be allowed to continue through the permitting process. The Public Utilities Commission (PUC), however, will still need to address a June ruling from the Minnesota Court of Appeals that stated that the PUC, in its environmental impact statement (EIS), failed to address how an oil spill would impact Lake Superior. Because of issues with permitting, the Line 3 project has been delayed until the latter half of 2020.

Line 3, which is part of Enbridge's Mainline network, was built in the 1960s. It is a 1,097 mile-long pipeline that carries crude oil from Edmonton, Alberta Canada, across North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin before reaching its destination at a refinery in Superior, WI.

According to a statement from Enbridge, "The replacement of Line 3 is a \$2.6 billion dollar safety and maintenance investment in Minnesota's critical energy infrastructure. Replacing an aging pipeline with a new one made of thicker steel with advanced technology will help protect Minnesota's waters and communities

for generations to come. A recent study by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency found the upper Mississippi River is in great shape where six of our pipelines have operated for nearly 70 years."

The replacement project would restore the capacity of Line 3 to its original 760,000 barrels per day; it currently carries 370,000 barrels per day.

Enbridge and supporters of the replacement pipeline project say it is necessary to improve safety and protect energy supplies for the Midwest region, and would benefit the economy.

According to Enbridge, the Line 3 project would create 8,600 jobs over a two-year period, with at least half being local or union positions. The project would provide a boost to the Minnesota economy through design and construction as well as the purchase of construction and non-construction purchases made in the area. Additionally, Enbridge states that it pays more than \$30 million in Minnesota property taxes each year.

Those opposing the pipeline project - including environmental groups and several tribal governments from northern Minnesota - state that it may damage rivers, lakes, and wild rice beds, and that it also crosses treaty territory of Native Americans, and would contribute to the negative impacts of climate change and fossil fuel use. The Minnesota Department of Commerce, on the other hand, opposed Line 3 for economic reasons.

According to the website of Honor the Earth, the main organization leading the

"Stop Line 3" campaign, "Enbridge's Line 3 project would pump the world's dirtiest oil from Canada to Superior, crossing Ojibwe treaty land, wild rice lakes, and the headwaters of the Mississippi River. It would have the climate change impact of 50 coal power plants."

Jessycah Andersen is a UWSP student and Vice President of 350 Stevens Point, an environmental activist and awareness group on campus. Andersen, as well as 350 Stevens Point, hold similar concerns about the Line 3 project.

"Since we are a climate change activist group with concern for the different facets of environmental injustices," says Andersen, "we see too many negatives associated with this project than we see positives."

According to the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA), the Enbridge Mainline system in the U.S. and its subsidiaries have been responsible for 307 hazardous liquid incidents, or spills, between 2002 to August of 2018. During this period in Minnesota, PHMSA reports 61 Enbridge pipeline spills, that caused millions of dollars in damages to water resources and wildlife.

Since 2002, PHMSA has reported nearly \$1 billion in property damage caused by Enbridge spills.

"Enbridge as a company has a bad reputation for oil spills," says Andersen. She mentions the oil spill that impacted the Kalamazoo River in 2010, "that released more than 1,000,000 U.S. gallons of oil sands into a river in Michigan."

The Minnesota EIS states that the proposed Line 3 project route would cross 227 areas of surface water; this includes areas of high vulnerability water table aquifers, and areas with high susceptibility to groundwater contamination and high pollution sensitivity.

Because of these concerns, 350 Stevens Point will join many individuals and environmental organizations, including Honor the Earth, in a "Gichi-Gami Gathering to Stop Line 3" event in Duluth, Minnesota on Saturday, September 28th. The event will include a rally, march, and festival with family-friendly activities.

Andersen says that "The 'Stop Line 3' campaign arose out of collective concern about the pure disregard for indigenous rights and sacred land, threats of oil to clean water, and climate change."

Enbridge has received resistance and opposition to line 3 since 2014, when the Canadian oil company first applied for permits. And though Enbridge, as Andersen says, is 'getting closer and closer having legal contract to start construction', the project will likely continue to face strong opposition and challenges from legal firms, citizens, tribes, and environmental groups.

Anyone interested or passionate about this protest event or other environmental issues can come to 350 Stevens Point meetings, which are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in DUC 223.



Stevens Point Gets Big Win On and Off the Field

Jahi Stigall broke a tackle against Wabash linebacker, Jared Bertram while going 90 yards and one touchdown in the Pointers 31-28 victory against the Little Giants.

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The UWSP football team got two big wins on Saturday at their annual Pink Game, one on the field and one off the field. The football team won their game by a final score of 31-28 over Wabash with a great drive in the final two minutes of the game. Off the field, they raised over forty-thousand dollars to support the fight against cancer.

In an interview with head coach Greg Breitbach, he talked about what the team needed to do prior to their game and his expectations.

"I expect our team to perform well. We've had a good beginning, this week in our practice and preparation. We were a disciplined football team with zero turnovers and a total of three penalties. Played pretty good team football, we just didn't execute well in the red zone,

we were two of five in opportunities. We had chances to take the ball away on defense with three dropped interceptions that would've dramatically changed the game. And the result of those we lost a close ball game to a good football team on the road. So those are things we've focused on this week and make sure we take advantage of those and be efficient in the red zone," Breitbach said.

This is exactly what the Pointers did. Another game where the Pointers had zero turnovers and got a key turnover themselves that turned into seven points. The Pointers also capitalized their red zone opportunities with an 18-yard run and a seven-yard game-winning throw with 1:23 remaining.

Offensively the Pointers were led by their QB, Matt Urmanski. Who completed 24 passes for 329 yards and had three touchdowns. Touchdowns went to Joe Aguilera on a 64-yard pass, Jonte Webb on a 35-yard pass, and Devin Baldrige

on the game-winning seven-yard pass. The rushing game was controlled by Jahi Stigall who went for 90 yards and one touchdown. Victor Ponterio also added a 29-yard field goal. Kameron Kryzanski who had eight tackles was followed by Felix King, James Fay, and Berkley Corvino tallying six tackles each. The turnover by the defense came from Jacob Morgan when he got to the Wabash quarterback and stripped him of the ball. It was recovered by Michael Stephenson. The Pointers took advantage and scored just two plays later.

Off the field, Greg talked about what the game meant to the city of Stevens Point and what it meant to him as the head coach of Pointer football.

"Just unique to Stevens Point, unique to our football program. I'm just proud of being able to work at a program like this that does something as impactful as the pink game. I think Tim Schierl and the Schierl company had a great vision 10

years ago and by bringing that vision forward and continuing on with it over 10 years has made a dramatic impact in the fight against cancer by raising the awareness of cancer prevention and so for us to have a game that helps raise the amount of money that it has towards raising the awareness in the fight against cancer. It's just really great to be part of it and it's more than just scored on the scoreboard it's truly unifying central Wisconsin, Stevens Point, UWSP, business owners like Tim Schierl and the Schierl company and trying to make an impact on the people in central Wisconsin and the people here in Stevens Point. I'm just really proud of our program, proud of our University, proud of our football players for this pink game." Breitbach stated. For the team and the city of Stevens Point, it was a big win. Looking ahead the Pointers play an away against Dakota State University this coming Saturday at four o'clock.



High Hopes for Women's Volleyball Team

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Starting the season with high hopes for themselves, the UWSP Women's Volleyball team is off to a dynamic start.

With a current record of 10-3, Head Coach Lyndsay Kooi believes that this year's team has great potential to finish in the top two in the WIAC conference. "Arguably our conference is the most competitive conferences in Division III in the country. So, that is a really big goal that we believe we can reach."

In addition to the team's high expectations for their regular season, Coach Kooi hopes for the team to go into the conference tournament, play, win it, and get the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. "Our program historically has high success from the NCAA tournament. In 2013 and '14, we made it to the final four. And then 2015, we made it to the second

round, and since 2015 we haven't been back in the NCAA's and so that is a huge goal of our teams and they wouldn't have created that goal if they didn't think they could do it."

The hard work that they have ahead of them is nothing compared to the team's work ethic and drive. Coach Kooi says one of the team's biggest strengths is their "dynamic of learning how to fight in crucial moments, that is something that is really hard to find: that fight. Even if you think we're gonna lose, we're gonna find a way to come back and finish and win, so that is a diamond in the rough kind of thing that our team has."

Kooi says that she also has to give credit to players Tara Emme and April Gehl. "I have to give credit to Tara and April, who are our two seniors this year. They are our lead scorers at the pins. Tara is a right side, April is a second-team All-American from last year. Right now, she is first in the nation in kills. I give them huge credit. They are our leaders, they are go-get-

ters in tough situations, they say "Give me the ball, I'm gonna put it down.""

No matter how good any team is, Kooi recognizes that there is always room for improvement. The team is "still finding ways to get our middles the ball more; so again with being able to get better digs defensively. We are still working on being an aggressive serving team because again, first ball contact: you serve a ball aggressive you can get the other team out of system."

Despite all of the tough work that the girls have put in and will continue to put in over the course of their season, they are still focused on putting the team first. "We talk about if one person's not on board our train, you're completely turning our train in the wrong direction, even if it's only one person. We talk about what championship teams look like. Championship teams look like they never give up. They constantly communicate with one another, they constantly have the fight and energy to get better, and they

respect each other and take care of each other, like, even if someone is struggling, they build that person up."

As with any team and with any season, there will always be losses and there will always be setbacks, but Kooi says, "I think we can learn from them and not be doom and gloom. Sometimes I think you need those 'kick-in-the-butt' moments to make you realize, okay, there are still some weaknesses that we need to work on rather than if you are 10-0, you think you're perfect and you don't have to get better. So we take those losses, we take those setbacks as opportunities to see our weaknesses so hopefully that continues to make them hungry in practice."

The UWSP Women's Volleyball team is set to play at UW-River Falls on Sept. 18, opening up their WIAC conference tournament. Then, they have their second Pointers Invitational hosting North Park University, Millikin University, University of St. Thomas and UW-Stout Sept 20-25.

Sports of The Week

UW-SP Athletic Calendar:
Sept. 28- Oct. 10th

Women's Volleyball

At Loras College September 28th @ 2:00 p.m.

At University of Dubuque September 28th 4:00 p.m.

At UW-Platteville October 5th @ 7:00 p.m.

Vs UW-Oshkosh October 9th 7:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Vs Wesleyan University September 28th @ 1:00 p.m.

Vs Loras College September 29th 2:00 p.m.

At UW-Stout October 5th @ 2:00 p.m.

Vs UW- Eau Claire October 9th @ 4:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis

At UW-Oshkosh September 26th @ 3:00 p.m.

At Lakeland September 27th @ 4:00 p.m.

At Waukesha vs Marian University and Carroll University September 29th @ 12:00 p.m.

Vs UW-Whitewater October 1st @ 3:00 p.m.

Vs North Central College October 2 @ 1:00 p.m.

At Milwaukee School of Engineering October 5th @ 3:00 p.m.

Cross Country

At Cuba City September 28th @ 10:30 a.m.

At Bluegold Invite October 4th @ 4:15 p.m.

Women's Golf

Mad Dawg Invite September 28th & 29th @ 1 p.m. & 9 p.m.

WIAC Championship at Reedsburg, WI October 4th, 5th, 6th

Swimming and Diving

Purple and Gold -Parents Day October 5th @ 1:00 p.m.

Football

Vs UW-River Falls October 5th @ 2:00 p.m.

Pointer Profiles

These profiles are to highlight student athletes that have been competing for UWSP.

Pointer Profile- Tara Emme

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Year: Senior

When did you start playing volleyball? "Well, first my parents kind of just threw me into it, and I found out that I loved it. I think I just liked being on a team and at the time my parents were my coaches, so I felt more comfortable. So I

felt that was a good foundation to start at was being around familiar faces and then once high school hit, I started club and that's where I was like 'Wow I really love this sport, like, I could do this till I die,' and then I thought about doing college and now I'm here."

What other sports have you played? "I was in track, softball and basketball."

What would you consider a successful season for yourself? "I would just say that a successful season would just be at the end of the day asking myself 'Did I work as hard as I could ever work? Like, is there any point after this that I could work harder?' and if I could answer, like, 'Yes, I did all that I could,' then I would consider that a success for me. Stats really don't matter as much to me as having a work ethic and how you impact people on the court around you."

Where do you see yourself in five years? "In five years, I want to be teaching - hopefully high school physical education and health education. I would also want to coach high school volleyball; that is the goal at the end of the day."

What is your favorite part about playing volleyball? "My favorite part is being with my teammates and my friends and having that drive and that grind to do good and to win and that competitive attitude I love a lot of energy a lot of fire on the court that would probably be my favorite part."

If you could give one piece of advice to incoming freshmen what would it be? "I would say that this is probably one of the last opportunities to be successful athletically before you get into the real world, so take it all in and don't have any regrets. Work as hard as you can and just soak it all in because it could be done at any time."

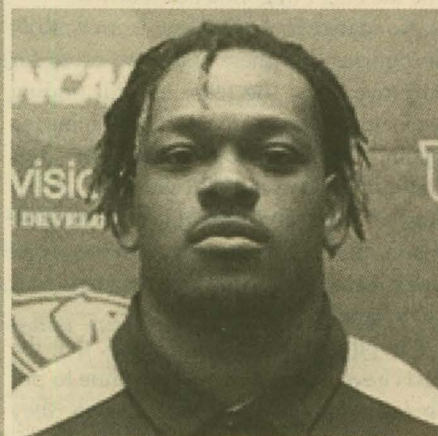
Favorite food? "Chicken Tenders from Culvers."

Favorite Color? "Light Purple."

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

Pointer Profile: Jalen Burks

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Year: 2020

When did you start playing football? "When I was 11 years old."

Why did you start playing? "I always wanted to play football. In my elementary school they brought sheets of paper for kids to join football. I just always knew I wanted to play football. So I took it home to my momma and my brothers signed me up and I went and played."

Did you play any other sports? "I played basketball."

What would you consider a successful season for yourself? "For my position, allowing no sacks. Helping my team however I can."

Where do you see yourself in five years? "I see myself still playing football at the next level or coaching at the college football level."

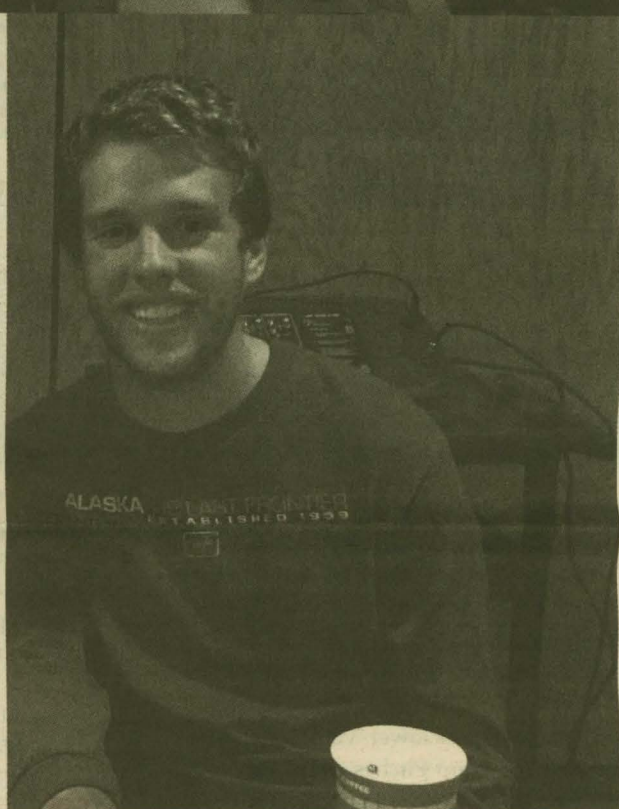
What is your favorite part about football? "Probably the camaraderie with the guys and then having something to be competitive about, I'm a real competitive person."

Favorite food? Tacos.

Favorite color? Blue

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go? Sierra Leone in Africa, that's where my people are from.

If you could give advice to an incoming freshman, what would it be? Make sure you love the game of football, because you will be tested. And just give it your all, the sky is the limit, if you go hard at it the sky is the limit.



Wacky Categories, Camaraderie, and Free Pizza: Seasoned Trivia Team "Steak Sauce" takes all.

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Last Tuesday evening, Point's most refined nerds - and the majority of the freshman class - filled the Basement Brewhaus to the brim for the bi-weekly Trivia Night. With free Topper's Pizza at stake, students were scrambling and jumping up and down for answers. This event's assorted categories were as follows: state slogans, video games, Wisconsin, space, drivers ed, shots (booze), animals, name that movie character, Star Wars, and U.S. presidents.

With a whopping total of twenty-two teams, this week's competition was especially hot. Marit Larson, host and Events and Promotions Coordinator of Center-tainment, had mentioned that the teams are usually quite a bit smaller.

"Last year, our biggest Trivia was our Disney Trivia. We probably got like forty teams, and then we ended up dropping off to about ten teams of trivia, so it was a nice change of pace tonight."

As I went around and spoke with the various contestants, I found that a good

majority of them were freshman. Most of the attendants were either looking to make new friends, kill time, or just wanted to be more involved.

Being a freshman myself, I know that we are notorious for attending every given event these first few weeks. Ben VanderLogt, Center-tainment Coordinator and co-host, had noticed this, explaining that the freshman class is "giddy" and excited to discover what our campus has to offer.

The room echoed with laughter, the clunk of pool balls, and competitive babbling. I was astonished at the random knowledge that these students store in their noggins. Some were able to name the full Apollo 11 crew on the fly, name unusual traffic regulations more than three years after drivers ed, or could identify obscure U.S. Presidents just by looking at their pictures - or maybe they cheated with their phones. Do you know what planet Chewbacca is from? I sure don't.

This week's wacky assortment of categories came from Mr. VanderLogt's brain, merely by whim. The hosts shared that

they've been experimenting between the random and more specialized categories last semester. For example, they would do an event solely for Harry Potter trivia or, perhaps, Green Bay Packer Trivia. Their concern with the specified trivia, as Marit Larson noted, is that it doesn't always reach the entirety of our student population.

Ally Beyer, seasoned trivia nut and sophomore, had emphasized that she actually prefers the specialized categories. Member of the team, "Steak Sauce," Ally had attended every trivia night last year. She and her team gushed about how much they love Tuesday Trivia; the camaraderie and competitive atmosphere keeps them coming back.

Anna Koener, sophomore and an additional member of "Steak Sauce," had explained how trivia night gives her and her friends an opportunity to make time for each other.

"This whole group came last year all the time and we made it a tradition. It's just fun, and it's a nice time for us to get together as a group and hang out. We have busy schedules and everyone's al-

ways doing something different."

After a mass of tiebreakers, chaotic noise, and students running answer sheets back and forth, the winner would finally be announced. Marit Larson called for a drum roll as students beat their feet and hands against whatever surface they could find. The winner, of course, was "Steak Sauce"!

It goes without saying that our champions were well-deserving, coming to the top after multiple challenges. But the loyal team kept grillin' even when the steaks were high. They were rewarded with what every college kid dreams of: free tuition. No... I'm just kidding. They got free pizza and Toppersticks - a reward that only took years worth of investment.

If you like free food or are simply looking for something to do, come on down to the Basement Brewhaus every second and fourth Tuesday evening. Toppers isn't the only thing on the table; you can also get free Brewbucks if you win the round. Use them to get coffee, pop, and if you're of age, beer. Bring your smartest friends to steal answers from, and get ready to compete!



A Capella Hosts Open Mic Nights For New Recruits

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A new organization on campus, A Capella UWSP, hosted an Open Mic Night this past Friday, September 13, to find new voices and bring exposure to this unique organization that not many people know about on campus.

A Capella is a form of singing that doesn't use instruments; it's all used by their mouths.

There are four groups on campus to be a part of. On Point is an all-mens group gearing towards lower voice types like basses. The Point Pitches are made up of all women with soprano and alto voice types. No Strings Attached are co-ed of sopranos, altos, tenors, and base. Sforzando, the newest group made, are a co-ed group as well.

Acaworkshop is another group on campus that they have created. It is a non-audition group and less of a commitment time-wise, but the same caliber of

what you learn from the other a Capella groups. It's another opportunity for people to still get involved but in way that can work in student's schedule if they can't fit any of the other four in.

These organizations put on a variety of activities to take part in. There are monthly meetings the campus is able to attend and learn more about, lots of fundraisers in the community, game nights and other events such as open mic nights, for their recruitment process.

Mollie Scheck, President of the Point Pitches and Vice President of A Capella UWSP, mentions what students can expect from the singing organizations this year.

"Definitely expect improvement overall. We've been evolving and expanding in our abilities of what we can do and number of groups we have, since being created a few years ago. And increasing our presence on campus so more people see us and want to join."

Open Mic nights are a night of karaoke,

hanging with friends, and seeing what a capella all is about. Scheck plugs that there's also free food!

This talented and creative organization was just created back in 2015, with On Point being the first group formed.

Besides the open mic nights, each group has their own audition times and requirements. For On Point, their audition is September 20 from 4-6 p.m. in Noel Fine Arts Center or NFAC 201. Contact Ty Smukowski at tsmuk917@uwsp.edu for audition information and questions.

For the Point Pitches, auditions have already passed, but if you're still interested, contact Mollie Schenk at msche468@uwsp.edu

No Strings Attached has auditions on September 19th and Friday the 20th from 3-5 p.m. Room details will be announced soon and any inquiries should be sent to Jasmine Brown at jbrow872@uwsp.edu

Sforzando have yet to find dates, times and a location for their auditions but you can email Melanie Miller at mmill846@

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Acaworkshop's first meeting is September 24 at 6 p.m. and will meet every Tuesday in NFAC 361. Contact Morgan Tillmann at mtill917@uwsp.edu

Kelsey Wilch, PR Coordinator and Performance Manager for The Point Pitches, mentions by joining a Capella, she has gained experience she will use in her future career.

"It's more than just singing. It's a home away from home."

Wilch also encourages everyone go to out there and find what you love; to try something new and see what you're capable of.

Schenck has her final words of advice on why to come out: "It's a great way to meet and make new friends for life! I've met some of my best friends through a Capella."

Follow them on SPIN at 'A Capella UWSP' and their social media accounts for more information on A Capella UWSP and each individual group.

Mentalist Brian Ledbetter Holds a Night of Entertainment

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Life is full of illusions and tricks of the mind. Such is the very nature of magic and mentalism itself. In this spirit, Centertainment invites mentalists, hypnotists, and magicians to our beautiful campus for the entertainment of its student body. This past Saturday night, September 21, UWSP was visited by Mentalist Brian Ledbetter for a night of illusions and amazement.

One of the many free-with-your-student I.D. events that Centertainment holds throughout the year, students and even local Stevens Point residents spent the evening in the Dreyfus University Center to be amazed for an hour. Mentalism often involves psychic-seeming feats performed live before an audience

Centertainment Productions event pro-

ducer Erykah Williams described the process of picking the mentalist, which begins roughly a semester before the performer comes. "Mentalist shows generally go well. They get a good audience. People really enjoy magic shows," said Williams. "It's nice to see people's reactions. Their faces light up. And they're wondering 'How did they do that?' It's really cool."

Williams was not wrong. The night began with an almost full house in The Encore. Students and residents piled into the venue excitedly with friends and family members to get good seats. The opened with an act based in simple but entertaining card tricks that later on in the show evolved into feats such as telekinesis and a trick he calls sightless vision, a trick that Ledbetter explained he does not do too often anymore.

A mentalist since the age of twelve,

Ledbetter in an interview said, "My biggest goals have always been to work colleges, cruise ships, and theatre. I do a lot of different types of things with a lot of different types of venues. It keeps me on my toes. I never get bored."

While the mentalist was only on campus for an hour, students and residents that attended the show experienced a show that was, not only entertaining but audience inclusive. The inclusion of random audience members in tricks sparked visibly joyous reactions from most of the attendees.

After a truly astounding performance, audience members were in awe of the show and the mentalist. The night wound down with one last trick that involved an audience member by the name of Hannah.

Ledbetter gave Hannah a sealed envelope, then allowed random audience

members to create an imaginary date that they went on; a Madlib of sorts. These answers included specific places like Parker, Co, and famous chain restaurant Chuck E. Cheese. When the envelope was opened, Members of the audience were particularly wowed when the details described by audience members were on a note sealed inside the envelope. "I was shaking - completely shaking"

Audience participant Hannah couldn't believe her eyes when her name appeared. Audience members said that they not only appreciated that show but would definitely go to another and bring their friends to similar Centertainment-sponsored events. Show goers were quoted as saying, "I'd never seen anything like this before." and "The whole time I was wondering, how is he doing this?"



Avengers Endgame: Too Long to be Good?

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On Sept. 12 and Sept. 14, Centertainment hosted two showings of the global cinematic sensation "Avengers: Endgame." Many attended the event, held in the Dreyfus University Center Theater. This is one of Centertainment's first events of the year and they will be hosting another movie showing, "Men in Black: International," Sept. 19 and Sept. 21.

Students overall had a good time at the event, complimenting Centertainment's choice of movies and times. There was a showing at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.; times that allowed both early birds and night owls to enjoy the movie at a time convenient to them. Students agreed there were no improvements to be made and they looked forward to more events held by Centertainment in the future.

If you have not yet seen "Avengers: Endgame," this review is safe for now but the paragraphs following this may contain spoilers, so read at your own risk.

Overall, many people spoken to rated it at a 9/10, and for the most part, I agree. It was designed, directed, performed, and edited well. I only had one major problem with the film and that was the length. As a former movie theater employee, long movies sucked; it meant being out until almost 11 p.m. on school nights, never-ending refills, and the messiest, mean-

est customers when I told them it was too late to make more popcorn. So, my vendetta against the movie's hour runtime is really quite personal.

Robert Downey Jr.'s performance as Tony Stark was incredible. It held a lot of raw emotions and his arc throughout the movie was better played than wrote. I believe few actors have a strong connection to their character as RDJ has to Stark. If it doesn't at least receive a nomination at the Oscars, I might just riot.

Truly every actor in the film did a great job with their character, but given the script and nature of the movie, RDJ had the most to work with and did so phenomenally.

The movie of course has flaws and if you are an over-thinker or an over-analyzer, I wouldn't recommend this movie for a few years. There are parts left open or unsolved until future movies deal with them. Another downside to this movie is that it's not just a sequel, it's part of a huge universe of movies. If you want to understand this movie as best as possible, you need to watch a lot of other movies in the franchise first. If you like complex worldbuilding and character arcs, then this is no problem. However, if you are a more casual movie watcher, this might hinder you from watching.

Now if you don't want spoilers, now would be the time to hop off. First of all, the scene where all the Marvel women

stand over Peter Parker in the final fight was one of my favorites. I know it wasn't popular but this scene gave smaller characters a moment of recognition and importance, such as Shuri, Okoye, Mantis, and Valkyrie. This scene made the fight feel more unified and united the characters in a no-hero-left-behind sort of way. No single character won the fight and the scene proved that.

One behind-the-scenes fact I found appalling was about the funeral scene. According to a few actors in the movie, they were told Tony Stark's funeral was supposed to be a wedding. The two have very different energies, reactions, and vibes. No one would react the same at both. I highly doubt anyone went into this movie thinking every character would survive, so they could have just not specified whose funeral it was.

Also, Natasha deserved her funeral in the movie, even if it was short. It didn't need to be as big as Stark's since his funeral was (and should) be the character's last big moment. Black Widow, on the other hand, still hasn't had her movie yet, so her funeral could have been a short, yet intimate scene. It could have just been a minute long and it would have added so much to the film.

The movie brought Roger's Captain America and Stark's Iron Man to a beautiful finale, which I believe was necessary. The two, alongside Thor, have brought

Marvel to fame and have somewhat carried the franchise up until this point. The two have had full, long character arcs and don't have much, if any, ground to tread.

If not for "Avengers: Infinity War," I'd argue Thor's arc could have ended there as well. He needs to learn his power isn't his weapon, something he learned in "Thor: Ragnarok," but "Avengers: Infinity War" reversed that lesson, and reconnect with Loki.

The movie was hyped by the press to have the first out LGBTQ+ character in the MCU. This turned out to be queer bait as the character was essentially unimportant and was on screen for one whole minute. However, Valkyrie was recently announced to be bisexual. I believe they should have shown Valkyrie's bisexuality in "Thor: Ragnarok," or Marvel could have waited for "Thor: Love and Thunder" or another movie where the first out LGBTQ+ character could be more than a half-hearted cameo.

Overall, the movie, while long, still holds up. It accomplished what it wanted to and much more, setting up potential for future MCU movies and characters while completing other character's arcs. I would recommend this movie to anyone who loves complex sci-fi series, but I wouldn't recommend it to anyone who doesn't like these kinds of movies. I look forward to future MCU movies that answer the questions Avengers: Endgame left behind.

90FM Music Column

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Top Ten Albums

1. Caravan Palace- Chronologic
2. Boy Scouts- Free Company
3. The Babe Rainbow- Today
4. Oh Rose- While My Father Sleeps
5. Sons of East- Nothing Comes Easy
6. Scott Fisher- Songs of Jerry Garcia and Others
7. The Dead South- Sugar & Joy
8. Rayland Baxter- Good Mornin
9. Bon Iver- i,i
10. Ceremony- In the Spirit World Now

90FM Music Director's Top Add of The Week – Album Review

Sampa The Great- The Return

"Music was an acceptance. Everything I'm doing has to have a purpose and a meaning. Your mu-

sic is a piece of you that you are giving up and sharing," said Sampa Tempo in an interview with Red Bull Music. September 13th marked the release of Sampa The Great's debut full-length studio album, "The Return." This hip-hop album is an open letter sharing the struggle of never knowing where you should be in a discriminative world.

Born in Zambia in 1994, she never lost her African roots. She moved to San Francisco at the age of 18 and used the creative atmosphere to find herself. "I think that's where the character of who Sampa The Great, Sampa Tembo, is today was born. I learnt more about myself as an African through my travels outside of Af-

rica than in Africa," Sampa said on NPR Music.

Historic African musical influence is a breath of fresh air in the current hip-hop climate. "The Return" brings outstanding rhythmic vocal delivery and creative percussion grooves. For any fans of Anderson Paak, Kendrick Lamar, or Thundercat, "The Return" proves the future of hip-hop is female.

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