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## Is Stevens Point the NEW Los Angeles?!

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The city of Stevens Point may be experiencing a major paradigm shift.

For years, the urban metropolis of Stevens Point has been attracting venture capitalists, technology innovators and prominent Instagram influencers alike. Now boasting the largest population in the Midwest region, this hip city has attracted folks from all around the world.

It's been compared to many of the largest cities in the world, including Tokyo, Dehli, and Paris. But now, according to cutting-edge new research and data analysis from the Center for Urban Density Research and Population Dynamics, the "Gateway to the Pineries" city of Stevens Point may be the new Los Angeles of the Midwest.

Johnson Apples is a current Stevens Point resident who previously lived in LA for 32 years. Apples says that he wholeheartedly agrees with the new research results.

"When I moved to Stevens Point, I couldn't even tell the difference between the two cities," says Apples. "In fact, I even sometimes forgot where I was!"

LA, known for its world-famous hazy, air-polluted sunsets and the longest-running housing shortage crisis in America (circa 1781), also boasts some of the highest quality produce in the country. Just like in Stevens Point, fresh food is ripe for the picking in the City of Angels.

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## Danny Devito to Take over as Chancellor

Danny Devito announcing he will take over as chancellor.  
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Current Chancellor Bernie Patterson announced last month that he will be retiring from his current position. Patterson has spent over four decades in the college education system, starting as a professor and working his way up to chancellor.

He will hold his position until Dec. of 2020 so UWSP has plenty of time to find a replacement. Although it looks like all that time was unnecessary as the university already has a new chancellor lined up; Danny Devito.

Patterson and Devito were up against each other for consideration to become UWSP's chancellor. Patterson was chosen and the decade long rivalry between the two began. Devito had actually been ready to settle away from Hollywood but when Patterson received the job over him, he moved back to his lair in California to start planning.

Once Patterson's retirement went public, Devito was quick to put in his application and even quicker to get chosen.

Danny Devito announced his plan to overthrow Patterson back in 2011 but got caught up in his acting career to truly take over the UWSP. Right before Devito was about to put his plan into action, he

was offered his role in "The Lorax" and decided speaking for the trees was more important than speaking for the students.

Devito tried once again to steal the position from Patterson in 2017 but "Jumanji: The Next Level" started filming and he got sidetracked once again.

He has also announced some of his goals for Stevens Point. Devito appreciates Stevens Point's efforts towards a green campus but doesn't think it's enough. He is creating a new job for students called mini Loraxing. He will pay students from his own pocket to stand by some trees and yell at anyone who tries to touch it. If they are wearing a green suit and asking themselves how bad can they possibly be, the students have permission to put their mattresses in a river while they sleep.

While the environment is very important to Danny Devito, the first item of his agenda is to rename the Basement Brewhaus as Paddy's Pub.

Many students are confused by Devito's insistence that he change the name of the Brewhaus. However, they are even more confused by his idea to replace all advisors and mentors on campus with penguins. Devito allegedly said, "the best advice I've ever gotten is from pen-

guins... human knowledge can't compare to that of sewer penguins."

As a major sports fan, he has a plan for the Pointer sports teams as well. Devito is mainly a basketball man and openly plans to introduce a new rule that at least three cartoon characters be on every sports team. Coaches are worried about how they are going to achieve this as the cartoon character acceptance rate at UWSP is less than 3 percent.

What's most shocking to students though is Devito's plan to fire vice-chancellor Al Thompson in order to replace him with his real-life actual twin brother Arnold Schwarzenegger. Devito explained, "It has nothing to do with family... Arnold is always saying he'll be back and I believe him."

Patterson is reluctant to hand the job over to Devito. He did everything in his power to prevent Devito from attempting to steal his position over the years. Some have allegedly claimed Patterson went as far as ghostwriting the script of multiple movies to ensure Devito stayed too busy to interfere.

However, he has no choice but to hand his title to Devito since he already announced his retirement and Devito called no take-backs.



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# Facebook Moms Fight for “Daddy”

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The Facebook group “Moms for Daddy” has been causing a ruckus in the Stevens Point community.

From protests and walk-outs to simple meetings, “Moms for Daddy” has been working hard to get their message known.

“I think that it is ridiculous what these stupid millennials are doing,” said group founder Karen Twitson. “My Facebook group, ‘Moms for Daddy,’ is fighting to combat the disgusting sexualization of fathers.”

Just what is Twitson talking about? While Oxford Dictionary simply defines the word daddy as “being one’s father,” Urban Dictionary says something a little different. Urban Dictionary is an online dictionary for slang, and generally defines daddy as “a name used... to address an older guy that they either have sexual relations with or sexual interest in... often used in the context of a dominant/submissive relationship.”

Another member of the Facebook

group, Karen Managers, shared her own experiences with the term daddy.

“Recently, my 19-year old daughter posted a picture of herself and her boyfriend on Instagram with the caption ‘Daddy’s little girl’ accompanied by some emoticons,” said Managers. “At first I was confused with what her father had to do with the post. However, upon further research I was disgusted to find that it was meant in a sexual way! I can’t look at my daughter the same way anymore.”

Twitson couldn’t agree more. “How dare they sexualize any word that has to do with parenting,” said Twitson. “Besides, it’s not like moms have ever been sexualized... why dads?”

Twitson also had some harsh words for those who use the term in a sexual manner.

“It’s not my fault your dad left you when you were young and now you have some strange kink that’s trying to fill that void in your heart,” said Twitson. “Daddy is meant to be a sweet and kind word that little children say, not something that horny college kids whisper to each other.”

While members of the group are happy to have others who feel the same way, students on campus feel a little differently.

“It’s crazy what these Facebook moms have been doing,” said junior sociology major and women’s and gender studies minor Shelia Manson. “They think that they’re proving a point, but chanting ‘daddy’ on the sidewalks of campus is nothing but funny. The only change that they’re making is providing a running joke for the entirety of the campus.”

Manson also disagreed with the idea that mothers have never been sexualized.

“There have been plenty of instances where mothers have been sexualized too,” said Manson. “Whether it be the word MILF or something like ‘Mami’ in Spanish-speaking cultures, they have plenty of sexualization of their own to go around.”

When asked about those who opposed her, Twitson simply had one thing to say. “Shun the unbelievers!”

More information on “Moms for Daddy” can be found on their Facebook group.



Facebook group “Moms for Daddy” spray paint buildings around Stevens Point to raise awareness for their cause.

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## Is Stevens Point the NEW Los Angeles?!

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The beautiful city of Stevens Point.

Photo by Nathan Dorn.

The LA grocery store and food culture is almost identical to Stevens Point. At your local LA food market, a large selection of vegan/gluten free/paleo/non-GMO/local/no-carb/dairy-free food items are available.

Find the biggest deals on items such as local avocados for only \$53.17 per pound and fair-trade, certified bottled organic kombucha for a meager \$17.99 each.

Looking for a quick and easy meal? Then look no further than the frozen aisle, where culinary delights such as chickpea-kale-acai-ginger superfood bowls and other meal options are available, starting at a low price of \$52 each.

In Stevens Point, high-class grocers feature comparable products and prices. Like looking in a mirror, Wisconsin Russet potatoes are unmistakable from large hass avocados, and are just a tad less expensive at \$0.99 per pound.

For a drink similar to kombucha, get your probiotic fix with a fresh quart of Wisconsin's finest whole milk for \$1.99. And for that delicious frozen meal, a venison, cheese and beer-crust pizza is available in the frozen section of your local grocery store or Kwik Trip.

Everybody loves dogs, and this is no different in LA or SP. A recent provocative study from Bark for Thought, a prominent think-tank on canine statistics, concluded that dog culture in both cities is "essentially the same."

The studies results were met with back-

lash from LA residents, who for years stated that the sheer number of dogs in purses and handbags automatically merits the top "woof" score in the country.

Famous actress, Angelina Jolie, is one LA resident that has publicly ridiculed the study.

"This is just stupid. And wrong," says Jolie. "LA always has and always will have the best dog culture in the world."

Stevens Point residents, however, have defended the study, claiming that being able to recognize a furry mass as a dog, as well as the ability of a dog to intimidate even a squirrel or fetch a ball, are important metrics that deserved to be included in the study.

"I bet those yippie, purse-loving LA 'dogs' couldn't fit a mallard in their mouth if they tried," says Joe Miller, local waterfowl hunter. "Stevens Point dogs are obviously the better dogs."

When it comes to weather, LA has been described as absolutely wonderful. With sunlight never lacking and an average daily temperature of 70 degrees, who could argue that LA has one of the most temperate and enjoyable climates in the country?

But according to the research, LA may have met its match.

With grey skies and an average daily temperature of -70 degrees, Stevens Point might as well be on the west coast. And to top it all off, the variety of weather conditions is never lacking: rainy and

cold, snowy and cold, windy and cold and, with luck, a mixture of all three in one day.

Let's also not forget the landscape and design of each city, respectively. The towering red and white pines of Stevens Point could easily be mistaken for the giant, metal skyscrapers of the city, and vice versa.

As far as green spaces go, SP and LA are on-par. There are some trees in LA, somewhere. The only difference is that, in Stevens Point, there are just a couple more trees.

Looking for solitude and quiet? Whether in LA or SP, you're in luck!

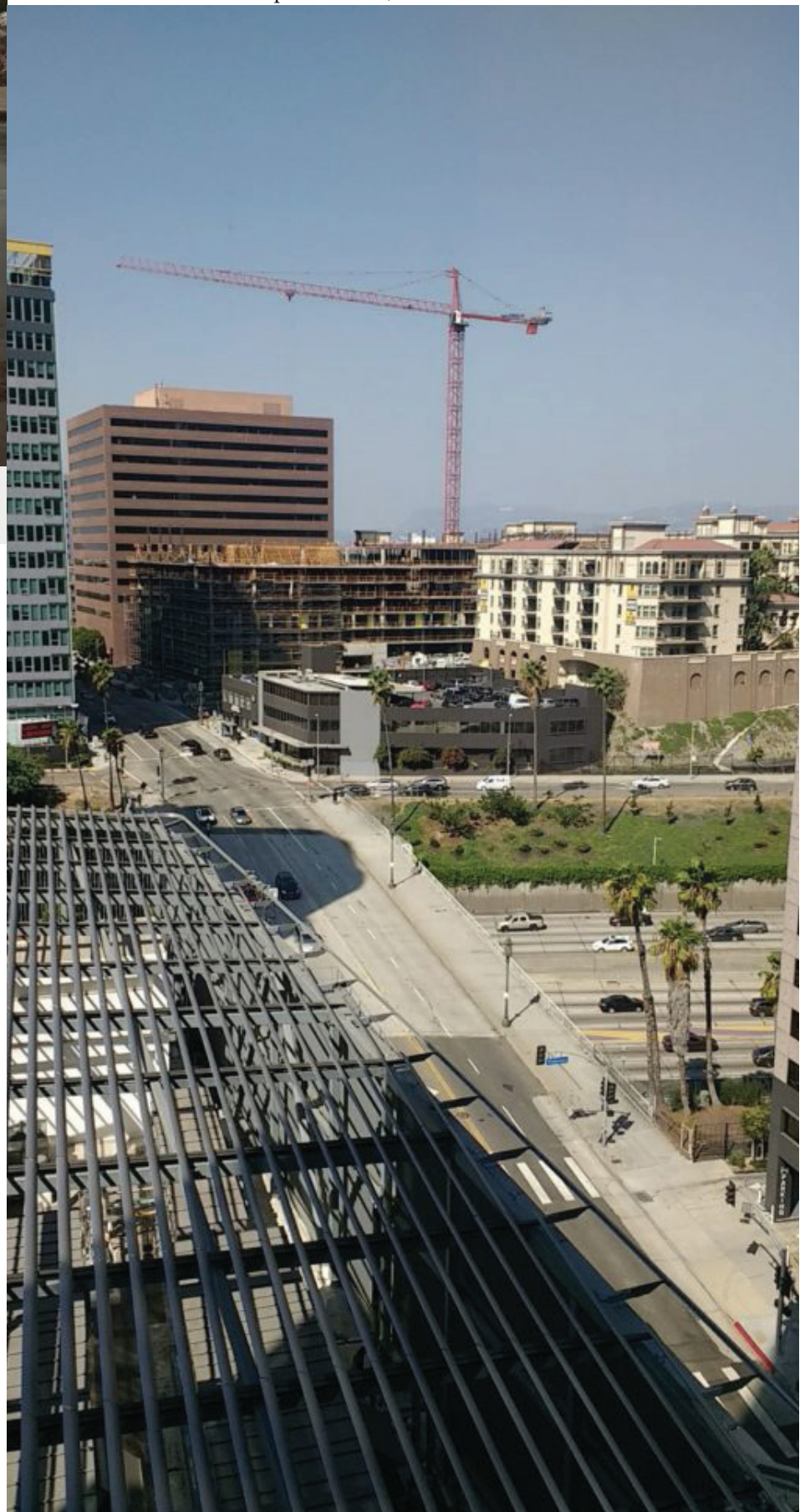
In LA, just follow a few simple steps to find that peaceful quiet and solitude. First, make sure it's exactly 3:34 a.m. Second, put ear plugs in, ear muffs on and a thick winter beanie on top. And third,

crawl under your bed and hope for the best.

In SP, it's a bit more difficult, so do try and keep up. Step one, go anywhere in the city. After that, you can expect zero noise, distractions and a lack of anything interesting happening.

"While LA is a pretty noiseless place, I just love the peace and quiet of Stevens Point," says Stevens Point resident, Billy Hawthorn. "Personally, my go-to and absolute favorite meditation spot is at the corner of Division and Ellis Street."

With all it has to offer, Stevens Point is gaining national and global renown on its way to becoming the "LA of the Midwest." While it may not seem obvious at first, taking a closer look at each city reveals the deeper truth: Stevens Point is basically LA.



Skyscrapers are just like the pine trees of Stevens Point. Also pictured is one of a few green spaces in the city of LA.

Photo courtesy of Naomi Albert.



# UWSP Chancellor Enters Presidential Race

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Bernie Patterson, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Chancellor, has decided to enter the 2020 Presidential Race.

Patterson, who recently announced his retirement at the end of 2020, shocked the country with his announcement. His devoted fan base in the Stevens Point community, however, did not find his decision as much of a surprise.

"I wasn't surprised at all by his decision, no siree," says Sandra Chips, a local Patterson supporter who's written in his name on every election ballot since she can remember. "Bernie's always been a leader, a thought leader, and a true fighter for the average American and college student."

According to an official statement from

the "Put Patterson in that Presidential Place" campaign, the 14th chancellor of UWSP has declared he is running as an Independent. This has led many in the Stevens Point community and elsewhere to wonder what issues he plans to run his campaign on.

Patty Bernison, spokeswoman for the Patterson campaign, has provided some information about the political newcomer's plans.

"Bernie plans to run a different kind of campaign: devoid of political mumbo jumbo, big money and consideration for the entire U.S.," says Bernison. "What this country really needs, and what Patterson will achieve as president, is to put the priorities of the Stevens Point community at the political helm of his country."

Specifically, says Bernison, a Patterson Administration will expand Schmeck-

le Reserve to cover a vast majority of the continental U.S., create at least three UWSP branch campuses in every state, and ensure that every American has the right to eat at a DeBot-inspired dining facility in their home state.

As of right now, the Patterson campaign has planned rallies at the Dreyfus University Center and Partners Pub and Grill on April 10 and 16, respectively.

Buck Cooper, Plover resident and avid deer hunter, has said he intends on attending the Patterson rally at Partners.

"It's about time this country woke up to the fact that the Stevens Point community, and its interests, should be the focus of this country," says Cooper. "I'm going to the rally to voice my support for a candidate that puts Point first. Also, karaoke is that night."

While Patterson's announcement has been met with excitement, it has also been met with confusion and opposition.

One such person, Stevens Point resident Timothy Shingles, questions the sanity of Patterson's decision.

"I don't get it!" says Shingles. "This a joke right? Seriously, can someone tell me this is a joke? I am not kidding around. I am very confused about what's going on."

Venture capitalist and self-described "Neo-Marxist Anarchist", Mark Engels, has decried Patterson's presidential bid as "folly" and "recklessness to the highest degree."

"A Patterson presidency would be taking the country in the wrong direction in

every conceivable way," says Engels. "We need a real leader to run this country, before tearing it down, brick-by-brick."

Engels, along with other opponents, have also voiced concerns about the issue of "Bernie-oversaturation" in the 2020 presidential race (now trending on Twitter).

"Look, look. Here's what I think, and this is truly what I think, about all this Bernie Patterson nonsense," said Sanders at a recent rally. "Patterson represents the political establishment, trillionaire class and the one percent. This country requires unprecedented change for workers, students and the human rights of every American. I am the real Bernie this country needs right now."

The Patterson campaign, which has refused to respond to Sander's comments, does face an uphill battle for 2020.

Running against a likely Biden Democratic and Trump Republican ticket, Patterson has a lot of work to do. Before the November 3 presidential election, he needs to quickly gain broad support and traction in a competitive race for the White House.

"Look, we know it won't be easy," says Bernison. "But this is a race that Mr. Patterson can win. With the support of the Stevens Point community behind us, there's no challenge we cannot overcome."

For more information on Patterson's presidential campaign, visit [www.pattersonforpresident.com](http://www.pattersonforpresident.com), or check him out on Twitter @therealBerniePatterson.



Bernie Patterson speaking at a recent news conference regarding his 2020 presidential bid.

Photo courtesy of UWSP.



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Bernie Patterson speaking at a recent news conference regarding his 2020 presidential bid.

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## Wisconsin's "Essential" Businesses Spark Controversy



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As the Coronavirus spreads throughout America, only businesses considered essential are permitted to stay open. However, what makes a business essential? The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines the word "essential" as something being of "the utmost importance." Nonessential businesses, on the other hand, are described to be businesses that are for leisure, such as gyms and movie theaters.

There have been many arguments about which businesses should be considered essential as many are forced to shut down during these trying times. In Wisconsin specifically, controversy has soared as many businesses that many would deem unessential are allowed to stay open. For example, liquor stores.

Liquor stores around the state have been allowed to remain open, being called an essential business. Third-year business major Jack Daniels agrees with the label of essential.

"This is Wisconsin. Of course liquor stores are an essential business," said Daniels. "Drinking is part of our culture, and culture is necessary for survival. Therefore, liquor is necessary to survival here in Wisconsin!"

Another type of business that some would deem nonessential is fast food. Grocery stores are open, so why are fast food locations allowed to stay open? Sophomore dietetics Major Ronald Hamburg has an idea.

"Sure, grocery stores are open, but that is so much more expensive than places like McDonalds," said Hamburg. "You can get your protein and veggies in one meal for just a dollar! I can't see a single reason why fast food restaurants shouldn't be open."

In the end, it is the choice of the government on what businesses are considered essential or not.

Senior Pre-med student Ima Doctor does have some words of advice for students as the COVID-19 epidemic takes over.

"Don't be stupid," said Doctor. "Keep at least six feet away from all people. Don't go outside unless you have to. And most importantly, wash your hands. ALL. THE. TIME."



## Donating Plasma is a Governmental Scheme to Collect Data on the People.

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The debate of ethicality regarding plasma donations for money has circled around for some time now, especially in places that are abundant in college students who need the money after funneling all their money into the education system. I'm here to put this debate to an end.

Although beneficial to medical centers and empty bank accounts, plasma donations have a plethora of underlying problems. One of which is what they're really using it for. The plasma centers are feeding on the electrolytes of broke college students, and the plasma might not be going where they claim it is.

The collected plasma is allegedly used to save people

suffering through medical conditions such as immune system conditions, bleeding and respiratory disorders, and blood transfusions; with the current pandemic flooding the world, plasma centers most likely need donations more than ever. People are being hospitalized at exponential rates with the coronavirus, and other medical issues that arise throughout the normal course of time aren't slowing down either.

However, how do we know they're using the plasma to solve these crucial issues? Although they say donations can save lives because the plasma is used for people in dire need of the life juice, there is no proof that the plasma isn't going to the government. It is feasible to assume they use our plasma to understand the way we function and test out different ways to control our minds

through the life juice.

After donating, a person can get lightheaded, nauseous, or tired; this is usually to be expected from the first donation. It's possible the donation centers are trying to weaken their donors to simplify the process of mind control.

To further ensure one's donating capability, they also take vitals like iron levels, protein levels, heart rate, weight, and blood pressure. If vitals don't meet the required standards, the patient will be rejected from further donating. However, these precautions could be put in place to ensure that they are able to collect data on us through the vitals, and they are only taking plasma from people with superior health standards.

Another thing to keep in mind is how only the poor are donating plasma; lower in-

come people are incentivized to sell their life force just to scrap by or get some extra spending money. If they really wanted to analyze the public, why would they choose a method that isn't applicable to the entire population? This could easily be because the poor are the easiest victims to begin their capital scheme.

But 20 bucks is 20 bucks, right? If the intent was as pure as they make it out to be, they wouldn't be asking for money. People would donate out of the good of their hearts instead of falling subject to bribery. Putting a price tag on the nutrients that our body requires to function like electrolytes and salts that are sucked out through the process is what helps them build their scheme and convince people to sell parts of themselves to hold their financial head over water.



The CSL Plasma center in Hagerstown, Maryland, is shown.  
Photo courtesy of nivitimes.com.



# Matthew McConaughey Surprise Teaching at Point

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"All right, all alright, all alright," it's time for some good news during this lockdown and that is Matthew McConaughey is coming to UW-Stevens Point to teach this fall on campus for students.

That is right, the beloved, legendary famous movie actor is giving his tips, tricks and lessons for students in the theatre department and some for the communication department. Matthew McConaughey is currently teaching at the University of Texas, where he's from, but he's ready to bring his knowledge around the nation and the next stop is UW-Stevens Point.

This comes as a sudden surprise with the rest of spring 2020 semester being online for UWSP and everything being cancelled on campus. Three theatre and dance major productions are not able to be performed due to exceeding the limit of persons in one setting and word from the school's Chancellor.

Shows that were included in the spring semester 2019-2020 season were Mamma Mia!, Fringe 2020: Restart and Danstage 2020.

McConaughey heard about the problem and wanted to do something about it. He wanted to make up for the lost experience for the cast and crew working on these projects and the money from the tickets that would've been a big help to the department with these shows.

No word yet on what exact classes he will be teaching but there is a close source to the movie actor that he will be offering his own "filmmaking and producing classes that every actor and performer should understand going into this business." He is bringing so much of his own flare into the small city school.

A few actors in the past have done the same as McConaughey by becoming a professor at a university or offering master classes online such as Angelina Jolie, Oprah Winfrey and Alec Baldwin.

This is a very unique experience not just for the students but the actors too, coming back and giving their very best advice and information for aspiring artistic students. To have an actor so big and so successful as McConaughey to come to the number one theatre school in the state and share his thoughts, the students are going crazy.

Lydia Domnio, junior acting BFA major, said "To have someone like Matthew Mc-

Conaughey coming to Stevens Point to teach us theatre kids in a rare area you wouldn't see him in, I think it's incredible! I am a big fan and I cannot wait for my final school year to get started."

Some of McConaughey's work includes The Gentlemen, Interstellar, Serenity, Magic Mike and Dallas Buyers Club. With 89 nominations for Hollywood award shows and receiving 37 of them, they include an Oscar for Dallas Buyers Club; Golden Globe for Dallas Buyers Club; Screen Actors Guild Award for Dallas Buyers Club; and many more wins through fan favorite and fun award shows.

McConaughey has been in

this business for years and his works show why he deserves all these awards and gets the respect he does.

It's going to be an exciting new year for these students but as well as everyone else who hopes to get a glimpse of anything from the hard-working actor. Keep an eye out around mid to late august on his arrival and more information on the classes.

While fans go start binge watching is work, take this famous quote from the actor himself to get inspired: "You want to be a writer? Start writing. You want to be a filmmaker? Start shooting stuff on your phone right now."



BERLIN, GERMANY - APRIL 06: Actor Matthew McConaughey attends 'Der Mandant' (The Lincoln Lawyer) - Berlin photocall at Hotel de Rome on April 6, 2011 in Berlin, Germany.

(Photo by Andreas Rentz/Getty Images).

# Pointer Profiles

Pointers have suffered through the endurance of extrenuous physical activity and doing sports. These are their stories. *Dun Dun.*

## Pointer Profile: Simon Snoozer



Simon Snoozer. Photo Courtesy of Clipart.

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**How long have you been sleeping competitively?** I've been sleeping competitively since my freshman year in high school. I always slept about 12-14 hours a day, I just decided to start competing against my classmates. No one could sleep as long as me. That's how I knew this was my passion.

**What is your favorite aspect of sleeping competitively?** I get to constantly sleep almost all day long. It is like a dream come true. There's nothing I'd rather do with my day than sleep it all away. It really is a dream come true for me.

**Have you played any other sports?** All the way until high school, I played football, basketball, and baseball, but once I started sleeping competitively in high school, I dropped all of those sports. I knew I found my calling, and I wanted to focus as much attention as I could to sleeping.

**You mentioned you're from Florida, what made you want to go to UWSP?** The biggest factor was that I sleep so much better during the cold seasons. As you may know, it doesn't get very cold in Florida, so I decided to take my talents to UWSP. My record for longest sleep went from 18 hours in Florida to 26 hours in Wisconsin, so it has really improved my

game.

**Are there any health concerns that go along with sleeping so much?** The only major concern is that I don't eat very much at all since I spend almost all day sleeping. My doctor has warned me of this, but I have found a good system to help myself eat. I have started eating 2500 calories in one sitting a day, so I get all my daily calorie needs without having to compromise my participating in the sport I love so dearly.

**Are there any other negative effects of sleeping so much?** I am extremely sore almost all day every day. Constantly laying in a bed is more tiring than most people would think. I spend most of my life in constant pain. Because of this, I have been prescribed many different pain relief medications by my doctor. Living this lifestyle is a difficult commitment to make, but I am happy to do it for the love of the sport.

**What advice would you give an incoming collegiate competitive sleeper?** I would just tell them to practice as much as they can. You have to learn to not think at all, clear your mind, and just pass out. This is a really tough thing for most people to do. That's why there are so few that can truly master this art, but like anything else, it can be accomplished

through hard work and dedication.

**Do you think you will competitively sleep after college?** I definitely would like to. I have confidence in my abilities and love sleeping. The biggest professional event takes place in Australia every year, and the winner gets \$3 million dollars. It's pretty straight forward. It's a tournament of 16 people, which means there are four rounds. You go one on one with someone else to see who can sleep the longest in each round. This doesn't just mean keeping your eyes closed. They have a special machine that detects when you're actually asleep, and it alerts everyone when you wake up. I definitely feel like I can and will win that competition every time I participate in it, but yes, I will sleep competitively after college for sure.

**How can competitive sleeping become a more well-known sport?** We really just need people to stop thinking of this sport as an excuse for lazy people to sleep. This is something that requires hard work and practice like anything else. We just need more respect from people that are knocking this sport before they even know what it entails. I dream of the day when the sleeping championship is more popular than the Super Bowl, NBA Finals, and Olympics combined.

## Pointer Profile: Stevie Pointer

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**Sport:** Jack-of-all-trades  
**Major:** (see above)  
**Year:** Super super senior  
**Favorite Toy:** Frisbee

**How long have you been the mascot for Stevens Point?** I was created by Judy Clayton way back in 1953. I was a hit with the kids pretty much right away, they even used me to recruit freshman and transfer students in the Central State Student Handbook. I've been covering games heavily since 2012 too.

**Were there any other worthy competitors for the mascot job?** Eh, not really man. I'm a pointer dog and we are from Stevens Point. The pirate guy was okay but he was pretty full of himself and was always WAY overused in the mascot world.

**Do you have any favorite memories from your time as the Stevens Point mascot?** A year ago last week was actually a pretty great memory. The men's hockey team became the first team in Division III history to win the National Championship game without a loss the entire year.

Outside of that, all of the WIAC Championship games I've witnessed have been unreal.

**Are you friends with any other mascots in the UW-system?** Nope, just enemies. Bucky Badger and I used to be tight but we had a falling out after he got pissed that I'm better than him whenever we play hockey in the Mascot Olympics. Ya know, I'm like 70 years old now, I don't need that kind of energy in my life. He's just a sore loser.

**Did you play any sports before your days as a mascot?** I dabbled in a few sports. I played frisbee, ultimate frisbee, and fetch. I have honestly been told that I could've gone pro in fetch if I didn't get hurt in college.

**How did you get hurt?** It's kind of embarrassing actually. So you know how some doors are like windows and you can see right through them? Well my owners used to have a door like that and there was a squirrel on the other side so I thought I could catch him. The door was pretty unforgiving and left me with a pretty severe concussion.

**What is your favorite part about being a mascot?** I really love pumping the crowd up. Everyone always wants to play with me and give me attention and

honestly what dog wouldn't love that.

**If you had one piece of advice for a character looking to get into the mascot game what would it be?** Be cute. If you're not cute, you need to be funny. If you're not funny or cute, you need to be clumsy. If you're not funny, cute, or clumsy, you should try your hand at being a stay at home pet.

**What is your favorite movie?** That's a tough one. The early "Air Buds" movies were really great and "Home-ward Bound" was amazing. My all time favorite would probably be "Marley and Me" though. I cry every time.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? The puppy bowl is held in Silver Springs, Maryland. I actually remember winning the MVP [Most Valuable Puppy] of the event the first year

it was held and I have thought about it ever since. I would love to go back to my old stomping grounds and see if I've still got it.



Stevie Pointer. Photo courtesy of UWSP Athletics.





## Summer Olympic Games Will Continue Through Nintendo Switch

Mario and Sonic social distancing at least 6 feet apart.  
Photo courtesy of Nintendo.

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Despite earlier statements, the International Olympics Committee will continue ahead with the 2020 Summer Olympics as originally scheduled - virtually!

As the spread of the COVID-19 virus has forced world governments to enact

social distancing regulations for safety, the International Olympics Committee has stated Olympic athletes will compete via online matches of the popular 2019 game "Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020" on the Nintendo Switch.

In an exclusive partnership between

the IOC and Nintendo, the video game titan has committed to providing Switch consoles and a copy of the game for any Olympian participating.

"We're pretty excited to partner with the IOC for this incredible compromise. We understand the gravity of the situation at hand," said Doug Bowser, Presi-

dent and Chief Operating Officer for Nintendo of America. "Switches are sold out across the nation and our athletes are in dire need of relief. And that's why we're willing to shell out anything necessary to buy them consoles."

Competitors will battle for gold in their respective fields through "Mario & Sonic"'s bite-sized sports minigames starting July 24.

With Switches en route across the world, athletes are expected to train through their self-quarantine for the big day.

"Athletes should be starting their training as soon as possible! Y'all got three months to figure out this game," said Olympic coach Jim Nazsticks. Nazsticks urges competitors to pay close attention to the tutorials.

Heeding Nazsticks' advice, athletes who already own the game have been preparing diligently.

Simone Biles, America's most decorated Olympic gymnast, reports playing for approximately 16 hours a day.

"My hands have started to cramp," said Biles. "It's grueling but hopefully I have a shot."

But not everyone is happy about these major changes to the historic world competition.

Two-time Olympian and three-time Olympic gold medalist Gabrielle Douglas expressed her frustration for the choice of "Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020."

"It's a little on-the-nose, don't you think? Couldn't we have played "Wii Sports" or something?" asked Douglas.

NBC, who currently controls U.S. broadcast rights for the Olympic games, has agreed to stream matches this summer. Get ready for clunky controls and tight competition!

## Jenny Sleepers wins International Sleeping Championship

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Jenny Sleepers won the annual International Sleeping Championship in Sydney, Australia Saturday, March 28 in a nail biter and took home \$3 million.

Sleepers barely edged out Veronica Nappingstein sleeping for a new world record of 34 hours and 17 minutes. The previous record stood at 28 hours and 32 minutes.

Nappingstein came close to Sleepers, waking up with a time of 34 hours and 11 minutes.

This was the first time that both finalists broke the world record for the longest sleep in the International Sleeping Championship's history.

There were three separate occasions where the sleep detecting machines detected Sleepers coming dangerously close to being awake, but she never fully awoke according to the judges. Many in the audience thought she should have been deemed awake because of how close she came.

When Nappingstein awoke and realized she had broken the world record, she became emotional and began crying tears of happiness and joy. Soon after she realized that Sleepers still had not awoken, and her tears of joy turned to tears of disappointment.

About six minutes later, Sleepers woke

up and realized she had not only won the championship but had also broken the world record.

Sleepers talked about what was going through her head when she realized she won.

She said,

"I was

thinking

about how

all my hard

work had

paid off. Everyone

who doubted me

can take a

look at this

trophy here.

This is proof

that I am the

best and no one

can stop me from

achieving my

goals."

She went on to

talk about what

it means to her

to be the new

world record

holder.

She said, "It

just further

proves that I

am the best to

every do it. With

all do respect

to past competi-

tors, no one has

every slept as

long as I just

did. I work hard-

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Nappingstein

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out Sleepers

was still sleep-

ing.

She said, "When

I woke up, I

looked at

my time and

saw 34 hours

and was like,



Nappingstein recovering from her long sleep. Image Courtesy of 123RF.

oh my god, I just broke the record, and I was so happy. Then I looked at the leader board and saw that Jenny was still sleeping. That broke my heart man. With all due respect to Jenny, I deserve that record and trophy."

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on to talk

about how

Sleepers

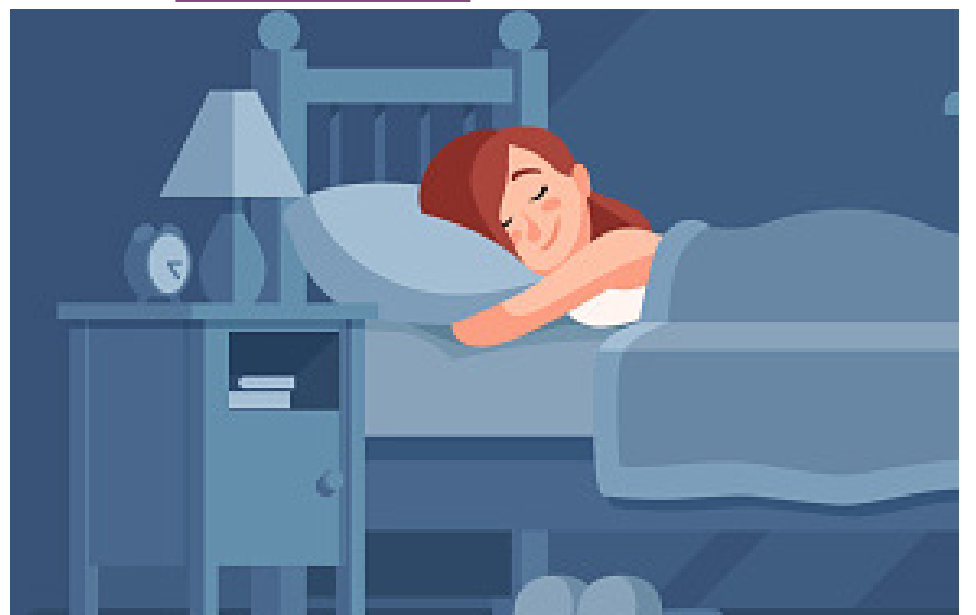


Sleepers after winning the championship. Image Courtesy of freedesignfile.

came close to waking up on multiple occasions.

She said, "As far as I'm concerned, she was so close to being awake that she should've been deemed awake. I don't know if the machines were malfunctioning or what, but that record and trophy should be mine. It looks like I'll just have to win next year, and I guarantee that I will."

Next year's International Sleeping Competition will be held in Sydney, Australia on March 1.



Sleepers, 12 hours into the competition. Image Courtesy of iStock





Gordon Ramsay standing outside DeBot Dining Center yelling at the staff, surrounded by the tables and chairs he threw outside after trying the hamburgers. *Photo by Florence Anderson.*

## Gordon Ramsay Reviews DeBot Dining Center

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Following the reopening of the DeBot Dining Center, Chancellor Bernie Patterson proudly invited world-famous chef Gordon Ramsay to check out the food.

Ramsay is not only famous for his restaurants all over the world but also for his television shows. He gained a reputation from his rather blunt and harsh judgments of the food and staff he's encountered over the years from his many shows, including "Hell's Kitchen", "Kitchen Nightmares", "Hotel Hell", and "Masterchef."

Many students were shocked Ramsay agreed to come to UWSP but many are excited to hear his opinion of the food at UWSP.

The chef spent a whole day

sampling all of DeBot's choices, which is why it was closed Feb. 30.

Ramsay started the day by watching the staff make all the food. He was surprised to find the staff was so large with hundreds of employees. The chef found it incredible that Stevens Point had so many young people with a passion for food. He said, "I love seeing this many people who love food and love making it. I wish I could have this many people at some of my restaurants."

He later found out most of them were broke college kids in need of some tuition money.

While disappointed to find a lack of passion from the working students, Ramsay was still excited to try the food. "Finally some good [expletive] food," Ramsay commented about the

food at another restaurant. He had far worse things to say about the food at DeBot.

He was served one dish from every station. In total, Ramsay ate a hamburger, lasagna, chicken stir-fry, tomato soup, macaroni and cheese, and finally, some simple brown rice. Ramsay was not pleased with any of it.

He said, "All of this is wrong. I can tell that it all came from the freezer, except maybe this rice that is so dry I thought I was eating sand!" Due to the amount of profanity used, only a few comments were allowed to be printed before he calmed down.

He stated, "It's a good thing you called me here before you opened. We have plenty of time to fix this before students can eat here." No one knew where

the confusion started but one brave student stepped up to tell him the truth. The student stated, "Mr. Ramsay, the students are already eating this." Ramsay then flipped four tables, yelled at six different staff members, and demanded to speak to the manager.

The staff calmed Ramsay down with some sushi, the last dish they planned to serve him. It seemed to be the only thing Ramsay actually enjoyed. He said, "I was prepared to make some remark about how still feel the fish scales cutting my mouth but this is actually really delicious."

Next week, Ramsay announced he would review the dorms. He said, "These are where the college students live? This isn't homely at all! I feel like I'm back behind bars."





## Harry and Meghan Coming to Stevens Point!

One of the first outings for Meghan and Harry publicly. Photo By: Chris Jackson/Getty Images.

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Royalty is coming to Stevens Point! Yes, it's time for some royal tea! The former royals, Prince Harry the Duke of Sussex and Meghan Markle the Duchess of Sussex are making their new adventure into the States, the best of them all, the cheese state. All for a new project with Disney that will be filmed and recorded right here in Stevens Point!

Something like royalty doesn't happen every day here in Point and the city just learned about this news and is very excited to see the couple. Another special aspect is the real life princess is asking for students help with this project!

It was announced earlier this year that Markle wanted to get back into Hollywood and back on track in her true passion of acting and now she has the perfect chance thanks to Disney. And now Markle wants students to join her with the research of the project.

Nothing specifically is announced yet but a close source to Markle said she wants stu-

dents thoughts on 'the culture and daily lives' in Stevens Point. She will be here for a long period of time so she really wants to get to know the city and the people.

Disney is always looking for the hottest new stars for upcoming projects and what better way than to have some real princess royalty to the world of Disney!

An interview with 411 GOSIP, a close source to the couple said this on the latest announcement.

"Meghan loves acting, her first love was acting. I'm not surprised she is coming back to do something she loves. This is the perfect opportunity with her new home, her new family, her new life."

A lot of fans weren't sure if Meghan was able to do anything in her original routine once she married into the royal family, but times are changing and so are people. England is all about traditions; same routine and no change, except the new king/queen when it's time. It was a very hard choice for Queen Elizabeth and the whole royal family, but this is

something Harry and Meghan have wanted for a while.

Little refresher on Prince Harry's background, he's youngest brother to Will and son of Princess Diana who was killed in a car crash in August 1997.

"His world was turned upside down ever since then and really just wanted a normal life," said a royal correspondent from E! news. When he was in the military fighting for his country, that's when he felt the most normal.

This past January, the new royal couple wanted to start a new life and outside of Buckingham Palace, their current home. They have moved to Canada and will start their new life there, private and on their own. After the family had multiple meetings over a few weeks to make the decision. Royal titles and duties stripped and doing anything they can to "be normal."

Both are excited to be even more on the down low, away from paparazzi and really enjoy their new lives. As well as, being in Stevens Point for while with this new project and living in a much smaller city than

they are used to.

Moving forward with their new life, Disney has come to Markle for a new project in the works and that includes coming to Stevens Point! A royal expert from Milwaukee, Charlette Everland, said "This is really good for Wisconsin and for Stevens Point tourism, especially. A lot of Wisconsinites love the couple and doing a huge project in Central Wisconsin with Disney, it's all going to be so great."

There's no word on how long they will be in the city but it's a big project and lots of time, so people will definitely see them around town at some point.

Everland continued, "We're super excited to have them and can't wait to show the best normal life there is, in Wisconsin!"

There's so much to enjoy and the couple is close to either new home since the state is connected to Canada, it couldn't work out better. Keep an eye out for a new project within the next year or two, starring the famous couple and the amazing city of Stevens Point.



## Coronavirus Horoscopes

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•Aries dates: March 21 – April 19

It's your season baybeeee. No doubt you will be driven to take advantage of a possible spontaneous urge to experience all life has to offer, please do your best to keep social distancing in mind. Take a hike to reflect on the rationed positivity that has come through this apocalypse.



•Taurus dates: April 20 – May 20

You're a go with the flow type of person and you don't rely on socialization for sanity, so corona might not affect you completely. However, for the love of god, please stop buying so much toilet paper.



•Gemini dates: May 21 – June 20

As much as you would love to go on social media rants spewing the facts about corona to spread your opinion faster than the outbreak itself, you really need to get off the internet and take a mental break. Reading up on the corona will be the death of you if you go too hard on knowing the stats, so just chill.



•Cancer dates: June 21 – July 22

Honestly quarantine is probably your paradise. You can chill in your humble abode and watch the world morph into an dystopian mess, but from the comfort of your own home.



•Leo dates: July 23 – August 22

Since you live for chaos, the initial apocalyptic panic that ensued the world got you all fired up, but then you became crippled by the bare fact that you have to ride the wave of turmoil and wait out the pandemic encapsulated in your quarantine bubble. To keep yourself from going insane from boredom and isolation, pick up a switch and funnel your rage into "Super Smash Bros" or "Animal Crossing". Even though you will inevitably get bored and restless, don't stop using memes as a coping mechanism if it gets you by.



•Virgo dates: August 23 – September 22

You're probably going to be the one who goes to the store, and instead of stocking up on toilet paper, you're going to buy a gallon tub of hand sanitizer. After disinfecting all that you own with this germ murderer, just try and get some rest. You did a good job cleaning all that you own down to underside your coffee table. Rest easy sanitation soldier.



•Libra dates: September 23 – October 22

Your flirty and connective nature to others is going to make quarantine hard for you.... Like, really hard. You might want to meet people and connect with others. If you're flirty impulse is keeping you hostage, download a tinder! Meet some new online friends and socialize through the internet, but by a3ll means, do not meet up with a Tinder date in the middle of a global pandemic just because you're craving human interaction.



•Scorpio dates: October 23 – November 21

I don't have to say much here. You like a little chaos and you're probably laughing at the reactions people are having through all this anarchy unfold while you sip hot tea and watch Netflix.



•Sagittarius dates: November 22 – December 21

I can't prevent you from posting your social media about how you will personally assassinate anyone who breaks quarantine because you want to put this virus in a chokehold and drop it to the ground WWE John Cena style, but I would like to suggest that you proofread it and reconsider your vow to sever ties that make this situation more difficult by socializing.



•Capricorn dates: December 22 – January 19

With all the extra time on your hands, you've probably been over-analyzing each moment you've lived since the day you were born and overthinking to brain frying lengths. Just put your identity crisis down for a hot sec, make yourself some hot tea, and try not to drive yourself to internal destruction.



•Aquarius dates: January 20 – February 18

Your coping mechanism to this epidemic may be rationalizing this deadly illness to a conspiracy theory that the government is plotting to maintain control over the world and stop people from engaging with each other and there is a political domination scheme underway blanketed by the common flu. Just try and remember there is a real virus out there.



•Pisces dates: February 19 – March 20

Keep being your positive self and encouraging others to stay calm through this worldwide panic. Even though you have the tendency to absorb your surroundings like a super sponge, just try and spread positivity like wildfire. This could be from sharing positive posts or hugging your friends. Well, don't hug your friends. I'm sure a solid elbow bump will suffice.