We're #50: Wisconsin drops the ball on budget

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Impatience and nervousness continues to mount each day as Wisconsin citizens wait for legislators to come to an agreement on the state budget. Every other state in the nation has made their budget official, leaving Wisconsin as the sole state still needing to ratify a budget.

The past three months have polarized many lawmakers, trying to pass or defeat the proposed budget.

"The problem is that the Assembly version of the budget and the Senate version are so different. It’s going to be hard to come to a final Wisconsin state budget," said SGA President Justin Glowkowski. "On top of that, the budget still will have to go to Governor Doyle who can use his veto pen to change it up even more."

Much of the delay and indecisiveness has come from issues involving increasing taxes on cigarettes, big oil companies and hospitals. But after three months of bickering, most citizens would just like to have some version of a budget so proper budget adjustments can be made in their workplace.

Thru fall, Wisconsin has been able to continue with previously planned items, but soon the well will dry up and cuts will have to be made. On the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus, representatives fear the dramatic cuts that could be made.

Impact of Assembly Budget on UW-SP

- 10 percent tuition increase for next semester will happen if the budget is not passed by Nov. 1
- $4 million base cut could eliminate 22 faculty positions reduces the number of classes so that students will take longer to graduate
- $4 million base cut could eliminate advising and career services, reduces graduation rates
- Costs of student services would sharply increase
- Cuts in Wisconsin Higher Education Grants (WHEG) hurt our most needy students 80 percent of UW-SP students qualify for financial aid, 22 percent rely on state grants (WHEG)
- 5 Percent Pension Fund Contribution Requirement cuts take-home pay for faculty resulting in loss of faculty members to higher-paying institutions
- Denies support to veterans eliminates tuition reimbursement to 140 deserting American veterans who were already promised support in gratitude for their service to our country.

UW-SP students help flood victims in Rushford, Minn.

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This weekend while most University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students were trying desperately to escape the October heat wave, six students braved it to help the victims of recent flooding in Rushford, Minn.

Julie Elliott, sophomore, Michelle Williams, freshman, Amber Eggeri, freshman, Katie Nockerts, sophomore, Katrina Mijal, junior and Ruth Welhouse, junior spent their weekend shingling roofs, rebuilding a porch, and doing general clean up after a flood that tore through the Rushford area two months ago.

Before the trip, the students did not know what they would find once they arrived in Rushford.

"I expect to work hard," said Nockerts.

All six girls were given a care package from the Residence Hall Association before they left Stevens Point that included a disposable camera, games to play during the car ride and enough junk food to keep them on a sugar high all weekend.

Once in Rushford, the students were stunned by the damage they found in the area after two months. Mijal said, "I’ve been down south to Mississippi and Louisiana twice now to help rebuild after the hurricanes, and I was amazed at how similar the situation was just across the state border in Minnesota. You just wouldn’t think that would happen around here."

They were split into two groups. One group helped rebuild a demolished porch and the other group helped restore a house that had been damaged by the force of the rain and 6 feet of standing water.

The students worked the entire day on the projects See Flood on pg. 2

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 14 "Paint the town pink"  
- Students will be handing out pink ribbons with attached fliers to students at Sundial at 5 p.m. The ribbons are to be tied around trees all over campus and the community; ice-cream social to follow.

Monday & Tuesday, Oct. 15 & 16 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
- "Getting to know yourself" - Booths will be set up at the HEC on Monday and at the picnic table next to the library on Tuesday to hand out packages of information and goodies. There will be other things at the booths, too.

Wednesday, Oct. 17 "Wear Pink Day"  
- Information table in the HEC where students will be handing out breast cancer awareness ribbon stickers, selling leftover "Think Pink" t-shirts, handing out ACS educational materials and encouraging donations.

Thursday, Oct. 18th 7-10 p.m. at Sundial  
- "Candlelight Vigil" - Students will have breast cancer survivors to come in and give speeches and poems will be read.
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What could happen to UW-SP makes many people nervous. But, the impact of not having a budget is already felt campus-wide. Across the state, over 5,000 students are still waiting to receive Wisconsin Higher Education Grants (WHEG) for this semester. Without this money, students are unable to pay tuition, leaving them unable to register for next semester's classes. Not having a state budget is delaying these students' education.

"Just the other day, I [Gadowski] met a student waiting for her WHEG, working almost 40 hours a week to make up for not having her grant yet. It is extremely important that the WHEG is fully funded by the state, for current students and future ones," explained Gadowski.

Budgets are projections that must consider inflation for the upcoming year. UW-SP added one million dollars in anticipation of things costing more.

Holly Ehbrardt, Legislative Issues Director, said that "The whole UW-SP campus budget is one million dollars behind. Since they [administrators] have to stick with last year's budget and pay for goods and services from last year's projections, one million is the additional cost."

Administrators are still hoping the one million will be incorporated into the budget and ratified very soon, but they need some help. Students are encouraged to take action now, voicing their opinions to the legislators. As in many political situations, students feel their opinion does not matter. However, Ehbrardt disagrees.

"They [students] have a bigger voice than they think they do. Politicians will listen if students voice their opinion," said Ehbrardt. "For every student who votes their opinion to a legislator, that legislator will take into account that this one student represents many other students.

Though there is hope that the budget will be passed by Oct. 15, nothing is set in stone. After all, it should have been passed 115 days ago.

And even with all the hard work and battle scars, the workers still managed to have a great time in the process.

"It was an amazing experience to be able to help these people out. They were so thankful that we were there," said Mijal.

The trip was organized through the Student Involvement and Employment Office (SIEO). SIEO does severer service trips throughout the semester. This winter, there will be a service trip to an HIV/AIDS camp in Minnesota. Applications to go on that trip are available at the SIEO website.

UW-SP students spent last weekend cleaning up and repairing homes damaged by floods.

Look for Wisconsin Drinking part two in next week's News!
Dr. Huxtable coming to UW-SP

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On Friday, Oct. 12, Bill Cosby will be giving two performances at theQuad City House on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus.

Cosby, famously known for playing Cliff Huxtable on the 80's sitcom, "The Cosby Show," has been involved in everything from family oriented stand up comedy, cartoons, television and film, to writing. He has touched many lives through his work in philanthropy and social activism, and his ability to send an important social message through comedy is widely appreciated.


From 1972 to 1984, Cosby's animated series, "Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids" documented the adventures of Fat Albert and his friends and their daily life lessons learned. Topics ranged from social issues to personal introspection and were blended with humor and music. Many of the characters on the show were based on Cosby's childhood friends growing up in Philadelphia.

"The Cosby Show," premiered in 1984. Originally the show was supposed to portray a blue collar family but ended up portraying the family as white collar, with Cosby as a doctor married to a well educated lawyer played by Phylicia Rashad.

The show drew from aspects of Cosby's real life including the fact that he had four daughters and one son.

After "The Cosby Show" ended in 1992, Cosby did some films, but fell mostly on the back burner. Throughout the years, Cosby has taken on a socially conscious tone. His cultural influences earned him a Kennedy Center Honor in 1998 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in July 2002.

Cosby's performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. with another show at 9:30 p.m. Reserved seating can be purchased for $41, $37, $33, or $31 (plus a $2 service charge per ticket) at the University Center at 200 Division Street, by calling (800) 838-3378, or online at https://tickets.uwsp.edu. Visa, Mastercard, and Discover all accepted.

SGA Weekly Update

Now that we are well into this semester, SGA has been looking into many issues on campus. One issue that seems to be the main concern right now is security. A lot of residents in the halls seem unhappy with the new security measures in place for entering the residence halls. Student Life Issues Director Lindsey Morehouse is working with Residence Hall Association to follow up on the complaints and review the current system. There are going to be some kinks in the system and students need to be patient while they are worked out.

Academic Issues Director Andy Letson has been working on Graduation Degree Requirements reform and what can be done to remedy complaints about certain GDF's. Writing emphasis has been the first big project. Senate was presented with legislation last week that will help begin the process in having the writing emphasis an easier requirement to be fulfilled.

Also, watch for these upcoming events:

Breast Cancer Awareness Week Oct. 14-18 Watch for posters detailing each day's activities.

Majors Fair Oct. 31 in Lower Debol

This week's senate meeting will take place in 073 lower Debol on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Living options fair gets students off-campus

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Rude roommates? Having a hard time keeping up with the rent? The Living Options Fair is a good way to search for a new place to live while attending school at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The Living Options Fair for the fall semester was held Oct. 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Noel Fine Arts Center. An array of landlords were there to explain their dwellings, which varied from multi-level apartment buildings to one or two residence houses.

Many booths, which were set up on both levels of the NFAC, featured photos of the apartments as well as incentives for students to venture closer. One table enticed visitors with pizza, while others had key chains and other trinkets available for prospective tenants. Swarms of students wandered around the NFAC courtyard, discussing rent and security deposits with potential landlords.

The fair was organized by Lindsey Morehouse, the student life issues director for SGA.

"This is an easy way for students to find [convenient] housing," Morehouse said.

In addition to the selection of properties to choose from, there was also information about rights and responsibilities available to tenants as well as general information about off-campus living.

If the search is still on for housing by the time spring comes along, the Living Options Fair will be available to help. The spring fair is being planned for Monday, Feb. 18. According to Morehouse, the event will continue "for many more years to come. It is an easy way to get the word out, and the landlords enjoy it as well."

Visit offcampushousing.uwsp.edu for more information.

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For More Information
Travel "Into the Universe" at the UW-SP planetarium

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Seeing stars? The science building at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has an abundance of stars regardless of the weather.

The Allen F. Blocher Planetarium is located on the second floor of the science building and offers many free programs for students and the community who are interested in learning more about the solar system and NASA operations.

The planetarium, an optical device that projects stars onto a dome shaped ceiling, was replaced in 1999 with the computerized Spitz 1024.

"The old planetarium had issues, and we were glad to see it go," said Planetarium director, Randy Olson.

But Olson does admit that the new technology creates a whole new set of problems.

"If the computer has a meltdown, we are out of business," Olson said.

Currently, the Allen F. Blocher Planetarium is showing two programs called "Into the Universe" and "Night Skies of Autumn."

"Into the Universe" is shown every Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and gives an in-depth look at Jupiter, Saturn, Mars and human and robotic space exploration at NASA.

"Into the Universe" was written and produced by physics student Amy Wilder. The show took about three months to create and proved to be a challenging project for her.

"The biggest challenge with the production of the show was learning the equipment," said Wilder. "I had never used a sound mixer before, nor had I used any video editing programs aside from a high school project with Windows Movie Editor."

In the past, most of the shows were purchased because the school lacked the equipment necessary to produce a show. But that is beginning to change.

"We are starting to transfer to electronic video," said Olson. "If the film we use now, no one makes anymore. When our last roll is gone, we are at the mercy of slide performances."

Olson hopes more programs will be written by students. Currently Wilder is writing a new program for the spring called "Gods of the Solar System," which focuses on the planets and the mythology behind their names.

"I think it puts a different spin on the usual solar system show at the planetarium," said Wilder. "Night Skies of Autumn" is a different type of show that focuses on locating stars and constellations visible both with the naked eye and a telescope in the evening skies.

The highlights of "Night Skies of Autumn" is near the end of the presentation. On clear nights, the audience is invited to go the observatory on the fourth floor of the science building to locate with the telescope the stars and constellations that were shown in the planetarium.

"Night Skies of Autumn" is shown every Monday at 8:00 p.m.

The doors open a half hour before the show and are usually well received, said Olson. But attendance does vary from week to week.

"Sometimes [attendance] depends on if the Packers play," said Olson.

For more information about the Allen F. Blocher Planetarium or for a complete listing of programs through the year, visit www.uwsp.edu/phy/asr/plan_obs.

What’s happening at the Allen Center for Health and Wellness Programs...

Face your fears this Halloween by spelunking in Popps Cave with Outdoor EdVentures on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. by exploring the dark places and interesting spaces of a natural limestone cave. The experienced staff at Outdoor EdVentures will teach you about cave formations while crawling through underground halls, caverns and corridors. No experience is necessary and some equipment will be provided and all your transportation needs will be taken care of. The cave has an array of stalactites, stalagmites, columns and much more. You can find out more information about the spelunking trip at Outdoor EdVentures in the lower level of the Allen Center. Outdoor EdVentures hours are Monday through Thursday from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. and on Fridays from 12 - 4 p.m.

For more information about more trips offered by Outdoor EdVentures or about events happening at the Allen Center visit www.go2Allen.com.

Good dental health now equals good mental health in the future

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Start taking good care of your teeth now or someday their loss could mean more than just soft foods for every meal.

A recent study out of Kings College London poses a possible correlation between tooth loss and mental impairment. The study reports that older people who no longer have their teeth are at a three times greater risk of memory problems.

Dr. Robert Stewart and Vincent Hirani, authors of the study, looked at 2,463 men and women, aged 65 and older, who live on their own. They also looked at 1,569 elderly people living in nursing homes. They found that 40 percent of those living independently had no teeth while 68 percent of the nursing home inhabitants had no teeth.

Stewart and Hirani said there are still a lot of questions to be asked, and that no definitive link can be made just yet.

It could simply be that those with mental ailments tend to take worse care of their teeth.

Over the years, research has found that dental and mental health are linked by diet and blood.

"Firstly, dental disease often causes prolonged inflammation and infection in the mouth," said Stewart. "Both of these may alter some factors in the blood which might possibly cause problems in the brain."

Stewart also went on to say that people who have lost their teeth tend to change their diets. They are often eating less-balanced meals, not getting all the nutrients their bodies need.

"If people move towards a less-balanced diet as a result of their loss of teeth, then this could result in vitamin deficiencies and other problems which might affect the brain," said Stewart.

He also noted the recent research being done linking diet and forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer’s disease.

Away from home, college students might not be as inclined to keep up good dental hygiene practices. However, it’s never too early to get a good routine going.

The American Dental Association recommends brushing your teeth at least twice a day, flossing, eating well-balanced meals with limited snacking and regular trips to the dentist to stay on top of your dental health. For more information on dental health, visit the ADA’s website at www.ada.org.

LED Umbrella

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It's fall -- the weather is getting chillier, daylight hours are getting shorter and rain, with the threat of one day becoming snow, is ever more present. And since our campus isn't enclosed in a bubble, you might want to think about investing in an umbrella. Unless of course you are one of the few who enjoy arriving to class stepping wet.

While most will be inclined to venture to their nearest discount store and pick up any old umbrella, they might think twice after reading the LED Umbrella.

Like your average, everyday umbrella, the LED Umbrella consists of some fabric which expands from a metal pole to keep you, mostly, dry from the weather elements. Only with this umbrella, you can also see your way through the dark.

At the push of a button, the shaft of the umbrella lights up to guide you through even the darkest and gloomiest of paths. Available in black or red, with matching red light, the LED Umbrella is perfect for any late night campus cruiser. Though more expensive than the average umbrella, at $24.99, having safety light might just make the extra cost well worth it.
Katie’s Curiosities: Hot music, no smoking

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About two weeks ago, I was sitting at a friend’s family home in Madison. Because we were the only people in town who were not at the Badgers game, we paged through "The Onion," looking for a good movie to see. While deciding whether to take a chance on “Good Luck, Chuck,” which was bound to be cheesy, or sit through three hours of a documentary about Donkey Kong, my eyes fell on the list of bands playing at the Eagles’ Ballroom in Milwaukee. Popping out in bold print was Wilco, a concert my friend and I had tickets for after weeks of persuasion on his part. I had been reluctant to pay $35 to see a band whose music I was not familiar with, and I was still a bit bitter that I had let him convince me to spend so much money. Still, a bit bitter was nothing compared to the fury and disbelief that overcame me moments later. Right then, performing on the Monday before the Tuesday that we were to see Wilco, was my favorite female singer: Regina Spektor.

I had been following Regina’s movements via her concert board online and had missed her in at least five convenient locations. Now, it appeared that I was going to miss her again simply because my friend had tricked me into seeing Wilco when I could have had Regina tickets! My grief was palpable and cut through my soft heart, because two days later he e-mailed me and told me that he’d found some of the sold-out tickets on Ticketmaster. We were going to see Regina after all!

Regina Spektor came into my life at an interesting time. I was living in my apartment with one of my best friends, who was staying for only a month. During that time, another one of my closest friends passed away unexpectedly, and yet another of my friends confessed his undying affection for me. In highly emotional times such as these, I tend to really bond with music and feel a connection with it.

The concert was amazing. We drove to Milwaukee after work on Monday and, after a brief stop at my parents’ house (“Who are you seeing again? Regina Spektor? Is she one of those hip-hop girls?”), we made it to the concert (“Yeah, my brother wanted me to see some folk concert with him... yeah, Regina Spektor...”). After a fairly painful opening act, Regina walked on stage in the light of a single spotlight. She picked up the microphone, and I was sure she was about to thank us for coming, but she went right into an amazing short a cappella song I hadn’t heard before. She followed it with an a cappella version of “On the Radio,” which had me in tears. The rest of the concert was an appropriate mix of familiar and unfamiliar tunes, played back and forth between the baby grand piano on stage and a teal electric guitar off to the left of the piano.

Although she spent most of the time singing rather than talking to the audience, the few remarks she had were classy. My favorite: “So what’s up with you guys still smoking inside? Could I ask you not to? I’m a quitter.” That’s right. Not only was I able to see her, a musical genius, but Regina Spektor had had the nerve to post signs and enforce the fact that she did not want smoking at her concert. Really, it was heaven at the Rave.
Copper Fountain Fest favorite to perform at Clark Place

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Are you ready for a "Pat Show?" Pat McCurdy is a local favorite who has performed numerous times at Centerstein's Copper Fountain Fest, which takes place at the end of each academic year. His '90s and country melodies are particular favorites at the festival, as is his traditional closer, "Sex and Beer." On Thursday, Oct. 11, McCurdy will perform at Clark Place in downtown Stevens Point. McCurdy plays weekly at Regent Street Retreat in Madison, regularly at venues statewide each summer at Summerfest and sometimes in Chicago or the Twin Cities. He was the first artist to be signed to the Miller Beer Rock network's college tours, and he has opened for The Beach Boys, Foreigner and Joan Jett. His bold, raunchy humor is popular with college students.

Pat's musical style can be difficult to pin down. As stated on his website, "He plays Pat music. He writes all his own songs, in a variety of styles. One person has said that it is 'good drinking music.' His main appeal is to the college crowd, but it is not unusual to see others not fitting this stereotype enjoying his music."

Shows are usually simple affairs. McCurdy depends on clever wordplay and relatable (yet often taboo) subjects to catch his audience's attention as he strums on his acoustic guitar. McCurdy relies heavily on audience participation, especially for the special dance that goes with the song "Sex and Beer." He has also been known to direct songs at "Pat-show virgins," first-time attendees of his concerts. His songs range in subject from "Your Electronic FRIEND," a man's lament about how he "can't compete," to "The Monkey Paw Song," about, "I'd like to buy some happiness/But no one seems to stock it."

Pat McCurdy will be playing at Clark Place on Thursday, Oct. 11. The show starts at 9:00 p.m. and the cover is $5 with UW-SP student ID, $7 without.

After years apart, the trio delights

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Genesis was "turned on again" at the United Center in Chicago this past week for spectators and adoring fans. The group, with a career spanning over four decades, made a three-day stop in the "Wind City" while on their "Turn It On Again" tour. The band, consisting of Phil Collins (vocals, drums), Mike Rutherford (bass) and Tony Banks (keyboard) are currently doing a reunion tour, bringing along two frequent players with the band, Chester Thompson (drums) and Daryl Stuermer (guitar). Former members Peter Gabriel and Steve Hackett decided not to join the tour.

Known mostly for such hits as "Land of Confusion," "Invisible Touch" and "Follow You, Follow Me," Genesis delighted the audience for almost three hours, with more than just the classics. Doing instrumental flights, lasting sometimes for 10 minutes, Genesis kept the audience wondering what was coming. It seemed the band won the crowd over with their more obscure songs than the classic hits, such as "Hold on My Heart," which cried audience members to use the restroom or go get another drink.

However, Genesis won them back with the artistry of the stage and the dynam- ic Collins. Aside from being the drummer of the band, Collins serves as lead vocalist. Keeping busy throughout the show, Collins drummed about one quarter of the show, sang every song and provided his own humor to entertain the audience. At one point, Collins jokingly asked if there were any "old timers" in the building other than the ones on stage. At 56, Collins is the youngest of the group. Rutherford celebrated his 58th birthday on Oct. 2, the first of the three shows. To celebrate with him, Collins led the sold-out crowd in singing "Happy Birthday." While he appreciated thousands of people singing to him, Rutherford looked as if he would not like anyone to know his age.

Many bands coming back for reunion tours have dated themselves in the way they have played, but not Genesis. The age of the band showed itself only in jokes and the songs played, much to the audience's delight. Their energy, skill and precision were seen and heard by the entire arena.

Although Genesis is on a reunion tour, and they currently have no official plans to record another album, time will tell. The group did not expect to get back together at all, only to decide that after fifteen years since last touring together, now was as good a time as any.

After 15 years, Genesis members Tony Banks, Phil Collins and Mike Rutherford have reunited for their "Turn It On Again," tour. The band made a three-day stop in Chicago last week, where they were received with enthusiasm by thousands of fans.

In July, Genesis completed 24 performances in Europe in July and will wrap-up the North American portion of the tour on Oct. 13, bringing the total number of shows to just over fifty. As the song says, "That's All."
Strick leaves for Division I Gophers

**Sports**

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Strick

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After spending countless hours immersed in the Pointers athletic program during the past eight years in Assistant Director of Athletics and Media Relations Jim Strick has decided to move to Minnesota after accepting an Assistant Sports Information Director position with the Gophers. He will be assigned to promote, generate publicity and manage media relations for the men's hockey, men's tennis and women's tennis teams. When asked about the move he was undoubtedly excited.

"I had goals to someday work at the Division I level, and then this opportunity opened up, so I went after it and ended up getting the job," said Strick.

His duties will change with the move to the Division I school. Currently, Strick promotes all the Pointer teams at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, writing press releases for the teams, attending games and managing and coordinating with the press for team media coverage. When he makes the move next week, he will jump right into managing press coverage for the Gopher hockey season that starts Oct. 12.

"It will be weird to be a Gopher fan now, as opposed to a Badger fan," said Strick with a smile. "I have always been a big hockey fan. I was never really exposed much to hockey until I was in college. But I really enjoy it, and I love the hockey culture."

The Athletic Department is working on finding someone to take over Strick's duties, but staff will share responsibilities within the office until a replacement is found.

"It's a job that not a lot of people know exist. For me it was perfect because I was able to do a lot of the different things I like to do," said Strick regarding the position he will be leaving at UW-SP.

Strick has also been involved in broadcasting and announcing various high school sports and WIAC tournaments. Before coming to UW-SP he graduated with a degree in communication from St. Norbert College, spent two years at St. Norbert working on sports information full time, and worked as a part-time reporter for the "Appleton Post-Crescent."

He also won the "Rising Star" award in 2007 from the College Sports Information Directors of America.

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Die-hard goalie sticks around for one more season

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Many university students think about graduating, starting that dream job and making the big bucks. Meredith DeCaluwe fulfilled the requirements to graduate last semester, but she was not quite ready to leave behind her teammates on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's soccer team. Unable to go away her freshman year due to an injury, she was able to compete this year as a fifth-year senior.

DeCaluwe earned a medical redshirt at the season opener at St. Thomas her freshman year after being injured while making a save.

"Everything happens for a reason," she said about her injury. "But it paved a way for another opportunity to stick around and play."

"After playoffs, I had a feeling in my heart that I wasn't finished. God had another plan for me to stick around, and my parents offered to pay for one last semester of school," she said.

DeCaluwe is originally from Naperville, Ill. and she first became interested in soccer by watching her three older brothers play. She has been playing the sport since kindergarten, and her passion for soccer has grown.

"I think the passion is up there with my faith in God, my family and school" said DeCaluwe.

Bringing her enthusiasm to UW-SP, she earned first-team all-WIAC honors and the first-team Academic All-District Goalkeeper award by "ESPN The Magazine" in 2006. She has completed her degree in secondary education with an emphasis in mathematics and picked up a minor in sociology this year. As a result of her driving motivation and hard work on the field, DeCaluwe has become a strong and respected leader for her teammates.

"I try to give a little bit of passion to the team... the passion to win. Being here for my fifth year now, being through ups and downs through the years, you really get to know the tradition of being part of the Point soccer program. I try to fuel that into the team," she said.

Being a leader takes a lot of work and willpower. "I think determination, always wanting to be the best you can be, giving 100% all the time, working even though no one is watching, and it's all in your heart [makes a good athlete and leader]," said DeCaluwe.

With her experience and leadership skills, DeCaluwe has been a key player for the UW-SP women's soccer team.

When asked about her team, she remarked with a smile, "I love my teammates. I'll be there rooting for you in the following years. I wouldn't want to play behind anyone else."
The Pointer has requested that I change the format of my little weekly foray into the world of the NFL. Rather than speaking of the past week, they'd prefer I look to the upcoming week and apply my powers of perception to the coming games. Alright, I'm game.

I have slaughtered the appropriate amount of chickens, beaten myself with palm branches and lit enough candles to be a fire hazard; I am now one with the spirits which will guide me to successful picks for week six of the NFL season.

Dallas Cowboys vs. New England Patriots
Ah, the clash of the Titans.
The NFC's last remaining unbeaten team against the seemingly unstoppable soul stealing juggernaut of New England. Cowboys' quarter-back Tony Romo had a rough week. Stve accounting personally for six turnovers, yet somehow, they orchestrated a win over Buffalo by scoring nine points in 20 seconds. Of the Patriots' five beaten opponents, not one has been on top of their game at the time of the contest. I credit the Pats' start less to their roster of talent, and more their competition's lack of togetherness. And the fact that the entire team is made up of vampires. I predict the Cowboys to drive a stake through the heart of Brady and emerge victorious, holding up Brady’s severed head for all to see.

I'm lumping these five contests together because I care about them about as much as I care about burn fights. Each of these teams have been sub-par thus far in the season, and each of these games are less than exciting. For the sake of picking, I'm going with the Ravens, Browns, Bengals, Eagles, and Seahawks.

Green Bay Packers vs. Washington Redskins
I think the magic fairy dust has worn off the green and gold. Brett Favre will get at least that one last interception he needs to capture the all time record. The Redskins are hot off a pummeling of the Detroit Lions, and the Packers are reeling from being embarrassed by the Chicago Bears. I'm going with the 'Skins.

And for the rest of the league's actions, the spirits are telling me:

Bears over Vikings; Texans over Jaguars; Titans over Buccaneers; Cardinals over Panthers; Chargers over Raiders; Giants over Falcons.

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Athletic Shorts

Soccer
Kaylee Weise, unassisted, scored the only goal for the Pointers on Monday for the win against Edgewood College. UWSP fired nine shots on Edgewood goalie Ilana Baray for the victory, while Pointe goalie Meredith DeCaluwe turned away two shots.

The Pointers lost in overtime against UW-Eau Claire on Saturday. After leading 3-0 earlier in the game, the Blugolds came back and scored the winning goal seven minutes into overtime.

Tennis
The Pointers beat Beloit College Saturday in a home match-up with a 7-2 score. The invite was a non-conference run-in for the Pointers.
Pointers Emily Riordan, Marshel VeBockel, Emily Bouche, Kaitlyn King and Kaylei Storms all gained singles victories. King and VeBockel won a doubles match as did Bouche and Emily Oxtorn.

UWSP to add eight to the Hall of Fame

Eight athletes and university athletic supporters will be induced into the hall of fame Oct. 11th, at a banquet and announced at halftime during the Homecoming football game.
They are swimmers Kevin Parham, football player Craig Verhagen, field hockey player Karen Konopacki, broadcaster Scott Krueger, wrestler Jere Hamel, baseball player Gary Krostchuck, basketball player Mike Paynter and cross-country athlete Eric Parker.

Football
The football team pulled ahead of UW-Oshkosh in the third quarter and maintained the lead to maintain their winning streak, resulting in a 5-0 overall record and 2-0 WIAC conference record.

Pointer quarterback Jake Swank broke his career-high 298 yards and completed 25 of 37 passes.
Fish, anglers head for cover as warm weather wanes

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Anglers everywhere are feeling the fall weather that we’re accustomed to in October: 50-degree temperatures, gale-force winds and generally harsh conditions. The recent blast of 80-degree temperatures was great for the bite, and it left us all too quickly. I’m starting to miss the feeling of skin sticking to skin, if you know what I mean.

Monday and Tuesday provided some of the harshest fishing conditions I’ve experienced since encountering snow on a Memorial Day fishing trip two years ago. The 52-degree temperature and hurricane-like conditions made fishing almost unbearable, leaving me to think, “Is anyone else doing this right now?”

I think reading about the tenets of national socialism would probably be more enjoyable than getting wind-whipped and skunked at the same time such as Lake Dellay. Well, it would have at least been warmer.

The warm weather over the past weekend did bring reported(1) success to some on the Wisconsin River, Eau Pleine Flowage/ Lake Dallay, and the Pettenkel Flowage. Many people claimed success with walleye, northern and small-mouth bass by using jigs tipped with minnows; deeper for the walleye and shallower for northern and bass. Crappies were also hitting well reported.

It was best to leave the lines dry earlier in the week with wind gusts over 30 m.p.h.

With the harsh weather scheduled to leave us by midweek, better fishing times are upon us. The winds look to be settled by Thursday and Friday, leading into mostly enjoyable fishing conditions for the upcoming weekend. With the elongated summer temperatures, expect fall fishing to stay decent as long as daily highs peak in the 50s and 60s, which may unfortunately come to an end soon(2).

In the meantime, walleye should still be feeding on area lakes and rivers, as well as those bigger northern and musky that every angler dreams about catching. Continue pounding the deeper holes with minnows for walleye and tossing larger crankbaits for northern.

The days are certainly numbered, so if the sun’s out and the wind isn’t pushing tumbleweeds of small children and old people through your front yard, you might as well be fishing.

I always use “reported” for two reasons: for starters, its based on my crafty research and stealthy interviewing tactics, not my actual first-hand experience. If I had to report on my actual experiences, the fishing world would most likely trade in their rods for guns. Secondly, if it’s reported, you can’t hold me accountable if you don’t catch any fish. Suckers!

(1) Unless we get a hearty round of global warming, early-November style. Maybe we won’t have ice until February.

Your guide to women’s hunting accessories

by Heather Stotz
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Women’s hunting accessories have come a long way in the last decade: from nothing to having an assortment in styles of clothing, bows, and guns to choose from.

The earlier forms of women’s outdoor clothing focused more on style rather than function and severely lacked all the features that the men’s clothing-line offered. Over the years this line of product has developed but many women still ask, “Where do I start?”

The right clothing depends on the hunting season and the type of game that is going to be pursued. Bow hunters prefer less bulk in their clothes to allow for smooth and easy mobility when drawing their bow. Gun hunters need tops that won’t bind to allow for a comfortable shoulder blade when the time comes to shoulder their gun. For tree stands, wearing pants that don’t bind is essential for easy mobility climbing in and out of the tree.

Climate is also another factor in determining the right outfit for hunting. Some jackets “breathe” with the body as it moves throughout the day, while others are fully insulated to retain body heat for a motorless treestand hunter. The climate also determines if waterproof or windproof features are necessary and if brown or green camouflage is desired.

Women need their own line of camouflage clothing. The average make is almost six feet tall and weighs 190 pounds, while the average female is 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 135 pounds. This means that men’s clothing comes equipped with extra material that isn’t needed for women. A man’s chest, on average, is approximately two inches wider than a woman’s, whereas a woman’s hips are about two inches wider than a man’s. Women require clothing that forms to their physical needs as well as the desire to be comfortable while hunting.

Women’s camouflage clothing should include shirts and jackets that include a tapered waist or mid-section, shorter length from shoulder to waist, a darted chest, and a zipperpered insulated, liner. Pants need a wider fit through the hips, smaller waist sizes and adjustable pant legs. Other features on women’s camouflage clothing may comprise of several pockets, scent containment options, choice of insulated or non-insulated, and choice of waterproof or water resistant outerwear.

Besides clothing, women also need changes in equipment in order to suit their body and stature. In the past five to 10 years, bow companies such as Mathews, PSE and Renegade have started to develop bows specifically designed for women.

One brand holds true for any archer in order to shoot well, the bow needs to fit the individual archer. Most bows designed for men require a minimum pull-back strength of 50 pounds.

Women, especially those just starting out in the sport, may require less poundage. Mathews makes a bow that has a shorter draw length, less poundage and an overall more compact design. Even with these adaptations, the bow still holds the same high quality as those made for men.

Women also like to have a variety of types of accessories such as rubber or leather gloves, small optics with match color, and quick easy-to-use crossbow. In addition, many women want to carry a small accessory kit that includes first aid and insect repellent.

Women’s hunting accessories have come a long way in the last decade: from nothing to having an assortment in styles of clothing, bows, and guns to choose from.
Your College Survival Guide

Roommate Hate

Pat Rothfuss
Shoots for internal harm and harmony
With help from GALAXY COMICS

I have a few good letters on deck right now, but things have been kinda crazy lately, so we're going to pull one of my old favorites up out of the vault for this week. Hopefully, for those of you dealing with roommates for the first time in your lives, this might help you avert disaster later on in the semester.

Enjoy.

Dear Pat,

How do I make it to the end of my lease without going crazy and killing the two guys I'm living with? They seem cool at first. We hung out. Did some X-box. Had a few parties.... But that was all months ago. Now I can't even stand to be in the same room as them. One of them, Dave, constantly eats my groceries then denies it, and he's a total slob. I'm no neat freak, but his room actually reeks because of the old food in it. And I just found out that Steve has been using the money I give him for the phone bill and not to pay his share of the rent. I didn't find out until they disconnected our phone. I consider myself a fairly level-headed person. I do the philosophy, anthropology, religious studies thing here at UW-SP. But seriously, I'm about to have a goddamn psychotic episode here. Help me out!

Freaking Out On Michigan

I don't know if this helps, FOOM, but what you're experiencing is completely normal. It's all part of the life-cycle of the lease. The first couple of months are like the honey-moon. You decorate the house, play Frisbee on the lawn, have friendly chats, share food and generally ignore each other's personality quirks.

But from month two onward it's all downhill. First you think your roommates are hella cool, then you like them well enough, then you're indifferent. Next comes irritation, frustration and eventually, frothing rage.

My advice? Cherish this feeling, FOOM, because there is nothing as pure and clean as the white-hot hatred we feel for our roommates. The only other people that can piss you off this badly are family and friends, and you can't hate them. You're biologically programmed to love your family, and if you attack your friends, you won't have anyone to help you move your furniture when your lease is up.

So you might as well learn to love the loathing, because there's no way to avoid hating your roommates. It's inevitable by the time the eighth month of the lease rolls around. It doesn't matter how level-headed and cool you are.

Let me give you a religious-studies-type example of three of the mellower people in history toward the end of their lease: Buddha, Jesus and Gandhi.

Jesus: Alright, I called this house meeting because things have been getting tense around here lately.

Buddha: Again with the peacemaker routine.

Jesus: What's that supposed to mean?

Gandhi: We're not judging you, but you do act like you're in charge of the house. Calling meetings. Making house rules.

Buddha: Yeah, who died and made you God?

Jesus: I died, you pagan asshat!

Gandhi: Hold on, let's not fight.

Buddha: Technically I'm a heathen, not a pagan.

Jesus: The fact remains that I died for your sins!

Buddha: In what mind, it is too much for me to expect you to pick up your shit when I have friends coming over? Hub? Is that too much to ask?

Gandhi: Alright guys. Let's just agree to listen to each other's points and try to be considerate. And by the way Buddha, you left your incense burning again when you left the house yesterday.

Buddha: Did I?

Gandhi: I just thought I'd mention it. Because, you know, it's a fire hazard.

Buddha: Okay, thanks.

Gandhi: I noticed it because I could smell it in my room. I have an allergy to smoke, you know.

Jesus: Yeah. Keep your door shut, Buddha. If I wanted to smell B.O. and Patchouli, I'd hang out at the Mission Coffeehouse.


Jesus: Life is suffering. Suck it up.

Gandhi: Also, I'd just like to mention that possession of any illegal drugs is in violation of our lease. Just in case either of you didn't know that.

Jesus: Right. Thanks. Moving on. The kitchen's a mess, and it's Gandhi's turn on dishes.

Gandhi: I'm fasting. I shouldn't have to clean them if I'm not making any of them dirty.

Buddha: He's got a point, dude.

Jesus: Then you do them, Sid. I've done them four times in a row. I'm sick of it.

Buddha: No way, those are from when you had your friends over for supper last week. They've got, like, blood and stuff on them. That's just not OSHA approved.

Jesus: It's metaphor blood, you retard.

Gandhi: That's unkind, Jesus. Name-calling won't resolve this issue.

Jesus: I'm tired of your passive-aggressive bullshit.

Buddha: Whoa, settle down. Blessed are the meek, dude.

Jesus: Forgive me if I'm a little cranky today. But I didn't get much sleep last night. It seems like someone was playing their music all night.

Buddha: It's not music. They're their mantras. They're soothin'.

Jesus: Could there be a little less soothing bass? It comes right through my wall.

Buddha: You're a fine one to talk about noises coming through the wall. You think any of us get any sleep when you have that Mary chick over?

Gandhi: Ha ha! Busted!

Jesus: Get bent, you wrinkled up, nappy-wearing freak. You couldn't get laid in a morgue.

Gandhi: Bring it on, sucker.

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Letters to the Editor

At the Aug. 7 meeting of the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, a special committee was charged with looking at a number of issues involving the funding process using segregated fees. The issue arose from a problem at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, when a student organization, Associated Students of Madison, submitted their budget to Chancellor Wiley for final approval. Chancellor Wiley indicated to approve the budget, saying funding for the almost 400 student organizations UW-Madison has formed should not be allowed when the funds are intended for off-campus space. The segregated fees committee was asked to review the allocable segregated fees policy and has been considering a number of elements including off-campus space for students organizations, situations when it might be appropriate for certain organizations to rent off-campus space, whether segregated fees should be used to support student salaries of student employees and other operational expenses. The committee must now develop a new policy that is to be presented at the November 2007 Board meeting.

According to Regent Policy F20, students are not able to fund physical plant or overhead charges for on-campus facilities. There is no policy that states that segregated fees can't be used to fund for off-campus spaces. Many individuals around the system and state feel that this is just a UW-Madison issue.

But, if they look closely, they will see how much it may affect the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus. If staffing, paid through segregated fees, is found to be illegal, UW-SF's student radio station, 90FM, will no longer be able to fund their engineer through segregated fees. Students feel that if stricter guidelines are placed on student segregated fees, it may set a dangerous precedent for shared governance, students have a right to have a say in all matters that affect and pertain to them.

Currently, the Regent policy gives students the majority of their allocable segregated fees. Any changes could result in a hindrance of students' ability to fund what they deem viable for their educational experience. Members of this committee include UW-SF Chancellor Linda Bunnell, UW-SF Student Body President Justin Glodowski, four students from throughout the UW system and four UW System Administrators. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 16th at noon in Old Main. Students are encouraged to gather in support or rights as students. -Adam Lehrman SGA Vice-President
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WORD OF THE DAY: OBfuscate
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### Classifieds

#### CAPTION THIS...

A tree and a moped were married Saturday in the town of Medford. Wisconsin is the only state to allow such unions. Congressman Dave Obey, wiping a tear from his eye, called this proof that technology and nature can coexist.”

Christopher J. Yanke
Chairman, Department of Biology