Faculty senate pinches students' pockets

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A possible $20 increase to the supplemental text allowance imposed upon professors at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is causing much debate among faculty, students and the Student Government Association.

The current limit on supplemental text materials that professors can require students to purchase is $45. The increase in this budget would raise the allowance to $65 per class.

The supplemental text allowance was only supposed to see an increase of $5. "After at least three weeks of research and discussion, faculty and students compromized that the $5 increase was what they were going to go with," said SGA President Katie Kloth.

Sally Reese, of University Text Rental, spoke at the UW-SP Faculty Senate meeting, claiming that a $5 increase was all that would be needed. "I don't know that it's going to make that much difference." In the allowance, however, she thinks it would be a convenience.

"I thought it was only going to be $5," said Stoffel. "I was surprised. I don't know that it's going to make that much difference." Without having to ask for permission from the department heads, they will have more time to do other things like search for used books.

"When compared to other schools in the UW system, UW-SP is still ahead of the game," said Stoffel, referring to the high text prices of other schools. SGA will be discussing the supplemental text increase at 6 p.m. on Nov. 20, in the Legacy Room during Senate.

Students may soon see an increase in the cost of supplement texts. The student Government Association is working to stop this increase in prices from happening by appealing to Faculty Senate and the Chancellor.

Downtown plans put on hold for now

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The Shoppes at CenterPoint, formerly known as the CenterPoint Marketplace and also known as the mall or hall; will be phasing a slow planning process by the city.

On Thursday Oct. 13, citizens from Stevens Point came together for a meeting of the City Common Council in the mall to look at the future of the mall and the entire downtown.

Most of the attention was centered on a proposal that had been developed involving extensive razing and development downtown. After extensive feedback from residents, the city of Stevens Point decided to push back the proposal to give more time for feedback.

The proposed plan consisted of razing much of the standing mall, leaving the three corner stores and Figi's, and would provide space for the ever-growing Central Wisconsin Children's Museum.

Much of the remaining former mall space would become approximately 200 parking spots. The plan also had a section of land across the street, known as the Lullabye Furniture site, developed as a large apartment complex aimed at drawing in students.

It also included running Third Street through the location where the mall now stands. In the long run, there are also additions about enhancing the waterfront and creating bike bridges for safer crossing of Clark Street.

This proposed plan is now being put on hold so that more input can be gathered by citizens and so the city doesn't rush into a deal. Mayor Andrew Halverson pushed postponing the topic for a month or more to give more time for citizens and the city to think about it.

Halverson also plans to push for getting information, meeting agendas, meeting times and dates out earlier to make sure citizens, including students, are better informed as to what is happening in their community.

"It is vital that we allow for ample public input for a project of this magnitude," said Halverson. "The City must, however, not slow down in terms of its' commitment to moving downtown forward."

Despite the waiting time, the mayor has made it clear that the proposal may come back in the same shape or format as it did last week.

Upcoming City Common Council meeting agendas and minutes will be updated online at the city Web site, www.stevenspoint.com.
The Internet president

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When the president-elect is done trying to reform the Bowl Championship Series of college football, he will take office on Jan. 20, 2009, at 12 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. To help get the American people through the next 63 days, the U.S. General Services Administration has set up www.change.gov, a Web site devoted to providing the latest news, events and announcements to over 55,000,000 citizens and to be your guide to the presidential transition process.

It’s safe to say our next president is well adapted to the age of technology; he announced his running mate selection via text message. He essentially wrote the rulebook on the use of the Internet and technology during his campaign, being the first to use either extensively. Those things become the backbone of arguably the most famous campaign in American history. It should come as no surprise then that the extensive use of broadband to every community in America, bridging the digital divide.

“Let’s lay down broadband lines through the heart of inner cities and rural towns all across America,” said President-elect Obama at his Presidential Announcement Speech in Springfield, Ill., on February 10, 2007.

The newest tool in his online arsenal is www.change.gov. The site is devoted to providing the latest news, events and announcements to the American people to allow them to follow the setting up of the Obama administration. Every week, Obama plans to address the public in a four-minute-long video that will be posted on the site via a YouTube link. Videos from White House staff are expected to follow. Eventually transition team members, policy experts and cabinet members will record videos to be added as well.

“The goal is to put a face on government,” Obama spokesman Nick Shapiro said in an interview with the Los Angeles Times.

Obama’s team isn’t just using the site to get their faces and ideas out there. The most interesting part of the site is the section entitled the American Moment. This is a section that anyone can send their story or their ideas on any issue. We’ve seen this approach before. Companies have been jumping onto this wave of “crowd-sourcing,” or surveying the crowd, for a few years. Now it’s allowing Americans to connect with government in a way they never have.

“If he’s actually getting the feedback back to him and he’s actually taking it into consideration for policy decisions, then I think it’s a great idea,” said student Ramone Sanders.

The President-elect will have to make some changes in his Internet habits as well before settling down at the White House. According to the New York Times, aides of Obama have requested he get rid of his Blackberry over concerns of security and the Presidential Records Act making all his correspondence public record. It’s still up in the air on whether or not he could be the first emailing president though. Obama has reportedly insisted on having a laptop computer in the Oval Office.

Copies & More offers more

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Just when you thought your class project would never get done or that there wasn’t enough hours in a day to get your banners made, film developed and brochures made, Copies & More can help you with even more hours of open time.

Copies & More has been a new feature of the Dreyfus University Center since its reopening last spring after being reconstructed. This new feature of the building offers just what the title reveals. They have copy services that provide black and white or color copying on a variety of color papers available in different styles.

They offer more than just copies though. They also have spiral binding, hard or soft laminating, faxing and banner printing.

“One of my favorite services is spiral binding,” said Stacie Simpson, student manager of Copies & More. “We can take a lengthy paper or any multi-page document and attach it together with a plastic spiral. Then, we slap a plastic cover on it, and it’s sure to raise you a letter grade on your project. I finish all my final projects with spiral binding.”

One of their most popular features is the photo kiosk, which allows for fast photo development at a lower price than retail stores.

“You don’t have to wait an hour for your prints; they shoot right out the bottom. And the best part, it’s less expensive than the photo kiosk at Wal-Mart and Walgreens,” said Simpson.

Copies & More also looks at new challenges head-on and is prepared to help students on almost any project. “Students shouldn’t be afraid to bring in something that’s a little bit out-of-the-ordinary,” said Simpson. “Our staff will take a look at it, get some information about the project, and then we’ll work together to figure out how to get it done. If you bring us something challenging or unique, we’ll most likely say, ‘We’ll try.’”

Some unique projects that have been brought up since opening have been sending faxes internationally, laminating backstage passes to events, copying wall plaques, and even enlarging a receipt to poster size.

With the new extended hours, students will be able to get things done later in the day after work or classes when they might be busiest putting together that last-minute project.

“Right now, we’re all in the crunch time of the semester. We all want to know that we’ll be able to complete our A plus project, even if it’s the night before it’s due,” said Simpson.
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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Reserve Officer Training Corps celebrated Warrior Night, an event of fellowship and goodwill Thursday night Nov. 13, 2008. They participated in a variety of events not regularly scheduled for training.

The evening started with opening remarks by the Cadet Battalion Commander Jeremy Crochiere. It was followed by the presentation of kitchen items was merely coincidental: mud, rain, sands, tears and gun powder. To stir it: a toilet brush. All attendees were invited up by protocol classes determined by their rank in ROTC.

A good portion of the evening was devoted to video shorts of the ROTC in action.

“It’s good that this event brings together as a team,” said Lt. Colonel Kurka professor of military science. Video shorts centered on a hypothetical Canadian invasion of America. This short was highlighted by a scream by an anonymous American soldier, and a head soldier in the Canadian Army presented an order by saying “Surrender, eh?”

The second video was “Fatigues,” a spoof on the popular TV show “Scrubs.” This feature showed Crochiere as a soldier suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, with several guns and ammo deposits littered throughout his living quarters. In a side feature of this video Sergeant Major of the Cadets Jeff Schrimp posed the question “Does a vegan each vegetable crackers?” This video snippet also featured a faux montage of the destruction of leadership manual, by Schrimp, Crochiere and Cadet Andrew Adey.

The evening moved to a series of games which included military transport through land mines, simulated grenade tosses, armed warfare, explosive ordinance disposal and another operation that seemed an awful lot like fruit juice pong. As time went by, and dismissal was approaching, it was wondered, would there be an early dismissal? I heard this response.

“We train to standard, not to time,” said Cadet April Thompson.

It was intended for the ROTC troops to take time away from routine and the regular drill exercises they perform Thursdays in a more light-hearted environment.

“These events encourage motivation and the morale of the program. It is healthy for new personnel to familiarize themselves with the battalion,” said Public Relations Cadet Andrea Anderson.

This was thoroughly accomplished through the events that took place last Thursday evening at Warrior Night.

Unforgettable times in London

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"Looking for an absolutely life-changing opportunity to make the most of your collegiate career? Want to explore areas beyond the excitement of Schmeeke, Belts or Ella’s? Have you ever thought of the amazingness of International Programs? For me, studying abroad in London for the semester has been an absolutely life-changing experience so far, and many of the other students agree.

"Traveling abroad expands a person’s horizons; the usual University shenanigans have nothing on what it is to have the entirety of the world around you seem to change -- even though it is, in fact, you that has changed," said Kris Hess, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student.

The opportunity to experience such a wide variety of culture and territory, all in just over three months, is simply an incredible experience.

The Wisconsin group on the London semester program has a very unique atmosphere. As the group has come to the same residence to study for many years now, the International Students House is very familiar with the Wisconsin group ... and holds high expectations on "karaoke Thursdays."

"It’s a smashing good time," said Michelle Gach of UW-Green Bay.

Students reside in the backyard of Regents Park, which is one of the most beautiful royal gardens in London. Most of the top sites in London are within walking distance or only a short tube ride away, so transportation is incredibly easy and convenient.

As for classes, the university hires professors to come in to teach the students a variety of subjects. As an art and music student, I chose London due to the incredible venue for the arts; however, the trip is geared to fit the needs of all majors. The program we are currently on has everything one can ask for: from business, engineering and communication majors to music, art, political science and philosophy.

Cody Hein of UW-SP said, "It has been great seeing everything from a new perspective. It doesn’t matter your area of study; the experience applies to everyone for their own reasons."

The trip really is attainable to all degrees and provides an incredible opportunity for any student of any background.

Another unique aspect of the London trip is the fact that it is so versatile to students, no matter their traveling goals. The trip includes a continental tour to Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France, before landing in London for the remainder of the semester. Plenty of opportunities are present for further travel later in the semester, whether the student hopes to go to Ireland, Scotland or other areas in Britain for a weekend, or venture outside of the United Kingdom as well. For those who are on a budget, or don’t feel as comfortable leaving the country, London holds endless opportunities for exploration and activities.

International Programs has provided all of us with an incredible opportunity to see and do some unique things.
Student organization spotlight: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

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It's a feeling most freshmen know and hate—that gnawing sense of aloneness and search for identity in the first few weeks of dorm life. As a freshman, David Sohrweide found himself at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student organization, InterVarsity.

President of IV, Sohrweide knew he wanted to get involved on campus but didn't know where.

"I lived across the hall from a couple of members of IV and we began to spend lots of time together," Sohrweide said. "We became great friends and eventually they invited me to the weekly meeting of InterVarsity. I don't know where I would be without IV."

InterVarsity at UW-SP is a local chapter of the international, non-denominational Christian organization called InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

According to their Web site, www.intervarsity.org, the purpose of Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship of students and faculty who follow Christ through actions like Broken Bread, is "to establish and advance at colleges and universities witnessing communities of students and faculty who follow Jesus as Savior and Lord, growing in love for God, God's Word, God's people of every ethnicity and culture and God's purposes in the world."

Sohrweide sees these purposes being fulfilled through events like Broken Bread, a hunger awareness initiative to be held Nov. 24, at 6 p.m. in The Laird Room in the Dreyfus University Center. The purpose of the event is to raise money for World Vision, an international food aid organization. Events like their weekly meeting, various leadership conferences and sporadic events such as an annual volleyball tournament, draw between 40 and 60 students.

"Our goal is to see as many students involved as possible, shar-
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The Society of American Foresters attended their national convention in Reno, Nev. Nov. 5-8. The convention is intended for students interested in forestry and included presentations, a job fair and the chance to meet and greet with forestry professionals.

"It's a really good opportunity for students in that it's a really good chance to network with professionals. You get a chance to talk with people you don't normally get to talk with, and you meet new people," said Amanda Bradshaw, vice president of SAF at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Students could apply and interview for jobs nation-wide at this event. They could also talk to forestry professionals and find out what jobs are right for them.

"We had one girl who had a couple of interviews; she ended up taking a position out in Idaho, so if he hadn't gone to this convention he wouldn't have been able to apply to the job, had the interview, and may not have been offered the job," said Bradshaw.

The UW-SP student chapter of SAF also received the second place award for Outstanding Student Chapter of the Year. The award is based on service to SAF, school and community. A plaque was presented to the group and a second to UW-SP's SAF advisor, Dr. Paul Doruska.

"We thought it was very exciting," said Bradshaw. "That goes off how involved we are, what we do as an organization, how many members there are and other things, so it was very exciting to receive that award."

Participants of the trip were also educated on current issues and research being conducted at other campuses. Those who are not looking to pursue a career in this particular field could also be influenced by these studies.

"Non-forestry students have the chance to see things such as the technology and tools used in forestry, engineering students might find this particularly interesting," said Kenneth Price, president of the SAF at UW-SP. "Many of the companies with displays are not just forestry companies, and many of the people that work for them are in fields indirectly related to forestry. So a non-forestry student would have a great opportunity to network with these people."

SAF also finished second for the third consecutive year in a 32-school forestry quiz bowl during the convention. They defeated UW-Madison along the way in a head-to-head match to propel their accomplishment in the quiz bowl.

This event hosts campuses from all over the United States, and even some schools from Africa.

"It is a great place to consider and hear about issues from many perspectives," said Dr. Paul Doruska, "some of which are quite different from what they might normally be dealing just in the region in which they live."

Doruska understands the importance of networking and notes that it is essential for anybody's success in their line of work.

"Students have the best opportunity they will ever have during their studies to network with professionals from around the country," said Doruska, "even interview for and receive offers for summer employment throughout the country. Students can draw on this network the rest of their lives."

The concentration of the convention was forestry's climate of change. This is a global issue that SAF understands shouldn't be underestimated.

[Students] should learn about forestry, especially now in our climate, where things are changing, the economy is becoming different and global climate change is a factor. This stuff is really important to keep abreast of," said Bradshaw. "Because if you stay stagnant in your field, obviously you won't grow and you may not have a profession anymore."

If any student would like to get involved with SAF on campus, it is more than just going to a conference annually. Activities such as work in the community, planting trees, service projects and garbage clean-ups are other things that are done in the organization.

"One thing I would like to drive home is the importance of supporting the forestry profession and working to promote sustainable forestry around the world," said Price. "Without proper management of our forests, no amount of technology is going to be able to save our environment."

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Healthy eating habits for Thanksgiving day

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Thanksgiving is one of the most popular holidays in the United States. Every year, this holiday gives students a few days off to watch football on parades, go shopping, and, of course, eat way too much Thanksgiving dinner.

However, as awareness for a healthy diet and eating habits grows, is Thanksgiving, nutritionally speaking, an excuse for over-consumption, or an opportunity to feast on foods that are actually good for us?

"It depends on how the foods are prepared," said Annie Wettet, associate professor of nutrition and dietetics. "One food in a meal or in a diet doesn't cause the whole diet to be healthful or unhealthful," said Wettet.

Traditionally, the wide variety of foods reflects the background of the
If you're looking for a healthy way to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner, these tips should help:

- Don't go to Thanksgiving dinner hungry. Most people eat faster and more when they are hungry. The hours before your Thanksgiving dinner, eat a wholesome breakfast and lunch to avoid overeating at dinner time.

- Don't treat Thanksgiving dinner as an all-you-can-eat buffet. Fill your plate half with vegetables, one-quarter with lean meat, and the rest with a starch of your choice.

- When reaching for the turkey, go skinless. A four ounce skinless turkey portion will cut away some fat and cholesterol. Instead of loading up on turkey, save your appetite for side dishes and desserts.

- Watch portion size on side dishes. Choose smaller portions and remember that moderation is always key.

- Try limiting high-fat items. High-fat food items can be found in fried and creamy dishes, along with cheese-filled casseroles. Mashed potatoes are usually made with butter and milk; green bean casseroles are often prepared with cream of mushroom soup, cheese, milk and topped with fried onions; candied yams are loaded with cream, sugar and marshmallows. Though you may not be able to control the ingredients in the dish, try limiting yourself to a smaller helping.

- Drink plenty of water. Alcohol and coffee can dehydrate your body. Drink water to help fill up your stomach and keep you hydrated.

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people who came together to share these meals. There is a nutritional benefit to eating a wide variety of foods; you will gain a variety of nutrients. Plus, you will probably not over-eat one specific food, although many do.

"If worrying about getting fat ruins the enjoyment of the day, then don't worry about it," says Wetter.

Dan Bohart, Joseph Marty and Tom Peterson took these Canadian Geese with shotguns on Sept. 1, 2008.

Remember: Gun deer season begins this weekend! Be sure to send your "Top Shots" to Katie Boseo, Science and Outdoors Editor, at kbose615@uwsp.edu.
The ninth-ranked Pointer football team heads into the first post season in seven years with high expectations and confidence on Saturday, Nov. 22, at Community Field against Wartburg College Iowa.

The University Wisconsin-Stevens Point captured its 14th Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title to propel them into the NCAA playoffs.

"These students have worked hard; it's a tough conference and to win this conference for one you have to be good," said Head Coach John Miech. "Also you have to have things go your way at games, during games, and we had a lot of things go our way because we worked hard and stayed positive and we are looking forward to the post-season and see how far we go."

Coach Miech, who has a 129-70-2 overall record as head coach, is ranked fourth on the All-Time WIAC wins list. He also has accumulated more wins than anyone in school history as a football coach, with almost twice as many victories as any other football coach in the history of the school.

"To go 9-1 in this league is a great accomplishment, and how we did it was great. Four of our wins were coming from behind in the last three minutes of the game," said Miech. "Now that is behind us and we have a NCAA playoff berth and we are rewarded with a home game. Right now we are focusing on playing Wartburg.

Wartburg College has an overall record of 8-2. They too won their conference and come into the playoffs riding a five-game winning streak.

Pointer quarterback Jared Beckwith transferred to UW-SP this semester and has found his niche like they did this year; some people would say we have a horseshoe up our butt," said Schiedermayer.

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"The teams we've had in years past were really good too, but the breaks probably didn't go our way like they did this year; some people would say we have a horseshoe up our butt," said Schiedermayer.

"We have a really good team, and I like our chances. Each week is going to be a tough game because everyone is good, but we just got to win this game," said Schiedermayer. "If you go by what the experts say, we were supposed to take fourth so we did exceptional. This is what we expected out of our group the whole time."

Coach Miech said that the team has some injuries, but not a considerable amount to accumulate a hole in the team, which he believes led to their conference-winning season.

"We've been really well prepared for every game this year; the breaks just went our way this year."

The team came into the season expecting to do well, assuming they would have a playoff berth even though the team was predicted to finish fourth in their conference.

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Men's cross country gets at-large bid, moves on to NCAA playoff tournament

Benjamin Haight

You may have seen some of the men's cross country team around campus and may even have a member in a class, but they all share two characteristics. They are the first team to capture a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title since 1997, and they sport full mustaches reminiscent of University of Oregon runner Steve Prefontaine.

"They're not really 'Pre' mustaches, but we've grown beards every year before this so we decided to go with mustaches this year," said senior Dominick Meyer, a top runner for the Pointers.

The UW-Stevens Point men's cross country team has been selected for an at-large berth to the NCAA Division III National Championships, set for Saturday, Nov. 22 at the L.S. Ayres Complex in Hanover, Ind. The Pointers finished third at the 2008 Division III Midwest Regional hosted by Augustana College at Saukie Golf Course in Ill.

The Pointer men's team will compete for the team and individual titles in the men's 8,000 meter race, looking to improve upon last season's sixth place finish in the 32-team field. Sixteen teams receive automatic bids to the championship and the remaining teams are selected from a list of teams that finished higher than fifth.

The Pointers have been ranked as high as number three by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association, but that isn't where they see themselves this weekend.

"We're shooting at the National Championship Title...we were just qualifying this weekend at Regionals," said Meyer.

Point will have to contend with first ranked Cortland State who received all eight first-place votes in the poll, second-ranked North Central Ill. and fourth-ranked Calvin College.
Wrestlers return with win

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With a come-from-behind win against Lakeland College Tuesday, the Pointer wrestling team proved that despite a five-player turnover in the past year, they could utilize the grapplers they have on the squad.

Coach Johnny Johnson remarked that the team is hard-working and that despite having some inexperience in the ranks, the team should be contending in no time.

"We have high hopes for the team this season; we need to fill a couple of spots left from seniors last year with freshmen, transfers and guys stepping up to do as well as we can in the WIAC and the national tournament," said Johnny Fulk.

Johnson said it is just a matter of hard work and ongoing instruction that will create success for the squad this season. They lost two All-American wrestlers and five total seniors last year and moved up wrestlers who had not previously spent a whole lot of time on the mat.

The Pointers saw an influx of seven freshmen and two transfers in the off season. They returned NCAA-qualifying wrestlers Ben Engelland, Jake Wozniak and Chase DeCleene.

"Well, we had a win. I don't know that I would call it a strong performance," said Johnson. "I think that what it did for us was give us a gauge of where we need to improve for next weekend."

The upcoming Comet Dual in Michigan will be a chance for the Pointers to travel outside of their normal realm. They get to take on other wrestlers they would not usually face.

"We're going to see a little bit tougher competition than we did last night," said Johnson. "I think that the competition will be good for us; it also gives us the opportunity to face some teams from the eastern part of the United States that we don't typically see."

One hundred thirty-three-pound senior Jared Kern has big expectations for himself and the team. He placed second in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament last season.

"My main goal is to have at least 30 wins when the season comes to a close," Kern said. "Inconsistency is something that I personally need to overcome and if I do that, not only will I benefit come March, but the team will too."

Chewy turkey nuggets of festive football fun

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I feel a little silly talking about football so close to Thanksgiving considering that half of the country talks about football at this time of year. However, it is my duty to let you, my legions of fans, know exactly what I think from week to week. So in spite of my reservations, I present to you my solutions for boring overtime tie games. We will have winners!

1. Play until somebody scores

Isn't this obvious? I'm not really sure this one needs an explanation.

Tie games are boring and just calling it a draw after five quarters is silly. Let's let these games go on until somebody wins, no matter how long it takes. Baseball does it, football should too.

2. Coin-toss victory

This is basically already a rule since the winner of the opening toss of overtime wins a majority of the time. But we can save time and effort by just having the winner of the toss be the winner of the game. High stakes coin flipping. It's really the way to go.

3. Mascot wrestling

Now this is a brand-new idea that I think the American public can really get behind. People love to watch people in outrageous costumes hit each other. This explains the popularity of professional wrestling. There was an inkling of an idea for cheerleader wrestling, but this would be unfair to teams without cheerleading squads, not to mention a bit sexist. Mascot wrestling is equal-opportunity violence.

There you go. Three bang-up ideas to prevent travesties like this past weekend's 13-13 debacle between the Eagles and Bengals from happening again. Let's keep football exciting.

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Beckwith

"A major loss for us was Brandon Stromkowski, who broke his leg in the Eau Claire game," said Miech. "He's been there for a week and a half and he's coming back tomorrow. Other than that, two of our running backs had knee injuries but we've been good."

Keith Turner, assistant coach and offensive coordinator, believes that this team has all the ingredients for being a successful playoff team. Turner thinks that if the team plays as well as they did in the regular season they will definitely be contenders in the post-season.

"These students have been working hard and we haven't had a lot of injuries this year," said Turner, who, as well as Miech, has an impressive coaching record. "The team does really well learning, that's how we've improved from week to week. The students are willing to take coaching and follow what we are doing."

The team knows that in order to flourish in the play-offs, they need to stick together and act as a family.

"Every team in the playoffs is good; either you are conference champs or you have one loss or just lost to the conference champion," said Miech. "If's win or go home. We're pretty confident we are going to represent ourselves well and if we don't move on it's because a better team beat us."

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ARRRRRRRE ye ready for bloody pirates?

Stevens Point this Friday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

But these pirates reside on the screen rather than the high seas.

"I've learned so many things," Midkiffe-Debauche said. "I've learned a group of 21 people really can work together on one project and see it through to the end, even when you have to debate aesthetic choices that are hard to make."

Pirates will plunder the Michelson Theater stage in the Noel Fine Arts Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point this Friday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

But these pirates reside on the screen rather than the high seas, titled "making pirate movies."

"We went into it sort of blindly," said Val Barbarie, a communication 369 student. "But it turned out a lot better than we had thought. We definitely learned a lot as we went along."

The students, who call their group Point Pirate Productions, come from a range of departments, from communication to web and digital media development, to theater and graphic design.

The filmmakers and artists will also be in attendance for a short question-and-answer session after the show.

Piano man Jason Robert Brown serenades crowd in UW-SP's studio theater

Sam Krezinski

"I'll never be a knight in armor with a sword in hand, or a kamikaze fighter," Jason Robert Brown sang this Tuesday, Nov. 18, as he began his encore after an almost-full theater serenades crowd with no drum or percussion.

Brown is a composer, performer, professor, conductor, arranger and more, and he's just thirty-eight years old.

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Since the beginning of the academic year, Midkiffe-Debauche and the students have worked together their time, energy and range of talents to carry this score’s dynamic energy and momentum into a visual realm of narration.

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Brown played selections from the film's premiere. But the students and professor from communication 369 aren't the only ones who have been hard at work.

The UW-SP student orchestra, conducted by Dr. Patrick Miles, the director of orchestral activities and horn professor at UW-SP, has also been working this semester toward Friday's showing, during which they will perform Barnett's score live to the film.

The end product is a whimsical narrative that incorporates a classic structure of storytelling and design with innovative technique.

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After the production on Friday night, Point Pirate Productions may perform the piece into film festivals like Sundance.

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"It's so far exceeded my expectations," Midkiffe-Debauche said. "It looks so wonderful and I don't know if I could have even imagined how wonderful this would have looked."

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Brown has composed Wyoming Broadway and other shows such as the currently running "Thirteen," "The Next Ten Minutes," "Parade," "Songs For a New World" and more.

A piano, a guitar and a bass sat on stage waiting to be played.

"Brown took to the stage and began playing his first song of the night," said Lucas, a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point freshman, said, "life is complete."

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Fashion: Not just for women, Part one

though they just fell out of bed and put on the first thing that they saw— "clean" or not.

The million-dollar question, "What do your clothes say about you?"

Unless you have friends like my roommate Avra, most people won't tell you that you smell funny, something is stuck in your teeth or ask you, "What the hell are you wearing?!" So before you run into Avra on the street, let me give you a few basic pointers.

Building the perfect wardrobe does not have to be hard or cost you a lot of money. Just remember these five dress codes: corporate, casual, business appropriate, business appropriate casual and play clothes.

Let's start with play clothes, since they are the easiest. Everything that you normally wear to class can be considered "play clothes." Even though you get compliments and can wear them to a nice restaurant in Stevens Point, you need to realize that these clothes are not appropriate in the workplace at all.

Before we can tackle the other four categories, you need to do three things:

1) Assess your closet. Look at this like writing a paper: the better organized you are, the easier it is to write. Therefore, the better organized your closet is, the less likely you are to wear something that is inappropriate for your new workplace. Try to arrange your clothes in two categories: "work and play," or if you prefer, "week and weekend."

2) De-clutter your closet. Now that you have hung and folded all the clothes in your closet and can see the floor, see what you actually wear and what you don't. Now, get rid of the latter. This includes sports coats that are too big, pants that are too small and ties with soup stains that just won't come out.

3) Renew your closet. With all of the offending clothing gone, look to see what you are missing. Make sure that you have enough shirts, pants, plenty of ties - and don't forget suits.

Before you head to the mall to go shopping, there is one thing that you need to do first: go to a formal wear store and get measured. This will save you a lot of time and money in the long run.

Now you have one week to get through the above list and prepare for your final, and perhaps most important final exam: "shopping smart, on a budget."

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Happy Thanksgiving dear readers! It is of course of paramount importance that I wish one of you the greatest day of thanks possible. By you, the greatest day of thanks possible. By you, the greatest day of thanks possible. It is now time next week many of us might be moving a bit slower after generous portions of scrumptious delights. I know I, for one, am looking forward to slipping on my holiday stretch pants!

Back to scrumptious delights for a moment, I need to announce the winner of last week’s contest! Congratulations to Leanna Wisneskie whose suggestion of traditional pumpkin pie was the winner for The Pointer Thanksgiving feast. Avera has even promised to keep her beard just under control as long as she gets a piece.

Gadzooks my thrill seeking friends! In all the excitement around here I nearly forgot that it’s time to begin the annual search for Alfonse! What? You don’t know who Alfonse is? Surely you jest! Well gather around boys and girls and I’ll tell you the legend of Alfonse the Wish Turkey of Schmeeckle Reserve.

The legend begins back in the 1970s as Schmeeckle Reserve was being established. According to local lore, hikers in the new reserve were being harassed by some sort of wild bird chasing after them making menacing sounds and a feathered frenzy of threatening movements. One particularly vicious encounter found a hiker’s ankles viciously attacked and nipped by a sharp beak. As hikers became too frightened to traipse down the trails, university administrators new something had to be done. Drastic measures needed to be taken. They called in Chuck Baskel, world-renowned master of fowl speak.

Baskel spent three days in Schmeeckle tracking and studying his adversary. He finally encountered the beast, a brilliantly colored and highly eloquent wild turkey. Using his patented landfowl language speaking techniques, Baskel was able to communicate with the creature and learn his story.

It is said Alfonse had not always been a turkey. He had once been a promising young student. However, his senseless littering angered a troll who inhabited the forest. The troll cast two spells upon Alfonse that day, one turning him into a creature of the wild, a turkey, and another giving him wish granting abilities along with the role as ‘protector of the forest.

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Alerone had never been attempting to hurt anyone at all and was only attacking hikers who littered. He had been trying to keep them from suffering the same fate he had. If these irresponsible hikers had simply picked up their trash and approached Alfonse he could have told them of the negative effects of their littering and granted them three wishes in return. It was their own ignorance that led to Alfonse being misunderstood.

It is said that Alfonse still inhabits Schmeeckle but old age has caused him to limit whom he grants wishes to. He will only grant wishes in the month of November, his birth month, and only to the first person to approach him. This person must also be in good academic standing with the university.

That’s the legend of Alfonse, boys and girls. As far as I know, no one has found Alfonse yet this year. By the beard of Baskel, you could still have your wishes this holiday season!
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