UW-SP decides to pursue self-op food service

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As of Oct. 6, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has made the decision to transition to a self-operating food service effective fall 2009.

"It was real clear from our students that they really wanted us to go in this direction and we listen to them," said Bob Tomlinson, vice chancellor of student affairs. "It's a multimillion dollar decision and it's one that you can't take lightly."

Chartwells, the current food service provider, has been with the university for about 22 years.

"We have really appreciated all that Chartwells has done for us over the years. They have been very good with our students," Tomlinson said.

Actions the university is taking right away include informing the current Chartwells staff and hiring the right people for their new jobs. As of Oct. 6, Chartwells is in their last year at UW-SP.

The first step in the hiring procedure is identifying a director to help decide the rest of the staff. At the same time the committee has to work over what we do of a sustainable nature, how we work with organic foods," Tomlinson said.

There are also plans of bringing new equipment in the very near future to improve the sustainability impact of the Debot Center when dealing with the immense amount of waste produced.

"One of the first things we want to look at is getting some equipment in Debot so we can convert any of the food waste over there, whether it's paper or food or whatever," said Tomlinson. "It's called a pulper, which crushes everything up so you can put it in a compost operation."

Chartwells is in their last year at UW-SP. Be it that when first student walks in Debot next fall after they move in the residence halls. That first breakfast on that first morning, we better be able to feed them."
It is another week closer to the voting on the Native American Religious Acts legislation. The legislation will allow Native American students to practice their religion in the residence halls to its full extent in terms of smudging.

Smudging is a Native American purification ceremony, which involves the burning of 4 sacred herbs together in a seashell out of which a fine stream of smoke rises up, carrying the prayers of the individual upward to the star nation. It is performed to call upon good spirits and rid their lives of negative energy.

Rory Griffin, a graduate student at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and president of American Indians Reaching for Opportunities, Point and president of American Indians Reaching for Opportunities, said Griffin.

Griffin's passion for the subject stems from an incident that occurred on campus at a private college in Montana he was attending as an undergraduate. His mother called and requested he pray for his grandmother who was in Florida at the time the hurricanes were passing through. He went outside into a courtyard and smudged. It wasn't too long before a hall director came out and told him to stop, to which he complied. Ten minutes later, two city police officers were at his door accusing him of smoking marijuana.

"People don't understand that sage (one of the elements used) smells a lot like marijuana," said Griffin, "This legislation is also to educate people on Native American religious practices."

After this incident, Griffin felt hostility from people around campus and decided to leave school in Montana. When he began attending school in Stevens Point, he heard stories of other Native American students running into problems with smudging, it was the final straw for Griffin.

"You are allowed to perform the rituals under the Native American Freedom act of 1978, in 1996, they amended it to accommodate Native Americans with religious practices anywhere anytime," said Griffin.

He first took his initiative to United Council to get legislation put in place across the state. He was told to get legislation in place on his campus first. So, the Native American Religious Acts legislation was written and presented to Senate where it was postponed.

In the second meeting addressing the issue, Senate added an amendment to the legislation giving Residence Hall Association full authority over the policy and gave them time to work out their own concerns. The legislation will once again be brought before Student Government Association on Oct. 23.

"This is something that needs to be done," said Katie Kloth, SGA president. "I know this [is] taking longer than Native American students want, but we want to make sure we are doing it right."

Residential Living currently has no specific policy regarding smudging. In the Residential Living handbook, it states that students have freedom of religion. It doesn't state that smudging isn't allowed, but the practice comes into conflict with restrictions against open flames in residence halls. Students with allergies and asthma are also a concern.

"This restriction is a direct result of safety concerns," said director of Residential Living, Joe Totman. "Open flames are a primary cause of fires in residence halls."

Since the issue was postponed a second time RHA has been doing research on the issue. They are working to make sure the legislation is passed with all bases covered so no changes need to be made later.

"We support this; right now we are doing research and trying to look at this from all angles," said RHA president Scott Asbach. "We want it to be efficient and all encompassing."

Problems with smudging are not only present here, according to Griffin. Many universities across the state are having problems with the smudging issue. If the legislation is passed, Griffin hopes other universities will follow suit and show support for Native American Religious acts.

"If Stevens Point can come up with a legitimate practice and guidelines then we can be a role model for other institutions and they can adopt it," said Griffin.

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New garbage and recycling bins roll into Stevens Point

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Stevens Point came up with a new way to take out the trash while saving money and promoting recycling. As you may have noticed already, Stevens Point has undergone a virtual garbage and recycling facelift this fall. Bags of garbage and recycling piling up on the side of the street have been replaced by new uniform garbage and recycling bins provided by the city.

Distribution of the new carts began Aug. 4, as 16,000 carts were delivered to the city of Stevens Point. Residents received a 95-gallon recycling bin and a 65-gallon refuse bin, with each tax parcel allowed up to four carts. Additional bins may be purchased for only $59.

The new system is expected to save the city $250,000 a year because of decreased employee costs and an expected reduction in worker's compensation costs. Portage and Marathon County Waste Administrator Meleesa Johnson was the driving force behind the switch. "Driving forces for switching to this, many communities going to this, is the great cost savings," said Johnson.

Cost savings haven't been the only positive impact at the new bins. Many college students who reside off-campus in Stevens Point are overjoyed by the prospect of the large, free bins. Others revel in its ease of use.

"It's so easy, I mean, I put all my recyclables in one bin and all my garbage in one bin. You can't make it any more simple than that," said senior Jeremy Schingen.

In the past, campus dwellers had to sort different recyclables into several different clear plastic bags. Excess garbage that did not fit into full garbage cans would often be strewn around the ground. The new system requires all the bags to fit...
Pointers victorious in Homecoming showdown

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After a battle of defensive prowess, kicker Ryan Graboski was the Pointer who tipped the scales on Saturday afternoon with three minutes left in the game. He launched a 32-yard field goal that decided the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Homecoming victory over UW-Platteville and added another conference win to the team's record.

The kick was the last chance for the team to cement the win and they did so with one swift kick from Graboski's cleats with two minutes left on the clock. The Pointers beat the Pioneers 3-0, offering UW-Platteville its first shutout since 2001.

"Offensively we had a lot of opportunities, but we broke down in the end zone," said Coach John Miech. "You've got to give the kids credit; the defense hung in there and kept Platteville out of the end zone."

Graboski is 12-for-12 kicking extra points this season and holds a 75 percent field goal average so far in 2008. There was a time in high school when he would have been running plays instead of adding extra points, but a broken leg changed his football destiny. Now he is a pivotal special teams player for the Pointers.

The high-arced field goal was a relief for the Pointers, who had battled hard all game to contain UW-Platteville to a total of 184 offensive yards. UW-SP had 305 offensive yards in the game.

"With Ryan Graboski, this might be his fourth or fifth game-winning field goal at the end of the game or in overtime and I wouldn't want anyone else kicking that ball but him," said Miech.

When asked how he keeps himself prepared for big kicking situations like the one against the Pioneers, Graboski said, "I block out everything and treat it like any other kick."

He credited the rest of the team for getting him to that field position in the game. They built the opportunity for the victory throughout the game.

"It felt great to hit the field goal — everyone on the field goal unit did a great job," Graboski said. "Our defense made a big play to get us the ball with good field position and the offense put together a good drive to give us a chance to win it."

Pointer Luke Frisch was one successful unit in the game. He earned the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Football Special Teams Player of the Week after his performance Saturday. He helped put UW-SP on top with 237 yards earned in six punts, kicking approximately 39.5 yards per kick and maintaining a challenging field position for the Pioneers throughout the match-up.

Soccer wins fourth in a row

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With a rich history of winning seasons, the women's soccer team has won five in a row, and now has sole possession of first place in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

They obtained by not only defeating number three UW-Eau Claire, but they earned the victory when they shut out the Blugolds on their turf and during their parents' day.

"We knew it was a big day for them and we just wanted to go in there and show people how good we really are this year," Head Coach Sheila Miech said.

The Pointers have nine seniors on the team, which grants the ladies oceans of experience and leadership. With these qualities within their ranks, their goals are very high and are visible to the team members.

"Our goal this year is to be that number one team," said Miech. "The bar has been set high and we just proved we are a great team and we can continue to achieve excellence."

"We've been improving more and more since the year has gone on," said Walsh.

The team has yet to lose at home this year, with an impeccable 6-0 home-field record.

"If we win the rest of our games we can host the conference championship here [in Stevens Point] and I think we play a lot better on our field..." best game, and had to get it done... it was one of our biggest games," senior Emily Walsh said.

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Sports

University plans to investigate athletic switch: Will UW-SP become Division II?

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After the first of the year, a committee will be formed in order to discuss the future of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point’s athletic department. At a month’s meeting with the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents on Oct. 2 and 3, UW-SP Chancellor Linda Bunnell announced her interest in launching an investigation into becoming a Division II campus. A group will be formed in order to delve into the suggestion and, once researched, the university will decide whether or not they will pursue the idea.

“We’re going to be looking increasingly beyond as the years go by,” said Bunnell. “There are fewer students for the next 20 or 30 years, and we’re going to need to recruit more in areas beyond our normal service area,” said executive director of university relations, communications, Stephen Ward.

Currently the entire process is in the beginning stages and nothing will be created until every aspect of the division switch investigation is completed.

The move into Division II would mean major traveling for the Pointers because the majority of teams they would play are from surrounding states. That could possibly mean using more gas, more university money and more of the student players’ time.

About the impending cost, Ward said, “It’s part of the challenge and part of what is going to be looked into is what is the overall cost standpoint and how can we find the money to do that, so yes, that’s obviously a big consideration.”

On the other hand, Ward believes that going to Division II athletics would offer new competition, excitement and better UW-SP visibility in the nation. He says if accepted, the plan would fit the university’s vision for the future.

“Let’s see what we can do because in athletics right now we have teams that could easily be competitive in II,” said Ward. “Hopefully people will see it in a positive way and see it as an opportunity or a challenge to be met instead of a threat.”

Ward attended a preliminary meeting about the proposal with the chancellor and members of the athletic department and said the concept was basically well-received by those at the meeting.

“There is a lot to look at, a lot to consider. Nothing is decided for sure, but I think it’s important to have the university take this step and over this next year really say ‘here’s what it would take, here’s what we believe it would do for us, and let’s do it or let’s not,’” said Ward.

Ward said the chancellor is very excited about the possibilities and he hopes others will catch on to the idea.

Chewy nuggets of golden football wisdom

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Dallas Cowboys’ cornerback Adam “Pacman” Jones has been suspended by the league. Have we heard this before? It seems that Roger “Inky” Goodell has had his patience worn out by Jones. This most recent suspension is due to Jones getting in a fight in a hotel bar with his team-issued bodyguard, whose name is either Blinky, Pinky or Clyde. Goodell’s power just outweighs that of Cowboys owner Jerry “Magic Giant Dot” Jones and it appears that Jones might finally be out of magic bonus fruits.

After this past weekend’s action, there remains one unbeaten team in the NFL, the Tennessee Titans, and two winless teams, the Detroit Lions and the Cincinnati Bengals. With all the wacky finishes we saw this week, the Titans must be feeling pretty lucky to have had a bye. Four games were decided in the final 10 seconds of regulation and one ended in a wild overtime. If we continue with weeks like this, Vegas gamblers are likely to petition the league.

The current fuel and economic crises have hit the NFL by breaking John Madden’s broadcasting streak of 476 games in a row. The scenario is that two weeks ago, the “Sunday Night Football” analyst was in Jacksonville for a game, then traveled across the country to be in San Diego last weekend. This weekend’s match up is back across the country again, this time in Tampa Bay. All of this wouldn’t be so bad except for the fact that Madden refuses to fly in an airplane. He travels to every destination in a custom bus. The world economic crisis is robbing this nation of John Madden’s blithering quotations and constant repetitions. It’s a sad, sad world.

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Do you have any nicknames? Schieda
What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? Winning back-to-back games on game-winning field goals and then hurting our kicker in the celebration.
What is your most embarrassing sports moment? It isn’t mine, but Beau Luce forgot his shoulder pads sophomore year at Stout and he turned to me and told me first. Then he had to wear lineman shoulder pads while playing wide receiver.
Have any game day rituals or superstitions? I always put my left ankle brace on first.
Who is your sports hero? Shaq and Jonathan Ogden.
What is your sport philosophy? Work hard today because tomorrow may never come.

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“Overall I am proud of the people that came and competed, who were determined to succeed and did in one way, shape or form,” said Adam LaSalle.

LaSalle was instrumental in bringing Timber Sports back to University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The student chapter of the Society of American Foresters had not competed at the Mid-West Conclave for a number of years until the last weekend in September of this year.

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When LaSalle came to UW-SP, he inquired about a Timber Sport team. He found out there was not one and decided to form a team. Six students were interested, so he trained them for the First Annual Lake States Forestry Games and Quiz Bowl held at the University of Minnesota last spring. The competition was designed to prepare students for the Conclave in the fall and for national competitions.

This fall, Michigan Tech hosted the Mid-Western Conclave and invited the Society of American Foresters at UW-SP to attend. LaSalle only had three weeks to train 11 other students before the meet in Alberta, Mich.

The students learned cross-cut sawing, bolt toss, match splitting, peavey log rolling, speed chopping, pulp toss and tobacco spitting. LaSalle provided his own equipment for the students to practice with.

The team met twice a week for two hours. They practiced slowly at first, to perfect form and technique. The team members enjoyed it so much they came early and stayed late.

The UW-SP team, except LaSalle, was nervous at its first competition, but still performed well. A first place ribbon went to LaSalle and Steve Bowe for men’s cross-cut saw.

Second place ribbons went to Mackenzie Shafer and Andrew Gollnick for cross-cut saw, Bowe for match splitting, Sarah Johnson for tobacco spitting and LaSalle for men’s single buck saw.

Third place ribbons went to Amanda Bradshaw and Johnson for women’s cross-cut saw and LaSalle for men’s bolt toss.

The team won a chopping axe and fourth place overall in a field of seven colleges. LaSalle says that is a great showing for a first time team that only had three weeks to train.

LaSalle also won first place and a chopping axe for the Stihl Collegiate Challenge. The team was unaware of that competition and was not prepared. LaSalle stepped up to the plate relying on his past experience as a competitor. There are four parts to the challenge; underhand chopping, standing block chopping, stock chain-saw and single buck saw. LaSalle used his own Stihl MS 460 for the stock chainsaw portion.

Because of his win, LaSalle will be representing the Mid-West in the National level against six other champions in Columbus, Ga. in June. The Mid-Western Conclave can be seen on ESPN sometime in the spring. The date and time are to be announced at a later date.

The Timber Sport Team continues to practice at the Fire/SAF cache and invites any interested party to join them. However, to join you must be a member of SAF. If you would like to know more, contact LaSalle at alasa221@uwsp.edu.

Small game season set to open this weekend

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With Oct. 18, 2008 just around the corner, some hunters at the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point are busy preparing for a multitude of different game birds that will be open to hunt.

The small game hunting season opening on Oct.18, include ruffed grouse, pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, bobwhite quail and Hungarian partridge.

Hunting these small game requires different permits and stamps in order to legally kill them. Some of these licenses, including sharp-tailed grouse, require an application to be turned in ahead of time. In the case of the aforementioned grouse, the application was due on Aug. 1, 2008.

Hunters can expect a challenge this year when locating game. Studies show a decrease in the population of some game birds this year; however, the ruffed grouse population continues to increase as the population nears the peak of its eight to 10 year cycle.

Many regulations are enforced for the entire small game bird hunting season, while other regulations vary from bird to bird. The small game hunting season doesn’t begin until noon on Oct. 18, for pheasants, bobwhite quail and Hungarian partridge.

The only legal firearms that can be used to hunt game birds are shotguns and muzzleloaders.

Bag limits for game birds vary among the different avians, but the possession limits stay the same at two times the daily bag limit.

Other rules and regulations can be found in the Department of Natural Resources’ small game regulations handbook, which is available on the Web at dnr.wi.gov.
Unfortunately, it's a common scene on most college campuses. A college student arrives back at his house after a long night downtown. Inebriated, the student logs on to his e-mail account and begins sending intoxicated messages to his (soon to be former) friends, co-workers and professors.

This is a sad reality for many bar visitors, but Google's e-mail account, Gmail, is out to change all of that. Gmail is set to run a pilot program of their new feature aptly named, Mail Goggles. A Gmail account user can activate the Mail Goggles, which is designed to work on weekend nights, though a user can personalize the settings.

When activated, Mail Goggles will ask the user to answer a few simple math problems before logging in. The idea behind this system is that if a person is mentally put-together enough to do math, then he is composed enough to send e-mails, fully aware of the consequences.

According to Gmail engineer and creator of Mail Goggles, Jon Perlow's blog said, "Sometimes I send messages I shouldn't send. Like the time I told that girl I had a crush on her over text message. Or the time I sent that late night, e-mail to my ex-girlfriend that we should get back together."

The technology is said to spur creative ideas throughout the technological field. Everything from cell phones to Blackberries to social networking sites could have the possibility of acquiring their own version of mail or text "goggles."

Mail Goggles

It's that time of day. Gmail aims to help you in many ways. Are you sure you want to send this? Answer some simple math problems to verify.

68 - 38 =
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A set of math questions, that some sober people cannot solve without the aid of a calculator, helps to prevent G-mail users from sending intoxicated e-mails.

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Nov. 22-Nov. 30

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Dec. 1-Dec.10

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Dec. 11-Dec.14

Pheasant:
Oct. 18-Dec. 31

Sharp-Tailed Grouse:
Oct. 18-Nov. 9

Bobwhite Quail:
Oct. 18-Nov. 19

Gray Partridge:
Oct. 18-Dec. 31

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If those nights filled with recorded lectures and e-reserve documents are getting tiresome, it may just be time to switch mediums. Family Video, in honor of its 30-year anniversary, will be renting thousands of DVDs at each of its more than 570 locations FREE, with no additional paid rentals required. The anniversary celebration will start Oct. 17 and continue through Nov. 17, 2008.

"Price is important to our customers," said Keith Hoogland, president of Family Video. "In these tough economic times, families have to make decisions every day. Spending $3.50 on a cup of coffee isn't nearly as good a value as spending the night in honor of its 30-year anniversary, customers," said Keith Hoogland, president of Family Video.

"People normally rent before they buy," Schubring said. "A success of a movie is oftentimes equated by the star power that is included in the movie." 3616 Dolittle Dr. Stevens Point, WI

Peak times for rentals are from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and on the weekends from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. The nearest Family Video is at 316 Division St. in Stevens Point.

Students still sleep deprived

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At the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, students can often be found yawning, looking drowsy and in some cases even sleeping on random benches and couches found around campus.

Many college students don't get as much sleep as is needed to function properly. Many things can lead to lack of sleep or insomnia. Stress, all night study sessions, and homework can cause students to stay up late and rise early.

Proper sleep habits can lead to better learning and a more successful college career. Others students get more sleep while some get less.

"I'm addicted to Diet Coke," said junior, Rebecca Robillard. Not all students are able to receive this much sleep.

"I occasionally take melatonin," said senior, Brandon Warner. Physical and mental health to suffer. It leads to depression, confusion and lower life satisfaction. It can also affect one's immune system. Fatigue is as dangerous as being intoxicated while driving.

Avoiding or reducing stimulants such as caffeine and nicotine is a way to reduce sleep deprivation. Alcohol should also be avoided as it causes frequent awakenings in the night.

"I don’t need a nap to get through the day," said Warner. "I would come home and say, ‘It’s nap time,’” said Robillard.

Long naps should be avoided because they can cause drowsiness during the day and affect sleep at night. A regular sleep schedule will help to reduce insomnia and increase alertness during the day.

"I typically take melatonin," said Robillard. "I don’t need a nap to get through the day," said Warner. Sleep-inducing drugs are often used by students. Sleep aids can be habit-forming and should be taken infrequently and in low doses.

"It affects me occasionally," said Warner. Lack of sleep can cause students'
Bike Stolen?

It was a Saturday night like any other for roommates Bailey Pratt and Natalie Ullenberg. The girls had decided to stay in rather than go out and join the mass of Stevens Point students engaging in intoxicating behavior. The girls were relaxing when they heard noises coming from outside that seemed unnervingly close. They looked out to see two men riding away on their neighbor’s bicycle and one of their own bicycles. The girls had been victims of bicycle theft previously in the year and decided they were not going to take it anymore. They got on the bikes the men had left and pursued the team of robbers. It proved to be the right move. After some confrontation and much denial on the part of the thief, the girls were able to get their bike and their neighbor’s bike back.

“We’re sick of it; people have been trying to steal bikes off our porch since the beginning of the year,” said Ullenberg.

In the U.S., a four-year college student has a 53 percent chance of getting their bike stolen during their time at school, according to bicyclerights.com. According to Stevens Point Police Sergeant Paul Piotrowski, bike thefts are up 15 percent this year from last year in Stevens Point. Most of these thefts are acts of impulse, he said. Someone sees an unlocked bike, rides it to their destination and leaves it. But bikes being stolen to be sold again for profit have also gone up about 5 percent this year.

“We end up collecting between 300-400 bikes a year in our garage,” said Sgt. Piotrowski.

There’s no doubt there has been an increase in the number of people riding bikes as their main means of transportation. Talking to students around campus, there seems to be a definite on-edge feeling about leaving your bike anywhere unattended.

“It left my bike outside the Student Services Building for 10 minutes at eight in the morning,” said student Ramone Sanders. “When I came back out, it was gone.”

Not only are more bikes getting stolen, but thieves are getting bolder about when they decide to run away with someone else’s wheels. This isn’t the only story I heard of a bike being stolen in broad daylight. Take the story of senior Ellen Forde: she left her bike unlocked outside her house in the afternoon. When she returned to it an hour later to go to the store, the bike was gone.

“I walked downtown to look for it right away,” said Forde. “When I got back, my roommate’s bike was gone as well.

Many stolen bikes end up in the police warehouse with no one to claim them. The police department holds those bikes for 90 days then donates them to the Stanley Project. It doesn’t have to be this way though. Registering your bike with the city guarantees that if your bike is found it will be returned to you.

“My advice is registering your bike. If we find it, we will have your information on file and can get it back to you right away,” said Piotrowski.

The cost of registering your bike is $3 and it never expires. Piotrowski recommended taking many precautions beyond registration of your bike. Buy a quality bike lock; U-locks are sturdy and hard to get past. Make sure it is locked to an immovable object and, whenever possible, take your bike inside.

WISPIRG takes comments on new coal plant proposal

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POINTLES REPORTER

The Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point recently accepted public comments over the current dispute of Alliant Energy’s Cassville coal power plant proposal.

WISPIRG recently began a campaign against Alliant Energy’s plant proposal in which members tabled on campus to get public comments from the student body. The comments collected will be sent to the Public Service Commission.

“Our goal as a state-wide organization is to get 250 comments. In Stevens Point, we have collected 36 so far, with a goal of 100,” said UW-SP WISPIRG member Colleen Kiefer.

The Citizens Utility Board and Clean Wisconsin oppose Alliant’s Cassville coal plant proposal, claiming, in their testimony, that it is a bad investment for the economy and environment of Wisconsin.

Ten other states have developed new efficiency standards for furnaces, audio equipment and commercial and industrial boilers. If Wisconsin was to follow, this would save nearly 430,000 tons of global warming emissions over a 10-year period, according to estimates from the Appliance Standards Awareness Project and the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy.

These savings would be completely erased in just seven weeks of operating the Cassville local plant, states the Wisconsin Web site. Cassville, said Kiefer of the new plant proposal.

The Wisconsin Utilities Association supports the approval of the project.

In a public statement submitted on behalf of WUA, executive director, Bill Skewes said, “WUA supports approval of the project because it will help Wisconsin utilities collectively maintain a diverse mix of fuels in our generating fleet while achieving a responsible balance between protecting our environment and providing reliable electric service at reasonable rates.”

The PSC has until mid-December to decide whether they will approve or reject the Alliant Energy coal plant proposal to be constructed in Cassville.

“High expectations, stretched very thin, self-actualization, for the strong.”

That’s what fifth year senior Christie Burgess, an acting and family life and education major, said when she was asked to describe a day in her life in 10 words.

She and Amber Wuttke, a junior in theater drama with an emphasis in movement acting and costume design, allowed me to follow them around to a few classes in order to get a feel for what it is like in a day of the life of these notoriously difficult majors.

Burgess said her first years in the major prepared her for her current majors.

“If it was going to be a really full day because you have such a precise order you have to go to, you’re always with the same people all the time,” Wuttke said. “The classes are so small you just know everyone. And because of the first couple years, because you have such a talented person come to help when they’re in trouble. We basically are happy for everyone when they succeed and try to help when they’re in trouble.”

Although the major can be cutthroat, generally the camaraderie rises above egos, Wuttke said.

“When someone gets to ahead of themselves or puts them above others in a snobbish way, we tend to ‘put them in their place,’” she said. “It is key to stay humble. We are all talented in different ways, and that’s what should connect us and separate us.”

Wuttke also described a day in the life of a theater student in 10 words.

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The camaraderie between theater majors is another reward that after several years, both students are reaping.

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- Wuttke

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UW-SP graduate casts new light on reality TV

On Oct. 10, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point graduate Benjamin Selle spoke to arts management students about his eight-year career in reality television in Los Angeles.

Selle is a manager for an agency called Realtalentcasting. He works as a casting director for shows like Rock of Love, Flavor of Love and I Love New York. He also goes on tour with musicians and artists.

"I've always loved being on the road and traveling," Selle said. "I love living out of a suitcase. For me having a different city, a different location, different people, is exciting. I'm all about doing things that I normally wouldn't do on a daily basis. That stuff takes you out of the element of an office."

Before at UW-SP, it was hands-on, and I was learning about television production ... It's very exciting to be actually doing what you came out to do, and the next thing you know you're moving on up.

From his internship, he got his first job as a production assistant. Selle said that despite the cut-throat environment.

"People want to create some kind of joy, even if it's very temporary, like a piece of candy--It's great for the time that it's there, and when it's gone, it's gone."

Selle He said both his life and schedule now manifest this simile.

"With the entertainment industry, you've got to keep going." Selle said. "If you don't keep it on your end, it's going to fade out and the next producer or casting director or celebrity is going to come snuff out your flame. I love the fact that I have to keep going. I love to be busy."

But, he said, there is some lasting value to the entertainment industry as well. He said the people he works with create an art form -- and the medium of reality television is something viewers can relate to.

"People want to lock themselves away from saying, 'hey I don't have emotion, I don't cry, I don't do this,'" Selle said. "But in reality, when it comes down to the nitty gritty of it all people, when put in the element, will express how they feel. That is somewhat entertaining, but people realize it's not to bad to show your emotions or bring up issues you think are too taboo."

Selle said part of his job is choosing the right types of people to put on screen.

"We in casting can help put people out there that people can identify with. As human beings, everyone has something they can identify with," Selle said.

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS WEEK WITH ARTS AND CULTURE:

---SOUTHEAST ASIAN DINNER---
TASTE OF TOJ ROOB
Oct. 18 Thursday 5 p.m. The Laird Room
Tickets in the Info and Ticket Office in the DUC

---HARVEST DINNER---
Oct. 19 Sunday 7 p.m. CPS CAFE

---NEVER THE SINNER---
Oct. 16 Thursday 7:30 p.m. Studio Theater 120 NFAC

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High Five: High fives are only the beginning

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On the count of cinq, we grasp each other's hands and hold them up in the air and turn in a circle, clockwise.

Sex-her-izing to the beat of new technology

It's interesting that GPS systems are marketed to women. This is so they buy it for their man who is too chicken shit to ask for directions. I consider this to be an indirect marketing ploy to no group other than men.

Televisions, phones, Bluetooth headsets, watches, MP3 playing sunglasses, video and computer games. The list goes on and on! There are even "rumble packs" that can be added to game controllers for a more titillating experience.

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This simple act of thievery played music via a basic headphone jack in computers, MP3 players, stereo and cell phones. This gives phone sex a whole new meaning!

Think about your favorite song and how it would feel deep within you. This toy is guaranteed to get you singing high notes. Just as the slogan goes, "Tune in, turn on. Feel the music." Naturally, some music is better than others. I would start with something with less bass before you get into heavy club music.

The Nautinano, in four different colors, comes with a splitter that allows the user to listen to her music while the vibrator is hooked up to the player as well.

This is not your grandmother's vibrator that had to be plugged into the wall or started with a rip cord.

The Ohmibod is site for other musically invigorating products! It's a pretty hot site. You may want to be by yourself!

And guys, the holidays are just around the corner! This gift is sure to have you and your lady moaning in harmony.

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-Your friend, Steve

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How will I do that? Well, friends, I think we've been in this relationship long enough that we're ready to take the next step. I am confident that we are all mature enough to handle me saying that it is time for us to consider getting physical. That's right. It's time to develop our secret friendship handshake.

I know it's a big step in a budding friendship, but with midterms nearly upon us and the crisp smell of autumn permeating the air, the time couldn't be more right. In the words of AT&T, it's time to reach out and touch someone. Don't worry, I'll be gentle the first time.

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What's the point?: Merry election season to you all!

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Yesterday, Oct. 15, was the last day all Wisconsinites were allowed to pre-register to vote for the upcoming presidential election. I, like I am sure most of you did, registered for what is expected to be the most important election of our generation. Though our generation has only had a few elections to vote for, this is nonetheless the most crucial time for our voices to be heard.

Our very own seventh Congressional District Rep. Dave Obey stated that this is the most important election since the 1930s while he was on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus on Oct. 14. You can decide for yourself if this is true.

I am just excited to be able to tell my children one day what it was like to be a part of such a historical election. Now I will not advocate one way or the other of who to vote. For this, I believe, is each individual's choice—a choice everyone should make. Regardless of what happens, the White House will be home to either the first African-American president or first female vice president.

Being a political science and communication student makes every election season my very own Christmas. Give me some debates and political advertisements to unwrap and I am all jingle bells. This election cycle has not failed in creating that Christmas morning twinkle in my eyes. There have been a lot of highlights, everything I could have hoped for and more. But, with every Christmas season, there is the Grinch. In this election cycle I think we can all agree that we have been witness to many Grinches.

For those of you not as filled with the political spirit, I understand. Someone has to be jollier than the rest.

The point in all of this, fellow students, is you have taken the first step by registering to vote. Make sure you use your new-found power by voting for the next president of the United States of America.

Merry election season to you all and to all a good vote!

Get out and do something with CP!

Thursday, Oct. 16 through Saturday, Oct. 18

Thursday: Wrath of the Girth (Metal) 8 p.m. The DUC Encore, Free-for-all!
Movie: “Step Brothers” 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The DUC Theater, Free w/ UW-SP I.D. $3 w/o
Friday: Whose Line is it Anyway? (Improv. contest) 8 p.m. The DUC Encore, Free-for-all!
Saturday: Kick Ace Illusions (Illusionist) 8 p.m. The DUC Encore, Free w/ UW-SP I.D. $4 w/o
Movie: “Step Brothers” 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The DUC Theater, Free w/ UW-SP I.D. $3 w/o
Late Night Programming: Texas Hold 'em Tournament
11 p.m. The DUC Encore, Free-for-all!
WIN PRIZES!

Wednesday, Oct. 22 through Sunday, Oct. 26

Wednesday: Learn how to play poker w/ Ben Smith 7 p.m. The DUC room 374, Free-for-all!
Thursday: Country Karaoke Contest (for a chance to win free Josh Gracin and Jimmy Wayne tickets) 8 p.m. The DUC Encore, Free-for-all!
Saturday: Wisconsin Jazz Orchestra (Jazz and big band)
Semi-formal event with hors d’oeuvres and cash bar
7:30 p.m. The DUC Laird Room, Free w/ UW-SP I.D., $10 w/o
Tickets may be picked up at the Ticket and Info Center
Sunday: Josh Gracin and Jimmy Wayne (Country) 7 p.m. The Quandt Fieldhouse
$25 w/ a $2 service charge at the Info and Ticket Center, Tickets can also be ordered by phone at 800-838-3378

Your SGA: What’s happening?

Even though Oct. 15, was the last day to pre-register to vote, the Student Government Association still has some pretty neat things planned regarding the election. It has been crazy these past few weeks, and we have been registering people like mad, but there is still much more to do! Now that so many people are registered, SGA’s goal is to make sure that they are informed and up-to-date with the candidates and their views and policies.

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, SGA will be hosting a mock presidential debate in the Encore from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Come see your fellow students duke it out as characters such as John McCain, Barack Obama, Cynthia McKinney, Ralph Nader, Alan Keyes and possibly Ron Paul. If you are interested in acting, stop by the SGA Office (052 DUC) to sign up!

Do you know where you are going to live next year? If not, another big event that SGA will be sponsoring is the Living Options Fair on Monday, Oct. 20 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Stop by The Laird Room in the DUC and talk to landlords, look at different off-campus living options and possibly sign up for tours! Also, keep your eyes open for the Majors Fair on Oct. 29!
Rabble Rousers

Joy Ratchman

I have a song in my head: A very poppy song. I can tell...

Neverland

Lo Shim

No, wait... I think I can fix it...

Where I Come From

Bryan Novak

I'm never gonna work here again. Just look here...

Roach

Dustin Hauge

I don't get it—I'm old enough to take a Calculus test, but not old enough to drink myself halfway stupid...

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firmed inside both bins, yielding two sharp-looking brown bins.

Some residents have raised concerns over the movement of bins due to their large size. Other residents are the questioning the ability to clear spots along the curb for the bins during the winter.

"The carts are really easy to use. They're in fact much easier than lifting garbage can or several heavy bags," said Johnson.

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