Pink Week Raises More Than $56,000 For Cancer Awareness

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Between special events, T-shirt sales and the Pointers football game, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point’s Pink Week raised $56,000 for cancer awareness, with proceeds going to the Breast Cancer Family Foundation, Joanne A. Suomi Memorial Fund and Circle of Friends.

Students, faculty, staff and community members joined together for the annual Pink Game on Sept. 19, sponsored by Team Schierl Companies and the Student Government Association.

A whole week of pink festivities led up to the pink game, where even Pointer football players wore pink jerseys. Nick Meyers is the student life and academic affairs director for the SGA and helped promote the week through a variety of initiatives.

But Myers has a deeper connection. He is a cancer survivor and was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia as an 8-year-old. He went into remission at age 10 and is passionate about helping raise awareness about cancer. As a result, he helped Team Schierl partner with SGA for the event this year.

“Pink Week was important as it showcased how students and the community could work together to...continued on page 4
Homecoming Week Brings Exciting On-Campus Events

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This year’s homecoming week is kicking off with the annual fun run on Sept. 27. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point’s Homecoming Council has planned events for Sept. 27 through Oct. 3. Matt Curtis, senior communication major, is co-chair for the council.

Curtis and other council members began planning for the event earlier this year and set the spy theme.

“I think that my favorite part of planning the process was the beginning, when we got to conceptualize everything. We passed around different ideas of doing different themes. There are always some really fun themes that come up,” Curtis said.

The council has a cake decorating event planned, which will be held in the Dreyfus University Center on Sept. 28, allowing students to form teams to compete.

“Teams can come into the DUC and decorate cakes according to the theme,” he said. “It’s one of my favorite events throughout the week. It brings a good crowd of people.”

Laser tag, another homecoming event, will be Sept. 30 in the DUC’s Laird Room.

“Overall it should be a really fun event because where else would you get the opportunity to play laser tag on campus?” he said.

Amanda Doperlaski, senior communication major and council co-chair, said she is looking forward to seeing students participate in the various events.

“We have put a lot of work into this, and I want people to have pride in our school because that is our goal and that is what we set out to do,” Doperlaski said.

Doperlaski said the spy retreat parade, on the morning of Oct. 3, will showcase floats made by twelve different residence halls. Following the parade, there will be an all campus picnic at Debot Field before the football game.

“I am most excited to see this succeed. When you work at something for so long you really want to see it succeed and hope that everyone has fun,” Doperlaski said.

Nick Myers, senior communication major and SGA’s student life and academic affairs director, said homecoming is always fun for students.

“I would say the thing I look forward to the most during homecoming week is just the energy it brings to the university. A lot of my friends tend to come out and hang out for it, and of course there are all the get-togethers around homecoming,” Myers said.

Correction:

In the Sept. 16 issue in “Students Are OK with Co-Ed Bathrooms,” the all-gender restrooms are found on the second floor of Smith, Steiner and Watson Halls, not on every floor of each hall.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

SEPT. 29

6 P.M.
Office decorating competition

7 P.M.
Casino Night
DUC Laird Room

OCT. 1

Human Foosball
4 p.m. Debot Field

Volleyball Tournament
4 p.m. Baldwin Volleyball Courts

5 v. 5 Basketball
6:30 MAC

SEPT. 30

7 P.M.
Point Blank Laser Tag
DUC Encore

OCT. 2

6 P.M.
Pep Rally
Berg Gym

OCT. 3

10 A.M.
Homecoming Parade
Fourth Ave.

11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
Homecoming Picnic
Debot Field

2 P.M.
Football Game
Goerke Field

PROTECTIVE SERVICES
REPORT

Sunday, Sept. 20
Protective Services smelled gas inside a building on Maria Drive and notified Wisconsin Public Service about the issue.

Monday, Sept. 21
An individual reported his or her black Schwinn bike, with lights on the front and back, stolen around 10 p.m. on Sept. 18 from the Science Building.

PS made a traffic stop for a vehicle that had been driving under the speed limit with two passengers.

Tuesday, Sept. 22
A female student reported her bike stolen at 2:30 p.m. from the southwest bike racks near Debot.

Wednesday, Sept. 23
A Knutzen Hall CA asked if a PS officer could come and confirm a marijuana odor coming from a room in the hall.

Thursday, Sept. 24
PS received a call in which the security alarm had gone off in the Art Gallery. Per Mar Security Services confirmed the burglary alarm had been set off.

Friday, Sept. 25
The Portage county Sheriff’s Department contacted PS about a dead deer with a UWSP tag in its eat by the Sentry Park. PS notified the Wildlife Society and Schneekele Reserve Staff about the issue.

A female individual informed PS that someone had placed dead pigeons under the door handles of her car, as well as around the exterior of her vehicle.

Saturday, Sept. 26
PS reported to an incident at the sundial regarding two female individuals and possible public urination.

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Changing the World: Division Street Research

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How do we transform a barrier into a boulevard? Late last fall a group of professors began talking about Division Street as a laboratory for their environment and community-related courses.

Already some of us were using Division Street as a case study in our courses, particularly in land use planning and interior architecture. But we all agreed that more could be learned from this important landscape right on our doorstep.

What could be the history of this commercial strip tell us about our town? How could anthropology suggest ways to build a conversation about the regenerative possibilities for the strip? What could students learn by looking at Division Street through the eyes of an architect, planner or artist? Could students in sociology and political science learn about the prospects for a multi-semester, interdisciplinary student project. Today, approximately fifteen instructors from across campus and University of Wisconsin Extension are working together to make this experiential learning activity a reality.

Named the Division Street Student Research Initiative, the unique project will bring students from a range of disciplines into collaboration with faculty partners, city officials, designers and artists, community members and business groups.

-Dr. Tori Jennings

In an initial effort to consider the revitalization of north Division Street, a roughly ninety-two acre blighted highway/business corridor adjacent to campus.

Students will investigate strategies, create innovative conceptual renderings, design sustainable streetscapes and learn through experience how a holistic approach that draws upon the social and natural sciences and the humanities can tackle complex urban design problems and ultimately improve quality of life for all in the community.

Students who follow the project might become eligible for internships and research presentations beginning 2016. An upcoming presentation and Q&A session will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 in CPS 116 and is open to students, faculty, staff and the public. For more information contact Katja Marquart (Katja.Marquart@uwsp.edu), Tori Jennings (Tori.Jennings@uwsp.edu) or Anna Haines (Anna.Haines@uwsp.edu).

Ongoing Scams Plague Students

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Scammers targeted University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students this summer by frequently showing concerns for money.

The scams, first showing up around July, work by exploiting students' ignorance of IRS procedures and as well as their fears of not being able to pay student debt. Impersonating government officials, the scammers call students claiming students owe the Internal Revenue Service tax money. The scammers then demand immediate payment under threat of arrest.

This is not reflective of how the system actually works, said Police Sgt. Paul Piotrowski, community resource officer for the Stevens Point Police Department.

"Local police departments never act as collection agencies, and the IRS does not call people on a first contact," he said. "They will send something, normally registered or certified mail, and then have you call them."

The IRS also will not pressure anyone into making immediate payments, Piotrowski said.

First, scammers mask their identity by spoofing caller ID signatures. It will appear to the recipient as if the caller is from the department or IRS. Next, the scammers cultivate a sense of urgency by claiming they have issued a warrant for the student's arrest, or the student would be kicked out of college and prevented from coming back should they fail to pay immediately.

And the message was successful in reaching students.

Elise Celarier, senior math major, said she recalled receiving emails regarding the scams.

"It said there were phone calls targeting UWSP students," she said.

Celarier said though she was not personally worried about the scams, she was concerned freshman might be more susceptible due to unfamiliarity with the system.

For those uncertain about whether they might be the target of a scam, Piotrowski said, "Be suspicious of anybody calling you and asking for money. The police department does not act as a collection agency for utility companies, the IRS or the state department of revenue. Anytime somebody's calling you saying you need to pay money immediately or you're going to jail, it's not real."
raise money for some very important causes,” Meyers said. Many University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point groups pitched in. The University Store and Text Rental participated by selling pink T-shirts for $10 to help raise awareness and money. SGA organized chalking around the campus and hosted a movie night. On Sept. 16, students, staff and faculty were encouraged to wear pink.

“It was amazing to see everyone wearing pink and supporting such a nice cause, while enjoying a nice football game at the same time,” said Juan Pablo Garcia-Lopez, business major.

Fourth Street was even closed and called “Pink Street,” holding activities like spin the wheel and other challenges.

“It’s an important cause because at some point nearly everyone has been affected by it”, said Michelle Wilde, psychology and international studies major. “Not necessarily only breast cancer but also cancer in general. It reminded people that they do not stand alone. It brought the whole school together in unity for a single cause.”

**ENVIRONMENT**

Aquaponics Innovation Center Wraps Up First Internship Program

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Aquaponics Innovation Center in Montello has wrapped up its inaugural summer internship program and is offering opportunities for undergraduate research in fall.

Denielle Gerrietts, senior, and Emma Ray, sophomore, were the first summer interns in the facility’s history and spent three months preparing and maintaining equipment, as well as tending to fish and crops.

Dr. Chris Hartleb, professor of fisheries biology, oversaw the internship program and is hoping to find more students to help continue research beginning in May.

The fish and the plants need to be cared for seven days a week.” Hartleb said. “The fish don’t know what a weekend is.”

-Dr. Chris Hartleb, professor of fisheries biology

The interns made systems operational and began research focused on using walleye, a cold water fish, to grow the same vegetable crops in a soil-less system that are traditionally grown in systems with tilapia, fully in the walleye systems and were harvested at six-week intervals. UWSP’s Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility provided thousands of juvenile walleye, which were performing as well as tilapia, Hartleb said.

“To see that we’re getting the same production that we get with warmer water fish is pretty amazing,” Hartleb said.

The interns helped get the facility up and running and received training both on site and at the aquaculture facility. They faced several problems early on, however, and had to purchase supplies and piece together systems on a day-to-day basis.
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"We actually went to the hardware store quite a bit," Gerrietts said. "You had to think efficiently and keep it very clean."

Despite being functional, the system proved to be more high maintenance than imagined, requiring intensive cleaning, feeding and staffing on weekends.

"The fish and the plants need to be cared for seven days a week," Hartleb said. "The fish don't know what a weekend is."

Both interns were referred to Hartleb because of their interest in aquaponics.

Gerrietts said she has always loved both fish and plants and hopes to one day own her own aquaponics business. The internship was her sole interest for the summer and a one-time opportunity for relevant experience before she graduates in spring.

"It was perfect timing," Gerrietts said. "It really was the only time I could dedicate my time to an aquaponics facility."

Gerrietts currently works at the facility between one and two days per week, continuing the research that began in May. Ray has been involved with greenhouse and aquaponics projects since junior high.

Confronting issues in a new facility on a daily basis was stressful at times, but was a good experience overall, Ray said.

"I really liked just being there from seedling to harvest and seeing how everything works together," Ray said. "I'll use it as an opportunity to feel out where to apply my major."

Composting Program Launched in Lower Debot

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At the start of the fall semester, a composting program that began as a class project became part of the structure in Lower Debot.

Amanda Kyle, biology senior, devised the project for Dr. Rebecca Franzen's environmental issue investigation and action course in spring of 2015. She will receive the Wisconsin Association for Outdoor Education's Student of the Year award in October for her efforts.

Kyle said she chose to investigate composting food scraps because she has been a student manager at Lower Debot for three years and saw huge amounts of food going in garbage bins there.

"I asked myself, 'what do we do every day?" Kyle said. "We throw away so much food. How do we prevent that?"

Kyle said the hardest part of the project was getting it approved by administrative staff, even though all dining locations on campus already compost food waste created during preparation. She said her original plan was to place composting bins at all campus dining locations but was restricted to Lower Debot to ensure the project started correctly.

"I wasn’t expecting that to be a challenge," Kyle said. "There was a lot of questions about details I wasn’t expecting."

Franzen said Kyle’s vision was realistic.

"It was something that she could do. She had control over it," Franzen said. "Some students really ran into problems, and that’s part of the course, too."

Kyle’s position as a student manager helped accelerate progress and by May, Dining and Summer Conferences supplied two bins complete with customized informational graphics. She chose to wait until September to implement the program for training purposes.

Reactions to the bins have been positive, Kyle said, and the volume of food being composted is increasing, though some users improperly dispose of garbage in the bins. Kyle said she hopes to partner with student organizations in order to educate and promote proper composting.

James Swenson, senior wildlife major, said he was not aware of the bins in Lower Debot but said he thinks a composting program for uneaten food will gain popularity.

"If you spread the word about it, then a lot of people will want to participate," Swenson said. "As long as it’s being used for a good reason, I think that’s a good thing."

All compost generated on campus is hauled to the University’s Waste Education Center where it is mixed into a large three-pile system, which Kyle said allows users to compost foods like meat and bread which don’t break down readily in smaller systems.

"What makes our system different is that it’s huge," Kyle said. "The bigger the system, the more you can put in there."

"What makes our system different is that it’s huge," Kyle said. "The bigger the system, the more you can put in there."

Franzen said she is always impressed by her students and believes students’ interest in environmental issues is not limited to people in natural resources courses.

"I think it’s empowering for students to realize they can actually do stuff," Franzen said. "People all across the university are concerned about environmental issues, not just people in the CNR."
**Football and Volleyball Victorious Over Weekend**

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**Football Runs Over Finlandia**

With 595 yards of total offense and 355 on the ground, the Pointers football team rolled past Finlandia 77-6 on Sept. 26.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team had eight different players score touchdowns as running backs DeJuan Wright, Britton Vernon and wide receiver Jerry Williams each scored twice. Junior running back, Christian Almonte, led the ground attack with 97 yards on six carries for one touchdown.

Through the passing game, junior quarterback Kylene Larson threw 7 of 12 for 154 yards, achieving a touchdown and an interception. On defense, UWSP held Finlandia to 152 yards as sophomore defensive back Blake Lehman and junior defensive lineman Adam Wachowiak led the team in tackles with seven.

UWSP next plays against UW-Eau Claire in its conference opener in the annual homecoming game on Oct. 3 at Goerke Field.

**Soccer Goes 0-2**

UWSP soccer went 0-2 over the weekend with losses to UW-Whitewater and North Park.

On Sept. 26, the Pointers gave up three goals in the first 15 minutes and were never able to recover. The Pointers only had six shots with one on goal from junior forward Abbie Ullrich.

The next day, UWSP traveled to North Park and came up short in the last seven minutes as North Park broke a 1-1 tie for the win. Freshman midfielder Kayla Huber scored the lone goal for UWSP, even though the Pointers outshot the Vikings 18-9 in the game with six shots on goal.

**Tennis Loses in Doubleheader**

UWSP tennis fell at home in doubleheader action Sept. 26 to Bethel and Lawrence.

Bethel beat the Pointers 8-1 with the lone UWSP win coming from junior Emily Kleist at second singles. In a close match, Lawrence came out victorious 5-4. UWSP received points from doubles pair of Kaylee Roberts and Frances Weiss, while Nicole Thorson and Jordan Tjjeski won in singles competition.

The team will play UW-Whitewater on Sept. 30.

**Volleyball Rebounds Again After Loss**

The Pointers volleyball team resumed play after a weekend with two losses, beginning with a five-set win over Augustana on Sept. 25 at the Elmhurst Invitational.

UWSP closed the win, scoring the last seven of nine points to win the match. Junior defensive specialist Marie Krengel recorded her first double-digit kill game with 10, including four late in the match.

The following day, UWSP played two games and for the first time all season it lost to Wheaton. In the loss, junior outside hitter Kelly Cefalu led in kills. The next game, UWSP defeated 16th ranked Elmhurst for the second time this season 3-1. The Pointers had 11 blocks and hit a percentage of .214. Krengel recorded another career-high in kills with 14, hitting a .522 percentage to lead the Pointers, while freshman setter Brittany Laffin added 41 assists.

UWSP travels to UW-Whitewater on Sept. 30 for its next game.

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Pointer Soccer Looks to Build Under New Regime

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The soccer program at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has seen what the top looks like as well as the bottom.

With a young roster as well as new coach Dawn Crow, the Pointers will be looking to rise back up to the top this upcoming season.

UWSP started out the season 2-6, and Crow is finding the positives in her squad’s efforts and is working on some weaknesses.

"Big thing that we are happy about is we are getting scoring chances, now we just gotta finish them," Crow said. "Our fitness level isn’t where it needs to be right now, and we are working little by little to getting it where it needs to be."

The Pointers have only played one conference game so far, a 2-0 loss to UW-Stout. The Pointers tested themselves with a tough non-conference schedule that included a game against the University of Chicago, which is ranked top ten in the country.

"A game like that will tell you very quickly what you need to work on," Crow said. "I would much rather play those games, though, instead of the games where you kind of know you are going to win. I want to earn these wins."

Crow’s impact is strong among the players, and they are embracing the goals and values Crow wants to install throughout the program.

"We definitely have a lot more structure and discipline and were held accountable to the expectations that she has set for us," said senior forward Emily Dietrich.

As group of players who has endured a couple tough years, they are taking in every ounce Crow has to offer whether they are seniors or freshmen.

"We kind of knew that coach was special when she came to interview for the job, and we got to talk to her individually," said senior midfielder Sarah Meylor.

"Coach Crow makes us think and work in ways that I never have before. She tests us mentally and physically to see what we have," said junior defenseman Kelsey Blob.

With a new coach and new system, the Pointers are trying to catch on to all that Crow is trying to implement as well as to win games in the process.

"It is a little bit disappointing how we have started," Dietrich said. "I thought when I heard that Dawn was coming here that we were going to have this great season, but I have realized it is about baby steps and taking this day by day."

The team has been absent from the season ending WIAC conference tournament the past couple years, so the goal for the season is to get there, Crow said.

"We show these spurts of potential to make it that far. It is just about being consistent from here on out," Meylor said.

Challenging all players to bring out their best is a task the team believes will help them into the conference season, Crow said.

"It is amazing to see how well we can connect and execute when we are positive and happy with each other. We are a whole different team, and it shows," said freshman defenseman Lexi Ahrens.

A new coach, system and mentality for the Pointers soccer program will take some time to come together. When it does, Crow is ready to take on all challengers.

"I’d love to have the target on our back and everybody want to beat us. It means were doing something right," Crow said.

UWSP faced Carthage at home on Sept. 2 before playing against UW-Whitewater on Saturday.
Review: Depp Brings Appropriate Weight to ‘Black Mass’

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Great actors are said to disappear into their roles, and no actor tries harder to do that than Johnny Depp.

It seems that every film he has done over the past several years has involved some sort of heavy costuming. Most people assume he chooses his new goofy looks according to whatever movie he is in, but I am starting to suspect he chooses ridiculous makeup, hats and wigs he likes and then forces studios to write movies around them.

Depp’s latest cinematic fashion show is “Black Mass,” where he is layered in creepy old-man paint to portray former organized crime boss Whitey Bulger. Many of Depp’s more recent roles have only involved him physically disappearing into the role he is playing, but within this movie he actually stops channeling his Burton movie goofiness to play the character rather than the aesthetics. Depp has not been devoted to a role this much since “Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas.”

“Black Mass” is mostly carried by Depp’s vicious, quietly terrifying menace. The real-life story is undoubtedly interesting, and capably directed by Scott Cooper, but it is difficult not to notice how it frequently echoes that of Martin Scorsese films. The influence Scorsese had on the conventions of the gangster drama is hard to avoid, but films like “Black Mass” could have tried a bit harder to break new ground.

This would be a relatively ho-hum film without Depp’s lead, but Depp also received a lot of help from a cast packed with strong talents like Benedict Cumberbatch, Sienna Miller, Joel Edgerton, Kevin Bacon and Juno Temple. Even if you do not care much for the genre, the cavalcade of onscreen talent is hard to resist.

“Black Mass” will not have the staying power of films such as “Goodfellas” or even Depp’s other impressive organized crime effort “Donnie Brasco,” but it is most notable as a welcome return to form for the actor, satisfying old fans and maybe even earning a few new ones. “Black Mass” scores 7 over-the-top Boston accents out of 10.
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Album Review: 'The Most Lamentable Tragedy'

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Taking its name from the notorious first tragedy by William Shakespeare, punk, indie band, Titus Andronicus wholly augmented Shakespeare's title into its outfit for its fourth studio album. "The Most Lamentable Tragedy," released in July 2015, is the most recent and perhaps the most ambitious album by these New Jersey rockers. Much anticipated and seated favorably in the ears of listeners, this album has received both critical and fanatical praise.

The first track, "The Angry Hour," is more of an introduction to the second song. Track two, "No Future Part IV: No Future Triumphant," casts the beginning of this album into a frenzied tussle that plunges headfirst and buck naked into a 93-minute brawl.

We see again the motif of the "No Future" songs dating back to its debut album, "The Airing of Grievances." "No Future Part IV: No Future Triumphant" is an excellent song because it blends accessibility with many rich hallmark-elements of this band and helps the listener to sample and gauge the vibes unique to this album and awaiting within.

This 93-minute, 29-track, "rock opera" has many themes that have come to be seen as tenets within the works by Titus Andronicus. The staple themes of philosophy, allusions to literature and "high art" are cocktailed with the lyrical meditations of Patrick Stickles. The meditations, dwelling on mental illness and broad-stroked psychology, lay familiar foundations for this album.

In addition to these contrasting ideas, we are also presented with two covers songs. "I Have Lost My Mind (DJ)" is one of the said covers being from the self-proclaimed neurotic himself, Daniel Johnston.

There is also an emphasis on wavering self-identity and the equivocal methods of coping with such. There are many songs that merit analysis, but for sake of context, it is best to experience this album holistically and congruently.

Barring aversion to the pretentious glance that occasionally stifles potential fans, this album is an absolutely fantastic addition to the discography of the band and to the genres of indie and punk rock. It embraces everything it stands for and will reward those seeking to discover a richer listening experience by choosing to look for it.

A thirst for potent musical and lyrical energy, fuzzily distorted guitars remnant of Elephant 6 collective bands, saxophones winking at Springsteen...--------------

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For students hoping to study in the library late on Thursday nights and weekends, you’re out of luck. Due to budget cuts, the library is now open nine hours less each week during those times.

But to many students, nine hours is just a minor portion of their time. It’s only a season of “Game of Thrones,” the amount of total time spent studying for an important exam or the hours spent sleeping on a good night.

So why should such a seemingly insignificant cut be on our minds?

Before students had the luxury of the internet or the smart phones in their hands, they spent hours in the library scouring books and periodicals to prepare for a project, write a paper or even to better understand a class topic. Now, students don’t need to spend their precious hours in the library, but can do research from virtually anywhere.

As more advancements are made to help students get information quickly and with few restrictions, it’s important to understand that the old library structure of shelves full of books isn’t going to attract people. Students aren’t going to spend hours flipping book pages for information when they can Google what they need: having relevant information within seconds.

But even in a digital age, libraries are crucial to educational success. Last spring alone, the library helped 4,360 students with instruction sessions and over 40 hours of one-on-one help. This fall, group study rooms are already filling up and becoming increasingly more difficult to book.

Our library administrators are investing in technologies like 3D printers, laptops and iPads for students to rent in the efforts of helping Pointers be successful.

Many students use the space to gather and work quietly, free of distractions from roommates or the hustle and bustle of coffee shops. Many can’t afford internet at their house so they go to the library for access. Many don’t have the tools, databases and access needed to research various topics without using the library’s online resources.

We need to recognize that libraries are learning centers, no matter the age.

Earlier this year, library administrators planned for a budget reduced by $75,000 in collections and $40,000 in student employment. This, along with the elimination of 2.5 positions, forced them to cut hours to save money.

Chancellor Bernie Patterson and the Budget Review Advisory Committee recently decided to restore part of the library’s previously cut budget, allowing its administration to invest $120,000 back in collections, $20,000 in student workers and retain one of the employees that was on the chopping block.

The library, as long as it continues to invest in technology, will continue to be a huge asset to UWSP. Patterson and the committee made the right decision in restoring money to the library’s budget and will hopefully continue to realize how important it is to students.

While the library shouldn’t be immune to budget cuts, it also shouldn’t be an easy target for potential savings.

So, although a small cut to library weekend hours probably won’t affect too many students, it’s important that funding the library continues to be a high priority because it is crucial to ensuring students are successful in their college careers.

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What was the craziest thing you did this summer?
"I don't know. I don't really do things."

What is your jam song?
"'I Won't Say I'm in Love' from Hercules."

Do you binge watch Netflix?
"Yeah, I do that quite frequently."

If you were immortal, what would be the first thing you'd do?
"I'd go everywhere and do everything. I'd probably go scuba diving in the ocean because I've always wanted to do that but it's kind of scary."

If you could go anywhere right now, where would you go and what would you do?
"I'd go to Japan. I have a friend in Japan so I'd want to go there and buy cute Japanese clothes."
New Student Organization Hoping to Boost Pointer Pride

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Drum and Wind Group, a new student organization, is making its mark on campus.

D.A.W.G. is a music group that combines the energy of a pep band and the style of a marching band into its performances.

Jake Kujawa, senior communication major, came up with the idea for the group when he first started attending the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point three years ago. He was significantly involved in his high school band program and wanted to carry his involvement into his college career. However, UWSP did not have the music organization he was looking for.

"I basically saw a need for an organization like this and decided to fill it myself. It hasn't been easy. It has taken us about three years to get it off the ground and jump through all the proper hoops, but we are finally there," Kujawa said.

With the help of Eric Heintz, junior resource management law enforcement major, he created D.A.W.G. All UWSP students are welcome to join the organization and can be of any skill level.

Kujawa's goal for the group is to someday be large enough to compete with the University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire marching bands. He wants D.A.W.G. to mimic their energy and enthusiasm and create a sound that students, faculty and alumni will remember when they think of UWSP.

"For as long as I'm here, I want to do as much as I can to revitalize and amp up the school spirit around here. I hope we reach everybody on some sort of level where they can connect our sound to themselves being part of an establishment. I want people to feel proud that they are a Pointer," Kujawa said.

The group's first performance was at the Cru Volleyball Blast on Sept. 1.

"They did a really good job. I was extremely impressed by their performance. I knew they were talented. I just didn't know it was to that extent. So, it was a nice surprise," said Victoria Phillippon, junior elementary education major, a spectator at the Cru Volleyball Blast.

The group has 25 members and is growing. D.A.W.G.'s big debut performance will be during the homecoming pep rally at 6 p.m. Oct. 2. It is in the process of auditioning to be part of the halftime show during the homecoming football game.

"It is exciting seeing it come together. It's nothing big yet, but it's starting to turn into something big," said Aaron O'Rourke, senior environmental law enforcement major, a drummer for D.A.W.G.

For more information on D.A.W.G., email dawg@uwsp.edu or join the Facebook page, D.A.W.G. (Drum and Wind Group). D.A.W.G. meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Noel Fine Arts Center, Room 201.