The chancellor’s office released a proposal on Monday, March 5, detailing Academic Affairs’ vision for combating the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point’s current budget deficit. In the week since the proposal was released to campus, conversations and debate have proliferated around the topic.

Under the proposal, 13 academic programs are slated to be “eliminated.” The 13 programs are American studies, art, English, French, geography, geoscience, German, history, music literature, philosophy, political science, sociology and Spanish.

Two programs are to be expanded: chemical engineering and computer information systems. Six programs are to be elevated to majors: conservation law enforcement, finance, fire science, graphic design, management and marketing. Eight new programs are to be instated: environmental education, environmental science, food science, health services administration, hospitality management, hospitality and tourism management, law enforcement, and restaurant management.

The group mainly focuses on sustainable agriculture and gardening techniques but is expanding its scope. Heuss said that sustainability has many components.

Heuss said, “We are all part of a global community and its really stretching our focus to be...”
WI Representative is Kind Towards Net Neutrality

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Net neutrality advocates are working diligently to override the Federal Communications Commission's repeal of net neutrality before it officially kicks in on April 23.

In December 2017, the FCC voted to remove restrictions set in place in 2015 that prevented internet providers from interfering with users' internet access. These restrictions prevented providers such as Comcast and AT&T from blocking or slowing down certain internet content from users. They also prevented providers from charging users for accessing certain websites and content.

On Feb. 27, U.S. Representative Ron Kind introduced a plan to reverse the FCC’s repeal of net neutrality. The bicameral Congressional Review Act resolution of disapproval would reverse 2015 regulations of net neutrality. Kind is one of 150 House Democrats and 30 senator Democrats supporting the resolution. No Republicans support the resolution in either branch of Congress.

Censorship spawns student reaction: rally receives media coverage.

GREGORY VANDENBERG
NEWS EDITOR

Students gathered in front of the University Center (UC) early Monday morning to send a message to Washington that the Internet is not a place for federal restrictions.

"Hey, hey, ho, ho, censorship has got to go," was the rallying cry for People Against Censorship (PAC), a student activist group opposing the recent Telecommunications Reform Bill, which went into law early last week.

"My biggest fear is that people at large don’t care about the First Amendment," said Professor Roger Bullis. "This is a fee bill that will have no effect except regulation on things that are not indecent.

The bill is the first type of regulation imposed on the Internet and will restrict "indecent" material from appearing on it.

Government officials state that this provision should limit pornography from being accessed by children.

PAC argues that pornography and obscene material is already illegal and further restrictions will only harm the effectiveness and accessibility of data on the information superhighway.

"What is legal in the SPASH (Stevens Point Area Senior High School) library is illegal on the Internet," said Bullis. "A student can read 'Ulysses' in the library, but if you read 'Ulysses' on the internet you're subject to a $250,000 fine and a five year prison sentence."

The protest gathered close to 40 people and also caught the eye of media personnel throughout the area.

Channels 7 and 9 each had camera teams on the scene, along with reporters from the Stevens Point Journal. There was also an interview with participant Kristen Hinzl from WTHR Wisconsin Public Radio.

"This isn't about pornography," said protester Lisa Johnson. "That is already illegal. We are protesting the banning of HIV information and family planning works such as Michaelangelo's David."

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Sunday, March 4

A woman called to report 3 vehicles that were taking up 6 spaces in lot J.

Tuesday, March 6

Female called to ask if UPS could meet her in lot Y to determine if she was innocent of hitting the vehicle parked next to her with her truck.

Wednesday, March 7

Staff member called to report she heard individuals saying "tic toc tic toc."

Thursday, March 8

Female came into the George Stein Building asking to speak with someone in charge of parking. She had received a $50 parking citation for being parked in the circle by Baldwin Hall without her flashers on. She said she did not see the sign that they were required.

Saturday, March 10

Female called to report there was an intoxicated individual sitting outside of a room in the Science Building.

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Letter to the Editor: Majority Politics

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UWSP ALUMNUS

Vice-Chancellor, Greg Summers, proposes to eliminate 13 majors at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP) to help mitigate the elimination of any of them, but it is particularly difficult to imagine how any university could eliminate Political Science during a Trump Administration — so, too, with Spanish (Even a wall would not eliminate the need to speak Spanish in this country).

Indeed, a prior justification of state-funded higher education was, in fact, political. State-funded higher education formerly represented a commitment to fostering an educated citizenry. The state would provide affordable higher education to its citizens in exchange for those citizens improving the state of the democratic life. More educated citizens yield more educated voters, itself yielding more thoughtful policy, laws, and representation. Under Summers’ new plan, which not only eliminates politically important majors but the study of politics itself, the university would no longer develop an educated citizenry. Instead of developing informed citizens, it would create trained individuals. The university would no longer serve its civic function.

Society is more sceptical about such ideals today.

Justifications of the university now appeal to its function in providing a proficient workforce. The university’s function has become glorified job training (And UWSP is here only a symptom of the greater shift). Unable to provide courses in the core disciplines of the Liberal Arts, UWSP would become little more than a vocational school under the proposed changes.

Though not all readers will find this to be as troubling as I do, the proposed changes still contain several pragmatic confusions. If English is cut, as is proposed, but English for teacher certification is not, who will be left to teach the courses in the latter major? To be sure, not all faculty members of the eliminated majors will be laid off. Perhaps the more important question, then, is: Who would want to stay to teach them?

After one’s university is gut, one’s colleagues and friends laid off, after one is asked to teach more courses without an increase in pay — and all this after one’s modest salary has already been cut by Walker — who would want to stay at UWSP to teach? And of course, how will UWSP recruit the new faculty required to teach its expanded aquaponics or captive wildlife courses? The changes don’t exactly make UWSP look like an attractive employer.

I do not mean to suggest that UWSP should not expand current majors or to add new majors, like aquaponics and captive wildlife. In fact, I agree that expanding the majors falling under the College of Natural Resources purview both makes sense and plays to the strength of the University (unlike the proposed MBA). If the CNR is unique, successful, and puts UWSP on the map, and that is why it is being expanded, why should UWSP effectively cut its environmental ethics major, as well? To my knowledge, UWSP is the only university in the country to offer an environmental ethics degree to undergraduates. Since environmental ethics is part of the philosophy department, I can only presume that although it is another truly unique feature of the university — tied as it is to the university’s strength in natural resources — it too will be eliminated.

Not only does the environmental ethics major make Stevens Point stand out, it is a politically important major today. Our current president thinks climate change is a Chinese hoax, meanwhile thousands of environmental refugees are displaced. I conclude by returning to my initial point: I am deeply disturbed by the anti-political nature of Summers’ proposed changes. I fear the pernicious outcomes of it for democratic life in our state.

Letter to the Editor

ALEXIS NEELEY
SENIOR ENGLISH MAJOR

Dear Pointer Staff,

I’m writing to express my support for the students at the university whose lives have been upended by the proposed changes. They’ve been haunting me since I started my college career here, but have increased dramatically in spookiness since August last year. And we’ve been told — or have been made privy to rumors — that the master plan will be revealed soon.

We’ve been asked to keep quiet about any details we hear, which seems to me, insidious. I hope the Pointer will choose not to honor that request. To get things started, I want to share some information, all of which is easy to find online.

In 2016, these were the salaries of a number of UW System and UWSP employees, arranged first by their length of service:

Michael Williams, English Department Chair/Professor - $93,373.53 (29 years)
Robert Manzke, Special Assistant to the Chancellor - $84,016.02 (18 years)
Greg Summers, Provost - $102,186.00 (4 years)
Ray Cross, UW System President - $259,574.54 (8 years)
Jeff Snowbarger, Assistant Professor of English - $48,259.98 (6 years)

For students to just accept it. We’re all being asked to make sacrifices to keep the university affordable by people who have not sacrificed anything for the cause. And they do this all very quietly, because if we don’t know the details, we can’t see the injustice. I know it feels helpless. But if, like me, you care about this special campus of ours and want to see it thrive, you’ve got to hold your leaders accountable. You have to look at the numbers and tell them, “This doesn’t add up.” And we have to question why we’re being cheated out of a quality education, because we deserve better than what administration leads us to believe.

More than anyone else, our professors advocate for us — and they certainly don’t get paid for that. They work nights and weekends because they want, above all else, for us to succeed. And to them, our success is more than just failing to start a new major. It’s about understanding how our administrators, most of which have less than 10 years’ experience on our campus, can make six figures a year and act as though their hands are tied and that the only option is to gut our programs.

I’m not saying the folks in charge shouldn’t be paid for their work. But while they rake in six figures yearly, they ask faculty and staff to do more with less, and
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engineering, ecosystem design and remediation, captive wildlife, geographic information science, master of business administration, master of fine arts and doctor of physical therapy.

Twelve of the 13 proposed eliminations are to the College of Letters and Science. Eric Yonke, interim dean for the College of Letters and Science, said, "We felt that people understand is that we are going to have humanities majors that aren't going to be lose—they look how they looked in the past, but we're definitely going to do that.

Yonke views the proposal as an important step of beginning the process by putting the proposal on the table.

"I thought it was really important to put things in writing and formally through the formalized process but give people time to respond, and that's what we're in right now," Yonke said.

Yonke hopes to initiate conversations for students to recommend the elimination of humanities and social sciences programs. The current platform for SGA's Facebook page is no longer supported by the university's budget, and reorganization is the main focus of the interim dean.

He recommends students meeting with others within their majors to discuss why they were attracted to the professor and how their combination of studies have readied themselves for the future.

"It is about reorganizing. It is about combining. It's about building on a budgetary structure that we can work within," Yonke said, citing a goal of stabilizing the college's budget in order to "stop having to keep looking over our shoulder," waiting for the next cut.

Dave Arnold, professor of English, said that the faculty was "notified that these things were under consideration," and the "enthusiasm was that students were as well, although every student I've talked to about this was completely flabbergasted by it."

Arnold believes that the proposal not only affects the future of the program but students in the spring 2018 semester. Despite the administration's statement that students will be given the opportunity to finish their degrees, students are disconcerted by the uncertainty cast on the future of their programs.

"The English major most definitely needs a new home," Arnold said. "Humanities majors are cheap to offer. The majors that they're talking about offering... are expensive to deploy... and trendy." While Arnold is all for exploring new possibilities at the university, he believes that the proposal is "not how we're in right now," Yonke said, "They're personifying faculty and staff whose programs are affected. And they're personifying the students who enroll in these programs."

Because the changes that are being proposed are so close to home, everyone affiliated with the university is struggling to move forward under the gravity of the situation.

"The thing that struck me the most is listening to these students is that... I agree with almost every single comment that was made. And what's most frustrating is that we can't go through.

Robert Ann Malek, freshman undeclared natural resources major, attended the SGA Senate meeting on Thursday.

"It was really interesting," Malek said. "I appreciated that we had a really great turnout."

As one of the students who spoke in the open forum, Malek felt it was important to be able to share his opinions with the administration and the instructors directly.

"I feel that students and administrators need to get together on how to propose a different point," Malek said. "The administrators were repeating a lot of points.

While students appreciated the opportunity to have their voices heard at SGA, they are campaigning in other ways to tell their stories. Many are taking to social media.

One such movement has been a Facebook page called Human-English, said that students and administrators are still reeling from the news and students are "not sure how the administration and the students are going to react.

Harry Wiedmeyer, junior communications major, tweeted on March 9 using the hashtags #WeArePointEnglish and #WeArePointHumanities to the university's proposal "to cut the English Major as well as some of the Humanities."

Picoult responded by tweeting, "Majoring in English means learning to think critically, and books open up the world to readers. Cutting the humanities? BIG MISTAKE."

#WeArePointEnglish has been used 90 times on Twitter and #WeArePointHumanities has been used 70 times.

The presence of voices stretching from students, faculty and administrators. Alumni still hold stakes in the university's story.

Samantha Stein graduated in 2017 with a degree in biology. She also earned a minor in biomedical ethics through the English department.

Stein related that the "felt resistance" continued when she heard the proposal.

The shift away from the humanities is from the opening of one's mind to other cultures, languages, the arts, political science and so much more is one that universities will not return from, and we are giving up what a college should be all about if we do this," Stein said.

Although Stein majored in biology, the English program played an integral role in her education and "taught me how to think critically," Stein said, and has her current job, including her achievement of publishing an academic paper.

"This campus is a family," Stein said. "Each program is important, and it's important to decide which difficult decisions to make it through hard times, we should be doing good together, embracing one another and suffering together.

Students and others invested in the proposal are not shying away from using their voices.

Yonke said, "We need to move beyond the initial shock... and start thinking about how to move this conversation forward."

Arnold said, "The big thing I want everyone to know this is that... we are not a done deal.

The proposal is still in discussion stages. Before any changes are made, the university's proposal will be put up for a public forum at the Student Senate and the Consultative Committee, then by the Chancellor and the System Board of Regents, according to the proposal.

"I want faculty and students that alumni are still here and are still part of this fight," Kerber also related similar sentiment.

Kerber said, "I've been telling people, talk to SGA. If students have questions, if they have a story to share, if they have comments or concern, let them know.

A list of SGA representatives and their emails are posted on SGA's Facebook page. While SGA representatives are looking for answers, they are hoping to also gather questions to guide them in making the most informed decision.

"We want to be clear about processes and get involved," Kerber said. "We want to be clear about what's happening and to better serve the student body.

Kerber said, "We want there to be input from the administration and us. Get involved. If you feel strongly, you should speak."

Arnold said, "There is still time to make noise... There is still time to make a difference..."

"Don't let the legacy you want to look back on... It's not over."
global."

In addition to managing the campus garden, the group also visits local farms. This year they hope to increase the number of farms they have visited in the past. Barth describes the farm tours as very fun and added that they are a good way to see how much work farmers put into growing food.

Johnson said, "You don’t really know that farmer or you don’t really experience the process that food goes through until you actually go to the farm, until you actually meet the people working hard to produce that food for you."

When it comes to living sustainably, the officers emphasized that it is really a lifestyle choice. Barth said that beyond recognizing the issues, to "do something about it or to not turn a blind eye to it, that’s where you can make a difference."

Johnson said that when she thinks of sustainability she thinks of the three p’s: people, planet and profit. She said that when she thinks of students for sustainability she thinks of the people aspect.

"We have such a strong social impact... We are having an impact on the world that we are living in right now just by doing sustainable acts," said Johnson.

Students for Sustainability meets at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in Room 120 of the Trainer Natural Resources Building.

Trump Proposed to Cut Funding for the Great Lakes by 90 Percent

President Donald Trump’s proposed budget for 2019 will include massive cuts to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The budget cuts will decrease the funding for the initiative from $298 million to only $30 million.

According to the Great Lakes Restoration website, the initiative was launched in 2010 “to accelerate efforts to protect and restore the largest system of fresh surface waters in the world.”

The series of interconnected freshwater lakes include Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario. The Great Lakes are often referred to as the national treasure and the cultural heritage of North America. They supply drinking water, power and transportation, as well as recreational opportunities such as boating, fishing, and diving for more than 30 million citizens.

The environment surrounding the Great Lakes is filled with wilderness, agricultural land and valuable mineral deposits. Landscapes surrounding the reservoir contain structures that are unique around the world, such as sand dunes, savannas and rocky shorelines.

"If the Great Lakes region were its own nation, it would house the largest economy second only to the United States itself," the Great Lakes Restoration website states.

The plan outlined by the Great Lakes Initiative includes cleaning up toxins in areas of concern, controlling invasive species, preventing the introduction of new invasive species and protecting watersheds from polluted runoff. The overall goal is to target the immediate threats to the Great Lakes for a long-term progress for this ecosystem.

Katherine Clancy, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point water resources professor, said that the control of invasive species needs to be a continuous effort. Losing the opportunity to do so through the loss of funding would turn harmful algae into one of the largest threats to the Great Lakes.

"All strides that have been made to improve the ecology of the Great Lakes will be diminished," Clancy said.

Ultimately, cutting the funds for the Great Lakes could result in significant waste of effort as well as substantial financial loss.

Bill DeVita, UWSP water and environmental analysis laboratory manager, talked about an incident that happened in the state of Ohio three years ago, when one of the cities had to shut down water supplies for half a million people as a direct result of toxic algae blooms.

Water labs, such as the one that DeVita manages, monitor agricultural waste going into the Great Lakes that causes overpopulation of algae. The work done by the labs undergoes strategic changes every three years. It is a multi-step process.

"Some of these sites are only halfway through the process, so if we cut the funding, those first three years are going to be wasted money," DeVita said.

As of right now, the UWSP water lab consists of 15 full-time employees and nine students who rely on the labs for tuition and training which will be important for their future work. The lab relies on the funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to pay their salaries. A ninety percent decrease in funding means letting go of the staff and removing this experiential opportunity for students.

The negative environmental effects following these budget cuts could not be overstated, but the enormous amount of work that has already been put into the Great Lakes is equally as important in consideration of the proposal.

DeVita encourages the public to call their legislators such as Ron Johnson and Scott Walker to push against this proposal and keep the funds for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.
DigiCOPY, a local digital printing company, is promoting sustainability by offering customers paper from Wisconsin paper companies, Domtar and Neenah Paper.

Brant Bergeron, vice president of marketing and communications for DigiCOPY, wants his company to have a positive impact on the environment.

"It's important for us to be good corporate citizens, not only in the community where we work, but for the environment as well," Bergeron said.

In order to be a good steward of the environment, DigiCOPY only partners with paper companies that are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council. Both Domtar and Neenah Paper are FSC certified.

The FSC ensures responsible forest management by businesses in the marketplace. It is the highest standard of certification and is supported by the Sierra Club, World Wildlife Foundation and other advocacy groups.

Sustainability is at the core of Neenah Paper as well. According to their website, the company's initiative, Neenah Green, is a commitment to the environment. Neenah Paper is also committed to making it easier for its customers to positively impact the environment. The company plans to continue reducing its carbon footprint by using renewable energy and improving mill energy efficiency.

Responsible forest management is essential to sustain Wisconsin's paper industry for years to come, so that is why it's important for business like DigiCOPY to invest in sustainable paper mills.

"Paper has been a vital part to our economy and it's been a rich part of our Wisconsin tradition," said Bergeron.

Wisconsin is the number one producer of paper in the nation, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The industry employs about 31,047 people and, every year, produces 5.3 million tons of paper.

The industry has been a part of Wisconsin history since 1848, when paper was manufactured for newspaper publishers around the state and in Chicago.

Bergeron and his colleagues plan to educate customers and co-workers about the paper and printing industry and the importance of sustainability. Wisconsin-sourced paper can either be bought by ream of 500 sheets or a bag of 50 sheets. DigiCOPY locations include Stevens Point, Wausau, La Crosse, Eau Claire, Milwaukee and Green Bay.
Baseball Team Issues Strong Opening Statement in Season Debut

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team kicked off its season with a 3-1 victory over St. Olaf College on March 10, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The team also competed in a second game against St. Olaf on March 11, but that game was suspended in the middle of the seventh inning as UWSP led 9-6 and will be postponed until a later date.

Prior to the opening weekend, the team dished on its goals and expectations for the season.

Junior pitcher Alex Stodola believes that the team will fare better this year than it has previous years due, in large part, to the high number of returning players.

"We're very heavy--senior-wise--in the pitching staff and we have a lot of young talent. A lot of the talent in the field already has some experience, which is pretty nice compared to the last two years where we've had quite a few inexperienced guys in the field and some inexperienced pitching, but this year we're going to be a very experienced team compared to what we were the past two years," Stodola said.

Head coach Jeremy Jirschele echoed similar sentiments when asked about the differences between this year's team and previous teams he's coached.

"A lot of returners... lost some key pieces, but the guys have stepped up to fill those voids. They're a year better now. They're going to be more prepared this year," Jirschele said.

After hovering around a 0.500 win percentage and missing out on regionals in each of the past two seasons, the team feels it is finally ready to take the next step.

Senior pitcher Cole Erickson outlined the team's goals and expectations for this season.

"Our first team goal is, obviously, to win conference this year. That's our goal every year...and to make a regional...that's another goal we've always had. Expectation-wise, we expect a lot out of ourselves as players and our coaching staff as well. They expect a lot out of us and we demand a lot out of each other to perform well," Erickson said.

The team feels that a conference championship win would position itself well for postseason play.

"If the team is able to achieve that goal and move into regional championships, they will be set up well to advance in that series and they could ultimately earn a world series bid. UWSP's last world series appearance was in 2013 and its last regionals appearance was in 2015. The team feels confident about its chances of ending the regionals drought this season, provided it can stay healthy and play to its strengths.

"I think the pitching staff will be a strength for us this year and being able to hold teams to a low run count and then our fielding is definitely going to be one of our main strengths...we have a lot of great fielders out in the field right now," Erickson said, later adding, "It's going to be nice to see how we play out this year."
Sports Standings

MEN'S BASKETBALL CURRENT STANDINGS

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Sharing Words, Sharing Voices: Book Club Reads “The Appointed Hour”

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A group of bibliophiles gathered in a cozy corner of the University Store and Text Rental on Wednesday, March 7, to discuss Cornerstone Press’ most recent release, “The Appointed Hour” by Susanne Davis.

Amid the rows of bookshelves and with the windows into the Dreyfus University Center, the book club had a fittingly bookish and collegiate backdrop for its first meeting of the semester.

“This is my second semester doing the book club, and this is the largest turnout that we’ve had so far, which is really great. I loved having this many people here,” Rachel Ziolkowski, book associate at the University Store and Text Rental and senior elementary education major, said.

Seated in a circle of chairs, the group of students, Cornerstone Press staff and employees of the University Store and Text Rental shared questions and thoughts on the collection of short stories.

“The Appointed Hour” houses 12 interconnected short stories of a wide cast of characters facing individual life challenges while remaining united through their histories.

Susanne Davis hails from Connecticut, the setting of many of the short stories in her collection. However, Davis feels connected to Wisconsin as well, due to her experience publishing with Cornerstone Press.

Cornerstone Press is the student-run publishing house at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Established in 1984, the press currently publishes one book a year, the students of English 349: Editing and Publishing acquiring, editing, designing, selling and marketing the title.

“At first being enrolled in that class, I knew we were going to make the book and everything. Being at a school, I assumed it would be a small-scale thing,” Jacob Kocken, correspondence editor for Cornerstone Press’s 2017 staff and UWSP alumnus, said. “But, once we got Susanne, I knew it would be a bigger deal than that. And the book was so good... I fell in love with it.”

Davis traveled to UWSP in December of 2017 to attend Cornerstone Press’ book launch of “The Appointed Hour.”

Because of her close ties to campus, Davis video called in to Wednesday’s book club to take part in the discussion of her first published book.

“The way you all have responded is such a gift to me,” Davis said to the group.

“The Appointed Hour” has now sold over 400 copies, with a large community of readers in Wisconsin and Connecticut alike, along with readers all over the country.

“When we started selling it and it was doing really well, it’s when it hit me that it wasn’t another school project but a cultural artifact,” Kocken said. “Every time there’s another event that Susanne does about it and we have something like this, it makes it more and more real, more influential, and you see that not only is this book important but the whole field of reading and writing, people obviously care about it.”

Though the stories of her collection are “gritty,” according to Davis, she hopes the times of love and forgiveness enable readers to connect to the resiliency of her characters.

Just as the characters in Davis’s stories are connected, attendees of book club felt the experience brought them together as well.

Haley Steines, freshman English and art history major, said, “Talking about it in a book club made me realize some things I missed... I think reading books together is important because everyone has a different viewpoint on things, so when everyone comes together, you hear different ideas of the book and can change how you read the book.”

Kocken said, “If you’re a student here, try to get into Editing and Publishing class. I tried to get in the year before, and it was just too late. It fills up fast for a reason.”

In addition to getting involved with Cornerstone Press, students have the opportunity to join the University Store and Text Rental book club twice more this semester.

On Wednesday, April 4, book club will be discussing Madeleine L’Engle’s 1962 novel, “A Wrinkle in Time,” Disney’s film adaptation of which was released this week. Book club’s last meeting of the semester will take place on Wednesday, May 2, to discuss Colson Whitehead’s book “The Underground Railroad.” Both meetings will be at 4:30 p.m. in the university store.
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The Encore in the Dreyfus University Center became the gathering place for the most devoted Harry Potter fans on campus the evening of March 8, as Centertainment hosted Harry Potter Trivia Night.

The room was already filled, with only a few empty tables remaining, ten minutes before the start of the event. While those who had just arrived headed to the stage to register their teams, the room was buzzing with chatter as students in Hogwarts apparel flashed the Deathly Hallows gang sign to each other.

After surveying the room, one student turned to her friend and said, "These are my kind of people."

This sense of unity was felt all throughout the night as everyone groaned in unison at the question "How many staircases are there in Hogwarts?" or chuckled at silly team names, such as "why am I so effing Ravenclaw?" and "Half-blood Prince's Father's Brother's Nephew's Former Roommate."

The success of this event begs one question: Why does everyone still care?


It's been 11 years since Rowling concluded the series, but the epilogue wasn't enough closure for Harry Potter fans. They still flock to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter theme park in Florida, watch the movies dotingly and attend themed trivia nights at any chance they can get.

Dr. Robert Sirabian, English professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has studied the works of Rowling in detail in preparation for a major authors course that has been offered at the university in previous semesters. The course compares and contrasts the works of Rowling with those of Charles Dickens.

Sirabian believes that the attraction to the Harry Potter stories, even after all this time, lies mostly with students who have grown up reading the series. "The worlds that Rowling creates are so detailed. They're full of vibrant and colorful details. Just the sheer number of them become very tangible, very vivid. And I think students who grew up reading Harry Potter, even after all this time, they still connect to those worlds. They're just as vivid to them as they were when they read them as kids. And I think when you come to it having grown up with Harry Potter, I think you look at it now as an adult and you appreciate it even more. You can see the complexity of those worlds," Sirabian said.

Trivia night attendee Moira Enders, junior environmental education major, is a living testament to this theory, having begun a lifelong obsession with Harry Potter while being read to as a child.

"They're fun books that can be enjoyed by kids, but when you read them again when you're older you go 'Woah, this is really deep' and, I guess especially in today's political climate, really relevant. Like, we're living book five right now," Enders said.

Book five, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," follows Harry and his friends as they excitedly begin a new school year, only to be met with new leadership at Hogwarts that tries to squelch their voices and opinions instead of nurture and encourage them. Upset by this, many of the students take matters into their own hands in hopes of bettering their community.

An example of students standing up for what they believe at a national level is how the students of Parkland High School have become activists for stricter gun laws, and at a local level as UWSP students have been speaking out against the current proposed budget cuts.

Sirabian explained how the novels connect to all readers when he said, "It's not so much how Harry Potter triumphs over the world that he inhabits, it's the way that he succeeds within the world that he inhabits. With that, he has to learn how to negotiate the limits and rules of that world and accept the limitations that he has. I think that's important because we all have to do that."

While many find deeper meanings and connections to Rowling's books, part of the attraction just lies in the fact that readers find them fun and entertaining.

"The trivia is just for the sheer fun of the novels and the sheer fun of reading. That was the big acclaim when they first came out. Look how Rowling has reinvigorated the act of reading. She's got people to read, especially kids. Even 700 page novels! Who would have thought? I'm sure there are many parents who thought 'I can't believe my kid is reading a 700 page novel,'" Sirabian said.

While Harry Potter trivia night may seem inconsequential, it symbolizes a generation of fervent readers who value the power that books wield.

In the midst of oppressive budget cuts and a country divided by politics, they repeat the words they grew up with: Don't let the muggles get you down.
The Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point (UWSP) Fuel Reliability Upgrade project is being made available for a public comment period from March 21, 2018 to April 11, 2018. All persons will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to identify in writing any support, issues, or concerns they believe should be addressed during the EIA process for this proposed project. The EIA is prepared in accordance with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA), Wisconsin Statutes 94.11, and UW System guidelines (Board of Regents Resolution 1980, November 6, 1981). Ring & DuChateau, LLP has retained Ayres Associates on behalf of the University of Wisconsin System Administration (UWSA) and UW-Stevens Point to prepare this EIA.

The UWSP Central Heating Plant, located on Maria Drive on the north end of campus, generates all the steam required on campus. The steam produced heats campus buildings and is also used for the Stevens Point (UWSP) Fuel Reliability Upgrade project and for other campus heating loads. The heating plant operates 24 hours per day, 7 days each week, 356 days per year. The plant shuts down for 72 hours of operation during a natural gas shutdown, outage or curtailment. This is in accordance with the Department of Administration (DOA) and UW System Administration (UWSA) Risk Management recommendations.

This project includes the installation of on-site fuel storage, new gas/fuel oil burners on the existing Central Heating Plant Central Heating Plant and associated equipment in the UW-Stevens Point Central Heating Plant to allow for 72 hours of operation during a natural gas shutdown, outage or curtailment. This is in accordance with the Department of Administration (DOA) and UW System Administration (UWSA) Risk Management recommendations.

The Central Heating Plant uses natural gas as the primary fuel and utilizes coal as a secondary fuel. A variety of add-ins, like pineapple, blueberries, strawberries, chocolate chips, bananas and s'mores, just to name a few. Eating in the restaurant gives a feeling of nostalgia for when diners were huge back in the early 1940s. The constant din of ceramic plates and spoons mixed with the smell of a fryer going and heavy notes of coffee, you can imagine what it was like to sit in this restaurant long ago. "Always get their special," Fletcher said. "That or order breakfast."

When searched on Facebook, a lot of posts about South Point restaurant show family gatherings, friends meeting up, some of which state that going to South Point is "a tradition." South Point is a simple restaurant, and that's the way the customers like it.
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ERIC HEINRICHS
Business Administration Major

Why do you need the humanities?

"I'm an accounting and business administration major so these proposals to some extent are benefiting me because there's a masters program in business administration that's being developed. However, I still have a minor in German, and so the cuts to German have kind of hurt German overall to me has expanded my worldview, it's expanded my idea of how culture works in the world and to some extent it has influenced what classes I've taken."

"I think learning the German language is going to be a useful skill because I want to travel internationally at some point and I think it's also going to be a useful skill because learning about other cultures is important especially in today's modern and increasingly globalized economy, globalized community. Being able to understand how other cultures function, maybe that there's more than just America is really important to me."

CALEB OLSON
Business Administration Major

Why do you need the humanities?

"I've been an accounting student of course don't have very many humanities classes being in my senior year anymore. But I do take German because I want to be in international business some day and I feel like that out of any class has developed some of my thinking and it's the class that I look forward to going to more than any of my other classes. I think that proposing to cut that would just be detrimental to our university any of the foreign languages because I don't think that they can see the scope of their decision."

JAKE DOUGLAS
English Major

Why do you need the humanities?

"My English major has allowed be to foster creativity within myself and to expand my horizons into places I didn't really see possible before. I've been allowed to write about things I didn't think mattered before, but my professors told me that as long as there is substance behind your ideas as long as you have an emotional connection to something you can use that to formulate arguments to formulate connections between different sorts of literature and different sorts of research. My professors have been the lynchpin in unleashing the creative side of me as far as writing goes."

CREATIVE CREATIONS

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Want to wow your friends, and your grandma? One word: BREAD.

Here's How:

Share the wonders and warmth of a fresh baked loaf of bread. Start with this core recipe and jazz it up how ever you please. With hundreds of killer combinations, you can go savory or sweet. My go to is easily rosemary, garlic and asiago cheese. There is something so inviting and memorable about these three ingredients that call for slice after slice.

The Recipe:

3 cups flour (half whole wheat, half white—if you’d like)
1 1/2 cups water
1 1/2 teaspoon yeast
1/2 teaspoon salt
ANY flavor combos you please — consider cheeses, fruits, spices and herbs

Mix all dry ingredients in a bowl and add water slowly. Stir in additional flavor amplifying ingredients and cover with cheese cloth over night. The next morning, sprinkle a little flour down and roll the dough once or twice until it is no longer sticky. Cover with tinfoil and bake at 450 degrees for 20 minutes. Then remove foil and bake for an additional 10-12 minutes. Insert a knife to check that it’s cooked all the way through, and slice it up! Add a little butter or coconut oil and a sprinkle of salt for mega flavor lovin.

Wowable Flavor Combos:
Sweet Ideas: orange cranberry, apple cinnamon, brown sugar pomegranate
Savory Ideas: sun-dried tomato and basil, parmesan and thyme, rosemary onion

Indulge, Share, Adore!

Pair this bread with soup, make it a star in your afternoon sandwich, or simply nibble away a slice as you enjoy its chewy and flavorful essence.

Enjoy loaf-ing around during break!