

Campus Calendar

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November 19 Open Mic Night

Students will showcase their Open Mic Night talents tonight at 8 p.m. in the Argo's Grill with special guest MC Pete Schmitt. Acts include musicians, dancers, songwriters and poets who will be competing for cash prizes. For details, contact the Campus Activities Board at 474-2084.

November 19 Jewish organization meeting

The newly-formed Jewish organization at University of West Florida will hold its first meeting at 4:30 p.m. today in the Commons, Conference Room 260. For those who are interested, but can't attend the meeting, contact Stephanie Gaffney at slg16@students.uwf.edu or Ross Goodman at rgoodman@uwf.edu.

November 20 Magician: Mike Super

Check out magician Mike Super and his dazzling tricks at 8:30 on Thursday in the Commons Auditorium. For more information, call the Campus Activities Board at 474-2084.

November 21 MSA offers video presentation

The Muslim Student Association will be the host of a video presentation titled "The Creation of the Universe" this Friday at 5 p.m. in the Commons Cafeteria. This educational film will showcase Islamic beliefs and is free and open to the public. For more information, call Mohammed at (850) 292-0365 or e-mail msa@uwf.edu.

November 21 DADA 'Light up the Night' Gallery Night

The Downtown Arts District Association's "Light up the Night" Gallery Night will premiere from 5 to 9 p.m. this Friday in downtown Pensacola. Festivities include extended gallery shopping hours until 9 p.m., the lighting of the Downtown Christmas Tree at 6 p.m., and free trolley rides to all of the downtown galleries. The event is free and open to the public. For details, contact Katy Olsen at (850) 432-9906.

November 21-23 Spoon River Anthology

The production of "Spoon River Anthology" will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 21, 22 and 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 23 in the UWF Mainstage Theatre. Based on the poems of Edgar Lee Masters and adapted for the stage by Charles Aidman, the play relates in bits and pieces the life stories of the dead buried in the graveyard of a small town in Illinois. To buy tickets, contact the UWF Ticket Center at (850) 474-2405. For more information, contact the Division for Fine and Performing Arts at (850) 474-2541.

November 24 Music Hall Artist Series

The third part of the Music Hall Artist Series 2003-04 will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the UWF Center for Performing Arts Music Hall. The performance is titled "America 1900 - The First Decade of A New Century" featuring Robert Trentham, tenor vocalist. Tickets are available at the UWF Ticket Office in the Commons. Students are admitted free with a Nautilus card. For more information, contact the Music Department at 474-2147.

November 25 MSA celebrates Eid with Middle Eastern dinner

The Muslim Student Association will celebrate the end of the month of Ramadan with a yearly fast-breaking holiday known as Eid. The festivities will begin Nov. 25 with a prayer in the morning and a get-together in the community with free food such as baklava and coffee. All those interested are invited to attend. For more information, call Mohammed at (850) 292-0365 or e-mail msa@uwf.edu.

November 29 Choral Society presents Handel's 'Messiah'

The Choral Society of Pensacola will feature a performance of Handel's "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 29 in Cokesbury United Methodist Church, at 5725 N. Ninth Ave. The Choral Society will be joined by four professional guest soloists, local high school choral students and a full orchestra composed of select area musicians in performing Handel's oratorio. Tickets are \$15 for reserved seating, \$12 for general admission, and \$5 for students. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the Choral Society of Pensacola at (850) 474-1806.

November 28 Japanese traveling exhibition to visit UWF

On Nov. 28, "Discover Japan through Contemporary Powers," a Japan Foundation traveling exhibition, will open with an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at WUWF-FM Gallery 88. The exhibit runs through Jan. 3, 2004 with the exception of Dec. 24 through Jan. 1, 2004, when the campus closes for the holidays.

Campus Briefs

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Division of Student Life recruiting for staff positions

The division of Student Life is recruiting new applicants for Student Orientation Staff positions. Information and application forms are available online at www.uwf.edu/ucommons/forms.htm. Deadline for applications is Dec. 5 and interviews should be scheduled shortly before the start of Spring semester 2004. For details, call Jim Hurd, assistant vice president for Student Life, at 474-2406.

Lunch 'N' Learn

The UWF Learning Society will present its December Lunch 'N' Learn, titled "The Living Reef" from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Scenic Hills Country Club located at 8891 Burning Tree Rd. Jennifer Kleinbaum, marine biologist, will be the lecture's guest speaker. The event is open to the public and the cost is \$17.50 per person. For more information, call Mardi McDaniel-King at (850) 474-3491.

RadioLive

WUWF 88.1 FM will hold a RadioLive event at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 4 at the Museum of Commerce in Historic Pensacola Village. "Seasoned Greetings" with Spencer Bohren and Friends will perform. Admission is with a donation of non-perishables or cash for the Manna Food Pantries. For details, call (850) 474-2787 or visit radiolive.org.

Crenshaw Center offers financial planning class

The Crenshaw Center for Economic Empowerment is accepting registrations for its Financial Planning class that will begin in mid November. The class will be held each Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for at least four weeks. Capt. Frank Smith, military retiree and financial adviser, will provide basic information on how to save and invest money, how to clear bad credit, how to start a business with little or no money and other topics. Admission is free. For more information, call 435-4874.

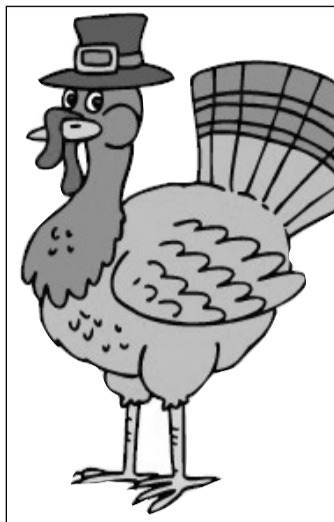
Planning different holiday activities

Rebecca Warren
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is here again, and students at the University of West Florida are celebrating in different ways. Some students are going home, some are going to Costa Rica, some eat turkey and others don't. Regardless of what you're doing or what you're eating this Thanksgiving, there are traditions to look forward to and much to be thankful for, even as we have troops in harm's way in Iraq and around the world.

In 1621, the Pilgrims at Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts gathered together with members of the Wampanoag tribe to celebrate the first American Thanksgiving. Today, Americans still gather with friends and family on the fourth Thursday in November to observe the Thanksgiving holiday. However, things have changed in America since 1621, and the ways people celebrate Thanksgiving have changed as well.

Food is still a central part of Thanksgiving, but football, parades and shopping are also a big part of the holiday. America's National Football League provides the football action for sports fans around the country.



The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York has been attracting over 1 million spectators since 1934. For shoppers, and people who just like to watch the mad rush at the stores, the day after Thanksgiving is something to anticipate.

Turkey is the Thanksgiving staple, but some folks take a non-traditional approach and grace their tables with foods other than turkey.

Lane Wisniewski, a senior English major at UWF, goes to Costa Rica with her family for Thanksgiving. Turkey is part of their Thanksgiving meal, she said, but they also have ham and stuffed cabbage among other

things. The stuffed cabbage is cooked meat, rice and garlic wrapped in cabbage leaves, then crapped in tomato juice.

Sibrana Chavarria is a sophomore at UWF, and turkey is not a part of her family's Thanksgiving tradition. "We get up and watch the Thanksgiving Day parade on television. Then, after the sun sets, we'll eat," she said. "One of the fun things is that we don't eat turkey. We eat veal on Thanksgiving day!"

"One of my favorite things about Thanksgiving would have to be the fact that I get to relax the whole day, and at night I get to go to The Grove, a place near downtown Miami. However, this year will be different since I am not getting the chance to go home," Chavarria said.

Even though she can't go home for Thanksgiving this year, Chavarria has something to be thankful for. Her mom runs a daycare center and more children are enrolling, "which means God listens to our prayers," she said.

Ryan Miller, a junior majoring in history and theater at UWF, is going home for Thanksgiving this year.

"We eat at 2 p.m., then spend the day catching up with family and my three best friends," he said. "Around 8 p.m., we all go to the movies."

Between eating, visiting and going to the movies, Miller said they watch some of the football games on TV.

The food and the fellowship are central to most Thanksgiving gatherings around the country. Each Thanksgiving, the president issues a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation encouraging Americans to give thanks and to recognize the true significance of the holiday. In his Thanksgiving Day Proclamation on Nov. 22, 2002, President Bush said:

"Throughout the Thanksgiving holiday, let us renew our commitment to make our country and our world better... We also honor and salute the selfless sacrifice of the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who are defending our lives and liberty at home and abroad with skill, honor, and dedication.

"This Thanksgiving, we recognize the ties of friendship and respect that bind us together. And we renew our pledge to uphold the timeless principles of freedom, equality, and opportunity that have made our country into a great Nation. By working together, we will continue to build mutual trust, peace, and hope for all across this land and around the world."

Happy Thanksgiving!

Try to compromise with demanding parents

Dear Dr. Argo,

My parents are pressuring me into choosing a major that does not interest me. How do I suggest to them that this major is not for me and that I have other ideas of what I want to pursue?

My parents support me financially and have threatened in the past that I will compromise this if I do not study what they want me to.

I cannot support myself, but I just want to find that dream job and I don't want to be forced to do anything.

— Fearful Student

Dear Fearful Student,

When talking to your parents about choosing a major, it is important to convey to them the reasons for your decisions. The more you have thought about your choice and weighed the pros and cons of it, the more likely they will be willing to listen to you.

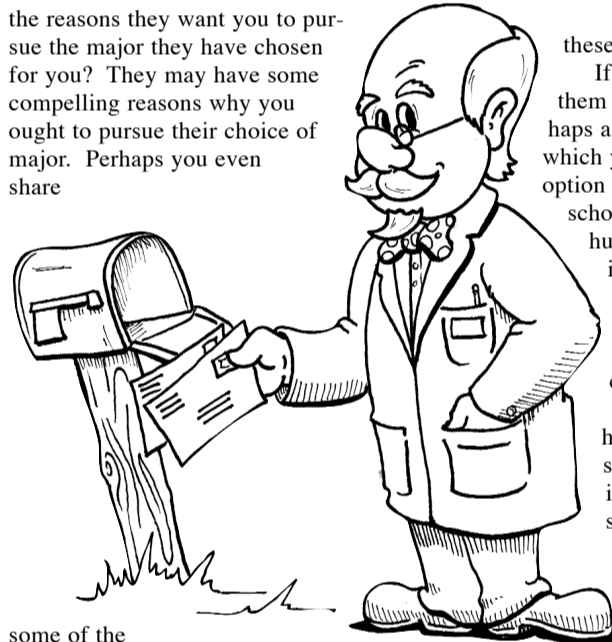
It is difficult in talking with parents to remain level-headed when the issue being discussed is very important, but the more you are able to do this, the more likely it is you will be able to make your point heard and be respected for it.

It is probably in your best interest to listen to what they have to say about your choice of major even if you decide not to take their advice.

For example, have they explained to you

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the reasons they want you to pursue the major they have chosen for you? They may have some compelling reasons why you ought to pursue their choice of major. Perhaps you even share



some of the same goals for your life. If you can show them how your choice of major will allow you to reach those goals and enjoy what you are doing. They may be more flexible.

It might also be that you don't want the same things that your parents want and you have different values than them. As men-

tioned before, it is probably important to explain this to them and try to remain reasonable and understanding when talking to them about

these things.

If you are absolutely dependent on them to support you financially, perhaps a compromise can be made in which you can pursue two majors. This option may mean more time spent in school, but if you are not in a big hurry and they are willing to pay for it, this may be a viable option for you.

A second option for you may be to find a part-time job so you can pay for your own school.

This might show your parents how important it is for you to pursue the major of your dreams instead of the one they have chosen for you.

If they see that you are willing to take this initiative, perhaps they will decide to help you out too.

This will probably be a challenge for you, but if you remain reasonable and are passionate about a particular major, I have faith that you can find something that suits everyone's interests.

If you decide that you are stuck and need someone to speak to, feel free to contact the Counseling Center at 474-2420.

— Dr. Argo

Songwriter's Fest comes to Pensacola

Special to *The Voyager*

Teaming with the Songwriters Guild of America, Pensacola Opera has landed a diverse lineup for its venue of the Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival on Nov. 22. Songsmiths who have penned creations for Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong, Count Basie and even Phil Collins and the Dixie Chicks will share the stage at Pensacola Opera, located at 75 South Tarragona St. downtown Pensacola.

More than 220 acclaimed songwriters from Nashville and beyond — including Grammy-award winners and No. 1 single creators — converge on the Gulf Coast for the 19th Annual Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival, which continues through Nov. 23.

Playing acoustic sets in intimate listening-room settings, the artists share secrets behind their work. Artists have recognized that live performances are a way of cracking an increasingly competitive music industry.

Pensacola Opera line-up includes: Jill Colucci, Mary Ann Kennedy, Ervin Drake, Randy Sharp, Janet McLaughlin, Toni White, Rick and Janis Barnes, Casey Kelly and more.

The Pensacola Opera shows are scheduled from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Nov. 22.

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Mondays: Steak / Chicken Fajitas \$5.99
Draft \$.99

Tuesdays: All you can eat \$6.99

Wednesdays: 2 for 1 Bar drinks (Beer, Margaritas, Mixed Drinks)

Thursday: Margarita Night - 12 oz Margaritas
\$.99 On the rocks
\$ 1.50 Frozen

Friday and Saturday: Happy Hour All Day
2 for 1 - 12 oz Margaritas
2 for 1 - Beer

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LUNCH FOR TWO

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