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Shifting Gears, Changing Communities

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Shifting Gears provides safe and inexpensive transportation by recycling abandoned and donated bicycles or restoring them for public purchase.

The organization is a non-profit justice dedicated to securing the right relationships between offenders, victims and their communities through programs and practices.

Shifting Gears has established relationships across central Wisconsin with police departments, businesses and individuals who donate bicycles on a regular basis.

However, Shifting Gears Community Bike Shop is first and foremost an offender reentry program to provide training and employment opportunities.

Ex-offenders, people facing charges and troubled youth complete their community service requirement by learning how to work on bikes. This may lead to a part-time or full-time employment and an opportunity to have their own small business.

Additionally, volunteers can develop life skills that will enable them to be productive members of

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Afterimages Takes the Stage



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Ballet, jazz, contemporary, modern, swing, hip-hop and more. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Department of Theatre and Dance presents the 2016 production of Afterimages.

Afterimages is an annual dance showcase that is complexly student-directed, danced, choreographed and designed.

Anna Kurzynski is a dance major as well as a student dancer, choreographer and director in Afterimages.

"This is one of my favorite productions because the growth in both dancers and choreographer you see that comes from this process is really astonishing," Kurzynski said. "It is amazing to see where all of the pieces start and then compare that to the end product. We all go on quite the journey, but it is truly remarkable."

Though the show will begin on Dec. 9, preparations began

the first week of the academic year with the initial casting of the show's choreographers. After six weeks of students creating pieces, faculty selected individual works to be showcased in the December performance.

The content of the show changes from year to year, but most performances showcase ten student works with cast sizes of three to 13 dancers.

This annual performance is often students' first experience in choreography.

Sydney Enzler, senior dance major, has participated in Afterimages for four years. This year will be her first time choreographing her own piece.

"It has been such a gift being able to work with my cast on bringing my work to life," Enzler said. "It is such an enriching experience to choreograph a piece and see it come to life on stage."

It is this passion and dedication of student dancers, choreographers and designers that continue to inspire and bring to life the annual showcase.

"Every choreographer expresses their artistry differently, and it is innovating to work with different choreographers to learn their interpretations, concepts and ideas of movement," said Carly Cayemberg, senior health promotion and wellness major.

After all the choreography, designing and rehearsals, Afterimages is ready to be showcased.

Each choreographer was given three hours a week to rehearse the piece with the dancers, sometimes in unconventional locations such as fields or a grocery store.

"The rehearsals are very enjoyable because of the beautiful relationship between choreographer and performer," Enzler said.

After all the hard work of the student dancers and choreographers, the stage management, deck crew and costume crew are ready to make their visions a reality.

"What I like about performing is being able to show what we have all worked so hard on

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UWSP Library Hours Cause Study Struggles

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Albertson Hall offers students multiple resources, but the library's hours fluctuate throughout the week due to budget cuts.

Kathy Davis, dean of University College, said that staffing in the library is very thin on nights and weekends because of budget cuts. The use of the building is a priority when making decisions about open hours.

"It's always based on budget and how much we can afford to have coverage because, for security reasons, if nothing else, we have to have sufficient staff," Davis said.

Albertson Hall contains more services and centers than just the library. It houses the writing center, tutoring and learning center as well as information technology departments in the lower level. Also, the academic and career advising center is on the third floor and academic disability services is on the sixth floor.

"The priority when making a decision about hours is student use. Who's on campus, who's using us, when are they using us and what are the services that they need," Davis said.

There are reference librarians staffed until 10 p.m. most nights, but there are days of the week when there isn't a ton of traffic. Davis explained that Thursday and Friday nights are examples of this.

"We do close early on the Thursday and Friday nights simply because historically, we don't get a lot of use on those nights," Davis said.

Thursday and Friday nights are popular social nights for many students. Davis said that it wasn't worth the budget to keep staff for those nights.

What becomes a key focal point is access to study areas. There are extended hours in portions of the Albertson Hall which service late-night studiers.

The computer lab on the first floor, managed by the IT department, has its own entrance that

faces the sundial. The computer lab opens into the Food for Thought Café as well as gives access to students who wish to utilize after-hour study periods.

"Our attempt is to have the building open as much as we possibly can with our financial restraints and push as many resources out digitally so that students can get to them anywhere," Davis said.

Many library study tools and resources like databases are made available online so students have open access outside the building as well.

Integrating library hours into a student schedule can be challenging for some between classes, work and extra-curricular activities.

"I need to do a lot of late night studying because I work nights so I don't get done until 10 or 11 p.m. So, then if I need to get to the library and it closes at midnight then I can't really go there," said Morgan Winter, senior elementary and special education major.

Students like Winter use the study space to stay productive. She said she also likes using the campus computers so that she can look up information while she uses her personal laptop.

"I think it's really beneficial to use the library," Winter said. "I just like the space that I have when I use it."

Winter said that her classes require a lot of group work and study space is important so her group can meet and complete assignments.

"Personally, I think that I get a lot more work done when I'm at the library, but I also use the resources that are there," Winter said.

Budget cuts are unavoidable, but some students might face challenges with the hours because study areas are limited throughout the rest of campus and in the community during later hours.

Winter said, "The library is our resource and we're paying to go to school here so I feel like the library should be available to all students at all times when we need it."

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Sunday, November 27

A student called to be let into the NFAC.

Foot patrol took place in Lot Q.

Monday, November 28

A student reported electronics and a safe stolen from his dorm room over Thanksgiving break.

A vehicle was spotted off the road at the intersection between Minnesota and Maria Drive.

Tuesday, November 29

A mother called to request a welfare check on her son.

A man was admitted to the waste education center to check on compost.

Wednesday, November 30

A call was placed about a woman seeing an adult-sized green tricycle near Schmeeckle.

The large tricycle was spotted again behind the Smith Hall sign.

Thursday, December 1

A student called in underage drinking and possible drug use in Baldwin.

A student found his missing bike and the thief's bike lock was cut off.

Friday, December 2

Individuals were seen throwing eggs at windows and trying to gain attention of a group of girls.

A male subject with an open intoxicant was talked to in Lot J.

Saturday, December 3

A car throwing eggs near Isadore Street was called in.

A campus cab worker leaving Stein was hit with an egg as a red car drove past him.

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the community.

Part of the mission of Shifting Gears is to provide an environmentally sustainable means of transportation to the community. They sold roughly 200-400 bikes last year, mostly during the summer.

For those who are in need of a bike but cannot afford one, the shop offers the option of volunteering for fifteen hours in exchange for a bike. They also offer bike repairs for those in the community.

Primarily run by volunteers, the goal for Shifting Gears is to be doing well enough financially to provide employment opportunities for former offenders, troubled youth and other disadvantaged persons.

The shop welcomes anyone in the community with an interest in bikes to volunteer.

They have also participated in the paid summer internship through the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in order to provide students with summer employment.

Joelle Erickson, senior communication major, was the non-profit skills intern at Shifting Gears this past summer.

"Volunteering at Shifting Gears is an excellent resume builder and a great way to be involved with a community nonprofit," Erickson said. "Volunteers also receive training on how to repair and refurbish bikes, which are extremely valuable skills to possess."

Martin Pikula is the head mechanic at Shifting Gears Community Bicycle Shop.

His duties include fixing bikes for customers, restoring abandoned bikes that will be resold, managing the Facebook page, coordinating volunteers, teaching bicycle mechanics and selling bikes to the public.

The shop encourages students to visit and get involved because they offer affordable bikes and an atmosphere to socialize.

"Many social outlets in Stevens Point revolve around breweries and pubs, and underage in-



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dividuals sometimes don't have a lot of places to go to hang out," Pikula said.

He hopes the shop will have a lounge and coffee shop by next spring for students to enjoy.

Shifting Gears is located at 2116 Wood St, on the Green Cir-

cle Trail and a few blocks from Point Brewery.

The shop is open Friday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday 12-5 p.m. They can also be found on Facebook.

A Brief Overview of the Dakota Access Pipeline

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If you are anything like a good number of Americans who have been suffering from post-election blues and feel estranged from the mainstream media, you might not be up to date on the conflict over the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Before looking into the most recent news about the Dakota Access Pipeline, also known as DAPL, we must look into some of the many complex issues that began this broad though familiar issue of a land use conflict.

DAPL is an oil pipeline project set in motion by the Texas-based company Energy Transfer Partners in 2014. According to the Energy Transfer Partners website, this 1,172 mile pipeline that stretches across four Midwestern states is costing the company about \$4 billion, and is expected to deliver 470,000 barrels of crude oil per day upon completion.

Jack Healy from the New York Times writes that this project has and will continue to create 8,000-12,000 construction jobs and will generate an annual \$55 million in property taxes when finished.

Although this may seem like a lucrative business operation with many promising aspects, multiple groups have raised concerns over the impacts that this pipeline may have on the environment and elsewhere.

Along the crop-rich plains of central North Dakota, just south of the city of Bismarck, lies the Native American reservation of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe: the most vocal opponents of the DAPL.

According to the New York Times, the pipeline's construction was halted on the northern edge of the reservation, where peaceful protests by the tribal members have been going on since last spring. The tribal members voice concerns not only on the proposed encroachment of their native land, but also on the possible contamination that could come from DAPL.

According to commondreams.org, there are over 300 oil pipeline spills in the US alone each year.

The largest concern that local landowners and tribal members had was of the proposed plan by Energy Transfer Partners that the DAPL go under the Missouri river, which serves more than 17 million Americans as their primary source for fresh water, as reported by the LA Times.

A pipeline leak in that specific location could mean disaster for the health of millions of Americans, hence the local and widespread opposition to the DAPL.

The reason why construction has been halted by the edge of the Standing Rock Sioux reservation was not only because of the protests, but also due to the fact that the Army Corps of Engineers had not issued a permit to allow the company to build under the Missouri River, as stated on CNN.

On the morning of Dec. 4, however, the Army issued a statement that denied the DAPL from being able to go under the River to "reduce the risk of spill or pipeline rupture."

While the news came as victory to many, this exhausting fight is still far from over.

The Finals Countdown

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As the snow begins to hit the ground and hot chocolate begins to fill our mugs, another seasonal event draws near.

Final exams are Dec. 16-22 this semester and will provide some panic amid all the festivity in the air.

Urban Dictionary defines finals week as "the worst week of a college or high school student's life."

This semester's finals begin on the Friday before Christmas. This may seem like unconventional timing as opposed to a normal Monday through Friday structure.

When students register for courses at the beginning of the semester, each course is assigned a number one through thirty-five. Each number corresponds to a scheduled final exam time.

Though final exams are at a new and random time, they are located in the course's of normal classroom.

While the university tries to avoid students having any overlapping finals, there is always a chance someone is assigned multiple courses with the same final exam time. In this case, you are allowed to adjust the timing of one of them since it is not possible to take two exams at the same time.

Because finals week is such a stressful time for students, some have concerns over the fact that it is going to be over the span of two weeks this semester.

The reason for finals encompassing two weeks is because of the timing of Christmas this year.

Since Christmas is on a Sunday and the university starts its break on Dec. 22, finals week is only four days long. To make up for this missing fifth day, the first day of exams will take place on Friday, Dec. 16.

Some universities, like UW-Oshkosh, structure their final's differently. They let professors place their finals within the normal class schedule.

At first, this seems to be a much simpler way of structuring things because students are already accustomed to their typical schedules and there's already a lack of conflicts. There is not a final timetable to adapt to.

Despite all that, this does not take into account the fact that some classes are less than an hour long while some are over three hours long. All the classes run much differently throughout the semester. There is a lot more variety in how classes operate day-to-day.

Finals do not have that variety. Everyone's final exams are more consistent. All the final exams are set in a two-hour block.

Sam MacGlashin, sophomore Biochemistry major, enjoys having the longer time for finals and likes the way UWSP does their finals.

"I like the extended time for each final as opposed to the normal class times. Most of my finals happen on the same day I would normally have class anyway so it's not too different," MacGlashin said.

For other students, there is a silver lining to having finals include two different weeks.

After the first round of exams, everyone will have the weekend to cram for the next week of exams. This schedule potentially breaks up the bar-

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rage of finals they might be used to.

When final exams are all in the same week there is no weekend time to recover, recuperate and restudy for the next one. This semester we will have an additional forty-eight hours to cram for exams.

Some students prefer having all the finals back to back.

Sam MacGlashin actually prefers having her finals really close together so that it doesn't draw out that stressful time of the semester.

"Personally, I like not having the finals week last too long. It's nice to just get them all done with right away," MacGlashin said.

Some people worry about being overwhelmed and having

too many things to study for at once.

Other students don't think too much of this year's irregular schedule.

Megann Roszak, senior sociology major, finds little difference how finals go regardless of the schedule. She found the best way to not be overwhelmed by all the final exams is to prioritize which classes you study for.

"I don't have too much of a preference for when the finals are and I don't study as much for the classes I am already doing really well in," Roszak said.

Whether we want it to or not finals week is upon us. Students can easily see what their final exam schedule looks like by going under the academics tab on their MyPoint.

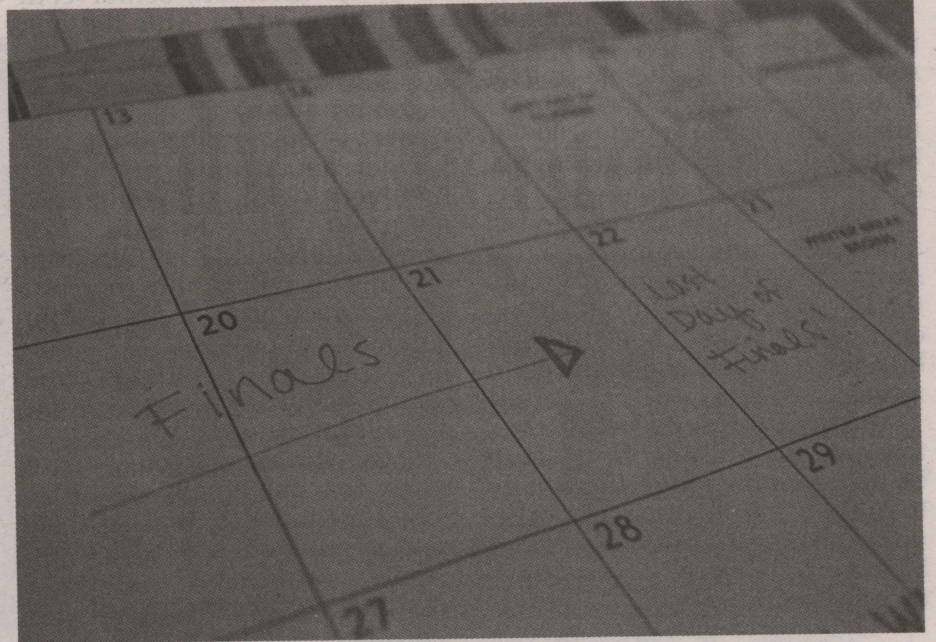


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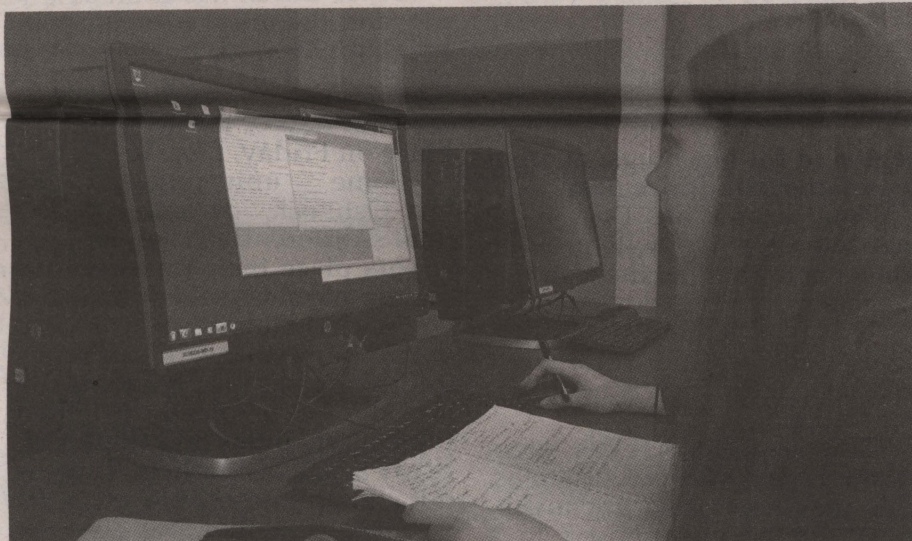
Expectations Already Being Exceeded for Data Analytics Major

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The data analytics program's first semester on campus is off to a fast start, fueled by a \$4 million endowment from Sentry Insurance.



Liliana Boyle, freshman data analytics major, works on a project using R, a statistical analysis software program, Tuesday morning. Boyle is one of 21 students to register for the new major in its first semester on campus.

Photo by Logan Carlson.

First announced in March, the program currently has 21 students registered, far exceeding the school's initial goal of having 16 students in the major by the end of the 2016-17 academic year.

"We're going to exceed our expectations, and it's going to be a matter of by how much at this point," said Prof. Tim Krause, De-

partment Chair of Computer and New Media Technologies. "The core data analytics course was not only full, but a little over. It gives me the appearance a number of students are trying out data analytics before declaring the major."

The program is a joint venture between the College of Letters and Science, and the College of Professional Studies. Students take a mix of computer programming, data analysis, statistics, economics, and business marketing courses.

Krause said there are a number of current students who were interested in the new major, but due to how far along in their academic career it didn't make sense for them to switch, due to the high number of credits required to graduate. Students with a data analytics major are required to obtain 70 credits, while a typical major on campus requires around 40 to 55 credits.

Jim Frank, Vice President for Information Technology at Sentry Insurance, believes the program has been received well.

"We hosted a get together earlier this semester for prospec-

tive and current students, which was well attended. I sensed a fair amount of enthusiasm. I think students realize there are career opportunities in data analytics" Frank said.

Frank sits on one of the committees that are currently searching for two faculty positions that would lead the program starting in the fall. The committees hope to bring in a total of six candidates for the two positions starting next week to interview and meet with students and faculty.

Given the nature of a new field like data analytics, and the intense competition for qualified personnel between academia, and the private sector, Krause believes a decision on the two positions is likely to be reached in January.

"The challenges are the same as any other search, just amplified," Krause said. "The talent pool to draw upon also adds a challenge, and I think that's going to continue."

"I think everyone hopes to continue to grow the number of students in the major," he added. "Ultimately we would like to see 50 to 60 majors in the program."

Don't Let Safety Stop at a Pin

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Because of the recent election, many minority groups are under emotional and physical threat. A new symbol has emerged to show support for these groups: a safety pin.

This safety pin movement initially began after the Brexit referendum results. According to the New York Times, Great Britain saw a 57 percent rise in xenophobic incidents after they voted to leave the European Union in June.

In response to these incidents, people began pinning a safety pin on their clothing to show support for minorities and to demonstrate allyship.

As hate crimes began to rise after the election of Donald Trump, the safety pin movement crossed seas and became a way for Americans to demonstrate

support for minorities, immigrants, women, and members of the LGBT community.

Tanya Copas, coordinator of the Tutoring in Math and Science program in the Tutoring Learning Center, wears her safety pin almost every day and has the image of a safety pin hung up on the door outside of her office.

Copas said she wears the pin to show support for any students who may be struggling with the weight of oppression. She believes the pin is effective because it allows her to silently communicate support.

However, the safety pins have been met with resistance by people who fear that the pins promote 'slacktivism' or slacker-activism.

In this situation, slacktivism means that people can become part of this movement without knowing anything about the issues that the minority groups are facing.

Sophie Hart, senior biochem-

istry major, acknowledges that the safety pin may help some people. She also fears its main purpose is to absolve 'white-guilt' instead of using it to show support.

Hart said that the positive benefits lose their effects when it becomes, "Like people that give to charity for the photo-op."

She added that wearing a safety pin should always be about supporting minorities, not something people do to draw attention to themselves.

Hart said that even if it is not about absolution of guilt, wearing a safety pin is the bare minimum amount of work, and there-

fore will benefit the minimum number of people.

Hart encourages people donning a safety pin to take steps to educate themselves on the issues facing the oppressed minority groups.

While Copas acknowledges that wearing a safety pin should never be a stand-in for action or self-education, she maintains that it is a symbol of hope. Even if it only helps one person, is still worth displaying.

Copas said, "For me, it's a statement showing anyone who's experiencing acts of hate or bias. It's a sign of support for them."

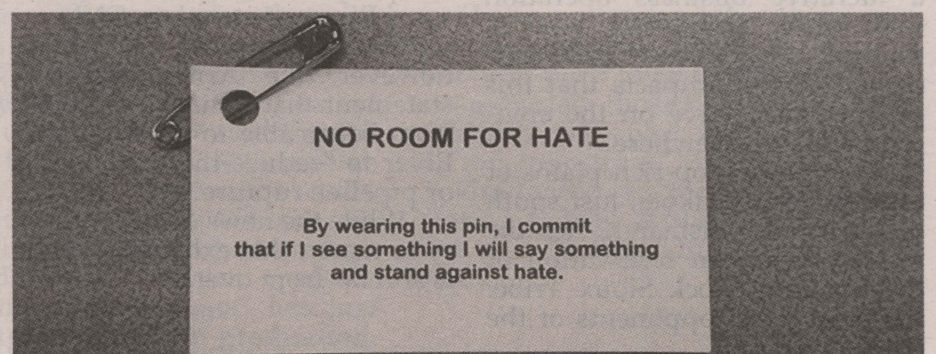


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Jill Stein Raises Green for a Recount

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Jill Stein, member of the Green Party and recent presidential nominee, is calling for a recount.

To question the current election results, Stein has raised over \$6.5 million dollars to fund recount elections in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pennsylvania, according to her campaign website.

The recounting was kick-started because Stein thought the elections were swayed by "cyber hacking," according to Time Magazine. Currently, there is no physical proof that this hacking occurred.

Though there is no proof of error, citizens are adding to the recount fund as a way to double check the election outcome.

Stein received only around one percent of the popular vote nationwide in the November elections. While she is unlikely to win the majority of these three states in a recount, there are many supporters who are

donating for the sake of other parties.

Hillary Clinton was thought to win more states than she did in the presidential election, and recounting votes in key states may show Clinton as a majority candidate at second glance.

Kevin Myers, senior biology major and president of the environmental club 350, said the efforts Stein is funding will be beneficial, but the outcome of the election is not likely to change.

"I think that it might raise a little bit more awareness but I don't think it'll make a significant impact on how it'll affect the election," Myers said.

Current president-elect Trump won the state of Wisconsin by 27,257 votes. He became the first member of the Republican Party to win the state in a presidential election in over 20 years.

Recently, the Trump campaign is taking large action against Stein and her fundraising efforts.

The Trump campaign said that because Stein came in at such a low popularity during

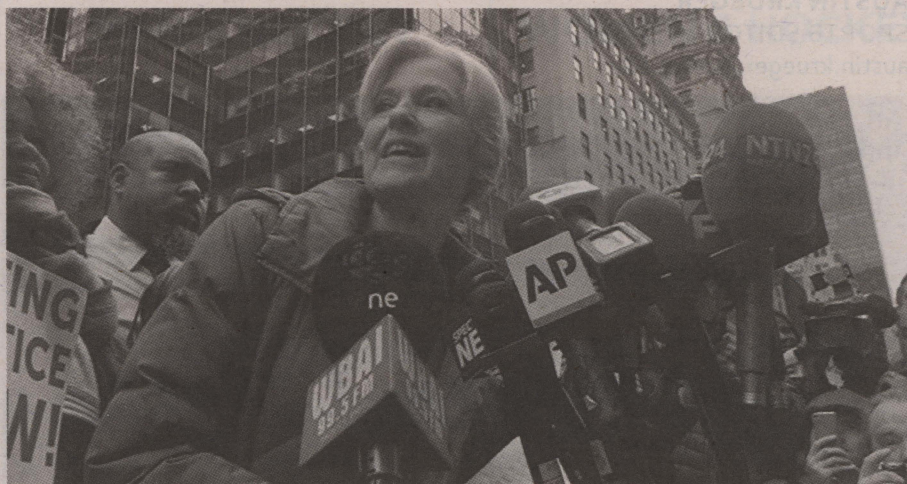


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that election, she can not be "aggrieved" by the outcome of this past election.

Whether or not Stein creates enough money and support to execute this recount, her fan base has expanded since the initial presidential campaign, according to Time Magazine.

If Stein were to run again, her donor list would have grown because of the many donors who have signed up to do-

nate to her recount effort.

Myers said the recount is a check for citizens to become more aware of who they want to vote for in the future.

"The recount is more like a reminder," Myers said.

If the money donated exceeds the money needed to fund a recount, Stein said the excess money that she raised will be gifted to a charity or political party.

Male Birth Control Study: What You Need to Know

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Birth Control for men has been a sensitive topic over the last few months.

As prospective hormonal methods have been making their way through human experimental trials, women have become excited at the idea of being able to share the responsibility of long-term birth control with their male partners.

The study has sparked conversation on the topic, the study was a combination-hormonal-injection for men that would prevent pregnancy.

The study showed very promising results through preventing the production of sperm, resulting in an efficacy rate of 92.5 percent.

Unfortunately, the study was prematurely terminated because of reported side effects.

These included "mood changes, depression, pain at the injection site, and increased libido." These are also side effects of hormonal birth control for women.

The media quickly jumped to blame the male subjects of the study or the researchers themselves for being "weak-willed" or for holding a double standard for men as Heatstreet reporter Kieran Corcoran said.

Neither the subjects nor the researchers conducting the study were to blame for the ending of the study.

Since the study was partially funded by the World Health Organization Department of Reproductive Health and Research, there was an external peer-review committee

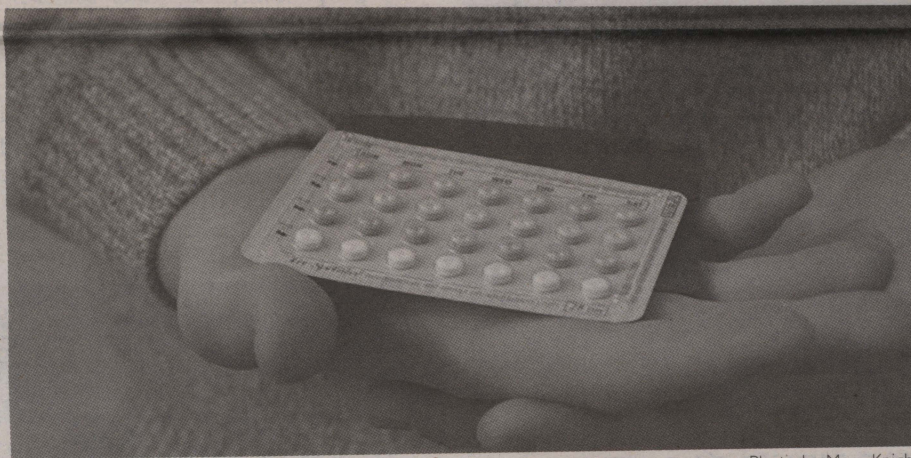


Photo by Mary Knight.

referred to as "RP2" that decided to end the study.

The data was reviewed by both safety committees and RP2 reported the potential risks as outweighing the benefits, ordering the study be brought to an end.

Satisfaction with the treatment as a form of birth control was exceptionally high among the male subjects. Only 5.2 percent said they would not use this method of contraception despite the side effects.

This study shows how standards for drug safety and effectiveness have drastically changed since the first oral birth control pill was approved by the FDA in 1957.

When the pill was first approved as a contraceptive, the 1962 Drug Amendments had not yet been passed and long-term health effects of the drug had not been reported.

The amendments included changes such as requiring scientific evidence of effectiveness before being marketed, and reporting of serious side effects afterward.

The changes also included

the necessity of informed consent of the study subjects.

When the pill was originally researched, these practices were not followed, leading to much less complete data, fewer safety precautions and fewer hurdles for researchers and pharmaceutical companies to jump before selling the drug to the public.

The lack of data does not dismiss the side effects women suffer from by taking hormonal birth control, which can include vision problems, mood swings, decreases in libido, nausea, and the more serious blood clots, higher risks of cancer and liver tumors.

The stress of being responsible for preventing pregnancy hormonally can be difficult on women as well.

Carey Kuhfuss, junior health promotion and wellness major, said "It would be beneficial if guys could also have birth control" because it would reduce the stress on women by making it possible for both partners to work together.

Today, both the short and

long term effects of hormonal birth control are widely available and 10.6 million women in the U.S. take the pill every-day per the National Health Statistics Report.

Kuhfuss said she had not heard of the study but believes the responsibility of preventing pregnancy should be shared between both men and women.

"Most girls are on birth control and we have to deal with the side effects," she said.

It is difficult to know exactly why RP2 decided the side effects made this form of birth control too risky. Emails sent to the World Health Organization asking for an explanation of the decision were not returned.

It is important to point out the difference between men and women in the health effects of pregnancy whether it is planned or not.

One-hundred years ago more than 600 mothers per 100,000 births were dying from childbirth. As of 2013, that number is down to 15 mothers per 100,000 births.

Pregnancy is a serious health risk so it only makes sense that women would be willing to go through more to prevent it.

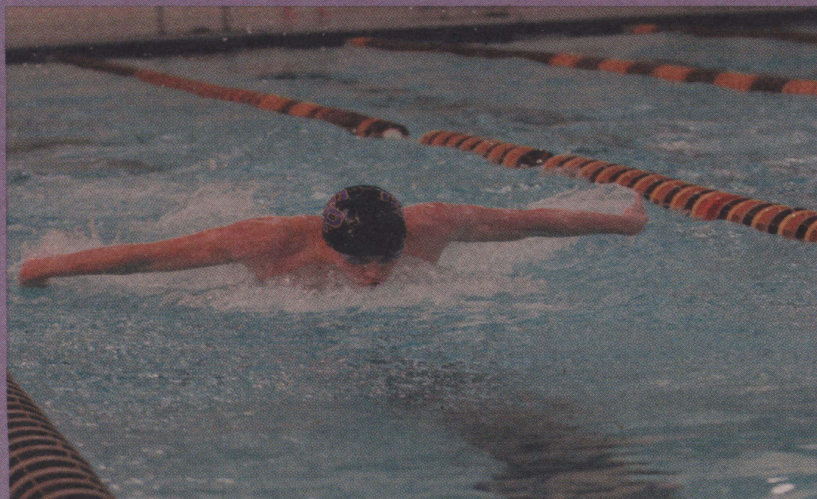
There is still good reason to be hopeful for a form of male hormonal birth control to hit the market in the future.

Research has not stopped, and the controversial 2016 study has served as "an important reference for future efficacy and safety trials of male contraception" according to the authors, if nothing else.

Look Into Sports

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MEN'S SWIMMING FINDS SUCCESS



The Pointer men's swim team took second at the Wheaton Invitational during the weekend, where multiple swimmers posted NCAA qualifying times. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen.

The UWSP men's swimming team earned a second place finish at the Wheaton Invitational after posting 817 points. The women added 290 points of their own to take fifth place.

The relay team of juniors Sam Jekel, Brandon Richardson and Jack Englehardt along with sophomore Reilly Donnellan, won by three seconds and set a new school record with a time of 1:20.34. The time is also the fastest in NCAA Division III this year.

The 200-yard medley team consisting of the same four swimmers recorded their second NCAA qualifying time after finishing first place with a time of 1:29.97.

Englehardt won the 50-yard freestyle with a NCAA qualifying time of 20.2 seconds after previously earning a first place finish in the preliminaries.

Jekel posted wins in the 100-fly and 100-yard freestyle with NCAA qualifying times also.

Senior Ethan Bott, sophomore Grant Moser, Englehardt and Jekel improved their time by one second to win the 400-yard with a time of 3:24.

For the women, senior Bree Parent took top honors in the 100-yard backstroke and finished in second place in the 200-yard backstroke after posting a 2:25 time.

The rest of the women's team found little success as the 400-yard medley team placed ninth while the 200-yard medley posted an eighth place outing.

Pointers swimming and diving comes back home on Dec. 9 for their dual against UW-Oshkosh.

MEN'S HOCKEY ADDS TWO MORE WINS



Junior goalie Max Milosek was credited with scoring his first career goal as a Pointer against UW-River Falls on Friday, Dec. 2 at K.B. Willett Arena in Stevens Point, Wis. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen.

On Dec. 2, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point junior goalie Max Milosek recorded his third career shutout while also scoring a goal and an assist in a 3-0 victory over UW-River Falls.

Late in the first period, sophomore Tanner Karty got the scoring on the way for the Pointers giving UWSP a 1-0 lead that lasted until the third period.

Milosek then recorded his first goal and first goal for a goaltender in program history to put the Pointers up 2-0.

Only a few minutes later, senior Elliot Grauer scored an open net goal on an assist from Milosek to seal a 3-0 victory for UWSP.

Then on Saturday, UWSP claimed a 4-0 victory over UW-Superior behind senior Jacob Barber's eighth goal of the season.

After a quiet first period for both teams, Barber initiated the scoring early into the second period putting the Pointers up 1-0.

Just over a minute later, sophomore Ryan Bittner scored on a power-play opportunity to give UWSP a two-point advantage to close out the second period.

Early in the third period, Grauer added cushion to the Pointer's lead by dropping in the team's third goal. Senior Jono Davis later capped off the winning effort with a goal of his own to solidify the win for the now 8-2-1 Pointers.

Milosek has now recorded back-to-back shutouts, not allowing a goal on 22 attempts from the Yellowjackets.

OFFENSE SHINES IN WIN FOR MEN'S BASKETBALL



Senior forward Bryce Williams tallied 15 points against UW-Superior in the Pointers home opener on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at Bennett Court at the Quandt in Stevens Point, Wis. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen.

Behind 54 percent shooting from the field, the UWSP men's basketball team picked up its third win in a row, defeating UW-Superior 85-65.

Sophomore Ethan Bublitz led the way for the Pointers with 17 points. Senior Bryce Williams and sophomore Mark Nelson added 15 and 12, respectively.

UWSP outscored the Yellowjackets by 10 each half including a 19-point

lead late in the first half that climbed to as high as a 20 point lead in the second half.

Sophomore Brett Tauber grabbed a team-high seven rebounds and added nine points of his own for the Pointers.

Next up for the Pointers is a game on Dec. 10 against Hope College before heading to St. Thomas to square off with the defending national champions on Dec. 14.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY SCORES SEVEN IN WIN



Sophomore forward Cara Lemirande recorded her first career hat trick as a Pointer against Northland College on Saturday, Dec. 3 at Ice Hawks Arena in Stevens Point, Wis. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen.

The UWSP women's hockey team recorded its fourth win of the season with a 7-2 victory over Northland.

Sophomore Cara Lemirande notched her first career hat trick that got under way in the first period when she scored her first goal after an earlier goal from junior Ellie Punnett.

Lemirande netted her second goal of the night early into the second period, putting the Pointers up 3-1. Shortly after, sophomore Mackenzie Kratch put the Pointers up by three with a goal of her own.

Despite being short-handed in the third period, junior Ali Biagini was able to net the Pointers fifth goal of the evening, followed by sophomore Logan Harper putting the score at 6-1 in favor of UWSP.

Lemirande capped off the winning effort and sealed her hat-trick with a seventh goal for the team later in the third period.

Freshman Marit Larson earned her first collegiate win and denied 16 of 18 shots on the night.

UWSP now begins a home-stand that starts on Dec. 9 when they host Augsburg College.

THREE POINT CLINIC LEADS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TO FIFTH WIN



Junior post Taylor Barrett tallied eight rebounds against Carthage College on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at Berg Gym in Stevens Point, Wis. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen.

The No. 21 ranked UWSP women's basketball claimed its fifth win of the season after defeating Carthage 66-50 behind a season-best 24-point third quarter.

Senior Lauren Anklaam led the four Pointers who scored in double-digits with 15 points in the win. Senior Taylor Douglas and junior Taylor Barrett both grabbed eight rebounds.

An 8-0 run and back-to-back threes from Anklaam gave UWSP an eight-point lead to end the first. The Pointers extended the lead to 12 in the

second period before allowing a score from Carthage.

Anklaam opened the third period with a three-pointer that fueled an early 7-0 run for UWSP. Junior Mickey Roland and Douglas hit three-straight three-pointers to push the lead to 21.

Behind scoring from Anklaam and Barrett, the Pointers were able to maintain a large lead and keep the Lady Reds cold from the field.

The Pointers play next on Dec. 13 when the team squares off with North Central.

SPORTS EVENTS

MEN'S HOCKEY

Dec. 9,
vs. Adrian
7 p.m.

Dec. 10,
vs. Adrian
7 p.m.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Dec. 9,
vs. Augsburg
7:30 p.m.

Dec. 10,
vs. Saint
Mary's
7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Dec. 13,
vs. North Central College
7 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dec. 10,
at Hope College
7 p.m.

WRESTLING

Dec. 8,
vs. UW-Platteville
7 p.m.

SWIMMING & DIVING

Dec. 9,
vs. UW-
Oshkosh
5 p.m.

Dec. 10,
vs. St. Olaf
2 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT

Wild Rice Making a Comeback on the Banks of the Fox River



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Native wild rice is being brought back to the banks of the Fox River outside Green Bay after decades of cleanup efforts.

The Lower Fox River has been included in a Superfund program by the Environmental Protection Agency to clean up the river of polychlorinated biphenyl, or PCB's.

PCB's come from the recycling of carbonless copy paper. According to the Environmental Protection Agency website, paper mills discharged approximately 250,000 pounds of this waste into the river from 1957 to 1971.

These chemicals have been shown to cause a myriad of health problems in humans from immune system suppression to cancer and neurological

issues. Since they do not naturally degrade, they accumulate in the ecosystem over time, making fish and other animals wells of pollutants.

Since dredging of the river bottom began in 2006, over 130,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment has been removed from the most polluted areas of the river. Dredging is commonly used to maintain the depth of waterways for shipping boats but is also used to remove contaminated sediment for cleaning as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration website says.

Ducks Unlimited, a national organization that "conserves, restores and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North American waterfowl," has invested in bringing back native wild rice to the shores of the newly cleaned Fox River.

Graham Steinhauer, senior forest restoration major and

president of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point chapter of Ducks Unlimited, said it is important for wild rice to be part of the ecosystem of the Fox River as it provides another important food source for migrating birds.

Brian Glenzinski, a local biologist, and member of Ducks Unlimited, said in a Wisconsin National Public Radio interview that the organization has spent over \$4,000 on seed from Minnesota and on Nov. 9 it was spread over 20 acres of shoreline near Green Bay.

Glenzinski said it may take three to five years to know for sure if the rice will grow and survive in its new location.

Ducks Unlimited also introduced bulrush and water celery to the same areas in an effort to increase diversity and chances of success of the reintroduced plants.

The local chapter of Ducks Unlimited at UWSP has only

been formally established since early 2016. It aims to educate and provide resources to members for future conservation efforts, said Steinhauer.

A common misconception is that Ducks Unlimited is a hunting organization, when in reality it is a group dedicated to conserving environments and ecosystems related to waterfowl, be those wetlands, forests or prairies. Although many members are hunters, the money raised goes toward restoration and conservation.

Ducks Unlimited has also done a removal of phragmites, an invasive long grass, from Schmeckle Reserve that is known to be an issue across the entire Fox Valley, including the banks of the Fox River.

With luck, the wild rice will once again be able to thrive on the banks of the Fox River with the continued help of organizations like Ducks Unlimited.

Donald Trump's 100-Day Plan vs the Four Billion-Year-Old Planet

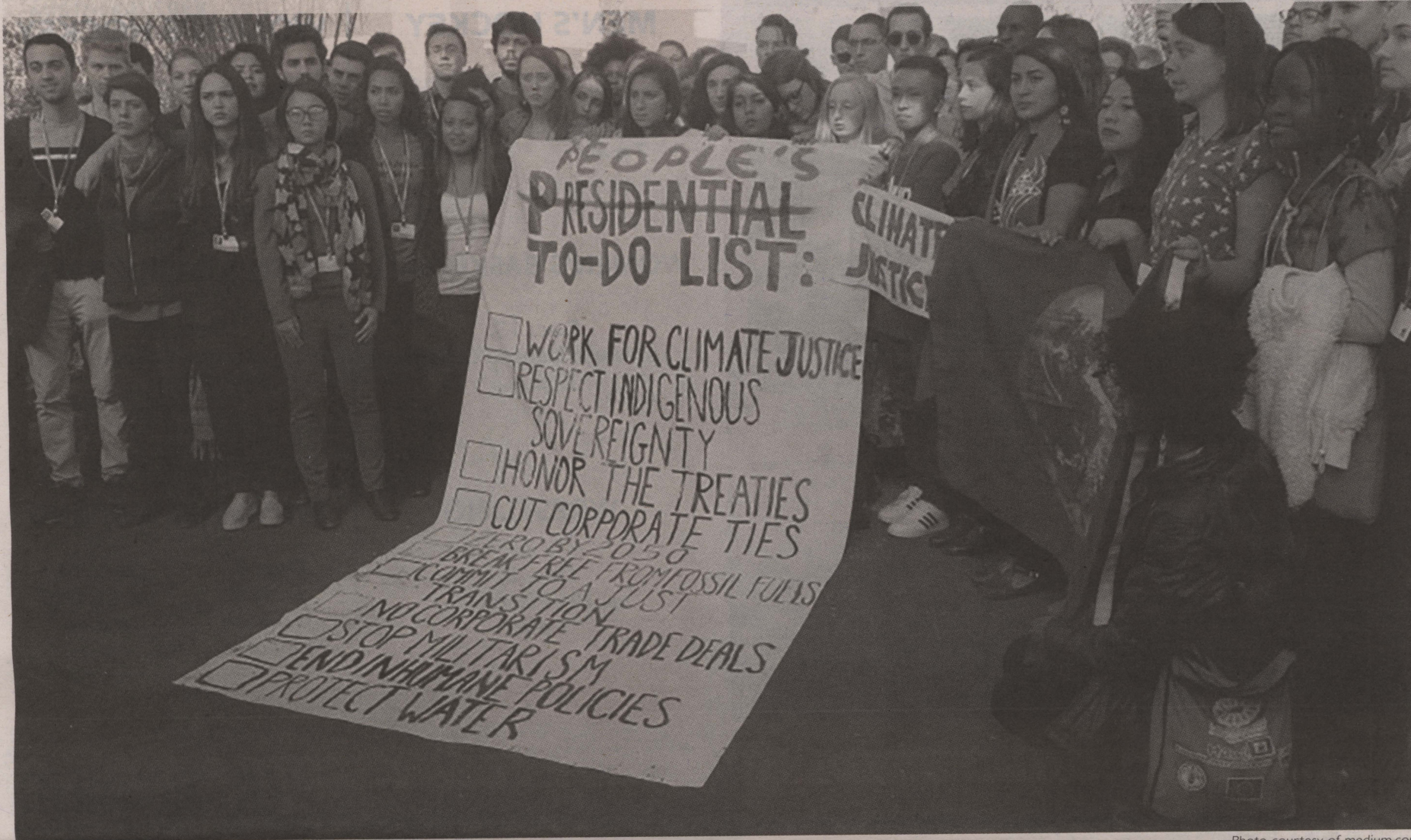


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In President-elect Donald Trump 100-day plan he has proposed two major policies that will impact the natural resources of the country.

First, according to his website Trump hopes to "lift the Obama-Clinton roadblocks and allow vital energy infrastructure projects, like the Keystone Pipeline, to move forward."

Pipelines are categorized as vital because they transport fossil fuel from cheap, domestic sources through the country.

As outlined by the energy plan on his website, Trump wants to make the United States energy independent and protect clean air and clean water. He also has plans to unleash untapped shale, oil and natural gas reserves. With Trump's plan, energy independence involves domestically fracking, mining and drilling for fossil fuels.

Energy independence has been highlighted in the Trump campaign in order to keep the United States from funding the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries also known as OPEC. Trump wishes to stop supporting those countries as he believes they are hostile to our interests.

Trump made no mention of renewable energy infrastructure which is also a domestic energy source.

Brandon Reise, senior water resources major, said, "If he's looking to revamp the country's infrastructure, he could please

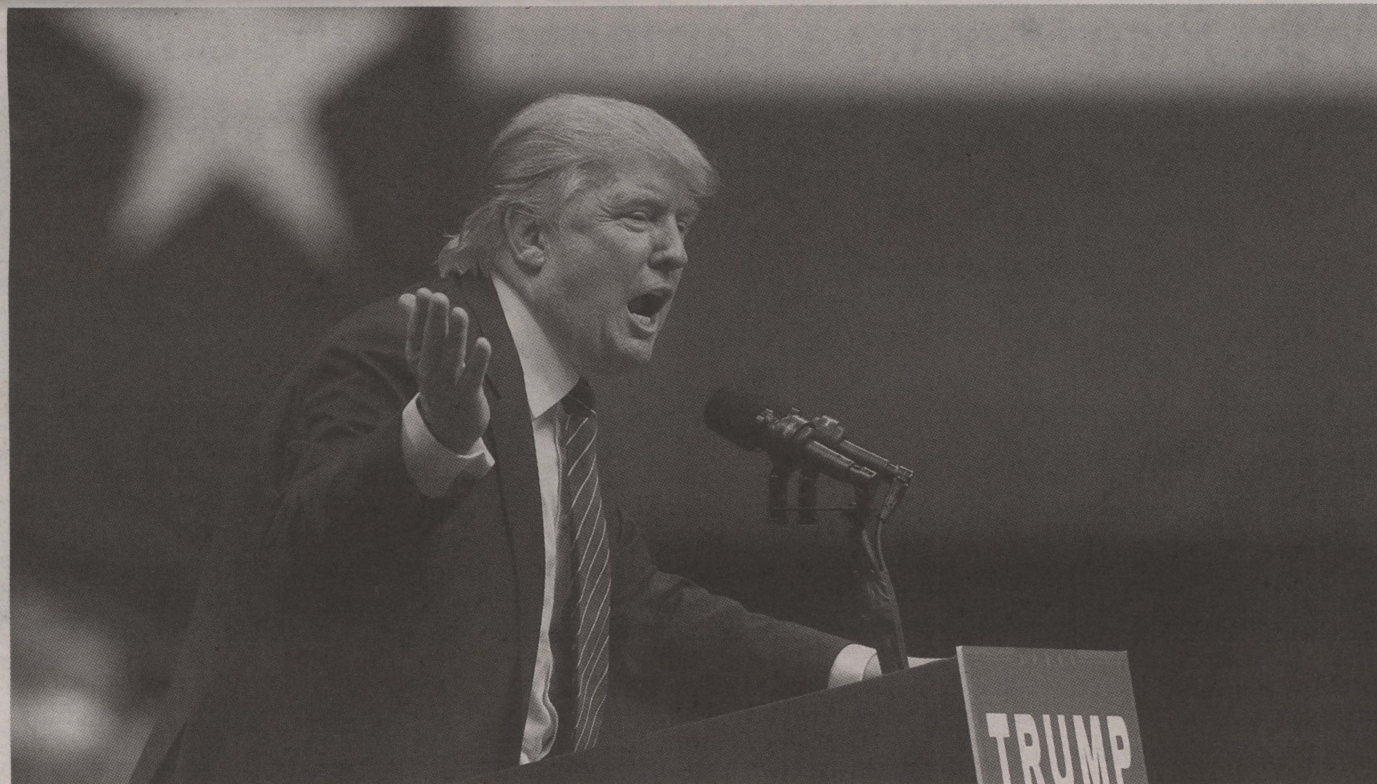


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environmentalists or outdoorsmen by making more sustainable renewable infrastructure."

In his book, "Crippled America," Trump said, "The whole push for renewable energy is being driven by the wrong motivation, the mistaken belief that global climate change is being caused by carbon emissions."

Trump has stated that renewable resources are an expensive way of making environmentalists feel good about themselves.

The second policy strategy mentioned in the 100-day plan is to "cancel billions in payments to U.N. climate change programs and use the money to fix America's water and envi-

ronmental infrastructure."

Withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreements will send a loud message that the United States doesn't prioritize climate action.

As a climate denier, the President-elect doesn't support efforts by the United States to participate in global actions, like the Paris Climate talks, to prevent the negative impacts of climate change.

The United States is one of the top three carbon polluting countries in the world. Removal from the Climate Agreement will place the burden of the United States' actions on other countries with smaller carbon

footprints per capita in order to protect their citizens from the threat of climate change.

Alex Harp, senior natural resources planning major, said, "I'm trying to keep an open mind and stay optimistic but I do think we're running out of time as far as environmental policy goes."

Donald Trump outlines an energy policy path, but his personal stances as a climate change denier most likely will not influence him to choose policies which prioritize renewable resources with lower carbon emissions.

Public Bike Repair Stations: A New Addition to Bike-Friendly Cyclone

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Green Fund has approved a new project to install two public bike repair stations on campus.

Justin Seis, senior sociology major and author of the bike station project, said, "As students we don't have a lot of money to pay a professional to fix it. So I think having public stations is good for that."

The total for both of the stations is between \$800 and \$900. Green Fund will cover the cost of the bike stations by the annual segregated fees each student pays.

In each student's segregated fees \$10 a year are put toward the Green Fund projects like the new bike shelter and the bike repair stations.

The stations provide all tools essential for basic bike maintenance from changing a flat tire to brake adjustments.

Emily Crook, junior history and political science major, said, "I think this is swell, because my bike is very old and it needs lots of maintenance."

If the bike repair stations are installed, Crook said she would not have to pay someone to do work she could do herself.

The stations include tire levers for bicyclists so that

they can lift their bikes off the ground to eye level making repairs easier.

The air pump works in temperatures above negative 10 degrees Fahrenheit, making the pump operational for the months most students use bikes on campus.

Other tools on the station will include a variety of Allen and box wrench sizes as well as Philips and flat head screwdrivers. The tools and air pump are securely attached to the stand with stainless steel cables and tamper-proof fasteners.

The repair stations may even be custom-colored purple and yellow for Pointer pride.

Seis hopes an educational component will be added once the stations are installed so students and community members can learn about how to use the tools on the stations to fix their bikes.

SGA has yet to approve the stations. Since the cost of the stations is covered by Green Fund, Seis believes the stations will be passed.

If approved, the stations will be installed in the spring of 2017. One station will be in front of the Noel Fine Arts Center and the other near the new bike shelter in front of the Dreyfus University Center.

For the last few years, UWSP has attempted to get certified

as a bike-friendly campus. Despite campus falling short, the Office of Sustainability keeps working toward the certification.

This year's bike shelter installation may give the University a leg-up to be certified as a bike friendly campus.

The city of Stevens Point has also approved 13 miles of bike lines to be put in place making it easier for cyclists to use city streets.

UWSP students that commute via bicycle will enjoy the benefits of the new bike-friendly infrastructure both on campus and in the city.



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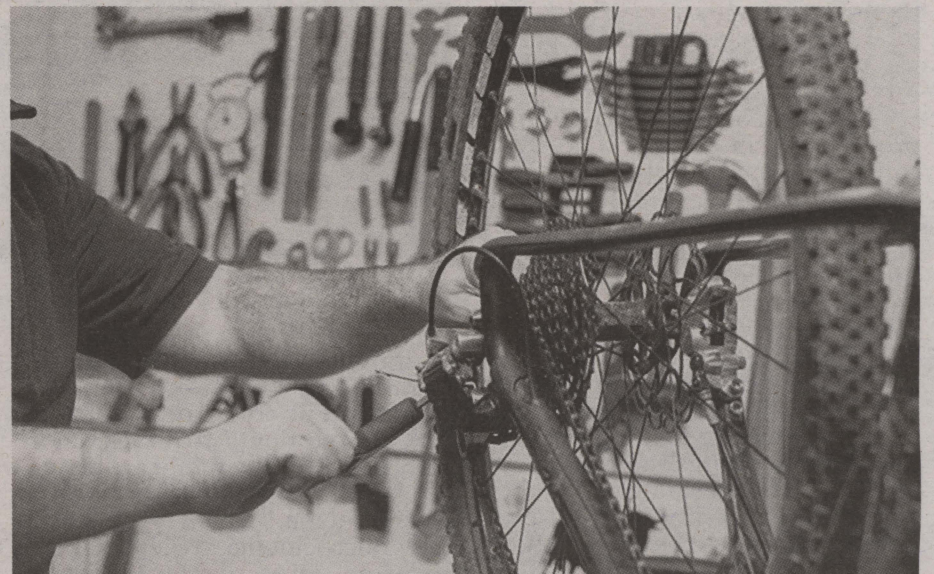


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Light Bulbs Go Off for New Idea Center

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Placemaking, innovation and experiences - these are the three initiatives of Create Portage County, a group dedicated to bringing the arts to Stevens Point.

This year, Create Portage County has put together the Idea Center, located in downtown Stevens Point. The Idea Center aims to be a community of innovators, designers, entrepreneurs and artists.

The main goal of the Idea Center is to bring about creative people and have a physical space for them to work.

Long term goals include growing ventures in business, community impact and the arts.

Nerissa Nelson, librarian and professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is also co-vice president of Create Portage County.

Nelson is excited to have the Idea Center in town because Stevens Point has never had anything like it before.

"As time goes by, we hope to have more technology offered. Right now we don't have too much and we are looking to eventually have things such as a 3D printer," Nelson said.

The Idea Center is multi-purposed and goes beyond artistic uses.

Red Arrow, a healthcare technology company, is going to use the Idea Center to branch out into Stevens Point.

Other uses include various classes, such as a water coloring, taking place at the Idea Center in the near future.

Nelson is also looking forward to having the university take part in this new asset.

Whether that is from the theatre and music departments or from anywhere in the science or business fields, there is a spot for everyone.

"There is a microcinema which is in part coming from a partner-



Photo by Mary Knight.

ship with UWSP and communications professor Alex Ingersoll to show student work at the Idea Center," Nelson said.

This will add a new opportunity for students to invest more into their studies while at school.

"I'm the organizer for Spectral Microcinema, which is a brand new microcinema in Stevens Point focusing on screening independent, underground and experimental film & video," Ingersoll said.

Unlike other cinemas this one is a little more artsy and unique. The Spectral Microcinema is the opposite of a macrocinema or normal commercial film.

"Like microbreweries, we show films that are bit more weird and have a bit more flavor," Ingersoll said.

The entire project is kept afloat by student volunteers from UWSP and admission is free for any of the screenings.

Ingersoll hopes this will help

support the marginalized and strange new ideas brewing in the underground of the art form.

The process has been a long one for Create Portage County, but the Idea Center has only been in the works for the past year. It is located on 1039B Ellis Street.

Recently, the mayor created the new artistic alliance council, which has allowed input into the government to help add spaces such as the Idea Center into the community.

"Most municipalities even in smaller communities have something like that, so, in terms of government recognition, there is a synergy with working the community, the university, the government as well as working with nonprofit based initiatives," Nelson said.

A monthly membership for Create Portage County is only \$25 and the yearly membership is \$250. Being a member comes with 24-7 access to the Idea Center.

Smaller rooms are also available to rent at an hourly rate.

Nelson is originally from Chicago, where there is a strong arts community. She is eager to have something similar for Stevens Point.

"Personally, I'm mostly looking forward to seeing it grow and expand. The potential and possibilities for what could be used there will be limitless," Nelson said.

Create Portage County is always looking for volunteers. If any student wants to be part of this groundbreaking project, there are positions open in a variety of fields from business relations to arts education.

Nelson and the rest of the board members for Create Portage County hope to see this bridge the gap between the university and the rest of the city.

For more information go to www.createportagecounty.org/ideacenter.

Limited Number of Graduation Tickets Explained

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Graduation tickets are a hot commodity. When considering parents, grandparents, siblings, significant others and close friends, six tickets are not enough for most individuals.

Students looking for more

than six tickets can check with the Information and Ticket Office, ask peers or ask at the front doors on graduation. If no extra tickets are found, overflow seating will be in the Health Enhancement Center in room 037.

Amber Heil, senior social work and sociology major, will be participating in the graduation ceremony this December

and does not have enough tickets.

"I have been asking around looking for anyone who will not be using all of their tickets. I was lucky to find one extra ticket," Heil said. "I feel as if there must be an easier, more convenient way of dispersing tickets."

She mentioned that the commencement ceremony in May had empty seats.

To avoid empty seats on graduation day, students are encouraged to leave their extra tickets at the Information and Ticket Office or give them to their peers.

If the university had more space to house attendees at graduation, there would be the option for each student to receive more tickets. Due to fire code, graduates are allotted six admission tickets to the ceremony.

Harrison Meyer, senior communication major, has just enough tickets for graduation,

but expressed his desire for a different system.

"I realize the university uses the HEC for overflow seating, but it's just not the same experience for relatives - especially those who have traveled long distances to share this moment with their graduate," Meyer said.

He suggested a system that allows tickets to be distributed based on an absolute need, or at least an online hub where students can express their need or excess of tickets.

"I also understand that there must be a set limit, but more options still need to be explored to accommodate those who should rightfully take part in cherishing this milestone," Meyer said.

Graduates can pick up their allotted tickets at the Information and Tickets Office in the DUC.

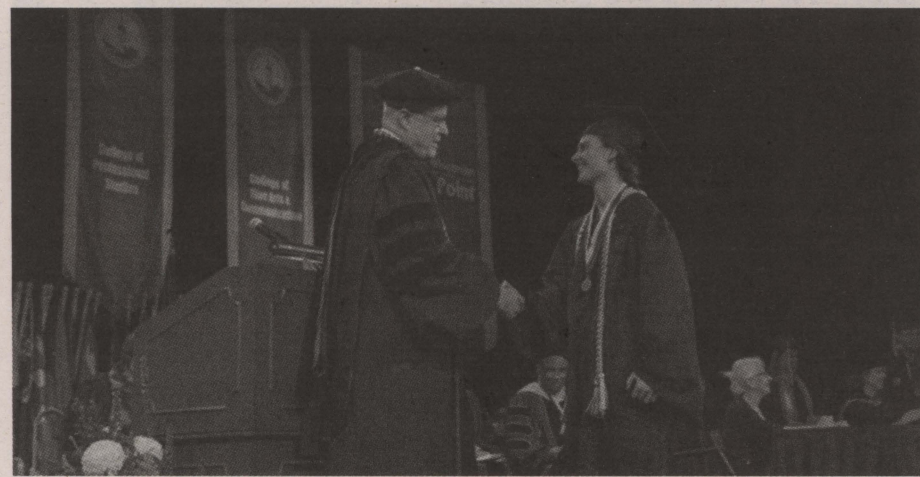
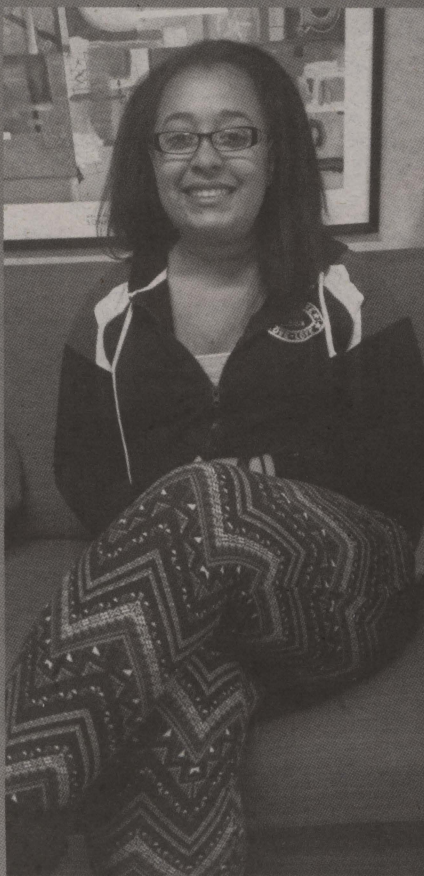


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Humans of Point

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KEARA YOUNG
is a freshman social work and sociology major.

What is your favorite thing about your major and why?

Keara- "I don't actually have the answer to that right now because I'm still a freshman and this is my first year. I haven't really gotten into the whole social work business, but I chose that major because I really want to help people and I thought that that would be a good way to do it."

Why did you decide to go into your field of study?

Keara- "Like I said, I just wanted to help people basically."

Did you choose to go to UWSP because of your major?

Keara- "Yes, it was part of the reason because I heard that UWSP had a good social work program and then I also came here because I fell in love with the campus when I visited it. So I was like, 'Mom, this is it! This is where I'm going!'"



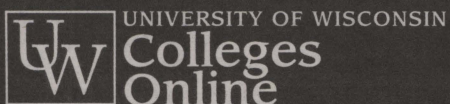
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the last few months," Cayemberg said.

"There is nothing like the feeling of performing," Enzler said. "I will never forget the moment of pure bliss once you are in the moment, completely engrossed in the dance and simply being. It is something indescribable, yet so magical and powerful."

Tickets for Afterimages are available now. The performances will take place in the Jenkins Theatre at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 9-10 and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 11.

The show will embody the passion of all those involved.

"Dance is my passion," Cayemberg said. "I think that self-expression and passion are important and finding what creates connections between people. I believe that finding an art where one can let go, be vulnerable and be true to themselves is import-

ant for everyone."

It is this passion and dedication that demonstrates the importance of dance, not only to those performing but also to those watching.

"Dance is important because it represents communication and collaboration," Enzler said. "It is important to be expressive and I believe dance is the most honest and full way to be expressive."

The performances in Afterimages provide a message and meaning in new and unexplored ways.

"It can give you a new perspective, make you cry, entertain you, make you laugh like crazy-- the possibilities are endless," Kurzynski said. "It is really beautiful that we can encounter all of these possibilities through movement, and that is why dance is so special."



Photo courtesy of UWSP Department of Theatre and Dance.

Album Review: Ra Ra Riot Needs Your Light

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Ra Ra Riot has done it again with their latest album, "Need Your Light."

Out of Syracuse, New York, the band embodies a classic indie rock sound and even includes a violinist as one of their main band members.

The music has a distinguished rock beat and the violin can be easily heard, giving it a full sound and making it more interesting to listen to.

The second song off the 10-track album, "Absolutely," has a catchy, up-tempo groove as soon as the song opens.

You can hear the violin's melodic overlay floating atop the guitars and rhythm.

Lyric wise, it's a positive song, telling the listener to go after their dreams and be free. The main phrase "It's the year of absolutely" urges the listener to go out, be themselves and be free. The listener gets a sense of it being their last chance to leave the ground and not be tied down, that this year is their year to let go and to be free.

"Bad Times," number five on the album, greets the listener with a buzzy keyboard

It also has a slower, ballad pace which sharply contrasts

with the upbeat theme of "Absolutely." The buzzy keyboard fades out and is replaced by the high-pitched strings of the violin.



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The drums have a very heavy moment during the refrain, simulating a bass drop in electronic music.

Lyric wise, the protagonist has clearly had some bad times, per the title. The lyrics themselves don't elude to what the protagonist is struggling with, but this song has a silver lining to it: love prevails through time, no matter how bad things seem.

The last song, "Suckers," closes out the album well.

It opens up with a cool xylophone keyboard sound that continues as the main theme throughout.

The drums join in and pound out the beat. The bass doubles with the keyboard, but surprisingly the guitar is nowhere to be heard.

The violin continues to overlay bright tones to the very end as the song fades into nothing, signaling the end of the album.

Overall, Ra Ra Riot is an upbeat indie band that has fun beats and inspirational lyrics. Their songs will pump you up and get you ready for the day getting you on your feet and dancing.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS				
THURSDAY, DEC. 8	FRIDAY, DEC. 9	SATURDAY, DEC. 10	SUNDAY, DEC. 11	MONDAY, DEC. 12
Battle of the Bands DUC Encore 8-10:30 p.m.	Afterimages NFAC Jenkins Theatre 7:30-9:30 p.m.	DAWG Final Showcase DUC Laird Room 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Afterimages NFAC Jenkins Theatre 2-4 p.m.	Jazz Ensemble NFAC Michelsen Hall 7:30-8:30 p.m.
			Voice of the Season: An a Cappella Holiday Celebration DUC Alumni Room 1-3 p.m.	