GO VOTE
Boak Retires from UWSP Golf

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Senior golfer, Tiffany Boak, has completed her last season playing golf for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The Health Care Administration major has been playing golf for nearly eight years. “I tried out for my high school cheerleading team and I didn’t make it. I wanted to be involved and my dad played golf,” Boak said. The choice of playing golf was nearly fate.

Through this time, Boak has been able to reflect on her growth as a player. “My game has stayed consistent, but I have grown more as a person. I have shown leadership in my role as a captain,” Boak said. “Interacting with people you don’t always get along with helps you grow.”

Head coach Rory Suomi commented on Boak’s competitive mentality with the team. “She’s a great competitor and role model for the team. When we started, we didn’t have a full team. She was the rock,” said Suomi. “It’ll be like missing another daughter.”

“She taught me how to have fun on the course. She taught me how to ‘dance it out’,” said sophomore, pre-physical therapy major, Jacqueline Halverson. “She’s like my older sister. The leadership is always there—on and off the course.”

The Marian Invitational was the last conference meet where the team showed their support for the first place captain by spraying silly string and party poppers on the 18th hole.

As for the future, golf is going to be, “just for fun! Going pro may be too stressful,” Boak said.

After graduation, “golfing on a team and not having adult responsibilities will be far, far away,” said Suomi.

“I plan to stay in Stevens Point for a few years and work with public health and then receiving my master’s degree to work with community outreach programs,” Boak said.

The last championship Boak played produced a 3-day total score of 265, making Boak tied at 23rd place. Boak scored a team low of 83 at the WIAC Championship.

“She is an assassin on the golf course,” said Suomi, reflecting on his three years coaching Tiffany Boak.
FOOTBALL VICTORIOUS IN COMEBACK EFFORT

Rallying from a halftime deficit, the UWSP football team spoiled UW-La Crosse’s homecoming game by earning a 38-22 victory over the Eagles on Saturday.

After trailing 14-10 going into the third quarter, the Pointers went off for 28 second half points while only allowing one touchdown in that time.

The Eagles have been known for their pass defense all season, but UWSP senior quarterback Kyle Larson was not threatened as he threw for 387 passing yards and five touchdowns. His longest connection of the day went to junior wide receiver Jerry Williams with a team leading 2.5 tackles for loss. The team will now return to Okeke Park on Nov. 5 for senior night against UW-Stout.

The Pointers defensive effort was highlighted by six players posting six or more tackles and junior Levi Singler with a team leading 2.5 sacks for loss.

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Sophomore Steve Herra and Williams both recorded over 100 receiving yards and five touchdowns. His longest connection of the day went to junior wide receiver Jerry Williams for an 82-yard touchdown. The Pointers now have seven different occasions on the season where they have scored on a play of 50 yards or more.

WOMEN’S HOCKEY COMES OUT SHOOTING

The UW-Stevens Point women’s hockey team fell in its season opener to St. Olaf 2-0 on Oct. 28.

The Pointers out-shot the Oles 28-18 but could not find the net for an all but their attendance-breaking 2nd period.

The Oles got on the scoreboard in the second period and added their second goal of the game on an empty net in the third period.

The Pointers offense propelled the team to a 5-2 victory in their rematch with St. Olaf and second match of the season on Saturday.

UWSP was able to take advantage of its 26 shots on goal and score in each period of the game.

Sophomore Cara Lemirande started the scoring on a power play opportunity in the first period.

Freshman Allison Klemann and Maddie Monroe netted their first collegiate goals in the second period to put the Pointers ahead 3-0.

After allowing an Oles score, junior Ellie Punnett scored unassisted on the Pointers second power play chance.

Senior Meredith Ingbretson closed the door on the Oles after scoring the final goal of the night with under two minutes left to play.

The Pointers will look to stay hot in a two game series against Concordia on Nov. 4 and 5.

POINTER VOLLEYBALL CLOSES REGULAR SEASON WITH A PAIR OF SWEEPS

On Oct. 25, the team’s senior night, the No.17 ranked University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point volleyball team defeated Concordia in five sets by a score of 3-2.

The Pointers captured sets one and two but Concordia bounced back and claimed set victories in the next two sets.

After a late 4-0 run, senior Gabby Thomas closed off the fifth set with a back-to-back kill to end the match.

Senior Kelly Cefalu’s match leading 3 kills put her over the 400 kill mark for the season. She becomes the seventh player in school history to do so.

Senior Bri Piepenbrok’s 31 digs in the match propelled her past the 600 dig mark on the season. She also joins rare company becoming only the sixth player in team history to reach this plateau.

In their match proceeding senior night, the Pointers faced off against UW-Stout on Oct. 26. UWSP claimed the match with a straight set win after sweeping the Blue Devils.

Cefalu continued to be the dominant attacker for the Pointers, tallying 38 kills on the night. Junior Ellen Dwyer was the only other Pointer with double-digit kills after posting 11 kills in the winning effort.

Piepenbrok’s 29 digs on the night moved her to 666 digs on the season and only 2 away from the team’s single-season dig record.

Sophomore Brittany Laffin made the most of her time on the court, posting a season-high 27 assists for the Pointers.

This match win moved the Pointers into a three-way tie for fourth in league standings.

Most recently for Pointer volleyball, the team squared off against UW-River Falls, sweeping the Falcons in the regular season finale.

Piepenbrok notched 20 digs on the night to tie the single-season school record of 67. Laffin also came to play after posting her second-straight match with 27 assists.
Tennis Players Reflect on the Past and Look Ahead to the Future

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Tennis players Frances Weiss and Katelyn Asfeld finished their final season and reflected on the experiences they have had playing at the collegiate level.

Weiss, senior elementary education major, has played for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point tennis team for two seasons. Other players considered her to be the "mom" of the team.

Weiss felt that this season she played her best and described playing in the conference tournament to be one of her most memorable experiences.

"The conference tournament is the last time that you play competitively for the team, so I feel that kind of sums up your whole career," Weiss said.

With graduation approaching, Weiss continues to work hard in hopes of becoming a middle school math teacher. She admits that she still wants to play tennis with friends, but does not know if she will enter any tournaments.

Asfeld, senior pre-occupational therapy major, has been on UWSP's tennis team for four seasons. Asfeld described her career highlight as placing third last season in conference for No. 1 singles.

"It was the match to watch, so many people came to watch us play. I was cheering for her in the back of my head a lot. It's hard because you want to play well yourself, but at the same time you want your sibling to play better too," Asfeld said.

Asfeld admitted she went against her sister twice this season and lost to her both times, but the losses did not affect their relationship.

Asfeld will be at UWSP in the fall of 2017 and is hoping to help coach the team. She is excited about coaching but is disappointed that she will not be eligible to play in the fall.

Mark Medow, head coach of the women's tennis team, felt Weiss and Asfeld showed a lot of maturity throughout this past season.

Medow views Asfeld as being an intense competitor with a positive attitude and Weiss as a scholar-athlete with good organizational skills. According to Medow both athletes rarely showed negativity, even when Asfeld lost to her sister.

"They cared about the team. They were more focused on team results than individual results. What any coach looks for is that everybody is dedicated to the results and the team itself," Medow said.

Senior Katelyn Asfeld's career highlight as a Pointer was placing third at the conference championships in No. 1 singles. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen.

This season Asfeld got the opportunity to compete against her sister who is a freshman at UW-River Falls.

After graduation, senior Frances Weiss would like to pursue a career as a middle school math teacher.

Photo by Kyle Bridenhagen.
Redefining American Politics: The Election of 2016

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Political campaigns in the United States have always been bitterly fought, but scandals from both Trump and Clinton are taking this historical trend to a whole new level.

On Oct. 7, the Washington Post obtained and released a 2005 video of Republican nominee Donald Trump bragging in sexually graphic terms of how his celebrity status allows him to harass and grope women.

Trump received a firestorm of criticism after the video’s release from not only voters and Democrats but many Republicans including Florida Governor Jeb Bush, 2012 presidential nominee Mitt Romney and current Speaker of the House Paul Ryan.

Many election polls such as CNN and MSNBC showed significant drops in support for Trump after the video footage of him surfaced.

“There is a base of support that he has that didn’t shift, but there is a shift that did occur - this is especially among women and independents,” said Edward Miller, political science professor.

Miller believes personal scandals like this will definitely impact the American people who cast their votes in the upcoming weeks.

Many different factors play into how a person decides to vote in an election, such as party identification and political ideology. However, in this election candidates’ behavior and trustworthiness will play a much bigger role, said Saemyi Park, assistant professor of political science.

Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton has not been immune to media and political criticism, especially in the controversy over the way she handled leaked emails containing classified information during her time as secretary of state.

Although the Federal Bureau of Investigation has not charged Clinton with any wrongdoing, many voters still question the level of trust and honesty she would bring to the country’s highest political office.

“In general, I think the email issue goes along with a feeling that people do not trust her...but, however, if you look at the recent polls we find that trust in her has actually gone up,” Miller said.

Scandals aside, both Miller and Park agree the level of aggressive discourse of the 2016 presidential campaign has not been seen before.

The blunt dialogue of this election is appealing to some voters who were tired of politicians sounding rehearsed and emotionless. However, using emotionally charged language is not necessarily the most ethical way to speak to your voters, said Park.

“Being politically blunt could be okay if it is based on fact or if it is about laying out your plans, but if it is more about attacking groups, that can be somewhat worrisome,” Park said.

This is the only election in history where a major political party candidate has had no previous career or experience in politics. Some Americans are supportive of this because of their frustration with seeing the same politicians always running for office.

Not only are the presidential nominees themselves unique, but social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter have played significant roles in this election. Dialogue and comments from voters have become the basis for new stories, which are not common in previous elections.

“We see not only the candidates attacking each other, but then people attacking the other supporters, mainstream folks attacking the other candidate on social media and then that is getting picked up by the news channels,” said Tom Salek, assistant professor of communication.

Because there is no face threat when communicating via social media, the public can be much more aggressive in their dialogue towards the candidates and their supporters.

As always, it is still incredibly important to cast your vote and focus not only on the presidential campaigns but state and local elections as well.

Americans place a high level of importance on the president election. However, politicians who can also make big impacts on our lives are those living in our towns and cities, says Salek.

“Don’t think about ‘I need to vote because I’m voting against somebody.’ Think about ‘I’m going to vote for me,’ because that is really what we should be doing when we vote,” Salek said.

Generations Battle In Voter Participation?

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The legislative affairs committee sponsored voter registration around campus and registered over 1000 students. Most of the volunteers were from the retired demographic and passionate about helping students register to vote.

The older generation has a history of higher voter attendance than the younger generation as seen in the 2008 election where seventy percent of voters sixty and older voted compared to fifty percent of voters 18-29.

The older generation has been involved with political issues for a longer period of time and are more likely to have a personal connection with someone who fought for their rights. John Noel, a 1970 graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, explained that his brother was a war veteran in the Vietnam War who almost gave his life.

“It’s important for all of us to respect that value and put our opinion in who should be running our country,” Noel said.

The younger generation might not have a similar connection to their country, but they still have strong passions and beliefs about who should be running our country.

Joe Paoletti, senior natural resource major and director of legislative affairs, believes the biggest issue is that the younger generation voters who vote and their candidate loses, they think the system is broken or that their opinion was never truly heard.

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Everything On Your Ballot That Isn’t Trump or Clinton

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Russ Feingold (Democrat) - Russ Feingold, once an incumbent himself, faced off against Ron Johnson in 2010 and lost by a slim margin. Up for a rematch this year, the polls are in his favor.

Feingold is running off the leftist progressiveness passion created by former presidential candidate Bernie Sanders. Sanders’ attempt to become the presidential democratic nominee has given hope to Feingold and his supporters because both are running on similar principals.

When in the senate, Feingold passed the famous McCain-Feingold Act that was bipartisan campaign reform. He was also known as the only senator to publicly back a motion to vote against George W. Bush’s Patriot Act.

He has received many critiques from Ron Johnson, Governor Walker, and others on the right, saying he is too hard on taxpayers and gun owners.

Some of Feingold’s biggest platform ideas concern money in politics, making college affordable and women’s rights.

US Senator for WI: Feingold vs Johnson

Ron Johnson (Republican) - Ron Johnson, the incumbent, has been the U.S. Senator of Wisconsin since 2012 after defeating Feingold in his reelection.

Johnson’s most talked about issues are immigration, defense and healthcare.

In the senate, he voted to repeal Obamacare sixty times since it was signed into law in 2012.

Johnson considers himself a champion for veterans and authored and cosponsored numerous pieces of legislation to assist veterans. This includes the Whistleblower Protection Act of 2015, which is a unique stance for a conservative like himself.

Johnson has also been a strong advocate against climate change regulations. While he said he is not a climate change denier, he does not believe it is a problem or a reality. In a phone interview with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Oct. 21, Johnson said, “Mankind has actually decreased in winter temperatures.”

Ron Johnson was recently endorsed by Wisconsin agricultural leaders.

WI State Senate 24th District: Lassa vs Testin

Patrick Testin (Republican) - Patrick Testin is running for office and this will be one of the first times Julie Lassa has faced opposition.

In 2012 Testin ran against Katrina Shankland for State Assembly in the same district but lost by 20 percentage points. As a student at UWSP, while a student here, Testin was an award member of SGA and earned his degree in political science in 2011.

On the issues, Testin most prominently stands for taxpayers having their money used infrequently and only for good purposes. He believes school districts should be able to make more local decisions and not be as controlled by the state. Testin also wants high schools to implement more college credit programs so students will be able to graduate college sooner, incur fewer student loans and move right into the workforce.

Patrick Testin was recently given a very high rating from the National Rifle Association.

Julie Lassa (Democrat) - Julie Lassa is the incumbent in the race, meaning she currently holds the position and is running for reelection.

She has been a state senator since 2004 and had been part of the state assembly since 1998.

Julie Lassa attended UWSP and was president of the College Democrats. She double majored in political science and public relations. This is the first time she has had to run for reelection to the senate opposed. Julie Lassa is a big advocate for public education.

Lassa was very vocal about her opposition to Governor Scott Walker’s budget cuts last year to public schools. She is also a supporter of the middle class. Lassa supports raising the minimum wage, providing student loan relief and furthering the bill President Obama signed last summer to expand overtime pay.

Lassa’s campaign was endorsed by Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin Advocates and The League of Conservation Voters.

Portage County Referendum

Besides candidates, there are elections in each state on various referendums and laws. Recently many states have voted on marriage equality, marijuana legalization and voter ID laws.

In Portage County there is a proposal to add new government facilities that would cost about $78,500,000.00.

These new facilities include a new court building and jailhouse that will be located in the downtown area of Stevens Point.

Residents who want to see the city revitalized and more aesthetically appealing have some concern with having a new large jail downtown. Some voters are concerned about if this is the best place to invest taxpayer’s money.

Other voters have argued that this plan is very cost effective because prisoners in Stevens Point would not have to be transferred to other areas. The current size of the prison is becoming too small for its growing population. Some also argue that the city should reevaluate who they choose to imprison.

Ultimately, the decision for voters comes down to if the benefits outweigh the costs.

Determine Which Candidate Earns Your Vote

Not sure which candidate’s views align with your own? Want to know how your political stances compare to people across the country?

Take the quick quiz on Isidewith.com to see how each presidential candidate matches up with you on important issues like gun control, abortion and the economy.

Isidewith.com does not support any political party. The goal of the website is to educate voters on the issues and help the public get a better understanding of what candidate’s positions are.

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Editorial: Feel Like Fighting?

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Do you know how hard it is to find a picture of Clinton and Trump where they are not fighting?

Seriously? This is how our nation is depicted throughout the world, with political leaders that fight over surface level issues in stead of focusing on the big picture?

The big picture is that we need to focus on the country as a collaborative in order to reach success, not petty arguments of the individuals who are running it.

Two weeks ago, I had a harsh dose of the big picture. After busting my butt home for my sister’s birthday, I became terribly sick. The type of sick where you lock yourself in your room and do nothing but sleep for days.

I had no option but to leave the entire paper staff to fend for themselves with minimal direction. Let’s be honest, I was terrified.

How would the paper look if I wasn’t there to work with my designers? What errors would be printed if I wasn’t there to make the final edits alongside my fellow editors?

All year I had been preaching teamwork, but when it came down to me not being there to head my team, I was fearful that they would not be able to pull it off without me.

You know the saying that has been drilled into us since we were kids, “there is no ‘I’ in ‘team’?”

Anyone who has ever been the leader of a group will have varying opinions on that.

Within a group of people, you never know who is going to have a bad day, who just isn’t going to care and who is only a team player at face value.

Never knowing who you can absolutely depend on, and being able to overcome those moments of weakness, is something that has been drilled into my mind within the last few years. It is something that I am still learning to accept, especially when it comes to our political leaders.

Regardless, while I was busy freaking out about whether the paper would go up in flames, I should have had more faith in my organization. I should have known that I could count on the people that I have been pouring all of my time into and who care just as much about the Pointer as I do.

The success of one group does not rely on the person in power. The leader’s opinion holds sway but the entire outcome of the group depends on all those involved.

When thinking about who you are going to vote for, yes it is alright to acknowledge that you have no faith in who is running, because quite frankly both candidates are lacking character. However, please remember that your vote is still important.

Make an informed decision for yourself and go for it. And if you feel as though you don’t have enough faith in our country’s leaders, remember that it is all of us who make up our nation.

Together we decide how we are perceived throughout the world and what direction our future will take. No one person can dictate that, no matter what they claim, or how hard they fight.
Influence of Presidential Candidates Reaches Past Adult Voters

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Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump make headlines every day, but something not being reported is the messages the presidential candidates send to the younger generation.

Kids are hearing and interpreting what’s happening in the election. Worst of all, they are repeating it.

Many voters find themselves confused over voting for Trump or Clinton because both have negative qualities as politicians. Besides voting on their direct policies and platforms, voters should think about what each candidate’s impact would be on children of today.

“Clearly whatever Trump is saying and whatever Clinton is saying is having some kind of an impact because it’s being repeated in elementary school classrooms,” said John Blakeman, chair of the Political Science Department. “That’s alarming because it means that kids are being exposed to a real nasty side of American political campaigns.”

This election is not like those of the past because candidates are talking about very adult issues in a public way.

Besides the content they are discussing, Trump and Clinton attack each other relentlessly, either in person or through social media platforms.

Kids are watching the way the candidates act and talk and interpret this as an acceptable way to treat others.

“The coarsening of politics that we see at the national level between adults - we really don’t want to see that down in elementary schools,” Blakeman said.

Presidential candidates often accuse each other of horrendous things while remaining respectful and professional. Trump and Clinton are the exceptions, taking this election to a new stage of unprofessional conduct.

Clinton and Trump’s use of social media to trash each other is not only unprofessional but also tells kids that this is the way politics are run.

Policy debate cannot be boiled down to 140 characters for a Twitter post. There is no meaningful policy debate via Facebook posts either.

There is no doubt that social media is a good tool to use within politics, but not in the way the Clinton and Trump use it.

“Younger voters probably respond more to social media than anything else,” Blakeman said.

Blakeman said that using social media so heavily to communicate and with such harsh discourse shuts off the idea of well informed, reasoned and extensive policy debate.

The youth of America are watching as Clinton and Trump focus the final days of their campaigns. They are using more extensive character assassinations including illegal and unethical activities they both committed and hid.

As kids are watching, so is the rest of the world.

“The U.S. has emerged as the lone global superpower,” Blakeman said. “So the rest of world is much more interested in what happens domestically here because it can potentially affect them.”

U.S. elections have been followed closely throughout the world for years because of the U.S.’s status as a superpower. The world is watching closely as the two main presidential candidates take to Twitter to shame each other and spread rumors.

Before voting this November, consider how the candidates act and ask yourself if that is the kind of leadership you want representing this country. Keep in mind what messages the candidates are sending to children, because they are the future.

LCV Offers Resources for Environmentalists During Election

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The League of Conservation Voters is a nationwide organization that works to combine environmental values with politics.

The organization is independent of any political party and it endorses political candidates, critiques current officials and advocates for pro-environmental legislation.

One of the main goals of the League of Conservation Voters is educating the public by evaluating those who currently hold office. The Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters releases a Conservation Scorecard at the end of each legislative session.

The scorecard lists each member of the state assembly and senate and evaluates the votes each public official makes on certain bills.

A group of 20 conservation organizations select which bills should be scored. The selected pieces of legislation usually include energy, climate change, public land and wildlife.

This scorecard is available on the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters website. It makes each legislator’s votes public and available in an easy format.

Seth Hoffmeister, the northeast organizer for the League of Conservation Voters Wisconsin Chapter, said, “We put that out as a resource for voters to use, we lay it out in black and white.”

The average score for Wisconsin’s Senate and Assembly is 44 out of 100. Only 35 representatives in Wisconsin have a perfect score of 100; one of which is Representative Katrina Shankland who is running for re-election in the 71st district. She will be on the ballot for residents of Stevens Point.

In addition to the conservation scorecard, the national sector of the League of Conservation Voters has a list called the Dirty Dozen which selects twelve politicians who have a record of voting for bills that threaten the health of the environment.

Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson was the first person to be listed on the 2016 Dirty Dozen alongside Donald Trump.

Besides the Dirty Dozen, the national section of the league also endorses political candidates deemed to be more likely to enact pro-environmental legislation. Some of the endorsements include Russ Feingold, Sarah Llyod and Hillary Clinton.

Many have criticized the League of Conservation Voters due to their endorsement of Clinton during the democratic primary over Senator Bernie Sanders.

Mitchell Sprangers, junior biology major, said, “I was surprised when I saw the endorsement of Clinton over Bernie. Now I don’t entirely trust that the LCV has the voters’ best interest in mind.”

Anyone who is familiar with politics knows that there are tradeoffs when it comes to getting legislation enacted. Sprangers believes it may have been a political favor in order to gain support.

“Maybe they just did it so Hillary would pass environmental regulations,” Sprangers said.

The League of Conservation Voters doesn’t just critique politicians, the organization also sends lobbyists to Washington D.C. to advocate for bills that have the environment in mind.

Hoffmeister said, “We try to influence legislation when it comes to conservation and be a political voice for the environment.”

On top of promoting legislation, The Wisconsin chapter of the organization has a bill tracker on their website. This bill tracker gives a detailed explanation of bills that create clean energy, preserve forests, farms, rivers and wildlife.

The League of Conservation Voters is used as a tool for many environmentalists like Sprangers when deciding whom to vote for in elections. Many also use the website resources as means to stay aware of current legislation that could impact the environment.

Although their basis for endorsements and evaluations have been the source of controversy for some, the organization upholds a strong educational resource for voters to use during elections.
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The intense controversy surrounding women in politics this election makes it difficult to tell whether this election is about degrading women or empowering them.

Clinton’s historic run for candidacy is constantly underscored by Trump’s comments that openly target marginalized groups.

While election politics in the past have been focused in newspapers and television newscasts, the parties are reaching voters on the media platforms they use most: Facebook and Twitter.

Clinton’s Facebook page has 7.5 million likes, and 10 million followers on Twitter. Trump’s Facebook page has accrued 11.7 million likes and again exceeds Clinton with 12.7 million Twitter followers.

PEW Research Center, a non-partisan, non-profit research center located in Washington, D.C., published a study on how the presidential candidates are using social media in the 2016 election. The report said that in January, 44 percent of adults in the U.S. learned about the 2016 presidential election through social media, which outperformed print newspapers. Additionally, 24 percent of adults in July turned to social media to learn about news and information regarding the election. This mode of receiving information was more popular than websites and emails combined.

The use of social media is not without its consequences. Candidates self-publishing their campaigns can lead to alienation of news sources. Leftist daily newspaper, The New York Times, published a two-page spread of “The 282 instances as empty words or ‘locker room talk,’ they damage public discourse.

“The tone that is set by our leaders makes a difference. I think it does matter what leaders say, and what we hear them say, and how they say it because that does set the tone for the rest of the country,” Collins said.

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Jennifer Stromer-Galley, a professor in the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University, said that reading posts from candidates themselves are not the best way to determine who should lead the country.

“We have never had a more qualified and prepared candidate for president than our friend Hillary.” — @FLOTUS WillVote.com

Photo courtesy of Hillary Clinton’s Twitter page.

We are Women. Hear Us Vote

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surrounding women in political candidacy is constantly underscored by Trump’s comments that openly target marginalized groups.

While election politics, professor of political science, said while it may be easy to dismiss these words of the two presidential candidates: Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican nominee Donald Trump.

“Bypassing mainstream media allows our leaders to make a difference. I’m hoping the momentum that’s started during this election and during the debates just keeps on going,” Ciurro said.

While this space for discussion is positive, other discussion surrounding Clinton may not be.

“A lot of people talk about what Hillary Clinton was wearing or how she looked versus her policies,” Jenquin said.

While superficial evaluation of Clinton detracts attention from her policies, it is not atypical. Misty Pease, senior philosophy major and volunteer coordinator at the Women’s Resource Center, said, “Even though we do have women in politics now, they don’t take them seriously.”

Presidential Candidates Campaign on Social Media

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As election day approaches, politics permeate every area of American life and media bombard the public more than ever before. Screens across the country are alight with the images and words of the two presidential candidates: Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican nominee Donald Trump.

According to Pew Research Center’s study, of the 714 tweets and 389 Facebook posts made by Trump and Clinton from May 11 to May 31, one fourth of Clinton’s posts were videos compared to only one in ten Trump’s.

A quick scroll through the two candidate’s Twitter feeds reveals that Trump appears more frequently in Clinton’s tweets than Clinton appears in Trump’s. From the two candidate’s Twitter accounts from Oct. 10 to Oct. 26, Clinton’s page had over 200 references to the Republican candidate while Trump’s page had fewer than 150 references to his opponent.

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What is important about fine arts programs and why?

Tim: "Especially if you are majoring in anything in the fine arts, it's all about gaining skills, showing your own creativity, all the different techniques and aspects of everything you do and build upon is something that takes so long to do and takes so much work. Without these fine art programs we wouldn't be able to practice any of these special skill sets."

Cody: "They help people to get a better general education and not just focus so much on math, science, English, and those types of subjects."

Do you have any strong feelings about the arts slowly being cut back on?

Tim: "Yeah, I don't really understand why the arts are the first things that schools and universities see to cut funding off. It just demonstrates that they think it is less important in some way, and that's very untrue."

Cody: "Yeah, I don't really like that because I grew up with music, so it makes me sad that other people would not get to experience that as much as I once did."

Do you have any fond memories of a time you have taken part in some type of fine arts program?

Tim: "Sometimes I look at my friends writing papers or going to lectures, and then I think about how much fun it is going out and performing and having people clap for me. All those little reassuring things are why I do what I do as a performer."

Cody: "Definitely solo ensemble. Working so hard on a solo, seeing your progress on it and getting to state, because it is much easier to get to state through solo ensemble than it is through sports or anything, and then also getting the exemplary soloist award."

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Album Review: How to Be a Human Being

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Throughout the album "How to be a Human Being," Glass Animals use unique sounds, outdoing themselves in comparison with their previous album "Zaba."

From the low electronic beats to the sounds of high-pitched flute tones, Glass Animals manipulate and infuse the music in every song. The album features electric guitar, bass and drums, but there are also many overlays which sound strange and out of this world, giving each song a fun vibe that will have you tapping your foot.

The opening track, "Life itself," starts off with chimes, welcoming you to the album. Immediately after the intro, the song grooves with electric guitar. When the lyrics come in, they sound different. The protagonist's life is portrayed as falling to pieces. He doesn't have anything and is living with his mom, yet he still has big dreams of being a star.

Another song off the album, "Pork Soda" has a similar effect when it starts off with the sounds of a busy street before laying into the main beat. When the vocals enter, they are low and ominous. Later on in the song, the voices contrast, changing the sound of the track. The lyrics here match the strangeness of the song. The protagonist is wandering the streets and imagining very different concepts. Throughout the track, the vocalists constantly repeat "Pineapples are in my head," and this remains consistent until the last line of the song.

One of the final songs on the album, "Poplar St.," starts off with a simple bass guitar riff which is constantly repeated as the main theme. Drums come in with a steady, single note beat before things start to get interesting with the overlays again. The whine of electric guitar joins the chorus.

Throughout the track, more electric sounds are slowly layered in. The keyboard accompanies quietly high pitched whines that drop in pitch as if they were thrown into a pit.

The end of the song wraps up with a very pretty overlay of voice which sounds almost like a choir-sustaining a chord and adding to the atmosphere of the piece. A simple bass guitar riff repeats an out of this world, high pitched noise, making it seem alien.

Overall, this album goes at it with it comes to the overlays and electric sounds, making each song sound different. The lyrics match the unique liquid rhythm causing the Glass Animals to take you out of this world. As a whole, this album has beautiful and relatable songs. It should be noted that the album doesn't use many overlays sounds that usually distract from the lyrics. The songs are simple, to the point and straightforward - something that's not seen often.

Of Life, Death and Calaveras: The Carlsten's Dia de los Muertos Celebration

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Marigolds, skeletons, pan de muertos and altars: The Carlsten Art Gallery captured Dia de los Muertos' distinctive flavor and brought it to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point community.

The gallery celebrated the culmination of the three-week Dia de los Muertos exhibit just in time for the holiday.

What is Dia de los Muertos?

Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a holiday celebrated in Mexico and parts of the United States. It is a two day festival on Nov. 1 and 2 to celebrate the memory of loved ones who have passed away.

The traditions of the holiday stem from ancient Aztec customs, in which death was an integral subject. The festival was influenced by Catholic priests from Spain, linking Dia de los Muertos with All Souls' Day, the same holiday as "ofrendas," made in the home for the souls of lost loved ones which were permitted to travel to earth during the festival before returning to the land of the dead.

It is important to share Dia de los Muertos with the community because people are not educated about this, said Ana Runnion, Spanish lecturer. "It is a Mexican event that comes from ancient times. It is not Halloween. It looks like it, but it's not."

Carlsten Exhibit

The Carlsten Art Gallery has hosted Dia de los Muertos exhibits for almost ten years.

"The event was so popular and engaged many students as well as community members that it was added to the yearly gallery schedule," said Leigh Wilcox, Carlsten Gallery director.

The art exhibit, which was on display from Oct. 10-30, featured a variety of art inspired by Dia de los Muertos. The altars, traditionally known as "ofrendas," made in the home for a specific family member who has passed, were designed by the Latino Student Alliance, Spanish Club and the Carlsten Gallery Student Advisory Committee.

The exhibit also displayed paintings created by UWSP art students, murals and a sculpture. Collaboration of The Department of World Languages and Literature, the Department of Art & Design, Diversity of College Access Office of Student Affairs, College of Fine Arts and Communication, the Carlsten Gallery Student Advisory Committee, Latino Student Alliance and Spanish Club made the wide variety of exhibition pieces possible.

"We would not be able to host such a rich and fun event without the support of these departments and student groups," Wilcox said.

In the past, the exhibit has not stayed in the Carlsten for quite as long as this year. This year is the first year the exhibition has been a three-week event.

"In lengthening the exhibition, we hope to reach a broader audience; both on campus and in the community," Wilcox said. "By reaching more people, we hope to educate visitors about the event and highlight a beautiful celebration of lost loved ones."

Film Showing

The exhibition included a film screening of "La Vida y los Muertos," translated as "Life and the Dead," a 2014 documentary about the annual celebration of Dia de los Muertos in Oaxaca, Mexico.

The 50-minute film showed footage of the different ways people celebrate Dia de los Muertos in cities continued on page 12

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and villages within the state of Oaxaca. The documentary did not have the traditional voice-over narrating what was being displayed on screen. Instead, scenes were punctuated with informational words on the screen, written in both Spanish and English. Language was not the focus of the film. Apart from the music used throughout the film, there were no spoken words. The video focused on the physical aspects of the festival and the emotion permeating Dia de los Muertos that do not need words to express them.

The film described the celebration as “joyous yet respectful,” detailing the customs of the holiday during which “the city becomes alive with the dead.” Preparations begin Oct. 31 and the celebration begins on the first day of November. Nov. 1 is known as “el dia de los angelitos,” or “day of the little angels” where it is believed that the spirits of young children return to earth. Nov. 2 is dedicated to celebrating the lives of adult loved ones who have passed away.

The film draws a strong parallel between life and the festival, both being a celebration, yet a markedly fleeting one. “Love and death - there is nothing stronger,” read one message in the film. This is the second year the Carlsten has offered a screening of “La Vida y los Muertos.” “We wanted to present this film again because it provides a rich view of celebrations of Day of the Dead throughout the Oaxaca region of Mexico,” Wilcox said. “Viewers are given the opportunity to see the variations in celebrations across the region and visually engage in the beauty of the event.”

Closing Reception

The closing reception of the Carlsten’s Dia de los Muertos exhibit was held on Saturday evening, Oct. 29. The gallery was open for viewing, but there was also face painting, coloring, cookie decorating, a live mariachi band and food provided by El Ranchito.

Lindsay Lechner, junior elementary education and Spanish major, attended the closing reception. “I think it’s really cool that they brought together the art and the alters... the mariachi band here and the authentic food as well, and the activities, just bringing all aspects of it together for this event,” Lechner said.

The band, Mariachi Corcel de Madison, performed traditional mariachi music in the Carlsten exhibit. The musicians wore the quintessential costumes of the musical genre and added to the festive air of the evening.

“I really like the mariachi band,” Lechner said. “With a lot of Dia de los Muertos events, they don’t have the music part of it.”

The reception captured the festive tone of Dia de los Muertos, a tone of remembrance but also of celebration and liveliness.

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