Clinton Supporters
Sign Petition to
Make Her President

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The United States has faced intense political division after Donald Trump became the president-elect. Millions feel so strongly that he should not be the president of the U.S. that they have signed a petition in hopes that the electors of the electoral college will make Hillary Clinton president on Dec. 19. The petition can be found on change.org and has over four million supporters.

The students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point have conflicting opinions on the controversial election and the petition to make Clinton president. Rogue Larson, senior health promotion and wellness major, is a sergeant in the U.S. army. Larson expressed that he has no interest in supporting the petition. He believes that Clinton would be detrimental for the army and is a Trump supporter.

“I think she’s terrible, it’s better to have someone who may do bad things to the country than someone who has already done bad things to the country,” Larson said.

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When we flip the calendar to November, we begin to anticipate the departure of autumn and the beginning of the infamous cold, Wisconsin weather. This year, however, the first weeks of November had us stowing our jackets and reaching for our shorts and sandals.

Though the historical monthly average for Stevens Point is 42 degrees, we have seen highs in the 60s up until Nov. 18.

There has been much speculation and media coverage on these warm temperatures. An article published by CNN covered a statement from a UN agency.

“The World Meteorological Organization said Monday, Nov. 14, that 2016 will ‘very likely’ be the hottest year on record and blamed climate change for the growing frequency of extreme weather events,” the article said.

Samantha Kaplan, associate professor of geography and geology, agreed with the article’s assertion that 2016 looks like the warmest year on record, but attributed the cause more to the variation of El Niño than to global warming.

Kaplan says that it is probably due to the strong El Niño, a variation in the Pacific trade winds, last winter that has impacted the warmer weather we have been witnessing.

“Warmth in the arctic has resulted in a drastic reduction in sea ice this year and made our fall temperatures milder than normal,” Kaplan said. “It is not the direct reduction in ice, though, it is the associated change in ocean temperature that affects global circulation patterns that in turn affect our temperatures.”

Though the strong El Niño has significantly influenced the warm fluctuation in autumn temperatures, it may not be the only cause.

“The reality is that we are still emitting greenhouse gases at an alarming rate, and just surpassed 400 ppm of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere,” Kaplan said. “The overall warming trend is there and there are no ‘natural’ explanations for it. The only thing that correlates with it is the increase in human-made greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.”

While we should not expect this warm fall weather to become the norm for the next few years, scientists do predict that erratic weather and climatic patterns will become more common, according to Kaplan.

Our temperatures are still following regular patterns of shifts from wind belts that cause the shift into cold weather fronts.

“Statistically, this shift was about a week later than nor-

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How Can You Donate to Standing Rock?

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With cold weather approaching and the pipeline unfinished, donations are being sent to those protesting the completion of the Dakota Access pipeline.

Protests of the pipeline have been in effect since 2014, but recent media coverage has created a large support system of those who are standing in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux tribe.

Recently, water cannons used by police forces caused skin wounds and hypothermia in the cold weather, according to the New York Times. Tear gas and rubber bullets were used against protesters as well.

Native Americans, celebrities and other active citizens have traveled to the Dakotas to protest in person. With the weather becoming dangerous, donations are needed to keep the protesters safe and healthy in subzero conditions.

Joe Paolotti, senior natural resource major, visited Standing Rock recently and said cold-weather gear is highly sought after.

“People should donate winter gear or winterizing gear or materials for tents and shelters,” Paolotti said.

Sleeping bags, warm clothes, boots, hats and mittens are all items that could be donated.

Car batteries and jumper cables along with food and health items are always needed as well.

The resilient but peaceful protesting at Standing Rock has caused the Army Corp of Engineers to further review whether or not to finish the last 10 percent of the pipeline, according to PBS NewsHour.

“The Army continues to welcome any input that the Tribe believes is relevant to the proposed pipeline crossing or the granting of an easement,” said the Army in its statement.

According to Time Magazine, there is a real possibility the pipeline could leak into the Missouri River if completed and utilized.

The leaked oil would cause the Missouri River to become toxic with oil, which would then flow into the Mississippi River and eventually the Gulf of Mexico.

The pipeline involves the violation of human rights and environmental rights. If one chooses to visit and volunteer at the reservation, know that it is a serious situation.

Paolotti said that protesting in person is not something to do just because it sounds exciting.

“To anyone thinking of going, please remember that this is not a music festival,” Paolotti said.

If anyone does wish to visit, you can expect to cook, attend medical care or set up wind turbines.

If someone does not have the means to donate items or visit the reservation, online donations are always accepted.

Standingrock.org offers an address to mail checks and a link to pay with a debit or credit card.

Without donating money, letters could be written to members of the government or to companies that support the pipeline. As the Army Corp of Engineers said, input about the pipeline is welcome.

Especially with the holidays coming up, Paolotti said talking with friends and family can start conversations to open minds and take other thoughts into consideration.

Paolotti said, “If people want to make an impact they can turn around and convince their parents and friends that environment issues and social injustices affect us all.”

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Sunday, November 20
A party requested that Protective Services return a vape that was allegedly confiscated, but Protective Services said nothing had been taken.

A student was met in the lobby of Smith after a marijuana odor was reported.

Monday, November 21
An individual reported a white truck driving precariously and yelling at people on campus.

An odor of marijuana was reported in May Roach.

Tuesday, November 22
Multiple vehicle jumps were requested in various campus parking lots.

Steiner was noted with an odor of marijuana coming from the third floor.

Wednesday, November 23
A student reported males trying to discuss Jesus Christ to people walking by.

Multiple vehicle jumps were requested again on campus.

Thursday, November 24
A student’s grandparents met Protective Services in the NFAC to get a project for their granddaughter that was to be finished over Thanksgiving break.

Patrolling took place to secure campus buildings.

Friday, November 25
May Roach called for assistance dealing with a smell of tobacco and marijuana.

Electricians turned off smoke detectors in the NFAC until the afternoon.

The NFAC was secured for the weekend.

Foot patrol was dispatched in the HEAC.

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mal this year,” Kaplan said. “While the cold air that arrived was no colder than normal for this time of year, it seemed like quite a shock after the mild temperatures. Once this shift happens, it is about six weeks until we will get long warm stretches again until spring, but again, we need to start expecting the unexpected.”

Apart from enjoying a few more weeks of warmth before diving headfirst into winter, these warm temperatures have influenced agriculture and winter sports. Farmers have enjoyed an unusually warm and dry harvest, including the corn harvest being four days ahead of average, according to Wisconsin State Harvest.

“We will need to remember that we have a large tourism economy that depends on cold and snow as well, and the return of seasonal weather is probably a relief for them,” Kaplan said.

Kyle Scarbro, senior hydrologist major and co-president of UWSP Ski and Snowboard Club, evaluated the effects of the warm start to the month as more mental than physical.

“It’s difficult to think about throwing on insulated outerwear and hitting the slopes when it’s 60 degrees outside,” Scarbro said.

“The club has scheduled preseason events in hopes of confronting the warm weather blues.

The big picture looks unaffected, however, as we are preparing for our winter debut right on schedule on Dec. 3,” Scarbro said.

“While the cold air that arrived earlier this year,” Kaplan said. “We need to start expecting the unexpected.”

Although not everyone shows warning signs, they can include depression, loss of concentration, insomnia, irritability, withdrawal and not being themselves. The most common is, “Suicides always happen in an impulsive moment.”

Often, suicide is the result of days or weeks of planning, leaving notes or posting on social media. Among adolescents, they often resist talking to their parents but will tell their friends, write an essay about suicide or talk to coaches and teachers. The most common is, “Young children, ages 5 through 12, cannot be suicidal.”

Although not much is known about children taking their lives, in the U.S. about 30-55 children under the age of 12 take their lives each year. The most common is, “When there has been a suicide, having a school assembly seems like a good idea.”

“Instead of insulating kids from failure, we should be encouraging them to fail and fail often,” Schultz said. “Even more importantly, they need to learn that they can solve problems on their own and make it through minor conflicts without being rescued by an adult.”

Many things have changed, especially with the development of technology. Schultz said social media has positive and negative effects.

“These days, kids have the ability to be connected 24-7 and if no one is monitoring what they’re doing on their cell phones, iPods or tablets, issues can arise,” Schultz said. “On the flip side, social media can be a positive support for children who are hurting and looking for reassurance that they’re not alone.”

Aside from her job, Schultz’s brother struggled with depression most of his life and was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. He suddenly killed himself this past summer.

Schultz said, “My ability to connect and hopefully get through to students and families is magnified because I know how awful it feels to lose a loved one to suicide.”

The signs of suicide are not always clear and the victims of suicide are not always obvious, but continuing the conversation is crucial and can save the lives of loved ones.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available 24 hours every day. Call 1-800-273-8255 if you or someone you know may be dealing with suicidal thoughts.

Middle School Suicide Reaches All-Time High

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In 2014, 425 young people 10 to 14 years old died of suicide. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the suicide rate among children ages 10 to 14 has been steadily rising and has doubled in the United States from 2007 to 2014.

There is a misconception that children do not commit suicide, but rates for middle school students have surpassed the rate of death by car crashes.

Elissa Nodworny, digital journalist on the National Public Radio Education Team, conducted an interview about the six myths about children taking their lives, she works with 10-15 students under the age of 12 each year. Of the 10-15 students referred but end up not being suicidal.

Myth number one is, “Young children, ages 5 through 12, cannot be suicidal.”

Myth number two is, “Depression causes all suicides.”

Myth number three is, “We cannot really prevent suicides.”

Another important myth is, “Teenagers and adults are the only ones who need to worry about suicide.”

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Trump has been known to make bold statements, and for the most part, his statements are ones that Larson agrees with. He explained that he felt that when Trump won the election but understands that a lot of people are unhappy with the results.

"He is politically correct about everything; she uses political language. The general population is very sensitive and they cannot handle someone like Trump," Larson said.

Stephani Argandona, senior psychology, sociology and Spanish major, is in support of the petition and considers herself to be liberal.

"I feel like Clinton has experience working in politics, and she feels that Trump doesn't have anything. He is a narcissist that just thinks about himself," Argandona said.

Argandona added that even though Clinton has made mistakes, she feels that she would be a good leader. She is especially concerned that the Trump administration will spread hate to the American people.

"It's so scary that in this world that we see more hate than love and that's a scary thing. I think people have to learn to love and respect other people," Argandona said.

Noble Rundman, senior communication major, would sign the petition.

"Since Clinton won the popular vote that would be a reason for me to sign the petition because it doesn't make sense to me how you can win the popular vote and lose the election," Rundman said.

Rundman disclosed that he did support Bernie Sanders over Clinton and that he feels Sanders had a better chance of defeating Trump.

"We are so divided as a country if we can find a common ground without fighting and without hatred we can continue to build our country to make it a better place," Rundman said.

### Working On Campus Could Improve Academics

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Working in college is more frequent than not working in college.

Michael Bialas, financial associate at Thrivent Financial, said the most successful people he encounters are those who work and multiple jobs while in college.

At the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, well over three-quarters of students work, according to Elsa Jensson, sophomore communication major, who worked part-time during the fall semester and now works as a student worker on campus. She understands the importance of gaining experience rather than just working for money, so she switched jobs to fit her personality and to do in the future.

"A lot of people don't have the opportunity to have a job," Jensson said. "It gives me the opportunity to know staff on campus more and to get to know fellow students more because they are now my co-workers."

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Ed Gasque: Celebrating 38 Years of Excellence

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Biologist professor Ed Gasque will be retiring at the end of the spring semester.

Gasque’s distinguished career, which began in 1978, has been marked with a number of accomplishments, including a published cell biology lab manual, the expansion of his cell biology course and his own protein purification workshop.

One thing apparent about Gasque is his high level of commitment to his students. Throughout the years he has spent countless hours working to refine and perfect the labs he sets up for them.

Christopher Yahneke, biology professor, said Gasque has been sprinting his entire career—always giving full effort to everything he sets out to do.

While Gasque’s initial area of specialty was plant physiology, he took over and transferred into the field of cell biology because it had always been of interest to him.

To help himself transfer smoothly into this new field, he took summer courses at Indiana University in cell culture and spent a lot of time learning on his own.

Gasque’s cell biology course has grown from one section per year to six and has developed into what his colleague, Sol Sepsenwol, considers to be one of the best labs in the state.

One thing that makes Gasque such an outstanding educator is his unending enthusiasm for biology. Gasque said he enjoys working with first-year biology students just as much as students in upper-level specialty courses.

Biology Professor Robert Bell said, “He’s been able to translate that enthusiasm into a really positive experience for his students.”

Gasque’s love for teaching stems from his equally strong love for learning—he is always on top of the latest techniques developing in the rapid paced field of cell biology.

Sepsenwol said, “He’s one of the smartest people I know, but he’s no snob.”

Gasque said the highest compliment he can receive doesn’t come from colleagues or boards but rather from his former students.

Alejandra Perez, senior biochemistry major, said Gasque’s classes pushed her to be a better student because “he really challenges you to think about what he already taught you.”

Dustin Buntrock, senior biochemistry major, said, “the undergraduates that I worked with and that I continue to talk to are incredibly grateful for the experiences that he gave us.”

During his retirement, Gasque looks forward to spending time with his extensive family, and his friends—many of whom started out as students.

Former Secretary of Defense Laird Passes Away at 94

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Melvin Laird, perhaps the most influential public figure from central Wisconsin to grace the national political landscape, passed away Nov. 16. He was 94.

Per news reports, Laird died at a hospital near his Fort Myers home due to complications caused by respiratory failure.

Laird, who served for four years as President Richard Nixon’s Defense Secretary, had been the highest ranking federal official from Wisconsin until Rep. Paul Ryan became Speaker of the House in 2015.

In 1993 file photo, Melvin Laird, right, speaks during the biennial Laird Youth Leadership Day Conference at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Laird hosted the event for 21 years, introducing high school students from the 7th Congressional District to national experts and leaders. Photo courtesy of UWSP.
On Nov. 22, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's basketball team slid past Lakeland College by a score of 40-36.

Senior Lauren Anklam, junior Mickey Roland and freshman Bre Richter each dropped in seven points for the Pointers.

Ms' basketball team won its second game in a row with a 69-50 victory over Lawrence behind a double-double from sophomore Ethan Bublitz.

Sophomore guard Ethan Bublitz recorded a season-high 19 points on Saturday, Nov. 26 in Appleton, Wis. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen.

UWSP took advantage of power-play opportunities on Saturday but it was not enough as the team suffered a 6-3 defeat on the road against Adrian.

Senior goalie Max Milosek recorded 27 saves against Adam College on Saturday, Nov. 26 in Appleton, Wis. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen.
Two-Sport Athletes Embark on Basketball Season

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point offers a plethora of athletics that sophomore Payton Mix and freshman Carly Cerrato have taken advantage of.

Mix has taken on the challenge of two sports in one year. "I have never been able to decide my favorite, I love them both," said Mix. Basketball and softball are the two chosen sports by Mix. "I liked both and played them ever since I was little," Mix said. "I played three sports in high school, which has helped me to balance the two sports in college."

Cerrato does not play two sports in the same year but switched over from the volleyball team to the basketball team. Cerrato said, "I was always going to Point and I knew I wanted to play a sport in college."

First volleyball and now basketball, Cerrato was a walk-on to the basketball team. "My heart was always in it. I really missed basketball and I would have regretted not trying out," Cerrato said. Basketball head coach, Shirley Egner, had previously recruited Cerrato while playing for her high school basketball team.

"I knew she was playing volleyball. She talked to me and the volleyball coach and she made the transition," Egner said.

Egner knows both athletes and holds no "free pass" for the two-sport athletes. "We make our expectations very clear," Egner said. For Mix, the softball season can overlap with the end of basketball season.

Athletes are only eligible for 10 semesters of sports play. Some students take the opportunity to continue athletics if their major requires more than four years.

Each said they learned skills from both sports. The importance of hard work and practice are instilled through-out each sport. The rigor of volleyball prepared Cerrato for a new season in basketball, while Mix benefits from an already demanding season of basketball during the softball season.

"I'm not opposed to two-sport athletes if they can handle it," Egner said. "It's a great opportunity."

Offensive Lineman Run in the Family

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Brothers Adam and Justin Prince have had the pleasure of playing the same football position at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Justin Prince graduated from UWSP in 2013 with a communication degree. Prince's position was an offensive lineman, a position that he enjoyed.

"It definitely was the right fit for me. Being an offensive lineman is not the most glorious position in the world, but we help the team run smoothly. Nothing goes if we don't, and we took pride in that," Prince said.

After graduating from college Prince made an attempt at a professional football career but is now a sports director for a T.V. station in Northern Minnesota.

Prince admitted that because he does not play football anymore he has lived vicariously through his brother's career for the past four years. The brothers never played on UWSP's team at the same time.

"They had four years of me and then immediately after I left they had a carbon copy of me, just a couple of inches bigger. The first time I came back to watch a game after I graduated it was really kind of different. It was cool to see things from the perspective of a fan," Prince said.

Adam Prince, senior biochemistry major, described his final season playing for UWSP as bittersweet. Like his brother, he is interested in pursuing a professional football career.

Ideally, Prince would like the chance to play for the Green Bay Packers but is open to any opportu-

nity that will allow him to continue playing.

Prince believes he and his brother played the same position, in part, because of their larger statures.

"When I was first starting out he had definitely been one of the biggest influences in helping me and guiding me. He set the standard for how I wanted to be as a player," Prince said of his older brother.

Prince considers himself to be close to his older brother and feels he has been one of his biggest supporters.

Tom Journell, head football coach, views the Prince brothers as rare for siblings. Both are outgoing, fun-loving, vivacious and eclectic," Journell said.

Justin Prince smiles with his parents and head football coach Tom Journell on Senior Day in 2012. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen.

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WOMENS HOCKEY
Dec. 3, vs. Northland 7 p.m.

WOMENS BASKETBALL
Nov. 30, vs. Carthage 7 p.m.

WRESTLING
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Dec. 3, at Candlewood Suites Dual 9 a.m.

SWIMMING & DIVING
Dec. 2, at Wheaton 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dec. 3, at Wheaton 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
**Frac Sand Mining: Some Residents Cannot Sand It**

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On Nov. 22 Winona County in Minnesota voted to ban frac sand mining.

Sand mining is the procedure of extracting specific sand types for use in hydraulic fracturing in the western United States. Frac sand mines are found throughout southwestern Wisconsin and neighboring parts of Minnesota. While there are no active sand mining sites in Portage County, neighboring Wood County is host to eight active mines.

In Wisconsin, there are a total of 128 sand mines, 96 of which are active. The state holds 75 percent of the frac sand total of 128 sand mines, 96 of which are active. The state holds 75 percent of the frac sand market in the nation.

The sand in Wisconsin is in such high demand because if its structure and shape of the particles are ideal for the process of hydraulic fracturing.

Hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking, is a technique in which large amounts of water are combined with various chemicals and sand. The mix is then pumped into a well under high pressure in order to extract natural gas from fracturing the rock where the gas is trapped.

The mined sand is used in the process of hydraulic fracturing as a way to split open rock formations underground which contains natural gas.

Fringing has been opposed strongly due to the process's high usage of water and chemicals. Some of the chemicals used in the process are toxic and even flammable. There have been cases of these chemicals being found in water sources nearby to fracking sites.

The natural gas industry in the United States is a growing section of the economy. Therefore fracking has been praised as a means to produce a cheap, clean, domestic energy resource.

Zach Jones, junior natural resources planning major, said, "Natural gas does produce less carbon emissions. So I suppose it might be better than getting oil from say Saudi Arabia."

Asking the process of fracking being highly controversial, the mining of the sand used for fracking has caused an uproar in many areas.

Megan Zielke, senior natural resources planning major, said, "Like many other mining industries, frac sand mining is detrimental to the land being worked on. There's a lot of open surface area which can result in erosion and unproductive soils.

A sand mining has been opposed because of particles polluting the air as a by-product of mining. Many residents have also complained about the noise and traffic.

In 2011, when sand mining was first becoming popular in the state, the Wisconsin DNR and the Department of Health Services reported that there is "little conclusive evidence of possible negative health effects from crystalline silica."

Due to heavy complaints of air quality around the mines, the DNR said it would re-investigate the health and environmental effects of open pit sand mining.

Advocates for the mines say they provide economic benefits such as job creation and fueling local economies.

According to an informational pamphlet on the economics of mining created by UW Extension, "Smaller amounts of jobs are being created by new mining operations due to the increasingly mechanistic nature of the industry."

The high level of controversy surrounding both sand mining and the use of sand in hydraulic fracturing has led many communities like Winona County to be put on the defensive. Many oppose the mines simply because they oppose fracking and want to move in the direction of renewable energy resources.

Winona County is not the only municipality which must decide the energy resources to prioritize. Jones describes the balance between renewables or energy that meets short-term goals as a fuel source and a job creator.

Jones said, "I'd also rather not develop the infrastructure for that when we could easily develop new renewable infrastructure like wind or solar."

**How Warmer Temperatures are Effecting the Deer Season**

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The deer hunt is a tradition in Wisconsin that may have been threatened by the abnormally warm weather this fall.

Hunters have expressed their worry over the warmer temperatures in November thinking that the deer will not be moving around as much which may make the deer harder to find.

When asked why cold and snow were so desirable for the hunting season, Bryce Hammen, hunter and senior psychology major, said that with snow on the ground it is much easier to track a buck that has been shot but did not drop right away. "Plus, it's tradition, you're supposed to have snow with gun season," he said.

Although it is similar to how Christmas is traditionally supposed to have snow, hunting season in Wisconsin does not seem to require cold temperatures or snow for a successful hunt.

The Department of Natural Resources Big Game Harvest Summary for 2013 said there were abnormally high temperatures during last year's hunt as well. Compared to the year before, the harvest increased by almost 7,000 deer in 2013 despite the rise in temperature.

Mike Maki, senior biochemistry major, said that with the colder temperatures, deer tend to move around more in order to keep warm, but are also slower, making them easier targets. Research by life-long hunters tells a different story.

In an article by Daniel Schmidt, editor-in-chief of Deer and Deer Hunting, he said that it is the barometric pressure that influences deer foraging activity. Schmidt said that despite the temperature, or whether a front is coming in or on its way out of an area, the ideal pressure in the air is between 29.80 and 30.29 inches.

This theory has been supported by scientific research that confirms white tail deer as having a biological mechanism that can detect impending weather changes. With this information, the temperature does not seem to have a direct effect on the hunt, but rather the change in temperature does.

Climate change is an obvious association to make with the prolonged warm weather seen in Wisconsin the past few years. Without the drop in temperature that has been typically seen prior to deer season, it is possible that the dates for hunting season to be moved later in the year.

Deer hunting is a large part of the tourism economy of Wisconsin and if climate change is affecting the season in a negative way, there may be other unseen consequences of the hunting season.

The opening weekend of gun season this year was preceded by a quick shift in temperatures from the unusual 50's and 60's to the more normal 30's, and a light snowfall. Following the logic of the researchers mentioned in Deer and Deer Hunting, this season should have yielded a bountiful harvest

Hunters were lucky this year but they may not be again due to the trending warmer averages in global temperatures.
Black Friday Shoppers Trample the Planet and Thanksgiving

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The holiday season is here. For many students that means spending time with family, relaxing and shopping on Black Friday. But has this dedication to spending time with family been lost to an opportunity to spend money instead?

Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday all mix together to form a mass weekend for Christmas shopping which seems to blot out Thanksgiving.

Stores have been putting out Christmas decorations sooner each year. In some Walmart stores, Christmas displays were out even before Halloween products made an appearance.

Companies anticipate the holiday season as a time to make massive revenue. Commerce sales explode on the day after Thanksgiving known as Black Friday.

According to a report done by Adobe, Black Friday 2016 is estimated to bring in about $3 billion by the day's close. That is about an 11 percent rise from 2015.

Stores have extended their business hours for Black Friday and even into Thanksgiving, which is referred to as Gray Thursday. The huge profits made by retailers on these dates provide an incentive for longer business hours.

Retailers lure shoppers in with great deals and long hours to increase their net profits, resulting in the biggest spending weekend of the year.

While the people who own companies are making good money with these extended hours, the workers at these stores cannot spend time with family since they must work the prolonged hours that come with Black Friday.

Erin Malone, senior communications major, said, "I think it's very important to maintain normal business hours on Black Friday, so that the people who are working can spend time with their families like everyone else does."

The shopping involved with the holiday season is not only hard on workers; the environment is strained as well.

Extensive resource extraction is involved to make toys, clothes and electronics for gifts. Farming cotton, mining for metals, and factory production of plastics in many children's toys amounts to a lot of carbon being added to the atmosphere.

Imagine all of the plastic bags that were used across the country on Black Friday alone. Those bags will most likely end up in a landfill after one use.

But there are some companies taking advantage of the shopping holiday of Black Friday to help the environment.

Patagonia received $10 million in sales on Black Friday this year, and the company has declared that it is donating it all to small grassroots organizations that are "working on the front lines to protect our air, water and soil for future generations," according to a press release.

In response to this stretch of mass consumption some are opting to buy less for the holidays.

Malone said, "In my family we've really cut back a lot on gift giving. Instead we will spend an evening together or eat a meal together." It is not only individuals that are opting to stay out of the mass consumerism which takes place on Black Friday.

The outdoor equipment retailer REI closed all of their stores on Black Friday and instead offered their employees paid leave to have a day to spend with family or go experience the outdoors.

In 13 different state, free admission was offered in State Parks the day after Thanksgiving to get people outside instead of heading to the mall.

When asked what they enjoyed most about Thanksgiving break, students replied with spending time with family. There was little mention of what they bought on Black Friday.

With Christmas right around the corner it is important to remember that the effect of heavy gift shopping will have on the environment. Purchasing from second-hand retailers, using a reusable bag or simply buying less will be the greatest gift for the planet this holiday season.
On Friday, Nov. 4 the Marvel universe expanded its franchise with its newest superhero through the release of “Doctor Strange.” The film follows neurosurgeon, Dr. Stephen Strange after an extreme life-altering car accident causes him to lose the ability to use his hands. With all traditional medicine failing him, Strange is left devastated, but a small flicker of hope finds him when he learns of a mysterious healing enclave in Kamar-Taj. Under the guidance and teachings of The Ancient One, Strange starts to heal in a magical way but is left with a colossal decision, to continue living his life of fortune and status, or to leave his old life behind to defend the world from evil as a powerful sorcerer.

Marvel Studios is known for their creation of spectacular superheroes ranging from Iron Man to the Hulk, but Doctor Strange takes the cake with its uproarious, sassy, heartbreaking and unique story. British actor, Benedict Cumberbatch has taken on the unenviable task of playing the role of Doctor Strange and, to say the least, he is a perfect fit for the job. Starting with his rugged build while sporting a goatee and perfectly styled hair, Cumberbatch is the spitting image of the iconic comic book character. Fans can thank director Scott Derrickson for not only his superb casting of Cumberbatch but also for the amazing crew of supporting actors as well. Cumberbatch steals the spotlight and embodies everything that Doctor Strange is supposed to represent in his transfixing ability to be completely hopeless, egotistical, an arrogant jerkwad one moment to a charming, hilarious and respectable world-saving man the next.

Just two examples of the powers Doctor Strange is taught are the abilities to make a portal to travel from one space to another as well as breaking into other dimensions. The CGI surrounding this super, magic-filled world and these abilities were not only stunning but also played mind games with audiences. The CGI used spaces like New York City and would morph it into something recognizable, causing the audience’s mind to feel tripped out. The best way to describe it would be like taking a jigsaw puzzle apart and somehow finding a way to piece it back together in a completely new way. Another great use of CGI in this movie was the ability that the editors had in creating Doctor Strange’s iconic magical cape and giving it a personality of its own. The thought that comes to mind when describing this cape’s personality is comparing it to that of the carpet from Aladdin. It has a sassy, smug, rebellious type of attitude that shows Doctor Strange who’s boss while mutually saving his life on multiple occasions over the duration of the film. “Doctor Strange” has reached a high of $616 million and counting since its release, has pulled a difficult rating of 90 percent on Rotten Tomatoes, and has also become the biggest single-character introduction in the Marvel universe, making it a smash-hit movie across the board.

The end of the film leaves viewers with a different type of main action character than is typical for the current generation: one who is magical and flawed, yet is willing to change. This movie will leave audiences moved with all sorts of emotions ranging from shock, awe, joy, sadness, and maybe even some enlightenment by the end. Maybe we can all take a bit of the wise Ancient One’s advice home with us when she says, “You wonder what I see in your future? Possibility.”

Humans of Point

Do you think UWSP provides enough resources for students on campus or do you think more are necessary?

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The Good Feeling Review of Dent May’s Magnificent Ukulele

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High spirited and fun lyrics, “The Good Feelings of Dent May and his Magnificent Ukulele” will either relax you or have you laughing at the silly lyrics. This album is an offshoot of May, using primarily ukulele throughout the album. Each song has either a high-spirited sound to it, or a slower, melodic mood that goes with a ballad. To pair with the ukulele, the vocals have a 4-part barbershop sound that make this album unique and fun to listen to.

The opening number welcomes the listener to the album and then cycles to “Meet Me In the Garden”. Right away, May uses different percussion sounds, such as rattling change and metal clanging. The ukulele enters and the main groove kicks in. The ukulele melody is also doubled by guitar to give the song more depth.

I’ll write of him
This song has a Latin feel to it, paired with the ukulele. The barbershop voices back up Dent May’s main vocals. This song gives a prime example of the ballads that are on this album through lyrics about a romantic meeting in a garden.

“Oh Paris” starts right away with just the ukulele before the percussion and hints of brass layer in. Unlike “Meet Me In the Garden”, this one has a higher paced beat.

Once again, guitar is doubled to give the ukulele more depth, but you can still clearly hear the ukulele. This track is a love song about the city of Paris. The protagonist gushes over how much they love the city and everything in it.

One of the last songs on the album, “I’m an Alcoholic,” goes back to the ballad form to finish off the album. The protagonist is lamenting something, whether it’s a broken heart or just a bad day. They seem to mope, and proclaim that alcohol is the way to ease their pain.

This song uses a bass guitar to double the ukulele part, making it sound more interesting.

Overall, May is a great album if you’re looking for something relaxing that will give you good feelings. It even has a little bit of a tropical feel to it to take you away from snowy Wisconsin and to someplace warm. There are few artists that use ukulele for a whole album and May nailed it!

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Pointer Poets

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I’ll write of him
I won’t ever write of those blooming red roses as they bud full in the spring, I won’t ever write about how the thin thorns of its beauty spikes the skin, but

I’ll write about the blonde headed boy plucking it, its roots, red rose, his slim fingers & his pride at what he had grown, simple, because he knows the Earth is full of monsters, & he’s back in that rainy field, back to kneeling in that mud, & among so much soft wet Earth, what could he do?

He spoke, bring them back to me & chokes, lonely boy, breaking down, salty tears tastes of loneliness, wilted roses, another close one lost to the cruelties of the world as they take loved ones away like corruption, & changes them, conquers them, & he knows his life will be this cycle of finding & losing again, this is the only path & to feel true love, rather friendship again is by misplacing his own self joining on whispering, goodbye & to & me

WHAT?
YOU DON’T DO THIS WHEN YOU RUN OUT OF MUGS?

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**Mars Lost: Original Play by Justin Spanbauer**

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Justin Spanbauer, senior drama major at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, decided to participate in a mission to colonize the planet Mars, leaving Earth behind forever.

It's the story of her as a person, a character study of someone who would make the choice to do that," Spanbauer said. "It's the story about a woman confronting the things she has on Earth and dealing with it, losing things or hoping to find things. It's all about people experiencing loss and how they deal with it and what they're looking for.

As Spanbauer worked on the play in class and received feedback from his professors and classmates, he began to consider taking Mars Lost from the page to the stage in the form of a senior project.

The play continues to be modified in the transition from script to a live production. The original 30-page manuscript has been expanded in a lot of ways about loss and how different characters deal with it, losing things or hoping to find things. It's all about people experiencing loss and how they deal with it and what they're looking for.

"Basically, I assembled my team based on people who wanted to help me," Spanbauer said. "Even if they didn't know what they wanted to do, I said, 'If you want to help, I'll find something for you to do.' We've pooled our resources of all the people and put them in a combination of people doing what they can.

Spanbauer cited the willingness of others to help him as one of the key aspects of the production's success. "If you're willing to put in the time and ask for things and put yourself in a position to talk to people and ask for help, you can do big things," Spanbauer said.

Mars Lost is being produced in association with Players, a Student-Artistic Alliance at UWSP. The student organization promotes performance on campus and in the community.

"We want to see student works grow, and they want to help with that, and that's awesome," Spanbauer said. "So they've helped me design posters. They're helping me with promos and publicity because they have a much wider net if I do. They're helping me with staffing the shows with ushers. Everything that makes a production a production and I don't have the time or capabilities to do."

Spanbauer attributes the smooth development of Mars Lost to his support system and all the collaboration he has had. "It's not done," Spanbauer said. "It's never really done. But I've gained the craft and dedication to make it something rather than by necessity. I'm doing it for passion."

The production of Mars Lost has proven to be a complex undertaking. Spanbauer's cast and crew consist of eight actors and four designers coordinating the 17 scenes of the show that all take place in different locations.

"The most challenging part is just all the circumstances that go into making a full-scale production," Spanbauer said. "We have sound design and light design and the best set design that we have the means for doing. We're all students. No one on staff is dedicated to helping us. There's limited amount of resources that we have available and also a limited amount of time and help. It's an ambitious project with a low amount of resources."

Spanbauer also addressed why theatre is an important element of community. "Theatre is something that people can come together and experience a story or a point of view or a piece of art or something that makes you think. I think that's important to create dialogue," Spanbauer said. "Presenting ideas and concepts and theories that people should confront and think about. I think it's the perfect way to do that, to put those ideas out there."

Mars Lost will be performed Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. as well as Monday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Studio Theatre of the Noel Fine Arts Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

"It's important to support student work," Spanbauer said. "It will surprise people. Student work may have a bad connotation to it. Community theatre might have a bad connotation. But that doesn't mean that it's not worthwhile. I would ask that people have an open mind about it and come see it and give it a shot."

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