Senior reporter Allegra Taylor reported for the Lawrence on Wednesday, September 14, about the meeting between Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) held a conference call with student staff. According to Taylor, the call was in order to discuss the current student loan debt crisis and how In the Red will spread awareness for Senate Bill 3681, also known as the In the Red Act, which is aimed at reducing student loan debt.

Baldwin and Warren expressed their concern over the high cost of education and the burden of student loan debt. Baldwin emphasized the need for a comprehensive solution to address the debt crisis, while Warren highlighted the importance of accessible and affordable higher education.

On the topic of the presidential debate, Baldwin and Warren noted the lack of discussion on climate change and the need for candidates to prioritize environmental policies. Warren also expressed her support for the In the Red Act, which seeks to help borrowers by providing options for repayment and forgiveness.

Together, Baldwin and Warren advocated for policies that prioritize education, accessibility, and affordability, while also addressing the pressing issue of student debt. Their call to action emphasized the need for continued efforts to advocate for successful debt relief initiatives and the importance of holding political candidates accountable on these pressing issues.
Sophomore Daniel Vaca fundraises for Ecuador earthquake relief last spring. Recently, Vaca learned of the exact impact his efforts had. Read more on page 1.

Photo courtesy of Daniel Vaca

Compiled by Eleanor Legault

COLOMBIA:
President Juan Manuel Santos is seeking a dialogue with those who opposed the peace agreement with the FARC rebel group. Ex-president Uribe was the most prominent dissenter of the peace agreement and is expected to meet with leading diplomats to renegotiate terms of the deal this upcoming Tuesday.

AFGHANISTAN:
Taliban forces briefly captured the city of Kunduz in September. However, government forces recently recaptured the city with major losses on the Taliban side.

IRELAND:
Ireland has called an all-island forum to discuss the challenges for Ireland in the wake of the June referendum, colloquially referred to as “Brexit.” The government says the primary focus of the forum will be the Irish economy and trade with the U.K, as well as the peace process with Northern Ireland and the Common Travel Area between Ireland and the U.K.

ITALY:
Pope Francis paid a surprise visit to Amatrice, a central Italian town devastated by a magnitude 6.2 earthquake that killed nearly 300 people.

SYRIA:
Russia has sent an S-300 air defense system to their naval base in Tartus. It is “purely a defensive system and poses no threat to anyone,” Major General Konashenkov said. This news comes a day after the U.S. suspended talks with Russia, due to coordinated air strikes with rebel forces.

In the Sept. 30, 2016 issue of The Lawrentian, the Greek-end article was misattributed to Kanzuda Islam. The article was written by Kelsey Kaufmann.

The Editorial Board regrets this mistake.

On Sunday, Oct. 2, a small refrigerator located at the Residence Life Advisor (RLA) desk in Sage Hall caught fire, causing extensive damage to the desk and surrounding space. The Appleton Fire Department responded to the call, having to break through the windows leading into the area. The office is now blocked off while Facility Services works to repair the damages.

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**MAJID ADJUSTMENT**

**Squirrel Tales**

Madeira Seaman  
Staff Writer

During my freshman year at Lawrence, I found a friend in a squirrel named Bip. Now, you're probably thinking: Madi, there are countless squirrels on campus! How could you know who Bip was? Well, dear reader, poor Bip was curtailed.

Squirrels’ tails serve a few different purposes. If you watch as a squirrel runs along a telephone wire or particularly thin branch, you may notice its tail spinning or swinging to help maintain its balance. When a squirrel flicks its tail a certain way, it will warn nearby vegetation of its presence. When a squirrel fidgets, its bushy tail will rotate to help maintain its body temperature.

The iconic squirrel tail is cute and practical! But my little Bip was special.

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Earlier this year, I was admiring the fauna in the walnut trees by Coleman and Brokaw. I've seen downy woodpeckers and a handful of red squirrels. Naturally grey squirrels, and chipmunks too. One morning when I was walking my dog, a few green walnuts grew fell to the ground, I looked up and found an even stranger squirrel friend. This squirrel, whom I lovingly named Bip, had half a bushy tail and half a naked tail. The tip of his tail was a pink sort of nub. The whole thing felt like a tiny-eared bunny. He was without his tail. It was simply gone and my small friend looked sort of like a tiny-eared bunny. He didn't seem bothered by his missing caudal appendage. He frolicked and hopped, and he was my favorite.

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**Tennis Season Ending**

Senior Katie Frankel, in her final tournament as a Lawrence University player, was defeated in the quarterfinals by Gustavus Adolphus’ Tina Schrage, 8-3. Frankel and Holsen parried Schrage’s tactics and were brought to participate in the Gustie Fall Invitational. Two players from Gustavus were able to participate in the consolation bracket, defeated by the team from UW-La Crosse’ Maura Anderson, 6-0, 6-0. Harincar and Lambert had a bye into the round of 16, but fell in their match against Cornell College’s Megan Pope and Gaby Ferro, 8-4.

On Oct. 2, the Vikings traveled to UW-Oshkosh to play at the Kolf Sports Center Outdoor Courts in a nonconference match. The Vikings lost 8-1 against UW-Oshkosh, allowing the Titans to record a 5-1, but were still able to pick up a win. Frankel and Holsen defeated Bailey Sagen and Hannah Peters at No. 1 doubles, 9-6.

As the season starts to wind down for the Lawrence University Women’s Tennis team, the intensity of the matches increase. With the two competitions they have left, the team is currently standing in fourth, just behind Cornell, St. Norbert, and Grinnell as a team.

The Viking next matches will be against Cornell College and Grinnell College at home in conference games, starting at 9 a.m. and noon, respectively.

**Football triumphs over Beloit**

Senior Jackson Straughan led the Vikings on a big drive in the second quarter as freshman Wasonu Allen rushed for over 100 yards and scored on a 19-yard touchdown run and O’Mahoney’s extra point making the score 29-12 Vikings at the 11:20 mark. Beloit added another field goal just before the end of the quarter, tying the score 7-6, Lawrence.

The Vikings added to their lead in the third quarter with a touchdown from the second quarter as freshman Wasonu Allen ended a 29-yard run in the end zone with 11:22 remaining in the quarter. O’Mahoney added another kick on the extra point attempt making the score 15-6, Vikings.

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Major League Baseball postseason begins

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Staff Writer

We’re into October, which means we get some playoff baseball on our hands. The big target this year is on the backs of the Chicago Cubs. For those who are unaware, this franchise has gone without a World Series Championship for the past 108 years. A popular internet fact is true states that since 1908, Arizona Diamondbacks is good baseball, and these teams have been dominating in quite a few franchises have played over 500 seasons of professional baseball.

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SF: How do you see yourself fit in the off-season?
JJ: I used to automatically say that cross country is my favorite, and I think it still is since it takes place in the fall and running through the woods and on grass is much more interesting than the track. But now I run the 10K in track it is harder to choose between the two because I always like distance races better.

SF: Take me through your pre-race warm up. What are you thinking when you do this?
JJ: I feel pretty atypical regarding my warm up preferences. I love engaging in useless, stupid humor conversations throughout most of the warm up process (and just in my life in general, who am I kidding) and remaining casual. Taylor Swift and most basic pop stuff combined with the mileage to fine tune.

SF: What is your favorite weather to run in?
JJ: Full is my absolute favorite time of the year for running - nothing is better than a 55-degree, overcast, colorful-leaved, crisp-aired October day when you are starting to feel extra fresh from tapering at the end of the cross season! Finish these runs with pumpkin-flavored something for the ideal day.

SF: How do you feel you raced at the Brissman-Lundeen Invitational?
JJ: The Brissman-Lundeen Invite was pretty tough physically for most of us (heat and humidity), but I am very happy with how everyone raced, and I was excited to break 26:00 in the 8K with so many meathooks left to go.

SF: What do you enjoy more, track or cross country? Why?
JJ: I assume you have the most success as a runner thinking about time goals instead of my place or the athletes I am racing with because you will always be able to run a better time but you will not be able to get better than a win. You can’t be completely satisfied in the long term with only scoring near the top in your conference, division, or even state—although of course you can and should be happy in the short term! Although I wouldn’t be realistically competitive with the best in the nation right now, I like to run every meet like it’s a stepping stone on the way. I want to say that my hypothetical ceiling as a runner would be the same ceiling that the best runners in the nation are standing under.

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For Faculty and Staff Laurie Alers

Last Monday, Oct. 3, Hobart University hosted the first presidential debate of 2016, pitting Republican candidate Donald Trump against his Democratic challenger, Hillary Clinton. The debate covered a broad range of topics, mostly dealing with the security of the nation, the growth of the economy and the vision that each of the candidates have for America. After watching 90 minutes of both candidates making points about issues such as police brutality, creating jobs and “presidential stamina,” it is important for us to take a step back and comprehend the relevance these topics have to the Lawrence community.

In total 31100 voters in the Lawrence campus have seen this, one is arguably one of the most important to the age group that makes up the electorate. An issue with race relations in the U.S., but rather than making a difference in the debate, is one of the few issues that did not get answered in high school sex education. The trending data was a tool to plan and organize more events in wellness. Food and drinks were provided to the participants afterwards because they had to fast before the blood tests.

Healthcare costs are constantly rising. “As a whole, my health insurance to keep going up mitigate what everyone is paying,” commented Blindauer. Athers is a certified diabetes educator, and said, “We know poor sleep and high stress levels can make blood sugars tired for patients with diabetes cardiovascular and diabetes.” Results of health assessments determines what we need to focus on next year.

The debate was characterizing personal health assessment screenings for eight years, but so far this is not available to students. “This is because students are covered by health insurance and the costs including the test for faculty and staff who would not otherwise be covered by insurance,” said Blindauer.

The student organization WELLU, the Wellness Committee, provides students with ways to improve their personal health and talk about wellness issues around campus. Juniors and co-presidents Colleen Nowlan and Natalie Kramer excitedly discussed their plans for this year. So far the Wellness Committee has not collaborated with other student organizations but this year they hope collaborate with other clubs with the same goals.

The Wellness Committee has organized an event called the Wellness Fair for Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. where about 50 vendors including church organizations and different resources from the Appleton community and schools will host activities and talk about all aspects of wellness. Some of the more popular booths to check out are Happy Bellies that serves good gluten-free treats, spiritual home remedies, flu shots, Appleton Parks and Recreation giving a discussion on how we engage with nature and wellness and pet therapy where students and faculty can play with dogs.

The Wellness Fair provides the campus an opportunity to see what goes on in the community outside the “Lawrence bubble” as well as to learn about ways to lead a healthy lifestyle and maintain wellness.

During ninth week the Wellness Committee will be hosting an alcohol awareness week, “At our age a lot of students don’t understand consequences of alcohol,” Kramer The committee organized a display where they reveal the amount of alcohol consumed each weekend, which

\section{Takeaways from the First Presidential Debate}

Lawrence faculty, staff and students come together to discuss the debate.

Photo by Billy Liu

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Last Tuesday through Thursday Sept. 27-29, the WELLU-Wellness Initiative coordinated personal health assessment screenings from 6-10 a.m. The screenings were designed specifically for faculty, staff, and their spouses to assess how their lifestyle choices affect their overall health. The screenings measured the participants’ cholesterol levels, blood, pressure, glucose, and body mass index (BMI) which would help faculty and staff identify and make healthier lifestyle changes. Lifestyle is based on the participants’ daily habits related to nutrition, physical activity, alcohol consumption, stress and depression, and tobacco use. The results are confidential.

Senior Human Resources Generalist Wendy Holub and Director of Human Resources Rochelle Blindauer partnered with ThedaCare to get ThedaCare to host the screenings. COMM and communicated and rooms set up in the Multipurpose Room of the Buchanan Kiwanis Wellness Center there were stations offering privacy: two blood draw stations and height and weight stations. The screenings took about 10 minutes. There were 60-70 slots per day. “All slots were filled,” said Holub. Healthier employees can encourage other students to be healthy and give decor things they were otherwise not aware of. An issue everywhere is growing obesity, and we owe it to ourselves to be healthy and to stay active and live well.”

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In Spring Term the Wellness Committee will be hosting “Sextravaganza,” an event that is all about sexual health. Students are encouraged to ask any question about sex that did not get answered in high school sex education. It is important to know about the consequences of sexually transmitted infections and safe sex relationships.

A healthy lifestyle would incorporate eating healthy, exercising regularly and getting enough sleep. “When people stay in stationary positions throughout the day stress mentally brings students to their wits end and makes it harder to concentrate on their workload,” said Knowlan. Kramer advises students to get “at least eight hours of sleep to complete the REM cycle and be energized for the next day’s activities.”

As far as eating right, “make healthy food choices and avoid sugar in the commons,” said Holub. “I tried to stay active for 30-45 minutes a day and choose food as a general rule—that is eat foods that are healthy.”

The same night the Debate was dedicated to talking about certain social political issues of our country and everyday habits related to nutrition, physical activity, alcohol consumption, stress and depression. The vision that each of the candidates have for America. With a race as close as the one we are nowadays experiencing in 2016, the voter turnout of the youngest generation of voters could make a major impact on the course of our nation.

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The debate was also reflect what this election is intended to be about. For example a large group of students may be personally or socially interested in the discussion at the debate. This school year, Lawrence opened its doors to around 350 freshman, who will be in college for the first time of the next president of the United States. Of these 350, nearly a quarter of them are students from different countries. On campus, this vast network of students can enjoy receiving an education without much fear of major cases of discrimination.

However, in the light of recent events involving African-Americans and police brutality, there are plenty of reasons to be worried about being a young person of color in the United States. Once again, both of the candidates are there is an issue with race relations in the U.S., but had very different solutions to the problem. Trump suggested the idea that the nation needs to reestablish “law and order,” and accused him of being misogynistic. Objecting to the Lawrence community. This topic has a strong relevance on Lawrence University and other colleges across the nation. Looking back to the last few months of this election cycle, the future of this age of college students is in the hands of the voters come Nov. 8.

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In Spring Term the Wellness Committee will be hosting “Sextravaganza,” an event that is all about sexual health. Students are encouraged to ask any question about sex that did not get answered in high school sex education. It is important to know about the consequences of sexually transmitted infections and safe sex relationships.

A healthy lifestyle would incorporate eating healthy, exercising regularly and getting enough sleep. “When people stay in stationary positions throughout the day stress mentally brings students to their wits end and makes it harder to concentrate on their workload,” said Knowlan. Kramer advises students to get “at least eight hours of sleep to complete the REM cycle and be energized for the next day’s activities.”

As far as eating right, “make healthy food choices and avoid sugar in the commons,” said Holub. “I tried to stay active for 30-45 minutes a day and choose food as a general rule—that is eat foods that are healthy.”
"What are you looking forward to this year?"

"Getting out. I feel like I've been in school for too long [...] and also some senior events that are happening. I'm also a part of the Melee dance troupe and in charge of that, so I'm also looking forward to my last year being with them."

"I think the friendships I made here would carry on beyond college."

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"Is there something you can't live without this year?"

"Definitely my friends. I live in a quad right now with my closest friends at Lawrence [...] and it's amazing. I can't live without running. I really enjoyed running and that kind of release of energy. That's pretty fun."

Simone Marantes

"What are you looking forward to this year?"

"Truthfully, senior streak."

"I'm also really looking forward to my senior year and to have a broad grasp of the work they were doing.

"Talking to us, junior and current intern Lauren Ray shared her experience after three months of working with LTF: "I have really enjoyed my experience interning at LTF because I have had the opportunity to learn so much about nonprofit work and the importance of securing and supporting congressionally directed medical research programs."

Besides year-round advocacy efforts, LTF has an annual retreat every summer for people with NF and their families. This is something that LTF founder, Tracy Wirtanen, is most proud of, as it is fun, rewarding and meaningful for all involved. Many Lawrenceans have taken the chance to volunteer for the retreat when they are in Appleton area for the summer.

For Ray, the retreat was her favorite too. "The most memorable experience I've had thus far at LTF was the family wellness retreat," said Ray. "It was incredible to see the ways in which the families connected."

Looking forward, LTF is gearing up for leading a congressional briefing and a national summit in Washington D.C. this December. According to Wirtanen, this is an incredibly important occasion "to educate legislators about the importance of the NF with the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program,” said she.

In addition, the national summit is where all the different actors in the NF advocacy world come together. "We hope that when academia, government funding, private funding and patient organizations come together, medical solutions are possible," Wirtanen added.

Still rooted in the community here in the Appleton area and Wisconsin in general, LTF hopes to do more work at a regional level with the help of volunteers and interns, especially from Lawrence University to support the network of LTF patients and families they have been in contact with for the last few years.

This Friday, Oct. 7, at the match between Lawrence University Women’s Volleyball team and Monmouth University, LTF will be getting signatures for their cause. With the help from Lawrenceans as interns, volunteers and allies, LTF hopes to grow even further for their cause.

Beyond the Bubble: Littlest Tumor Foundation

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Features Editor

For many Lawrenceans, being engaged with the community is one of the most important aspects of their Lawrence experience. Although the Lawrence community has a lot to offer, one might sometimes feel confined within the parameters of the very real Lawrence bubble. For many students, branching out and getting involved with local organizations is the way to go.

Lawrence has had a long tradition of partnering with local organizations and institutions, such as our long-standing LARY tutoring programs. In addition, the national summit is an important source of support, especially in the academic world.

"Friends! I think friends are really important source of support, especially in your senior year!"
**The 602 Club**

Izzy Yellen

_columnist_

This past Saturday, Oct. 1, singer-songwriter guitarists Ian Moore and Derek Pritzl graced the welcoming living room of Appleton’s 602 Club. Located on 602 N. Lawrence St., the unique venue—which is a house and not a small concert hall like one might expect—hosts many different events including—but not limited to—concerts, book discussions and candle-yoga. I have been to a few concerts there since I heard about it last year and have enjoyed each immensely. The programmers do a wonderful job of showcasing the cream of the crop of many types of music, so although I had never heard of Moore or Pritzl, I knew it would be a mistake not to go, having a special place in my heart for folk music rooted deep in the tradition.

As I walked in to the warm home full of people, I smelled home-cooked potluck, saw two friendly dogs and thus experienced immediate affirmation that I had made the right choice. The calm, joyous atmosphere was only enhanced when Moore stood in the front of the living room and began to play and sing. He had an assertive yet thin voice, strangely reminding me of John Linnell of They Might Be Giants, but pleasantly rough with his songs, Prizl delivered each with the looseness and honesty of his story itself, lending himself up to the audience. His stories—both through talking and singing—covered a wide range of topics such as heartbreak, travelling all around the United States, working and living back with friends and family. Although fairly normal and ordinary, taking advantage of the strange sense of connection between the performers and their audience, but painted them in a beautiful way, bringing the audience to each specific moment. He made such an effort to create a community within the venue, which did not go unnoticed—the audience smiled and laughed with him, with open ears and warmth to both him as a person and as a musician.

I left the event with an eagerness to go back to the 602 Club for yet another unique experience, and to see both songwriters. It is one of the best feelings to be able to see a performance of some people I have never heard of, connect with them and then write about it.

You can follow the 602 Club, Moore and Pritzl through their Facebook pages.

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**Meditations On Music**

Guest singer-songwriters play at the 602 Club at 602 N. Lawrence St. Photo by Angelica Hurtado

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**Film Review**

"Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas"

Ali Shuger

_for The Lawrentian_

"The possibility of physical and mental collapse is now very real. No sympathy for the Devil, keep that in mind. Buy the ticket, take the ride." As we watch protagonist Raoul Duke (Johnny Depp) recover from an indeter-

minately long drug binge, it is difficult to determine whether this narration is in reference to his own experience, or the view-

er’s—the journey to this point has been as arduous for us as it has been for Duke and his associate, Dr. Gonzo (Benicio del Toro). We have been more than alongside them throughout the film; we have stumbled through “a whole galaxy of multicolored uppers, downers, scissors, laughters, and experienced their effects for ourselves. The strange sense of terror that “Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas” dispenses upon its viewers is due not solely to its twisting plot and unsettling message, but also to the dis-

orienting visuals and haunting soundtrack.

As the film begins, our eyes are met with a montage of Vietnam war protest clips, our ears with a twisted version of “My Favourite Things” performed by The Lennon Sisters. Then, a quote from Dr. Samuel Johnson: “He who makes a beast of him-

self gets rid of the pain of being a man.” The next two hours set

us on a twisted journey through an era—a classic affirmation of everything right and true in the national character [..] a gross physical salute to the fantastic possibilities of life in this coun-

try”—is as difficult for us to follow as it is for him to under-

take. Sweary, canted shots and colorful, pulsating lights have a hallucinatory effect. Sudden transitions between harsh, screaming noise and complete silence starter viewers out of a false sense of awareness. We are just as dazed as he is, and, once again, it becomes difficult to distinguish between his inner monologue and our own. Like him, we ask ourselves, “What [am] I doing here? What is the meaning of this trip? [Am] I just roaming around in a drug frenzy of some kind?”

Although it is still unclear at the end of the film what has been explicitly accomplished and if we have indeed discovered a new version of the American Dream, there is an overwhelming sense of resolution in the acquisition we feel. We, along with Duke, sur-

tender to whatever lies ahead as he drives his trash-ed El Dorado onto the Hollywood Freeway, and straight on into frantic oblivion. Safety, Obscurity, just anoth-

er freak, in the freak kingdom.” And perhaps, in the end, it is that very obscurity which makes the movie so palpably unsettling and wondrously profound.
NE Wis. Collegiate Brass Choir visits Lawrence

On Sunday, Oct. 4, the Northeast Wisconsin Collegiate Brass Choir performed pieces in many musical styles for a large audience in the Lawrence Memorial Chapel. According to the group’s conductor, Mark Fender, this collection of “the best brass teachers in Wisconsin” gives several performances around the state each year.

The first piece was called “Fanfare for Full Fathom Five,” written by John Mackay. It showcased the volume and power of almost 30 talented musicians. The fanfare, which cycled frequently between musical ideas, previewed some of the styles the group planned to present over the course of the night’s program. They chose many pieces that highlighted the versatility of brass instruments.

Funder selected many pieces that did not need every member of the full ensemble; pieces that feature smaller ensembles create different combinations of sonorities and musical colors. The first piece of these was Lauridsen’s “O Magnificat Mysticum,” featuring tubas, trombones and horns. The tubas played near the bottom of their register while the horns filled out the upper range to create chorale-like voice spacing. The next piece aimed for a completely different sound: Altenburg’s “Concerto in C for 5 Trumpets” showcasing an exploration of trumpet technique from the early time of 1795.

Several Brass Choir members came from Lawrence. Leading the trumpets was Associate Professor of Music and Teacher of Trumpet John Daniel. Two Lawrencean trombonists, Assistant Professor of Music and Teacher of Trombone Tim Allright and retired Associate Professor of Music Nick Reeslan, led the trombone section. One of the ensemble’s two tubists was Instructor of Music and Teacher of Tuba Marty Erickson. Other members travelled from other colleges and universities in the state to perform.

A highlight of the evening was Crespo’s “Bruckner Etüde,” played by two horns and four trombones. The warm timbres of these instruments mixed beautifully, clearing the shiny trumpet resonance from the air. All six instrumentalists demonstrated strong tone control and intonation. While most brass music does not involve the fast runs and scales that give woodwind and string players trouble, the effort required to produce an unswerving pitch seems remarkable.

Next, the Brass Choir played a piece by Marty Robinson ’90, who also played trumpet in several pieces on the program. Robinson, a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, told the audience about “Synergism;” his aggressive piece was all about the number two, which manifested itself in the rhythms, instrument pairs and formal sections in various ways. Hearing the composer’s explanation made the piece much more memorable.

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Album Review
Green Sound’s “Green Sound”

It is impossible not to have a head at least a little to Green Sound’s hypnotically funky self-titled album, which pulls listeners in with its confident and laid-back improvising. With a diverse set of backgrounds between the three of them—jazz, math rock and classical, to name a few—the trio molds genres together into something that is wonderfully ambiguous. It is less important what styles the music is rooted in and rather more important that it gets you groove and feeling good. A testament to the powerful effect friendship can have on music, “Green Sound” features the chemistry of saxophonist and tenor Miles Allen, bassist and junior Keenan Wilson and drummer Alec Trickett. Unfortunately for the short-lived Green Sound, Trickett has transferred since making the album and is unable to continue collaborating currently, but the three were happy to perform a few live shows and complete a nearly forty-minute release before it was too late.

Right from the start of the album, a fluttering sax floats above the minimal but strong backbone built by the drums and bass, setting the tone for the general feel and sound of the album. As “Tree Tea” progresses, Allen gradually explores harmonically, providing an alluring transition with the solid and driving rhythm section. He employs this technique in other parts, also gaining in intensity, but usually the other two react minimally, not releasing their pent-up fire until the album’s third track, “Don’t Be A Strangel.” As a third of the song passes, the groove eases up, and Allen plays pained vocal sounds as Wilson unsettlingly scratches the strings, gliding across the fret board. Not much later, all Hell breaks loose, each member wildly improvising with a density not heard previously.

The album ventures on with the bittersweet “In Person” and concludes with “KWE” in which the spotlight is put on Wilson in the intro and Trickett near the middle. With the two typically holding down the grooves so vital to the album, it was refreshing to hear them stir and show off their chops a bit. It is not just these moments that stick out though: throughout the album, Green Sound’s musicianship and camaraderie is undeniable. While there may be no hard moments for now, I think I can speak for all listeners when I say it would be a treat for them to join us again somewhere down the road.

You can get Green Sound’s album from their Bandcamp at greensound.bandcamp.com.
Emma Fredrickson
For The Lawrentian

For as long as I can remember, Barack Obama has always been paired with vicious, hilarious comedy. I can still picture Jon Stewart's quick and clever jabs about John McCain and Stephen Colbert making jokes about Mitt Romney drinking milk after a long day of campaigning. It was a special moment for me when my parents let me stay up late and watch Tina Fey on Saturday Night Live perfectly mimic Sarah Palin. This election season, with the presence of Trump, seems only to have bolstered the number of comedy routines. As someone who easily gets frustrated, anxious and/or depressed when hearing the news, I welcomed the opportunity to laugh along with the television—I have often turned to the likes of John Oliver and The Tonight Show for comfort, for information that I can actually stomach. However, do I wonder, is it healthy or productive to do so? With November quickly approaching and the 2016 election still in full swing, I have been asking myself how to continue laughing off reality. Is comedic relief a necessary coping mechanism, or is the time for fun and games over?

A few days ago I watched this season's first presidential debate. As expected, there were many political jabs thrown, including a few opening- and closing-night presidential debate with Alec Baldwin as Donald Trump and a “Family Feud”-like theme. Many supporters featuring Margaret Robbie as Ivanka Trump. I found myself doing what many others did—so-laughing followed by the sharp realization that this is actually happening. Remember when Trump first declared his campaign and everybody thought it was a joke? And then, bit by bit, it wasn’t really a joke anymore. Then the other candidates started dropping out. Then he won the primary. Then he rose in the polls. Still* hit the fan, and genuine laughter started to turn into uneasy chuckles. Nevertheless, as in all elections, debates are mocked, scandals are being discussed, and viewers flock to late night TV hosts for puns and studio audience fun.

This election, however, seems different than the others I have lived through and learned about. Donald Trump, a business man and border-line celebrity, versus Hillary Clinton, a woman with a lot of experience but lots of scandals, as well as the potential first female president. Both candidates have their share of scandals, but many people on both sides are more afraid of loss than they’ve ever been in their voting lives. Tensions are rising quickly. We’ve all seen the Facebook statuses, heard the passionate rhetoric, and every per-

ymph I’ve talked politics with in the past year has been afraid, and that trend is ongoing. The stakes in this election, for everyone in the United States as well as abroad, are high. Quite possibly the highest they’ve ever been. Think of any issue—abortion, gay rights, illegal immigration, police brutality, gun control and taxes—and you’ll see that the result of this election will drastically change the lives of millions.

I am sure none of this is new. All of us, even those mildly fol-

lowing the election, are aware of the big decision facing Americans. This is why, even as I laugh at the vulgarity of John Oliver and the wild eyes of Kate McKinnon, I doubt that now is the time for jokes. Comedy makes instructing events, people and opinions easi- er to handle. Laughter is a coping mechanism for fear—which I am guilty of using. But now, with weeks to go, it’s time to just deal with it. No more laughing and walking away. It’s time to do some serious thinking and doing what we can to make sure we won’t have to grime for the next four years. Out of our way, jokers, it’s time for us to face reality head on.
Cassie Gitkin
Staff Writer

During last week's presidential debate, Donald Trump was not admitted to federal tax evasion. When the latter asked if he was under investigation after he was paying federal taxes, Trump avoided the question.

There has been no legal action taken against the billion-dollar businessman, despite the fact that he has been under scrutiny for several years. The law enforcement agencies have had evidence of Trump's financial irregularities, but they have not been able to prosecute him due to various legal loopholes and the increased growth of corporate and financial institutions. The likely result of these actions is that Trump is not going to be prosecuted anytime soon.

On Donald Trump's website, he plans to "Eliminate special interest loopholes, make our business tax rates more competitive to keep jobs in America, create new opportunities and revitalize our economy" as a part of his vision for America. Why would someone who has already benefited from tax loopholes want to eliminate those same loopholes?

This is Trump's way of covering himself. Plenty of presidential candidates have promised to make changes that could never be enacted, and Trump is no exception. He does not actually want to eliminate loopholes. He wants to make himself seem like the rest of us, just a hard-working American who started from nothing. He pointed out to the media that his tax returns prove that he started working-class Americans do not benefit from the tax loopholes. Trump would like to pretend that he does not benefit either. At least, that was the case until the debate.

When Donald Trump was directly asked about his tax eva-
sion, he tried to change the topic to Hillary Clinton's deleted emails. This was a poor attempt at deflecting from the real issue, which was the use of illegal loopholes. Trump would like to pretend that he does not benefit either. At least, that was the case until the debate.

Hillary Clinton pressed him, saying, "Maybe he doesn't want to talk about how much he has dodged taxes over a two-decade period. Something is protecting him from paying the taxes that everyone else paid."

According to the internal Revenue Service, Trump has apparently evaded taxes for so many years that it is impossible to calculate the total amount of taxes he has avoided. The only way to find out is to audit him, and Trump is not interested in that.

Trump supporters are blindly following him, no matter what. They are not doing any research on their candidate. Trump supporters are following the leader of the pack, not the leader of the pack. Trump is not interested in being held accountable for his actions. He does not want to be held accountable for his actions.

If middle- or lower-class Americans suffer severe economic losses, they are unable to just write off taxes like Donald Trump can. If middle- or lower-class Americans—found a specific tax loophole called "smoothing," as a way to smooth out their tax losses. Using this loophole, an individual can legally claim any business losses against their personal income. Since Donald Trump owned a business that required a bypass of corporate taxes, he was able to bypass some corporate losses so high that he could not afford to pay the tax. Trump did not pay any individual taxes. Not only is this loophole non-
sensical, but it is also infuriating. If you think it was stumbled upon by accident, you’re mis-
taken. There are loopholes and cheats all through American legislation that allow the super-
wealthy to become even wealthier. Economic experts and tax lobbyists often have a big impact in politics. As long as this impact continues, the loopholes that support the increased growth of corpo-
rations and the financial growth of their executives are not going away anytime soon.

The bulk of Donald Trump's support comes from the middle-class Americans. This demographic includes many people who bene-
fit from the tax loopholes that provide them with even more money. People who realize the benefits of the tax loopholes are more likely to vote for Trump than for the candidates who want to eliminate loopholes. He wants to deny the benefits of tax loopholes to everyone else.

I am more interested in the effects that the internet has had on the way we communicate. The Facebook has become a platform in which we communicate by talking about issues related to Black Lives Matter, the 2016 presidential elec-
tion, immigration issues, police brutality and other contempo-
rary topics. This phenomenon is a re-definition of the media, the formation of people, ideas, finance and cultures.

Through the internet, an individual can have an impact on activism. In the past, if you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization. If you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization. If you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization. If you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization. If you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization. If you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization. If you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization. If you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization. If you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization. If you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization. If you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization. If you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization. If you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization. If you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization. If you wanted to communicate with other people, you had to join a group or an organization.

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The Vikings (2-2, 1-1 MWC) are having a good season and are looking to build on the good momentum. "Right now we're 2-2 and I feel like we've really come out and surprised a lot of people," explained Stranghan. A lot of the new found success can be created to a strong freshman class. As the season continues the team hopes to "keep dominating the conference and [kind of] go in with a positive mindset knowing that these are all games we could win" Stranghan added. The Vikings hope to continue their winning ways Oct. 8 when they travel to Macalester.
PHOTO POLL
Tabarique Anwar
Staff Photographer

What are your predictions for the presidential debate on Oct. 9?

“I would just like to have Trump interrupt Clinton’s look.”
—Dhritika Susanna

“I think Trump will continue to make generalized statements that in actuality don’t really apply to the proposed questions… and Hillary will attempt to make strong points, but inevitably will become muddled by Trump.”
—Landon Edwards

“No longer ‘Trump’ ideology enters into American economy without Trump… Trump will… That would be great.”
—Niraj Upadhyay

“More than anything else, I think the next debate is going to be very entertaining and full of more grammatical errors.”
—Kara Taft

“Can’t predict with Trump. Let’s just say that I don’t think it will be as good as this last debate and investments. I’d also like someone to bring up climate change.”
—Umer Amir

“What if Trump isn’t as bad as he last one but it is less good? Hillary will ask more about the paper?”
—Aditi Gandhi

“Weekly ‘Trump’ ideology enters into American economy without ‘Trump’ will… That would be great.”
—Niraj Upadhyay

“Can’t predict Trump’s plan…”
—Umer Amir

“Kind of hope it isn’t as absurd as the last one but it’s not such a bad thing… More will find more about the paper?”
—Juliana Earvolino

“More than anything else, I think the next debate is going to be very entertaining and full of more grammatical errors.”
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