Presidential Candidates’ Stances on the Environment

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Climate change has a history of being a hot topic debated by American politicians. Many still claim climate change is not human-caused and therefore it is not the government’s responsibility to do anything to address it.

Many voters consider environmental protection to be a very important factor in deciding who to vote into public office.

Logan Hubbard, senior wildlife and biology major said, “It’s an important issue to me because the environment is falling apart, and any effort to fix it is enough for me to consider voting for a candidate.”

Not all of the candidates have a place for climate change on their priorities list. The Republican candidates don’t consider it an issue and choose to not focus their campaign platforms on environmental ethics.

Donald Trump, the front-runner for the Republican nomination, has talked openly about his dislike for the Environmental Protection Agency, saying, “Environmental Protection, what they do is a disgrace. Every week they come out with new regulations. We’ll be fine with the environment. We can leave a little bit, but you can’t destroy businesses.”

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Students Raising Awareness on Sexual Assault

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This April, students will have the opportunity to participate in multiple events that will focus on bringing awareness to sexual assault.

Ethan Cates, junior philosophy major, is a survivor of sexual assault.

Cates felt inspired to create three different events on campus for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Originally started at the University of Minnesota, Cates has brought the campaign No Gray to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The idea behind the campaign is to stress the importance of consent and show support to those who have survived a sexual assault.

The first event Cates put together is an open discussion about what No Gray means, which will take place on Apr. 25.

The other two events, a lecture by Cates and "Sex in the Dark" will be on Apr. 26 and 27. "This campaign is really trying to stop victim blaming and show people that we are survivors and not victims," Cates said.

Lyn Ciurro, sophomore communication sciences and disorders major, is the programming liaison for the Women's Resource Center. Promote Awareness Victim Empowerment is working alongside the Women's Resource Center to help raise awareness of sexual assault.

According to Ciurro, the Women's Resource Center is directly coordinating the annual event "Take Back the Night." With the help from PAVE, "Take Back the Night" gives survivors a chance to share their stories and take part in a march through campus.

"There is not a lot of discussion on sexual assault. This month is aiming to discuss what is happening and ways that we can combat it," Ciurro said.

Jac Weitzel, sophomore graphic design major, is PAVE's director of "Survivor's Voice." Weitzel is in charge of putting together the annual "Survivor's Voice" booklet together for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The book showcases survivor's stories, and will be coming out later this month.

As a survivor of sexual assault, Weitzel has become extremely passionate about bringing awareness to the crime. Weitzel admitted that it was difficult to read some of the booklet submissions because the stories were so powerful and raw.

"I hope that people reading the booklet will find healing and strength. We all know someone who has been assaulted, it effects everyone," Weitzel said.

Correction:
April 6: In "Former UWSP Student Shot and Killed in Stevens Point," there were three announcements made to faculty and students within 16 hours, two of which were in the daily announcements.

Photo courtesy of Ethan Cates
Ethan Cates advocating for the No Gray campaign.
Students Seek Skill-Enhancing Summer Employment

"A lot of the heavy-lifting occurs before you even apply for jobs," Route said. Route scoured the Internet until she found jobs she liked. She suggests students speak with their professors and take advantage of job search engines and websites. This is especially helpful for students who have not decided what they would like to do with their summer.

Libby Heidmann, career outreach coordinator, advises students to research and narrow down their parameters for an ideal summer job. "The more research, the better," Heidmann said.

CareerPoint, an online compilation of career-level positions monitored and run by Career Services, is a good starting point for future job searches.

"I want to broaden my horizon," Her said. Her explains she is hoping to improve her communication skills and learn about others' views and ideas, which would be useful qualities to have on a resume.

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Students seeking summer positions are encouraged to attend the Summer Job Fair on April 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Dreyfus University Center Laird North room.

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Currently, our planet is getting warmer, colder, wetter and drier all at once.

Extreme weather patterns have become a norm. People in Bang­ladesh have to move out of their flooded homes because of strong rains, while Californians are still in a great drought.

This intense global climate change is due to an increase in green­house gases in the atmosphere. A big cause of climate change is from fossil fuels and irresponsible energy usage. Many point fingers of blame toward driving cars and the overuse of electricity in homes, but what if humans' dietary choices should also be held accountable?

Modern farming methods have found ways to produce large yields of products such as meat, cheese and various fruits, but those prod­ucts have negative impacts on our planet's weather systems. This may sound ridiculous, but cows fart and cows are one of the causes of climate change. According to Anna Larpe in her book, Diet for a Hot Planet, Livestock are responsible for 37 percent of methane and 65 per­cent of nitrous oxide emissions. Methane is a super-greenhouse gas, the gas catches sunlight com­ing into the atmosphere and traps the heat energy. This causes shifts in global weather patterns, or climate change.

Globally, farmed livestock are responsible for 60 percent of methane emissions. Many people have made the shift to vegetarian and even vegan diets in the interest of the planet's health.

When asked about going veg­etarian to lower her ecological foot­print, Rachel Mueller, senior social work and sociology majors said, "I would consider reducing eating meat, but maybe not eliminating it."

Vegetarian diets may have a lower methane input, but animal agriculture isn't the only contribu­tor to the planet's changes. Residents of Wisconsin can enjoy apples and oranges in January because of the massive food trans­portation system in the United States. Someone in a colder climate is able to eat a fruit in the winter, but the trucks, planes and trains moving our food are releasing large amounts of fossil fuel emissions into the atmosphere.

Lindsey Laskowski, freshman general natural resources manage­ment major said, "If the government told me when certain fruits were available, and required very little transportation, I would be alright with that.

Buying local food while it is in season will reduce the need for mas­sive transportation of goods. The impacts of consuming food from far away locations is well known. Far­mers markets are blossoming from this knowledge.

Animal agriculture is a less­er-known source of climate change that is just now being explored by climate scientists.

Whether it be a clementine in Canada, or a black Angus burger, what we put into our bodies has a large influence on the planet's health.
Bicyclists in Traffic Jam about Using the Road

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America just cannot get a handle on where bicycles should be ridden, according to a presentation given on campus April 6.

James Longhurst, associate professor of history at UW-La Crosse and author of the book Bike Battles, spoke of the history of the bicycle and its tandem confusion about where they should be ridden.

The bike has risen and fallen in popularity since the 1800s, and the booms have to do with the changing world of transportation. According to Longhurst’s presentation, “Revenge of Sprocketman: Urban Sustainability and Disappointment in 1970s Bike Battles,” bicycles have been under backlash about using the road since its invention.

Though bikes may be ridden on the road with other vehicles, there are still disagreements on the “best” place bicycles should be allowed.

There have been suggestions of separate bike lanes, side paths exclusively for bikes, and signs on roads to designate where bikers are allowed to bike. However, there has never been a consensus universal enough to implement a widely accepted means of bike transportation.

Bicycling began as an elitist sport in the 1890s, but soon created much backlash because of the snobbish attitudes its riders held. The second boom occurred in the 1970s, when bicycles were created with lighter materials and with multiple speeds for easier transportation.

Longhurst explained how the bicycle has become popular in recent decades because it is a “better, more sustainable, less polluted kind of transportation.” Since 2000, bicycle popularity has gone up 43% in America. Despite its popularity, though, there are many different voices of opinions as to where bikes should be allowed.

Katelyn Martin, sophomore business major, thinks that bikes should be on the road because “it’s safer for pedestrians that way.”

Longhurst agrees that bicycles should be allowed on common roads, and notes, “major American cities are really being rebuilt” to accommodate for bicycle safety on roads. However, there is still debate across the country about their accessibility, especially in smaller towns across America, which is further described in his book.

Prendergast coordinated Longhurst to speak about his book and to share knowledge about the complexity of bicycling in America, both in the past and the present.

After the presentation, Longhurst stayed for any additional questions and a book signing for any interested student or avid bicyclist.

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**Track and Field Places in Top Five at Ashton May Invitational**

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The Pointer men’s and women’s track and field teams began their outdoor seasons each recording top five finishes at the Ashton May Invitational hosted by the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on Saturday.

The women’s team took home the third place spot out of 44 competitors with a time of 1:04.90 and Se­nior Holly Winberg was champion in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, as she crossed the line in 11:57.27. Se­nior Kadie Flynn won the discus with a throw of 40.98 meters. Sophomore Emily Schlebecker fin­ished as runner-up in the 800-meter with a time of 2:24.14.

Junior Jacklyn Butler finished just inside the top three in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:04.90 and Se­nior Shannon Burke also placed third in the pole vault with a height of 3.55 meters.

Junior Abigail Clement finished fourth in the 100-meter dash in 12.62 seconds and Jun­ior Kathy Derks crossed the finish line in 58.68 seconds to place fifth overall in the 400-meter dash. Flynn also placed fourth in the hammer throw with a distance of 51.27 meters.

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UWSP’s meet was highlighted in the long jump, where the Pointers took home the top five places in the event.

Sophomore Darin Ward won the event with a jump totaling 7.05 meters. Freshman Mackenzie James was runner-up recording a jump of 7.03 meters. Junior Jerry Williams placed just behind James with a jump of 7.02 meters. Senior Jordan Richards was fourth with 6.77 meters and Senior Alec Dix rounded out their top five with a jump of 6.66 meters.

In game two on Saturday, the War­hawks came out ahead with the 6-1 win.

Senior Peter Strommen knocked in the Pointers’ only run of the game in the third inning.

UW-Whitewater pitcher Curtis Morgan earned the win, allowing one run, three Pointer hits and struck out eight.

Greco recorded one hit and one run, Strommen had one hit and one RBI and Rose contributed one hit for the Pointers.

Sophomore Drew Sepeh pitched three innings, which resulted with three UW-Whitewater hits and two runs.

Sunday’s first game in the double­header did not go in favor for the Point­ers, with the game resulting in a 12-6 loss.

UW-Whitewater’s Austin Jones homered in the first inning, resulting in three RBI for the Warhawks.

Mrozinski doubled for UWSP in the third inning, scoring Gerber for the Pointers’ second run of the game.

UWSP had a 5-4 lead in the sixth inning after Gerber’s single allowed Greco to score. UW-Whitewater’s Alex Hallerbeck doubled in the following in­ning to tie the game at five runs apiece.

Later in the seventh inning, the War­hawks’ runs flooded in, as they went on to score six runs to get the 11-5 lead over UWSP.

Strommen’s single scored Gerber, but it would not be enough to put the Pointers out on top.

Gerber contributed three runs, two hits and one RBI to UWSP’s scoring ef­forts, while Mrozinski had three hits,

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The Pointers will host their first home series of the year against Marian University in a doubleheader at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on April 13.
Pointer Cheer Team Springs to the Top at Nationals

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Cheer Team left for nationals in hopes of returning champs, and they did just that.

They put together a perfect routine to claim the medium coed college championship in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The team competed against four other teams in their division, and there were 23 teams throughout all divisions.

A first place finish was a bonus to what the team was expecting going into the routine.

“Were weren’t expecting to finish first, we were more emphasizing just putting together a perfect routine and be comfortable that we put it all out there and had each others back,” senior Savanna Hunter said.

For seniors like Hunter, a first place finish at nationals was the cherry on top of the program’s revival which has been a process five years in the making.

“When Coach Sue (Poeschl) got here five years ago there’s no other way to say it other than we sucked, and her vision of success and ability to carry it out and get us to this point is really special,” Hunter said.

In a competition that gives you only one chance at perfection, the preparation and practice for the Pointers was a yearlong process that was summed up in that one performance.

“I can only speak for myself, but I am a ball of nerves before every performance, but when the music comes on you kind of forget about all that and just do what you’ve practiced for so long,” Sophomore Kristina Bandoli said.

Although they were surprised with the end result, the Pointers were not surprised by their overall perfect performance.

“Goin’ into the competition we felt pretty good about the routine,” Senior Samuel Joswiak said. “We’ve done it before well and our practices were really good leading into it.”

Despite all the nerves and hesitations prior to the routine, the Pointers knew once they started they had something special going.

“You can hear from the crowd how you are doing a lot of the time, you hit a stunt and you get the cheers and if you screw up they can tell and you can hear the ‘ahs’ and ‘ahs’,” Hunter said. “All we were hearing was the cheers, so we kind of fed off that the entire time.”

Joswiak, who just recently got into cheer, compared the crowd to some of the other sports he had played like football and basketball.

“Like in basketball when you go on a five or 10-0 run and you can feel the crowd’s energy and we felt that during our routine,” Joswiak said.

Through all of this, the Pointers still were not convinced they had done enough to claim the top spot in their division, and were as surprised as anybody when they were the final team called.

“When they didn’t announce us as the fourth place team we just kind of said awesome we’re third, then didn’t get announced, and finally we weren’t announced for second and we honestly thought they forgot us,” Bandoli said.

“Finally we realized what we had accomplished and had to hold it in to let the second place team celebrate before they called our name,” Hunter said.

The overall shock throughout the team was representative of just how far they’ve come in five short years.

“Going from not being able to hit one stunt in a major competition as recent as last year, and then hitting every single stunt and accomplishing this in my final competition as well, was amazing and bittersweet,” Hunter said.

The first place finish capped off a season that included four first place finishes in competitions. The seniors hope the success of this season will continue to catapult the program into consistent, long term success.

“I hope that we were a good example of showing how dedication and hard work can pay off in a big way like this, and that us as seniors paved the way for the younger guys and girls to continue it,” Joswiak said.

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BAILEY MATTHYS
Bailey Matthys is a senior natural resource planning major.

KAIYAH BIBLE
Kaiyah Bible is a freshman vocal performance major.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

APRIL 13

6 P.M.
Coffee and Culture
Struggling to be Hmong-
American
DUC Alumni Room

7:30 P.M.
Lynda Barry-
Performing Arts series
NFAC 221

APRIL 14

8 P.M.
Joy of Painting
with Tim Zezutek
DUC Encore

2 P.M.
Danstage 2016
Jenkins Theatre

APRIL 15

7 P.M.
GSA Drag Show
DUC Laird Room

7:30 P.M.
Danstage 2016
Jenkins Theatre

10 P.M.
Drag Show After Party
DUC Alumni Room

APRIL 16

7 P.M.
Murder Mystery Dinner:
Terror In a Toga
DUC Encore

7:30 P.M.
Danstage 2016
Jenkins Theatre

APRIL 18

8 P.M.
Open Mic
Brewhaus

APRIL 19

6 P.M.
Coffee and Culture:
Interracial Dating and
Relationships
DUC Alumni Room

If you were an animal, which animal would you want to be?
Bailey: "I'd be a river otter."
Kaiyah: "I always have a few different ones I want to be. Probably a moose."

If you won a million dollars would you quit your job?
Bailey: "I don't have a job. If I had a million dollars I wouldn't quit my job. I would pay SNL to hire me because that is my dream job."
Kaiyah: "Oh God! Yeah. I get paid 25 here."

What is your most unique family tradition?
Bailey: "Usually every Christmas and or thanksgiving we try to go kayaking."
Kaiyah: "It's probably on Easter. Instead of candy we put money in our eggs. It depends on how old you are, but for how much money you get."

If you had $500 and had to donate it to one charity, where would you donate it?
Bailey: "The first one that comes to mind is the humane society."
Kaiyah: "The suicide prevention."

If you could marry a celebrity who would it be?
Bailey: "That's conflicting because there's go-to celebrities. My go-to one is Chris Evans I mean cause he's hot that's about it."
Kaiyah: "Diggy Simmons."

What is the question you hate to answer?
Bailey: "I hate when people ask what do you want to do after school. But my least favorite questions to answer would be math questions. I hate numbers."
Kaiyah: "What size you room with? Or What are you? I'm a human."

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Since I started college, I have always wanted to have one of those crazy, sun-soaked spring breaks filled with plenty of relaxation. However, finding a beach or even the sun in a Wisconsin March can be pretty difficult. Being abroad in the UK this semester, my dreams of an epic spring break have finally been fulfilled.

View from Old Town Hall in Prague. My break travels started in the quaint capital of the Czech Republic, Prague. To say Prague is beautiful would be an understatement. There is no way to describe how gorgeous this city is, you just have to go see it.

The next days were spent visiting the Prague Gallery of Art, the Old Town Square and seeing the famous Astronomical Clock. The square was filled with street vendors selling crafts and traditional Czech food, which is absolutely delicious. Of the Czech foods I tried, my two favorites were halusky - a dish made with potatoes, dumplings, pork and onions and trdelnek - a sweet pastry grilled on a stick and then rolled in sugar and cinnamon. So basically the best thing I have ever eaten in my life.

Then I was off to Vienna, Austria for the next chapter of my spring break travels.

View from the Belvedere Palace in Vienna, Austria. With its many different architectural styles, art galleries, palaces and music venues, Vienna is an arts enthusiast's dream. Naturally I wanted to do everything.

On my last day, I visited the Schönbrunn Palace, which was the summer residence for the former Austrian royalty. Its Baroque style and elaborate gardens made for an incredible day. The grounds included a pillared overlook, which had a stunning view of Vienna.

Saving the best for last, I then went to see a performance of Mozart's "La Clemenza Di Tito" at the Vienna State Opera. How crazy and amazing is that? Not to mention my ticket was only four euros. Seeing an opera is something I have always wanted to experience. Being able to watch one for the first time was an amazing way to spend my last day in Vienna.

I can definitely say this spring break will be hard to top next year.