STUDENT WRITING FOR UNIVERSITY CHIC
Megan O’Connell, an English and communication technologies major from Benton, is now writing for University Chic, an online magazine written for and by university women across the nation and world. Check out her first article at the link below:
universitychic.com/article/health-navigating-college-food-allergies

STUDENT OPENS ART GALLERY ON MAIN STREET

Brandon Marteny, a UW-Platteville business administration major and fine arts minor from Milton, opened a new art gallery on Platteville’s Main Street called Gallery M115.

Marteny began planning the gallery last November with encouragement from Carole Spelic, art lecturer in the UW-Platteville Performing and Visual Arts Department as well as College of Liberal Arts and Education liaison to the Pioneer Academic Center for Community Engagement.

SCHULER INCLUDED IN NORWEGIAN CATALOG
Research by Dr. David Schuler, UW-Platteville assistant professor of theatre, was recently included in the Beaivvas Saami Theatre costume exhibition catalog in Kautokeino, Norway. The catalog, which was produced in conjunction with Finland’s Saami Museum Siida and the University of Oulu, features the award-winning work of Berit Marit Haetta, who has designed costumes for the Beaivvas Saami Theatre since 1993. Haetta was a featured designer in Norway’s 2007 Prague Quadrennial Pavilion, and Schuler was invited to contribute articles to complement the exhibit.

HVRC RECOGNIZED AT STATE CONVENTION
Dr. Karen Blake Ruffner, assistant professor in the UW-Platteville School of Education and co-president of the Hidden Valley Reading Council of the Wisconsin State Reading Association, said she is pleased to report that HVRC received the WSRA Council Recognition Award at the state reading convention this year.
DO YOU REMEMBER?

BY KARISSA PATEFIELD, 2003 LAE ALUMNA AND LAE ALUMNI CHAPTER BOARD MEMBER

Platteville in January was always my favorite time of the year while I was in college. I remember lots of cold walks to and from the library, getting reconnected with my friends after being gone for the semester break and meeting the new people who moved into the residence halls.

As a former resident assistant, I always loved how new everything was for the start of the spring semester. Students who did not do very well in the fall semester could do better in their new classes and students who were still deciding on majors could check out new course topics and professors.

As an alumna of UW-Platteville, I may not enjoy the weather that comes every January, but I still love how everything can start anew. Getting involved with the Alumni Association might be one of those things you haven’t considered yet, but hopefully you’ll get involved and be able to share your own winter memories from your time on campus with other graduates. This is still my favorite part of staying involved at UW-Platteville: the memories, the people and the connections.

THE DEBUT OF THE KIPPERTON STRING QUARTET

The Kipperton String Quartet, UW-Platteville’s first string quartet in residence, gave their debut performance in the Harry and Laura Nohr Gallery in Ullsvik Hall to a standing-room-only audience. Kipperton includes UW-Platteville music faculty Kevin Price-Brenner on cello and Paul Alan Price-Brenner on viola, as well as Tim Kamps and Wes Luke from the Dubuque, Iowa, and Madison symphony orchestras as first and second violin respectively. Their next performance at UW-Platteville is scheduled for March 14.

GILLOTA’S BOOK ACCEPTED BY RUTGERS UNIVERSITY PRESS

Dr. David Gillota, UW-Platteville English and ethnic studies lecturer, was recently notified that Rutgers University Press has accepted his book “Ethnic Humor in Multiethnic America.”

15TH ANNUAL FASCHING/CARNAVAL CELEBRATION

The UW-Platteville French and German clubs hosted the 15th annual Fasching/Carnaval celebration in Ullsvik Hall’s Velzy Commons on Feb. 16. Guests were treated to games, face painting, a costume contest, music, dancing, and a wide variety of French and German foods.
MEET THE FACULTY AND STAFF
Dr. DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld, English instructor

Years at UW-Platteville? This is my first year as an instructor, but many years ago, I was here for five years as a student.

Classes you typically teach? I teach Freshman Composition 1230. Last semester, I led the Magazine Writing and Editing course, which was a blast.

Favorite part of the academic atmosphere at UW-Platteville? I love the small classes and sense of community. Students here know each other and are comfortable in classroom discussions. Also, my students take care not to offend others even if opinions differ. Professors enthusiastically share ideas about teaching and talk about what works and doesn’t work in the classroom. I felt this when I was a student here, too: UW-Platteville’s size and community foster education and growth.

Are you working on any independent research right now? I primarily write fiction. I am in the revision stage of an historical literary novel set in three different time periods: 1930s, 1940s and the 1960s. For that work, I did a lot of research on the Great Depression, the period that the novel depends upon, including the phenomena of the Dust Bowl and the jackrabbit roundups, where millions of jackrabbits were clubbed to death in the American Great Plains.

Now, I am working on a poem cycle in which I offer marginalized characters from classic literature their own voices, which requires culling those characters from the text and contextualizing them in their time. I am also working on a group of short-shorts exploring the politics of black hair and beauty in general in the black community.

RUZI RECOGNIZED WITH AWARD AT SAN JOSE CONFERENCE
Jacob Ruiz, a junior earth science major from El Paso Community College in El Paso, Texas, and participant in the 2011 Dune Undergraduate Geomorphology and Geochronology project coordinated jointly between UW-Platteville and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was recognized with an Undergraduate Student Poster Presentation Award at The Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science National Conference in San Jose, Calif. Ruiz attended the conference with Dr. J. Elmo Rawling III, DUGG director and UW-Platteville associate professor of geography and geology, in order to present research from the 2011 project.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

- The Richard and Helen Brodbeck Concert Hall seats 382 on the first floor and 111 in the balcony, equaling 493 seats. However, the pit lift can be lowered to floor height and an additional 72 seats can be added for a total capacity of 565.

- There are 210 lamps on the five strips bordering the north and south awnings of the Brodbeck Concert Hall and CFA Theatre doors.

- The Velzy Concert Organ has approximately 2,400 pipes.

- There are 70 120v, 20 amp electrical circuits in the Brodbeck Concert Hall. Those, along with the light and sound disconnects, can handle 3,500 amps. That’s equivalent to approximately 18 modern family homes.
**STUDENT CLUB FEATURE**
Clay Club

**Bart Conklin**, Clay Club president and fine arts major from Green Bay

1. **What is your current club enrollment?**
   We currently have around 10 active members in Clay Club this semester.

2. **Who is eligible to join?**
   Anyone with an interest in clay regardless of past experience is welcome to join.

3. **Meeting time and location?**
   Our meetings are held every Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the Ceramics Studio in the basement of the Art Building.

4. **Next event?**
   Last fall we went to the Sculptural Objects and Functional Art exposition held in Chicago. Another big event is the semiannual clay sale, which is held at the end of each semester. Students are given an opportunity to sell their work and keep a majority of the proceeds. We go to various art openings in the area throughout the year as well.

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**EXTRA T-SHIRTS DONATED**

Over Winterim, the UW-Platteville Physical Education and Health Program, and Health Promotion and Physical Education Majors Club, sent extra T-shirts left over from volleyball tournaments, fun runs and department clothing orders to the Mississippi Delta with students participating in the annual mission trip. **Dr. Scott Ringgenberg**, UW-Platteville assistant physical education professor, said those who benefited from the donation recently sent a thank-you letter and this photo to UW-Platteville.

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