I’ve spent part of the last month beginning to meet the faculty of the College of LAE. With over 200 faculty members, it’s quite a task for this new dean! What I can report, however, is that I have been so impressed with the professors with whom I have met thus far. It’s absolutely fascinating to talk with each of them.

Of course, the disciplines represented range across those offered in our college: education, criminal justice, psychology, foreign languages, literary analysis, poetry, post-colonial studies, American Indian cinema, women’s studies, community art education, vocal music, physical geography, adventure physical education, and graphic arts. And I haven’t even finished talking with the tenure-track professors, to say nothing of our tenured professors and academic staff.

When I spoke with these faculty members, I was riveted by their excitement about their subjects, their commitment to undergraduate education, and their interest in participating fully in the community here in Platteville. I am thrilled to be able to engage in these captivating conversations and look forward to talking with every faculty member by year’s end.

Jeffrey Strange, UW-Platteville’s resident designer for theatre productions, has been appointed to assistant professor in the Department of Performing and Visual Arts. Strange, who joined UW-Platteville last year, is an alumnus of East Carolina University School of Theatre and Dance in Greenville, N.C., and the scenic design master’s program at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. Strange also contributed his work to Tennessee State University’s nationally acclaimed rendition of Lynn Nottage’s Ruined, which was selected as one of six plays to be performed during the American College Theatre Festival in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Over the course of three summers, 22 students who traveled from more than 10 states to participate in UW-Platteville’s Dune Undergraduate Geomorphology and Geochronology project utilized ground-penetrating radar, optically stimulated luminescence, and soil particle analysis to estimate the age of sand dunes in various natural areas along Door County’s eastern side. Over the course of the project, students set the age of those dunes at more than 4,000 years old. Dr. J. Elmo Rawling III, UW-Platteville associate professor of geography and geology, led the project, which was done in cooperation with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

UW-Platteville creative writing students Gabrielle Kaiser, a forensic investigation major from Palos Hills, Ill., and Matthew Mutiva, a general engineering major from Glendale, Wis., both read from their poetic work during the first Creative Writing Student Reading Series of the semester.

The Center for the Arts has reopened following a partial remodel this summer. Check out the schedule of events at tickets.uwplatt.edu.
Sixty-five students receive scholarships

The UW-Platteville College of LAE recently recognized 65 student scholarship recipients during two on-campus receptions for their scholastic achievement, commitment to excellence, involvement in extracurricular activities and community service, and leadership potential. The awards, which are made possible by the generosity of alumni, faculty and staff, community members, businesses, and friends of the university, will be applied to the 2012-13 academic year.

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Katie Binning Memorial Scholarship

The Katie Binning Memorial Scholarship has been established in honor of art education alumna Katie Binning, who passed away last May. Efforts to grow and endow the scholarship so that it may be self-sustaining are underway. To find out more, contact Stacia Nemitz, UW-Platteville Foundation Pioneer development officer, at 608.342.6122 or nemitzs@uwplatt.edu.

The scholarship benefits students who are pursuing a degree in English or art and have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher. Recipients must be active in extracurricular activities and demonstrate community and school involvement. Preference is given to students from the Wisconsin counties of Clark, Marathon, and Taylor, which surround Abbotsford, Miss Binning’s hometown.

UW-Platteville Pre-Law Society Mediation Team wins championship

The UW-Platteville Pre-Law Society Mediation Team won the Mediation Advocacy Championship against six teams from three other schools at the University of Dubuque Mediation Challenge held on the UD campus earlier this month.

Team members Ryan Thill, a political science major from Reedsburg, Wis.; Evan Seibel, a criminal justice major from Fond du Lac, Wis.; and Braden Ganter, an English major from Cuba City, Wis., swept the three-round advocacy competition against teams from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa; Maharishi University of Management in Fairfield, Iowa; and the University of Dubuque. The team is advised by Dr. John Rink, UW-Platteville political science professor.

On Scholarships

A fantastic way to support the financial burden of our UW-Platteville students is to help them through scholarships. There are a few different ways to establish a scholarship at the UW-Platteville Foundation. A person or persons can endow a scholarship or set up a pass-through scholarship. An endowed scholarship is established when a minimum amount is given to fund a scholarship for perpetuity. The gift principal is invested and a portion of the market gain is awarded each year to a deserving student. A pass-through scholarship is established when a multi-year commitment is made by a person or persons to fund a scholarship at a certain level every year. A combination of an endowed and pass-through scholarship can also be set up.

If you have questions or would like more information on how to establish a scholarship to help a UW-Platteville student, please contact Stacia Nemitz, UW-Platteville Foundation development officer, at 608.342.6122 or nemitzs@uwplatt.edu.
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**NEW EXERCISE SCIENCE LABORATORY CLASSROOM OPENS**

A project representative of what collaboration and creativity can do, the Exercise Science Laboratory classroom in Williams Fieldhouse Room 210 is fully operational for student use after a summer-long remodel that turned a handful of smaller rooms and offices into one comprehensive high-tech space. Each semester, Physiology of Exercise students will learn how to use the equipment and then apply their new skills to evaluate the physical fitness levels of students who are enrolled in the Fitness Assessment and Management course.

**HISTORY PROFESSOR COMPLETES LAW DEGREE**

Dr. Joong-Jae Lee, UW-Platteville associate professor of history, recently completed his juris doctorate degree through UW-Madison. Lee specializes in labor employment law from the plaintiff’s side.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND FORENSIC INVESTIGATION STUDENTS PRESENT IN CHICAGO**

Dr. Sabina Burton, UW-Platteville associate professor of criminal justice, accompanied students Ronald Jacobus III, a criminal justice and political science double major from Lakeville, Minn.; William Eichholtz, a criminal justice major from Byron, Ill.; Martha Knox, a forensic investigation major from East Troy, Wis.; and Kiara Stewart, a criminal justice major from Milwaukee, Wis., to the 2012 annual meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association in Chicago during the last weekend in September. Burton, Jacobus, Eichholtz and Knox presented research on lone wolf terrorism, terrorism-gang analogy, border security, cybercrime, and criminal behavior.

**PECKHAM OPENS LAE FACULTY FORUM SERIES WITH TALK ON ECONOMIC INEQUALITY**

Dr. Brian Peckham, UW-Platteville associate professor of economics and the first speaker in this year’s Faculty Forum Series, gave a talk addressing economic inequality in the United States on Oct. 4. WGLR 97.7 FM out of Lancaster, Wis., also interviewed Peckham for a segment on their Oct. 1 midday report.

**DID YOU KNOW ...**

Did you know UW-Platteville offers an interdisciplinary film and media studies minor? Contact Dr. Laura Beadling, assistant English professor, at 608.342.1926 or beadlingl@uwplatt.edu for more details.

**FUN FACT**

The UW-Platteville French Club sold more than 60 crepes in just over an hour during their annual sale.
STUDENTS COMPLETE INTERNSHIPS WITH U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE
Criminal justice majors Zachary Fischer (left) from Argyle, Wis., and Josh Wagner (right) from Sun Prairie, Wis., both completed internships with the U.S. Marshals Service in Madison, Wis., this summer. Fischer and Wagner shadowed the deputy U.S. marshals and gained experience with handling prisoner bookings, prisoner property, daily prisoner meals, recovery of government funds, updating federal warrants, assisting the deputies with misdemeanor warrants, and assisting with administrative activities.

CLIFF INTERN IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
Bill Clift, a social sciences comprehensive major from Byron, Ill., completed an internship with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum this summer. During his experience, Clift worked with school groups, met Holocaust survivors, and toured the Permanent Exhibition. He also visited the Capitol Building, Library of Congress, The Willard Hotel, and numerous memorials, including the new Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial.

ART EDUCATION STUDENTS TEACH AT WISCONSIN SCIENCE FESTIVAL
Six UW-Platteville art education majors developed and taught an art lesson plan titled The Art and Science of Plaster Casting Leaves for 100 third, fourth and fifth graders during the science festival held at the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery at UW-Madison. Barbara Westfall, UW-Platteville assistant professor of art, said the experience was a huge success. Students from UW-Platteville who participated included Lynea Axelson of Oregon, Ill.; Kaitlin Bril of Decorah, Iowa; Grace Christianson of Dubuque, Iowa; Joshua Clicquennoi of Freeport, Ill.; Kyle Martin of Reedsburg, Wis.; and Kayla Potts of McFarland, Wis.

ART SLAM
Fine art students Laura Grotjan of Neenah, Wis., and Matthew Padley of Lodi, Wis., painted against teams from Clarke University, Loras College and UW-Madison this September in the Artslam competition held in Dubuque, Iowa, during the Voices from the Warehouse District art and cultural exhibit. Teams received $500 towards their art departments. UW-Platteville fine art major Timothy Mehlhorn, who is from Dubuque, took this photo.

CAMPUS TRIVIA
Did you know the UW-Platteville Art Building was constructed in 1941-42 and is the second oldest building on campus?