Campus was very quiet over Winterim; the weather warmed some and much of the snow melted. Our spring semester started the day after the MLK holiday and so, of course, we had a snowstorm! Our landscape was transformed. In much the same way, the LAE faculty and academic staff work to transform our students. They prod criminal justice majors to think critically about what, exactly, “crime” is and who makes that definition, and they challenge students to reach inside of themselves to create beautiful poetry or outstanding jazz. The College of LAE, through the university’s general education program, aims to inspire all UW-Platteville students—whether majoring in teacher education or engineering—to broaden and deepen their understanding of how the world works. It’s an exciting time to be in Platteville.

Glendenning receives sculpture commission from Santee Sioux Nation

Austin Glendenning, a senior UW-Platteville fine art student from Darlington, Wis., has received a $10,000 commission from the Santee Sioux Nation of Nebraska to sculpt 40 portraits in remembrance of the Dakota men who were hanged in Mankato and Saint Paul, Minn., following the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. Glendenning’s work will be permanently installed at the Ohiya “Winner” Casino, which is owned and operated by the Santee Sioux and located in Niobrara, Neb., just west of the Santee Reservation.

Waupoose receives $5,400 stipend to continue research

Brennan Waupoose, a student in the two-year biological and physical sciences program at the College of Menominee Nation in Keshena, Wis., has received a $5,400 stipend to continue his tree-ring research at UW-Platteville. Waupoose participated in a collaborative undergraduate research project between the UW-Platteville Geography Program and CMN last summer that examined the effects of invasive earthworms on Great Lakes forests. He gave two award-winning presentations of the research last fall at conferences in Seattle, Wash., and Anchorage, Alaska. Dr. Evan Larson, Assistant Geography Professor and faculty member in the UW-Platteville Tree-Ring, Earth and Environmental Sciences Laboratory, is overseeing Waupoose’s research.
Clift Selected to Present Undergraduate Research at National Conference

Bill Clift, a UW-Platteville senior social sciences major and cross-country and track athlete, has been selected to present his undergraduate research paper, *Lincoln and the Road to Emancipation*, at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, which will be held in La Crosse, Wis., this April. Clift will graduate this May and begin graduate school in the fall.

Dutelle Publishes Fourth Book

Aric Dutelle, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and UW-Platteville Forensic Investigation Program Coordinator, has published his fourth book, the second edition of *An Introduction to Crime Scene Investigation*. Dutelle, who also wrote the first edition of that textbook, is the author of *Ethics for the Public Service Professional* and the co-author of *Criminal Investigation*.

DETTMER RECEIVES TWO TEACHING AWARDS

Peter S. Dettmer, an Automated Manufacturing Instructor at Madison College in Madison, Wis., who is completing his graduate degree through the UW-Platteville’s off-campus Master of Science in Adult Education program, has received two teaching awards. The Wisconsin Association for Career and Technical Education named Dettmer Best New Instructor 2012 after he was nominated by his local WACTE chapter, and colleagues at Madison College nominated Dettmer for the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Teaching Excellence award. Dettmer also completed his first Ironman Triathlon in 2012.

Bausch Invited to Teach Course in Berkeley, Calif.

Dr. Michael Bausch, UW-Platteville Philosophy Lecturer who teaches Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures and Introduction to the New Testament, was invited by five-time Emmy Award winner Michael Rhodes to teach a class session of Faith and Hollywood Film Clips at the Graduate Theological Union’s Center for Arts, Religion, and Education in Berkeley, Calif. The course was designed for a broad-based audience with academic, field service, religious/secular education, worship, or preaching interests. Bausch, who joined UW-Platteville in 2007, regularly uses film clips, music, and visual arts in his courses.

This Just In

Emily Hackl, a UW-Platteville music major from Fond du Lac, Wis., is the winner of this year’s Wisconsin Choral Directors Association Student Conducting Competition.
I Remember

By Sue Kies, 1991 and 2000 Alumna, English Educator at Platteville High School

Attending UW-Platteville was a belated experience for me. I began at age 31, while married and the mother of five children. Like many nontraditional students, I approached college classes with much focus and intensity, probably irritatingly so in the eyes of the traditional students in class. I graduated in May of 1991 with a major in English education and a minor in journalism, and in 2000 I earned my master’s in education from UW-Platteville as well. For the past 21 years, I have taught English at Platteville High School.

Most who taught in the English program when I attended classes are gone, either retired or passed away. This eclectic, supportive cast of teachers introduced me to a world of literature and writing that sparked my intellectual spirit. Dr. Gloria Stephenson, my advisor, taught women's literature, and my vision of my future became focused after that class. My education has enabled me to pursue a career I love, earn a living, and satisfy my need to explore new ideas. I was a late bloomer, but I would not want to even imagine my life without the education I received at UW-Platteville.

Alumna Directing Award-Winning Choir at Mansfield University

Peggy Dettwiler, 1991 UW-Platteville music education alumna and Director of Choral Activities at Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pa., directs the Mansfield University Concert Choir, which was one of 362 choirs from 64 countries around the world to participate in the fifth World Choir Games held in Cincinnati, Ohio, last July. The choir competed in three categories and won gold medals in each one: Musica Sacra, Folklore, and Mixed Youth Choir. They were one of only two American choirs to receive three gold medals in these games; 167 choirs from the United States participated.

Thirty-two women from the choir performed as the Nuns Chorus in a concert of The Sound of Music that was presented at Carnegie Hall on April 24. The choir also appeared in performance at the Eastern Division Convention of the American Choral Directors Association in Providence, R.I.

Forensic Investigation Program Receives $45,000 Grant

The Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance recently awarded a $45,000 grant to the UW-Platteville Forensic Investigation Program. The funds, which were made possible by the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, facilitated the purchase of 28 digital cameras, telephoto zoom lenses, external flash modules and memory cards, as well as tripods, photo documentation kits, an underwater housing, and a dome lens.

This Year’s Student Musical Is ... Guys and Dolls

Performances are scheduled for Thursday-Sunday, April 11-14 in the Center for the Arts. Access tickets.uwplatt.edu for more information.
SAVE THE DATE

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors is pleased to announce the 2013 UW-Platteville URCE Symposium that will be held on Monday, April 29 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in various locations in Ullsvik Hall. The event, which is open to the public, features exemplary work completed by UW-Platteville students during their academic careers and includes poetry readings, art displays, musical performances, and research posters and presentations.

All UW-Platteville students are encouraged to submit proposals for consideration by using the form at www.uwplatt.edu/urce. The due date for submissions is Monday, March 4.

HIETPAS LAUNCHES SISTERS PROJECT

Donna Hietpas, 2005 alumna of the UW-Platteville Master of Science in Adult Education Program and director of the Women’s Harm Reduction Program, an initiative through the Benedict Center in Milwaukee, Wis., has launched the Sisters Project, a combination street outreach and drop-in center for women engaged in prostitution.

Sisters, which is housed at the Reformation Lutheran Church on 35th Street in Milwaukee, is funded by a two-year grant from the Medical College of Wisconsin’s Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program and aims to prevent violence against women involved in street prostitution by employing a harm-reduction model as women work with staff to exit sex work.

“I have been fortunate to meet and work with hundreds of amazing women whose resilience in the face of seemingly insurmountable barriers has inspired and humbled me,” Hietpas said.

REMINDER

Criminal Justice Career Day is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 in Ullsvik Hall’s Velzy Commons. Hope to see you there!

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