I can’t believe we’re heading toward the end of the semester already. Every time I turn around I learn something new about UW-Platteville. Last week I had the privilege of hearing Jazz 1 under the direction of Professor Allen Cordingley of the Performing and Visual Arts Department. I was absolutely floored by the talented young people who make up that jazz ensemble. As my father (a retired jazz musician) would say, “They were blowing some serious charts!” I loved the enthusiasm, the musicianship, and, most importantly, the fun that our music students were having. We have so much human capital here in the College of LAE—faculty, staff, and students. And I do wish everyone a lovely Thanksgiving—come back refreshed and ready to end the semester well.

2-D DESIGN STORYBOARDS INSPIRED BY CAMPUS READ PROGRAM

Inspired by the UW-Platteville Campus Read selection, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Richard Moninski, Senior Art Lecturer in the UW-Platteville Department of Performing and Visual Arts, had his Basic 2-D Design students storyboard the book by pulling out the moments or details that most affected them. The artworks were displayed in the Art Building on campus.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH STUDENTS EXPERIENCE WORLD WITHOUT SIGHT

Nineteen students who are enrolled in Tim Swenson’s Teaching Children with Exceptional Abilities in Health and Physical Education course at UW-Platteville recently traveled to the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Janesville, Wis. The visit, which was made possible through a UW-Platteville Pioneer Academic Center for Community Engagement grant, included a day of hands-on activities specially designed to simulate vision impairment, as well as a comprehensive tour of the WCBVI facilities and resources. Swenson is a physical education and health instructor at UW-Platteville and is also a Certified Adapted Physical Educator.

TWO NEW INTERNATIONAL FIELD EXPERIENCES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

Police Study in Berlin, Germany
Over two weeks in early June, students will observe police training, participate in question and answer sessions with police recruits and instructors, attend police college events, and learn about German courts and corrections while staying at the Police College in Oranienburg near Berlin. The course focuses on cybercrime and terrorism and gives a unique window into how law enforcement works in other countries. Contact Dr. Sabina Burton at 608.342.1650 or burtons@uwplatt.edu.

Biogeography Field Excursion: Dendroecology in Sweden
The 20-day-long field course to Sweden is designed to help students understand the environmental processes that create visible patterns in the living environment and how those processes vary across the globe. During their stay, participants will interact with students, faculty, and researchers from around the world while exploring everything from the rolling farmland around Stockholm to the treeless tundra of far-north Abisko. Contact Dr. Evan Larson at 608.342.6139 or larsonev@uwplatt.edu.
HOWDLE FEATURED IN 77 SQUARE
Bruce Howdle, UW-Platteville Art Instructor and Mineral Point sculptor, was featured in the Wisconsin State Journal publication 77 Square: Favorite Space: From derelict to Dickens—hotel becomes a home.
http://tinyurl.com/BruceHowdle

KRUGLER INTERVIEWED BY BBC MUNDO
Dr. David Krugler, UW-Platteville History Professor, was interviewed by BBC Mundo for an anniversary piece on the Cuban Missile Crisis: En la Crisis de los Misiles, Washington no tenía donde esconderse.
http://tinyurl.com/DavidKrugler

SHEPHERD’S ALBUM CLIMBING MUSIC CHARTS
Stephen Shepherd, UW-Platteville English Instructor, has watched his fifth album, Escape Is Not A Place, move from number 32 to number 23 to number 4 on the Top 50 True Country chart this fall.

LAЕ BANQUET
The UW-Platteville College of LAЕ recently honored outstanding alumni, the achievements of faculty and staff, and the dedication of friends at the annual Arts and Letters Hall of Fame and College Recognition Banquet held on Oct. 19 in the Harry and Laura Nohr Gallery in Ullsvik Hall. Five individuals and one organization received awards at the event, and several more individuals were recognized for awards they received earlier this year at the UW System, university and college levels.

Awards presented include:
Arts and Letters Hall of Fame inductee
Dr. Patricia Collins, Professor Emerita of physical education and health in the UW-Platteville School of Education
Excellence in Professional Development Award
Dr. Evan Larson, UW-Platteville Assistant Professor of geography and faculty member of the university’s Tree-Ring, Earth and Environmental Sciences Laboratory
Distinguished Educator Award
Julie Julius, a 1996 UW-Platteville elementary education alumna and longtime educator with the Platteville Public School District
Roxanne Sundin, a 1974 and 1991 UW-Platteville alumna who recently retired from the Platteville School District after 23 years of teaching middle school science and 30 years in education in total
Friend of the College
Evelyn Martens, Director of UW-Platteville Writing and Tutoring Resources, and Platteville Family Advocates. Darlene Masters and Paula Schoenberg accepted the award for Family Advocates.
The holiday season brings to mind the Madrigal celebration at UW-Platteville. Madrigal would transform the Beaux Arts Room into a 16th century English Banquet Hall. The room was decorated with holly and evergreens and a large boar’s head graced the main table. Beautifully costumed singers and musicians roamed the room, filling the air with holiday tunes. A large bowl of wassail kept the banquet participants engaged while waiting to enter the hall. Trumpets called for the doors to open and all entered to see the laden tables prepared for the banquet. The feast consisted of a nine-course meal, usually beginning with shrimp and ending with a fabulous dessert. During dinner, Harpist Doriss Briggs as well as the Madrigal singers, who were directed by Dr. Gerald Darrow, UW-Platteville professor emeritus of music, for 32 years, and Brass Choir entertained the crowd. A jester would perform for the crowd adding to the entertainment.

Madrigal was an annual event that drew large crowds from the university and surrounding communities. Robert Velzy organized the first in 1959. Sadly, Madrigal ended in 1994 due to cost, time commitment, and the changing school calendar.

**Stradford Presents in Japan**

Dr. H. Todd Stradford, UW-Platteville Associate Professor of geography, traveled to Japan in October to present “Earthquake and Tsunami in Taro Town” at the international symposium for the 2011 Japanese Tsunami Disaster, Response and Recovery Project. Stradford leads a field course to Japan annually and also lived and worked in the country for several years prior to joining UW-Platteville in 1997.

**Technical Writing Students Visit Epic in Verona**

Karen Pluemer, UW-Platteville English Lecturer, and her technical writing students spent a day at Epic Systems in Verona, Wis. “The field trip to Epic was a wonderful learning experience for the students because they had the opportunity to tour the facility and to ask questions of a working technical writer,” said Pluemer. “Epic is one of the leading employers in the area and is always hiring technical writers, among other professions. Our goal was to give students a chance to see technical writing concepts applied as a career and to, quite literally, give our senior and junior students a foot-in-the-door connection with Epic.”

In the photo, from left to right, are Nicole Smith, Jack Campbell, Arthur Stocker, Michael Brost (on the horse), Megan Hutcheson (Epic guide and technical writer), and Karen Pluemer.

**The School of Education Got into the Halloween Spirit in October**
MORE THAN 500 COME OUT FOR HORRIFIC CRIME SCENE REVISITED EVENT

This year’s Horrific Crime Scene Revisited event, which looked closely at the details surrounding the 2007 murder of British exchange student Meredith Kercher in Perugia, Italy, drew more than 500 people to the Forensic Investigation Crime Scene House at Pioneer Farm. Visitors entered the exhibit at the basement level where they viewed background materials, such as a case timeline, newspaper headlines, a floor model of the house in Italy, a documentary, and comparisons on the differences between the American and Italian court systems. After viewing the re-created crime scene on the main floor, visitors weighed in on who they thought was involved with the crime:

Amanda Knox: 213
Raffaele Sollecito: 184
Rudy Guede: 136
Patrick Lumumba: 6
Other/Stranger/Acquaintance: 38
Giacomo Silenzi (write-in—victim’s boyfriend): 2

Criminal Justice Department colleagues Diana Johnson, Dana Cecil, Dr. Sabina Burton, and Danelle Bemis organized this year’s event.

ELLI S COMPLETES CD HONORING COMPOSER JAMES CLIFTON WILLIAMS

Dr. Barry Ellis, UW-Platteville Music Professor and Director of Bands, recently released his CD The Music and Art of J. Clifton Williams: Classics and Newly Discovered Gems, which includes previously unpublished works he discovered through a cooperative project with Michelle Williams-Hanzlik, J. Clifton Williams’ daughter. The recording, which is the capstone of Ellis’ sabbatical work, is available through Mark Records and iTunes, and features the Rountree Wind Symphony, Singing Pioneers, and many UW-Platteville faculty, staff, and students.

UW-PLATTEVILLE’S TREE-RING, EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES LABORATORY

Mission: To conduct world-class, federally-funded research that provides students opportunities for hands-on, high-impact, significant learning experiences through field research, data collection, and dissemination of results.

TREES faculty:

Dr. J. Elmo Rawling III (left), UW-Platteville Associate Professor of geology and geography, and Dr. Evan Larson (right), UW-Platteville Assistant Professor of geography

Number of students who have worked in the TREES Laboratory: 49

Funding received through grants: Nearly $1 million

Where research has been presented: 54 locations so far, including Chicago, Seattle, New York and Washington, D.C., as well as in Mar del Plata, Argentina

Largest project to date: Dune Undergraduate Geomorphology and Geochronology project funded through a National Science Foundation-Research Experiences for Undergraduates grant

Locations impacted by research:

Wisconsin:
Menominee Forest
Chequamegon National Forest
and more...

Beyond Wisconsin:
Michigan’s Upper Peninsula
Great Basin of the American Southwest
and more...

UW-PLATTEVILLE MATH EDUCATION STUDENTS HOLD FAMILY MATH NIGHT EVENT IN DODGEVILLE

Students in the Teaching Mathematics and Science Early Childhood and Elementary Settings course taught by Dr. Jodean Grunow, Lecturer in the UW-Platteville School of Education, and Dr. Leigh Monhardt, UW-Platteville Associate Education Professor, led second, third and fourth graders in lessons and exercises during a Family Math Night at Dodgeville Elementary School. (Photo courtesy of Erin Edgington at DES.)