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Snow, Rain, and the Frustration of Spring Fishing

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With the heavy rain and snowfall that the north-land has endured during these last few months, many eager anglers patiently wait for fishable water. It is no surprise that the weather that is associated with Spring in northern Wisconsin can be unpredictable, but with river levels remaining a bit higher than most would like, anglers are forced to wait for the rivers to come down, despite the opening fishing season.

The Bois Brule River has seen river levels greater than 600 CFS (cubic feet per second). Although the river levels have been coming down from what they were, many anglers are still unsure of whether they should make the pilgrimage to the river. John Schaefer, a local fisherman who frequents the Brule, highlighted his thoughts on the current state of the river.

“It’s been a difficult Spring to be a steelhead fisherman. We had some decent luck before the snowmelt hit, but since then it’s been a waiting game. We’re hoping to be able to get out sometime within the next couple of weeks to catch a couple more fish before the spawn is over,” Schaefer said.



The Bois Brule River in Spring 2022

Photo by Jake Zimmer

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name of the various plants in the greenhouse, along with beginning able to add her own touch, potting new plants, adding to the established collection.

“I’m just so excited to see people in here enjoying the plants. There’s a lot to learn in here especially about, finding what’s right for you,” said Stone in response to what she’s looking forward to adding, “The microclimates, to try to achieve that in non-constructive ways.”

The greenhouse has the ability to have an impact on everyone on campus, not just those involved in botany. On the topic of the greenhouse’s effect on members of the campus and why it’s important, Stone said, “The accessibility to this kind of environment, especially up here. So being able to experience it in a non-monetary way and can just enjoy it. What’s around you. Just enjoy what is not to collect. It’s just for

Schaefer, who is certainly disappointed in the lack of fishing that he has been able to do, also looks to the bright side of the current river situation.

“With fewer people out fishing, I would think that the overall population and health of the steelhead is remaining intact. Even though people are disappointed in not being able to fish as much as they’d like, I think that this spring will end up being a blessing in disguise, as it will help the steelhead population flourish,” Schaefer said.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website highlights the spring fishing season on the Brule, saying during the first several weeks of the early season, the vast majority of steelhead caught are fish that remained in the river from the previous fall run. Water temperatures dictate peak movement.

The Bois Brule season opened on the last Saturday of March and runs until November 15. With this, The General Inland Trout season begins on May 6 and runs until October 15, while the General Inland Fishing season runs from May 6 until March 3, 2024.

the pure enjoyment/pleasure of plants. And curiosity, there are a lot of curious things in here, especially the Air Plants. It is open to all students and public”

Not only does the greenhouse offer educational help when it comes to plants and the care of plants, all of the options for classes, and the ability for mindfulness, but they also offer a free plant table. Marked by a sign off to the right when entering the greenhouse, students may feel free to take these plants home and care for them. There are several varieties to choose from, so be sure to find the one that’s right.

The greenhouse is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. But Johnson said, “If the door is open feel free to come in.”

Stone looks forward to continuing to improve her knowledge in the greenhouse in the coming years. Stone said, “Who knows maybe I’ll be here in 40 years, like Robbye.”

Sustainability Club Celebrates Earth Week

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The University of Wisconsin-Superior Sustainability Club held events from April 17 to April 21 to celebrate Earth Week. A few of the events included a nature walk, environmental expo tabling, and a campus cleanup. The campus cleanup was on Friday, April 21, one day before Earth Day.

The Sustainability Club is a student-run organization that looks to make the UW-Superior campus more sustainable and encourage more green thinking. “The Sustainability Club is important to UWS because it creates environmental and thus social awareness regarding the use of plastic, fashion, and recycling as a whole,” said Daniela Castiblanco Diaz, a UW-Superior student and social media coordinator for the Sustainability Club.



No trash was left behind as the Sustainability Club picked up the smallest trash found around campus

Photo by Isaiah Wiita



Campus clean up 2023

Photo by Isaiah Wiita

The Sustainability Club started in 2019 and looks to grow as a club in the future. The Sustainability Club puts together projects to help create a more environmentally friendly campus. “We use our budget to try and create some projects such as reusable container project for the free store so we can make overall campus more sustainable and also promote green thinking,” said Lucas Palomino, the co-president of the Sustainability Club.

The UW-Superior Sustainability Club creates projects for the campus with their budget. However, the club is still looking for more support from the UW-System. “We are the only campus in the UW system which doesn’t have office of sustainability,” said Sakib Mahmud an associate professor at

UW-Superior and faculty advisor of the Sustainability Club. Without an office of sustainability, UW-Superior students that are part of the Sustainability Club must take the lead to make the campus more sustainable.

“The club needs more visibility and economic support from UW-System. UWS is the only campus that does not have a Sustainability department or office among the other UW campuses. This university does not obtain a budget or funds from the government or from other institutions than the budget for the student organizations,” said Castiblanco Diaz. Despite the lack of a sustainability office on campus, the Sustainability Club won Program of the Year at the Yellowjacket Student Excellence Award ceremony on April 26.

Meetings for the Sustainability Club are on Fridays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room 203 in the Yellowjacket Union.

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For the past year, I have been fortunate enough to report for The Promethean. While I at first was hesitant to join this group of highly talented students due to my fear of exiting my comfort zone, I can full heartedly say that joining this organization was the most influential and most rewarding part of my time in college.

Coming into the organization in the Fall of 2022, I was eager to report on whichever campus stories I found intriguing or felt were important for the UW-Superior community to consume.

With this, I found myself being pulled into the outdoor world, which has always been one of my greatest passions.

After a couple of issues, an outdoor section was created for the newspaper, allowing the majority of my stories to gather

in one single location within each publication. Not only did covering stories allow me to write about the outdoors, but it also gave me an excuse to escape to the forests and rivers to feed into my passion.

With my time at the University of Wisconsin-Superior and The Promethean coming to an end, the realization that I will no longer be able to gather with my fellow reporters on campus every Tuesday has left me feeling both sad and grateful. I would like to thank Mr. Tom Hansen for pushing me to join this wonderful organization, even though I was a bit resistant in the start. I would also like to thank my fellow reporters, who over the course of the school year have not only helped me improve my reporting skills, but who have also become great friends.

For anyone reading this who might be hesitant to



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join an organization on campus, whether it be The Promethean or not, go for it.

One of my greatest regrets during my time here is that I didn’t join this wonderful organization earlier. While I am sad to be leaving the newsroom and the outdoor page, I know that it is being left in good hands, as The Promethean staff possesses great talent.

Thank you UWS, you have been a great home during these past few years, and I am grateful to have been a student here on campus.