

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY



Student Abby Hamblet talking to GERC coordinator T Wainman and Title IX Coordinator Brittany Hansen during Coffee and Consent.

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“...[Center Against Sexual & Domestic Abuse]; utilizing a community resource, such as a therapist, clergy, etc.”

UWS’s dedication to their students’ safety and well-being is evident from every system within the campus. Associate Dean of Students Jennifer Bird and the Student Affairs Office play a major role in advocating for student safety on campus, with a clear initiative to defend and help the community flourish.

Associate Dean Bird stated in writing, “Keeping our community safe is a priority. Safety and risk to individuals is always assessed at the time of report and throughout the

process, and appropriate action will be taken to mitigate risk to safety of those involved. Both parties are provided with contact information for University Police as well as the Title IX Coordinator and Dean of Students Office. They are notified of Blue Lights and how to use them, and other assistance available; such as RAs or Hall Managers for Residence Hall students.”

Sexual assault remains a prevalent act of violence around the world. It is truly refreshing to see how individuals and communities, like UWS, are advocating towards a better future for the people. Resources and support are limitless, on campus. As the student collective continues to use our voices, speak out, and engage in community enriched events, such as Coffee and Consent, surely a better safer future is near.



SENIOR COMMENTARY: Abby Hoffman



Abby Hoffman interviewing Jan Skorpik on Nov. 22.

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I came into college with the wrong mindset. I didn’t bother getting involved on campus. I thought opportunities would just fall into my lap and socializing would be a breeze, but I was wrong. The workload was monstrous, I felt like an outsider and things only plummeted when the pandemic plucked me out of the dorms. I don’t need to explain myself, because we all know how that story ends.

During lockdown, I completely lost myself and sight of what truly mattered. I gradually dropped out after attempting a few classes online, and all my ambition melted away along with my self-esteem. When I came back to UWS, I switched my major to Communication—which was ironic, because I was afraid to speak.

Spring 2026 seemed like an eternity away back then, and I originally planned to quietly focus on my studies until I graduated, but thankfully that plan failed. I really enjoyed learning about communication, human behavior, media and the way information is created. The

new knowledge opened my eyes to a fresh perspective of the world and all that I am capable of.

My life truly changed last year when I walked up to Tom Hansen, introduced myself and told him I’d like to join The Promethean staff in the fall. I had once dreamed of a career in journalism and this year—my final year—gave me a taste of that reality.

I would need an entire page to fully express what this experience means to me, and even that wouldn’t be enough. The Promethean is where I found a sense of belonging. I’ve made connections with the purest souls and been offered opportunities I had never dreamed of.

Of course, nothing would be possible without everyone who has supported me along the way. To my news team, thank you for all the laughs and love we’ve shared over the last nine months. It’s crazy to think it’s already over, but I can’t wait to see all the extraordinary things you do in your lives.

To Tom Hansen, I’m forever grateful for your mentorship and passion for what you do. Thank you for always believing in me and making my final year of college the best year.

I’d also like to give a special thanks to everyone involved in Yellowjacket Athletics, KUWS Radio and Yellowjacket TV. You’ve all trusted me to tell your stories, and those moments have rebuilt my confidence and communication skills for the professional world.

I’m so happy that I finally stepped out of my comfort zone. I was able to prove to myself and others that I can reach for greater things and succeed. I came into college with the wrong mindset, and now I’m leaving with an overly optimistic one. This has been the journey of a lifetime—thank you UWS.

National Library Week



National Library Week gifts at main Library desk on Apr. 22

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National Library week is celebrated across the country, and UW-Superior’s Jim Dan Hill Library worked to be able to recognize the resources that they share for students throughout the week of April 19-25 this year. This included inviting people into the library to learn about resources and pick up free swag items!

Stephanie Warden, the Jim Dan Hill Libraries Associate Director, said, “National library week is a celebration of all of the services that libraries offer, and really, what it gives to just us as people.” Warden continued to say, “The thing I like most about the library and libraries in general for the library weeks that we do is we create this kind of third space where you can all come and you can do your work, but you can also celebrate with each other, you can get in touch with each other

and connect, and we like to foster that kind of space with you all.”

For library staff, the library is special and important for many reasons, Digital Services Librarian Natasha Schumacher said that librarians “teach people how to find the information, like, sure, you can google something, but if you’re looking for something specific, like that is what we are here for is for stuff like that.” Warden echoed this, saying, “Libraries are for everyone, so getting to draw attention to the fact that we get to provide that service and that we have the privilege of collecting those materials is really great.”

The Jim Dan Hill staff is excited about all kinds of programming that they are working on, including summer programming like a summer movie series, walking book club on Wednesdays, along with potential hobby swaps in the future.

SENIOR COMMENTARY: Ella Day



Khalil “Haji” Dokhanchi, Ella Day and Kidest Seabhatleabe Mitiku in Chicago on Oct 18.

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Three years ago, I walked into UWS assuming I would never graduate. When I transferred from LSC I had a professor tell me there was no point and that I wasn’t capable of getting a degree because I couldn’t write. I told myself one semester to try it out and that is when I met Haji in intro into changemaking.

The last day of class Haji made me promise to take one more semester and if I still wanted to drop out I could. That one choice changed my life forever. Haji got me involved in Amnesty International, got me a job in the Admissions Office, and pushed me farther than I ever believed I could reach.

Journalism and The Promethean came into my life at the perfect time. I had recently restarted my life after a life changing break up and after my cat Jaxy passed away. That is when I met Tom, who was the first professor outside of Social Inquiry, to tell me I was a good writer. I never thought I would

call myself a writer, but I owe all of that to Tom.

Through working with Tom, Haji, and Professor Greenberg I was able to combine my passions of human rights and journalism.

By working with The Promethean, I was able to do stories like Ishkode, Cultural Night, and interview the Mayor of Superior Jim Paine. Through Amnesty I have traveled across Wisconsin with the Refugee Project, been to Chicago, and lobbied in Washington, D.C.

My time at UWS taught me I belong at the table, I am a good writer, and I have made a positive impact on those around me even if I don’t want to admit it. I still don’t believe I deserve the awards I have been given to me.

Thank you to Tom, Haji, Nicole, T, and my parents for believing in me. Thank you to Strawberry for being amazing. Thank you to Social Inquiry and Communication, Media, and Theatre Departments. Thank you to the Promethean and PLC for being my friends. Thank you to Jacob for being the best person ever and always choosing me.

Even if you don’t know me I want you to know that you belong, you matter, and you will always have people who love you. <3



Jacob Day and Ella Day at Lake Superior Zoo on April 13.

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