Cool Chemistry

“Have you ever wondered who put up the blue tape murals throughout UW-Sheboygan? Voice reporter Amber Beardslley certainly has, so when she caught wind that there were new murals going up, she jumped on the opportunity to find out. She interviewed the group who put up the Bowers mural in the science building: Blake Bunch, Elena Catalan, Jessica Stewart, Emmielito Elnar, Andrew Bauer and Meghan Collins.

Amber: Hi, everyone! Let’s get started right away. What class is this for?
Emmielito: Intro to Drawing I and II.
Amber: Since this is an art class, it’s kind of academic, so what exactly are you learning by putting up a blue tape mural?
Blake: Science!
Jessica: Two-point perspective!
Emmielito: We’re creating the illusion of perspective, and depth, and practicing vanishing points... In this case, they’re everywhere.

Amber: Yeah, vanishing points! I remember working with vanishing points in like sixth grade. So what’s your process? Did you guys draw the design out first, and then...?
Blake: No! We were just like...
Amber: Oh, so you just magically re-created it from your mind?
Jessica: We were supposed to draw something, but we had to do just like, kind of sketch something...sort of, not really. Um, we just started: “Hey, we should put a building here and here. Hey, we should put windows here.

Who put up the blue tape murals?

Oh, let’s put fire here!” Whatever we felt like putting up there.
Amber: So, it was just sort of like a “get-up-and-go project,” at least for your group?
Jessica: Most of the groups planned theirs out more, but we were just kind of like, “Tape-go!”
Amber: I was wondering how often the new murals are put up. Do they just last through the semester?
Blake: Once a semester!
Amber: What kinds of difficulties have you run into with this project?
Blake: Perspective. Ideas. I feel like the ideas were the hardest part, wasn’t it?
Group: Yeah.
Jessica: We have a lot of different types of perspectives on here, which gets really confusing at times. The viewer is in a one-point-perspective room, where the outside is a two-point perspective. Even Elena right now is like, “Which vanishing point are we supposed to use now because...”

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Forbidden Broadway

Provan’s last act on campus

By Jerome Duenk

“Flexible casting, fun show. There are a lot of elements in the show that will pull in both wiser audience members and our younger audience members,” said Professor Simon Provan to explain why he chose Forbidden Broadway. “Selfishly, I just wanted to do a show for fun.”

When asked how he picks the cast for his shows, Provan coined the term “Communiversity Theater.” Plays are picked, parts are cast, and auditions are held with students in mind, but without help from the community some of these shows would never make it to stage, he said. It is really a combined effort involving community and university participants.

Provan studied theater at UW-Parkside and interned for the Milwaukee Rep. Then he did another internship with the American Players Theatre in Spring Green. For the next five years Provan worked professionally, before returning to school at the University of Texas to earn his master’s degree. After spending some time working on the East Coast, he returned to Wisconsin and UW-Sheboygan.

Provan will be leaving UW-Sheboygan with one hope for the students. “One thing I’d love is to see more students getting involved and coming to the shows here. It’s free, and I think you’ll be shocked at how fun and entertaining theater can be.”

The Voice staff

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American Life in Poetry

It pains an old booklover like me to think of somebody burning a book, but if you’ve gotten one for a quarter and it’s falling apart, well, maybe it’s OK as long as you might be planning to pick up a better copy. Here Ron Koertge, who lives in Pasadena, has some fun with the ashes of love poems. —Ted Kooser

Burning the Book

The anthology of love poems I bought for a quarter is brittle, anyway, and comes apart when I read it.

One at a time, I throw pages on the fire and watch smoke make its way up and out.

I’m almost to the index when I hear a murmuring in the street. My neighbors are watching it snow.

I put on my blue jacket and join them. The children stand with their mouths open.

I can see nouns—longing, rapture, bliss—land on every tongue, then disappear.

Wondering where to go after UW-Sheboygan?

What will college life be like after UW-Sheboygan? Where will you continue to study?

Room 3101 may hold the answers to these important questions. This room hosts advisers from UW-Oshkosh and UW-Milwaukee who have a wealth of knowledge that can help you determine your next steps. —Stephanie Sandum

UW-Milwaukee College Connection

Rich Church is currently an adviser for UW-Milwaukee College Connection.

For more information, visit the College Connection website at: www.collegeconnection.uwm.edu.

Church has an established collaboration with UW-Sheboygan. His 15-year history of success includes more than 60 local graduates who have earned bachelor’s degrees without ever leaving town.

This program is designed for students who work, have families, and have busy lives that make it challenging for them to regularly commute to Milwaukee to take classes at UWM.

Church offers regular on-site advising for Bachelor of Arts degree programs, including art history, communication, history, political science, psychology, and sociology.

Church has normal office hours posted on the door of Room 3101, but you can also contact him at (920) 459-6669 or churchr@uwm.edu.

UW-Oshkosh bachelor’s in elementary education and special education

Suzanne Doemel is an academic adviser for the College of Education and Human Services at UW-Oshkosh. She advises students in obtaining a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and special education. The Elementary Education Licensure is early childhood through middle childhood (PK-6), and the Special Education Licensure is cross-categorical K-12. She begins advising students as soon as they decide to pursue a teaching degree so that course choices meet associate degree requirements as well as Bachelor of Science degree requirements. She does advising noon-5 p.m. Mondays in Room 3101.

She brings all of the elementary education courses to the UW-Sheboygan campus and schedules them for evenings and weekends to accommodate traditional students who are enrolled in daytime UW-Sheboygan courses and non-traditional students who have work or family responsibilities. She also works with the Professional Education Program to assist students with portfolio completion programs. Her office hours are posted on the door of Room 3101.

UW-Oshkosh pre-nursing and bachelor’s for liberal studies or applied studies

Laurie Kuehn is an adviser and recruiter for UW-Oshkosh in the Division of Lifelong Learning and Community Engagement. They offer online degrees and certificate programs for students who are ready to take the next step with their current education.

These programs include the Bachelor of Liberal Studies with emphasis options in organizational administration and leadership development and the Bachelor of Applied Studies with emphasis options in leadership and organizational studies, aviation management, and fire and emergency response management. “Completing an associate degree at Sheboygan can ease the transfer transition,” said Kuehn.

In addition, Kuehn is the pre-nursing adviser for UW-Oshkosh for students interested in the SAIL Admission program or the BSN@Home completion program. Her office hours are posted on the door of Room 3101, but she is available at (920) 424-0692 or kuehn@uwosh.edu.

Q & A

REPORTER THI NGUYEN talked with Rich Edwards, who teaches religious studies courses at UW-Sheboygan.

Question: Where did you go to college?

Answer: University of Tennessee, Trinity Christian College in Illinois, Columbia International University. I got my Ph.D. from University of Wales in the UK. I also received a finance degree from Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Question: Philosophy is not an easy subject. What made you decide to major in it?

Answer: Actually I had double majors—philosophy and chemistry—when I was in college because at that time I did not know what to do yet. I chose to major in philosophy because philosophy makes you ask questions and gives you the ability to evaluate the world around you.

Question: Why did you want to teach, instead of doing something else?

Answer: I used to be a pastor and work in the business world, but I enjoy teaching more because I like interacting with students and faculty, especially those at UW-Sheboygan.

Question: Have you traveled to a lot of countries. How many countries have you been to so far? What country was your favorite?

Answer: I have traveled to 26 countries. Egypt used to be my favorite. I liked Switzerland as a relaxing destination. Greece was a great place for food because I’m a foodie person. Also, I liked Israel in general.

Question: As a professor teaching religious studies, what religion do you think is better? And why?

Answer: Personally I’m a conservative Christian, but I used to be an atheist.

Question: A lot of students on campus, including you, really enjoyed your class. Does that fact surprise you or did you know they would?

Answer: Thank you for saying that. Yes, I knew that students would enjoy it because I always try to teach them to think and understand about other religions than their own. I do not try to convert students to any specific religion. I am glad that way works well.

Question: What is the biggest thing that you have accomplished so far in your life?

Answer: It is a tough question, but I think the biggest achievement is that I made an impact on students and helped them think critically. And I really enjoy doing it.

Question: What would you wish to be if you were not a professor?

Answer: General in U.S. Marine Corps!

Question: Describe yourself in a few sentences.

Answer: I am a demanding person who loves and cares about others. I am a loyal person as well. I enjoy getting to know more people and learning about different cultures.

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Blue tape murals teach perspective

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Amber: Could you point out specifically where each of the vanishing points is right now so people know where to look for them?

Jessica: Two of the vanishing points are way over to the sides, like the window and door over there, because they’re off of the picture-plane, and the other is in the very center.

Amber: How’d you guys start coming up with the theme?

Meghan: Well, first we started with Godzilla killing the city, and then we switched it to Bowser instead, and then we made everything related to Mario.

Jessica: And Minecraft!

Amber: Oh, so it's like a collision of universes?

Jessica: And nerds!

Amber: Nerds is the over-encompassing theme I’m sensing here. Is that correct?

Andrew: Yes. That sounds about right, in how we put all of our ideas together.

Blake: We’re even in the science building!

Amber: What better place for such a mural! Did you get to choose your location? Or was it assigned to you?

Blake: We got to choose them. We were supposed to walk around and figure out where we wanted it to be, and this was the first area we saw. So, being pragmatic and lazy Americans, we decided to take this one.

Amber: I’ve been noticing the use of string and tape. What roles do each of these play?

Andrew: The string is to connect the vanishing points and the tape is to draw the mural itself.

Amber: All right, cool! Is this supposed to be like you’re looking out an actual window at Bowser destroying Sony?

Group: Yep.

Amber: Okay. So, how tedious was it to piece everything together? Especially where there’s tons of detail, like with the flames or letters? Did you have to do a lot of fighting with the tape or did you just decide that if it wasn’t going to work, to just tear it up?

Emmielito: It actually didn’t feel it was tedious!

Jessica: Yeah, the biggest part was getting the sides right, but once it was on there, it wasn’t too bad.

Amber: I know it’s kind of obvious, for someone like me who pays attention to video games, but could you tell us all the games and/or fandoms represented in this mural?

Jessica: The most obvious is Mario.

Emmielito: And Minecraft!

Blake: Yeah, Mario, Pac-Man, Minecraft, and Space Invaders.

Amber: Awesome! Hey, why do you guys have to use blue tape, instead of like red, or whatever?

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Jessica: Yeah, it’ll come off the walls. They used it to electrical tape but it left goop all over the walls, and they didn’t think it was a good idea.

Amber: So how long has it taken to work on the mural?

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Jessica: Probably like five hours, maybe six?

Amber: Wow! So have you guys come up with a story or narrative for the mural? Why is Bowser smashing Sony?

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Elena: I wanted to do that, but I don’t know if it’d be allowed!

Jessica: He [Professor Uebelherr] never explicitly said, “No,” to spanning multiple walls!

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