New Era for Science, Developing from the Ground Up

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The new science building had its groundbreaking ceremony May 5 to celebrate the hard work that has gone into the planning and development of the addition.

Over 200 people attended the event in honor of the students, faculty, staff and administration who worked to turn the new science building into a reality. It is the first building to be constructed on campus in 40 years.

The project began five years ago and 15 members of the steering committee, among many others, finally saw their hard work begin to be put into action with the ritualistic digging dirt with ceremonial shovels.

Christopher Cirmo, dean of the College of Letters and Science, Chancellor Patterson and Governor Walker were among the many who participated and spoke regarding the bright future of the new science building.

Aside from a few protesters over the governor's appearance, the vast majority of the event was an extremely smooth and positive one.

Dean Cirmo said that the event was a "serious celebration for campus."

The new building will include four new classrooms, two auditoriums, a green roof and a tropical conservatory.

Most importantly, the building will be a central gathering point on campus.

Though some have varying opinions on the building, most in attendance were happy to see the construction finally under way.

Those involved indicated the project will be finished within the next few years.

Haley Nowakowski, senior biology and biochemistry major, said "I think it is really awesome that they are finally updating the departments. It'll be nice for the new students."

The ceremony included hopefulness not only for science majors, but for students completing general education requirements and even those who are in need of classroom space.

The building is being created with state-funded money that was allotted strictly to building construction.

The new science building will be a gateway to a powerful college of science, with an emphasis in the health and medical field.
The Merriam Webster Dictionary says to be lost is to be “taken away or beyond reach or attainment… unable to find the way... obscured or overlooked during a process or activity.”

In every sense of the word, I am lost just like so many of my fellow students.

The future is incredibly scary and I don’t know what I’m wearing tomorrow, let alone what next year has in store. There isn’t a map or step-by-step recipe laid out before me.

Everything is unknown, everything is subject to change, and everything is terribly scary.

Many friends and fellow classmates are graduating. They are going out and taking on the world and they are terrified.

What makes it so scary is that there is the high possibility of failure.

There is so much pressure on getting into less than four years, getting the internship, getting the job, getting the house with the fence and the dog, the matching four door sedans and two kids. What is the deal?

What is the rush? Why does everything have to go according to plan?

We are too afraid to acknowledge that it is entirely OK to fail. And sometimes failure brings about an even better outcome than absolute success.

Penicillin was accidentally discovered when Alexander Fleming was a slob and left a dirty petri dish from a meaningless experiment in a lab sink before going on vacation. J.K. Rowling’s original Harry Potter manuscript was rejected 12 times before she was finally published. Rowling’s original Harry Potter manuscript was rejected 12 times before she was finally published.

Failure teaches us. It humbles us. It makes us look at situations we are in and take opportunities that we may have never thought of.

Failure is just as important in our lives as success. It’s OK to not have every last second of your life planned out. It’s OK to drop everything and go back-packing across Europe. It’s OK to not get your dream job and have to move home for a few months while you look at other options.

Maybe you have everything planned out, life is your oyster and everything is perfect. Maybe you don’t.

We stand together while looking at the future and you have just as much of an idea of what is going to happen as I do, which is nothing.

I could win a $100 million and you could lose your job. I could live out of a cardboard box for the remainder of my life, and you could be sipping margaritas on a beach somewhere.

All that really matters is that we are trying and that we make our lives matter through the memories we share.

Yes the world is scary. Yes I will stand with you, while we are scared together. Yes, we could fail, but it will be a beautiful failure.

**EDITORIAL**

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**PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT**

**Sunday, May 1**

A staff member called from the DUC reporting a very distressed man wandering the halls asking for a mask and gloves at 6:35 p.m.

**Monday, May 2**

Portage county communication center dispatched for ambulance in regards to a female passed out near the Coleman track at 4:38 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 4**

A CPS staff member called at 1:08 p.m. to report a male that had been in a heated phone conversation for approx. 90 minutes.

**Thursday, May 5**

An outside vendor called at 4:02 a.m. to report that a flag was placed on their crane during the night. The flag stated “Walker Sucks.”

**Friday, May 6**

PS received a call from a male at 4:53 p.m. that a female individual claimed she wouldn’t make it through the weekend and he was concerned she was a threat to herself.

**Saturday, May 7**

An officer(trained base at 117 a.m. that two females appeared to be topless and potentially bonging something by the DUC underneath the overhang. The females then ran towards the hospital.

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**ISSO Takes Over Space in the DUC**

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This fall, the International Students and Scholars Office will be able to utilize their new space in the Dreyfus University Center.

Melissa Murray is the international student success adviser at the ISSO and will be using part of the new space as her office.

According to Murray, the new space will be a collaborative student lounge, which will also provide students with the opportunity for advising.

The space that is being given to the ISSO, is currently one of the two computer labs in the DUC. Murray explains that the computers from the lab are going to be distributed throughout the DUC so that students will still be able to use them next year.

Currently, the ISSO office is in the basement of the student service center. Murray is excited her new office will be in a space more visible and accessible to students.

“I think it is important to have this space, because we have a large population of students from around the world and they do not necessarily have a place

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University Explores Information Technology Ecosystems

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As technology develops, the University must evolve and integrate new applications with computer systems already in place, specifically information forms and applications under one parent system, such as Microsoft Office suite and Microsoft Windows operating system under the overall Microsoft ecosystem.

After being asked by multiple faculty regarding the university’s stance on different ecosystems, the Information Technology Council investigated and released an official statement on the University’s current position regarding the use of the Microsoft ecosystem compared to the Google ecosystem.

The Google ecosystem includes programs such as Chrome and Android operating systems, the Google Drive cloud solution and the Google Gmail email client.

Anika Tahsin Sardar, junior computer information systems major, works as a technology tutor in the Tutoring-Learning Center. She sees most students using the Microsoft ecosystem or program-specific software.

“For programming majors, you have a lot of things to store and it’s not just one file that runs the program, and that could be a reason why,” Sardar said.

However, IT’s position statement recognized the growing usage of the Google ecosystem, largely with university students and students in K12 schools.

The implications of this may mean incoming students are more familiar with the Google ecosystem and may need help adjusting to the Microsoft ecosystem.

The statement also emphasized an awareness of data security and the validity of the Google ecosystem. Nonetheless, the Microsoft ecosystem is still the current system preferred by IT.

Al Bond, manager for Academic Technical Services, views the statement as a useful tool for approaching short term and long term decisions.

“It’s actually a recurring theme,” Bond said. “As things change, how you deal with it has to change. The interesting thing is getting everything to line up.”

When considering software and other technology, Bond considers the user and the context of how the technological tool would be used. A major factor is the necessity to maintain confidentiality of student records according to federal laws.

Kym Buchanan, chair of the Information Technology Council, also recognized this key issue, along with the issue of funding.

“The same conversation is happening all over the university,” Buchanan said. “We have a limited budget. What is most important and what do we need to prioritize?”

Buchanan also serves as the Chair of the School of Education and has seen an increasing number of K12 schools choose the Google ecosystem due to its free cost. Buchanan points out that this “free” price comes at the expense of data safety.

Google is able to maintain its complimentary services by selling user data to large marketing and advertising companies.

Students, faculty and staff who are worried about confidentiality are recommended to opt for specialized Google accounts called Google Apps for Education, which have increased data protection with no advertisements.

Students who have problems adapting to the Microsoft ecosystem or would like to know more about its applications may visit the Tutoring-Learning Center, where technology assistance and tutoring is available every weekday.

Go With the Flow and Carpe Diem

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I think I'm supposed to impart my wisdom upon those still in school. I'm supposed to say all the things I've learned in the past four years. That is more than can fit in a 500 word article.

There's this saying I came across years and years ago and while I can't remember the whole thing it basically said you'll remember the nights out with friends more than you will studying for an exam.

I'm not saying to blow off everything in order to get drunk on a Tuesday night.

I'm saying waking up an hour earlier or going to bed an hour later, dedicating that time to homework and then you can say yes to randomly getting coffee or going downtown. Also, no you do not need to sleep twelve hours straight on a Saturday.

One of the best impromptu decisions I made was applying for a study abroad trip.

It was the hardest and the best thing I've ever done. It changed my relationships with everyone in my life, but it also taught me to take what life throws at me and just go with it, to not miss out on anything and or sweat the small stuff.

The past year I decided to take this and apply it to life in Stevens Point.

My first two years I was trying to just do my homework, my clubs and organizations. I thought I was being the best college kid I could be, but I learned more about myself and enjoyed the a lot more once I started saying yes to going downtown, to the farmer's market and to meeting new people.

Enjoy the time you have in Stevens Point, because it goes by so fast. Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way because you never know when you'll get the chance again.

Make bad decisions, but learn from them. Use them to grow.

The past couple years has opened my eyes to how much we have going for us in college.

We have six floors worth of knowledge where you can find anything. We are within walking distance of gorgeous trails. There are countless local coffee shops, each one just as good as the next. We can ask any professor anything we want. Our curiosity can be fueled, I for one did not take advantage of that.

There are things I think everyone should do at least once: Belt's on opening day, walking in the sculpture park, biking by the river, the nutella frappuccino at the Coffee Studio and going to see live music and performances by the amazing departments housed in the Noel Fine Arts Center.

No art exhibit or performance will ever be as cheap as it is with a student ID.

Take advantage when people ask to have an impromptu grill-out or driving three hours for a concert and then back in the same night.

If all else fails, you can blame it on the fact you're not technically a real life adult yet.
Remember Graduates, Success is Subjective

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As I prepare for graduation, it becomes clear what is expected of me. Teachers, friends, relatives and complete strangers reiterate these expectations by asking the same types of questions...

“Where are you going to live?”

“Do you have any jobs lined up?”

“What do you want to do with your degree?”

“Are you going to graduate?”

“Do you have any plans?”

“Where are you going to work?”

“Have you decided what you want to do?”

These are all valid questions. While many are asking out of interest, let’s be honest and admit that many are asking so they can quietly judge your response and compare it to the societal standard that’s been established.

It’s tough to ignore the expectations of the world around you, especially if you’re about to do something a little risky. This could be moving to a foreign country to teach English or moving to New York City to climb the corporate ladder.

Rest assured, there will always be someone there to tell you that what you want is unrealistic or naïve. However, just because it’s impossible for them, doesn’t mean it is for you.

Up until this point in our lives, we’ve had someone telling us exactly what steps we need to take in order to be successful: work hard, finish high school, go to college, get your degree and, finally, get a good job. However, I don’t think any of these things, not even a diploma, can guarantee a happy and successful life.

What represents success to one person may not be for another. Many people find the utmost fulfillment in being a stay at home parent, because it means they get to watch their children grow up everyday, without missing a beat. Others may find happiness in working full-time at Subway, because it means they’ll one day have enough money to go to Paris.

Different people measure success differently. If everyone does exactly what is expected of them, they may never live their ideal lives.

Growing up, my dad repeatedly told me that it doesn’t matter what you do in life, as long as you keep moving forward. For me, that means traveling, writing and coming home to the people I love.

If it weren’t for these past four years at UWSP I would not have known it is these things that keep me moving forward, and for that I am thankful.
Hanke’s Grand Slam Concludes Pointer Baseball with Split

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team ended its regular season play winning one game and falling to the Eagles in the second.

The Pointers took game one of the Senior Day series, 9-2, over No. 4 UW-La Crosse.

Although the Eagles took the early 1-0 lead in the first inning, the Pointers stuck back with multiple home runs in the following innings.

Sophomore Turner Doornink gave the Pointers a 7-2 lead.

In the third inning, UW-La Crosse’s Justin Anderson knocked in a run to put the Eagles within one run.

Hanke boosted the score in the fourth inning with a grand slam, giving UWSP a 7-2 lead.

The Pointers scored two additional insurance runs in the seventh inning with an RBI single from senior Peter Strommen and Hanke scoring on a wild pitch for the eventual 9-2 victory over the Eagles.

Hanke recorded a game-high four RBI with three runs and one hit.

Sophomore Cole Erickson earned the win on the mound by pitching all nine innings for just one run.

Sophomore Darin Ward’s jump of 14.12 meters earned him a third place finish in the triple jump.

Williams was also one of five Pointers to place within the top six in the men’s long jump. His 7.09-meter jump was good for a second place finish.

In addition to Williams, UWSP athletes claimed third through sixth place finishes.

On Alumni Day the previous afternoon, UWSP dropped both games to the Eagles.

In game one, the Pointers were defeated 8-4 against the Eagles, who scored six of their eight runs in the seventh inning and UWSP fell in game two 7-6 in extra innings.

With a 10-10 record in the WIAC and 21-19 overall record, the Pointers have advanced to the WIAC Tournament.

UWSP will begin tournament play on May 13 in La Crosse.

Opponent and game times are to be announced, with the winner of the tournament earning an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Championship.

Flynn and Williams Claim Individual Title Wins at WIAC Championships

The Pointer track and field teams were well represented at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships with event titles won from senior thrower Kacie Flynn and junior jumper Jer­ry Williams.

Flynn’s winning mark was a 189-foot, three-inch throw (54.24 meters) in the women’s discuss, almost 10 feet farther than UW-Eau Claire’s Sam Anderson, who was runner-up in the event with a throw of 149-feet, six inches.

She also earned two top-five finishes in the hammer throw and shot put.

Flynn placed third overall in the hammer throw with a toss of 54.39 meters and recorded a fourth place finish in the shot put with her top toss of 12.96 meters.

Going into the WIAC meet, Williams had previously recorded the best triple jump mark in the conference, and he backed up his season placement with the top jump of 14.36 meters.

Sophomore Darin Ward’s jump of 14.12 meters earned him a third place finish in the triple jump.

Williams was also one of five Pointers to place within the top six in the men’s long jump. His 14.55 seconds. The men’s 4x400-meter relay team made up of senior Alec Oestreich, freshmen Dylan McGuire and Collin Meyer and junior Takuto Kobayashi crossed the line in 3:17.74 for a third place finish in the event.

Sophomore Logan Heil was fifth overall in the hammer throw with a toss of 52.60 meters and sophomore Tylar Kobnke also took home a fifth place, but in the javelin with a throw of 51.57 meters.

Freshman Jeremy Lee tallied a total of 6.170 points and finished third in the decathlon. Senior Albert Unruh was fifth with 5,786 total points and freshman Matthew Miller placed ninth with 5,042 points.

The Pointer men totaled 80 points and placed fifth out of eight teams. UW-La Crosse won its 26th consecutive and 52nd WIAC team title in program history with 201 points.

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On the women's side of the track, sophomore Leah Trempe placed third in the 400-meter dash in 57.70 seconds. Junior Kathy Derks also finished third overall, but in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:15.01.

Senior Holly Winberg was runner-up in the 5,000-meter run after she crossed the line in 17:48.98. She also placed second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 11:26.36.

The women's 4x400-meter relay team—made up of freshman Hannah Mertens, junior Jacklyn Butler, Derks and Trempe—placed second with a time of 3:52.17.

In the field, senior Shannon Burke was UWSP's top performer in the pole vault, where she placed third overall, where she cleared a mark of 3.67 meters.

The women's team totaled a combined 85 points to place sixth. UW-La Crosse won the WIAC title with 238 total points—its fifth straight conference title and 31st title win in program history.

The Pointer track and field teams will be back in action at the UW-La Crosse regional qualifying meet on May 13 in La Crosse.

Softball Sweeps Wisconsin Lutheran in Final Season Series

In their final two games of the 2016 season, the UWSP softball team swept Wisconsin Lutheran in a non-conference doubleheader.

The Pointers shut out Wisconsin Lutheran 8-0 in six innings in game one, with freshman Maddie Durie pitching a complete game, drawing the Warriors to just two hits.

Senior Bailie Sheahan and freshman Alyssa Cooper scored two unanswered runs for the Pointers in the first inning and continued with this momentum for the rest of the game. Sophomore Katie Uhlenbrauck, freshman Paige Kitzing hit singles in the third inning to score two more runs and a double from sophomore Paige Allen made UWSP's scoring advantage 6-0 after the third.

In the fifth inning, Kitzing hit a solo home run, increasing the Pointer lead by seven unanswered runs. A single from Cooper in the sixth inning cemented UWSP's 8-0 shutout game over the Warriors.

Kitzing led UWSP's batting efforts with two runs, two hits and two RBI, while Sheahan contributed three runs and two hits.

Freshman Dana Gertschen, Allen and Cooper each had two hits for the Pointers. Durie earned her sixth win of the season with a 1-0 advantage. Jacobson then scored an unearned run off of a Warrior error later on in the same inning.

Wisconsin Lutheran scored its only run when Sydney Horton reached first on Pointer error and scored Libby Schellpfeffer.

In the fourth inning, Perkinson singled off of a bunt and Sheahan scored UWSP's final run of the game, giving the Pointers the 3-1 win in their final outing of the season.

Perkinson went 2-for-3 in the game with one run and one RBI.

Junior Cori Semler, sophomore Cassidy Winter, senior Jodi Vanderford, sophomore Sydney Opdahl and Jacobson tallied one hit each for the team.

Freshman Amelia Heup earned her third win of the season having pitched four innings for one strikeout and one hit.

Sophomore Averi Kanyuh pitched three innings of relief, which resulted in four strikeouts and two hits.

The Pointers concluded their season with a 14-22 overall record and finished seventh out of eight teams in the WIAC with a 3-10 conference record.
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Athletic Programs Give Back with Youth Summer Camps

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As most of the university packs their bags for the summer, many of the sports teams at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will put on youth summer camps.

Throughout the summer months, almost all UWSP teams will run a youth camp. Some run a few days, some run a couple weeks. Most camps are available to any ages between kindergarten to incoming freshman.

The camps vary in number of participants, and some of the most successful ones attract a few hundred youth.

"In my few years we have been growing in the size of our camp each year," volleyball Head Coach Abbey Sutherland said. "Last year we had 250 sign up, and this year we are looking to get around 315."

That kind of turn out for the camps creates a great recruiting tool for some of UWSP's athletic programs. Taking advantage of having that talent in your gym over the summer is key.

"I strongly believe in using this as a recruiting tool. We have our elite prospects camp in which we get a bunch of girls to come and we can evaluate them over the few days to see where they might fit in the program," Sutherland said.

The same thought process is used on the football field, in which the coaches run a variety of different camps including the evolving 7-on-7 camps that emphasize skill position players.

"Our 7-on-7 passing camp attracts over 250 players," football head coach Tom Journell said. "Each year we find talent that we may not have otherwise seen if not for the camps."

The football camp is primarily run by the staff, whereas some other sports are helped out by members of the student body, players or not, such as basketball and volleyball.

"We try to get as many of the current players here as possible, it counts as a job for them too, so they are working with these campers hands on and they are getting paid to do it which is nice," Sutherland said.

Although one of the major goals for these camps is to see potential talent for the university in the future, the staff's ability to make the camp an enjoyable experience helps the university out in other ways.

"We want to provide a great experience on campus while they are here so they want to come back, regardless if they are a football recruit or not," Journell said.

The camps are also used to try to maximize the level of talent and competition in the area well before participants reach the collegiate level.

"The camp is designed to provide enthusiasm and cultivate interest in the sport, thus helping area programs," Journell said. "We are trying to promote the game as best as possible."

Not only is there a lot of work being done on the court, but most camps try to give the youth a chance to see what college life is about.

"The older prospects, we let them stay in the dorms for the few days, eat in Debot, walk around and see what the campus is all about," Sutherland said.

Student involvement is crucial to this development and recruitment of prospects for the university.

"This year we are starting something where the prospects go and talk to some of our players and ask them stuff in a Q&A fashion about being a student-athlete so they are well prepared and ready to take on that challenge of college," Sutherland said.

What it all comes down to is giving a little back to the community that enhances the interest of the game, whatever game it may be. The coaching staff at UWSP embraces the ability to coach guys and girls that might not be their players just yet, but are well on their way.

"Being around youth that love the game makes these camps more than enjoyable," Journell said.
Student Organization Climbs Trees and Makes Music

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The Ukulele Tree Climbing Club is a new organization, fusing two diverse activities together, playing the ukulele and climbing trees with equipment.

After receiving recognition from the Student Government Association in early spring, the club has already performed at concerts around Stevens Point, emphasizing safety and providing an inviting and creative environment.

Members are educated and aided about how to use the tree climbing equipment safely. The group sits in trees and creates renditions of songs.

Cate Lucas and Brewster Johnson advertising the Ukulele Tree Climbing Club Concert and Clothing Swap taking place on Friday, April 29th at 7 on the Front Lawn of Old Main. Come jam! An active member, Chelsey Graunke, senior acting major, said, "As a city person, I never climbed trees before. The people involved are really awesome but also open to interpretation and having us recommend songs."

Graunke said it is a relatively informal set up and everyone is encouraged to learning and welcoming of individuals of all musical levels. It is a very collaborative process.

The ukulele has become a more popular instrument in recent years and is considered to be one of the easiest to pick up. It is a member of the lute family and it generally employs four nylon, or gut, strings or four courses of strings.

"I joined because I wanted to meet new people who were interested in the same things as I was. They climb trees with gear and I've never done that before, so I wanted to try something new," said Stephanie Stanton, senior biology student.

Stanton said she wanted to learn more about playing the ukulele and kept returning to the club's practice sessions.

"I think it is a really innovative club, it's fun and impressive. They integrated two totally non-related recreational activities so more people can come together," said Christopher Benny, freshman biochemistry major.

Interested individuals can visit "UWSP Ukulele Tree Climbing Club" on Facebook for more information.

Abby Herold: One Woman Wonder

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Originally from New Berlin, Abby Herold transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and has completed the musical theatre program in three years.

Herold is a dedicated student and an innovative artist and is graduating in May. She is also the secretary of the Players Student Artistic Alliance.

"UWSP has a very supportive arts community. The professors and the student body are so supportive of every student's success and it has been a very positive experience. The classwork is rigorous but a welcomed challenge," Herold said.

She wants to remind others not to wait for opportunities and to not be afraid to create their own.

Recently, she created a set of monologues and performed them in the one woman show called "Here and There." She has been invited to perform the pieces at the United Solo Theatre Festival in New York in the fall.

Tyler Marchant, associate professor of acting & directing was involved in the project.

"She brings a positive spirit to the room and is brave. People see her as focused and hardworking, and someone who has a lot of drive. She always strives to push herself out of her comfort zone on stage," Marchant said.

Marchant said actors need tenacity and Abby has a lot of that. She created this show from the bottom up, acted in it and then submitted it to a festival.

Herold approached Miranda Reindl, senior drama major, to collaborate on "Here and There."

"We bounced ideas off each other and I was there to give her my point of view. Other students can learn to be fearless and to not rely on a ton of lights or sets or other people to create a full show," Reindl said.

Reindl said students can learn from the way Abby trimmed down her show while learning a lot about herself in that process.
LILY DETTLE
Lily Dettle is a senior communicative sciences and disorders major.

If you could bring back a television show that was cancelled what would it be?
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Jenna - “I love it. Constant warm climate, I wouldn't have to have as many clothes and then I’d get to go outside a lot more.”

What holiday would you get rid of?
Lily - “Valentine’s Day, because you don’t get vacation days.”
Jenna - “Christopher Columbus Day because he didn’t really do anything good.”

Do you think technology brings people closer together or farther apart?
Lily - “I think technology is a great way people can keep in touch especially those you don’t see very often. I know it can also make people over analyze the meaning behind simple words.”
Jenna - “Closer together because you can keep yourself updated on their lives and make plans a lot quicker.”
Review: 'The Poison Artist'

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After the last murder mystery I read I wanted something happier, something where no one dies, something motivational.

Appropriately my mind wanted more murder mysteries because those were the only books I found interesting when I was looking for a new book.

Thankfully, "The Poison Artist" by Jonathan Moore redeemed the gist and is working on obtaining funding for more research.

He needs people to volunteer to go without medication to measure the chemical effects of pain. This, along with a troubled childhood and a harsh breakup lead him to the bar one night. He meets a beautiful woman named Emmeline over some absinthe.

Moore began this novel by introducing Maddox's character, but only halfway. He started with a fight with his now ex-girlfriend and hinted that he had been discovered by police when he was younger. Some of this is more important at the end than other parts, but it leaves the reader with a sense of wonder and curiosity over what happens which draws you in until it gets to the real mystery.

Bodies keep showing up in the rivers.

What sets this apart is when he found the chemical that's been found in murder victim's bodies in her bathroom that night. The writing had one flaw.

"The Poison Artist" gets 9 murders out of 10.
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