

# SGA president resigns

*Gerard was to be impeached; communication an issue*

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UW-WC's Student Government Association (SGA) has new leadership for the balance of the semester as President Benjamin Gerard resigned minutes before impeachment proceedings on April 8.

SGA Vice President Jonas Gungor takes over as president after months of disagreements between Gerard and the majority of SGA reached a head in April. How the spring blood drive was organized and promoted was the final trigger.

Officers allege that Gerard did not keep SGA updated on the work he did to organize and promote the blood drive, leading to last-second marketing of the event.

However, Gerard asserts that he did communicate his progress with SGA and its advisor, Debbie Butshlick.

"I'd been filling all my duties with coordinating the blood drive, I was coming to campus, I checked in with Miss Debbie every once in a while," Gerard said. "Anything that was pressing was taken care of."

Butshlick said via email that "the Blood Drive went fine, and Ben did a great job promoting the Blood Drive."

Calls for removing Gerard began last fall after Gerard launched an investigation into Ubiquitous, the student campus newspaper.

Gungor said Gerard never obtained support from the Senate (voting members of SGA) to take action regarding Ubiqu's budget. Gerard's investigation was deemed "abuse of power" and "personal attacks against a professor," said Mitchell Bury, SGA Public Relations Officer.

The turning point came at the November

Collegium, a monthly assembly of administration, faculty and staff, at which SGA provides a report of its activities. Gerard reported on the investigation, but other SGA officers said he was acting alone.

"He poked at the bees' nest by himself with no apparent cause, and he made himself and Student Government look bad," said Gungor. "In Collegium, he tried to say the reasons for pursuing Ubiquitous were supported but there weren't. I had professors asking me what was going on and nobody had any clue; big lack of organization."

The investigation was eventually dropped due to pressure from SGA officers, said Gungor, and some members debated taking action against Gerard. They decided to wait and hope that no more problems would arise.

Gerard contends that he was just trying to streamline the overall budget and was contacting Ubiquitous staff to understand where the money goes.

"My only intent for looking at Ubiquitous' budget was an attempt to improve efficiency," said Gerard. "I'm a member of every club except three, Ubiquitous being the only one of those that has a budget from Student Government."

Another issue concerned Gerard consistently sending meeting notices at the last minute, sometimes the morning of weekly meetings. Gerard also missed several SGA meetings and other campus meetings requiring SGA representation.

"When you're the president, you're on Steering Committee," said Bury. "That's the board the president must show up to; it's the only really official appointment."

In an email to SGA on the morning of his

resignation, Gerard cites a medical condition which he said hampered his involvement with SGA in the weeks leading up to his pending impeachment. Gungor said SGA didn't know what was causing Gerard's lapses in communication.

"Nobody was trying to give him a hard time for his personal business," said Gungor. "No one even knew there was anything going on with him."

"Truth be told, I think I could have been better with communicating," Gerard said. "I don't think it was a felonious error, but I definitely could have improved on that. However, there was zero effort made on behalf of the senate to contact me or ask any questions before they reacted the way they did."

Before the Blood Drive, Bury researched the process of impeachment and learned that if a member does not resign after a week of notification, he or she can be impeached with a two-thirds vote.

Bury garnered enough Senate support and confronted Gerard on April 7 with an ultimatum: resign or be impeached. Ubiqu has learned that at 1:30 a.m. on April 8 Gerard received a text from Senator Casey Krakowski informing him that the others planned to act at that day's meeting.

After an email exchange with Gungor that morning, Gerard sent his resignation letter to Gungor at 11:57 a.m., three minutes before the weekly SGA meeting was to start.

Gungor has temporarily assumed the position of president under the SGA Constitution, which he will hold until the end of the semester. He is not running for re-election in

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## Scholarships eclipse \$80K; Commencement set for May 21

UW-WC will present over \$81,000 in scholarships at the Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 19. A reception for presenters and recipients will be held in the

gym prior to the 7 p.m. ceremony.

Receiving scholarships for the 2015-16 school year are 26 new freshman and 37 returning UW-WC students. An additional \$71,000

in scholarships will be awarded at the Commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 21, to sophomore students who are transferring to four-year campuses.

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## Dear Wildcat...

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Dear Wildcat,

My parents used to pay for my UW-WC tuition, but after an unfortunate situation that involved me pawning most of their valuables and making a run for Tujana... Long story. They now refuse to pay my way. How do I pay my tuition?

**-Lenny Lightfingers**

Well, Lenny, if you have been a student for more than a semester and haven't figured out the immense riches that are waiting for you in the financial aid office, you're a lost cause.

I live in a spacious six-bedroom Mequon townhouse. I drive a brand-new Porsche Boxer. I own a string of champion show ponies. Heck, the campus Dean is even on his way over right now to wash and polish Sweetness -- that's

what I call my Porsche.

I have achieved all of these feats by doing nothing more than getting fancy on my FAFSA form.

If you want to get that Pell grant pipeline cranked wide-open, you must start getting creative.

Let's say you have spent many a phone call arguing with your dysfunctional ex-significant other, and it's really starting to feel like a war between the two of you. It's been going on for so long that the two of you have become old veterans in the art of arguing.

Now what two words really stand out in those last two sentences? Aha, war veteran. Don't forget that box.

If you need another example, let's say you are walking barefoot around the house while staring at your phone. Next thing you know,

you nail your foot on the corner of the fridge. You look down, and to your horror you see that your big toe nail has cracked badly. You instantly curse the skies while proclaiming, "Not my big toe. That's the money toe!"

You instantly think of what this means for you. No sandals, no pedicures, no foot rubs! How will you ever live down the embarrassment of that unsightly toe?

That, my friend, is why I can think of nothing else than to classify this as an incurable disability. Now check that box and watch those grants roll in.

If you can't figure any of this out, I don't know, just pawn your parents' crap again.

Sincerely,  
R.K. Wildcat

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## Professor's Pet Peeves

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By RICKY KLAS  
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Jealous-Envious

Jealous (Adjective): Intolerant of rivalry or unfaithfulness

Envious (Adjective): Painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another

Lay-Lie

Lay (Verb): To put down, especially gently or carefully

Lie (Verb): To assume a horizontal resting position

Aisle-Isle

Aisle (Noun): A passage between rows of seats

Isle (Noun): An island or peninsula, especially a small one

1. Upon arrival at the party, I was immediately very (jealous, envious) of John's cool new jacket. But I later became quite (jealous, envious) when he was dancing with my date.

2. I was spending all afternoon (laying, lying) in my hammock when my girlfriend came out to (lie, lay) down the law about being lazy.

3. I walked through the (isles, aisles) of St. Paul's Cathedral while visiting the (Aisle, Isle) of Wight in England.

Answers: 1. envious, jealous 2. lying, lay 3. aisles, Isle.

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## The Ubiquitous

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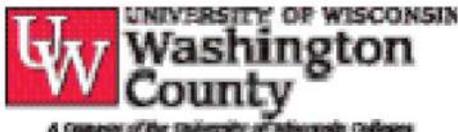
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# Blood drive comes together at the end

By KIMBERLY KOLINS  
Ubiq Staff Writer

In less than an hour after rolling up his sleeve, freshman Thaniel Gravelle quietly helped to save three lives—the fifth time he has done this.

Joined by 49 other students and community members in the UW-WC gym on April 15, Gravelle donated a pint of his blood so that others could live.

“I want to be an EMT, so doing this I can help to save lives now,” said Gravelle.

Because blood can’t be manufactured, the Red Cross depends on volunteers like Gravelle to open their hearts to others.

Heidi Homa, a Red Cross employee who came to the gym to help collect pints of the precious substance, said that the blood would be available for emergencies the very next day. People in need include “somebody in a car accident or any type of trauma, burn victims, people undergoing surgery, people having an organ trauma.”

“In fact, almost everybody will need to receive some type of blood product in their lifetime,” she said.

To give an idea of just how urgent the need for blood can be, Homa said that the Red Cross rushed blood to Boston for the victims of the Marathon bombings two years ago.

UW-WC had to do some rushing of its own to hold the blood drive.

The Student Government Association (SGA) was responsible for sponsoring the event just as it had done for at least the past 10 years. President Ben Gerard took charge of organization and getting the word out. But other officers say they were left out of the loop until just one week before the blood drive was to take place. That’s when they learned that promotion of the event was behind schedule.

“We felt there needed to be more communication,” said new SGA president Jonas Gungor.

Because blood collected on April 15 could be needed for emergencies the next day, the Red Cross needed donors—lots of them. Last



Left, aspiring EMT Thaniel Gravelle got a head start on saving lives at the Red Cross Blood Drive in the UW-WC gym on April 15. Right, Kari Kellar donates again to save up to three lives. (Kimberly Kolins)

fall, the blood drive netted 66 units of blood, each unit capable of saving three lives after it gets separated into plasma, platelets and red blood cells.

So the SGA officers quickly took control of the event and pressured Gerard to resign his post. Public Relations officer Mitch Bury scrambled to put up posters and fliers around campus while Debbie Butschlick, the SGA advisor, sent out campus-wide emails announcing the event.

The Red Cross, which had been planning for the event for the past two months, did its part by advertising the blood drive to area businesses and notifying hospitals that blood would soon be on the way.

At last, the event came together on the 15th as originally scheduled and the Red Cross began welcoming volunteers in the gym after a 90-minute setup of chairs, medical equipment, and snacks for the donors.

Regular donors know what to expect, but

newbies could be a little afraid of the quick prick of the needle. Kari Kellar, now a repeat donor, recalled her first time in the donation seat.

“The first time is definitely the hardest just because you’re nervous,” she said. “You don’t know what to expect.”

Homa was glad to see so many donors overcome their nerves.

“It’s really just one pinch,” she said. “After that one pinch, you can save three lives.”

Even Gerard, who had since resigned as SGA president, showed up to direct potential blood donors to the gym. It was his “civic responsibility,” he said.

In the end, the Red Cross collected 49 units of blood, enough to save as many as 147 lives.

“There’s not much you can do in one hour that can save lives,” said Homa.

“The blood drive was a big success due to quick reaction by SGA and Debbie Butschlick,” said Bury.

## Annual Milwaukee River cleanup draws over 200

By RICKY KLAS  
Ubiq Staff Writer

On the first Sunday in May, 220 UW-WC students and community volunteers participated in the 19th annual Milwaukee River cleanup. The target area included 13 different cleanup sites stretching from Moraine Park

Technical College to Highway G in West Bend.

Volunteers made quite a haul, pulling everything from street signs to garbage cans from the river. One worker even found a \$20 bill.

UW-WC sophomore Taylor Lyden especially enjoyed her time tidying up the river.

“It was actually pretty fun. I have always enjoyed being outside and volunteering,” she

said. “I am glad I decided to go.”

For his part, event organizer Prof. Wayne Schaefer was glad that the weather cooperated for his clean-up team.

“Oh yeah, it was definitely a success. We were really lucky to have nice weather,” he said. “But any time you can get outside and clean up nature, it’s a good thing.”

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fall because of tentative plans to transfer.

Since the transition, Gungor has been responsible for running meetings, encouraging members to attend events, and establishing new modes of communication in SGA. He said his plan for the last stretch of the semester is to make sure students have an awareness of SGA

members at sponsored events.

“In the short time we have left, we’ll try to communicate about all the upcoming events and just try to put the pieces back together,” said Gungor.

Come fall, Bury will take over as president as he won the election this spring.

Gerard will be transferring to Concordia University for medicine and is looking forward to a new start. He said he can envision joining the student government there.

“Most definitely. For the first semester or two I’d just get a feel for the landscape as a senator.”

## Finals week stress: Keep Calm and Study On



By KIMBERLY KOLINS  
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Finals can cast a dark shadow over campus filled with stress due to information overload. It can be difficult for students to get the work done and still remain balanced with everything else in their life.

“You have too much to do and not enough time to do it,” said student Rebecca Rynes. “Most of us have lives outside of school and it’s difficult to juggle.”

Staff and Student Government are helping students cope during “Keep Calm & Study On,” a weeklong event beginning on May 11 that will feature therapy dogs, advising, free snacks, and a host of activities. Schedule updates will appear on signs and monitors around campus.

Because Keep Calm and Study On has been a staple of campus life since the fall of 2013, organizers like Learning Center Coordinator Michelle Appel know that students will

benefit in many ways.

“(Its purpose is to) engage students on campus, help students connect with the campus, help students de-stress before finals, and reward students for staying on campus,” she said.

Favorite activities include origami folding, a student talent show, and entertainment in the Bistro. Also, the library’s “Procrastination Station” and the Learning Center will be giving out free healthy snacks.

The therapy dogs will be back in the Fireside Lounge on Monday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dogs help humans relieve stress by releasing the calming hormone Oxytocin that decreases the stress-inducing hormone Cortisol.

Free chair massages in the Fireside Lounge on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. provide benefits like lowering blood pressure and heart rate while relaxing muscles.

Feel like you might have some questions about finals or other school issues? Student Affairs advisors will have a drop-in Q&A table

for students in the Theater Lobby.

If you need some anti-stress relief right now, here are some tips from UW-WC Counselor Kristen Bestul: eat healthy, exercise, and stay involved. For students this may mean eating regular meals, taking walks, or making a plan for the day that includes studying but also relaxing.

“Make sure you are finding time to enjoy life and not just live it,” said Bestul.

With the overwhelming pressure of exams just around the corner, some students might be tempted to procrastinate.

“I’m trying not to think about (finals) because I don’t want to stress myself out,” said student Taylor Beck.

But Bestul recommends not pushing it off until the last minute and trying to minimize distractions--like phones and noise--so you can focus.

Keep Calm and Study On concludes on Thursday, May 14, with the traditional pancake breakfast in the cafeteria.

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# Student Profiles

By RICKY KLAS, Ubiq Staff Writer

**Name:** Clara Olson

**Age:** 18

**High School:** West Bend West

**Transfer Destination:** UW-Madison

**Major:** “Well, I’ve been thinking molecular biology, but my ultimate goal is Pre-Med.”

**Campus Job:** “I’m basically a biology lab assistant. Most of the labs have a lot of prep-work that needs to be done, and I am the main lab assistant. Some of the work would include a lot of enzyme mixing and making of chemical solutions. I will do things like setting up microscopes and doing computer cords and inputs. Then after the lab is done, I do all the clean-up, and after that I get set-up for the next week’s lab.”

**Do you enjoy the work:** Yeah, I do. Second semester was definitely harder than first semester because of all the chemical work, but it’s really been a great learning experience. I love working for Dr. Schafer. He really is a great professor.”

**Favorite movie seen this year:** “I love the ‘Divergent’ and ‘Insurgent’ movies. I love Shailene Woodley, she’s so cool. Everything she owns is in one suitcase. She is like this massive star and she just has this one suitcase with all her things. She gave her house to her grandma, and I just really like her as an actress.”

**Three favorite radio stations:** “I like 97.3, 103.7, and 99.1. But I listen to all different kinds of music.”

**Three favorite artists:** “I like Michael Jackson... I used to not like her, but now I really like Taylor Swift, and I like Holly Golding, too.”

**Favorite fast-food restaurant:** “I would have to go with Arby’s.”

**Favorite food:** “I like all kinds of pasta. So anything from alfredo to spaghetti, or even just buttered noodles.”

**What do you like to do for fun:** “Well, I used to play basketball, but I can’t now because of my work schedule. But recently I have found that I really like tennis. I also really like putting in my headphones and taking walks.”

**Favorite store to shop for clothes:** “Oh, that’s not a fair question. I am very fashion conscious, and I love clothes. But if I had to pick one, it would be Forever 21, because they have a lot of cute stuff and it’s not overly expensive. They are also super edgy and have a lot of fun stuff.”

**Name:** Evan Rathke

**Age:** 19

**High school:** Random Lake High School

**Claim to fame:** A two-year starter and team captain on the UW-WC boys basketball team; led the team in scoring and rebounds both years. Selected as the regular season conference player of the year and as the “Most Valuable Player” of the conference tournament held in Marshfield, WI in 2014.

**Transfer destination:** Either UW-Platteville or UW-River Falls for a major in Animal Science, in addition to playing basketball.

**Favorite food:** “Oh boy, I guess I would have to go with spaghetti.”

**Favorite fast food restaurant:** “Well, it’s not really fast-food, but I really like Subway.”

**Favorite movie from the last year:** “‘The Other Guys,’ with Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg.”

**Favorite TV show:** “I guess I will go with ‘Seinfeld’ if I have to pick one.”

**Favorite course at UW-WC:** “I really liked my Athletic Injuries class with Lori Doss.”

**Hobbies outside of basketball:** “I like farming and agriculture. I also raise show cattle, and I want to have my own farm one day.”

## SGA Update

The semester is almost over. Is everyone ready for finals? Don’t stress out. Keep Calm and Study on runs May 11-13. Be on the lookout for student performances, therapy dogs and a roaming tea-cart.

SGA hosted their Executive Board elections on April 28 and 29 and the results are in. Your elected SGA officers for the fall semester are: Vice President - Casey Krakowski; President – Mitchell Bury. If you see them in the hallways, be sure to congratulate them.

Don’t forget about commencement on May 21. You can pick up your caps and gowns at the bookstore.

Good luck in the final weeks of class!

Respectfully,  
Mitchell Bury  
SGA Public Relations

## Horrorscopes

By KIMBERLY KOLINS  
Ubiq Staff Writer

**The Water Carrier: Aquarius (January 20 to February 18):** The weather's getting warmer; summer is on its way. I know you just want to get in your swimsuit and soak up the sun but please remain clothed at school. Nobody needs that much distraction before finals and it must be against some kind of law.

**The Fishes: Pisces (February 19 to March 20):** All you need is love? Everything was perfect with your significant other but now they're being clingier than you ever thought possible. Invite them on dates but don't show up. Believe me they'll get the message, but avoid them and all their friends.

**The Ram: Aries (March 21 to April 19):** Everyone thinks that studying materials is the successful route, but you know better than that. The best thing to do is just get your mind off things. Go out with your friends or go to the beach. Clearing your mind will definitely get you that "A." Studying is unneeded stress.

**The Bull: Taurus (April 20 to May 20):** That lab partner in chemistry has been sending signals your way. The way they say "What temperature did you get?" or "Can you clean that beaker?" is making it totally obvious. They're just waiting for you to make the first move.

**The Twins: Gemini (May 21 to June 20):** You have three colleges selected for your final choices of transferring preferences for next semester. It's a huge decision, and you should decide soon. You're best option at this point is to line them up and do eenie, meenie, miney, moe. It will bring you to your destiny.

**The Crab: Cancer (June 21 to July 22):** After holidays like Christmas and Easter, the pounds have been packing on. Large quantities of cookies and chocolate will get to ya. I don't recommend diet or exercise; while both are effective, they are rarely fun. I say if you got it, flaunt it.

**The Lion: Leo (July 23 to August 22):** You're the lion. You must be aggressive and assertive and hold your ground. That person that always skips class wants your notes...someone in the computer lab sat in your favorite spot? Fight back! Reclaim your dominance.

**The Virgin: Virgo (August 23 to September 22):** There will be a problem with trust in your future. What you need to do is prepare. Don't tell anyone anything and be careful with everything you do this month. In fact, beat them to it and let them down before they do it to you.

**The Scales: Libra (September 23 to October 22):** You have been pushing off apartment hunting since you decided you want to

move out. Pick a friend you want to live with, pretend like you're staying for one night, and don't leave. If you get them food periodically they won't kick you out, guaranteed.

**The Scorpion: Scorpio (October 23 to November 21):** You feel as if something is astray in one of your classes. This whole semester they have been doing math equations and it's supposed to be a literature class. Yep you guessed it; you've been showing up to the wrong class this whole time. I expect freshmen to make this mistake first day but you took it to a whole new level, Scorpio.

**The Archer: Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21):** Your sense for adventure is starting to arise. You have been focused on school for so long that seeing the light at the end of the tunnel is making you want to spend the summer doing things you've never done before. The stars tell me you should stick to your routine but I say be risky!

**The Goat: Capricorn (December 22 to January 19):** That tattoo you want to get looks amazing. I know everyone's harassing you and begging you not to get it saying it's "ugly" and will "ruin your life." Well, I know what their real problem is, they're jealous of your courage and uniqueness. Everyone said that when I got my butterfly tattoo on my lower back, but I get hit on so much more now.

## Still time to register for UW-WC summer school

Registration is open for summer classes at UW-WC.

Two courses are available for the three-week session that begins Tuesday, May 26, and runs through Friday, June 12. Both courses offer three college credits and include: Introduction to Medical Anthropology (ANT 350) and Introduction to Public Speaking (CTA 103).

The four-week session begins Monday, June 15 and runs through Friday, July 10.

Three 3-credit courses are offered, including: Stars, Galaxies and the Universe (AST 106); Super Heroes & Society (CTA 298) and The Film as Social History (HIS 208).

Six courses are offered during the seven-week session, which begins Monday, June 15, and ends on Friday, July 31. Five 3-credit classes include: Human Anatomy (BIO 280); Introduction to College Writing (ENG 098); Literature of Science Fiction/Fantasy (ENG

284); Elementary Algebra (MAT 091); and Introduction to College Algebra (MAT 105). One 5-credit class, Introductory Chemistry (CHE 125) is also available and includes both lecture and lab.

For course descriptions and class times, visit the course schedule section of the website at [www.washington.uwc.edu/academics/courses](http://www.washington.uwc.edu/academics/courses). For more information, call Student Affairs at 262-335-5200.

## New paid internship available

Thanks to the foresight of Fill n' Chill Frozen Yogurt Bar owners Rick Kellow and Beth Kuehl, a new internship at their store will allow students at UW-WC the opportunity to learn every aspect of managing their own business.

The Fill n' Chill Yogurt Bar at 431 E. Washington Street in Slinger opened for business last spring.

Along with the typical customer service,

marketing and accounting skills needed to run a business, the Fill n' Chill's seasonal element provides additional learning opportunities in an entrepreneurial environment. The Fill n' Chill internships are paid and students have the option of earning additional college credit. Four UW-WC students have already been hired to work with four former employees (also college students) in this first year of transition. Deb

Butschlick, Student Activities Coordinator at UW-WC will manage the operations, Dan Anhalt, Assistant Dean of Administration and Finance will manage the finances and Chris Roland, Academic Advisor in Student Affairs will coordinate the internships.

A soft opening for Fill n' Chill was planned for April 6, followed by an official grand opening later this month.

## Students the source of their own entertainment

By RICKY KLAS  
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Last April Fool's Day, the Bistro on the Hill played host to Comedy Sportz, Milwaukee's improvisational comedy troupe that depends upon audience suggestions for its skits.

"Audience involvement is a key component to the success of a Comedy Sportz show," said Comedy Sportz referee Matt Garnaas.

Sponsored by SGA during the noon hour, the show got off to a cool reception as students were preoccupied with conversations at their own tables. But by the end of the hour the hilarious, high-energy show had the entire room captivated.

UW-WC sophomore Amber Cheyne volunteered to participate in a skit called "Sound Effects" for which she provided on-stage vocal sound effects for one of the routines.

"It was phenomenal. It was so fun," said Cheyne. "This was like, seriously, the best idea the school has ever had."

The hour-long performance included three competitive skits based on audience suggestions.

"Four Square" required each of the actors to stand in a corner of a square that was split into four sections. When the game began, the actors in each opposing section of the square would alternate acting out their situations.

The second game, "Sound Effects," required Cheyne to get on stage and provide sound effects to a scene, including a radio announcer, a helicopter, and fire.

The final game of the day was "Add a



Milwaukee's Comedy Sportz put on a show on April 1.

Line." The quirk to this skit was that popular movie lines were intermediately injected into the scene. Some of the lines recommended by the audience included "If you ain't first, you're last" from "Talladega Nights"; "I want you to paint me like one of your French girls" from "Titanic"; and "As God is my witness, I will never go hungry again" from "Gone with the Wind."

The hour concluded with a large round of applause as the audience voted for the winning team.

Garnaas, who solicited audience suggestions for the troupe's skits, had a vote of his own.

"Well, it did start a little slow, but with a little motivation they turned out to be a great audience."



## Back-to-back Slam Champ

Sophomore Cassie Martinez performs her original poem at UW-WC's Sixth Annual Poetry Slam in the courtyard. She took first place for the second year in a row. (Logan Garcia)