

Keillor Spends an Evening in Winona



Garrison Keillor signs copies of his many best-selling books Monday night after "An Evening With Garrison Keillor," a DFL assembly featuring the internationally acclaimed author, writer, actor and political commentator.

Author draws crowd at DFL event

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Carl Erwin cannot vote in Minnesota, but he came to a Winona County DFL rally Thursday night anyway.

The main draw for Erwin and many others at Winona State University's Somsen

Hall Auditorium was Garrison Keillor, Minnesota-born entertainer and supporter of the Democratic Party.

Erwin, a Democrat from Alma, Wis., said he attended the rally partly to help fill the auditorium and show his support for the party through the \$15 admission price, and partly

to hear Keillor's folksy, yet accessible brand of storytelling.

"He can present people, present a story, present a thought and put it in all terms," said Erwin.

Erwin got just what he was expecting out of Keillor. Keillor, wearing a dark suit with red tennis shoes,

told the audience about the pleasant and friendly Texans, who shake a stranger's hand and call them "darling" or "sunshine" before getting to know them.

"How do these wonderful people elect some of the most regressive politicians?"

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