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New CAFES dean

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

David Hammer has been chosen as the new dean in the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES).

Hammer, currently a professor of soil science at the University of Missouri-Columbia, will take his place as dean in January.

Hammer has been at the University of Missouri-Columbia since 1986. He received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at the U.S. Naval Academy, a master's degree in forestry at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and a doctorate in soil genesis from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.



David Hammer

Leon Zaborowski, chair of the dean selection committee said

Hammer's selection was part of two searches amongst many qualified candidates.

"A pool of candidates were being looked at until the hiring freeze in April or March," Zaborowski said.

Following the freeze candidates were told they would be reconsidered when the freeze was lifted.

When the freeze was lifted, in September, 16 committee members including CAFES students and faculty, UW-Extension staff members and one faculty member from each college narrowed down the candidates to six.

Due to budget issues the University is able to bring only three people to River Falls for in-person interviews, Zaborowski said.

While at UW-River Falls candidates participated in public sessions, meetings, tours of campus and CAFES facilities, dinner with chairs of departments and a full day

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UW-RF employee dies in car accident

Kyle Weaver
Viewpoints Editor

Though she had only been employed at UW-River Falls for about three months, Terri Louise Sampson was well known for her outgoing and enthusiastic personality among her coworkers.

Sampson, 44, who worked in the accounts receivable department for the eSIS project, died March 10, 2003 as the result of injuries suffered in a car accident.

Sampson, who was born in Baldwin, is survived by six brothers and sisters as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Sampson's older brother, Roger Kapping, and nephew Dave Kapping, both recalled how much fun Sampson had at family gatherings. Last Saturday night the two

attended a family wedding reception, the first since the accident. Both said her presence was missed.

"It was weird not having her there," Roger said. "She would have been the center of attention."

Dave, a UW-RF sophomore, said his fondest memory of Sampson was her contagious, hearty laugh.

"She was really light-hearted and fun to be around," Dave said. "I don't know if things will be as fun."

Sampson's personality was the kind that made you want to be around her, coworkers said. Perhaps that's why hearing about the accident was so shocking for them.

Jane Lubich, a cashier in the Accounts Receivable office, worked closely with Sampson in the

See "Sampson" on A8

Standoff ends without incident after 7 hours



Maisha Downey / Student Voice

Multiple law enforcement agencies strategically plan outside the River Falls armory Tuesday night. Following a short high-speed chase and a seven hour stand off the suicidal 33-year-old man surrendered to police peacefully. Charges have not yet been filed.

Jen Cullen
Editor-in-Chief

It took seven hours but River Falls Chief Roger Leque got the "safe resolution" he was looking for when the suicidal 33-year-old man who led police on a high-speed chase Tuesday surrendered to police without incident early Wednesday morning.

The incident began at approximately 9 a.m. Tuesday when police received a phone call from a woman concerned about her husband's suicidal statements.

Several hours later a River Falls police officer arrived at the man's home at 623 Sunset Lane in an attempt to get him to exit the residence.

According to a press release from the River Falls Police Department, "The male individual became agitated and slammed the door." The police then left the home.

Several attempts were made throughout the afternoon to contact the man. Police also continued to monitor the residence.

At approximately 6 p.m. the man left his residence in a vehicle. Police attempted to stop the vehicle, but the man refused to pull over. A short high-speed pursuit began that lasted only a few blocks. Speeds reached approximately 65-70 mph. Eventually the man weaved his way back to his house and went back inside.

The man had several high power rifles and was in the residence alone. The police made phone con-

tact with the man during which they said they heard a gunshot.

Multi-agency representation was present including the Pierce and St. Croix County sheriff's departments, several state patrol units and River Falls Police Department.

Police proceeded to block off a several-block radius and evacuated people from about 20 residences. Police took residents from their homes to the local armory a few blocks away where the Red Cross had set up a shelter.

Police continued to make contact with the man who Leque said was "very volatile and upset."

After several more hours of phone

See "Standoff" on A8

President, vice president candidates share views

Jen Cullen
Editor-in-Chief

Students will have the opportunity to choose their next Student Senate president and vice president from 8 a.m. April 8 to 8 p.m. April 9.

Matthew Schuelke and Katie Kneissel are running for the president seat. Schuelke, along with Brandon Bruder, is also running for vice president.

Each candidate was given a chance to answer a few questions about what they will do as Senate president/vice president.

What issues do you plan on focusing on as president/vice president? What will your top priority be?

Brandon Bruder

"A few of the issues that I will focus on are the professor evaluations, parking problems and current building projects. My top priority though will be focusing on the current budget situation."

Katie Kneissel

"The major issue I plan on focusing on is getting the students involved. I want students to know that we exist and that we are here for



Brandon Bruder



Matt Schuelke



Katie Kneissel

them to get their voices heard at the administration level. I also would like to see the student survey done once at the beginning of the year and at the end."

Matt Schuelke

"The Office of Rental Issues. I will start a resource on Senate geared towards offering campus students a list of currently available housing in River Falls and the immediate area. I will bring ecology to senate. I will try to get student organization lockers. I plan to focus on keeping Senate a focused and motivated entity on this campus. I want to bring back good student opinions about it and let people know it's here to serve them."

What are your strengths/weaknesses?

Brandon Bruder

"I have the knowledge and expertise to be a successful leader. I am not afraid to speak my mind and I will do what I can to benefit the students. I may not always be accessible, but I have plans to change this so that students will be able to contact myself or any other student senator with questions or concerns that they may have."

Katie Kneissel

"I am a very outgoing and energetic person. I love to be talking and socializing with people. I am also a very organized person."

One of my major weaknesses is that I am a loud person. I can also be a demanding person. When I know something should be done, it will get done."

Matt Schuelke

"My strengths include my experience, leadership skills, resilience, vision and motivation."

My weaknesses sometimes come about as a result of my passion for getting things right. Sometimes I just can't leave stuff alone. I have to tweak it and mold it to exactly what I feel is perfect."

What do you think the biggest issues facing the student body are?

Brandon Bruder

"Although there are many issues on campus that the Senate deals with, it is very important that we focus on the current budget crisis. The statewide budget cuts will affect UW-RF and its students. I will do my very best to insure that the students and the UW-RF campus will be affected by the budget situation as little as possible."

Katie Kneissel

"A major issue facing the student body is obviously the budget concerns. That is why the Senate now is organizing and involving the students in every step possible. A more local issue is a lack of voice to the administration."

When differential tuition was being discussed, the students were saying no to it and administration seemed to be not hearing the voice of the students. That needs to be improved greatly."

See "Senators" on A8



Maisha Downey / Student Voice

U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold (left) held his 734th Listening Session last Friday in the North Hall auditorium. Feingold uses the Listening Sessions to hear questions and comments from his constituents. Feingold has held one in each county every year since he was first elected in 1992.

Feingold listens to questions

Mike Longaecker
Guest Writer

Amidst a swell of congratulations for his work, U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold fielded a bevy of questions ranging from commercial radio licensing to the current war with Iraq from students and area residents at North Hall Friday.

Feingold, who was one of 23 senators to vote against the war, bypassed his normal introduction to address what he called, "a significant moment in our history."

"I want to express my very strong feeling of concern and support for our troops," Feingold said. "I wish we hadn't done it, but it is proceeding."

With demonstrations-both for and against the war-continuing in River Falls and around the world, Feingold said both sides are doing a patriotic service.

"I think public expression, even at

this time, is a sign of the strength of our democracy and the strength of our nation," Feingold said.

Among the more than four-dozen questions the senator took during the listening session, questions about the USA Patriot Act legislation were addressed by several constituents.

Jeff Ryan, a Prescott high school teacher, expressed his students' concern that the USA Patriot Act is, "a tax on our constitutional rights."

Feingold, who was the only senator to vote against the bill in 2001, noted that though a new approach to security had to be taken in light of 9/11, he remained opposed to several "troubling provisions" of the USA Patriot Act.

"We can win the fight against terrorism without gutting our civil liberties," Feingold said.

The USA Patriot Act, which remains a controversial law aimed at curbing terrorism, broadly expands law enforcement's surveil-

lance and investigative powers.

Feingold confirmed that a draft of a Patriot Act II bill is in the works, but has not yet been formally introduced.

If the current draft is introduced into Congress, Feingold said, "The good news is I think there's going to be more than just Russ Feingold questioning this thing this time."

Among other topics addressed included a question from UW-RF English instructor Andrew Bergquist, who asked Feingold if he would consider a presidential nomination from a third party.

"I will fight to make the Democratic Party more progressive," Feingold said. "But the right role is for me to remain a senator of Wisconsin."

Friday's listening session marked the 734th such public forum Feingold has held in Wisconsin, which he has done every year since 1993.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you miss your pet while at college? If so, volunteer at the Pierce-St. Croix Humane Society. For more information, call 426-5535 or visit their Website at www.adoptablepets.org.

Do you want to give back to the community? If so, donate food to the Psychology Honor Society. Collection bins are available in KFA, CSH, and the Student Center until April 11.

Did someone say smoked turkeys? There are still several freshly frozen smoked turkeys. If interested in buying a turkey, contact Erica at erica.l.schulz@uwrf.edu or Marion at marion.j.majeske@uwrf.edu.

Men's Rugby. If interested in participating in a fun spring sport like Rugby, contact Kevin at 426-7777.

There are still summer courses available. For an updated list of the summer courses that are being offered visit www.uwrf.edu/summer.

The new Live TV show is looking for crew and audience members. For more information, contact Nick Kesler at nickalus.h.kesler@uwrf.edu

River Falls Live broadcasts every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

If interested in participating in the University Veterans Club contact Mike Foley at micheal.o.foley@uwrf.edu.

If interested in participating in the Paintball Club, contact Chad at chad.r.goetsch@uwrf.edu.

If you have talent taking pictures, enter the photography contest. All photographs are due in 310 North Hall by April 8. For specific guidelines visit www.uwrf.edu/journalism.

Minnesota artist Mary Bryan's watercolor artwork is on display until April 30 in the Harriet Barry Gallery, Davee Library.

English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta's Recommended Literature ballots are posted outside KFA 265. Members are invited to vote on the best literature taught at UW-RF.

EVENTS

Campus Ministry Network invites everyone to a passover seder meal April 8 at 7 p.m. at the St. Thomas More Chapel of Newman Center.

Professor James Delaplain will give a presentation on the Solidarity Movement and his first hand experience in Palestine April. 9 at the Journey house.

Dance Theatre Spring Concert performs through April 5 at 8 p.m. in the Davis Theatre, KFA. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Looking for a \$5 night out? If so, the Diversity Awareness Committee invites you to the play house April 9 to help celebrate diversity. For more information, and/or to buy tickets visit the Leadership Center front desk.

Looking to join a leadership committee, but don't know which one? If so, attend the Shared Governance Fair on April 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Falcon's Nest, Rodli Commons.

Do you like art? Stop by Gallery 101 in KFA and see "Manipulation of Perception" through April 9.

The day of silence will be held April 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a rally on the Student Center lawn to break the silence. All are welcome.

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be on campus April 9 and 10 from noon to 6 p.m.

The West and East Area Councils are sponsoring a spring formal. The formal will take place April 12 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are on sale in the Student Center and Rodli Commons for \$25/couple and \$15/person.

Attention students interested in Broadcast Journalism. A seminar that will bring together students and professionals to explore the opportunities in the broadcast industry will be held April 26 at the J.F. Friedrick Center, UW-Madison. For more information, contact Michelle at the WBA office at 1-800-236-1WBA.

The 7th Annual Women's Leadership Conference is at UW-Platteville March 28-30 and Student Senate is sending 16 people. All costs are covered except food. If interested, stop by the Student Senate office.

International Film Festival, "See the Originals" showcase is on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. in 141 KFA.

Want to get in shape for just \$20 a semester? There are aerobics classes Monday through Thursday, 4 and 6 p.m. at the Aerobic Studio, Emogene Nelson (connected to May Hall). Register for any class anytime throughout the semester.

MEETINGS

Silent Candlelight Vigil for Peace will be held April 6 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. in Veterans park.

Amnesty International is sponsoring weekly anti-war marches. If interested meet at the Student Center Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

College Republicans sponsor weekly pro-American rallies. If interested meet at May Hall Thursdays at 4 p.m.

A Tactile-enriched environment in Gallery 101 features several graduating senior artists. The gallery hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7-9 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. in KFA.

Campus Ministry Network has Interfaith Prayer Services at the St. Thomas More Newman Center and Catholic Chapel Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Amnesty International meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the St. Croix room of the Student Center.

Habitat for Humanity meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the International Room of the Student Center.

Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in North Hall Auditorium.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the International room. For more information contact cc4cuwrf@hotmail.com

Family, friends reflect on war declaration

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

Following President Bush's declaration of war with Iraq UW-River Falls is seeing the effects. Twelve students at UW-RF have been activated for duty.

The activation requires the students to withdraw from UW-RF and report to duty at an assigned location.

Family members of the activated students share a common feeling: pride. Pam Eschenbauch, mother of junior Eli Eschenbauch, said her youngest son came to help move Eli out of River Falls and wanted to take him to Canada. Eli told his brother this is something he has to do, Pam said.

"My main feeling is that I am really proud of his integrity," Pam said. Jeffrey Leslie's father, Steve, expressed his love and support for his son as well.

Prior to attending UW-RF Jeffrey, a senior, spent eight active years in the military, Steve said. He was planning to make the military a career but recently changed focus to elementary education.

"We are certainly proud of him and wish him the very best," Steve said. "He has a good heart and attitude about his country."

Juanita Maurice, mother of 18-year-old freshman Krysta Maurice, said her

"Regardless how you feel about the war, you have to support the troops."

—Derrick Williams, junior

daughter signed up for the reserves just one day prior to September 11. She signed up mainly to have money for school but knew if something were to happen she would have to serve.

"I am very proud of my daughter," Juanita said. "She has done very well." Alicia Decker, wife of junior Kevin Decker, member of the 724th Engineer Battalion of Spooner, Wis., has similar feelings as the parents of the activated students.

"We've been together for seven years," Alicia said. "It's lonely, he's my best friend and I am proud of him."

Since many of the students haven't traveled overseas their communication with family members has been regular.

There are many phone lines at Fort McCoy where Kevin is currently stationed but each time Alicia calls they seem to be busy, she said. To fix the problem Alicia bought a prepaid cell phone that Kevin will be able to use until he ships out.

Like Kevin, Krysta Maurice also uses a cell phone to call home. "We talk frequently," Juanita said.

Right now Juanita is waiting for Krysta to be shipped out, but isn't concerned the communication will die down because her daughter will then be able to use E-mail.

Eli Eschenbauch, member of the Bridge Building unit, also at Fort McCoy, calls home when he gets a chance.

"When their day is done they are able to go to the library and call," Pam said. "The lines to talk are long which makes the calls short but he keeps

really close contact with us."

Already overseas in Belgium at the NATO command enter, Jeffrey Leslie doesn't get to call home as regular as other students, Steve said.

"It's just a timing thing," Steve said. "He'll be calling periodically but not real often."

Students' feelings about the War in Iraq

Many students, although still in River Falls, have a connection to the war with friends and family members who have been activated for duty.

Sophomore art major Nick Terry, said his cousin will be in Iraq when this story appears in the newspaper.

"He is serving his time," Terry said. "He is proud to go."

Kari Wendt, junior, said she knows someone who might be going overseas, someone who is there right now and someone who is just getting back. "It's just a scary thought," Wendt said. "This is the worst age to be during a war because it's your peers that are going to go."

Both senior Brian Dobbs and junior Derrick Williams said they know a woman currently stationed in Britain.

"She's in military intelligence," Williams said. Unlike other students, Williams' and Dobbs' friend was stationed in Britain prior to the war.

"It's not like she really had a choice," Williams said. "Regardless of how you feel about the war, you have to support the troops."

In response to whether or not Bush should have declared war, students had mixed feelings.

"I was proud and felt like it should be done because Sadamm Hussein shouldn't be in power," Terry said. "It is our place to as the head of the United Nations to step up and take action."

Junior social work major, Elaine Goodman disagreed.

"I think that he should have listened to the American public more," Goodman said. "He should have at least asked the Senate."

Wendt said she was on the fence.

"I think it may be the right thing to do but it was ill-timed and rash," Wendt said.

The only reason Dobbs, a political science major, supports the war is because he sees Hussein as a very big threat.

"I really believe liberating Iraq isn't the answer," Dobbs said. "His regime falling could be more dangerous than anyone expects."

Students agree the question is not if the United States will see another attack on its soil but when.

"It's going to happen but there is really nothing you can do to prepare for it," Dobbs said. "And why would he attack little old River Falls."

Williams agreed the possibility for another attack is great.

"I'm not going to sit around and freak out that my house will blow up," Williams said. "You have to continue living your life and not think about it."

As students return from class each day they said they are bombarded with media images that are graphic and more harmful than helpful.

The media images are obsessive, Goodman said.

"More people are afraid of it," she said. "We don't need 24/7 coverage."

Terry said he questions whether one form of media are able to cover something as large as a war.

"I think it is ridiculous because it puts questions of our capabilities in people's minds," Terry said. "America relies too much on picture images."

Ag technology contest aids with recruitment

Leslie Shuler
News Editor

More than 900 students from 61 Wisconsin and Minnesota high schools came to UW-River Falls last Saturday for the 43rd Annual Agricultural Technology Contest, held by the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES). The contest serves as an academic competition for high school students, as well as a recruitment tool for the College.

"The contest is made up of 13 different agriculture related career and research areas," said senior Joel Kuehnhold, student contest chair. "High school students are eligible to compete in one contest area for a prize in the Agricultural Technology Contest, or qualify to compete at the state FFA contest held in June."

Compared to last year attendance levels have increased.

"This year we increased the number of students by about 400," said junior Matt Reinders, assistant student contest chair. "We were very excited about that."

The event is primarily a regional academic contest for Wisconsin high school FFA (formerly known as the Future Farmers of America) members; however Minnesota schools were invited as well.

FFA is a national youth leadership organization

"For many of them it is the first time they have set foot on a college campus."

—Joel Kuehnhold, student contest chair

for high school students involved in agricultural education courses. According to the National FFA Organization, of its 461,000 members, Wisconsin makes up more than 15,000.

Although most students who competed were FFA members, students do not have to be members to compete in the non-state FFA qualifying events, Kuehnhold said.

Contest areas included agricultural mechanics, agronomy, dairy cattle evaluation, farm business management, floriculture, food science and technology, forestry, horse evaluation, livestock evaluation, nursery and landscape, small animals, soils and wildlife. The River Falls FFA was the top-placing chapter.

In addition, the contest serves as a recruitment tool for UW-RF and CAFES.

"It is a way for CAFES to promote our college and show potential college recruits what our college has to offer," Reinders said.

Many at the event got a taste of what a college campus was like for the first time.

"For many of them it is the first time they have set foot on a college campus," Kuehnhold said. "This is something they'll always remember and maybe when it comes time for them to chose a

college, they will compare everyone else against what we have to offer."

UW-RF Student Involvement

"Students from different clubs in CAFES volunteer to help out with the contest," Reinders said. "This year we had about 60 to 75 total students helping."

It is his and Kuehnhold's responsibility to assign UW-RF students to the individual contests, Reinders said.

Each of the 13 contests has a student chair, who oversee their respective contest area.

The week prior and on the contest day student workers help prepare for the contests by clipping animals, preparing tests and making sure there are enough supplies for the students to use, as well as making sure everything is organized and ready for the contest day.

Students have the opportunity work closely with faculty and staff to prepare for the contests, giving them a chance to learn more about a specific agriculture content area, Kuehnhold said.

"They communicate with area agriculture related businesses and producers, allowing them to network with others in their field," Kuehnhold said.

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Qualifications: Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma or equivalent, and meet minimum qualifications as established by the Law Enforcement Standards Board (except education). Rate of Pay: \$8/hour.

An application and qualification requirements can be obtained at the River Falls Police Department or by calling 715-425-0909. All applications must be received or postmarked by April 11, 2003. EOE/AEE

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Public Safety

Spring break citations plentiful

Aaron Kenealy
Staff Writer

March 31 Public Safety was alerted to a possible underage drinking situation in 436 McMillan Hall by an R.A. who had witnessed a disturbance in the bathroom. Upon arriving at the room officers were given permission to enter. There they found Benjamin Toley, 18, and Ryan Alwes, 19. Both allegedly smelled of alcohol and admitted to having two bottles of liquor. Toley was cited \$225 for underage drinking and Alwes was cited \$349 for his second offense.

March 30 Public Safety was alerted by an R.A. to an underage drinking situation in May Hall when a group of people entered the hall and some seemed to be intoxicated. Officers were then directed to room 322 where the group was located. After knocking on the door officers were given permission to enter. River Falls Police were called for backup because of the large number of people in the room. Of the several people who received citations two of them were UW-River Falls student. Alex M. Dix, 20, and Thomas S. Brenner, 19, both received \$225 citations for underage drinking.

March 30 a burglary apparently occurred at 159 Johnson Hall. Items stolen were a purse and its contents. The value of all is unknown.

March 29 police were dispatched to the area outside Boomer's Bar for a fight in progress. Upon arriving at the scene officers found Christopher G. Lavigne, 22, causing a disturbance. According to witnesses, Lavigne had been causing a disturbance inside the bar and had tried stealing two bottles of beer. When employees escorted Lavigne from the bar he became uncooperative and started throwing punches. Once police were on the scene Lavigne was transported to county jail for a state statute disorderly conduct violation. Lavigne also received a \$162 citation for theft.

On March 29 while watching a surveillance camera for K-lot a Public Safety Officer saw a male subject lit-

tering. The officer then went to confront the individual, Steven J. Pfeiffer, 21, who admitted to throwing a Snapple bottle into the woods. He was then cited \$163 for littering.

March 27 an R.A. who had noticed a heavily intoxicated individual in the building called Public Safety to 236 Stratton Hall. Public Safety Officers knocked on the door that was answered by the subject's roommate. The subject, John C. Lundgren, 20, was found sleeping on the floor and was awakened to take a Breathalyzer. River Falls Police were called at this time for advice on whether Lundgren should be transported to detox because of his .214 blood alcohol level. It was decided he would be left in the care of his roommate after being cited \$473 for a third offense underage drinking.

On March 21 two John Deere Gators were found stuck in a field on Lab Farm 1 property. One of the Gators was property of the athletic department while the other belongs to Public Safety. Both vehicles received damage, the athletic department receiving \$1000 in damages while the Public Safety vehicle received \$300 in damages.

On March 17 the steel gate on the west campus walk path was found damaged. The steel had apparently been bent and was damaged to the amount of \$300.

On March 24 Public Safety contacted Travis J. Salonek because of the apparent use of a counterfeit parking pass. Salonek admitted to using a fake pass only because he had lost the pass issued to him at the beginning of the year. Salonek's vehicle was towed and his parking privileges have been revoked for the remainder of the year.

On March 14 Public Safety was called to Grimm Hall for an apparent underage drinking situation. Upon entering Grimm Hall officers found Daniel J. Lindahl, 18, who admitted to drinking. He was then cited \$225 for underage consumption.

Student Senate

Task force working to improve class, professor evaluations

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

A task force consisting of student senators and faculty senate is working to improve and change the professor/class evaluations given to students at the end of each semester.

The task force committee is determining whether the questions should remain scan-tron, or if open-ended questions should be added or replace the current evaluation.

Senator Nick Cluppert of the task force committee said some faculty members are worried that open-ended questions may jeopardize their job or chances of getting tenure.

In an open discussion, Senator Leah Viesselmann said she understood where faculty members were coming from. She said that students could write really negative or inaccurate things about a professor they didn't like. She said she thought their jobs would ride a lot of what the evaluations showed.

Senator Erik Tietz said he thinks open-ended questions would be a good way to determine a professor's performance.

"At this time while we're cutting back professors, we need the best ones to stay," Tietz said.

He went on to point out that a pro-

fessor could receive a bad evaluation from the scan-tron questions, but could receive good responses from the open-ended questions.

Many student senators agreed that open-ended questions would provide a more detailed evaluation and allow students to give their personal accounts of faculty members.

President Jessica Wernuth said that a faculty member's job does not ride on the results of one single evaluation, or necessarily on a 'batch' of evaluations. She said that if the professor consistently receives the same type of evaluation from year to year, then the situation is looked into by the provost.

It is a possibility that the results from open-ended questions may stay with the faculty member instead of turned into the provost for review.

Results of faculty evaluations are open to the public and available at the University library. If open-ended questions stay with the faculty member, then it will not be open to the public. Rather it will allow faculty members to reflect on responses and make necessary changes or improvements.

President Wernuth said that it is also being looked into to have the evaluation web-based in the future.

Other Student Senate news

Members of Student Senate participated in a women's leadership

conference at UW-Plattville March 28-30. Attendees participated in seminars and workshops dealing with 'exceptional women,' the portrayal of women in the media, domestic violence and overcoming harassment, sexual pleasures and preferences, reproductive rights and other topics relating to women's leadership.

President Jessica Wernuth strongly pushed senators to get students to come to the Joint Finance Committee hearing taking place today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at River Falls High School. The committee represents state of Wisconsin legislatures who will hear testimonies from students, faculty and staff of the UW System regarding budget issues.

Finance Director Emily Wenger attended the budget committee's meeting and reported that of the 600 system-wide university position cuts, UW-RF will need to eliminate 17-18 full-time faculty/staff positions for next year. Wenger also reported that the new building projects on campus using funding from the government, the Dairy Learning Center and Health and Human Performance building, were approved by the state.

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LEARNING FOR A LIFETIME

Paintballers seek campus recognition

Maisha Downey
Photo Editor

If UW-River Falls junior Chad Goetsch had his way, Paintball would be an Olympic sport. Until then, he has started a paintball club on campus for students who feel the same way. Goetsch, a junior agricultural engineering major, expects the campus group to become official in one to two months. "We want to see who on campus plays and compare interests," Goetsch said. "Some people play competitive and some just for fun." No positions have been assigned to members yet, but Goetsch said he hopes to do so shortly. Twenty-five UW-RF students are on the e-mail list for the club. Once it is made an official club, students will be asked to pay a \$20 fee per

semester to become a member. Jessica Fraust is one student interested in the paintball club. "I actually have my own paintball gun, but I've never played," Fraust said. "I just transferred to River Falls and wanted a way to meet people." Goetsch and the rest of the club are organizing future outings to paintball fields in Baldwin, Wis. or Blaine, Minn. "We're looking for people at all levels of the sport," said sophomore Andy Lindahl. "We're more than willing to help teach people the basics." Goetsch strongly encourages beginners to join. "I get excited to teach paintball to new people," Goetsch said. "It's great to show people how to do something I'm so passionate about. It's not just a trend."



Submitted Photo

Several UW-RF paintball players took third place at the NLIC Championships on March 15h in Ramsey, Minn.

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'Spider' weaves compelling web

Chris Anderson
Movie Critic

Whenever anybody in Hollywood wants to make a "serious" movie about people with mental, or for that matter, physical disabilities, all the executives out there run around in circles to find a person who is young, hot, and/or a celebrity to play the lead role. It is insisted that the film be released in December so various award nominations can be heaped upon it, which will help with advertising the movie. Independent (and also foreign) filmmakers, who aren't blessed with money-hungry studios interfering with their work (outside the fact that when independent film gets released Hollywood is informing most theatres not to show them) can be more free and mature with their portrayals of the mentally disabled, as in the David Cronenberg-directed "Spider" which is currently playing at the Lagoon Cinema and (surprise, surprise) nowhere else. David Cronenberg? Some of you I am sure are asking. Isn't he that guy from Canada who directs movies where people graphically lose their arms and legs, and even more graphically start bleeding to death, and yet more graphically all these maggots start infesting their wounds while they are slowly dying? Yes, it is that David Cronenberg. However, people with morbid fascinations whom are going high-tail it to the Lagoon right now to see a gross-out blood-bath splatterfest, will be sorely disappointed. Outside of a couple wincing suicide and murder scenes, Cronenberg abstains from his usual excessive



Courtesy Sony Pictures Classics

Ralph Fiennes turns in an Oscar-worthy performance as the title role in 'Spider.' Fiennes portrays a mentally disabled man trying to cope with his haunting past.

graphic violence, and manages to keep the film compelling through the simple but vastly confusing storytelling by the main character, a schizophrenic man just out of the asylum named Dennis Clegg whom everybody calls by his nickname "Spider" (played by Ralph Fiennes in an award-caliber performance.) Taking place in London, the film opens with people getting off a train and we see a lot of Spider's character as he is going off to the halfway house where he will reside. Spider doesn't get off the train until everybody has left the exiting platform. He is wearing at least four shirts under his overcoat. He is so terrified of everything he can barely walk, let alone talk outside of a few barely audible mumbles to himself. Throughout the movie Spider picks up small discarded items to serve as makeshift protection from everything and everyone out to get him. He is overprotective of a suitcase he carries, even though nothing of any value is in it. Another item he carries is a sock stuffed down his pants. He also keeps a diary, which he goes to great lengths to hide even though its order and his handwriting is so vague no one could possibly read it. The halfway house is located in a poor part of town where the sun doesn't seem to shine and buildings need repair. It is located across from a gas factory, which frequently gives Spider the delusion that he'll

be gassed. The halfway house is run by Mrs. Wilkinson (Lynn Redgrave) whose overbearing attitude reminds Spider way too much of both the real and imaginary fear and hatred he used to have of his mother. The halfway house also happens to be near where Spider grew up and most of the locations set about bringing back many real and imagined memories from his childhood told in flashback sequences where he watches his parents and his younger self. Whereas most Hollywood films like to explain very clearly and patronizingly to us the exact moment a person became mentally unhealthy; we really don't see this in "Spider." At the end of the movie, after various obscure memories, there is a plot twist, which really isn't that surprising. It is a classic used since the days of Edgar Allan Poe, and this ending kind of takes away from the movie. As I said earlier, Fiennes should be nominated for an award, but Oscar (and others) won't be because the Academy has a very short memory. Some people have said the solution to this problem is to have two Oscars. But if this happened we'd probably also have to have two Golden Globes, two SAG awards, and all of those other ego-inflating ceremonies of lavish productions where celebrities can guffaw all over themselves and complain about

their absence from foreign policy decisions and how Washington, D.C., unlike Hollywood, is full of sleazy liars who are always driven by the reckless pursuit of lots of easy money. Cronenberg could also be eligible for an award, but will probably go the way of Sam Peckinpah. In discussion of 1960s and 1970s films Peckinpah usually gets honorable mention for his utilization of graphic violence, but is so closely associated with his rivers of blood he is not considered "all that great" as a director. That is a shame, for although both Cronenberg and Peckinpah are associated with lots of blood, both men have constantly proven they can still make a film compelling when they didn't have their graphic violence to rely on.

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Editorial

Important to vote for new student senators

The budget continues to be on the front burner with administrators, student senators and legislators still making the push to get student, faculty and staff input.

Chancellor Lydecker held a campus budget update Monday and, once again, attendance was thin—at least as far as students go.

The Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance will meet today at the River Falls high school to hear testimony about Gov. Jim Doyle's 2003-05 budget proposal. This is an excellent opportunity for the UW-River Falls community to have a direct impact and voice an opinion to those who will make the final decision about the largest budget cut in UW System history.

The senators and representatives on this committee will use the constituent input they receive to make recommendations to the state legislature on how to modify Doyle's budget proposal.

It is critical for UW System representatives to make a good impression. There will be many other interests vying for less severe cuts.

Students should be concerned about the budget. Now is the time to take an active stance about something that will have an affect for at least the next two years.

A great way to do this is to vote in the upcoming Student Senate elections April 8-9. Each candidate has his or her own ideas for gaining more student input and dealing with the projected budget shortfall; whoever wins the president and vice president positions will have some serious work to do. The president and vice president have the responsibility of leading the representative body of UW-RF students. The Student Senate represents what students have to say about the budget and is responsible for getting them to say it.

Although the budget will already be finalized by the time the new president and vice president will take over, their roles are as important as ever.

Hopefully students are a bit more enthusiastic about choosing their Senate president and vice president than they have been in years past. The typical Senate election only draws an average of approximately 900 voters. It is not likely many voters know much about the candidates, partly because candidates normally don't have a campaign more extensive than sidewalk chalk and bulletin board flyers. In an effort to inform the campus, the Student Voice has asked the president and vice president candidates to comment on pertinent issues, including the state budget deficit. We hope readers will find this information useful in making an informed voting decision.

"The Student Senate represents what students have to say about the budget and is responsible for getting them to say it."

Taking the 'French' out of fries, toast

Being a waitress at a bar can be a very tiring job and St. Patrick's Day was no different. Monday nights are usually busy where I work, but this was a holiday on top of that.

During all the commotion I ran to a table with sweat dripping down my face and obviously not in an "I love my job" mood. After getting the two pitchers of beer they ordered I asked what they would like to eat. Of course one of the men ordered the burger special. Naturally, I asked if he would like french fries with his burger.

The next statement was first and foremost confusing and then just irritating.

"Well I would like fries but not french fries," he said. "I want freedom fries."

What? This is right after all the hype with fries and other food items were being renamed "freedom" rather than French in the congressional cafeteria. Of course I had been living under a rock and hadn't heard of this absurd new development and was just irritated that the guy had to take extra time to correct me.

Just order the damn fries and let me get back to work. I really don't care what you call them.

Suddenly my life was overrun with freedom fries and freedom

toast even freedom kissing, freedom bread, freedom dressing, freedom onion soup and, unfortunately, the list goes on and on.

The radio personalities were speaking of this new name, encouraging people to boycott anything with the prefix French. The Pioneer Press ran political cartoons about the change and even the small-town Stevens Point Journal (my home-

in France.

According to the history of french fries website (oh sure, you can find anything on the Internet these days) Belgians invented the fry and the United States is the only country in the world to add the prefix French. In England, fries are dubbed "chips," Belgium fries are "patats" and in France they are "pommes frites."

government and think everything is a conspiracy, maybe you should look into this.

GOP lawmakers made the decision to change the menu in the congressional cafeteria March 11. The word French was replaced with the word freedom in respect to French fries and French toast.

The Chairman of the House Administration Committee, Bob Ney, was quoted in a CBS news story as saying, "This action today is a small but symbolic effort to show the strong displeasure of many on Capitol Hill with the actions of our so-called ally, France."

Are you kidding me? Next time something happens between another country and the United States will lawmakers change more prefixes to freedom? Sooner than you think you may sit down at the local café and find freedom potato salad (German), sliced freedom (Turkey) and freedom (Chile).

I just don't think this should be something on top of the list for lawmakers.

I know when I think of achieving world peace the first thing that comes to mind are French fries. Let's get real; find a better way to spend congressional time.



TIFFANY SHELMAN

"Next time something happens between another country and the United States will lawmakers change more prefixes to freedom?"

town) ran an editorial and online poll focusing on the new name.

Apparently people feel this is a really serious idea that fries no longer include the prefix French, but why? Fries don't even originate

Some may think that freedom fries is just a small idea that some middle class, blue collar worker came up with but I am not kidding when I say this has come from the top. If you have issues with the

Parents' behavior turns children off sports

What is happening to youth sports in this country? With summer coming, we are guaranteed to see a number of very disturbing news reports about parents who lose control, or coaches who go—or are pushed—over the edge.

I think we all remember some of the more extreme stories, particularly the ones where parents (or coaches) took the game too seriously, and committed violent acts. For instance, in central Florida last year, one spectator at a little league baseball game pulled a Mike Tyson on another spectator, and bit off part of his ear during a fight after a game. The reason for the fight? One man thought the other man's son wasn't subdued enough after losing, so he punched the young boy, thereby provoking the ear incident. In the same state, 20 men charged the field during a T-Ball game and fought. And in perhaps the most extreme example, last year a hockey dad was sentenced to six to 10 years in prison for manslaughter after killing another hockey dad in a fight after a game.

How is stuff like this affecting our children? The kids involved in the preceding incidents are around the same ages as many of our younger brothers and sisters. Think back to when you were eight years old. How would you handle seeing stuff like that go on? For many kids in youth sports, it's driving them to quit. By age 13, 70 percent of kids will quit playing organized sports, because they are no longer having fun.

I can relate, because I quit little league baseball at age 10, after I saw the coaches—and to an increasing degree the parents—taking things way too seriously. The other kids I played with were fine, it was just the parents that were too cruel with their criticisms, and the coaches were too extreme in their methods. I don't believe that a 10-year-old kid needs to hear their coach yelling obscenities at the opposing coach, or needs to see

their coach go toe-to-toe in a shouting match with an umpire. But what really disturbs me is the parental behavior. There are 40 million kids playing youth sports, nearly half have said they were yelled at, insulted, or called names during games, not just by parents from the opposing team, but from teammates parents. What is up with that?

After I retired from little league baseball, I joined the ranks of more than 25 million volunteer coaches in this country. Even when I was coaching, the beginnings of this madness was starting to show. My dad and I coached T-Ball, and in my dad's 11 years of coaching, he had a standing policy not to keep

every year, parental behavior got worse. How long can good coaches tolerate behavior like this? Now that I look back on it, I'm not sure I could handle it again.

The first few years I coached, it seemed like most people could understand that it was a game, which was supposed to be fun. Now, it seems to be more about achieving early athletic success. Professional athletes keep appearing on the national stage who are barely old enough to get into an R-rated movie. This youth movement creates a tremendous push toward becoming a "star" athlete in adolescence. Lately, my dad's policies have been catching on, with almost 2,300 communities nation-wide

child who is successful in sports. After all, if they succeed in youth sports, and become a "star" in high school, the chances are higher that they will receive a college scholarship. Or, as is happening more and more, they may go straight into the pro ranks from high school, thereby eliminating the need for any further educational training. With the "nuisance" of college out of the way, these players and their parents can focus on the really important things in life like deciding what color SUV to purchase, with money that banks gladly loan them on the basis of their guaranteed professional athlete status.

Parents, in addition to their children, stand to profit from outstanding athletic ability. Perhaps this may explain why so many parents seem to be out of control at youth sporting events. So many parents seem to be living vicariously through their kids, to the point where it no longer becomes the child's life to live, but rather the parent's. With professional and college scouts appearing at high school and junior high events, it's no wonder parents feel the need to have their child succeed at such an early age. After all, if their child isn't a success, and doesn't earn them fame and fortune, then they have failed as a parent, right?

While I realize that this is an issue that may be quite a few years down the road for most of us, I think the time to start thinking about it is now. What will we be like as parents? Will we choose to base our success on whether or not our kid is the Next One? What about those of us who still have the drive to coach? How can we go out there in the center of such madness, having to face irrational parents? Isn't it time we started putting pressure back where it belongs, and forcing people to act in a sportsmanlike manner?



BLYTHE CRISWELL

"There are 40 million kids playing youth sports, nearly half have said they were yelled at, insulted, or called names during games."

score. His view was that kids five to eight years old don't need to be focusing on winning or losing, but rather on learning the basic skills of baseball. He stressed good sportsmanship, teamwork, and most importantly, having fun. I coached with him for six years, and every year, I got to witness the objections some people had to his no score policy. Certain parents (and other coaches) were upset that we wouldn't keep score, because they wanted their kids to develop a "winning instinct" from an early age. Every year, the objections got louder, and

taking a more toned down approach to sports; where teamwork, sportsmanship, and equal playing time have become the main focus. Not surprisingly, these communities have met with quite a bit of resistance. One program director in West Virginia received numerous hate letters, calling him "Un-American" (Gee, that slur seems to be getting tossed around a lot lately) for not keeping score during a first-grader's basketball game.

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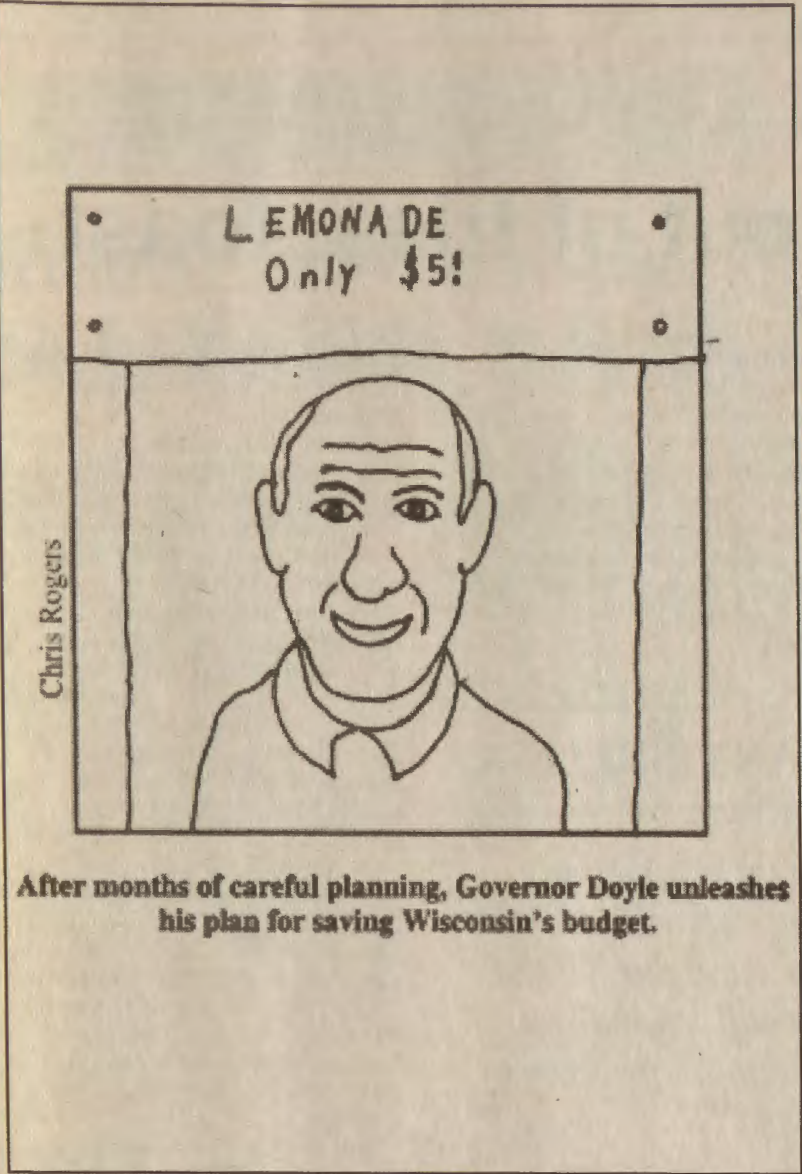
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After months of careful planning, Governor Doyle unleashes his plan for saving Wisconsin's budget.

Some ‘liberal’ education for the ‘right’

Disgust. Yes, that’s the first word that comes to mind when I think of how the word “liberal” has been twisted by the “right” into a word that conjures up images of godless, longhaired, pot smoking men, women with amplit hair and free government hand outs for all that hate America.

What does liberal mean though, really? The American Heritage Dictionary, which is a fine publication with no perceived political bias, defines the word “liberal” as meaning:

1a. Open-minded; tolerant.

1b. Favoring civil and political liberties, democratic reforms and protection from arbitrary authority.

Now, I may be a bit biased on this, seeing as I am a liberal, but it sounds like being a liberal is a pretty good thing or at the very least, something that isn’t the root of all evils facing this great nation of ours.

However, many on the “right” will tell you just that. “Liberals hate America and they are actively seeking to destroy it. Those damn (insert one of the following insults here: bedwetting, bleeding-heart, un-American, un-patriotic, godless) liberals.” How many times have you heard this one? A republican candidate at a debate says, “My opponent is a liberal. He’s a card carrying member of the ACLU.” So what? That’s a bad thing?

I won’t resort to any name calling here, since the conservative “right” has done quite a good job at lobbing insults at liberals from their “higher” moral ground, but these conservatives upset me. While I believe the conservative “right”

try. I just don’t want to see it ruined by a man I perceive as being about as smart as a third grade student in rural Mississippi. For the record, I, like many liberals, want what is best for this country. I, like most liberals, tear up when they play the



CRAIG CORSTEN

“Maybe I’ll shoot some holes in some other conservative lies.”

isn’t very good at much of anything other than deceiving the American public, I must admit, they are really, really good at demonizing the word “liberal.”

Of course they do that through a series of lies. The latest one is that people who criticize the President (mostly liberals) hate this country. What a load of B.S. Like republicans never criticized Clinton? Like most Americans, I love this coun-

national anthem. I guess I just shot holes all over that lie.

Gee, that was kind of fun. Maybe I’ll shoot some holes in some other conservative lies.

I don’t wet the bed. In fact, I haven’t wet the bed since I was four. I have many other friends who are liberal and to the best of my knowledge they do not wet their beds either. I do know several people that do wet the bed. They

are all under the age of four and are too young to understand the idea of politics.

Bang. Bang. Bang.

I shot holes all over that lie too.

You know how conservatives say things like “Liberals want to take away our guns?” What do you think I’ve been using to shoot holes all over their lies? I am the proud owner of three guns, four if you count my BB gun. I’m for sensible gun laws though. Why does anyone need a fully, or even semi-automatic assault rifle with a 40 shot banana clip? Answer: They don’t. The second amendment states: “The right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.” It also says that this is for the purpose of maintaining a militia. A militia is not a professional army and therefore does not need professional weapons. Our police don’t even use weapons like that. So in summary, I don’t want to take away your guns and neither do other liberals. Well, some do, but so do some conservatives I bet.

I think it should be at least partially obvious to you that liberals don’t want to ruin this country. Hopefully it’s more than partially obvious. Hopefully it’s fully obvious. If wanting what I think is best for this country is un-American, then I guess me and the other liberals are un-American.

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Gen ed requirement discussion continues

To the editor:

About a month ago Student Voice columnist Eric Quade described his dissatisfaction with required general education courses. I wrote a letter in response suggesting that he consider taking more challenging coursework. He, in turn, responded in his column in the March 13 edition of the Voice. I think the discussion of general education is more important than the “firesome back-and-forth of responding to readers’ comebacks” that Quade states and would like to address some of the new issues he raised.

First, Quade said that if forced to take courses that seem worthless, he chooses them to get an easy A. After all, if someone has no use for a particular content area, why waste time on it? The trouble is, we never know ahead of time what information we’re going to need in life. Yes, you can always hit the web as needed, but the big reason for a liberal arts education is to give you a basis for judging whether the information that’s out there is meaningful or valid. A general education background is developed over a wide range of topics. Under the guidance of teachers who have life experience to help students develop analytical and creative skills, a general education prepares you to be a citizen of the world, not just a practitioner of one field. The example Quade gave of a student who wants to be a farmer but shouldn’t have to take history is especially apt now—history may or may not make a person a better farmer but it certainly makes a person a better voting citizen. Quade himself states that he wants to be a journalist but “had learned all the science he cared to.” This might have been an argument for an efficient education but does he expect to write only about writing?

Second, Quade said he came to a university with general education requirements because it was “relatively cheap” rather than because it is providing him with the form of education he wants. Continuing with an educational system you don’t believe is benefiting you is like the lost driver who won’t stop to ask for directions because he’s making such good time. At some point you must decide what’s really important: a degree comprised of challenging courses that prepare you for the challenges to come or one of easy choices that prepares you for taking the easy way out.

Finally, Quade stated that he could not respond to readers’ letter as a student but had to use his column to do so and that he would like to have written about “other, more important issues.” For a columnist at an educational institution there is no more important issue than general education. Although I disagree with Quade’s attitude toward general education, I appreciate his willingness to discuss it in the public forum of the newspaper.

Eileen Korenic, assistant professor

Senate presidential candidate speaks out

To the editor,

My name is Matt Schuelke, a Delta Sigma Phi, running for student body president. As such I will bring quantifiable and measurable goals to the Student Senate. Some of my ideas include ecology as a more prominent issue, an office of rental issues, and student organizational lockers.

Ecology is even more important on this campus as we are right next to the Kinnickinnic River. There have been two pushes in the last few years to bring ecology to senate, but to no avail. I propose an ad-hoc committee on senate. The ladder of which I will pay out of my own presidential stipend.

This committee will run the entire year and offer results of what a permanent committee could accomplish. I believe this will offer a better opportunity for a permanent committee to start up.

An Office of Rental Issues will contain up-to-date information on state laws regarding tenant-landlord disputes, and its mission would be to provide services to help students with off-campus housing related concerns. It will keep an up-to-date contact and address list of rental properties in the area. Students moving off campus could go here to find a place to live, and continuing off campus students could use this office to research information on disputes with landlords or information about apartments.

I have surveyed most of the student organizations, and come to the conclusion that some student organizations lack space to store their valuable information and objects. I propose free lockers for them to keep their things in. While I can’t promise this will happen, I can promise space in the senate office for such storage.

I want to work for a more visible and active Student Senate. I believe my ideas and original views can change the face of your Student Senate. I ask for your vote on April 8 and 9 at www.uwrf.edu/student-services. For more information go to geocities.com/cam_soup.

Matt Schuelke, student

Government should fix problems at home first

To the editor:

Waking up in the morning with the sunlight reflecting on your face.

Waking up in the morning to the sight of snow falling.

Waking up in the morning to a world of many colors.

Colors of beauty, astonishment and grace, we are as wonderful as a cool breeze on a hot summer day.

Despite the many colors we have, our attention is only focused on two: black and white. From the first time we meet people to the way we treat them. From the schools we attend to the jobs we have. From the fortune 500 companies to the corner drug store. Every application has a specific section dedicated to knowing the “color” of a person’s skin under the cover up phrase “ethnic background.” They tell us it’s optional. Yeah, right.

Our schools have become a place where students of different colors, backgrounds and religions need to defend themselves against the color of their skin, the culture(s) or why they look “different” from the rest of the so-called “normal people.”

Stereotyping and discrimination have become a “norm” and is not usually spoken of again until something tragic happens, which is totally wrong.

We, as a community and country, have come a long way since the times of our forefathers but it is very sad to see that in 2003 we still battle this addiction to our ethnocentric behaviors.

With the tragic events that took place in the last year and a half our government, the media and our own close-mindedness has allowed us to restart a form of discrimination: religious.

Now, instead of just judging others by the color of their skin or their cultural background, we’ve learned to judge them by their religious affiliation, most times by simply hearing or looking at the spelling of their name or by the beautiful symbolic clothes or hats they wear. We beat them up and shout our racial slurs at them. We paint graffiti on their houses and blame them for the recent events in our country. I guess this has taken the place of house burning.

With the start of yet another war by our government old wounds have been reopened and past memories brought back. We’ve heard many reasons as to why the United States should to go war with Iraq: the media shows us images and report what I believe is the half-truth. And like puppets on a string, we are at the mercy of the controllers: the media and the government.

Our government talks about liberating the Iraqis and other nations, but one must do what one preaches. Our government must liberate us first before trying to liberate others.

Liberate us from racial and sexual discrimination.

Liberate us from the massive amount of guns on our streets that kill innocent people.

Liberate us from gangs, illicit drugs and crimes in our communities.

Liberate us from high medical bills and the lack of health care.

Liberate us from poverty.

Liberate us from school shootings and poor educational systems, including high tuition.

Liberate us from the high rate of unemployment and a bad economy.

There have been protests throughout the world against a war, but why should the United States listen to the cries of the ordinary people or countries when it can’t listen to the United

Nations. War is not the answer but our government thinks it is.

America tries to make everyone and every country think and live by its rules. If there are leaders in power who we don’t think suit our liking, or give us what we want, we find a way to get rid of them and tell our citizens they were a threat to us and had to be destroyed. We are trying to democratize the entire world. If a country does not work in our best interest or help us remain on top we use our “power” and “money” to make them do so. This war is said to bring peace to the Iraqis and the world and “fight” terrorism. But there is only one way to bring peace and harmony to the world and it is through our acceptance of others and finding peaceful solutions to settle our conflicts.

America is a great and powerful country but can be more powerful if we accept and embrace the cultural, religious, ethnic and intellectual differences of other countries and other people and stop trying to change them according to the way we think they should be.

In order to do this we have to start making changes. These changes have to start from our individual homes to the UW-River Falls campus and spread across the country. My fellow students, it is time to wake up and smell the slowly dying roses that once bloomed. It is time to see the dim light that once shined so brightly and it is time for us to change our attitudes and beliefs and respect and treat our fellow men the way we want to be treated. Only when we accept these and other changes can we really see what “peace” means and how a peaceful society can lead to a peaceful world. Promote diversity. Let peace reign.

Leon Gbee, student

‘Pro-America’ protestor, columnist step out of line

To the editor:

I am deeply offended by the recent letter to the editor by Jake Duesenberg in the River Falls Journal and the column by David Misselt in the Student Voice. While I normally do not like to criticize students publicly, both of these young men went beyond responsible writing.

Jake Duesenberg stated that the leaders of the weekly River Falls anti-war marches “are making bogus comments, attacking good community members” and that “they lie and twist what we do.”

In defense of Mr. Duesenberg; perhaps he doesn’t know who the “leaders” are, so let me clarify. I am the leader of the anti-war marches and I’m taking Jake’s remarks personally. I have been extremely careful in my letters and news releases to the public to be respectful of people on both sides of the issue. I have not lied and I have not attacked anyone.

On the contrary, I have called on all people to be respectful of each other and I have publicly commended Jake Duesenberg and his pro-administration group for their respectful way of expressing their views, at least up until recently.

As for our group of anti-war marchers, we have been highly disciplined and deliberately low-key, maintaining a unanimous attitude that is respectful, lawful and peaceful. We have consistently refused to respond in kind to those who have disparaged or threatened us, and the police and community members for this have commended us. We represent a large cross section of the community, including university students and faculty, high school students, religious people and leaders, business people, community members, political leaders, veterans, friends, neighbors, young people, old people, Democrats and Republicans. Our numbers have been steadily growing and we have “supported our troops” by working to prevent this war from taking place. We will continue our peace marches and candlelight vigils as expressions of concern for our troops, our anguish over the loss of all life, and our opposition to this war.

With respect to David Misselt’s column, he went well beyond the issue of war and references to “libs”, “peaceniks” and “kick[ing] Iraq’s ass.” He used racist and nationalistic phrases such as “all of those ungrateful leeches around the world who demand the removal of US troops from their respective countries” and “giving the Muslims, Palestinians and Arabs what they have been whining for all these years”. He refers to “diversity freaks” and says “to Hell” with illegal immigrants in the United States who are “sucking our social services dry.”

Is this not an academic community? Whatever happened to thoughtful discussion that does not resort to erroneous accusations and inflammatory rhetoric? Dave’s column is an embarrassment to the college community and Jake’s public statements are untrue. I believe that Mr. Misselt owes the campus community an apology, and I believe that Mr. Duesenberg owes one to me.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jackie Brux, professor

State employee raises need to be equal, fair

To the editor:

I would like to share information regarding the recently rejected state employee contracts.

The recently rejected contracts are for 31,000 plus of the lowest-paid state employees.

This group’s last raise was 0.7 percent and was in October of 2000. The raises specified in the contracts were for a 5.5 percent raise divided over the past two years.

The per capita in Wisconsin for 2001-02 was \$28,232. Even with these raises, the vast majority of this group will be earning less than that in 2003.

Another state employee group (UW faculty and academic staff), as of January 2003, received a 7.6 percent biennial wage increase. This is a higher paid group of employees receiving a higher raise.

If the legislature can approve this—as well as its own 3 percent raise this year—there is no excuse for not approving a smaller raise for lower paid employees who are facing the same tough economic problems as everyone else in the state.

A new state analysis calculated by the Department of Employment Relations found that 84 percent of state employees who are covered by the contracts earn less than legislators (\$45,569).

Consider this example: The median salary from administrative assistants nationwide is

\$34,991 (www.salary.com). A program assistant receives \$20,966 (\$10.08 per hour). This is about 40 percent less than the national average.

The only connection these contracts have with the 2003-05 budget is that they are old business that needs to be finished. The money was set aside in last year’s budget and Gov. Doyle has planned for these raises in the 2003-05 budget.

If there is to be a freeze on wages or cuts in benefits due to the current budget deficit it is only right that this take place in the 2003-04 contracts for state employees—for all state employees and not on the lowest paid group.

Corinna Fosmo, employee

Student Senate

Shared governance fair to be held at Rodli

The Student Senate, Leadership Development Programming Board, and Facilities and Fees Board are pleased to announce the Shared Governance Fair to be held on April 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Falcon's Nest and simultaneously in the west side of Rodli commons.

Students will have the opportunity to find out about shared governance on this campus including all of the available committees to join and the opportunities to have their opinions and voices heard. Tables will be set up with informational pamphlets, snacks, entertainment, and representatives of various committees will be on hand to answer questions and offer information about their respective committees. It is guaranteed to be an informational and fun time for those who attend. Stay for a while because we would love to see you.

We are trying to set up committees and boards in an effort to get things rolling right away next fall. We will be accepting applications to committees for next year at this fair. By coming to the fair and learning about a committee you might want to be on, you are taking the first steps to creating a better campus for yourself and your fellow students. And the process is simple. You find a committee you would like to be on, fill out an application, and then we will let you know if you have been accept-



MATTHEW SCHUELKE

ed to that committee via email. It is just that simple.

Once again, please come to the fair and check things out. If it is really that bad for you, at least you can get some snacks and take in some entertainment.

If you have questions, comments, thoughts, or opinions you wish Student Senate to hear, stop by the Student Senate office in the Leadership Center, check out the website at www.uwrf.edu/student-senate, email us at student.senate@uwrf.edu, or give us a call at 425-3530.

The little voice that couldn't, wouldn't

When I lost my voice about six weeks ago, I didn't realize it would take so long for it to come back. But I really appreciate the concern of everyone who has noticed I lost my voice, including the serving ladies at Rodli Commons, my professors, waitresses, several members of the UW-RF administration, Britney the Stripper, my peers and anybody else I might have spoken to recently. My voice is definitely doing better. My throat does not hurt, and it never really did. I don't have a cold, and I never did. (Mary, don't worry, I will still try to bundle up.) In fact, I feel as terrific today as when my voice disappeared six weeks ago.

The first couple of weeks it sounded like I was trying to whisper every word I said, but the connection kept breaking. Kind of like a poor cell phone reception. After I attempted to speak, people always said something to the effect of, "What? I didn't understand that." Then I would apologize and explain that I lost my voice, gesturing towards my neck, which was where I assumed my voice was supposed to be.

After a while, my voice improved to the point where it sounded like I was going through puberty. The last time I sounded like this, I was about 14. I would start out nice and deep, Darth Vader-style, and in the

next syllable jump up 8 pitches to a Pee Wee Herman-like level. That was definitely good for some laughs. Sometimes I even laughed, in a hoarse sort of way. Maybe I'll get some chest hair this time around.



ERIC HENNING

"I felt like a bad person, whispering like I was some kind of pervert saying naughty things to the person at the end of the line."

Losing one's voice isn't that big a deal, if you are geology major. For a journalism major, it's kind of a problem. A big part of journalism is interviewing sources for articles, so the past few weeks have been a blast. When talking on the phone I felt like a bad person, whispering like I was some kind of pervert saying naughty things to the person at the end of the line, and I didn't

want anybody else in the room to hear what I was saying. (One late Wednesday night, I called someone up with my whispering voice and asked if his name was Jump Rope Jack. Bob if you're reading this, I apologize.) All in all, everyone was

Falls Medical Clinic. It was a bit of a hassle filling out all the insurance paperwork, but I'm glad I did, because otherwise the River Falls Medical Clinic wouldn't have been able to rob my insurance company. I got the distinct impression that the doctor felt he could be doing better things with his time, like saving someone's life or maybe playing some golf, instead of dealing with a pantywaist worrying about not having a voice. I was to return to the clinic if my voice hadn't returned in six weeks. I never went back.

Instead I went to the Marshfield Clinic over spring break. This was definitely the highlight of my spring break; if for no other reason than that my doctor, Jennifer, bore a striking resemblance to ABC's Bachelorette. It turns out Jennifer is an excellent doctor. After she ruled out chlamydia (apparently it is possible to get this in your throat) and some other tamer ailments, she determined it was acid reflux. It appears I have acid coming up from my stomach and giving my vocal chords hell. So now a pill a day will keep the acid away, and my voice has been improving.

Maybe someday soon you'll be able to hear me again. Until then, I'll keep working on my sign language.

Lessons learned on a spring break trip

I will preface this column with an apology for its personal nature. Unless you want to get to know me, stop reading now. I took part in a momentous occasion this spring break. I finally did the deed that, for many, marks passage into manhood. For various reasons, I had not done it until now. The timing was never right or opportunities didn't present themselves, but I knew this was my last spring break as an undergraduate. I sort of figured it was now or never and I knew it happened a lot during break. Honestly though, it wasn't what I expected. I'm told it never is. It was dark, so I couldn't see anything, it was over sooner than expected, and my friend actually did most of the work. More than anything, I got the impression that better things would come once it was over.

That's right, ladies and gentlemen, this spring break I finally drove across Nebraska. It was a necessary pothole on the long road to Moab, Utah, and mountain biking bliss. I did not have a wild break like many of you. I had a physically taxing, emotionally uplifting, and profoundly educational break. This is what I

learned.

Before departing, I learned that the morning you are to leave is never the right time to replace the brake pads on your friend's truck unless you've done it several thousand times previously, and that the

ing the back of your arm, pulling your hair, and seeing the Rocky Mountains by moonlight for the first time will keep you awake at four in the morning after 13 hours of driving.

At the campsite, I learned many

the melody of coyotes are experiences as therapeutic as a heart-to-heart with a soul mate. In the context of pit toilets and squatting behind bushes, the phrase "satisfying bowel movement" does not exist. Your association with a person may be ephemeral, but the memories made are not, and that nagging feeling in the back of your mind usually means that yes, you are trespassing.

My bike and the trail beneath taught me more than any other aspect of the trip, however. I learned that pure joy and intense pain can be concomitant, and that pain is the most easily understood affirmation of life lived and adventures had. Your greatest triumphs walk hand in hand with your greatest risks, and what goes down must get back up.

Finally, on the long road home, I learned that after eight days in a tent without bathing, you could find yourself returning to a society that makes you wish you were back in your tent. Hurray for America.

So, what did you learn over spring break?



CHUCK SWEEN

"You can't be comfortable in every situation, but you can train yourself to better deal with discomfort."

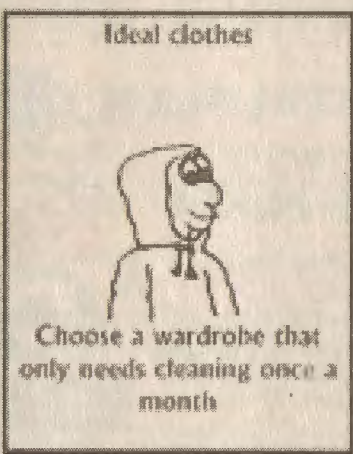
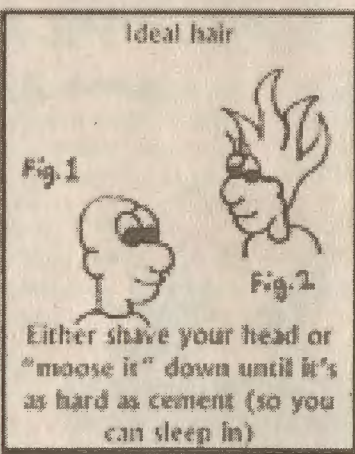
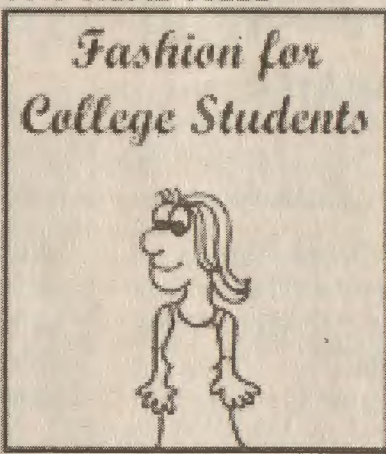
job is not actually finished until all of the lug nuts are tight and it doesn't sound like rocks in a blender when you apply the brakes in reverse.

On the road, I learned that pinch-

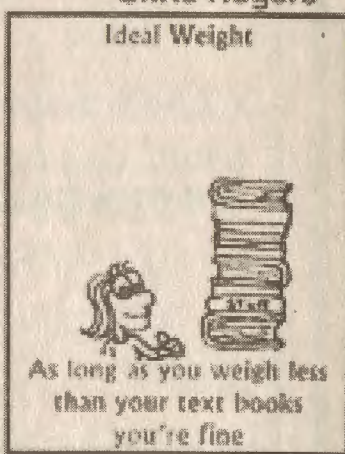
things. You can't be comfortable in every situation, but you can train yourself to better deal with discomfort. Watching the moon rise above sandstone cliffs, seeing birds soaring below you, and falling asleep to



M-T HEADVILLE



Chris Rogers



Do you plan on voting for Student Senate next week?



Neng Yang, sophomore
"I think it's important to vote, even though you may not know the candidates very well."



Erica Fricke, freshman
"I hadn't planned on it. I don't have enough information. If I did I'd just be picking a name."



Becca Wuerflein, junior
"No. If I knew any of the candidates then maybe I would."



Nick Ascheman, freshman
"I don't. I dislike politics."



Stephanie Seller, senior
"I definitely will."



Jay Janowski, freshman
"Yes, I'm planning on voting."

PHOTO POLL By Kyle Weaver

Stand off

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conversations police were able to convince the man at approximately 2:30 a.m. to surrender to police. He was then taken to a medical facility in Madison, Wis.

Nobody was injured during the incident, which is still under investigation by the River Falls police department. The report will be referred to the St. Croix County District Attorney's Office for possible charges.

VOTE MATT SCHUELKE
STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT

APRIL 8-9

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Sampson

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two weeks preceding the accident. Lubich said coming into work the week after the accident was difficult.

"You expect her to be here in the morning," Lubich said. "I didn't want to come."

The funeral service for Sampson was held March 13, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Spring Valley, where she was a member. The well-attended service was further evidence that "people thought highly of her," Lubich said.

Mary-Alice Muraski, the eSIS project manager, was Sampson's

supervisor. Muraski noted how unusual it was that Sampson did not show up to work that morning. The office was informed of the accident later that afternoon.

"We were all walking around in a state of shock," Muraski said. "You never expect this sort of thing."

Muraski also spoke highly of Sampson's commitment to her work.

"When things weren't done when they were supposed to be done Terri kept on trying to do things," Muraski said. "Terri never complained about the long hours we sometimes work around here."

"I don't think you can speak higher of a person than when you can say they came in and gave themselves completely to their work," Muraski said. "That's what Terri did."

Dean

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of interviews with Chancellor Ann Lydecker, Provost Ginny Coombs and the selection committee.

"By the end of the day they are dragging," Zaborowski said.

Of the three potential deans who visited UW-RF one withdrew.

"It's not that unusual," Zaborowski said. "There are so many variables involved like salary and family."

Hammer found the ad for the CAFES dean in the American Society of Agronomy Newsletter. After calling several people who knew about UW-RF and considering the excellent undergraduate education reputation he knew about, Hammer said he applied.

"I was looking for an opportunity

to focus more than I could here," Hammer said.

When Hammer and his wife drove to River Falls they took their time looking around the area. Hammer said his youngest daughter is extremely excited about moving to Wisconsin because of the snow.

"I love the area," Hammer said. "When I found out I was chosen I was delighted."

Hammer hopes to develop a long-range program idea with the faculty.

"In an academic setting it's important the faculty and administration work together and share a goal," Hammer said.

Zaborowski said Hammer connected the most not only on a professional level but also a personal level.

"He seemed to exemplify a leadership style that would always be looking for a win-win situation," Zaborowski said. "He presented a real team ethic."

Senators

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Matt Schuelke

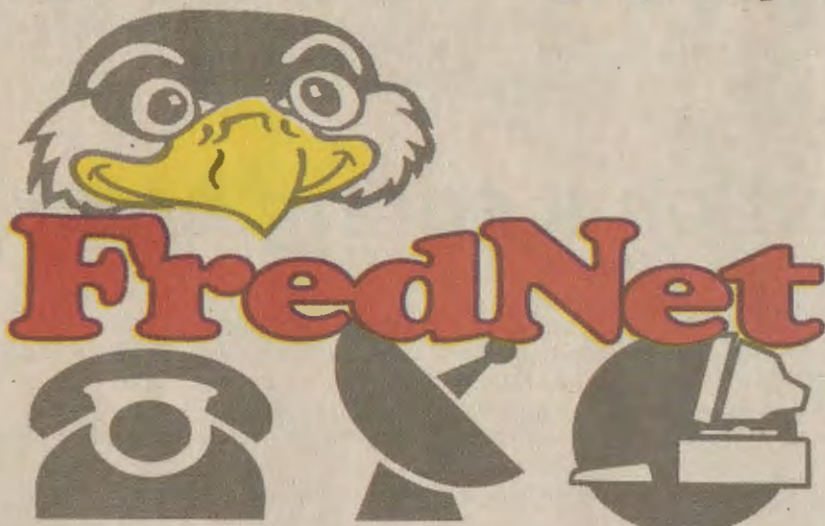
"The budget crisis, lack of effective communication and various campus problems. Students need to know about things like the Joint Finance Committee meeting that happened today at the River Falls High School. The passage of knowledge and information are key to empowering students to do something about issues affecting them."

Students will be able to vote online a www.uwrf.edu and clicking on the senate voting link.

For two more questions and complete answers to the above questions go to www.uwrf.edu/student-voice

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If you have signed up for 2003 - 2004 Fall and are eligible to cancel your housing contract (must fall within one of the above guidelines to be eligible to live off campus), you will receive a refund of your housing deposit **if canceled in writing or on line by May 1, 2003.**

If you are planning on taking J-Term classes next year, please note Grimm, McMillan, Hathorn and Johnson Halls will be open over Semester Break.

➔ **MARCH 24-28**

Contract booklets may be picked up at the Student Services Office during normal office hours, 211 Student Center.

➔ **MARCH 31 - APRIL 1 AFTER 8:00 A.M.**

A current hall resident may reserve a space in his or her present room On-Line.

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A current hall resident may reserve a space in his or her present residence hall On-Line.

➔ **APRIL 8-10 AFTER 8:00 A.M.**

Any current student may reserve a space in any hall On-Line.

If you missed signing up for a room during the above dates, please call the Residential Services Office at 425-4663.

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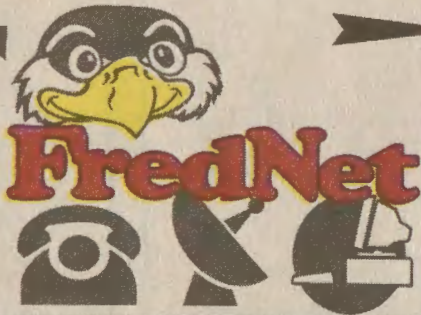
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OPINION



RYAN BRINKS

Picking 'em early

Two down, 159 to go. The die hards are already counting down. And rightfully so. A few top baseball analysts have picked 2003 to be the Twins' year, and Minnesota fans are quick to agree. The Twins are seemingly picking things up where they left off, contending for the World Series. (I'm not saying that two wins over the Tigers is impressive — they're certainly no Oakland or Arizona, but all indications from spring training point to continued success.)

The AL Champion roster was left largely untouched, or if anything, boosted by the two-year deal with Jacque Jones, which greatly outweighed the only noticeable loss, DH David Ortiz.

Interestingly, the Twins probably over the course of this spring training than they did last season — oh, but for a drastically different reason. If the pressure of being one of the primary teams to beat remotely compares with the pressure of facing contraction eye-to-eye, then 2003 should be a high-light season indeed.

And with 20/20 hindsight vision of spring training, the hype is mounting on Minnesota's power 'twins.'

I'm talking about Torii Hunter and fast-rising slugger Jacque Jones. Maybe it was the off-season improvements — Jones picked up a few tips from Tony Gwynn — or the two-year contract, but Jones is aggressively vying against Hunter for the clubhouse limelight.

But my concerns aren't surrounding the team's hitting. I think there'll be plenty of that. The question is will the mound withstand the bullseye all year long? No doubt there's plenty of talent... Never mind, I almost forgot that Minnesota has Radke and Milton and Mays and Reed and Lohse. And a heck of a bullpen. And Guardado. Just to name a few. Seriously, if the Twins can win 94 games with their top three pitchers frustrated by nagging injuries, a lot has to go wrong this year for them not to repeat that performance. I'm not saying it will be any easier this season, especially if the Twins have another showdown with the again-favored A's in the playoffs, but I would be surprised if '03 wasn't an exciting ride.

Despite the somber weather of late, spring is in the air and baseball on people's minds. Without a hometown team of our own, the Twins have got to be about the closest thing to the hearts of UW-RF baseball enthusiasts, right? After all, both teams faced the same fate last year — granted the Falcons had much less of a warning — but we can empathize.

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Doubleheader drab start to week

Sports Information

The Falcon fastpitch team lost both ends of a doubleheader to Concordia-St. Paul Tuesday afternoon at Ramer Field.

UW-RF won four of six games last week. The Falcons, now 8-8 overall, will play in the Grinnell, Iowa, Tournament Saturday and Sunday. Saturday the Falcons face William Penn and Nebraska Wesleyan. Sunday the Falcons play Grinnell and UM-Morris.

C-SP won the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader, 1-0 in eight innings, the second game, 7-1.

The only run in the first game was a solo homer by C-SP's pitcher Kristen Schmidt in the eighth

inning. The homer to left came with two out. UW-RF had three hits and made one error while C-SP had five hits and no errors. Schmidt picked up the win. She didn't walk a batter and struck out 15. Amy Brooke took the pitching loss. She went the distance, walking one and striking out eight. She is now 3-6 on the year. Brooke, Emily Evans and Abby Keene had the Falcon hits. Evans had a double in the eighth.

C-SP scored two runs in each of the first three innings, and a single run in the seventh, to win the second game. C-SP had 12 hits and made no errors. UW-RF scored its run in the fifth. The Falcons had nine hits and made two errors. Anna Poulter was 2-3 with one RBI. Devanie Bigalk

started on the mound and took the loss. She worked four innings and allowed nine hits and six runs. Only three were earned. She didn't walk a batter and struck out one. Leah Vanderploeg worked the final three innings and allowed three hits. She allowed one earned run. She walked two and struck out one.

The Falcons split in a doubleheader at Winona State Mar. 25, and won three of four games at the Augsburg Tourney last weekend.

The Falcons lost the first game at Winona, 5-4, but bounced back to take a 3-2 win in the second game.

Saturday the Falcons opened with a 10-7 win over Augsburg, but then dropped a 5-1 decision against La Crosse. Sunday the Falcons beat

Nebraska Wesleyan, 9-0 in six innings, and Augsburg again, 4-3.

Saturday

In Saturday's 10-7 win over Augsburg, the Falcons scored 10 runs on 11 hits and committed one error. AC had seven runs on 11 hits and no errors. UW-RF scored two runs in the first and fifth and three runs in the second and fourth. Tiff Blumer finished 4-4 with six RBIs and two runs scored. One was a triple. Anna Poulter was 2-2 with three runs. Meghann Mulligan was 2-4 with one RBI. Leah Vanderploeg started on the mound and worked the first four innings to get the win. She allowed seven hits and four runs; three were earned. She walked one and struck out six.

In the 5-1 loss to La Crosse, the Falcons scored one run and only three hits, and made five errors. UW-L scored five runs on six hits and played errorless ball. UW-RF scored its only run in the sixth. UW-L scored twice in the second and three times in the third. Poulter, Blumer and Amanda Moxon each had hits. Brooke took the pitching loss. She worked six innings and allowed five runs; two were earned.

Sunday

In the 9-0 win over Nebraska Wesleyan, the Falcons had nine runs on nine hits and made one error. NW had only one hit and made three errors. UW-RF scored three runs in the second and third innings, a single run in the first and two in the sixth. Melissa Turbak was 2-3 with two runs scored. Brooke was 1-3 with three RBIs. Frances Hilpisch was 2-3 with two RBIs and a run scored. Keene was 1-2 with two runs scored and one RBI. Evans and Poulter also had RBIs. Brooke got the pitching win allowing only a single in the sixth inning. She walked two and struck out three.

In the 4-3 win over Augsburg, the Falcons scored four runs on five hits and made no errors. AC scored three runs on nine hits and made two errors. UW-RF scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh. With one out, Emily Rodgers singled and advanced to second on a sacrifice by Jessamy Schwartz. Keene followed with a double to right-center scoring Rodgers from second. Evans was 2-2 with one RBI. Moxon also had a hit. Devanie Bigalk picked up the pitching win in relief. She worked the final 1 1/3 innings and allowed one hit. Vanderploeg started and worked 5 2/3 innings. She allowed eight hits and three runs, two were earned.



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Amanda Moxon, Falcon shortstop, attempts to throw a runner out from her knees during Tuesday's doubleheader against Concordia-St. Paul.

Melzer becomes first Falcon basketball All-American, 5 hockey players earn honor

Sports Information

Falcon basketball player Rich Melzer has been named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches first All-America team. No other UW-River Falls player has ever claimed that honor.

Melzer was also named the West Region Player of the Year. Eight players were named to the first All-America team and eight others to the second team.

Earlier this year Melzer was named the WIAC's Co-Most Valuable Player along with UW-Oshkosh's Tim Dworak. Dworak was named to the second NABC team. The teams are selected and voted on by member coaches of the NABC.

Melzer, 6-8, was the dominant big man in the WIAC in 2003. He led the conference in scoring, averaging 28.1 points a game, and rebounding, with a 9.7 per game average. He was fifth in field goal shooting (.559) and was the top shot blocker (54). He was named the WIAC Player of the Week four times during the season, more than any other player in the conference. Melzer led the Falcons in scoring in every game but three. He led the team in rebounding in every game but

two. He finished scoring in double figures in every game this year and finished with 15 double-doubles. He has scored in double figures in 71 games, including the last 53 straight. His best scoring and rebounding game was a 54-point, 16-rebound performance at UW-La Crosse on Jan. 29. He finished 20-27 from the field and 14-16 from the line. The 54 points ties him for fourth place in scoring in a single game at UW-RF. The 54 points is the most scored in a single game this year in Div. III. In 16 WIAC games, Melzer scored 464 points, a WIAC record. UW-Superior's Jim Sevals scored 436 in 1966. His 29.0 points per game in 16 WIAC games is also a conference record. Oshkosh's Ralph Sims averaged 27.6 points in the 1976-77 season. His 731 points during the season is third most in Falcon history. His 251 rebounds is sixth in a single season.

Melzer is currently fifth in scoring in Falcon history with 1,636 points. He has 591 career rebounds and ranks fifth all-time in that category.

Women's Hockey

Three members of the 2003 UW-RF women's

hockey team have been named to the JOFA All-American West first team.

Goalie Marlene Yaeger, defenseman Lindsay Carlson and forward Ali Slinden were all named to the team. The team is voted on by coaches in the West Region.

"The West team has only six players named and we had three of the six," Coach Joe Cranston said. "That just shows the type of talent we have here. For UW-RF to have players make up half of the All-American team is simply outstanding."

Yaeger, who earlier this year was named to the first All-NCHA team and was also named the NCHA's Co-Most Valuable Player, has played 26 games and 1,567 minutes. She has a 1.49 goals against average and a .942 saves percentage. She was ranked in the top five nationally in both goals against average and saves percentage throughout the season. She recorded a school record five shutouts this year.

Carlson has been named for the second straight year. Last year she was named after playing at UW-Superior. This year for the Falcons she played 27 games and has scored eight goals and

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Hockey teams finish seasons in NCAAs

Sports Information

Despite losing both games, the Falcon women's hockey team set a precedent for western hockey at the NCAA Div. III Frozen Four Mar. 21-22 in Elmira, N.Y.

"We wanted to demonstrate our abilities and talents at the national level," Falcon coach Joe Cranston said. "And we accomplished that. Several people I talked with thought that the game we played against Elmira was the championship game. We went head to head with the best team in the country for 60 minutes and showed that we could compete with the best."

The Falcons lost to Elmira, 2-1, in the

semifinals. Elmira went on to win the national title, for the second year in a row, with a 5-1 win over Manhattanville. After losing to Elmira in a hard-fought, emotional game, the Falcons lost to Bowdoin, 4-2, in the game for third place.

But despite the two losses, the Falcons demonstrated that teams in the West Region had the skill, talent and character to compete at the national level.

"Another one of the things we wanted to show was that teams from the West could compete against the teams from the East. And, once again, people from the East told me that we showed that."

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Sports Information

The UW-River Falls men's hockey team dropped a 5-2 decision at St. Norbert March 15 in the NCAA Div. III quarterfinals.

SNC led 1-0 after one and 4-1 after two. The Falcons tied the game just 20 seconds into the second period when Aaron Degerness scored a power-play goal with assists from Matt Elsen and Jim Murphy. Degerness got to a rebound and was able to flip the puck past the SNC goalie. But SNC

scored three times before the period ended.

UW-RF made it a 4-2 game at 8:34 of the third period. Mike Salmela scored a power-play goal from 10 feet in front of the SNC goal. SNC added a short-handed empty net goal with 17 seconds to play. Veteran Jacque Vezina made 22 saves for the Falcons while SNC's Chancy Colquhoun saved 16.

The Falcons ended their season with a 23-7-1 record. SNC improved to 27-1-2 before losing 6-3 at Norwich in the NCAA Div. III semifinals.

OPINION



DAN SCHULTZ

Fallen idols

Once again fans have been disappointed by their sports role models. One of Minnesota's "Untouchable Idols" is on the verge of a hard fall from grace. Kirby Puckett is facing sexual assault charges and just recently had a cover story in Sports Illustrated on the tribulations after his baseball career.

This latest fallen idol has me once again realizing that the people who we build up, worship their abilities, and promote our favorite products aren't who we think they are. The media is a double-edged sword. They are the ones who build up the athletes to the bloated images we see today and they are the same ones to bring them crashing to the ground. The only thing that gets me is that the media questions why the athletes aren't who we make them out to be and wonder why we continue to build them up only to have our bubbles burst.

What athletes don't really grasp is what they do to the fragile minds of kids. I relate to my own experience. Former Viking quarterback and repeated drunk driver Tommy Kramer was my favorite player when I was young. After a cub-ball baseball game when I was six, my dad told me that the reason my favorite player was

"The media ... build up athletes to the bloated images that we see today, and they are the same ones to bring them crashing to the ground."

pitching to me wasn't because he knew I was his biggest fan or that he wanted to help the community, it was because the county court system made him. This crushed me; I really liked him and the Vikings. He was convicted of drunk driving and then sentenced to community service. This was one of the early convictions. I would later resent Kramer. Now I just laugh at the incident.

One has to wonder when the Lebron James bubble will pop. It is only a matter of time before something other than his mom buying Hummers is going to get him into trouble. It is hard not to be cynical with athletes. Even local superstar Rich Melzer has to deal with this. You have the guy we like to refer to as "Blah" trying to tear down Melzer's grades and eligibility or taking shots at his personal life to other statewide media building him up with award nominations at the same time trying to strangle his career.

I understand that everyone has skeletons in their closet, but the debate remains: what does the public want to know and what should the public know. Does the public need to know that former Dallas Cowboy Nate Newton was trafficking more than 200 pounds of marijuana? I believe that the public needs to know if an athlete murders someone or assaults a child. However, do we really need to see guys like former Viking and Oiler-great Warren Moon or New Jersey Net Jason Kidd hold press conferences with their wives saying that beating them was an accident or the charges were blown out of proportion? As the paying public I guess that is for you to decide. That's my take I am out.

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STUDENT VOICE

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Picked for a WIAC finish identical to last year (7th) — when UW-RF put together a three-win conference effort — the Falcons have little to lose in 2003

Right: First baseman Meghann Mulligan stretches to help a throw beat the Concordia baserunner. Below: Right fielder Emily Rodgers hauls in a foul fly on the run Tuesday at Ramer Field.

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Below: Head coach Faye Perkins instructs her players in the Knowles Center during a pre-season practice.

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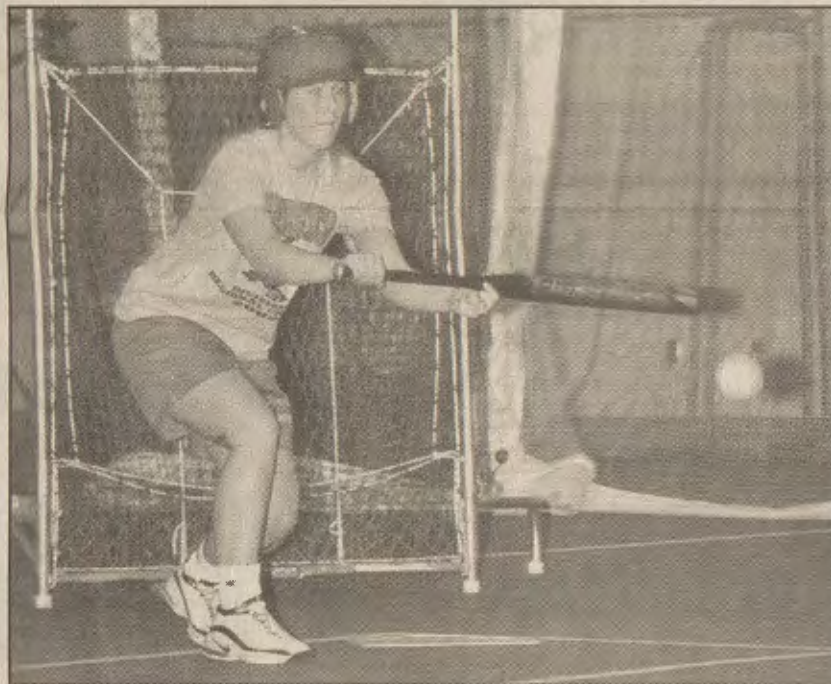


Below: Junior catcher Anna Poulter goes after an infield pop-up.
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Above: Senior Amy Brooke winds up for a pitch against Concordia-St. Paul Tuesday at Ramer Field.



Kyle Weaver / Student Voice

Above: Redshirt freshman Jen Lundborg places a bunt in Knowles. Shortly after this pre-season practice, the Falcons ventured to Florida for an early portion of the schedule.



STEPPING UP TO THE
proving grounds

Sports Information

According to Coach Faye Perkins, the Falcons have a lot to prove in 2003. UW-RF finished with a sub .500 record (15-18) last year for the first time in three seasons and the Falcons were the first team eliminated in the 2002 WIAC Tournament. The Falcons want to get back to seasons like 1993 and 1994 when they advanced to the NCAA Div. III tournament.

"We need to work hard to get back to the top half of the WIAC," Perkins said. "We have several players returning and the years of experience they have should help us reach our goal."

On the mound, senior Amy Brooke returns after being named to the All-WIAC team in each of her first three seasons, including to the first team in 2000 and 2001. She has a 30-18 record and a 1.84 ERA in her career.

Also returning to the team this year is sophomore pitcher Devanie Bigalk, who played in 2001, but not in 2002. She was named to the All-WIAC team as a freshman when she finished 9-5 with a 2.06 ERA. Leah Vanderploeg also returns after a successful rookie season in 2002. She finished 7-6 with a 3.00 ERA.

The Falcons will be strong on the right side of the infield where senior Meghann Mulligan plays first base and junior Melissa Turbak second. Mulligan, who was named to the All-WIAC team in 2000 and 2001, has a .290 career batting average. She has five homers and 51 RBIs. She is also an outstanding defensive player with a .983 career fielding percentage.

Turbak, who was named to the first All-WIAC team in 2002, has a .328 career batting average with 28 RBIs. Turbak was named to the 2002 All-Great

Lake Region third team and Mulligan was named to the same team in 2000.

Several players will be competing for playing time at shortstop and third base. Sophomore Holly Olson, senior Amanda Moxon and freshman Emily Stahl will compete at shortstop while sophomore Emily Evans and freshman Jessamy-Schwartz will compete at third base.

Junior Anna Poulter will move from the outfield to her natural position as catcher. She has been a starter the past two seasons in the outfield and has a .295 career batting average with 25 RBIs. She has great speed on the base paths with 30 career stolen bases.

In the outfield, the top returnees are Tiff Bloomer, Abby Keene, Emily Vogt and Emily Rodgers. Blumer, a sophomore, played in 30 games and started several at shortstop. She finished with a .297 batting average with a team high 18 RBIs. Vogt, a senior, has a .236 career batting average while Keene, a junior, is at .222. Rodgers had limited playing time last year as a freshman.

There are six freshmen on the roster: catcher Kristen Halberg, shortstop Emily Stahl, third baseman Jessamy Schwartz, first baseman/catcher Carolyn Guisinger, pitcher Jen Lundborg and second baseman Frances Hilpisch.



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Head coach Faye Perkins

Alumna recognized after uncovering Enron connection to Bush

Kyle Weaver
Viewpoints Editor

Since the Watergate scandal of the 1970s ambitious, investigative journalists have dreamt of writing or broadcasting news that uncovers corruption within the government. Mary Jo Sylwester, a 1994 graduate of UW-River Falls, was recently part of a team of reporters from the Center for Public Integrity in Washington that were recognized for uncovering such a story. Titled "Enron's Big Political Donors," the story first appeared on the Center's website Jan. 9, 2002, during the company's criminal investigation. The story outlined nearly \$800,000 in individual campaign contributions of the 29 top Enron executives and board members, including several contributions to the Bush administration.

The story was named as a finalist for the 2002 Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE) award for online journalism. IRE, a non-profit organization that encourages investigative journalism, gives out the awards for investigative reporting in media categories from network broadcast to small market newspapers. Sylwester said that receiving the recognition is a very prestigious honor, despite that the story was only a finalist for the award. "There are hundreds of entries in every category," Sylwester said. "Just being named a finalist is such an honor." But for Sylwester being honored by IRE isn't necessarily a new experience. Sylwester, a former editor of the Student Voice, was given a student award from the organization in 2001 when she was still a graduate student at University of Missouri. Sylwester, who currently works as a database editor at USA Today, was working for the Center as a database editor when they obtained a document

listing Enron's executives and when they sold their stocks. The Center was going to run a story about the document when Sylwester, who had been working on a project about campaign contributions, suggested comparing the list with donations to the current administration. The story came together really quickly after that, Sylwester said. In addition to earning recognition from fellow journalists, the story also had an immediate impact on the Enron investigation. According to a Center news release, the story, combined with heavy national news media attention, caused Attorney General John Ashcroft to immediately "recuse himself from the Enron criminal investigation." Sylwester said she was pleased with the story's result. "It was very rewarding to have such a reaction to our story," Sylwester said. "That is one of the reasons I got into journalism."

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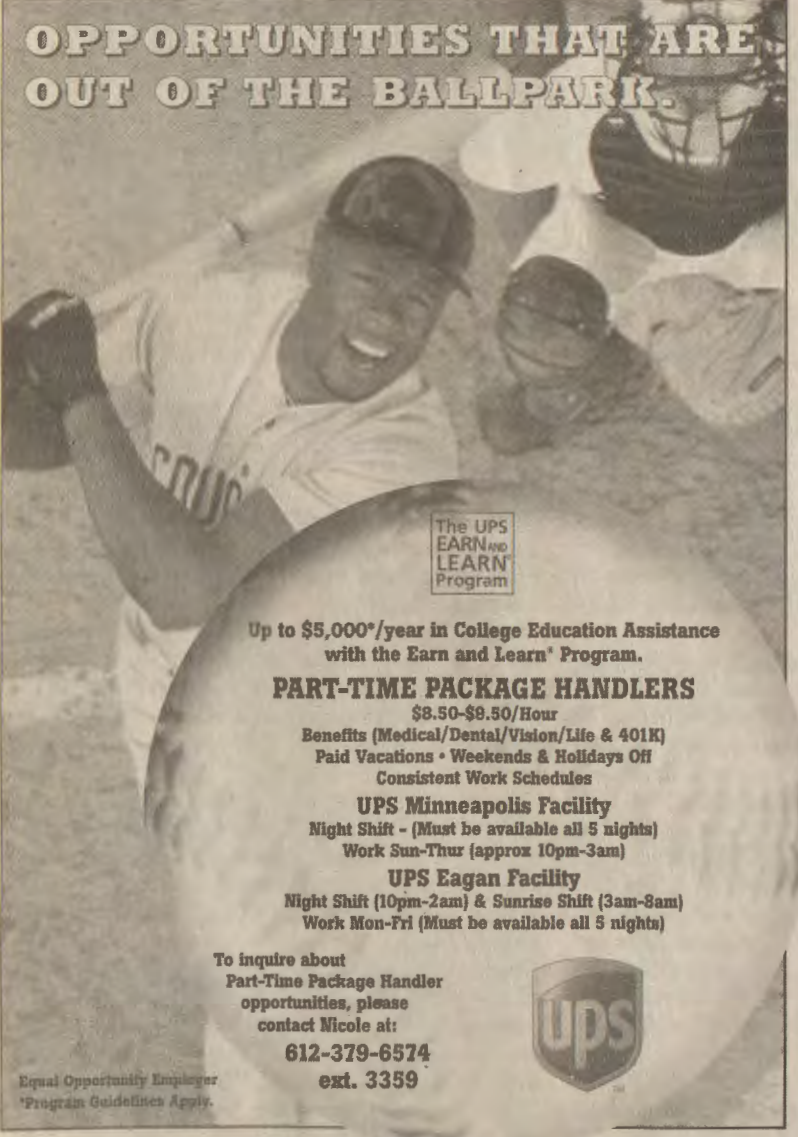
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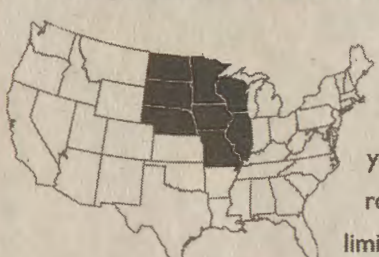
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