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Maisha Downey / Student Voice

Monday afternoon Chancellor Ann Lydecker, Vice Chancellor Virgil Nylander and Provost Ginny Coombs met with members of Student Senate to discuss the effects of upcoming budget cuts. Several budget listening sessions will be held around the state this month.

Eric Henning
Assistant Editor

In the weeks following Gov. Doyle's budget proposal announcement, the outlook for the UW System budget hasn't improved and nothing has actually changed. UW-River Falls administrators began a Student Senate-hosted budget information session with this message. At the session, students asked budget-related questions and Chancellor Ann Lydecker, Vice Chancellor Virgil Nylander and Provost Ginny Coombs answered them.

Doyle's budget plan proposes to cut the UW System budget by \$250 million, with \$1.6 million being cut from the UW-RF budget. The proposal is currently being looked at by the state legislature. It is likely that the legislature will recommend UW System cuts increase to \$350 million, administrators said. Administrators would like a tuition increase that would pay for \$150

million of the cuts.

The administrators' answers to all student questions are based on a \$250 million cut, with \$150 million offset by a tuition increase.

How is UW-River Falls working to deal with cuts?

The deans of UW-RF's four colleges have been looking at ways costs can be reduced, Nylander said. Not as many part time faculty will be hired. Class sizes will increase, and fewer sections of a class will be offered. There will be approximately 100 fewer three-credit courses offered.

Campus computers will be replaced every six years instead of every five years.

The library will reduce its book purchases by 13 percent and its journal subscriptions by 6 percent. The numbers of reference books and microfilm will also decrease.

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Experiences traveling abroad

Students overseas reflect on potential war with Iraq, break down American stereotypes

Kyle Weaver
Viewpoints Editor

Like many UW-River Falls students, participants in the Wisconsin in Scotland (WIS) program are preparing for spring

break. Travelers are finalizing plans and packing bags.

But unlike many UW-RF students, Scotland program students are taking extra precaution in their travel arrangements. Because of the potential for war with Iraq, they're paying extra attention to where they should go if they encounter any problems along the way.

Many Scotland program students will travel throughout Europe over break and the possibility that they will run into someone who hates Americans is almost certain.

For many of them it has already happened.

Adam Helbach, a junior, said though it isn't often, locals occasionally will direct an inflammatory comment toward him about being an American.

"I rarely have conversations with them," Helbach said. "I didn't have the stereotype in my mind that everyone in Scotland looks like Mel [Gibson] wearing a kilt and playing bagpipes."

But it seems at least some have stereotypes about Americans.

See "Abroad" on A6

Education majors required to take second test to teach

Kyle Weaver
Viewpoints Editor

Teacher education standards in the state of Wisconsin will soon be a little tougher.

Education majors graduating after Sept. 1, 2003, will now be required by the state to take a second test in order to obtain a teaching license in Wisconsin.

Called Praxis II, the new test is the second in a series of professional assessments for beginning teachers. The first test in the series, known as the PPST, measures general academic knowledge. The new test, however, will examine teaching students in their specific subject areas.

UW-River Falls Teacher Certification Officer Michael Martin said that both tests are already required for teacher certification in several other states. The Praxis II has been a requirement for students planning on teaching in Minnesota for two years.

"It's kind of a minor detail really," Martin said. "It's nothing many of our students don't already know about."

However education majors don't need to rush in and sign up for the exam just yet. The tests won't be available in Wisconsin until next fall, Martin said.

Education majors who are just starting out in their majors also don't have to worry. The tests are designed to be taken by students who are going into student teaching, Martin said.

"It's a content exam," Martin said. "Students should have had all their content courses before they take it."

Students who are required to take the test next year also have little to worry about. Because the test is new in Wisconsin, students taking the test next year will be exempt from achieving a passing score for Wisconsin, Martin said.

See "Standards" on A6

Students, faculty encourage reflection with silence as part of Women's History Month

Maisha Downey
Photo Editor

Another group is taking a stand on campus. And unlike the anti-war protestors and pro-America ralliers, this group makes a statement without words.

Every Monday this month the group, Women in Black, will stand outside the Student Center passing out information about the group in honor of Women's History Month.

The women are UW-River Falls students and faculty members.

Deborah Buffon of the La Crosse chapter said these silent vigils "protest war, rape as a tool of war, ethnic cleansing and human rights abuses all over the world."

Women in Black, an international peace network, started in Israel in 1988 when women protested Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Today there are groups in every state and several countries around the world including Italy, Spain, Germany, England, Columbia and former Yugoslavia.

The group on campus, consisting of both students and faculty, is pleased with the response.

Assistant Professor Tricia Davis knows the group's point is being heard.

"People who walk by will see us and our signs and give us thumbs up and smile," Davis said.

The women agree smiles are needed in a time of uncertainty.

"Our vigils are so much bigger than the war in Iraq," Buffon said. "We have the same types of problems in America yet no one will address them."

Women in Black has stepped up preparations across the nation for the war.

"We don't suggest that women, any more than men, are natural born peacemakers," Buffon said. "But women are often at the receiving end of gender violence in both peace and war."

While women organize the group, information is still given out to men. History professor Betty Bergland said several hundred fliers have been distributed.

Bergland first learned of Women in Black while attending a 1995 conference in Beijing, China, where an hour-long demonstration was held.

This is the first year the University has recognized the group.

"Women in Black is a great example of the war and peace theme for this month's activities," Bergland said.

The group keeps silent to encourage reflection on the issue of violence and to draw attention. They wear black to signify mourning.

"It's a way to reflect about themselves and women who have been raped, tortured or killed in concentration camps," Buffon said.

Sophomore Kennda Plant, is encouraged by the response students have given.

"It's hard because we don't talk during our vigils," Plant said. "People have come up to me and wanted to ask questions. I'm glad they're concerned."

Plant said more than 10 students and faculty have helped the group distribute.

Women in Black hold silent vigils twice a month at UW-La Crosse and UW-Eau Claire campuses. Buffon hopes campuses like UW-River Falls will continue them year round.

There are no current plans to continue these vigils at UW-RF.

"It's been so cold outside," said Davis. "Right now we're just looking to finish up the month."



Maisha Downey / Student Voice

As part of Women's History month in March, Women in Black demonstrators stand in silence each Monday in front of the Student Center. The Women in Black are an international peace network that encourage reflection on the issue of violence in the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Family Day. If interested in being a co-coordinator for Family Day, contact Emily Wenger at 425-3530.

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

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

EVENTS

Immunization Clinic on March 26 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room, Student Center. If you can't make this clinic session there will be another session on April 30 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. For more information, visit the Student Health Services web site at www.uwrf.edu/student-health-services/.

Attention students interested in Broadcast Journalism. A seminar that will bring together students and professionals to explore the opportunities in the broadcast industry. The seminar is 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.

Want to promote advocacy in cancer research for the American Cancer Society? If so, get ready for Relay for Life, April 4 and 5. For more information contact a representative at each residence hall.

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

MEETINGS

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.

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 at any class anytime throughout the semester.

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, Student Center.

Habitat for Humanity meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the International Room, 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

Black author befriends Klan members

Eric Henning
Assistant Editor

The Klu Klux Klan stands for 'circle of friends', said author and musician Daryl Davis. And Davis has made more than a few friends with members of the KKK. It's easy to make friends with the Klan if you are a white supremacist. But Davis is black.

Davis wowed the audience with his piano playing and his inspirational story Monday in North Hall as part of the Wyman Series.

Davis is the author of "Klan-Destine Relationships," the first book written from the perspective of a black person talking with Klan members. In the process of writing this book, Davis befriended several of his sources. Davis said his willingness to provide a platform for everyone to express their views, and his willingness to listen to these views, made several Klan members rethink their racist views.

Davis has made a career of studying racism, and the KKK has been his focus. Davis has come to believe people can change their racist ways, and

had the evidence to back it up. He displayed several Klan robes, hoods, and a rally flag given to him after members quit the KKK.

"Racism is a cancer," Davis said. "If you don't stop it, it will grow."

Davis first met a Klan member at a bar where he was playing the piano. The KKK member walked up to Davis and said he was the first black person he ever heard play the piano like Jerry Lee Lewis. The man bought Davis a drink - another first for the KKK member. Davis wound up becoming good friends with the KKK member, who later helped Davis establish contacts within the KKK, including Roger Kelly. Kelly was the grand dragon of Maryland's Klan. These contacts became the basis for Davis' book.

Kelly and Davis spent a lot of time together, including going to KKK rallies. As a Klan leader, Kelly dressed in full KKK regalia and led the rallies, while Davis stayed in the audience.

Kelly was the first person Davis saw put on a Klan robe. Davis now has that robe as a symbol of Kelly's life left behind. Kelly eventually changed his racist views and quit the Klan because of Davis' influence.

"It's the person, not the robe," Davis said.

'Fund' raises money for individual colleges

Fall campaign has raised more than \$189,000 in restricted, unrestricted gifts

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

With the upcoming year's budget at an uncertain vantage point many people at UW-River Falls are worrying about monetary losses and program cuts.

The University Advancement Office at UW-RF is trying to help alleviate some of the worrying with extra fundraising for each college at the University.

This fundraiser is part of the existing telethon which has occurred for more than 15 years said Kimberly Gould-Speckman, director of Annual Giving and Advancement Services.

The telethon is funded by the UW-River Falls Foundation and actively contacts alumni and friends of UW-RF throughout the academic year.

From September to December students hired by Gould-Speckman contact alumni and friends for monetary gifts used to support the UW-RF Foundation's faculty

grants program, grants to improve classroom instruction, recruitment of students, the visiting professor program, scholarships, the Chancellor's Fund and operational expenses for the Office of University Advancement.

Donors also have the option to restrict a gift, which means the money is specifically designated to a department or program on campus.

"This is the first time we've tried this and I feel we've had good success so far."

—Kimberly Gould-Speckman,
Annual Giving and Advancement Services Director

The alumni and friends campaign, including both restricted and unrestricted gifts, raised more than \$189,000 fall semester.

In January and February the student callers contacted parents of currently attending students asking for gifts to the UW-RF Foundation. The parent campaign raised more than \$39,000 this year.

February marked the beginning of the telethon's newest fundraiser, "The Fund for Excellence." This fundraiser is an individual campaign for each college.

"This is the first time we've tried this and I feel we've had good success so far," Gould-Speckman said.

Before beginning the new program Gould-Speckman and Bill Rost, Assistant Chancellor for University Advancement, met with deans from each college to determine what the colleges' needs are and how the money raised will be spent.

Currently, fundraising for the College of Education and Professional Studies (COEPS) is complete. COEPS determined the \$13,100 raised will be used to support scholarships within the college, said Gould-Speckman.

The College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences fundraising is well under way. Gould-Speckman said Interim Dean Steve Ridley recommended the funds be used to sup-

port college judging teams, the ambassador's program, student organizations, department and academic program supply and equipment needs and scholarship endowments. Although the campaign is only two-thirds complete the telethon has raised more than \$14,000. Gould-Speckman anticipates reaching \$20,000.

The campaigns for the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business and Economics will begin in upcoming weeks.

The fundraising is not solely based on the needs of the University but on the interests of the donors.

"People give to people," Rost said. "Clearly our donors care about the institution."

Although the money raised will have a direct impact of the University the purpose of the funds is not to make-up for the loss of budget cuts, Gould-Speckman said.

But Gould-Speckman hopes to raise increasing amounts each year.

"With each of these campaigns this year we have exceeded our goals," Gould-Speckman said.

Until people stop caring about the University we will continue calling and reaching out to people in other ways, Gould-Speckman said.

Rost agreed.
"These funds make a difference."

Public Safety

Party leads to underage drinking citations

Five students cited at a house party. Vandalism in student lots, residence halls continues to be a problem.

Aaron Kenealy
Staff Writer

On March 8 River Falls police were called to 121 Cascade Ct. in response to a loud noise complaint and an apparent party taking place. According to the report, officers knocked on the door and were given permission to enter. Upon entering officers allegedly saw a keg in the kitchen area. They then spoke to the house's residents who appeared

to be under the influence of alcohol. It was determined that several of them were not of legal drinking age. An officer, while looking around, found two female subjects hiding in the shower. A total of seven individuals were cited, five of which were UW-RF students. Michael R. Johnson, 19; Neil A. Mantor, 20; Matthew T. Kukla, 20; Elizabeth M. King, 18; and Rebekka J. Nelson, 20, were all cited \$162 for first offense underage drinking.

—On March 8, Public Safety was called to the fourth floor bathroom in Parker Hall because of a report of vomiting. Upon arriving at the scene Bre N. Fackler and Sonja L. Baron, both 19, were found in the bathroom. Both admitted to drinking at an off-campus party and each were cited \$225 for underage drinking.

—Sometime during the night or early morning of March 9 and March 10 a parking pass valued at \$138 was stolen from a vehicle in O-lot.

—The TV and VCR in the Hathorn Hall basement were both damaged beyond repair on March 3. The VCR was valued at \$200 while the TV was valued at \$830.

Student Senate

Senate seeks input on budget crisis

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

In an effort to get more student input held a Student Senate budget rally. The rally took place March 10 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the Regent's Room of the student center. Chancellor Ann Lydecker, Vice Chancellor Virgil Nylander and Provost Ginny Coombs addressed students' questions and concerns dealing with state budget and tuition issues. The rally was open to students, faculty and staff. Senator Eric Quandt of the Student Senate Finance Committee said that there wasn't a large student turnout. He said he thought the people who attended received valuable information concerning the issues.

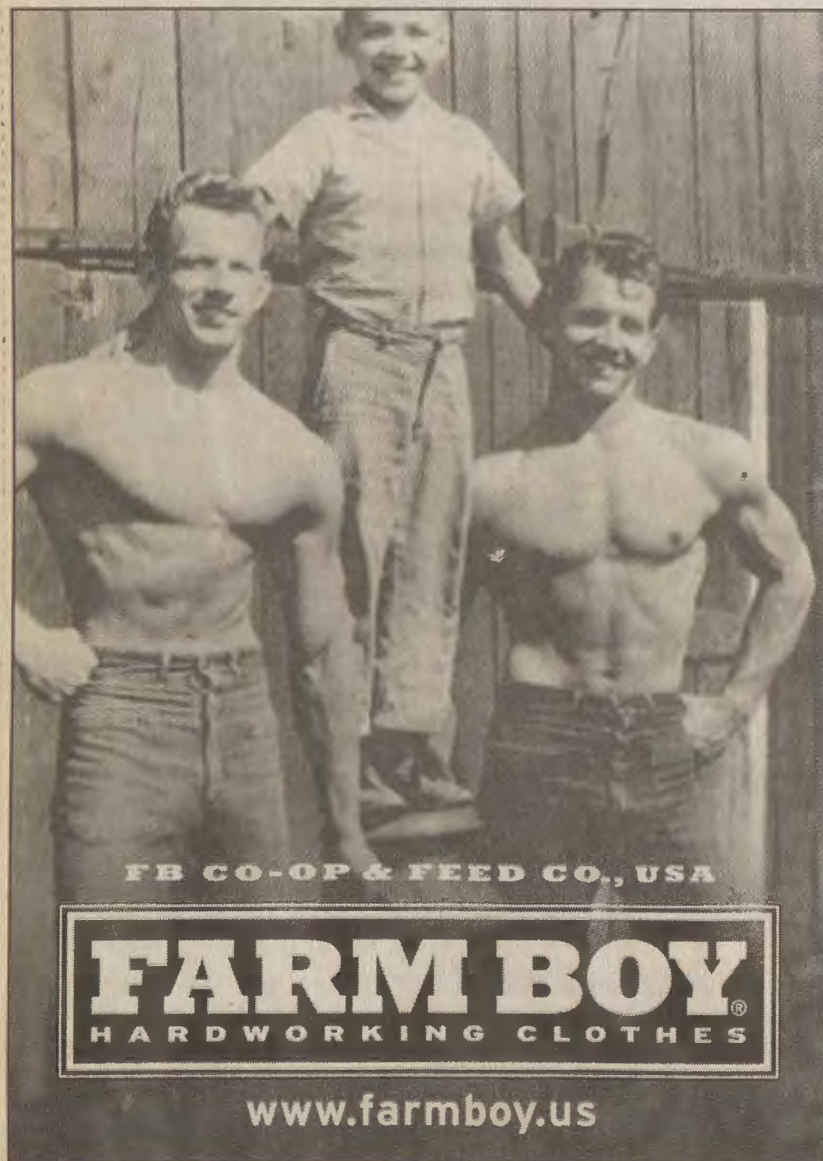
—A women's leadership conference is being held at UW-Platteville March 28-30. Both women and men are welcome to attend. Contact Women's Initiatives Director Jodi Jabs for further information.

—Student Senate President Jessica Wermuth said that thirty-three students have been nominated for the Chancellor's Award this spring. Six of the nominees serve on Student Senate.

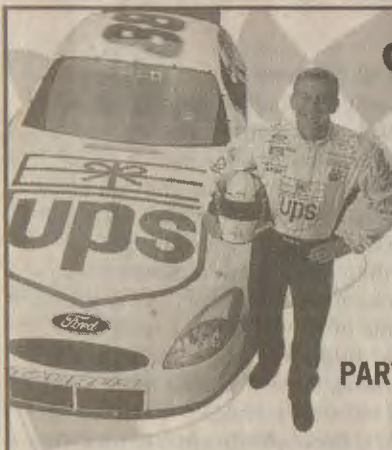
—Diversity Issues Director Lisa Weinreich said that Unity in the Community is set for Wednesday, April 23. Unity in the Community is an event sponsored by the Diversity Awareness Committee.

The next Student Senate meeting is March 25 in the Regent's Room of the student center.

The next issue of the Student Voice will be April 3.



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Athletic department optimistic despite cuts

Adjustments expected to address changing budget; sports program cuts aren't expected

Anna Permarn
Staff Writer

Budget cuts: Two words that can strike fear into any administrator, professor, or student.

The entire UW System is facing a huge financial crisis, but the UW-River Falls athletic department is optimistic it will avoid any major hits.

"We took the hit last year," said athletic director Rick Bowen. "We hurt ourselves by putting together the sports module committee and cutting gymnastics, baseball, and wrestling. But because of that we shouldn't have any problems this upcoming year. We will not cut any more sports programs this year, that is for sure."

The Chancellor's committee on the UW-RF sports module was appointed to decide which programs to cut. The committee looked at facts and statistics to decide on what would be the most beneficial for the university.

Last year, due to a number of reasons, including the wrestling team's conference record, baseball's attempt to play 30 games a year while missing a significant number of classes and the cost of equipment upgrades for gymnastics, the committee decided to cut those sports.

While adjustments are made every year due to the constantly changing budget, Gary Karner, the commissioner of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, hopes that other solutions to dealing with a decreasing budget will work, rather than cutting any more entire sports programs from UW System schools.

"We have already cut through the meat. We are down to the bone," Karner said. "There is only so much we can do to reduce expenses without compromising the integrity of what our purpose is as an institution and what we are trying to do athletically."

The bulk of the River Falls athletic department's money comes from student segregated fees, which is approximately \$300,000 annually.

"Some cuts are necessary, and I do not mean cutting athletic programs as a whole. I mean cutting funding for certain areas of athletic programs so we can try to do some things differently, like cutting back on money spent by team travel."

—Gary Karner,
WIAC commissioner

Some money comes from program revenue such as sporting, gate receipts, and profits from selling programs.

The budgets have affected more than the sports themselves. At River Falls there are 42 coaches for the 18 varsity sports. This includes 21 part-time assistant coaches and four part-time head coaches, meaning a total of 25 coaches work here part time, requiring them to receive salary from an ad hoc pool.

"We pay the women's soccer coach only \$5,000 dollars a year," Bowen said. "That is ridiculous."

In fact, Bowen just approached the Student Senate and asked for an increase in student segregated fees for the athletic department.

That doesn't mean that full-time coaches, who are working on campus 50 percent coaching and 50 percent teaching don't get paid a substantial amount more, but it puts a perspective on things, said Bowen.

To divide the budget among programs, each coach fills out a budget request form every year. This form is the coach's requested amount needed to run their program efficiently, including travel, lodging, meals for student athletes and other specific needs for individual sports.

Bowen is in charge of the budget. It is then divided accordingly, as close as possible to the requests of the coaches.

"It's obvious that the football team is going to get a heck of a lot more money than the tennis team, Bowen said. "But still there is never enough money to go around. There are going to be adjustments made every year."

Karner agreed.

"Some cuts are necessary, and I do not mean cutting athletic programs as a whole," Karner said. "I mean cutting funding for certain areas of athletic programs so we can try to do some things differently, like cutting back on money spent by team travel."

This means that some teams may not have as many overnight trips or away games and money spent for food while away may be cut back.

Overall, those in the athletic department remain optimistic.

"No one out there has a crystal ball to anticipate these kinds of things," Karner said. "We just have to take them as they come and do the best we can."

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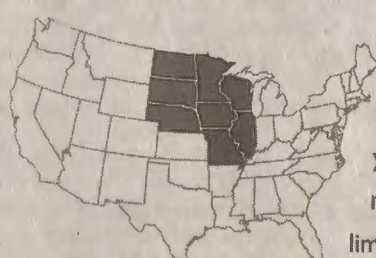
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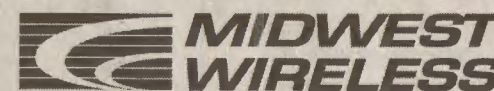
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Editorial

Poor communication effort ruins budget rally

As the Governor's budget proposal makes its way through the state legislature, student input is crucial. Student Senate and administrators have made several lame attempts to gather student input.

The first attempt made by Student Senate was a "press conference" held outside the Davee Library shortly after Doyle's budget was released.

The most recent charade was a senate initiated budget rally in which Chancellor Lydecker, Vice Chancellor Nylander and Provost Coombs were to meet with students to speak about their budget concerns. In essence, a question and answer session.

It was too bad the student e-mail for this event wasn't received by students (the most important actors in this "rally") until about 8:30 that morning. The rally was at noon. Not enough time for anyone to clear their schedule. As for publicity, there really wasn't any. A few fliers were lazily thrown up around campus a few days before the rally. Another poster piece of paper that most students numbly gazed over.

Maybe that's why only a select few showed up at the rally, if we dare to call it that. Administrators were there, of course, as were the senators who pushed the event. A few of the student media also attended.

Once again, administrators and Student Senate did a poor job of communicating with the student body.

It's not to say that the Senate's recent attempts at gaining student input haven't been thoughtful. The idea is there, but the initiative isn't.

What it comes down to is that there is only so much Senate is able and willing to do. Perhaps the administration should make more of an effort to get the word out to students as well.

For wanting so much student input administrators didn't use their power effectively. There needs to be a new way for the Chancellor, Senate and others to get to the students. Use the student Web site, something almost every student looks at throughout the day. How about the Student Center, a central meeting place for all? Try sitting in the Student Center during lunch and speaking with students about the issues that matter to them. You'd be amazed at what a nice chat would shed light on.

Try using one of these techniques and maybe next time there will be a higher percentage of students at a student rally.

"Once again, administrators and Student Senate did a poor job of communicating with the student body."

Security, immigration problems solved

The French government is vowing to veto any resolution the U.N. Security Council comes up with that will OK the war with Iraq. Imagine that. This from a country that has never met an enemy they wouldn't surrender to.

Yes, they helped us during our revolution, but what have they done for us since?

We bailed France out of two world wars and its colonial debacle in Indo China. Not to mention rebuilding it thanks to the Marshall Plan. We were also providing most of its security during the Cold War, until it kicked out our military, the conventional one anyway.

It was the United States that kept the Communists from taking the rest of Europe after World War II and throughout the years of the Cold War. How long do you think it would have taken the French to fly their national white flag once the Russians came knocking? I imagine the first thing to go would have been their wine, to make room for all the vodka bottles.

For those of you who constantly whine about America's "excessive" spending on defense, remember this: a large portion of our military budget is given to foreign governments for the privilege of our military providing for their security.

Unlike you libs out there I have a possible solution to our foreign entanglement problems.

First, let's stop all foreign aid to Israel and the rest of the Middle East. Let the Arabs sell their oil at market prices and to the victor go the spoils, whether it is Israel or the Arab nations. The United States can deal with whoever is victorious in that region.

Then, after giving the Muslims, Palestinians and Arabs what they have been whining for all these years, if so much as a car backfires in this country as the result of terrorist-sponsored activity, we unleash devastation on the responsible party.

Secondly, our government should pull out of NATO. Hey, the French did it. We should close the majority

of our military bases in Europe, bring the troops home, put them on our own borders and let them protect America for a change. We can no longer count on the INS to round up illegal aliens in this country. They have refused to do so even after aliens have been apprehended by local police agencies. Keep in mind this dereliction of duty on the part of the INS has occurred after Sept. 11, 2001. The

will patrol our shores out to the international boundary line. Should intruders be caught at sea, they will either be turned around or eliminated. The actions of the intruders will determine our reaction to the situation.

Of course the United States will keep a force in reserve to defend our interests in the rest of the world, as well as the remaining troops stationed overseas.

And for those of you who buy into the lie that we need all of these trustworthy, hard working Third World intruders in America to do all of the menial jobs that American citizens supposedly won't do, think about this. If they weren't here, willing to work for almost nothing, sucking our social services dry, and some of whom are here with the sole purpose of doing harm to our citizens, there would be more jobs for our own people.

At a time when many are looking for work, don't tell me there aren't plenty of legal immigrants and American citizens who would like a job, no matter how menial. If the supply of cheap labor were gone, maybe all those exploitive employers currently hiring aliens would be forced to raise wages and offer decent benefits to the people who have legitimately come to this country and God forbid, even those of us who were born here.

Am I against immigration? Certainly not, just the illegal kind. Immigrants built this country, but those days and those immigrants are long gone. Today, it's a matter of national survival, not nation building that's important. God bless all those who have obeyed the rules and put up with the bureaucratic crap to come to America, in order to make a better life for them and do their part to improve the country as a whole.

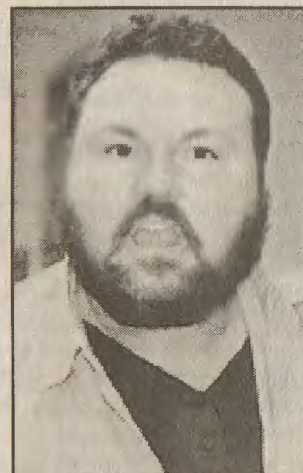
To Hell with those who sneak across the borders, no matter what their intent. If you want to come to this country do it the legal way or stay home and do whatever you can to improve your own country.

Oh and by the way, how dare you libs and diversity freaks out there think that the only jobs available to immigrants are those of such low standing that no one else would want them. We should do what we can to provide immigrants with the educational opportunities as to allow them whatever employment opportunities they choose. We could pay for it by selling Iraqi oil after we kick their ass.

Carry on.

DAVE MISSELT

"These very same governments seem to be for the return of our military once they realize how much our troops were needed there in the first place."



INS now falls under the purview of the Office of Homeland Security, yet it is doing nothing for the security of the homeland. Let military law enforcement personnel work with other federal agencies to purge our shores of these illegal intruders.

I'm not finished yet. We don't want all of these newly-returned GI's to be without work, so we give them the job of constructing a double wall along the entire northern and southern borders. The walls will be manned by the military and equipped with weapons and technology capable of keeping the border secure.

The area between the walls will be designated a free fire zone. You can imagine what will happen if unauthorized persons are found there.

Our Navy and Coast Guard can guard America's coasts rather than those of foreign countries. They

America would then be able to decrease the amount of multi-billion dollar hardware currently needed to provide our alleged allies' security.

Not only should this plan appease the peaceniks in our own backyard, but also all of those ungrateful leeches around the world who demand the removal of U.S. troops from their respective countries. These very same governments seem to beg for the return of our military once they realize how much our troops were needed there in the first place.

The anti-war folks here at home don't want the Godless, imperialist war mongers in Washington to use our military to eliminate a well-documented threat to our country on foreign lands. Maybe they will shut up once and for all if we use the same forces to protect our own country.

Resident authorities drain fun from college

I've been told I have a problem with authority. That's not really anything unusual for someone my age though. However, my problem with authority is a bit different than other peoples'. I respect authority that respects me. I respect authority that deserves respect. It just seems that I believe a lot of people that are in positions of authority are incompetent.

This is leading, for those of you who are wondering, into a discussion about drinking on this campus. This is an issue that has been bothering me since I was a young freshman. When I got to college, I wanted to drink. I'd heard the stories about wild college drinking from other people and I've seen the parties on television.

Turns out at UW-River Falls they don't want you to drink. Living in Grimm Hall as a freshman, at my very first wing meeting, before I'd even had a drop to drink, my resident assistant informed us that he would permit no underage drinking on his floor. If we tried, he would bust us.

Now, I was under the impression that RA stood for "resident assistant." Not "resident authority." I realize that part of an RA's duty is to maintain some semblance of order on their floor. I don't believe it's in their job to stop their residents from having fun.

Some think it is.

In a recent campus crime report in the Student Voice, there were three calls to Johnson residence hall on the same night. All three calls were reported by the RA on

mighty resident assistant got drunk on power and brought the hammer down hard on these kids.

Also, could someone please tell me why an underage drinking ticket on campus is \$225, while off

I've been to other campuses and I've seen how security and RA's deal with drunks. I can also say that almost all of these campuses handle it better than UW-RF does.

At UW-La Crosse, several residence halls have "Weenies for the wasted" programs, where hall council members open up the basement kitchen and serve hot dogs and other assorted munchies to drunken students. The students get the nourishment they need and the residence hall makes a few bucks to help pay for hall activities. UW-Eau Claire has similar programs.

If a dorm did this at our school, it's a safe bet Public Safety or the River Falls Police Department would station an officer outside the kitchen and issue drinking tickets as students come by. Because we have so little crime in this town and an over-staffed police department, money has to come from somewhere and why not get it from college kids doing what college kids do.

The people with positions of authority at this school need to realize that underage drinking is a part of college. We should facilitate the underage drinkers through programs that are beneficial to both parties, not try to tell these kids how to live their lives.

CRAIG CORSTEN

"Money has to come from somewhere and why not get it from college kids doing what college kids do."



duty. What I want to know is, didn't this RA have anything better to do than chase around underage drinkers?

In all instances the RA called security when they noticed the students appeared to be drunk, or smelt alcohol. There were no reports of these students disturbing the peace in any way. They just went out and had fun like college students do. But some high and

campus it's only \$162? This sends a message to students that they should leave the safe confines of their dorm room and instead go to house parties which require them to walk around when they are drunk and expose themselves to drugs, traffic and cold weather. Where is the logic in that? Oh wait, there isn't one.

I fully realize that underage drinking is illegal.



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Letter to the Editor

Anti-war protests not un-American

To the editor:

The right to dissent, i.e. to hold a stance different than the government and its leader, is fundamental in the United States. The very fact that the government is derived from the people means every single power the government has is given to it by the people. The instant the people are not allowed to disagree with the government, the government is above the people. In the United States the people rule the government. The government does not supersede the people. When the government no longer allows questioning of it, the citizens are no longer in a representative democracy.

The fact that the individuals in the pro-war camp are called pro-American is misleading. Both sides, when they respect each other, are pro-American. The label of pro-American leads one to believe the converse is true on the opposite side. This is not the case. Just because a person disagrees with the actions of their government does not mean that they are against their country. People who oppose war with Iraq are not unpatriotic. The protestors of war are not anti-American, as they are sometimes labeled. They value human life both American and foreign. Facts and reason dictate their beliefs. They believe that a war to promote peace is both paradoxical and unprecedented. They believe that the government should reflect these principles. A more accurate labeling of the two groups would be pro-military action and anti-military action.

Since when is the mindless patronage, the uninformed and unconditional backing and the infallible support of one's government considered patriotic? Following the government without question and silencing dissent sounds more like a totalitarian regime than the United States. Listening to and making informed decisions from the different facts available is truly patriotic.

Unquestioned support of America's government to all ends, even unneeded and unnecessary military action, is truly a twisted mindset. Condoning the president's call to war is support for the killing of our troops. If there is war in Iraq, all Americans should pray for American troops and pray for President Bush to value human lives. American citizens should do everything in their power to support American troops by bringing them home from a superfluous war.

I encourage every American to do their homework and be ever mindful of the source of the information they are reading. Every reporter has bias. Every gov-

ernment, including the U.S. government, produces propaganda. Ask yourself: Why with Iraq, and not one of the myriad other countries that have ruthless dictators? Are we prepared to lose our prestigious standing in the international community over Iraq? Are we prepared to send American troops to be unjustly killed? Do we want to give undertakers extra work? Is President Bush trying to keep citizens' minds off other things like the economy? What form of counter attack would be endured on American soil? Why is President Bush worrying about the people of Iraq instead constituents? These questions and many others should be asked.

I support my country by making informed decisions from the facts. The person that unquestioningly supports their government without knowing, or looking for, the facts gives absolute power to the government over him. I would remind the reader that absolute power corrupts absolutely.

I will fight tooth and nail for opponents of war to support their country by seeking the truth. I will fight for the right of others to follow the government without question. When a citizen loses the right to hold a view, whether or not that view is backed by logic or not, they have lost all that America stands for.

Anyone who labels a person who does not support military action in Iraq as anti-American needs to take a look at U.S. history. If it were not for the founding fathers who held dissenting views, who stood up to a different George, who put their lives in danger, we would not have the United States. If it were not for civil rights leaders who held nonconformist beliefs, the United States would still legally allow discrimination and have Jim Crow laws in the South.

The United States was founded on the ideal that the government is derived from the people. One must ask: Are the people telling President Bush to go to war? Or is President Bush, in an unrepresentative fashion, telling the people to go war? I would argue for the latter.

The individual who calls a person who is not for military action unpatriotic and anti-American because they disagree with the actions of the president is a hypocrite. The suppression of dissenting beliefs is anti-American. The push to blindly follow the president without question is to oppose what so many have fought for.

Noah C. Schultz, junior

Internal fighting won't win war



JEN CULLEN

I hate America. I hate the first amendment. I hate democracy. I hate capitalism. I don't support the men and women who are in the Persian Gulf right now fighting for our freedom. There's no doubt about it. I'm the enemy.

It seems a bit over the top, but as I was reading the letters to the editor in the River Falls Journal from last week, I couldn't help but get the feeling that because I don't agree with a war in Iraq, I, instead of Saddam Hussein, have become the enemy.

The particular letter that caught my attention said, "Anti-war protests delight Saddam Hussein." Actually, what probably

"delights" Hussein even more is that in our attempt to exercise our right to freedom of speech, people with opposing viewpoints have become pitted against each other. Instead of using our anger to hurl insults at the real enemy or to engage in respectful and meaningful debate, people both for and against war are creating it inside of our own country when what most people really want is peace.

In a recent interview in the Journal, Charlie Cahalan said, "I have pure hatred for the anti-war protestors."

I have one word for this statement: scary. Maybe we should stay away from this guy.

If others share this bold and naive point of view, then America is taking one giant hypocritical step away from a collective goal: peace.

Those for war must believe that force is necessary to remove Hussein from power. Many of them probably also believe that a democracy, or something similar, should be established in Iraq.

If their idea of democracy is calling their own people the enemy, back lashing against differing viewpoints and immature name calling, then I can't help but wonder if the people in Iraq aren't better off without it.

Both the anti-war protestors and the pro-America ralliers are right, in a way. Everyone essentially

wants peace and doesn't want young troops to die, which means war is bad. But we must protect our national security and, at least in this case, it seems that war is necessary.

Support in any form, whether a rally or a protest, is still support, although the previously-mentioned letter writer thinks otherwise.

This person went on that say "antiwar protests give a message of opposition and hostility to servicemen and women...why don't you give them your support?"

I wonder if this letter writer has ever considered the fact that some of these servicemen and women don't even agree with a war themselves. That they joined a branch of the military to pay for school or to do something better with their lives, never thinking that someday they would be off fighting in a foreign land. Are the pro-America ralliers supporting these troops?

Instead of creating an even more laughable situation in the United States one of our main concerns should be Hussein and our troops.

A truly united United States is going to be much tougher to defeat than one divided.

I'm not the enemy. The person next to you isn't the enemy. The anti-war protestors aren't the enemy. The pro-America ralliers aren't the enemy. Think about who you truly hate.

Gen ed discussion continues



ERIC QUADE

Four weeks ago, I wrote a column stating my frustration with general education courses. I felt, and still feel, that they tend to waste students' time, rather than mold them into "well rounded" citizens. My idea was to allow students the academic freedom to choose which classes they feel are necessary for their career goals, instead of faculty on the Faculty Senate's General Education Sub-Committee arbitrarily deciding for us students.

This lead to two events: one was a "letter to the editor" response from a UW-River Falls faculty member; the other was my attempt to address her concerns (and anyone else who might have had her same questions) without devoting an entire column to the issue.

First, I'd like to address Professor Eileen Korenic's questions. The first question she asked me was why I didn't take a more challenging class than modern alchemy, since she says it is directed toward students who did not have the chance to take a similar course in high school.

My answer is simple: an easy A. To elaborate, if I have no desire to take courses that seem worthless to

me yet I'm forced to pick one, then why in the world would I choose any other class than the one that looks like a breeze? Think of it this way: If a UW-RF student wanted to become a farmer, but that person was forced to take a history course—a subject that this person has absolutely no interest in—then for what logical reason would this student choose anything other than the easiest history course available when it's only going to take time away from their area of academic interest? Only academic masochists or other students who don't care about their GPA would do otherwise.

When I used modern alchemy for my example, I wasn't attacking the class itself. It is a fine course for those who need help in basic chemistry—which I certainly would have, if I were looking to be in the chemistry field. I meant modern alchemy was a waste of time for an English major who had learned all the science he cared to learn at that point; it's a small example of the bigger picture: students should have more control over their degrees.

As for the professor's second question, pertaining to my choice of UW-RF for place of instruction, rather than a "school of journalism," there are many reasons why I'm here ruffling feathers where I see fit, instead of elsewhere. Most importantly, as other students have professed, UW-RF is relatively cheap compared to other universities. I grew up on a small, family farm income and my parents' only financial support for my education was \$500 my first semester, so my choices were limited. Therefore, the schools of journalism at the U of M and UW-Madison were out of the question. Second, I wasn't always in pursuit of journalism. I started out at UW-RF as a physics major, but once I realized that I couldn't hack calculus, I had to

admit to myself that my destiny did not lie in physics. So, it wasn't until my sophomore year that I turned to my second love: writing. It was through courses in English and journalism that I realized, at least part, of my future. Third, I'm not so naive as to believe the debate over gen. eds. only applies at UW-RF. All universities have general education courses, so I (just as other students) would be fighting the same system elsewhere.

Subsequent to Korenic's letter, a second major event spawned. In my desire to reply to her questions, I asked my editor if I could respond via my own "letter to the editor." My reasoning was that I didn't want to get my columns caught up in responding to every letter to the editor that comes along; that way I could write my columns on one hand and reply to readers' concerns on the other. Surprisingly, this was a revolutionary suggestion because not only was my editor not too keen on the idea, but she referred it to her advisor, who in turn referred it to the Pioneer Press for their advice. I was shocked my idea was so controversial, since I always saw the letters to the editor section as the paper's forum for its entire readership to debate issues.

Though I truly believe that columns should avoid the tiresome back-and-forth of responding to readers' comebacks, I didn't see much other choice for myself until a new policy is adopted at the Student Voice, and elsewhere, for that matter. I apologize if I've wasted your time with this column because there are many other, more important, issues I would have liked to have written about instead. But if you agree that anyone—even Student Voice employees—should be able to converse to the campus community through letters to the editor, then I encourage you to write to them and let them know.

Student Senate
Budget cuts stealing from students

Let's go back to pretend. Land for a moment and imagine you and a friend are walking down Main Street on Thursday night to hit up the bars. You are talking about school and all the wonderful things you are learning. In fact, you are picking up a few things from your friend.

All of a sudden a stranger slips out of the shadows and takes your friend's wallet. Normally you would think this robber would run away, but he doesn't. He opens the wallet and takes some money out. He hands the money to you and, with a quick twirl, disappears back into the shadows. As you stare into the darkness, you feel your body drifting out of pretend land.

Strange, don't you think? But this story isn't all that far from reality.

The UW System is facing a \$250 million budget cut next year from Governor Doyle's proposed budget. That is a pretty big number; especially considering it is 38 percent of the budget deficit.

It is an even bigger number when you stop to think that the UW System only makes up 9 percent of the state of Wisconsin's budget. So let us see here; 38 percent of the cuts for 9 percent of the state expenditures. It must be some kind of new Doyle math I haven't learned in class yet.

What do these cuts mean? Bigger class sizes, spread out classes during the day to make use of the bigger classrooms, less computer replacement, less library resources, faculty cuts and a inferior education for UW System students are a few of the outcomes.

Some of these cuts could be offset with increased tuition. \$250 increases for four semesters to be exact

MATTHEW SCHUELKE

at the smaller comprehensive colleges such as UW-River Falls and \$350 increases at UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee.

However, these increases still will not cover the entire cost of the cuts. Loss of resources to students will happen.

What about the poor students who are barely making it now? Oh don't worry. Doyle has proposed increased financial aid. But wait. That has to be funded as well. Where do you think that money will come from?

Well, Doyle has found a solution. He will just take it from the UW Auxiliary Accounts. Those accounts are student money that we collect interest off of to fund various University expenditures. Taking student money from students and then distributing it back to them in the form of financial aid.

Sounds kind of like your main street daydream doesn't it? Except that we're talking about \$23.6 million instead of the measly \$20 you got from your friend through the mugger.

What can students do about this? There is a Joint Finance Committee meeting scheduled for April 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the River Falls High School. Here students will be able to voice their opinions about this proposed budget to people who are making the decisions. The student voice must be heard, and this is the place to do it.

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 <http://www.uwrf.edu/student-senate>, e-mail us at student.senate@uwrf.edu, or call the senate office at 425-3530.

What do you think of the Health Services ad that states "71 percent of UW-RF students have 0-5 drinks per week?"



Sara Gliniany, freshman
"I think that it could be important because it shows that some students don't drink. Five drinks per week can be a lot though."



Daniel Knutson, sophomore
"I don't think it is very accurate. They don't realize how much drinking students do."



Joy Werner, UW-RF alumna
"I think it's really accurate. I think students drink more than that."



Jim Melby, senior
"Simply put, not as many UW-RF students are drinking in great quantities. I think there's a stereotype that college students drink a lot. But that's not the case here."



Kelly Tinker, junior
"Zero drinks is a lot different than five drinks. The statistic should be broken down more."



Andrew Anderson, sophomore
"71 percent drinking five a week is a lot. The statistic is too ambiguous."

PHOTO POLL By Kyle Weaver

Standards

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"Next year will be a norming year," Martin said. "The state wants sample scores so they can set a standard."

Connie Foster, dean of College of Education and Professional Studies, said that the new testing require-

ment is part of Title II of the federal Higher Education Act.

Though the tests are known to be somewhat difficult, Foster said she isn't concerned the test will cause any problems in the department.

"Our academic program is strong," Foster said. "It's a rigorous test, but the vast majority of our students will have no problem with it."

Foster said that all 44 non-resident education students who recently took the test passed.

Ken Watkins, a secondary English

education major, said he wasn't too concerned about taking the new test.

"I thought the PPST was fairly easy," Watkins said. "If the next one is harder, it won't say a whole lot."

But Watkins did express a concern over the additional cost of more than \$100 to take the test.

"I think the University should have to pay for us to take it."

For more information about the Praxis II examination and state requirements access www.ets.org.

Abroad

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"There is a small percentage of people who think all Americans are stupid," Helbach said. "But most of us are very good people, and 95 percent of the people I've met here are also good people and realize that."

Helbach said that while being the target of anti-American sentiment isn't fun, it is an experience he feels every American should have.

The experience will make people "think differently about ever being mean or ignorant to someone that's different," Helbach said.

Junior Amanda Clemmer said most people she met are not necessarily anti-American, but anti-Bush.

"He is not a very popular person," Clemmer said.

Clemmer said that while she was visiting London a while ago she saw some graffiti that said, "Fight the rich people, not their wars."

"I think that sums up the feelings of some, but not all, of the people here," Clemmer said.

Mindy Haas, a senior, said she

sometimes finds it hard to sit back and let people take shots at President Bush. Haas said some locals try to make a scene and make American students appear ignorant.

"All we have to say is that we have no influence on what President Bush and the rest of Congress decides," Haas said. "They shouldn't feel hostile toward us or blame us."

Despite all the differences in perspective and stereotypes, Haas said there is at least one thing that remains constant.

"All anybody wants here, just like in America, is peace and not war."

Budget

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What is the UW System doing to fight dramatic budget cut increases?

The Board of Regents is holding a series of listening sessions around the state in an effort to educate people about the value of the UW System, Lydecker said. At these sessions, regents will talk about the core values of the UW System.

What is the status of campus building projects?

All building projects not funded by the state have been given the

green light to proceed, Nylander said. The new student center and daycare center are on schedule. However, progress on the Dairy Learning Center has been frozen. The Center has \$500,000 in private donations, but will cost \$7.2 million to build. State money is needed to make up the difference, and the state is balking at shelling out the money. State officials are currently looking at the feasibility of cutting corners on the project. According to administrators, these cost cutting measures will not work and will be opposed.

Will cuts lean more towards adjunct faculty?

Adjunct (part-time) faculty will be the first to be cut, Lydecker said. Tenured (permanent) faculty and

faculty on track to be tenured already have guaranteed contracts for next year, and these contracts can't be broken.

Will the UW System budget be hit as hard next year?

The UW System operates on a biennium budget, Lydecker said. This means the budget is the same two years in a row. The 2003 - '05 budget begins July 1. Therefore, the UW System will be cut the same amount both budget years. For each of the 2003-04 and 2004-05 budget years, the UW System will be cut by \$110 million. There will also be an additional \$30 million in cuts added to the 2004-05 budget year, for a total of \$250 million over the biennium.

Mayor

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Amundsen is scheduled to appear in court March 17 for his initial

appearance.

In a separate incident Amundsen is scheduled to appear July 7 at the Pierce County Courthouse for a jury trial involving a battery charge from late October. The charge stems from an incident involving an altercation with a UW-River Falls student.

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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.

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OPINION



MIKE FOLEY

Thank you St. Norbert

After dropping its final two games of the NCHA Tournament, the UW-RF men's hockey team still has life, much to the disappointment of the UW-Superior Yellowjackets.

The season was seemingly over for the Falcons when the Yellowjackets handed them a 6-3 loss in the semi-finals of the conference tournament. Then they lost the third-place game to UW-Stevens Point, 5-2. Despite the total collapse at the end of the season, the Falcons entered the NCAA dance through the back door and stole the Yellowjackets' dancing partner.

The snub stings the Jackets even more because they are the defending national champions, even though Falcon fans would argue that they claimed that title without beating the Falcons last season.

This year the tables are turned. The Falcons are 0-2-1 against Superior and only three wins away from claiming the National Championship without beating the Yellowjackets this season.

How did this happen? The selection committee, made up of humans, not robots, picked the teams according to the numbers, not the match-ups. The committee looked at five factors: in-region winning percentage, in-region head-to-head records, in-region common opponents, strength of schedule determined by in-region opponents' winning percentage, and results against teams already in the tournament.

Even though Superior took the head-to-head match-ups and the strength of schedule criteria, they lost the other three. UW-RF finished 22-6-1 while UW-S finished 21-6-2. The Yellowjackets accounted for UW-RF's only tie, while St. Norbert accounted for UW-S's only other tie. Thank you, St. Norbert.

The Green Knights, in fact, also accounted for four of the Yellowjackets six losses. While playing St. Norbert increased the Yellowjackets' strength of schedule, it lowered their winning percentage, opening the door for River Falls.

Hopefully the Green Knights will still be in a giving mood Friday when they face the Falcons for a place in the Frozen Four.



Mike Foley / Student Voice

The Falcons celebrate after their game-winning goal in the third period of Wednesday's NCAA play in contest against St. John's.

Back to St. Norbert

Sports Information

The Falcons broke a 54-minute scoreless streak with the game-winner, a loose rebound, to beat MIAC champion St. John's 2-0 in the NCAA tournament play-in game Wednesday night at Hunt Arena.

The win boosts the Falcons overall record to 23-6-1 and pits them against No. 1-seeded St. Norbert in the NCAA quarterfinals Saturday

night at 7 p.m. at the Cornerstone Community Center, Ashwaubenon.

Jacque Vezina withstood 31 shots in the physical defensive duel.

A shot from the middle of the right circle put the puck in the crease and, for a while, Johnny goalie Rick Gregory appeared to have it covered, but Nate Hansen found a way to put it in the net at 14:15 of the third period.

Pulling their goalie with 50 seconds to go in the game, the Johnnies

put on the pressure, but Marc-Andre Lalande sent the puck off the glass from the Falcon zone and it slid all the way to the open net at 19:36.

The Johnnies dominated shots on goal early, taking a 14-5 first period advantage. Four and a half minutes into the contest SJU scored off a skate. The play was nullified. Shots were even, 7-7, in the second period and 10-10 in the third.

The Falcons were out-shot 31-22.

Softball opens 2-0

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls fastpitch team opened the 2003 season on a strong note beating Nebraska Wesleyan twice, 3-0 and 12-7, on Saturday at the Eden Prairie Dome.

The Falcons, 2-0 overall, will travel to Orlando, Fla., over spring break where they will play eight games in five days.

In the 3-0 win, the Falcons scored three runs on six hits and they made one error. NWU had no runs on three hits and committed three errors. UW-RF scored single runs in the first, third and sixth innings. Anna Poulter went 2-3 at the plate with two runs scored. Melissa Turbak was 1-2 with a run scored. Amy Brooke, Amanda Moxon and Emily Evans also had hits.

Poulter led off the first inning with a single and stole second. She later scored on a single by Turbak. In the third Poulter again led off the inning with a single. She then stole second, third and home to score UWRF's second run. In the sixth, Turbak reached first on an error and later scored on an error.

Brooke picked up the pitching

win. She worked all seven innings and allowed just the three hits. She struck out eight and walked only two.

In the second game the Falcons scored four runs in the first and seventh innings. They added two in the third and single runs in the fourth and sixth. NWU scored a single run in the second and three runs in the fifth and seventh innings. The Falcons scored 12 runs on 14 hits and made two errors. NWU had seven runs on seven hits and made three errors.

Poulter finished 3-4 with three runs scored. Moxon was 2-5 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Emily Vogt was 2-4 with three runs scored. Jessamy Schwartz was 1-5 with three RBIs. Meghann Mulligan was 2-5 with a run scored and one RBI. Moxon and Mulligan had doubles and Turbak, who was 1-3 with a run scored and one RBI, had a triple.

Devanie Bigalk got the pitching win. She worked the first four innings and allowed just one unearned run and three hits. Leah Vanderploeg worked the final three innings and allowed four hits and six runs, but only two were earned.

Melzer tops WIAC's elite

Sports Information

UW-River Falls junior forward Rich Melzer and UW-Oshkosh senior forward Tim Dworak were voted Co-Players of the Year by the league coaches, headlining the 10 individuals selected to the 2002-03 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Men's Basketball Team.

This marks the fourth time in conference history that two individuals have shared the league's top honor. The award was split between UW-Stevens Point's Terry Porter and UW-Whitewater's Andre McKoy in 1984, UW-Eau Claire's Gib Hinz and UW-Whitewater's Mike Gutter in 1980 and UW-Eau Claire's Frank Schade and Mike Ratliff in 1972.

Melzer becomes the second Falcon to win the conference's player of the year honor, joining Jeff Payton who won the award during the 1982-83 campaign.

Melzer led the league in scoring (28.1), rebounding (9.7) and blocked shots (2.08), while ranking fifth in field goal percentage (.559). He also had a league-leading 15 double-doubles (points-rebounds) to his credit this season and has scored in double figures in 51 straight games and 71 of 75 career contests.

Melzer posted a NCAA Division III single-game high of 54 points this season against UW-La Crosse on Jan. 29. His mark was the fourth

highest total in league history and matches the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Michael Watson for the highest mark in all NCAA men's basketball divisions during the 2002-03 campaign.

Melzer averaged 29.0 points per game against conference opponents this year, setting a new league mark for points per contest. He also established a new league scoring mark in the 16-game slate with 464 points, surpassing UW-Superior's Jim

Sevals' mark of 436 set in 1966.

Melzer currently ranks fifth on the UW-RF career scoring list with 1,636 points and fifth in career rebounds with 591. His 142 career blocked shots is the third most in WIAC history.

Dworak led the Titans to the WIAC Tournament title and a spot in the NCAA Division III Tournament for the second straight season. He led the league in field goal percentage (.626), while ranking third in scoring (21.8), fourth in rebounding (7.8) and blocked shots (1.39) and eighth in steals (1.46).

Dworak has recorded eight double-doubles (points-rebounds) this season and has scored in double figures in 65 straight contests and 83 of the last 85 games. He ranks second on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,885 points and sixth with 757 rebounds. Dworak was a National Association of Basketball Coaches All-America First Team selection last season.

Leis, Dura headed to nationals

Sports Information

Falcons Jen Leis and Steph Dura will compete this weekend in the NCAA Div. III Championship meet at DePauw, Ind., University. Leis will compete in the weight throw and Dura in the shot put.

Sarah Thull paced the women at the WIAC meet last weekend at UW-Oshkosh with a second-place finish in

the pentathlon. She scored 3,149 points in the five events. She finished just two points behind the winner. "It was just a fantastic event for Sarah," coach Don Glover said.

Dura placed fifth in the shot put with a 42-10-3/4, a Div. III meet provisional mark.

The Falcons had three fifth-place finishes: Katie Mitchell in the 55 meters in a time of 7.53, Leis in the weight throw with a 49-7 3/4 effort, and the Falcon distance medley relay in 13:00.27. Mitchell also brought home a sixth-place finish in the 200 in a time of 26.76.

"It was a great accomplishment for Katie to earn points in two events against some of the toughest competition in the country," Glover said.

Joy Hemmesch had a personal best effort in the pole vault with a vault of 9-10. Val Skorjanec and Jill Breitzman each had personal best times in the 55 hurdles. Skorjanec finished in 9.72 and Breitzman in 9.86.

Two other Falcon relay teams earned points. The 4x400 team placed seventh in 4:21.58 and the 4x200 team placed eighth in 1:54.79.

La Crosse won the women's team title with 204 points. They were followed by Oshkosh 145.5, Stevens Point 108, Eau Claire 103.5, Platteville 40, Stout 33.5, River Falls 31, Whitewater 29.5 and Superior 7.

"The women were just 2.5 points out of sixth, and not that far away from fifth," Glover said.

Weesayma Kennedy had the top finish for the men's team. He placed third in the 200 in a time of 22.68. The 4x200 relay team of Kennedy, Lewie Parish, Adam Andersen and Mike Zander earned four teams points for a fifth-place finish in 1:32.12. "The team set a school record in the event," Glover said.

Zander had two strong races in the 400 and placed seventh in the finals in 51.14. Andy Poterucha placed sixth in the high jump with a leap of 6-3 1/2. Erik Olson improved his shot put effort with a 45-0 1/2 put.

Andersen placed seventh in the 55 in a time of 6.75. Two Falcon relays teams also placed seventh. The 4x400 team finished in 3:30.48 and the distance medley team finished in 10:42.87.

La Crosse won the men's title with 189 points. They were followed by Oshkosh 168, Stevens Point 127, Platteville 85, Whitewater 58, Eau Claire 26, Stout 26 and the Falcons 21.

"Our men's team score is the eighth highest in school history. We were only five points out of sixth place," said Glover.



Submitted photo

Val Skorjanec powers into the air in the triple jump at the WIAC meet last weekend.

Melzer victim of snow job

OPINION



JASON KENYON

River Falls was on the receiving end of two major snow jobs this past week. The white powdery stuff that hit our streets comes as no surprise due to the fact that the climate in this area has grown residents accustomed to such unpredictable weather. The other snow job experienced is a metaphorical term for decision for the WIAC men's basketball player of the year.

Or rather, co-player of the year.

River Falls Falcon center Rich Melzer was one of two recipients of the annual award that is supposed to honor the best player in the conference in a respective season. Coaches in the conference felt it too difficult a task to name just one player for that award, so they decide to celebrate the efforts of more than player and honor UW-Oshkosh senior center Tim Dworak as well. One might think that to distribute an award for co-player of the year that the statistics between two individuals are so similar that it would be highway robbery to select just one player for the MVP honor. That is where the blizzard blasts the campus of River Falls.

Melzer, a junior, led the WIAC in scoring (28.1 points per game), rebounding (9.7 per game) and blocked shots (2.08 per game). Dworak, a senior ranked second, fourth, and fourth in all of those categories respectively. It doesn't take Captain Obvious or even a math major to see there is no equality in those numbers. In fact, the only category Dworak did lead the conference in this season was field goal percentage. That means

he made more of the shots that he took in games this season.

Incidentally though, Rich Melzer and the Falcons played in four less games than the Titans this year.

This situation reeks of something worse smelling than either player's jersey after an overtime game. Why should someone with better numbers and play share the award with the other? The answer may be the perception that many other coaches in the league have of Rich Melzer. He is constantly the most heckled person in away venues and you often times see Melzer in banter back and forth with fans.

His tendency to do this rubs several coaches, sports information directors, and sports writers the wrong way. There is a radio broadcaster from Whitewater who is not worth mentioning, and in one inner circle is simply referred to as "blah" who continues to concoct stories about Melzer regarding a personal life he never lived and ridiculous speculation about his academic eligibility. First of all, he needs to remember this is River Falls and not the scandal plagued

See "Kenyon" on page B2

Effle, Olsen on All-WIAC list

Sports Information

Basketball players Darcy Olsen and Erin Effle have both received honorable mention to the 2003 All-WIAC team.

Effle, a forward, received honorable mention to the 2002 team. She led the Falcons in scoring this year averaging 12.8 points a game. She finished eighth in scoring in the WIAC. She also led the Falcons averaging seven rebounds a game. She was seventh in the WIAC in rebounding. Effle finished 10th in field goal shooting (.420).

Olsen, a guard, was second on the team in scoring with a 10.1 points per game average. She led the Falcons in assists (90) and was second in the WIAC in that category. She was third in steals for the Falcons (34).



Erin Effle



Darcy Olsen

SCOREBOARD

Men's Hockey

March 12

NCAA Tournament Play-In Game Results

St. John's 0 0 0 - 0

River Falls 0 0 2 - 2

1st Period

No scoring.

2nd Period

No scoring.

3rd Period

RF - Hansen (Magnuson, Kotewa) 14:15.

RF - Lalande 19:36 (empty net).

Fastpitch Softball

March 8 Results (Game 2)

River Falls 402 101 4 - 12 14 2

Nebraska Wesleyan 010 030 3 - 7 7 3

Win - Bigalk (1-0)

Loss - Burney (0-1)

Save - None

Player

AB R H RBI BB K

Poulter c 4 3 3 0 1 0

Keene cf 4 2 1 1 1 0

Turbak 2b 3 1 1 1 1 1

Moxon ss 5 2 2 2 0 0

Vogt lf 4 3 2 0 1 0

Mulligan 1b 5 1 2 1 0 0

Schwartz 3b 5 0 1 3 0 0

Bigalk p 3 0 3 0 0 0

Blumer pr 0 0 0 0 0 0

Vanderploeg p 2 0 0 0 0 0

Rodgers rf 4 0 0 0 0 0

Totals 39 12 14 8 4 1

Pitching

IP H R ER BB K

Bigalk 4.0 3 1 0 3 1

Vanderploeg 3.0 4 6 2 5 4

March 8 Results (Game 1)

Nebraska Wesleyan 000 000 0 - 0 3 3

River Falls 101 001 0 - 3 6 1

Win - Brooke (1-0)

Loss - Hughes (0-1)

Save - None

Player

AB R H RBI BB K

Poulter c 3 2 2 0 0 0

Keene cf 3 0 0 0 0 0

Turbak 2b 2 1 1 0 1 0

Brooke p 3 0 1 0 0 0

Vogt lf 3 0 0 0 0 0

Mulligan 1b 3 0 0 0 0 0

Moxon ss 2 0 1 0 1 0

Evans 3b 3 0 1 0 0 0

Rodgers rf 2 0 0 0 0 0

Totals 39 3 6 8 2 0

Pitching

IP H R ER BB K

Brooke 7.0 3 0 0 2 8

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FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Amy Brooke

Fastpitch Softball

(Sr., Spring Valley, Wis.)

Brooke went the distance on the mound to shut out Nebraska Wesleyan in the first game of a double header at the Eden Prairie Dome in Eden Prairie, Minn., 3-0. She allowed only three hits and no earned runs while walking two and striking out eight.



Amy Brooke

Jacque Vezina

Men's Hockey

(Sr., Hudson, Wis.)

Vezina withstood 31 shots on goal in a physical defensive duel against St. John's in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament Wednesday night. The shutout was his fourth of the season and the 10th of his career.



Jacque Vezina

Kenyon

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Georgia program, and that Rick Bowen is not Jim Harrick. However, what would one expect from a guy who this season asked coach Bowen about Rich Melzer being more consistent.

Not convinced yet? Melzer also averaged 29 points per game against conference opponents alone, and in case you were wondering, that is a record broken only by one recently mentioned Melzer. What this is boiling down to is a lack of respect. I'm not usually one to play the race card. In fact, I usually cringe at the reasoning behind most controversies. I do believe there's something to be said about a black kid not getting respect in a predominantly white man's conference.

A review of policy has to be made. There is a real

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Title IX: *Helping women gain gender equality in sports since 1972*



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Members of the UW-River Falls hockey team celebrate a goal in Hunt Arena. Those in the athletic department say that Title IX still has some kinks to work out but, overall, has had a positive effect on women's athletics as a whole at UW-RF and other schools.

Anna Permann
Sports Writer

The wave of gender equality came in with a bang, and is still here. It is hot on the front burner, in fact.

Looking at 31 years since the passing of Title IX in 1972, which states that gender will not be the base for discrimination in any federally funded educational program or athletic activity, gender equality issues involving athletics have not escaped attention at UW-River Falls.

River Falls is a Division III school, but the general idea is the same. Since Title IX, for each new dollar spent on women's programs two new dollars were spent on men's programs.

"Sure, there is still a long way to go, but look at how far we've come," said Faye Perkins, head softball coach and chair of the health and human performance department at UW-RF. "There are still some problems, but it is much more equitable."

A look at the numbers

In 1971 one in 27 girls participated in high school sports. In 2002 that figure was 1 in 2.5. For boys, the figure has remained constant at 1 in 2. From 1971 to 1998 participation levels for girls and women in athletics increased 800 percent in high schools and 400 percent in colleges.

In the WIAC, in 1992-93 there were 2,472 men participating in sports programs and 1,368 women. Out of the 3,840 total, 64 percent were men and 36 percent women.

By 2001-02 there was an increase of 38 percent in women's participation, with 2,248 men (a drop of 9 percent) and 1,881 women. That is a near balance of 54 percent men and 46 percent women.

"There has been a concentrated effort on our conference and institutions," said Gary Karner, in his seventh year as commissioner for the WIAC. "But there is obvious work to be done."

And according to the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act, in River Falls specifically for the 2000-01 season,

219 males compensated for 45.7 percent of total athletes while 263 female athletes made up for 54.3 percent of the total. The current student body is 64 percent female and 36 percent male.

How it all started

A look at the history of River Fall's athletics starts when an organizational meeting of the Wisconsin State University Athletic Conference, then known as the State Normal Conference, was held in Madison in July of 1913.

The two-fold purpose of this meeting was to secure for each school a schedule of games and to establish rules to regulate and control athletic competition within the proposed conference.

The schools represented at the meeting in 1913 were Superior, River Falls, Stevens Point and La Crosse, and would become known as the Northern Division; with Oshkosh, Whitewater, Milwaukee and Platteville becoming the Southern Division.

In 1958, the Wisconsin Athletic and Recreation Federation of College Women (WARFCW) was formed for the purpose of coordinating athletic activity among Wisconsin institutions of higher education.

The WARFCW included representatives from Eau Claire State College, La Crosse State College, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Oshkosh State College, Platteville State College, Ripon College, River Falls State College and University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The WARFCW held sports days in archery, badminton, basketball, golf, gymnastics, tennis and volleyball.

It was not until July 1, 1997, that the nine members of the former Wisconsin State University Conference (WSUC) and the Wisconsin Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WWIAC) were joined together to form a single conference—The WIAC.

Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments Act states: "No person in the US shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

The message this sends is that Americans should be treating both their sons and daughters fairly and should be providing equitable educational opportunities for boys and girls, men and women, including sports opportunities.

Nuts and bolts of Title IX

Although Title IX applies to all aspects of education gender equity in sports is the main issue, Perkins said.

An athletics program can be considered gender equitable when the participants in both the men's and women's sports programs would accept the overall program of the other gender as fair and equitable.

College athletic programs must meet one of the following criteria to demonstrate compliance with Title IX.

Part one: Student athlete participation must be reflective of the student body. For example, if 50 percent of students are boys and 50 percent are girls, then a campus would meet these criteria if half of the athletes are men and half are women.

Part two: The university must have a history and continuing practice of program expansion for the under represented gender. A university tends to meet this standard if it has added a sport team for women in the last couple of years and plans to expand opportunities in the future.

Part three: A college has fully met the interests and abilities of the under represented gender, meaning that there are no complaints or requests made by that gender. But it is never black and white.

"There are interests as a conference, but there is uniqueness of specific campuses as well," Karner said.

Money matters

Funding is also a major dilemma. Because finances are often so limited in the first place deciding who gets what becomes a difficult task. The administrators at UW-RF do their best, but the needs of different teams vary, and one cannot expect to receive the exact amounts.

They are simply making choices, Perkins said. "It is frustrating that the women seem to always take the blame for men's cuts," Perkins said. "It is not because of the women; it is where they chose to put the money."

In 1992 the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) surveyed women at Division I schools. Less than one-third of the athletic scholarship money was spent on female athletes, and only one-sixth of the

"Looking at UW-River Falls, I think that we have done a good job in providing opportunities for female athletes. That has come a long way in the last decade. I think what has, and is, happening in girls and women's sports is fantastic."

—Joe Cranston, head women's hockey coach

recruiting dollars. One-fifth of the overall athletic budget was spent on women's athletics. Only 16 Division I colleges provided athletic opportunities to women in proportion to enrollment and male athletes received \$179 million more in scholarship money.

"We have made huge giant strides toward gender equity. The administration should be congratulated as well as the coaches who have worked toward this goal," Perkins said. "But we still live in a very sexist society. It's never going to be completely equal."

Perkins suggests to take the football team for an example.

"A lot of people think that the football team gives so

much back to the athletic department because of fan support and whatnot, but that isn't the case," Perkins said. "They spend more than they are budgeted to spend."

And the problem reaches beyond football. "It's hard to imagine that the River Falls football team, with over 100 guys, could possibly have the same needs as my 25 member volleyball team," said head volleyball coach Patti Ford.

Head Women's Hockey Coach Joe Cranston agrees.

"What bothers me the most is that people expect women to receive everything equal up front," Cranston said. "It makes no sense that our team, which is only in its fourth year here, or any other team for that matter, should get everything—specifically funding, that each established men's program already has. I mean these guys have been here for 25 years working their butts off for what they have."

In violation of Title IX

If compliance is not made, lawsuits and other legal matters become issues. To file a complaint the coach or program the petitioner must submit their concerns to the Office of Civil Rights (OCER). They determine if a specific college is in compliance and whether or not legal action should be taken.

According to "Playing Fair," a guide to title IX in high school and college sports by Kathryn M. Reith, the OCR reviews the entire intercollegiate athletics program, even when it receives a very specific complaint about just one particular area. An investigation can be limited to one or two of the major areas only if there are unique circumstances.

In fact, UW-RF was investigated last year after the gymnastics team filed a complaint following the decision by the sports module committee to cut the program. After an in-depth investigation the OCR found UW-RF compliant, said Athletic Director Rick Bowen.

There is also an opposing force. The Opportunity of Athletics Commission (OAC) is an organization in that which the main focus is to weaken Title IX by recommending changes and modifications to the original. The commission was appointed by Rod Paige, the Education Secretary of the United States.

One change the OAC has suggested is to not count "non-traditional" students when determining population of a campus. Non-traditional students are overwhelmingly female. Another proposal would allow schools to pretend they are giving female students athletic opportunities by counting "ghost slots" on teams-slots never actually filled by any female student.

Another proposal would allow schools to pretend that they are not giving athletic opportunities to men by not counting walk-ons, who are actually receiving the benefits of sports participation at the school.

A positive effect

"Looking at UW-River Falls, I think that we have done a good job in providing opportunities for female athletes," Cranston said. "That has come a long way in the last decade. I think what has, and is, happening in girls and women's sports is fantastic. I am glad that I have had the opportunity to be involved."

But Cranston recognizes there still could be some improvements.

"As for funding and budgets, I think we have a ways to go. I don't know about the whole 'striving for equality' issue. I believe we should be striving for fairness. I think in a lot of cases we are comparing apples and oranges, and we are looking for equality," Cranston said.

Overall, most agree the effects of Title IX have been positive.

"I think that the positive effects of Title IX have far outweighed any negatives," Bowen said. "If you look at River Falls five, 10, even 15 years ago and then now, there have been many upgrades to facilities and budgets. The teams and coaches are just phenomenal."

Title IX Compliance Areas

- Accommodation of interests, abilities
- Athletic scholarships
- Equipment, supplies
- Scheduling of games, practice
- Travel, per diem allowance
- Tutors
- Coaches
- Locker rooms, practice/competitive facilities
- Medical, training facilities/services
- Housing, dining facilities/services
- Publicity
- Support services,
- Recruitment of student athletes

Source: "Title IX: Breaking Barriers in Athletics for Women." Presentation by Fay Perkins.

The games they play



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The number of women athletes stays steady. Although women's gymnastics was eliminated last year, there are still a variety of sports women play. Along with varsity level sports there are intramurals and club sports.



Sounds Greek to me

Maisha Downey / Student Voice
Chris Kalogerson music put on a Greek show Wednesday night. The bouzouki is a favored instrument used in Greek music.

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