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Lydecker approves committee's varsity sports proposal; decision questioned

■ Gymnastics coach requests Title IX query after team is cut, along with baseball and wrestling squads

Paul J. Cruz
Sports Writer

Chancellor Ann Lydecker announced last Friday morning her decision to approve a proposal, which involved the status of five varsity sports, submitted to her near the end of March by the 15-member Sports Module ad hoc committee.

The committee's proposal entailed eliminating three varsity sports: baseball, gymnastics and wrestling; adding two varsity sports: women's golf and men's track and field; and hiring two full-time staff coaching positions (director of track operations and head soccer coach) effective with the inception of the 2002-03 academic year.

Women's golf, until the proposal's approval, had never enjoyed varsity status at UW-River Falls, while men's track and field, which endured its program being axed from the varsity sports line-up in 1995, currently has a club team.

Last semester, after considering recommendations from former UW-RF Athletic Director Connie Foster, who is currently serving as interim dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, Lydecker appointed the members of the committee. Beginning in November 2001, the committee conducted 12 formal discussions prior to finalizing its proposal.

"The proposal was a very, very difficult thing to do," said Rick Bowen, interim athletic director and head men's basketball coach who served as head of the ad hoc committee, in an interview last week. "But we're in a position in our athletic department that, if we are going to continue, we must make some tough decisions."

Members of the ad hoc committee were: Bowen; Gordon Hedahl, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Bill Rost, director of University Advancement; Barb Rebhuhn,



Teresa Schmitt / The Student Voice

UW-River Falls baseball players take in the action during their doubleheader they split with UW-La Crosse Wednesday afternoon while rightfielder Josh Eidem (4) awaits his at-bat. The baseball team was one of three varsity teams cut last Friday.

women's faculty/athletic representative; Rik Seefeldt, men's faculty/athletic representative; Stephanie Stadden, athletic trainer; Bill Halverson, former UW-RF baseball player; Lisa Traxler, head of the Student Athletic Advising Committee and cross-country/track athlete; Sue Tarr of the Health and Human Performance department; Alan Tuchtenhagen, director of admissions; Steve Stocker, director of Hunt/Knowles and former men's track alum; Ryan Eiler, student senator and member of the football team; Katrina Ludlow, student; and Sean Froelich, student senator. Foster and Lydecker served as ex-officio committee members, according to Bowen.

The information in the previous paragraph reveals the committee included two individuals personally involved with the UW-RF track and field program in a past or present capacity and one individual involved previously with Falcon baseball. Alumni, coaches or current team members did not directly represent gymnastics and wrestling on the committee.

"Our attempt was not necessarily to say, 'Do we have every sport represented?'" said Lydecker in an interview Wednesday. "Our attempt was to put together a group of people by virtue of their positions of leadership, when charged to do so, would look at the issues objectively and make an objective decision."

"It wasn't to advocate for or against particular sports. When I put the com-

mittee together, it was to look at an overview. I charged them specifically to look at everything. I was confident they would do that and I am confident to this day that they were able to do that. I think this was done very fairly."

Members of the sports teams axed from varsity status unanimously feel the University, which publicly announced the proposal Monday, April 8, did not provide them fair time to reflect on the proposal and compile responses.

"I can appreciate the position (the administration) is in," interim head baseball coach Steve Huckle said. "That was difficult. My only comment is I wish I was given the opportunity before (April 8) to re-sway the decision of the committee and make them consider how this is going to effect this community, not just the athletic department."

Lydecker's rebuttal included her concern that members of the student body would be negatively affected by anxiety levels associated with the announcement of a proposal of such magnitude a month in advance of an ultimate decision, citing possible negative consequences involving study habits and emotions in general.

"The proposal did not come to me

until the end of the committee having done its thorough work," Lydecker said Tuesday. "At the time when there's a proposal that's in an early stage of being considered, I'm very careful not to create a lot of anxiety. You saw the anxiety that occurred from the time that it was announced that it was being considered, until the time I made my decision. So what you attempt to do is put it out at a time that you're ready to receive the input, get the input and then act to make a decision. I thought (the student/athletes) came through with some pretty good arguments. I was so impressed with the caliber of the presentations made. I was so impressed with the maturity of our students. That's what made the ultimate decision so difficult."

According to the Chancellor's Report UW-RF Sports Module, dated March 25, 2002, the committee summarized, on page 11, its proposal in the following manner:

"The committee recommends that the University strive for the ultimate goal of the following: All sports have a full-time on-staff head coach; all sports are provided with an adequate budget; employment across campus be considered when looking to create full-time positions for coaches; and provide safe and adequate facilities."

Ad hoc coaches scrutinized

The committee clearly concerned itself with trimming the percentage of ad hoc coaches, which, prior to the proposal's approval, stood at 72 percent, on staff.

According to the Sports Module, "ad hoc coaches put the university at risk" because "1. Generally, they are not as familiar with WIAC and NCAA rules as need be; 2. They are not available to host students when they come on campus to visit; 3. They do not have regular office hours . . . ; and 4. Coaches that are not on campus, available to recruit, monitor student/athletes progress and, in general, do the job they are hired to do simply is not conducive to the environment we would like to have."

Baseball interim head coach Steve Huckle, 10th-year gymnastics coach Jeanne DeLisle and fifth-year wrestling coach Lindy Johnson all served as ad hoc coaches.

"I don't believe in continuing to have (ad hoc coaches) give back to an institution full-time when they're only paid on a part-time basis," Lydecker said Tuesday.

Gymnastics not NCAA sponsored

One strike pitched specifically against the gymnastics squad concerned its standing as the only UW-RF sport not sponsored by the NCAA. Rather it is sanctioned by the NCGA, the now 15-member fleet of Division III schools that have gymnastics teams.

Because of the gymnastics team's lack of sponsorship by the NCAA, the NCAA does not reimburse UW-RF for the funds required for sending the Falcon gymnasts to the NCGA National Championships. This year's meet took place in Ithaca, N.Y., and the bill totaled \$11,000.

In addition, to keep gymnastics, the University would have been required to designate \$1.27 million dollars of its fund for a new athletic facility, which is currently in the planning stage, to a new gymnastics complex.

"If they keep asking us to cut things out of the building to reduce it to a reasonable million-dollar cost, (it's) still multimillion dollars," Lydecker said, "\$1.27 million dedicated to a few students is very difficult to support."

Coach DeLisle and a member of the 2001-02 gymnastics team have already filed a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights.

"On behalf of Coach DeLisle and another gymnast, a complaint has been filed with the Office of Civil

See "Athletics" on A8

Guest jazz composer at UW-RF

Jeff Starck
Co-News Editor

The woodwind player Anthony Braxton will be the guest composer for the 35th annual Commissioned Composer concert on April 25 at 8 p.m. in the William Abbott Concert Hall in KFA.

Braxton, a professor of music at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., has written the piece "Composition Number 307" for students to perform at the concert.

A world-renowned musician, Braxton is a master of improvisation.

"He (Braxton) has created space for free improvisation for the ensemble to communicate musically," jazz professor David Milne explained.

The campus jazz ensemble of 22 students; four trombones, seven trumpets, five saxophones and five more in the rhythm section, have been rehearsing the composition since Braxton first visited the campus a week ago.

"I wanted to come to River Falls now (last week) to rehearse with the students," Braxton said in a university press release. "The piece has aspects that are somewhat difficult and I thought it would be worth the extra effort for me to come here ahead of time."

The Commission Concert marks a rarity in Braxton's schedule.

"He hasn't accepted a commission in 15 years so he could focus on his own music; this was unusual for him to do," Milne said.

Braxton's is considered a transidiomatic composer, incorporating music from many different style periods and transitions.

"Braxton defies categorization," Milne said. "Some try to label him as a jazz composer and others regard him as new music or avant garde. In one piece he may be avant garde and then switch to highly structured elements. His works are very interesting."

For students, this marks a chance to work with a musical legend.

"Getting free with your instrument (through improvisation) is really different and can help me in composing pieces for harp, singing or piano," said Marissa Olson, a freshman harp player.

Milne sees the experience as an opportunity to learn and appreciate Braxton's work.

"It gives students and faculty a great chance to work with an international composer," Milne said. "It is a stimulating experience for everyone. Some like new music and art, others may not like the sound. But all can appreciate the craft of which it is composed."

Braxton's unique style for improvisation is just one aspect in which he stands out from others. His use of musical textures including the use of long sound, trills and multiphonics can create a sound that may not be duplicated again.

The concert will also feature a harp, marimba and vocalist Latrisa Lowe. Braxton will return to campus April 23 to prepare for the concert. A public talk will be held on April 25 in room 134 in KFA at 3 p.m. when Braxton will speak about his music and its history.

Milne said in the past pieces composed for the Commissioned Concert series have had continued success in the world.

"We have a very unique program here and it is something the University should be proud of," Milne said.

For the musicians, they just wish the audience will appreciate the hours of rehearsal and practice spent on putting this concert together.

"I hope the audience will understand this is another type of music, not just notes," said Olson.

Downtown detour

Intersection at Main and Walnut Sts. to be closed beginning next Wednesday

Kevin O'Brien
Assistant Editor

Starting next Wednesday, a road on construction project on Walnut Street will force commuters who drive down Main Street to take a detour on 2nd Street for up to 30 days.

The section of Walnut Street that runs from the Kinnickinnic River to 6th St. will be ripped up to replace the underground sanitary sewer system, which has been in place since 1930.

Jan Lorenz, customer service supervisor for Municipal Utilities, said the department cannot tell how

much of a disruption the project will cause on traffic.

"This is actually one of the bigger projects the utilities department has undertaken lately," Lorenz said. "Hopefully, this will not cause too big of a disruption. However, it's kind of an inconvenience because college will just be getting out."

While the intersection of Walnut and Main St. should be completed within a month, she said the entire project will last until the end of July.

Water Works Supervisor Mike Branigan said they will set up signs and barricades on Maple and Locust Sts. to warn drivers of the construction, and will provide a temporary parking area for people to access parking spots and businesses.

However, he noted that some larger vehicles that cannot fit within the turning area will not be allowed on that section of Main St. during the construction project.

Branigan hopes students who normally drive to campus through that part of town will make adjustments to their routes.

"If there is any way commuters

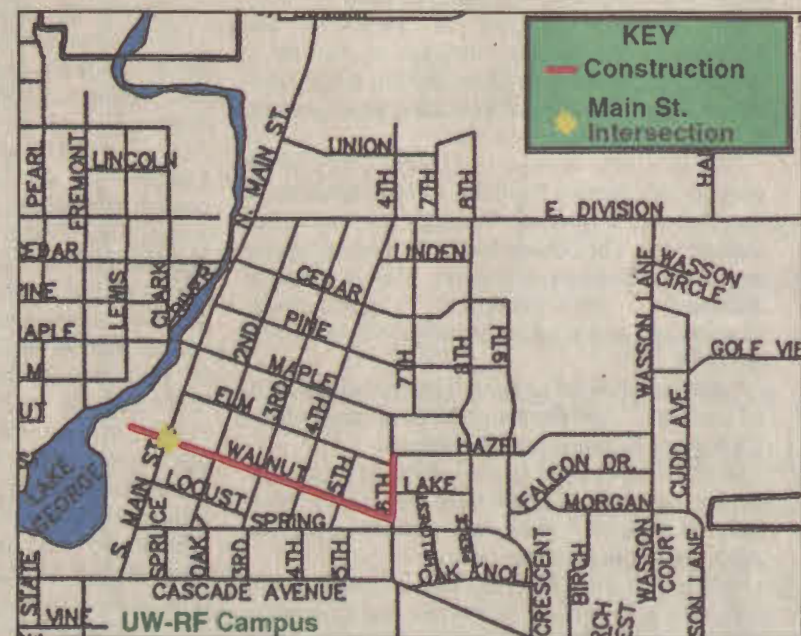


Illustration by Molly Montag / The Student Voice

can find a bypass into the town, that would help alleviate some of the traffic congestion on Main St.," Branigan said.

To help control the traffic redirected onto 2nd St., Branigan said there may be a four-way stop sign set up. However, for UW-River Falls senior Dannel Peterson, who takes

Main St. to both campus and her job, the construction project will mean a drastic change in her driving routine.

"I think it will slow me down a lot," Peterson said. "Second St. was my short cut, and now that won't work."

Student Senate Election Results

President
Jessica Wermuth*
Cora Opsahl
Vice President
Andy Parrish*
Alexia Kjos

Actual vote totals were not available at the time of publication.

All other results available online at:
uwrf.edu/student-voice

Glacial geology and mudballs dominate talks by multi-talented visiting professor



Teresa Schmitt/ The Student Voice
Wolfgang von Schlummerklutz (aka Dick Ojakangas) informs students and staff of the significance armored mudballs.

Jeff Starck
Co-News Editor

It isn't often when a visiting geology speaker creates much of a stir, but Herr Doktor Wolfgang von Schlummerklutz left an audience of several hundred students and professors in hysterics last Thursday.

Wolfgang von Schlummerklutz, according to geology professor Bob Baker, was flying into the non-existent River Falls airport and was concerned that von Schlummerklutz confused River Falls with Black River Falls, Thief River Falls, Minn or even Great Falls, Mont.

Moments later von Schlummerklutz burst through the entrance at the bottom of AgSci 200 and introduced himself to Baker and the audience in his thick German accent. Donning a gray beard and wide-rimmed black glasses with a large nose, Dick Ojakangas performed his talk on his research of Panzerenkotklotzen or armored mudballs.

"Dr. (Bill) Cordua and myself had seen von Schlummerklutz/Ojakangas 20 years earlier at the Wisconsin State University field conference at Superior," Baker said. "It had always been in the back of my mind to bring him here."

Ojakangas was on campus to give several talks to students on different aspects of glacial geology and other areas of his research. He was brought to UW-RF through the Visiting Professor Series.

"We sent our proposal to the Visiting Professor Committee in the fall of 2000 and with encouragement of recruiting multiple department collaboration, we solicited the help of the physics and geography departments," Baker said.

Ojakangas brings the reputation of being known as one of the most recognized sedimentologists in North America. A professor at the University of Minnesota-Duluth for 38 years, he has written 68 journal articles nationally and internationally and wrote or co-authored six books. He has numerous awards from national and international groups and societies.

Ojakangas arrived on campus Wednesday to give his keynote speech "Paleoproterozoic Climactic Records of the Canadian and Fennoscandian Shields: Glaciogenic Rocks, Paleosols, Orthoquartzites" or "Was North America Once Part of Finland?" His research in the Lake Superior region, Canada, Finland and

Russia on glacial deposits and other evidence may link Finland and North America joined as a supercontinent 2,300 million years ago.

"Diamictites and dropstones are basis for proving glaciation," Ojakangas said.

Diamictite are rocks containing smaller clasts of rocks that "float" within the fine-grained matrix without touching each other. Dropstones are larger stones composed of finer material dropped from glaciers as they melt. Once they fall they bend or break layers of soil before they are buried under younger sediment.

Ojakangas and his research team found dropstones and other forms of evidence including striated (scratched lines) basement rocks and clasts to go with dropstones and diamictite in the Huronian Supergroup of Southern Canada. These distinct patterns would be critical in an effort to find evidence of the supercontinent.

"In Finland, we found the same association of diamictite and dropstones," Ojakangas said. "We found glacial deposits all over the place."

Armed with solid evidence, Ojakangas heeded the advice of the Fins and sought further proof to correlate the events by looking for paleosols (ancient soils) in Canada that matched those in Finland.

"After searching forever, we realized we were looking in the wrong spot," Ojakangas said. "Once we found it, we had our proof."

On Wednesday afternoon, Ojakangas spoke to nearly a dozen students and faculty members about Antarctic exploration. In particular, he spoke of his expedition during the 1979-1980 field season on the Antarctica peninsula off the South American coast.

"The most interesting aspect of most places I visit is the culture and society," explained Ojakangas. "I can fill 1,200 slides on people. In Antarctica you can't do that, the people are just a couple of wandering birds."

Almost 98% of the continent is buried under one to two miles of ice. Western Antarctica is composed of blocks of land accreted onto Eastern Antarctica. The icy landmass ties into the geology of Gondwanaland, the southern part of Pangea-the supercontinent (dating back over 200 million years ago).

Most of Ojakangas' work was done in the Ellsworth Mountains, 1,200 miles away from McMurdo, a city of scientists and their lab equipment.

"All there was were bare rocks, no green stuff or vegetation. Nice solid rocks," exclaimed Ojakangas, after earlier explaining the difficulty of removing several feet of soil and vegetation to look at rocks in the US and Canada.

While in Antarctica, Ojakangas collected Glossopteris flora (an extinct Permian plant) as well as studying Gondwanaland glaciers.

"Most of Antarctica is a desert, receiving less than 10 inches of precipitation a year," Ojakangas said. "If you find diamictite with dropstones, it's prime evidence for glaciation."

The casual lunch hour talk and slideshow focused less on

research and more on the way of life down there. Ojakangas described roping in together to prevent plunging to an icy death in a crevasse, surviving storms and whiteouts that last 36 hours, travel via snowmobiles and airplanes and life in camp.

"You live by the clock or your body will go poof!" explained Ojakangas as he told about the constant daylight. "A plane that carried all of our carbohydrates never made it to our camp. We had to decide whether to eat three lobster tails or three ribeyes. Or do you eat two of one and one of another?"

The expeditions were often organized or led by scientists from other countries. While at times it may have made for difficult communication, it led to new adventures and exchange of culture and traditions.

"The Kiwi's have this thing called the 'snow pack,'" Ojakangas said. "They strip first timers to Antarctica down until they are naked and throw them in a hole and cover them with snow. It's kind of an initiation."

Thursday evening's talk by von Schlummerklutz featured a slide show of armored mudballs. Through von Schlummerklutz's accent, the audience learned about the environments which armored mudballs could be found and how to identify them.

The slideshow also identified their importance of their use in wars and by politicians through modified pictures and cartoons. Presidents George Washington, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George and George W. Bush and Clinton all appeared concerned about armored mudballs. International figures such as Mikhail Gorbachev and Saddam Hussein were also parodied. Hussein was pictured saying, "If it's armored, I need it."

Armored mudballs could be traced to most places on the planet and the solar system including volcanoes, in fault zones and Io, a moon that orbits Jupiter. However, von Schlummerklutz was concerned about the future of armored mudballs.

"Armored mudballs are an endangered species," von Schlummerklutz said. "There are too many people. Six million people times two feet equals lots of feet! We need zero population growth."

Students were impressed with Ojakangas and his performance as von Schlummerklutz.

"He did a very good job explaining things for everyone, not just upperclassmen," senior Tony Dabruzzi. "It was a neat new change of pace."

After speaking to the geomorphology class Friday morning, Ojakangas spent two hours talking with students and other faculty before returning to Duluth.

See 'Speakers' on A4

Stars in their eyes



Teresa Schmitt / The Student Voice
Freshmen Beth Holman takes a look at the stars Wednesday.

Teresa Schmitt
Co-photo editor

About 30 students, staff, and citizens crowded the observatory in Centennial Science Hall last night where the sky was clear and people could see many different stars. The open observing session followed a presentation by UW-River Falls physics lecturer Andreas Keiling.

The event was sponsored by the Society of Physics Students and the UW-RF physics department.

"Tonight is one of the clearest nights we've had this year," said astronomy Professor Eileen Korenic.

Korenic said the department tries to open the observatory about once a month but because of cloudy nights or bad weather it is usually only open about six times a year.

She also said the observatory can not be open when the moon is full because the light will overpower and none of the other stars can be seen.

"Tonight we've had probably the biggest turn out of the whole year," Korenic said.

Korenic pointed out the different stars to all observing. The sky was clear enough that one could see Venus, Saturn, Jupiter, and Orion's Belt with the naked eye.

Three different telescopes are used for the open observing, two with twelve inch mirrors and one with twenty inch mirror.

Korenic said the moon was rated highly Wednesday night because the Earth was reflecting the sunlight or also known as Earth shine.

"It's just so awe inspiring," said Freshman Katie Raymond. "I'm in astronomy class this semester and I'm really glad I took the chance to come and check this out."

Department of Residential Services

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TECHNOLOGY IN MY ENVIRONMENT

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Relaxing day at the Health Fair

■ Various booths and activities offered throughout the day



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Emily Genal relaxes from a massage by Dayan Alayon

repeat visitors.

"In our letter we are just re-inviting people to come," Barrett said. "Many of the organizations are more than willing to come out to the Health Fair."

At the entrance, free apples were given away to promote eating five servings of vegetables a day. The apples were donated by Econo Foods and County Market in Hudson.

Booths were presented by students in classes in the health and human performance department. These booths include: fitness assessments, stress management, sex Jeopardy, alcohol abuse information, recreation activities, and tobacco facts.

Laura Suto, a senior majoring in mathematics secondary education provided the audience with an aerobic demonstration that the audience could participate with.

Other demonstrations were a Dance Theater performance and an alcohol and liver skit.

Katie Frie, a senior majoring in health education was working the sex Jeopardy booth. This booth was put together by students in the wellness class. The purpose was to test people's knowledge on contraceptives and sex.

Booths at the 2002 Health Fair:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">-St. Croix Center for the Healing Arts-UW-RF Personal and Professional Development Center-Student Health, Career and Counseling, Leitch Agency-River Falls Medical Clinic-Family Means Consumer Credit Counseling-St. Croix Sexual Assault Response Team-River Falls YMCA-River Falls Chiropractic-UW-RF HPER Club-Pierce County Public Health-Chartwells-Blue Heron Massage and UW-RF Speech and Hearing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">-UW-RF Student Athletic Advisory Committee-Humane Society-Baldwin Area Medical Center-River Falls Pregnancy Helpline-Northwest Counseling,-Turning Point-Campus Ministry Network-Pierce County Reproductive Health Services-River Falls Police Association-Hastings Beauty School-River Falls Area Hospital |
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Khrysten Darm
Staff Writer

Different Health and Human Performance (HHP) classes had booths and other activities at the Health Fair yesterday, which was sponsored by HHP and Student Health Service. Community health organizations also contributed to this event.

Betsy Barrett, an associate HHP professor helped to put the whole event together.

"We start planning in the fall, coordinating it with Student Health Services," Barrett said. "A lot of people contribute to make it happen."

To get businesses and organizations to come out, Barrett said that they usually write a letter of motivation, but the Health Fair has been occurring for so many years that many of the organizations that come are

"Basically we want people to know how to have safe sex," she said.

A variety of pamphlets were provided at this booth, and were donated by Student Health Services. Planned Parenthood of Eau Claire provided condoms that were handed out as prizes.

Many of the people who attended were of all ages. Barrett said that the target population is UW-RF students, but the River Falls High School usually comes out and about 300 students will show up.

Elderly people came out also, to get their cholesterol checked and their blood pressure taken, along with seeing what the Health Fair was all about.

Ryan Magee, a junior majoring in business finance, came out to the Health Fair because his roommate told him that it would be fun.

"I came out, made the rounds, picked up some information and got my free apple," he said.

Campus Security

Possession of weapon in dorm

Jenny Cullen
Staff Writer

Can H. Wu, 19, was given a \$461 citation April 8 for possession of a dangerous weapon in Johnson Hall.

Rebecca J. Woodcock, 19, was given a \$244 citation April 9 for misuse of parking services in O-Lot. Woodcock falsified an O-Lot parking permit.

Maly S. Chheang, 19, was given a \$275 citation April 11 for misuse of a telephone in Johnson Hall. Chheang was charged with making lewd and obscene phone calls.

A harassing phonecall was received by a resident in Parker Hall April 12.

Jason M. Poplawski, 18, was given a \$213 citation April 14 for underage consumption of alcohol in Hathorn Hall.

Adam R. Matthys, 18, was also given a citation April 14 for underage consumption of alcohol in Hathorn Hall.

He was given a \$337 citation. It was his second offense.

Troy C. Emeott, 19; and Marcus D. Gagnon, 19, were both given a \$213 citation April 14 for underage consumption of alcohol in Crabtree Hall.

Speakers from A3

Worship Services

Saturday Worship-
5:30 p.m. - Communion

Sunday Worship-
8:30 & 11:00
a.m. **Traditional Worship-**
Communion on 1st and 3rd weeks

Contemporary Worship-
New Directions 9:45 a.m.
Communion on 2nd and 4th weeks

3rd Sunday of month:
Sign Language Interpreter
Lutheran Campus Fellowship-
Lutheran Campus Ministry Center,
425-8540
Tues. at 7:00 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Center (1st Tues. of month at 6 p.m. in the Old Kitchen for supper).

"I was impressed that a total stranger took the time to speak with students about applying to graduate school and was concerned about us when he didn't have to," senior Alyssa Boock.

Faculty members also left a lasting impression from Ojakangas' stay at River Falls.

"He's a master of illustrating ideas for everyone," Baker said. "He can take a complex concept and make it clear for everyone."

Ojakangas unique delivery and style allowed for students of all disciplines to understand scientific concepts. His personality and advice to students was both helpful and humorous. Speaking as von Schlummerklutz, it was equally that.

"Don't put all your eggs in one basket. The dinosaurs did that and they went extinct 32 million years ago."

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Student Senate

Senate votes to support sports module, hears recycling audit

Jamie Nielsen
Staff Writer

The Student Senate voted to support the new sports module, consisting of several cuts and new additions, in a decision made at the April 16 meeting.

Prior to the vote, Finance Director Ryan Eiler presented the Sports Module Committee report. Other students on the committee were Senate Vice President Sean Froelich and Facilities and Fees committee member Lisa Traxler. The ultimate decision to cut men's wrestling, baseball, and women's gymnastics did not come easy, he said.

"This is about six months of information that we covered," Eiler said. "It wasn't the charge of the committee to get rid of some sports and get different ones. What we're getting out of this truly outweighs the negatives. It is not about a budget problem, we're about strengthening our athletic program."

Issues facing the committee included that 72 percent of coaches are part-time, which is totally different from other schools, and the lack of campus facilities for many teams.

"We saw that as a hindrance to our programs," Eiler said.

For wrestling, he said, moving to Knowles from Emogene Nelson "effectively killed their program." They have a part time coach, low participation, and have had to compete for practice time with indoor softball.

Baseball was cut for several reasons. The team has gone through seven coaches in the last ten years and doubled their expenditures in the last year due to the necessity of travel on weekends.

The decision to cut the gymnastics team, Eiler said, was particularly difficult.

"This was a tough one as they are competitive, they did go to nationals this year," he said.

Part of the decision had to do with the lack of a practice facility once the Ames building is taken down.

"That's not the most ideal thing for a sports team to be doing is practicing at the high school," Eiler said. "They do have a part-time coach, but they're not a member of NCAA. There are only sixteen other division three schools. It gives them a 50 percent chance for qualifying for nationals."

The positives include getting full-time coaches for the track teams, the new golf team, and the soccer team.

"I know some people had the question- why women's golf?" Eiler said. "It meets title IX criteria for sports

participation meeting academic participation, and there are lots of courses, three in driving distance, from campus."

The cuts were made effective by the chancellor last Friday.

Guest speaker Nicole Smith from the Leadership and Training Committee presented the agenda for activities during 'Think Before You Speak Week', which is to take place April 22-26 and concentrate on diversity acceptance.

Events include programs called 'Red Fish, Blue Fish, Gay Fish, Green Fish,' 'Wrong side of the tracks' and 'Unity in the Community.'

"It's a really excellent, excellent program," Smith said.

Other activities include a speech by a professor on HIV and a Community Action Forum.

"This is about six months of information that we covered. It wasn't the charge of the committee to get rid of some sports and get different ones. What we're getting out of this truly outweighs the negatives. It is not about a budget problem, we're about strengthening our athletic program."

-Ryan Eiler
Sports Module Committee member

"I hope you will participate actively in it and help us promote that a little bit," Smith said.

Senator Ryan Perkl then talked about a committee he wishes to form to address environmental issues on campus. To illustrate the problem, he presented a recycling audit that he and the Ecological Club have been working on over the last few weeks. Trash and recycling audits were conducted in nearly every building on campus.

"There isn't a single academic room on this campus that has receptacles for both paper and commingled recycling," Perkl said.

The study concluded that the campus has receptacles for paper recycling in 38 percent of the audited rooms on campus, and receptacles for commingled (glass, plastic, and cans) in just 19 percent of rooms.

"Members of the Eco Club and I think there is a pretty substantial need for something to be done on campus," Perkl said. "I present to you tonight one need for a senate created committee to address this issue. This is an administrative issue. Any state run facility is required to have a recycling program in place."

The senate had some concerns about allocating funding for another campus committee. They asked how the new program would benefit the students, not just the environment and were also concerned that the students wouldn't take advantage of recycling if it were available.

"When you talk about environmental issues, they aren't things that are always quantifiable," Perkl said. "I don't want to sound corny, but I think it is society that benefits from something like this."

Perkl finished his presentation with a promise.

"This is something I'm going to bring you every week," he said. "And continue to show you a need for it and continue to show you how students benefit from it."

The next Student Senate meeting is Tuesday, April 23.

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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle at UW-RF

Chris Anderson
Staff Reporter

With numerous ecological clubs, trashcans for recyclables in every building, and intentions on making future buildings environmentally friendly, UW-River Falls might be expected to be a leader in recycling. However the campus doesn't recycle as much waste as it could.

"I see recyclable material in with the trash quite often," said Joe Morrow, a custodian at Crabtree Hall.

To make his tasks as janitor easier, Morrow said he often has to sort out recyclable material himself.

"Since the trash is hard to pack down I often take out plastic, cardboard and other material I find and put them in separate bins," Morrow said.

Morrow isn't the only janitor having to choose between sorting out recyclables or packing down more trash.

"I see recyclable material in the trash all the time; cans and bottles, twelve packs, cereal boxes, and other things," said Marlys Carsten, a custodian in Grimm Hall.

"It would make my job easier for me if more people recycled because then I wouldn't have to pack down and take out so much waste."

How much is UW-RF throwing away?

The campus established a formal recycling program in the spring of 1990 (previous programs were done by the ECO club) that was largely limited.

"Back then recycling was concentrated largely in the Ag Sci building and was limited to basically office papers, but each year more and more things were added to the list of things to be recycled and the program to other buildings and by 1994 had a system

much like the one in place today," said Manville Kenney of Facilities Management who handles waste disposal.

Today the campus produces about 577 tons of waste annually, most of which could probably be recovered (could of have been recycled or reused) Kenney said.

"If more people put things in the compost bins, if residence halls offered recycle bins on their floor, if more people recycled and donated the campus would probably find 80 percent of the waste it produces can be recovered," Kenney said.

Currently, 163 tons are recovered annually, giving the campus a recovery rate of 28.25 percent.

"Getting to the first level of 30 percent is easy but then UW-RF has to set higher goals," Kenney said.

"I think the campus should be trying to get around the 50 percent range because if it does it may condense at least half of what it had at the 30 percent level."

Ryan Perkl, current president of the student organization Earth Conscious Organization (ECO) club also said 50 percent was a reasonable goal to obtain.

"It is not wishful thinking to reach a 50 percent recycling rate by any means, higher goals should be set and reached," Perkl said.

Paper and container material (largely aluminum, steel, glass, and plastic) lead the list of recyclables with, producing, respectively, 668,563 and 51,380 pounds from 1994 to 1999 according to the latest environmental audit. Cardboard (43,900 pounds) and Polystyrene (3,051 pounds) are potential recyclables but get put in the recycling bins a lot less.

Where does it go?

Although many janitors said they sort some recyclables out of trash out of their

own free will, many recyclable items remain with the regular garbage.

"I see recyclables in the regular trash on a daily basis," said Barry Gabriel who picks up trash and recyclables from the campus five times a week. "It's not just a can or a sheet of paper here or there either but a bunch of stuff."

Gabriel said people probably don't use recycling bins because of their own self-interests.

"People probably throw recyclable material in the garbage for their own convenience, and in order to save time," said Gabriel.

Garbage and recyclables are not separated later, as some might think.

"If anything is in the garbage it gets thrown away with the garbage," Gabriel said.

Recycling material goes to Pierce County Solid Waste Management in Ellsworth where it is processed appropriately.

"Pierce County Solid Waste Management gets recyclables from UW-RF once a week and see most of the main things, fiber, cardboard and so forth," said Pierce County Material Removal Facilitator (MRF) Supervisor Steve Malestrom.

"U W - R F recycles about an average amount of material comparable to that of many businesses but Pierce County Solid Waste Management would still like to see the campus recycle more."

Everything else goes to various landfills.

"People should recycle more for I don't see why we have to continue putting unnecessary stuff at landfills," said Troy Genfluckner head of Pierce County Waste Management Facilities.

Last year Pierce County recycled 3,045 tons of waste and generated a revenue of \$163,565 (although the total was higher than in 2000 (2,966 tons) an unexpected replacement of a fork lift lowered the revenue from \$238,204).

UW-RF provided about 18.9 percent of Pierce County Waste Management material.

Improvements to be made

Perkl said a recent study done by the ECO club showed that buildings everywhere on campus were lacking adequate recycling facilities.

"The ECO club received floor plans of academic building on campus and walked through each building to see how many basic recycling receptacles each classroom had," Perkl said. "As expected, and hopefully organized into a future presentation, the results were pathetic."

Although a recycling system does exist on campus, it doesn't function the way it should, Perkl said.

"Recycling exists in a lack luster and half-hearted effort," Perkl said. "The 'skeleton' of what could be a strong recycling program exist on campus and the ECO club is trying to breathe life into it."

Dr. Kelley Cain, who teaches some conservation courses and is the ECO club advisor also said the recycling system that is in place should be run more efficiently.

"If the campus is not doing anything to make the system run more efficiently it's wasting its breath," Cain said.

Many said they think that more people need to be educated on the benefits of recycling and the costs of producing waste.

"The biggest barrier is the lack of information on what people can visually see is being

done and what actually is happening, which could be much more," Cain said.

Genfluckner also said more education on the value of recycling could be done.

"There will still be a certain small percentage who don't recycle because they don't care, don't want to do it, or don't believe in it," Genfluckner said. "However, a large educational campaign with fliers and advertisements is needed to promote more recycling, and Pierce County Solid Waste Management is constantly looking for way to do it."

Kenney as well said more education would lead to more recycling.

"I think the best thing to do to promote more recycling is to educate people on its value as early as Kindergarten," Kenney said.

"Recycling didn't get off the ground until the early 1990s and it didn't take but five years to have better participation, largely because people were taught its values at younger and younger ages."

Along with education, others said more action on the part of some people is also needed to promote more recycling.

"I think what needs to be done is that we need to educate more people on recycling, be it done through television, radio, or newspaper ads, or brochures on campus," Gabriel said.

"I think the maintenance and the custodial programs also need to get after people to recycle more."

Perkl said a student led effort should help convince the administrators that more should be done for recycling.

"The ECO club hopes that a student led effort can be presented to the powers that be and encourage them to follow in the footsteps," Perkl said.

Residence halls not as active in recycling as they could be

Chris Anderson
Staff Reporter

Dorms have been said to be some of the main culprits in not recycling.

"The dorms were not set up for recycling space, and the recycling programs in dorms is not active during the first and last weeks of classes when the greatest waste is being produced and that makes no sense," Cain said.

Kenney also said the dorms can do a lot more to promote recycling.

"UW-RF probably could recover more cans and bottles from the dorms if there were recycling bins on each floor for the residents," Kenney said.

Director of Residential Operations Lawrence Testa said health and cleanliness issues prevent dorms from having fully operational recycling departments at opening and closing times.

"To me the first and foremost commitment is to the health and well being of the students," Testa said.

"The beginning and the end of the year are extremely high times for producing waste and most of the trash rooms are also used as recycling rooms and it gets to the point where everything is overflowing so much people can't even shut the doors to these rooms."

Testa said that although putting recycling bins inside would be a health risk, he is in favor of having recycling bins outside of buildings.

"I am personally and professionally committed to recycling," Testa said. "Having recycling dumpsters outside in the front can work fine, even though it doesn't work quite as well as it could."

The ECO club has placed a dumpster for residents to dispose of cardboard in the last couple years, but has gotten mixed result.

"The first year the dumpsters were out, the year before last, it went all right because people were there to remind residents about the dumpsters," Cain said.

"However, people weren't there last year and the regular dumpsters overflowed while the cardboard ones remained practically empty."

Representatives from some dorms said they probably weren't doing as much as they could.

"May Hall probably doesn't do as much as it should," said May Hall manager Laura Hanson.

"We hope that in the future hall managers could promote recycling more and RA's would mention it at wing meetings."

Other hall managers said the responsibility to recycle lay on the residents.

"It's more like the choice of the residents in the hall to recycle," said Melissa, manager of Prucha Hall who declined having her last name mentioned.

Pierce County officials said they are always willing to get more people in the dorms (or anywhere else) to recycle.

"Pierce County Solid Waste Management has fliers to pass out and the drums to place in the hallways whenever they are wanted," Malestrom said.

Pierce County Waste Management officials said recycling might get easier in the near future when they adopt a condensed recycling system.

"Pierce County is going to start commingling sometime within the next 12 to 18 months, putting out one barrel for fibers (paper, newspaper, cardboard) and cans, plastics, glass, and such in another," Genfluckner said.

"This should make it easier for the residence halls for they will have only two barrel sources instead of the eight or ten they have now," Genfluckner said that in the meantime people shouldn't be afraid to call Pierce County Management and ask for the traditional barrels.

"Costs might vary slightly due to size, material, and transport issues, but people won't spend that much on them," Genfluckner said.

Perkl said costs shouldn't make much of a different when dorms are deciding whether to increase recycle bins or not.

"When put into perspective and placed in the grander scheme of things, the costs of recycling become trivial," Perkl said.



Chris Anderson
Staff Writer

One way to reduce waste: donating

Waste reduction, as well as recycling, should be on the mind of every student Cain said.

"It's not just recycling but reducing waste to begin with," Cain said.

One place students could take unwanted clothes and other items, rather than having them become trash, is to Fish Services, located at 210 Lewis St. (where the old River Falls hospital used to be) which is managed by Polly Wymer, Judy Frey, and Bev Killian.

"Fish doesn't take leftover garage sale stuff, and it don't take what's really junk, but it will take anything that is in good condition that no one wants," Frey said.

Anyone should be able to donate anything, the Fish volunteers said.

"If people want to donate something they should just call Fish first and then bring what they want to get rid of over," said Vera Wheeler, clothing coordinator at Fish Services.

"Fish even has an elevator so it is accessible to everyone."

Many of the donations at Fish can be bought for very low prices Fish personnel said.

"There is a minimal charge of 50 cents and most clothing is not over a dollar," Frey said.

The money Fish earns goes to many causes, Wheeler said.

"The money Fish gets from people buying what's here goes to the fire department, bloodmobile, county charities, burnouts, and other people in the community," Wheeler said.

Individuals in the community also benefit from Fish Services.

"Fish gives old jeans to a person who's in a wheelchair and he makes quilts out of them, another lady collects yarn from us that she uses for sewing, and we'll often take buttons off anything that's 50 percent or more cotton and make rags out of it, so we throw very little away," Wymer said.

Fish volunteers say they think a lack of knowledge about their existence perhaps contributes to a lack of donations.

"Some people aren't aware of places like Fish, even though it has over forty volunteers, so they don't donate here, though there have been ads in papers, including the Student Voice in the past," Wheeler said.

Many donations that go to Fish Services, also find their way to larger charities.

"Most of the stuff Fish doesn't get rid of here will often go to Goodwill, the VA, or Caring and Sharing in Minneapolis," Wheeler said.

Terry Wehking, general manager of Goodwill in Stillwater, said he also feels that a lack of awareness on the part of some people contributes to fewer donations than desired.

"Goodwill has TV ads and pamphlets, sends postcards to people who donate, and has signs on its doors, and even increases its advertising in winter, but a lot of people, students and others, still don't donate," Wehking said. "People probably don't know where to take stuff to donate it but the people who do donate are generally glad that they do."

Wehking also said that people have misperceptions about Goodwill that not only deter them from donating to the organization; but from shopping there as well.

"I don't think many students, or people in general, are aware of how good of things Goodwill has," Wehking said. "Goodwill carries many brand name small appliances, dishes, clothes and other things."

The notion that Goodwill is largely for the

needy also reduces the number of shoppers and donors.

"Many people think that if you donate to Goodwill you can't shop there and that's not true," Wehking said.

"People wrongly think that Goodwill is for people forty and up who are of a certain income level, but it's for everyone; Goodwill even desires more student shoppers, as well as donors."

Like Fish, Goodwill will arrange to take almost anything.

"Besides getting rid of something you don't want, if you donate you'll get a receipt and can put a claim on your taxes," Wehking said.

Due to their relatively small sizes and somewhat small number of customers, both Fish and Goodwill won't directly accept furniture.

"Fish can't take furniture because of our small size," Wheeler said.

Goodwill currently may accept furniture, but Wehking says it is becoming more unlikely.

"Eighty percent of what Goodwill has is clothes and it might stop taking furniture soon, because it usually doesn't get rid of what it has," Wehking said.

"Goodwill checks all furniture thoroughly for safety hazards, smells, and such and won't take junk furniture."

However, both organizations can refer people to other charities



Composting-another way to reduce waste

Another way to decrease the amount of waste produced by campus is to increase the amount of material going to the campus compost pile.

"A lot of the food waste from Rodli and the Student Center can go to Lab Farm 2, which is currently getting a lot of its waste from local grocery stores," Kenney said.

Dr. Bob Butler, the head of composting, agrees.

"The compost pile gets most of its material from Rodli and the Student Center, but could always use more," Butler said.

Butler also proposed that the dorms get involved in donating to the compost pile.

"I think the campus needs an infrastructure of student support to get dorms to recycle food waste, pizza boxes and such, and a group of students that can undertake the project," Butler said.

"Why should all that stuff end up in a landfill?"

Butler said he also thinks a lack of information is what is also contributing to the compost bins lacking material.

"Lack of awareness is probably the major cause of less waste going to the compost bins," Butler said.

Looking ahead

Although many people said they thought UW-RF wasn't recycling as much as it could, some university officials said they thought the campus was recycling rather well for the time being.

"Sure the campus doesn't recycle as much as it could, but as a campus I think we are recycling more than most other campuses in the

state and will probably be doing a lot more in the future," said Vice Chancellor Virgil Nylander.

There is hope that future students will become more involved in recycling and decrease waste.

"Right now there are some students who are really dedicated to recycling in the ECO club and I think that the campus will get more done within the next couple years," Cain said.

Although he also supports students getting involved with recycling, Butler said he does have concerns about whether momentum can be maintained.

"A few years back the ECO club had tried to promote recycling and eliminate excess waste by emphasizing what stays on the tray and what can go in the recycle bin in places like Rodli and Chartwells but not much came of that," Butler said. "From time to time students got interested but, unfortunately that interest often didn't pass from one year to the next and often went away once the students had graduated."

Butler said he would still work with students to promote recycling and composting.

"I'm certainly available, the campus just needs continuous groups of interested students," Butler said.

The ECO club continues to come forward with new projects aimed at reducing waste.

"Right now the ECO club is retrofitting the Ag Sci building with a functional recycling infrastructure," Perkl said. "The group is also taking the initiative of recycling ink jet and copy machine cartridges, and currently has the residence halls on its radar screen."

The ECO club is also trying to get the university to receive some recyclable material, Perkl said.

"ECO club is also the current driving force behind switching our current paper contract to one that requires the University to purchase 100 percent post consumer waste recycled paper," Perkl said.

Nylander said the University is currently sitting on this ECO club plan.

"The university doesn't know what it's going to do about using recycled paper yet," Nylander said.

Perkl said he does have concerns, though, as to whether future administrations and students can keep recycling projects going.

"The ECO club, and campus in general, needs to be sure it has members of each class involved with recycling so that leadership isn't lapsing," Perkl said.

"But frankly if recycling were actually institutionalized students wouldn't have to reinvent the wheel every year."

Those who still don't recycle should be viewed as self-serving, and not really helping the campus as a whole, Cain said.

"It is a self-centered point of view not to want to recycle," Cain said.

Malestrom said everyone should question themselves on their recycling practices and that even small groups of people can make a difference.

"Every individual who doesn't recycle should answer themselves on why they don't do it, even though they should definitely benefit from it," Malestrom said.

"If everybody can take some initiative, more recycling can be done, such as in Ellsworth where four students recently pushed for Ellsworth High School to recycle more and now the school is one of the area's top recyclers."

Cain said every student should get involved in recycling.

"It's not only the responsibility of the campus and its administrators but also of every student," Cain said.

Do you recycle?

Breanna Frank, Freshman
"Yes, it helps the Earth."

Becky Lindstrom, Freshman
"Yes, we recycle all of our liquor bottles."

Larry Ruffledt, Sophomore
"No, it's difficult to recycle in the dorms."

Neil Happel, Junior
"Yes, I think it helps the environment in the long run."

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Sports module lacked public input

Dear Chancellor:

Hello! How are you doing? I hope you're finally getting a chance to take a quick break after such a hectic past month or so. There certainly has been a lot of important things happening that relate to the campus.

First, it was the legislative saga in Madison and its effects on our budget here at UW-River Falls. I applaud your efforts over the past several weeks to keep the University community informed about the state budget fiasco. It's an important and complicated issue, and the e-mails you sent to me — along with the rest of the students, staff and faculty on campus — were descriptive and appreciated.

It seems the budget story has been put on the back burner temporarily, which is probably a good thing because I'm sure you've been busy with the Sports Module since the end of last month.

This brings me to the point of this letter. Chancellor, this Sports Module seems to be more confusing to the campus community than the state budget proposal, and yet most of us were left out of the loop.

Frankly, I was surprised that you neglected to inform us that a committee met a dozen times since early November to draft up a proposal to cut three varsity sports and add two in their place. You seem to be in favor of open communication, yet when it came to informing the University community of potential major changes to its athletic programs, the lines of communication weren't there.

When I asked you earlier this week if this committee met behind closed doors, you said: "I did not make a public announcement of the committee, just as the campus does not generally announce publicly when it is reviewing its health services, its academic programs, etc."

Perhaps you overlooked the impact this decision would have on campus. If this was the case, surely you were surprised by the large turnout at

the open meeting last Thursday where frustrated student athletes voiced their opinions of the proposal.

However, we'd all be naïve to think you underestimated the uproar your decision would create. I'm not quite sure what the benefit was in keeping tacit on this issue, but it's obvious this was an issue that should have been made public back in November.

Now, less than a week after you made the final decision to axe baseball, wrestling and gymnastics and implement women's golf and men's track, there's a lot of questions floating around

You also told me earlier this week the reason for not publicizing this issue was that the committee was asked to examine specific criteria related to the NCAA Division III philosophy statement and that "the review was based on elements most of which are outside of 'public opinion,' with the exception of student interest."

These elements included the contribution of athletics to the goals and mission of the University; the competitiveness and quality of the sports program; and the number and variety of athletic opportunities for students.

Come on, Chancellor, this stuff is hardly outside 'public opinion.' There's plenty of people on this campus — in addition to student athletes — who have an opinion on this issue.

People were upset with the committee's proposal and your final decision, but it seems the worst is yet to come. According to Jeanne DeLisle, coach of the University's now defunct gymnastics team, a complaint has been filed with the Office of Civil Rights. Apparently it's been asked to investigate whether or not the University is in compliance with Title IX. Sure, this is just an investigation, but a lawsuit is possible. Furthermore, I doubt we've heard the last of the baseball team; those guys are bound to go down swinging. (Pardon the pun.)

In fairness, I can't pin all the blame on you. After all, you said your decision was based in part on the proposal drafted by the Sports Module ad hoc committee.

With a topic as heated and controversial as this, the committee did a fine job of keeping this from most people on this campus. Unfortunately you evidently went along with this.

Sorry this letter is stretched out, but I wanted to give you my thoughts on this issue, even if you weren't interested in my input earlier.

I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,
Scott Wentz

SCOTT WENTE



"People were upset with the committee's proposal and your final decision, but it seems the worst is yet to come."

as to why this was all done with next-to-no input from the campus community.

Obviously this was not an easy decision for you to make. I'll give you that. However, the backlash could have been quelled had you kept us all informed of the process just like you have done with the state budget.

Perhaps there could have been several open meetings where students, faculty and staff would have had the opportunity to throw out their own suggestions as to how the University could make changes to its athletic program.

Spring, a time of new beginnings

As my frosted windowpanes become clear again and the sound of Killdeer and bumblebees echo in Glen Park one thing is certain, it is spring. I feel as if I have come out of hibernation and am ready to see the world again.

The grass is green today, and I've noticed it. Look closely and you'll see buds on the trees and spiders working furiously to gain some ground in our brand new environment. Is there anything more refreshing than the sight and sounds of life starting over after a long, cold, lonely winter?

I must admit, I cursed my ancestors day after day during my frozen walks to and from school. "What were they thinking?" was the typical question running through my head.

If they left the harsh surrounding of their former homes for a better life why didn't they pick someplace where life seems easier?

Norway, even with all its mountains and rivers, looks a lot like Minnesota and Wisconsin. But as we slowly begin to thaw there is no other place I would rather be.

If I lived south of the frost line I would not know the delight of taking off my layers of clothing, slipping on a pair of sandals, and run-

ning around for no better reason than just to be outside again.

I could sit for hours just watching the river flow or listening to children playing at the park. Even homework can become bearable if done outside.

SARAH DAMLO



"Norway, even with all its mountains and rivers, looks a lot like Minnesota and Wisconsin."

I guess it's because I'm a nature person, and even more than that I am a spring person. After a winter such as the last one, with all its ups and

downs and the way it teased us only to be in full force when we least expected it, this week of warmth is a perfect cure.

A cure for moodiness, depression, lethargism, and all the other symptoms that come from a lack of proper sunlight. We all need sunlight to grow. This sunlight can come from the sky or it can shine from other areas as well.

It can be a small gesture from a teacher who writes "good" at the top of a well-written paper. It can be a friend from class who offers to buy a meal for you when you don't have any money. It can be that special someone who calls just to see how your day went and then ends up talking to you for an hour.

Sunlight is nourishment and encouragement. It feeds our physical needs of warmth and vitamins and gives us emotional energy and strength. Without the sun we would be nothing, we could not grow and prosper, nothing could.

I want to thank all the important people who have given me sunlight to conquer my own winter. These people shared their time and energy to see that I rose above the frozen ground and gained the ability to make my own sunlight and have enough leftover to give to others.

Spring is on its way and I feel the time is right for new beginnings and second chances and I have never felt more alive.

Letters to the Editor

Get involved, help stop UW cuts

To the Editor:

Are you sick of tuition increasing at least twice the rate of inflation every year, with financial aid lagging behind?

Are you concerned that the looming budget cuts will limit access to UW-RF? Well, there is something that we students can do.

This week the Conference Committee, a joint committee of the eight most powerful Democrats and Republicans, are working out the differences between the Senate and Assembly's versions of the budget.

We need to let our elected representatives know that they need to restore funding to the UW System.

In this economic recession, people need to return to school to get new job training. Furthermore, when people are going to college we need to ensure that students have adequate financial aid.

Without financial aid we price students out of an education, and we erode the American ideal of equal opportunity.

Please take one minute of your time to call

Speaker of the Assembly Scott Jensen at 1-888-529-0032.

Please urge him to restore the proposed cuts to the UW System, and link financial aid increases to tuition increases.

When we invest in higher education, we invest in ourselves. Thank you.

Jessi Andrews
UW-RF Student Senate

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Watch your words Budget cuts, sacrifices are necessary

“Homo! Retard! Fatsol! Faggot! Slut!”

If each of these words were substituted with a stab to the heart, the UW-River Falls student body would be cut in half. The casualty and frequency in which these terms are uttered is disturbing and hurtful, and the problem finds its roots with a lack of awareness and appreciation of diversity in society and on this campus.

Out of the many rumors that float around campus, the infamous “UW-RF lacks diversity,” is one of the most untruthful I’ve heard. This leads me to the conclusion that those who believe it are ill-informed on the true meaning of diversity, and it is my belief that we as humans fail to truly live until we understand the beauty in the differences that surround us.

I was unaware that diversity went much farther than skin-deep. Not until I experienced a program called, “Wrong side of the tracks” at a leadership conference this past February did I recognize the countless

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“Diversity goes far beyond race, and is more than simply accepting the differences among us.”

differences I encounter each time I walk across campus. Before this realization, I recall telling people that UW-RF had less diversity than the white suburbs surrounding the Twin Cities.

However, what I have since learned and begun to appreciate is that diversity goes far beyond race, and is more than simply accepting the differences among us. It is seeing every individual-regardless of race, age or gender-through non-judgmental, inclusive and understanding eyes.

This means more than the obvious characteristics that have divided us for centuries. There is a common societal misconception that if two people have the same skin color, it is palpable that their family, likes, dislikes, pain and laughter are identical as well. Because of this belief, we possess stereotypes that allow us to condemn a stranger before we even know his or her name.

It is unlikely that anyone can walk through campus without judging someone they pass along the way. Whether it be their style, body composition or the way they walk or dress, judging others is a part of our daily lives. In fact these judgements have become so second nature, it is only when we tap into our subconscious that we realize the careless thoughts, inaccurate judgments and derogatory words that leave our mouths as quickly as they enter our heads.

I became even more mindful of these occurrences after returning from a mission trip to Chicago over spring break 2002. There I was introduced to a community that neither I, nor many other UW-RF students, would dream of occupying.

“The ghetto,” which we generally use to describe a language or style takes on a whole new meaning when walking the streets of South Chicago. It is a very real, very underprivileged society whose greatest hopes often revolve around attending a reputable university such as UW-RF in a safe, quiet city such as River Falls. Unfortunately, this hope often remains just that, a hope.

The streets of Chicago are not the only sources of darkness in this world, however. Even at this reputable university in this safe, quiet city of River Falls, there is a very defined lack of appreciation of those different from us.

Although UW-RF may not experience the violence Chicago does, it has been proven time and time again that words are daggers with a sharper edge and a deeper penetration than any physical weapon can present. And words, caused by judgments, are undeniably present on this campus. Thus, what may seem like two different worlds-Chicago and River Falls-are only two sources of light both covered by their own form of darkness.

Therefore as we approach “Think B 4 U Speak” Week, presented by the Diversity and Leadership in Training Committees, we as a campus-as a community have an obligation to unite in the appreciation of diversity. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Everything that we see is a shadow cast by that which we do not see.”

It is impossible to lead this campus out of darkness, if we continue to hold a shadow of darkness within ourselves.

There are a couple of things going on right now which are not only linked, but have a significant effect on college students. Namely, registration for next fall and the budget problems faced by the UW System.

I was recently perusing my DARS report to see what courses I needed to take for the upcoming fall semester, when it hit me. After cleaning up the mess, I came up with at least a partial solution to the University’s money woes.

One thing I noticed was the relatively large amount of credits one needs to graduate which have no real educational value.

Reading, writing, and arithmetic are no longer good enough. Apparently, one can no longer survive in today’s world without at least a cumulative year of diversity indoctrination.

This new age dogma has facilitated itself in the form of international studies, non-Western studies, minority studies, women’s studies, foreign language courses for students who have no need for them, and a host of requirements which do little but drive up the cost of an education.

It is no wonder students are spending five or more years in school to obtain a four year degree.

There may be a place for the above programs in higher education, but why must they be mandatory? Wouldn’t it make more sense monetarily and otherwise to offer a few of these programs as electives, and eliminate most of them

in order to bolster the dwindling budget.

I am quite aware of the argument that a college student should receive a well rounded education in the liberal arts, as well as the more traditional subjects. That is all well and good if the system can afford the additional costs of these programs.

It no longer can.

Let’s face it, what’s more important in the real

of the “assistant to the assistant” positions that exist in the administration. Too many chiefs and not enough Indians is a perennial problem which must be dealt with.

Students are not completely blameless either. There is no such thing as a free education, and you must be willing to pay your fair share. Remember, the vast majority of the UW System’s budget comes from the taxpayers and outside contributions.

It is always hard to make cuts. People lose their jobs, programs lose funding (varsity sports for example), facility improvements are put on hold, and costs go up. That’s life, and we just have to accept it.

One thing that can be done however, is to stop the fraud, waste, and abuse which goes on within the system. No one should be afraid to question the spending habits of any government entity.

Instead of bitching to the politicians about how little funding your favorite pet agency is receiving, ask the head of that particular agency where the money they already have is going. Government budgets are public record, check ‘em out.

So let’s get those grads out in four years, lose those nice to have programs, and cut the administration from the top down for once.

If you believe that will ever happen, I’ve got a two credit class in underwater basket weaving for ya.

DAVE MISSELT



“What’s more important in the real world, deconstructing a Maya Angelou poem or learning the multiplication tables?”

world, deconstructing a Maya Angelou poem or learning the multiplication tables?

Anyone with at least one functioning brain cell and who has worked in a bureaucracy for any length of time is quite familiar with the waste and budget abuses which are rampant within any government agency, including the education department.

Another solution would be to eliminate a few

Students need to have a say in policies

I’ve decided to break away from my normal column “Ask Tree” to express my opinion on the recent cut of the UW-RF baseball program. Keep in mind I’m writing this completely from the information given to me as a student and from my own thoughts.

No life altering advice this week and instead I’ve decided to write about something that is affecting numerous individuals throughout campus and beyond.

I feel like a part of me is going to be missing with the termination of this program, and have no idea what the players must feel right now.

Our school lacks tradition, so why get rid of the varsity sports at this university and do away with one of the solid traditions we do have.

There are issues about attendance at baseball games, it should not matter how many people actually attend the games because we don’t even pay admission.

If one were to attend a game you’ll notice the crowd is small, but at the same time many of the people that are watching are avid fans.

College sport teams are not necessarily about packing the stands, they are about encouraging friendships and teamwork. These sporting events serve as a chance for parents to watch their child excel in something they have been working towards their entire life.

The University wants to terminate the “budget crisis” and in response there is going to be the termination of three sports and an addition of

two new ones. Am I the only student that is confused by this? If there is such a need for a decrease in spendature, cut the three programs and do not add any more.

If the school feels it necessary to add women’s golf, why not add it as a club sport until it gets solid involvement. Move Women’s Rugby, which has a strong following, up to the varsity level.

I totally support women’s sports, but do not understand the logic of starting up a sport that’s

watch. If women’s golf fails, then the University will lose even more money.

I remember walking on the sidewalks as a freshman at UW-RF, not having a clue where my future would lead me, but constantly hearing orientation leaders and RA’s stressing the importance of getting involved on campus.

So with those words in mind I found my place at this university, but now I don’t feel like I have the option that I once had.

After this past Friday’s decision about cutting and adding certain athletics, I feel as though the university is making less sense to me.

How will I know if my organization is going to be the next one to be cut? As a student at this university I don’t feel like I was informed about this at all.

I received an email that the proposal was going to go into action and then boom the decision was made. I pay for tuition to fund these programs, so why don’t I get more of a say in this?

I truly believe we can somehow have all five sports next year. Maybe that’s just my optimistic point of view. But, we as a university are not working together to solve the problem.

While the administration makes the decisions, we as students sit here waiting to see what will happen to our future. It’s our university, without the students there wouldn’t be one.

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not even a club sport. I realize that many people do enjoy the sport of golf, but I don’t think that many people will go out to the courses to

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“Ride my horse Gumby.”

Athletics

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Rights on the basis of Title IX," said Erin Holly, a senior co-captain for the 2001-02 gymnastics squad and elementary education major in a statement Wednesday. DeLisle later confirmed Holly's statement.

"I'm really disappointed in the way this situation was handled by (the University's administration)," DeLisle said Wednesday. "I'm outraged. Many (gymnasts) are looking to transfer if gymnastics is not reinstated. I will continue to stay mad for quite some time."

As a result of the complaint, representatives from the OCR will investigate the University's athletic department to judge whether or not it is in compliance with Title IX. Based on its findings, the OCR will offer a recommendation to DeLisle and the gymnast on whether or not it would be advisable to file a lawsuit against the University. DeLisle and the gymnast can consequently choose to file a lawsuit or decline to do so.

"I have no knowledge to the fact that anybody is (going to file a complaint) at this point," Lydecker said Tuesday. "If they do, one of the things we looked at is the three compliance tests Title IX puts out and we've already done some looking at where we'd be with those tests. We've made historical progress (one of the prongs) and with these changes we should continue to make progress."

Operating budgets questioned, altered

Additionally, the committee

crunched a variety of numbers concerning the UW-RF athletic department's budget.

With the proposal's recent approval, the University plans, according to the Sports Module, to eliminate \$8,875 in baseball coaching salaries, \$9,600 in gymnastics coaching salaries and \$8,500 in wrestling coaching salaries. That totals \$26,975 eliminated from the current budget in coaching salaries. Furthermore, the University plans to eliminate \$50,482 in operating budgets (baseball: \$22,290; gymnastics: \$19,160; and wrestling: \$9,032).

Subsequently, the University's administration aims, according to the numbers outlined for next year in the Sports Module, to add a \$30,000-per-year Director of Track Operations position, allocate \$12,000 to track and field assistants and offer \$6,000 for a head women's golf coach. After subtracting the \$8,000 delegated to recently-resigned women's track coach Kristi Kropp-Wagner, the total salaries ear-marked for the new coaching positions available in concordance with the proposal equals \$40,000. That number is \$13,025 more than was paid last year combined to the ad hoc head coaches and their assistants of the sports recently eliminated from varsity status.

Likewise, with the alterations in the track and field budget, combined with the estimated budget requirements involving golf, the University looks to add \$71,000 in operating budgets. That is a figure \$18,518 above the operating costs designated to the three eliminated sports.

A target salary for a full-time soccer coach did not appear in the Sports Module because that position is not on the agenda to be added next year, but will be in the future, according to Lydecker.

"You have to realize there are short-

term and long-term ways to look at the numbers," Lydecker said Wednesday. "Just adding the dollars on either one of those sides doesn't work. We have not yet worked out the hiring and that doesn't give the total cost of operating the sports."

Although financial numbers might not appear to jibe at this point, Lydecker suggests, in the long-run, that the entire athletic department will benefit from the changes and subsequent money gains.

"The money that is saved will be recycled into other athletic programs," Lydecker said Tuesday. "For example, part of it will go to bring a full-time Director of Track Operations. What does that do? You can say that it helps pay the salary of a full-time person. What that does for our students is that there's somebody here who can spearhead recruiting both of prospective students and also people internal to the campus."

Gender equity considered

Current women's athletic opportunities also provided a concern for the committee.

According to data from the 2000-01 school year, 484 participants competed in varsity athletics at UW-RF, including 263 (54.3 percent) women and 221 (45.7 percent) men. During the same academic year, the UW-RF student body included 64 percent women and 36 percent men.

To meet the first compliance prong associated with Title IX and NCAA Gender Equity, a university must boast a percentage of women participants directly proportionate to the percentage represented in the student body. In short, the University did not comply with prong No. 1.

As such, the committee proposed a module that would, ideally, include 543 participants, comprised of 302 (56 percent) women and 241 (44 per-

cent) men to inch the athletic department closer to compliance in that area.

The proposed module estimated 12 participants in women's golf, 110 women's track and field athletes (55 added once for the indoor season and again for the outdoor campaign) and 60 men's track and field athletes (30, again, added twice).

During the 2000-01 academic year, UW-RF boasted 54 women's track and field athletes (26 indoor and 38 outdoor). As detailed in the 1997-98 NCAA Gender Equity Study, the most recent available on "www.ncaa.org," the average number of women to compete on a Division III golf team is eight.

With those numbers inserted in lieu of the numbers provided in the Sports Module, the varsity sports included in the new proposal could; feasibly, result in 504 total participants in UW-RF athletics, including 263 (52.2 percent) women and 241 (48.8 percent) men.

"This first year you can't really track what you're going to be at," Lydecker said Wednesday. "There are targets and caps we'll be looking at, but the first year we don't know how we'll be handling that. After that, we hope to move ahead."

In an interview Wednesday morning, Bowen expressed a concern regarding the evaluation of every specific number contained in the Sports Module.

"One big mistake we can make is making concrete numbers the basis of our argument," he said. "This whole thing is about the restructuring of our athletic department for the future."

"It's a trite phrase, but time heals. I think those of us that were involved with the decision need to look at those affected negatively with great

compassion. Any time you make decisions like this in a public arena you're going to have some unhappy people."

Women's track focus of revamped department

Based on the Sports Module's contents and statements submitted by Lydecker, the restructuring of the athletic department appears to be centered around a revamped women's track and field program.

That includes the addition of a full-time director of track operations, the implementation of which will remove UW-RF from the status of being the lone institution in the nine-member WIAC to not support a full-time track and field coach.

On page five, the Sports Module states, in part, "The money available from dropping baseball and wrestling can be used to hire a full-time track coach . . . this will benefit the women's program and should offset any of the effects men's track will have on proportionality issues . . . it would be understood that the Director of Track Operations is to spend the majority of their time and resources recruiting women . . . it is an expectation that our women's track team should see a dramatic increase in participants."

In an interview Wednesday, Bowen explained how the proposed full-time director of track operations position would help meet one of the goals of the proposal submitted by the committee and approved by Lydecker.

"I would hope that our women's track program with a full-time coach could have about 50 women," Bowen said Wednesday. "We want to increase the numbers for women. We plan to cap the men's team. Before we talk about those numbers I have to talk to someone more knowledgeable than myself on track before I

stick my neck out."

Data from the 2000-01 school year included in the Sports Module states that UW-La Crosse is the lone women's track program to sport a Season of Competition Record Total of above 50 members for either the indoor or outdoor season. UW-LX, during that year, boasted a student body of 8,481 individuals, compared to 5,298 attending UW-RF during the same year. According to the same data, the SCRT average for women's track in the WIAC was 31.4 for the indoor season and 34.1 for the outdoor season.

"Right now, we're not in the process of hiring," said Lydecker, citing the current hiring freeze, the lifting of which she hopes to know more about after May 1. "So, I'm not really sure what a pool would look like when the athletic director does hire (a coach). I am very conscious of the gender equity issues."

"We know that if we have someone to recruit women that we could have a stronger team. There will be unbalanced numbers between the males and the females, with the emphasis being on the women but the opportunity still being there for the men."

Lydecker feels the goal of 110 women participants in track is realistic, but may take some time to be realized.

"Will it happen right away the first year?" she said. "Probably not, because we don't have a coach in place right now nor did we last year to go out and recruit in totality. The committee would not have put those projections in place without knowing that it could be done. We're going to really track these numbers. I don't think we've tracked them as much for trends in the past as we could, should and will. That's why I've put that review cycle back in, so we can do another thorough review."

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Just part of the game?

Sanctioned fines have become a regular occurrence in today's professional sports environment. In the past week alone, nearly every mainstream sport has dished out fines and suspensions. But what do they expect to accomplish through them?

If it's really to curb the behavior, some of the athletes seem to think their sanctioning bodies are going "overboard," as the NBA's Latrell Sprewell said on ESPN.com; he wasn't ashamed to proclaim his

RYAN BRINKS

criticism of a move by the New York Knicks to suspend him for a game for missing a game-day shootaround. The suspension came out of his contract at the tune of \$125,000, the ESPN.com article reported.

Even more severe, NASCAR suspended its temperamental young star Kevin Harvick for last weekend's Virginia 500 and then fined him \$35,000 for aggression on the track in a Craftsman Truck race. An average pay-check for running the event would have looked somewhat similar to \$111,000. And the warning succeeded in its purpose, giving Harvick a clear wake-up call.

And if the Minnesota Twins' Jack Cressend lost pay for his three-game suspension and fine, it could cost him upwards of \$100,000. And for lesser infractions, like the fight between the Hawks' Jason Terry and the Magic's Don Reid, the NBA hands out 10 grand left and right. Whether the repercussions are a slap on the wrist or questionably severe, the appearance is still that aggression on the playing field is frowned upon. Yet the fans, owners and commissioners alike know that if there's a rivalry, a fight, or any sort of controversy between the athletes and/or their coaches, they're going to get attention, and interest sells tickets.

So are fines and suspensions merely a cover for these sports to appear as if they strive for good and proper sportsmanship? I hope not, but if it is, then the world of sports is increasingly speeding toward a fate too similar to profes-

See "Brinks" on page B2

Field team leads Falcons to close third at home

■ Three Falcons took gold finishes in their field events to spur the team to a third place performance

Sports Information

The Falcon women's track and field team scored 159 points and placed third in the UW-RF Falcon Open held Saturday at Ramer Field.

Jen Leis won the hammer with a toss of 42.96 meters; Cassie Arts won the pole vault with a leap of

2.84 meters; and Kady Kleven won the high jump with a leap of 1.60 meters to pace the Falcons.

Candy Kroells finished second in the steeplechase with a time of 12:42.53. Haylee Hall placed second in the hammer with a toss of 41.07 meters and second in the discus with a toss of 39.74 meters. Nicole Pronschinske placed second

in the long jump with a leap of 5.0 meters and second in the triple jump with a 10.24-meter effort. Sarah Thull was second in the 100 hurdles in 17.64 seconds and Jamie Leger was second in the 100 in 13.4 seconds. Katrina Spears was second in the 400 hurdles in 1:08.33, and Lisa Traxler was second in the 5,000 meter run in 19:44.97.

Eau Claire won the team title with 221.5 points, followed by St. Thomas, 166, River Falls, 159, Superior, 34.5, North Central, 22, and St. Scholastica, 13.

Saturday the Falcons will compete in the Manitou Classic in Northfield, Minn. Action starts at 9:30 a.m.



Photo by Teresa Schmitt / The Student Voice

Thirdbaseman Nathan Brom tags UW-Stout's Jon Kroening during the Falcon doubleheader last Friday.

Falcons take mid-week split with Eagles

Sports Information

The Falcon baseball team split a WIAC doubleheader with UW-La Crosse Wednesday afternoon at Ramer Field. La Crosse won the first game, 20-6, and UW-RF took the nightcap, 9-7.

In the first game, UW-RF scored six runs on 15 hits and made no errors. UW-L scored 20 runs on 22 hits and made no errors. Brian Bosch was 3-4 with two runs scored and one RBI. Scott DeWyre was 2-5 with two runs scored and one RBI. He hit a solo homer in the third. Eric Bartholomew was 3-5 with two RBIs. Andy Becker was 2-4 with one RBI and Ryan Scherz was 2-5 with one RBI. Andrew Marks took the pitching loss in relief. He faced four batters and allowed four earned runs. He walked one. UW-RF scored three times in the first and single runs in the third, fifth and eighth. UW-L had a 10 run sixth inning to open up a 15-5 lead. They scored five in the eighth, three in the second and single runs in the fourth and fifth.

In the second game, DeWyre knocked in two runs in the bottom of the eighth to lead UW-RF to the win. The Falcons scored nine runs on 13 hits and made two errors. UW-L scored seven runs on 13 hits and they made two errors. UW-RF scored two runs in the first, second, seventh and eighth innings and one in the third. UW-L scored single runs in the third and fifth innings, three in the fourth and two in the seventh. DeWyre was 2-4 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Josh Eidem, who picked up a save in relief, was 2-5 with two runs scored. Becker was 3-5 with three runs scored and two RBIs. Dan Kretovics was 1-2 with two RBIs and a run scored. Bartholomew was 1-4 with two RBIs and a run scored. Greg Jacobs was 2-4. Ryan Nickell picked up the pitching win. He pitched eight innings and allowed seven runs, only three were earned. He walked two and struck out nine.

The Falcons, now 6-18 overall and 3-9 in the WIAC, play at UW-Oshkosh on Saturday. Action starts at noon.

Baseball slides to 1-5 by week's end

Sports Information

The Falcon baseball team faced two of the strongest teams in the WIAC and finished with a 1-5 record last week.

On Friday, the Falcons lost two at home to Stout, 6-4 in 10 innings and 4-1. On Saturday, the Falcons were at Whitewater, which is ranked 21st in the latest ABCA poll. The Falcons lost both games of the doubleheader, 4-1 and 17-5 in seven innings. On Sunday, again at Whitewater, the Falcons lost the first game, 13-0 in seven innings, but came back to win the second game, 11-9.

UW-RF, now 5-17 overall and 2-8 in the WIAC, will be at Oshkosh for doubleheaders on Saturday and Sunday of this week.

On Sunday in the first game, UW-RF had six hits and made three errors. UW-W had 13 hits and made one error. UW-W scored five in the third, three in the fourth, two in the fifth and sixth and one in the seventh. Ryan Scherz was 2-3 at the plate, including a double. Phil Worm took the pitching loss. He worked 2 2/3 innings and allowed six runs. He allowed seven hits, walked three and struck out one.

In the second game the Falcons scored 11 runs on 13 hits and made one error. UW-W scored nine runs on 11 hits and made no errors. UW-RF scored single runs in the first

and eighth innings and three runs in the second, fifth and sixth. UW-W scored three runs in the first and fourth innings and single runs in the third, seventh and eighth. Nathan

W scored two runs in the third and fourth innings. Morgan took the pitching loss. He went the distance and allowed just two earned runs. He walked four and struck out four.

The Falcons knocked off nationally ranked UW-Whitewater to keep from wrapping up last week without a win. They edged the No. 21 Warhawks 11-9.

Brom was 3-5 with two home runs. He hit solo shots in the first and eighth innings. Joe Miller was 3-4 with two runs scored and five RBIs. He hit a three-run homer in the sixth and a two-run single in the fifth. Eric Bartholomew was 2-4 with three runs scored and a double. Josh Eidem picked up the pitching win in relief. He worked 4 2/3 innings and allowed just two runs and five hits. He walked three, one intentionally and struck out one. Dan Morgan picked up the save working the ninth inning.

On Saturday in the first game, UW-RF had one run on four hits and they made six errors. UW-W scored four runs on five hits and they made no errors. UW-RF scored its run in the fourth inning when Andy Becker singled, advanced to third on a double by Brom and scored on an infield out by Dan Kretovics. UW-

In the second game, UW-RF scored five runs on eight hits and they made one error. UW-W scored 16 runs on 18 hits and they made two errors. UW-RF scored three runs in the first and single runs in the sixth and seventh. UW-W scored 11 runs on 11 hits in the first inning. They added three in the sixth and

single runs in the third and seventh. Brian Bosch hit two homers in the game, a two-run shot in the first and a solo shot in the sixth. Scherz was 2-3. Ryan Nickell started and took the loss on the mound. He worked just one-third of an inning and allowed nine runs on eight hits.

In the first game against Stout, UW-RF scored four runs on eight hits and made two errors. UW-Stout scored six runs on 10 hits and they committed no errors. Stout scored single runs in the first, second, third and fourth innings and two in the 10th. UW-RF scored three times in the second and once in the ninth. Scott DeWyre led the Falcons at the plate going 3-4 with three RBIs. He had one double. DeWyre knocked in the game-tying run in the ninth and singled in the second to score two

See "Baseball" on page B2

Falcons finish fastpitch tourney below expectations

Sports Information and Jess Perry, Sports Writer

The UW-River Falls fastpitch team finished with a 1-3 record at the WIAC Cluster Tourney held over the weekend at UW-Whitewater.

All nine conference teams were at the tournament this weekend.

"The cluster tournament brings a whole new level of competition to our schedule," said Falcon Coach Faye Perkins. "We're all so even that each game, each inning, and each pitch is critical."

One of the strengths of UW-RF is their pitching staff, with three pitchers in the mix.

"AJ Decker, Amy Brooke and Leah Vanderploeg each contribute a different dimension or strength to the pitching game," Perkins said. "As a staff, we are trying to figure out the best combination against each opponent."

Saturday the Falcons opened with a tough 5-4 loss to Oshkosh. The Falcons came back later to top Platteville, 3-2. Sunday the Falcons lost to Stevens Point, 6-2 and to Whitewater, 2-0.

Against Oshkosh the Falcons scored four runs on 11 hits and they made three errors. Oshkosh scored five runs on 10 hits and made two errors.

UW-RF scored single runs in the first, third, sixth and seventh innings. UW-O scored single runs in the second, third and seventh and two in the fifth.

"We're all so even that each game, each inning, and each pitch is critical."

— Head Coach Faye Perkins

Angie Garin led the Falcons going 2-4 with two runs scored and a solo homer in the third and a double in the first. Melissa Turbak was 4-4, including a double, a run scored and a RBI. Emily Vogt was 2-3 and Anna Poulter was 2-4.

Leah Vanderploeg took the pitching loss in relief. She worked the last three innings and allowed three runs, all of them earned. She allowed seven hits, walked none and struck

out two.

Against Platteville, the Falcons scored three runs on seven hits and made one error. UW-P scored two runs on three hits and played errorless ball.

UW-RF scored two in the first and once in the fifth. UW-P scored both of its runs in the fourth.

Tiffany Blumer was 2-3, had one

RBI and scored twice. Vogt was 2-3 with a double and a RBI. AJ Decker picked up the win on the mound. She went the distance and allowed just three hits. She walked three and struck out seven.

Against Stevens Point, the Falcons scored two runs on four hits and made one error. UW-SP scored six runs on 10 hits and had two errors.

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Tuesday blues

Fastpitch squad drops two at UW-Eau Claire

Sports Information and Jess Perry, Sports Writer

The Falcon's fastpitch team lost two WIAC games at UW-Eau Claire Tuesday afternoon.

The Falcon's lost a heart-breaker in the first game, when UW-EC came back in the bottom of the seventh and won the first game, 6-5. The Falcons lost the second game, 2-5.

"In the first game against Eau Claire I think we played a very good six innings, but we just didn't

finish the game," said head-coach Faye Perkins. "In the first six innings of the game we took advantage of their errors and we got some hits when we needed them."

In the first game, UW-EC scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh to get the win. UW-RF scored five runs on five hits and made one error. UW-EC scored six runs on 10 hits and made three errors.

"Amy Brooke pitched a very, very strong game, but in the seventh inning they [UW-EC] came out and

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Ain't nothing but a party, right?

A column by Kevin O'Brien, who can't remember the best night of his life

After getting all political and stuff last week, I decided to return to form with a totally irresponsible story of high school hedonism (party-ing). I promised myself at the beginning of the semester to limit the number of stories about getting drunk and doing stupid things. (So far, this is only the second, including my debut column about shoplifting.) I think such stories are best told at a bar or in someone's dorm room, sipping on beers and slurping mixed drinks while everyone laughs and makes side comments. Nevertheless, the tale of my senior year homecoming party is filled with hilarious blunders and a very good lesson on respecting your parents' trust.

First of all, you have to realize how sacred my parent's house was when we were growing up. Unlike other sets of parents, my cop dad and nurse mom never allowed any type of underage or illegal activity in our household, and they were constantly on the prowl for any suspicious behavior. My brother and I had always been careful to follow their rules or at least make it look like we were following them. Well, by my senior year of high school, I was ready to rebel. And like any clichéd teenage rebel, I didn't plan ahead very well.

My parents happened to be going up to the cabin to celebrate their anniversary on the same weekend as homecoming at my high school. Two weeks earlier, my friend Davin threw a party, but it only had one female and not enough beer. Being a constant perfectionist, I knew I could outdo him as long as I had enough booze and invited a ridiculous number of people. So, during homecoming week, my friends and I would meet in the parking lot and make various plans for my much-anticipated shindig. We even developed a shopping list for someone's older sister, which included over \$100 worth

of beer and hard alcohol. Since I wanted to attract as many people as possible, I decided not to charge anyone. (Brilliant marketing idea, by the way.)

Saturday night came up quick and I got off work to rush home and receive my shipment of booze. I remember smuggling the stuff down into my basement, where I had two laundry tubs filled with ice. At first, the party started off incredibly slow, and it looked like I might have one of the most embarrassing turnouts of any homecoming party. The only people who showed up were my longtime friends and a couple of nasty girls from Orono, Minn. (Sorry if you're from Orono). So, in my warped high schooler logic, I decided to quickly consume the beer that I paid for and at least catch a good buzz. Well, a good buzz soon turned into slightly foggy vision and the occasional slurred word, and ultimately turned into a drooling, giggling, staggering mess that passed out on the kitchen floor while trying to cook a pizza.

All along, my faithful friends were spreading the word at the homecoming dance of a cost-free party at Kevin's house. As a result, carloads of people I barely knew or who had never met before were pulling onto my street, looking for spare pieces of pavement to park their parents' cars. Inside, my home was becoming more of a spring break pad than a family household. I had donned my dad's police uniform and was proposing toasts to everyone from the high school principal to President Bill Clinton.

At one point, Davin fell against one of the railings leading to my basement, ripping it out of the plaster wall. He placed it loosely back into the wall, setting the next person up for a nasty surprise. Well, that person was me. I was running down the stairs after hearing my friend Andy lighting off lady finger firecrackers in my room, and I took an awkward tumble into a nearby painting on the wall. Later on, Davin saw me eating a packet of Kool Aid mix, and when he asked me what the hell I was doing, my response was "I'm thirsty, dude."

Perhaps the most notorious moment of the night for me involved the two troglodytes from Orono. They were just about to leave, when one of them decided they needed to do something daring. So, with all of my friends watching, she grabbed me by my shoulders, pushed me onto my bed, and tried to slip me her love muscle. When I put up some resistance, she bit my lip and stuck her tongue into the upper regions of my tonsils. I managed to push her off me, but by that time my lip was bleeding and my ego was severely bruised.

The anarchy got worse as the night went on. My two friends almost got in a fight over one of their sisters, random couples were "heavily petting" each other on our couches and in my brother's bedroom, and there was a large foreign exchange student named Pina asking for marijuana in the basement. In addition, as people followed my idiotic example, 20

years worth of smoking was done in one night in a house that had NEVER been smoked in before.

At the time, it seemed liked the coolest event of my high school career. Cheerleaders, jocks, and all the beautiful people were hanging out and getting drunk in MY house. What I failed to realize is this really wasn't my house, and I was actually breaking every rule of the real owners: my parents. I have to take a few lines to thank my brother Colin, who spent most of the night keeping horny couples out of my parent's bedroom and keeping as many smokers out of the house as he could. The next day, he was the first one picking up beer cans off the front lawn, and vacuuming the ashes out of the basement carpet.

Regardless of all the cleaning we did, the stench alone got me busted. My dad's infamous quote was that it smelled like a "dirty bar" and he was thinking about renting a room at Holiday Inn until the house aired out. Needless to say, I was basically grounded for the first half of my senior year and had to attend a few classes about drinking responsibly. I've spent the last five years trying to regain my parent's trust, which was not easy at first. I've also learned that it is much better to wait until you have your own place, with your own property on the line, to risk having a large party. The end is nigh, y'all.... E-mail me at ko58@uwrf.edu.

P.S. Thanks to everyone who e-mailed me this last week to offer feedback on my column last week. And if you had something to say, and were too afraid or apathetic to address me personally, speak up next time. But as long as this newspaper can start some dialog somewhere on campus, I am happy I guess. As always, I encourage all of our readers to write a letter to the editor so all sides of every issue can be heard.

Presentation addressed effects of war on drugs



Molly Montag/The Student Voice
Rev. Campo Elias de la Cruz and his interpreter, John Hunter, prepared for the presentation in KFA Tuesday

Angela Schumacher
Staff Writer

Rev. Campo Elias de la Cruz, a native Colombian and director of the social ministries of his homeland diocese, addressed the UW-RF students with a presentation dealing with the affects of the U.S. government's war on drugs in Colombia Tuesday in KFA.

Witness for Peace, a non-violent, politically-independent grass roots organization working for justice and peace in the Americas, sponsored what was de la Cruz's first presentation in a series of U.S. uni-

versity visitations.

Representatives from Witness for Peace and de la Cruz are working together to educate people of the United States about the affects on the citizens, environment, and the social and economic welfare of Colombia from the U.S. policy's efforts to decrease Colombia's drug supply.

The U.S. policy, known as the Andean Initiative, is using aerial fumigation on the coca plants (raw material for cocaine) in efforts to decrease Colombia's supply of drugs. Because of the current economic strife of the country, many civilians turn to farming the coca

plants.

The citizens of Colombia are drastically threatened by severe unemployment, as well as by an unstable economic situation, health and environmental issues, and by the threats and acts of oppression and murder by paramilitary groups, guerillas and rebels, and the country's military.

The presentation also featured a slide show demonstrating the policy's affects in Colombia by Mark Aumann, a legislative aide to U.S. Representative Ron Kind. John Hunter, an international member of Witness for Peace, served as de la Cruz's interpreter.

Alcohol vs. the liver



Teresa schmitt / The Student Voice
L.J. Smith and Mark Leland learn what happens when the liver and alcohol battle it out.

Horoscopes

Jenny Cullen and Kevin O'Brien
Staff Psychics, who like to bitch and moan

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

The summer-like temperatures this last week does not mean that you should go on vacation yet. Also, choose your wardrobe wisely and avoid outfits that may show off some parts of your anatomy that no one really wants to see. The months of winter weather have left your skin without much exposure to the sun, and you may of forgotten about all the tattoos you got during spring break. Reveal your skin slowly, not all at once in one day.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

You need to spend some quality time with your significant other and stop letting that pesky third person get in the way. Yeah, everyone should have friends outside of their relationships, and you don't want to be a control freak, but sometimes you just have to say, "step off, biznitch." The third person may not be a threat, but they need a life of their own.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Life is not always fair, but that doesn't mean you have to give up right away if something doesn't work out. If us psychics know about anything, its failure and rejection. That's why we are trying to write for a living. Come to think of it, maybe you should give up right away. Or like the great philosopher Homer once said: "Trying is the first step to failure." This might be a little depressing, but hey, you're reading your horoscope in a student paper.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You need to take a long vacation to figure out what you really want in life. You say that you really know, but do you? But be sure to go by YOURSELF. Don't bring anyone along with you because that will defeat the whole purpose. Watch out for the town bum though. He's got his eye on you and will follow you anywhere. You will know he is coming by the smoke billowing out of his pockets from picking up other people's discarded cigarettes.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You need to be keeping your hands off of other people's property. You may not be having sex with them but you're getting a little too close. A little closer than friends if you know what I mean. Find someone who isn't taken and you won't have someone on your ass you would put you out of existence any chance they could get.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Watch out for people who suddenly try to become your friend. This is the time of year where certain lazy students try to warm up to their smarter classmates for help with term papers and finals studying. The first sign someone might not be a true friend: they only talk to you in class and only give you the half-nod hello as they pass you on campus. But don't be too paranoid, there are people who really like you for your personality. (yeah right...)

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

If you are reading your horoscopes to find out if you will get the classes you want for next semester, you may be disappointed. The psychics haven't paid their \$100 fee, and they forget their SOAR number, so they have no idea what's even being offered. Just remember that the phrase "offered alternate years" is not always cool if you plan to graduate next year. And don't even think about taking your physical activity courses; budget cuts have left the University with only enough athletic instructors to teach one gigantic bowling class.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept 23)

Yeah baby, you know that people look so much better when summer time rolls around. Girls in short shorts and tight tops, and guys with their sexy abs showing. Now is the time to pounce on that hottie when they rollerblade past you on the sidewalk. Throw a stick down in front of them so they trip and then help them up. It's a good plan, it's done it.

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 23)

You know, there's a reason people don't sit next to you in class. You smell dude. It's called deodorant. Most people can smell when they are a little bit rank so how the hell can you not smell your stench. For other people's sake try and take a shower more than once a week and by something for your pits. Use a car airfreshener or something.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

The time is running out for your potential love connection. The semester only has about six weeks left, so you should either ask that special person out or start planning for a summer fling in June. The recent surge of nice weather provides a lot of opportunity for romantic walks, but make sure you don't forget deoderant. Sweat stains don't spell romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Okay, you are not all that and a bag of chips. Just because it's summer doesn't mean you can wear slutty clothes. And just because guys drool at you doesn't mean you are hot. Your boob must be hanging out or something and guys will pretty much drool at anything. Girls, shame on you and guys...well, just try and control yourselves for once okay?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Now is the time of year to be worried about bees. Make sure you don't have any open spaces in your clothing where a bee could sneak in. At first it may seem like a pleasurable tickle, but beware. Ten minutes of pleasure will turn in to ten days in the hospital. You will be so swelled up that you won't be able to open your eyes or go to the bathroom on your own and trust me, that won't feel well.

McGrath pours some sugar on Winona State University

Kevin O'Brien
Assistant Editor

My brother got me the \$15 ticket for free. I ended up losing a \$30 Bob Marley hooded sweatshirt. But in the end, the Sugar Ray concert at Winona State University last Friday was worth much more.

Unfortunately, the opening act, Alien Crime Syndicate, was a little more than a Nirvana wannabe band from Seattle-big on loud guitars, small on original talent. Most of the college-aged crowd seemed unfamiliar with their songs, and the band made very little effort to connect with their audience. Their forgettable performance only served to wind up the crowd, which was left to collectively salivate in anticipation of the headliner's arrival on stage.

Sugar Ray captured the small but packed audience and held them in a musical fervor for almost two hours. They not only unleashed their own impressive array of songs, they sampled works from artists as diverse as Vanilla Ice, the Beatles and the Bloodhound Gang. While focusing mostly on their infectious pop tunes, they meandered into reggae, hip-hop, and even some impromptu doo-wop singing with one of the audience members who was invited on the stage to sing.

Mark McGrath was undoubtedly the main source of the band's energy, leaping up on the speakers to sing, dancing across the stage, and thrusting his hips in a way that would have made Elvis blush. During their hit song "Fly," he even descended the stage and ran to the back of the small auditorium to visit with some Wallflower fans sitting in the corner bleachers. Three lucky fans even had the opportunity to sing the chorus "All around the world statues crumble for me/ Who knows how long I've loved you?"

Before returning to the stage, he got a lift from one of the audience members, and led the entire room in an inspiring rendition of the Beatles' "All You Need is

Love." Earlier, McGrath said he wanted everyone to sing a little bit louder that night to honor the soldiers in Afghanistan who are fighting for the freedom to have things such as rock concerts.

"I know what you're gonna say: 'You're just a rock star, so just sing the songs and shut the f**k up,' and you're right. But I don't want to forget about all the motherf**kers who are out there fighting for our freedom tonight."

His patriotic banter drew a huge roar from the crowd, who also cheered when he asked how many people had been "some drinking some alcohol tonight." McGrath proved himself to be a true showman, pumping the crowd up for songs like the 80's nostalgia tune "Under the Sun," the reggae-tinged and the summer classic "Every Morning." To give everyone a chance to breathe, he paused in between the songs to chat with the audience about sex, booze and "Bob Marley's favorite recreational activity." Before breaking into their latest hit "Answer the Phone," he shared a story about losing his girlfriend to a member of Third Eye Blind, prompting swoons from the women in the audience and laughter from the guys.

McGrath may have gotten the crowd to sing along and scream, but it was DJ Homicide who got everyone to shake their bodies and rattle their voices. From behind his turntables, he led the audience in a unison jumping jamboree, a call-and-response routine, and even a screaming match between the men and women in the audience.

Admittedly, I too got caught up in the hysteria of the show. At one point, McGrath announced that it was guitarist Rodney Sheppard's birthday and they celebrated with a cover of Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds." Goaded on by the enthusiastic crowd, I ripped off my Bob Marley shirt, held it up for everyone to see, and promptly threw it on stage as a birthday gift for Sheppard. Hey, if a band can make someone like me look like an undersexed Tom Jones fan, they are damn good performers.

Profs take the stage



Molly Montag/The Student Voice

The College of Arts & Sciences Music Department presented the UW-RF Faculty Brass Quintet to an audience at William Abbot Concert hall on Tuesday.

The group consists of Tom Barnett, Craig Hara, Rick Gaynor and Charles Wazanowski (pictured left).

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