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A students' chancellor remembered

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Editor

Whether she was working until the wee hours of the morning, getting her hands dirty at home gardening or adding another cow to her large collection, Chancellor Ann Lydecker always took time to share a smile, hug or hello with friends, family, colleagues or students. More than 2,000 people attended the memorial service for Ann March 29. Speakers included UW System President Katharine Lyall, Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Barbara Lawton, Student Senate President Matt Schuelke, Albert Ruesink, Ann's eldest brother, and her

husband of nearly 23 years Bill Lydecker.

In a letter read on behalf of Gov. Jim Doyle by Lawton, Doyle said, "[Ann's] influence will last longer than her time at the University."

People from across the United States and the world sent condolences to the family. Ann's former student worker of three years, Mandy Arndt, flew in from Dallas for the service.

"I thought everybody did a good job reflecting what she meant to the variety of people who were here to celebrate her life," Arndt said. "I liked Bill's interpretation of her family life and the importance of family to her."

Ann, the "students' chancellor," had one of the most recognized faces around campus. Bill said she truly valued the students at UW-River Falls.

"The decision to come here was based in large part on what she had heard about the students," he said. "I think when she got here for the interview and had a chance to speak with some of the students, her decision was solidified."

The students of UW-RF expressed extreme sorrow over the loss of their chancellor.

Sarah Jansen, senior communicative disorders major, said although she didn't get to speak with Ann a lot, she still felt supported.

"She came to everything," Jansen said. "She was a familiar face all the time. She put everything on hold to be there for us."

Dianne Monteith, friend and program assistant, said Ann truly loved education and was so enthusiastic about it.

"She loved to see the students grow," Monteith said. "I think she really valued the interaction with everyone but truly with the students. There always seemed to be an extra bounce in her step when it involved a student."

Another petal on Ann's flower of life is the openness she shared with all — people she knew for a lifetime and people she met minutes beforehand.

"She was such an open person," said Mary Halada, interim vice chancellor for administration and finance. "She shared herself with a lot of people. You pretty well knew where she was coming from. What you saw is what she was."

At times her openness would catch people off guard.

"She would talk about things that other people might not have," said Sue Walton, DARS coordinator and friend. "There are a lot of people that don't share as openly as she did. It made her a real down-to-earth person."

Like others, Bill agreed Ann's outgo-

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Reshuffling the papers

UW-RF administration moves on in wake of Lydecker's death

Mike Longaecker
Front Page Editor

As if tears and heartache weren't enough, the added task of picking up the pieces and going back to business after the death of Chancellor Ann Lydecker now confronts UW-River Falls administrators.

Provost Ginny Coombs was appointed interim chancellor by UW System president Katharine Lyall and has assumed the duties of her late boss.

Coombs said that in the wake of Lydecker's death and the subsequent racial incident aimed at UW-RF African Americans, her first few days as interim chancellor — a title she said she is "not used to" yet — have been trying.

"You couldn't script a series of days like we're living through right now," Coombs said.

But Coombs said the business of running a university must go on despite unforeseen obstacles.

"I think it demonstrates that all kinds of things go on, even in the face of a tragedy that has clearly impacted all of us," Coombs said. "We can't ignore the rest of the University and what needs to happen."

One of the first orders of business will be to determine the new vice chancellor for administration and finance — an announcement Lydecker was to

have made this week.

Coombs said Lydecker had passed along her decision for the job vacated earlier this year. She will wait until she confers with Lyall before the final announcement is made, Coombs said.

No timetable is in place for the announcement of the new vice chancellor for administration and finance Coombs said, though she added she'll know more after returning from an April 1 Board of Regents meeting.

Coombs said carrying on Lydecker's commitment to "make this campus more visible in this region, to reach out to the surrounding communities and to really serve those communities," will be something she'll "definitely" continue.

Sticking to plans for various upcoming award ceremonies is also something Coombs said she'll follow through with, because "that's what Ann would have wanted," she said.

"We will do it with dignity, with respect and probably with some sadness because she won't be there with us," Coombs said.

As for the vacant chancellor position, Coombs said "it's way too early" to know if she'll contend for the job but said she had previously considered advancing

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A fervent advocate for increasing UW-RF's visibility in the state of Wisconsin as well as a proponent of economic development within the St. Croix valley, Lydecker was remembered by UW System President Katharine Lyall for her "sunny outlook" and "practical, can-do attitude."



Lydecker was remembered by family, friends and colleagues during a March 29 memorial held at Karges Center. Speakers honoring Lydecker included Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton, Lyall, UW Regent Guy Gottschalk, Student Senate President Matt Schuelke and Bill Lydecker.

Gottschalk said he was "a better person for having known Ann Lydecker."

Fatal intersection home to second death in 3 months



Photo by Micheal Foley

Sheriff's deputy Steve Doleen and Wisconsin State Troopers Steven Prouty and Bill Traynor investigate the crash site where Lydecker was killed. A nearby resident criticized the site's safety, citing the removal of rumble strips on the pavement and poor visibility lines.

Karyn Nelson
Online Editor

The intersection of County Road E and U.S. Highway 10 just south of River Falls has been the site of two fatal accidents during the past several months, including the crash March 25 that killed UW-River Falls Chancellor Ann Lydecker.

Lydecker's crash also marked the eighth accident at the intersection since February 2002.

The other fatal crash occurred Jan. 12 when a two-year-old girl died when her grandmother's vehicle was struck by a minivan that ran the stop sign on County Road E. The impact vaulted the car 150 feet over a guardrail, causing it to land on its roof in a field northeast of the intersection.

In the wake of accidents, neighbors of the intersection question the safety of the corner.

Those who live near the intersection and state and local officials, however,

don't agree on whether the intersection is a problem.

Angie Young heard the impact of Lydecker's crash. She said it's time officials do something.

"That intersection is bad," Young said.

A native to the area, Young can remember County Road E once having rumble strips to alert drivers of stop signs.

"When they repaved [County E], they took them out which I think is stupid," she said. "They wake you up right away."

Young also thinks the hill should be cut down to increase visibility of cars traveling west, the same direction Robert Bang was driving when he struck Lydecker.

However, Dick Lange of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT), the office that oversees state and federal highways in the state, doesn't think rumble strips are the answer.

"With rumble strips comes noise,"

Lange said. "And noise bothers neighbors. Not everything is as simple as it looks."

Currently, the intersection will remain as it has for the past several years.

"There are no plans for any improvement there as of now," said Pierce County Highway Commissioner Ross Christopherson.

Pierce County Sheriff Everett Muhlhausen said the recent accidents would probably spark discussion of putting the rumble strips back and changing the signage. However, the Sheriff said he believes caution is the best way to prevent accidents.

"I would not classify it as a dangerous intersection," Muhlhausen said.

He pointed out that most of the people in accidents at the intersection are locals familiar with area roads.

"Western Pierce County is becoming more rural-residential so we'll see an increase in accidents," Muhlhausen

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A life dedicated to education

Ann Lydecker was born May 6, 1944, in Adrian, Mich. She was the third of seven children.

In 1965 Lydecker received a degree in psychology from Oberlin College.

Lydecker taught sixth grade in Oberlin, Ohio, and Onsted, Mich., from 1971 to 1977.

In 1981 Lydecker married William Lydecker, a clinical psychologist who taught at Gustavus Adolphus.

From 1987 to 1992 Lydecker was a professor and department chair of curriculum at Mankato State University.

Lydecker was named Vice President of Academic Affairs at Bridgewater State in 1996.

Lydecker died in a two-car accident on March 25, 2004.

Lydecker grew up on a dairy farm. She was the only student in her class at the one-room school house she attended from kindergarten to eighth grade.

Lydecker received her masters in education from Oberlin in 1972.

In 1980 Lydecker was hired as at Gustavus Adolphus as a professor of education.

Lydecker received her doctorate in curriculum and instruction at the University of Michigan.

In 1992 Lydecker was hired by Bridgewater State College. She became the founding dean of the School of Education and Allied Studies.

On March 16, 2000, Lydecker was named 14th Chancellor of UW-River Falls. She was the first woman to hold the position.

At a campus memorial service, 3,000 people gathered to celebrate Lydecker's life March 29, 2004. Half were students.

Graphic by Karyn Nelson

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Immunization Clinic

The final immunization clinic is April 28 in the Kinnickinnic Room in the Student Center from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. The clinics are sponsored by Student Health Services and the Pierce County Public Health Department. For more information, visit www.uwrf.edu/student-health-service/ or call 425-3293.

Mexico J-Term Trip

Any students interested in the 2004-05 winter interim in Mexico class/trip are invited to attend one of the upcoming informational meetings April 28 or April 29 at 4 p.m. in 281 KFA. Students who can't attend can contact the modern language department at 425-3121.

Racquetball

Students interested in racquetball should check out the new web site at www.uwrf.edu/racquetball.

Bloodmobile

The Bloodmobile will be on campus April 7 and 8 from noon to 6 p.m. in the River Room of Rodli Commons. Students can sign up for appointments to donate blood March 29-April 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Leadership Center.

Reading Series

Richard Terrill will be on campus April 2 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library Breezeway to read from his collection of poetry titled "Coming late to Rachmaninoff." Terrill was a Fulbright scholar in China and is a talented jazz saxophone musician. His selected literature was a Minnesota Book Award Nominee in poetry. For more information contact molly.a.magestro@uwrf.edu or jennifer.s.brantley@uwrf.edu.

Diversity Banquet

All students are invited to the first diversity banquet April 26 at 4:30 p.m. The banquet will recognize and appreciate those who have contributed and spread multicultural awareness throughout campus. Interested students should RSVP to Lisa Weinreich at 425-3530 or lisa.m.weinreich@uwrf.edu. The deadline is April 7.

Classes Held April 9

Dean of Students Roger Ballou said classes are being held April 9 and are not cancelled because of the holiday.

Tryouts for Stuntmen, Cheerleaders, Mascots

Falcon Cheerleading is seeking stuntmen, cheerleaders and mascots for fall football. No experience is required. Tryouts are April 13-15. Practices begin the 13 and 14 at 6 p.m. Judged tryouts begin at 5:30 p.m. April 15.

Interviews for Freddy the Falcon will be conducted all three days. For more information contact Sara Conrad at 425-2850 or sara.l.conrad@uwrf.edu.

Student Health Services and Program Promotions Assistant

Student Health Services is seeking three students to serve as programs and promotions assistants during the next academic year. The individuals will assist with helping to recruit students to the program, will create marketing and promotion materials for Student Health Services and help plan and assist with events. The job requires 10 hours per week and paid \$6.25 per hour. This position may be available as an internship. Submit a resume, cover letter and list of three references to Keven Syverson at Student Health Services. For more information call 425-3755 or keven.syverson@uwrf.edu. The deadline is April 9.

"I've always wanted to" Week

April 12-16 is "I've always wanted to" week sponsored by the Leadership Center. There are 13 free events students can participate in, including learning to milk a cow, rock climbing and cooking a fancy meal. Students can sign up in the Leadership Center. For more information on the different events, contact Emily Ronning in the Leadership Center at 425-4911 or by email at emily.a.ronning@uwrf.edu.

Historical New England Tour

Visit Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. this summer and earn credits by participating in the Colonial Study Tour, June 20 - July 4. The deadline is May 1. For more information contact the Outreach and Graduate Studies Office at 425-3256.

St. Petersburg String Quartet to Perform

The St. Petersburg String Quartet will perform April 7 at 8 p.m. at the Abbott Concert Hall. The event is free for students and \$5 for non-students. For more information call 425-4911.

French Film Festival

As part of the International Film Festival, *Je rentre à la maison* (I'm Going Home) (France/Portugal, 2001) will be playing April 3 at 6:30 p.m. at CSH 271. The event is free.

Coffeehouse Concert

Musician Ari Hest, who recently signed with Columbia Records, will be performing April 12 at 8:30 p.m. in Brandy's. Students in for free.

Racial incident not tolerated

Rachel Gaynor
Offbeat Editor

Action speaks louder than words but in some cases words cause action to be taken. A few words, written in black ink pen on a bathroom wall, have caused a stir on campus this week.

UW-River Falls has come together as a community to show that this type of racist behavior will not be tolerated.

"Any threat to our students singling out a group of students is horrendous," said Phil George, Academic Success Center (ASC) director.

Although the message was 3 inches by 2 inches written on a wall, the content made it a matter not to be taken lightly.

"We have to keep in mind, keep in perspective the writing was a very small amount and written in pen and it was at a local restaurant," said Chief of Police Roger Leque. "But since this one was more disturbing in the generalized threat, we've taken it seriously."

The River Falls Police Department (RFPD) is heading up the investigation but other law enforcement agencies are helping maintain security.

The presence of police and public safety on campus was increased on March 31 - the day mentioned in the message. Public safety from other campuses including Madison, Stout and La Crosse as well as RFPD, Pierce County Sheriff's Department and State Patrol were on campus. Director of Public Safety Priscilla Stevens said she has confidence in the River Falls community, Public Safety and police. Through a



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

More than 400 people stood in the cold to rally together against racism. The student organized rally was in response to a message written on Perkins' bathroom wall.

combined effort the campus will remain a relatively safe community.

This threat not only heightened security but an awareness among students was increased.

"Students have come rushing forward with a surge of energy to really do something about this," said Dean of Students Roger Ballou.

Students organized a rally held Tuesday night to show that racist behavior, are not tolerated on this campus.

A common theme among

speakers was promoting a safe environment for all students.

"We as a community need to produce a sense of not just racial security but the security of human life," said speaker Mark James, junior psychology major. "Everyone has the right to feel safe in all their endeavors despite skin color, religious beliefs, choice of lifestyle or daily activities."

After the rally, discussion groups were held in the Student Center and in each of the residence halls.

Each discussion group was led by faculty and staff members. The two main goals for each discussion were to get the point across to students on how to remain safe and to give students a place to express their feelings on the issue.

Faculty and staff participating had a meeting March 30 about how to facilitate the discussion groups.

"Key in on a topic, identify and address certain issues and come

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Science day brings scouts to UW-RF



Submitted Photo

The first Super Science Day brought about 75 junior Girl Scouts to campus. The On-Campus Girl Scouts organized the event with the help of the Society of Physics Students, Chem Demons and Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.

Sarah Day
Assistant News Editor

UW-River Falls held the first Super Science Day for Junior Girl Scouts in the fourth through sixth grade March 27. The event was sponsored by the UW-RF On-Campus Girl Scouts, a new organization formed in fall 2003 by seniors Beth Berzelius and Robyn Kincaid.

The event is targeted to Junior Girl Scouts in grades four through six; this is the time

when girls start to drop out of scouts, as well as when they become more interested in science, Berzelius said.

About 75 juniors from River Falls, Hudson, Spring Valley, St Croix Valley, Amery and New Richmond attended the Science Day.

Berzelius said each girl scout earned Science Sleuth Badges for participating in the event.

About 10 eighth grade cadets volunteered from Prescott, River Falls, and Bloomington, Minn.

The girls were trained to help with the science stations, lead songs and performed the flag ceremony.

Gretta Stark, 13, was one of the Cadet volunteers from Troop 1022 in River Falls.

"It was fun helping the little kids," Stark said. "It was fun helping them learn."

The Society of Physics Students, Chem Demons and Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority also volunteered their time at the event.

Jeremy Tilsen, a senior physics major, helped at the dragon fly hummer station.

"It was beneficial to us as presenters to enhance our communication skills," Tilsen said. "It was beneficial to the girls to inspire future students to be interested in science."

About 10 members of Sigma Sigma Sigma were positioned as safety monitors making sure nobody hurt themselves or broke anything.

Mindy Naef, a sorority member, said she felt the day was beneficial.

"Science is a field girls tend to shy away from," Naef said. "It is important for young girls to stay involved with science."

Berzelius agreed.

"It is good for little girls to have big girl role models," Berzelius said. "It is good for them to see college girls are involved with science."

Mary-Alice Muraski, who works with the eSIS program at UW-RF, attended the science day as a leader of Troop 1022 in River Falls. She has been involved with girl scouts for 35 years. Muraski said science is a big part of girl scouts and girls are heavily encouraged to participate.

"Science is cool and girls need to know

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Teaching: Not just a job for Brantley, but a passion



Photo by Eric A. Page

Distinguished Teacher Award winner for 2003, Jenny Brantley, was honored by Chancellor Ann Lydecker at an informal ceremony March 24. Her engraved face can be viewed in the entryway of the Wyman Education Building.

Informal ceremony honors 2003 Distinguished Teacher Award winner; professor reflects

Eric A. Page
Sports Editor

UW-River Falls English professor Jennifer Brantley was nervous as she entered Chancellor Ann Lydecker's office for a meeting last spring.

With UW System schools trimming budgets like a lilac hedge, she thought her job would be the next to meet the shears.

"It was like getting called to the principal's office. I thought I had done something wrong," Brantley said. "I thought, 'Oh dear, what did I say in one of my classes?' or 'Is my job getting cut?'"

What Brantley didn't know was that Lydecker had summoned her to tell her she had been named the UW-RF Distinguished Teacher Award winner for 2003.

"She sat me down and told me I had won the award and I just started to cry," Brantley said. "You don't teach for the recognition, but it sure feels great to be recognized."

Nearly a year later an informal ceremony was held in the lobby of the Wyman Education Building, March 24, where Brantley's bust is now forever engraved alongside past award winners.

What became abundantly clear throughout the ceremony, as Lydecker, English Department Chair Marshall Toman and UW-RF student Adam Helbach showered Brantley with praise, was that Brantley is truly distinctive.

Passion and teaching: The two words do not always coincide.

When speaking of Brantley, the reaction from present and former students is always the same. A reflective smile, a short pause to search for the best word to describe what sets her apart and then comes the answer: her passion.

"She loves her job," English major Molly Magestro said. "She comes into class and she is super prepared and super excited. You can tell she knows what she is doing and wants to share it with us."

Brantley's willingness to extend her teaching beyond the classroom is something that has left a lasting impression on her students. Whether advising the campus literary magazine or advising a student on which graduate school to attend, she has been accessible and understanding of her students' needs.

Magestro was recently preparing a portfolio of poetry to submit to a literary magazine and Brantley offered, outside of class, to revise Magestro's work and help get it published.

"I didn't even have to ask," Magestro said. "She just volunteered. It was awesome."

When describing Brantley, students paint a portrait of an empathetic teacher who knows they have much more going on in their lives than just a test here and a paper due there. It is that understanding that has broadened into Brantley's sincere interest in her students' lives.

"When I was in college I was very shy and I didn't have any professors who reached out to me," Brantley said. "That has made me committed to reaching out to students as an educator. I really like the excitement of working with students. I like hearing their ideas and I like learning from them. Being involved in the students' lives is exciting for me."

Senior English major Jacob Swift credits Brantley with turning his college education in the right direction.

"When I was a freshman I was not a good writer and Dr. Brantley took me aside and encouraged me to keep at it and convinced me I could get better," Swift said. "I have been accepted to graduate school for writing now. She has been one of my biggest inspirations."

Inspiration: A word Toman and Lydecker painted the walls with during the ceremony that lauded Brantley for her teaching. She stood

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UW System challenges UW-RF diversity education guidelines

Ryan Cardinal
Assistant Sports Editor

During a recent review and revision of the general education requirements the UW-River Falls Faculty Senate also took the chance to look at other areas of the curriculum that may need adjusting, including tweaking the American cultural diversity requirement, as well as the newly implemented global perspectives requirement.

Faye Perkins, chair of the Academic Policies and Programs Committee (AP&P), is advising faculty senate on the changes she thinks now is a good time to deal with the issue.

"We've kind of kept this issue on the back burner for a while now," Perkins said. "But now seems like an ideal time to discuss the matter."

The matter being bantered about is what kind of courses should or should not count for a diversity class. According to UW System requirements, a class must deal with African Americans, Hispanic/Latinos, Asian Americans or American Indians and their experiences in the United States.

Many of the classes at UW-RF

deal with other topics, such as women's issues. These classes currently count toward the requirements set forth by the UW system because they were grand fathered in after the decision was made in 1998.

"We've been looking at things from a much broader perspective than the UW requirements dictate," Perkins said.

UW-RF is not the only campus stretching these rules. David Trechter, chair of Faculty Senate, said UW-Stevens Point, UW-Platteville and UW-La Crosse also chose to stick to their own guidelines.

In the amendment brought forth to Faculty Senate by AP&P, it was recommended UW-RF change and adhere to the UW System guidelines. This, however, does not mean that current classes will be completely lost or their intentions forgotten.

"We are totally aware of how important the issue of gender is, and we are in no way diminishing that," Perkins said.

Emily Ronning, Faculty Senate secretary and executive member, feels adhering to the UW System policy may not be the best way to go.

"If we remove the emphasis on

gender, we may be losing ground," Ronning said.

Ronning said sexuality, which is also a topic discussed in many of the current gender courses, would possibly be left behind.

The first proposed amendment deals with a "proposed implementation policy," Perkins said

"We've been looking at things from a much broader perspective than the UW requirements dictate."

Faye Perkins
Academic Policies and Programs Committee chair

"With this we are basically going to try to get the classes that deal with ethnicity to also deal with, for example, women's issues," Perkins said. "This way we can still comply with UW's requirements, but also keep the gender issue in the classroom."

This is not a perfect solution to Perkins, however. The AP&P committee favors having a third diversity course which deals solely with gender, but Perkins does not think that is realistic at

this point.

"Most people involved in the decision making process are against it in the end because we want to keep the number of credits manageable for the students," Perkins said.

Ronning said UW-RF still has things to learn about both racial and gender equality.

"It's clear by the recent events that there is not equality on the racial level," Ronning said. "We still have a way to go when it comes to learning about other cultures around the world."

The second proposed amendment formally adds the aforementioned races to the American cultural diversity requirement.

Karen Klyczek, Faculty Senate vice chair, said the issue has been one of much discussion at recent meetings. It has only added to a very busy semester for Faculty Senate.

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up with some solutions," said MaCherie Placide, political science instructor.

Although students came out to show support after the threat was made, some students are concerned that the level of aware-

ness on racial differences is "not high enough."

"It is sad that it took something drastic like this for us to come together," said student Leon Gbee in a discussion circle at the Student Center.

Right now plans are being made on what will happen in the future at UW-RF dealing with racial issues.

"The campus community of River Falls

will take actions ranging from meetings, discussion groups and possibly revising and changing curriculums so we can get people to become educated on people of color and with different ethnic backgrounds," said ASC Advisor, Terrence Galbreath. "I would really like to see upper administration have an action plan put together so if something ever comes up again, we don't try to write the script as we go along."

IF

If you are a man and believe that you are superior to women, you are mistaken.

If you are heterosexual, desire relations only with members of the other sex, and believe that this is "the correct way," you are mistaken.

If you are an American and believe that your heritage is superior to others, you are mistaken.

If you are a Christian and believe that this is the only path to God, you are mistaken.

If you are middle or upper class, secure in financial stability, and you think that you are

better than those who have less or no financial resources, you are mistaken.

If you grew up in the country or suburbs and believe that your environment was better than the inner city, you are mistaken.

And, if you are white and think that you are blessed because you are from a superior race, you are mistaken.

You see, when we disparage other human beings, we disparage ourselves. We are each part of the same human family. I am in you, and you are in me.

Roger Ballou, Dean of Students

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they can do it," Muraski said.

The girls participated in six workshops. The Chem Demons, On-Campus Girl Scouts and the Physics Club all put on two workshops. The On-Campus Girl Scouts made Gak, a substance similar to play-doh but gooier, and did DNA extraction using spilt peas. The Chem Demons used science to solve a crime and showed the Juniors how to test whether household products were acidic or basic using red cabbage juice. Finally, the Physics Club showed the girl scouts about the forces of physics and how they can bend walls. The Juniors also learned how to bend light using mirrors.

Seventy five faculty and students and 35 volunteers helped

run the event.

Lisa Kroutil, faculty adviser for the Chem Demons, is an advisor for the On-Campus Girl Scouts and Tri Sigma. Kroutil helped advise the Science Day planning but said all the credit goes to the students for putting it on. She feels Science Day and the Girl Scout program are important because they contribute to the girls' learning and it helps make them well-rounded individuals.

"It will teach the girls independence, leadership skills and group cooperation," Kroutil said. "The Science Day helps young girls get exposed to science and it shows them it is fun, not scary."

The Chem Demons put on a chemistry show at the end of the day. Four Chem Demons, Nicky Holm, Josh Karaus, Mike Salmela and Mike Sykora, put on the 11 demonstrations.

"It's fun for us, we want to do it," Sykora said. "Our shows are like practical [in Chemistry] for

us too."

The show took three weeks of practice and preparation.

"The shows help us with our presentation skills," Karaus said. "We are a volunteer organization. If someone asks us to do something, nine times out of 10 we do it."

Sykora feels this event is important because girls should be educated and involved in science.

"Females in science aren't exactly dominant," Sykora said. "Girls aren't normally a target audience."

Attendees of the Science Day reacted with enthusiasm.

Jaime Lindstrom, 10, is a member of the St. Croix Valley Girl Scout Troop 1220. She enjoyed the Chem Demon show and making Gak.

"It was really fun," Lindstrom said. "It was a great experience to do it."

Vanessa Smeltzer, 11, is from the Spring Valley Troop 1079.

She enjoyed the Chem Demon show and the nitrogen demonstration.

"It was really cool to see how different chemicals react," Smeltzer said.

Barb Tashjian, troop leader, felt the event was beneficial.

"Each activity kept the girls attention and focus very well," Tashjian said. "We will definitely come next year."

Kincaid helped to run the DNA extraction station and taught the volunteer cadets how to help.

"It was great for me to share what I've learned at the University with other girls," Kincaid said.

Berzelius felt the day was successful.

"I'm happy how it turned out," Berzelius said. "It was a safe day."

Berzelius said she hopes the Super Science Day will become an annual event and encourages both males and females to join the On-Campus Girl Scouts.

BRANTLEY from A2

humbly as Toman spoke of the energy that she brings to the English department and how she is both endeared and admired by her colleagues.

Lydecker said there can be no greater praise for a teacher than being complimented by a fellow professor and a student. Both were represented at the ceremony.

At the end of the day Brantley goes home to her husband Brian Fitch and her beloved dog, Ivy, satisfied with the notion she may have influenced the life of another human being.

"The power of an educator is pret-

ty significant and pretty frightening," Brantley said. "There are days that I go home and wonder, 'Did I listen well enough? Did I say the right thing?' It's important to give students good advice and it could affect the rest of their lives."

Brantley said winning the award has jump-started her career and that she feels obligated to live up to the title of "distinguished" in order to be a success.

What is the recipe for a successful teacher?

Take one part passion, one part empathy and understanding, and mix with a generous amount of inspiration. Simmer on low for a 10-year teaching career and let sit until cool.

Or, venture over to 247 KFA and be greeted with a smile by Brantley and her bright, inquisitive eyes.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Student carried to dorm room; receives drinking citation

Anne Cloeter
Viewpoints Editor

Two elevator buttons, valued at \$200, were punched out and damaged on a Student Center elevator sometime between March 19 and 22. There was no physical evidence found and there are no suspects at the time.

Public Safety officers were called to McMillan Hall on March 26 to check on a female resident in one of the rooms. A Resident Assistant reported that Trisha L. Peterson, 20, was carried into the building and to her room by two males. When the

officers arrived, there was no answer at Peterson's door, so they entered the room. Officers found her on the bed, unable to stand or talk in complete sentences. Peterson was issued a \$243 underage consumption citation.

An underage incident report was called to Public Safety on March 26 in Grimm Hall. The Resident Assistants had three subjects at the front desk who they had seen earlier walking in the halls with a bottle of vodka. Jenna E. McLifes, 19, Leah M. Hirak, 19, and Jeffrey R. Joski, 19, each received \$243 tickets.

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EDITORIAL

'Channie Annie' never too busy for Student Voice staff

Chancellor Ann Lydecker's death hit a lot of people hard and the Student Voice staff was no exception.

Ann met and worked closely with several Voice staff members on a weekly basis. It wasn't uncommon to see her quoted in half the articles each week.

Her professionalism was always expected, but her caring, motherly attitude wasn't. She immediately put student journalists at ease during an interview and never seemed bothered by us. She looked at talking with Voice reporters as an opportunity to interview back and get to know each reporter as a student and a human being.

Ann spoke to Voice reporters when it seemed as if the rest of the campus was mute.

When a story was difficult or unpleasant to the campus community, many administrators dodged interviews or simply didn't have time—but Ann would always make time. She made a student feel important though she must have been far busier than anyone else at UW-River Falls.

Often Ann would bend over backwards to help out the student media. When student reporters called her office to set up an interview appointment, she would often have 15 or 30 minutes available that same day. If she was out of town, she never thought twice about giving the reporter her cell phone number.

"Channie Annie, as the Voice staff lovingly and jokingly called her, was the only other person working into the wee hours of the morning in North Hall. Even after a long hard day, Ann took the time on several occasions to stop on her way out of the building to engage in casual conversation with Voice staffers who were taking a break."

only other person working into the wee hours of the morning in North Hall. Even after a long hard day, Ann took the time on several occasions to stop on her way out of the building to engage in casual conversation with Voice staffers who were taking a break.

And instead of getting mad at the nickname we gave her, Ann had a good chuckle over it.

Our relationship with Ann was not always picture perfect, however. Sometimes Voice staffers wouldn't stand further than 25 feet and, on one occasion, one of us even used her parking spot. Regardless of those problems, Ann was always there to answer a question, give us a quote and make us feel special with her unforgettable smile.

Being a journalist at a time when a close friend dies is one of the hardest things students can learn. Unfortunately the things we learned the morning of March 25 can not be taught in a textbook. At a time when the rest of the campus had begun the grieving process, Voice staffers were hurriedly ripping apart page one, gathering quotes, facts and pictures of the morning tragedy. The grief for a journalist begins when the notebook closes at the end of the day.

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It was a good day for Mr. Kerry until he had to make a life changing decision...



"So what will it be? Paper or Plastic?"

Decision Disaster Series #1

Congressman expresses loss

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."

These words were to be spoken in a speech by President Kennedy in Dallas on the day of his assassination. It was a day this country will forever remember, not only for the tragic loss of a great leader, but also for the beginning of a great legacy that has survived in the hearts and minds of the American people.

The news of Chancellor Lydecker's tragic passing marks a solemn moment for the state of Wisconsin and a great loss indeed for all the lives that she touched in this community. In passing, she left behind a legacy of extraordinary compassion, visionary leadership and a remarkable dedication to service and education.

I had the pleasure of working with Chancellor Lydecker during the past few years and I will miss her deliberative style and open-door approach, which were such great assets to the University. During her tenure, UW-River Falls excelled in its service to students and is today truly a model of academic quality.

I wish to extend my deepest sympathies for her family and loved ones. She will be missed sorely, but her remarkable leadership and dedication to learning will continue to live on.

Ron Kind, congressman

Chancellor's hospitality, spirit remembered

It was December last year that I received a long note by e-mail from Ann Lydecker. The timing of this note perhaps says a lot about her Dec. 24 at 3:59 a.m.

Near the end of this two-page e-mail, I quote "the office has emptied of all people and I still have a few more notes to write before I head home to spend a couple of days with Bill." Such dedication to her work in establishing worthwhile relationships with the University, as well as staying connected to friends epitomize Ann's spirit even to her last days.

I could have written pages on her visit, despite a busy schedule last October with several River Falls colleagues and her husband Bill, to our Center and project

sites in remote China, bordering Tibet. This trip was done in order to establish a joint project between UW-RF and my organization to advance a common cause, though geographically we are a world apart. I could have written another few pages about her warmest hospitality both at the University as well as in her home during my return to UW-RF to receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award. But those would just be added examples for all of us who had the pleasure to know her.

Perhaps in memory of the lighter side of a real human, let me quote again the same e-mail of last December, "Your quarterly newsletters have been so enjoyable that we just ordered my 91-year-old father a subscription for his Christmas present." Her check arrived shortly thereafter, which we deposited into our bank. The following day, the bank called up and reminded us that her personal check bore no signature. In both her and our absent-mindedness, neither of us had noticed the small detail. We returned the check to her and she promptly sent us another, this time signed.

Though Ann has now left us, her memories and spirit will always be with us. Another small detail—her father will now receive a life subscription of our newsletters. A bank may think otherwise, but for many of us, her signature is there, signed or unsigned.

Wong How Man, alumnus

Rally touches RF resident

It was a cold or at least cool spring night. More than 400 students and citizens of the city came together on campus and said "no" to racism and to express deep concern about the racist threat inscribed on the bathroom wall at a local restaurant. Beyond that, this assembly said not to buy into any kind of bigotry and expressed love and concern about the person who wrote those remarks.

There was an amazing young black man, Mark James, who spoke with such dignity and with such deep understanding he brought me to tears. I cannot begin to express my feelings for the young lesbian women who spoke out for justice and something must be said about Roger Ballou and his comments in "IF."

This was not a moment that would capture the attention of the world like Sept. 11, 2001. This was a moment where some spiritual healing took place and it brought people together to say we are one.

I know that in some circles poking fun at Greek fraternities is great sport. The fraternities rallied around and escorted black students to class on March 31—the date the restaurant inscription cited.

Old, young, gay, straight, black, white, Asian, Hispanic, Muslim,

Christian, Buddhist, atheist and agnostic stood together as one tonight saying no to bigotry.

It was not a big, historic event but it has changed my hometown forever.

Paul Barkla, River Falls resident

University should stand up to words on wall

On Dec. 2, 1859, John Brown was hanged for treason against the United States. He had captured the U. S. arsenal at Harper's Ferry in order to redistribute firearms to slaves who would in turn overthrow their masters. He failed. When he was sent to the gallows he approached them with a grace and dignity strange for a man who knew he was about to be killed. His dying words were, "This is a beautiful country." In that one sentence he concisely and calmly described the full horror of our country's crimes.

John Brown died so calmly and fought so furiously for the freedom of all because he believed something nearly all Americans believe: The human spirit is indomitable. Every ideal we hold dear is rooted in this belief. Every great person in our country's history has been defined by this belief. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream, which was the American dream for every human being. This dream was so profound and undefeatable that no racist clan or conservative government could stand in the way of its raw, overpowering truth.

Yet a small number of racists still remain despite their archaic viewpoints. Recently, a racist message was written on the wall of Perkins threatening the physical well-being of the River Falls

black community. In response to this, some instructors and students decided to not attend class March 31.

To yield to the writings of a cowardly and small-minded racist, to be dominated by fear, to cower from what is right is to besmirch the freedom and civil rights we hold so dear and for which so many people have fought and died. We must not back down from those who would hurt us. If we can't stand up for what is right then what do we stand for?

When someone asks us what we did on March 31, will we say we were dominated by a blurb on a wall or will we be able to confront these racists and say we did what was right by showing you seditious mongrels our spirit cannot be broken by the slings and arrows of your ignorance. We are free. We are brave. We are one human family, and you are the minority.

Kris Evans, student

United Council sends thoughts, sympathies

"On behalf of the students and staff of United Council, we would like to extend our deepest sympathies to those individuals and communities whose lives were touched by Ann Lydecker. UW-River Falls and its surrounding communities have lost a courageous and visionary leader and her presence will be missed not only in the River Falls community but across the state of Wisconsin.

"Chancellor Lydecker was a dedicated advocate for all UW students. Her steadfast leadership on many issues proved that if something was important to students, it was important to her. She actively sought student input and championed a number of causes that positively impacted the experiences of students. Her enthusiasm for students to become civically and politically engaged on campus and in their communities was unmatched and that spirit will be part of her legacy for generations of students to come."

Jeff Pertl, United Council president

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Hateful comments display ignorance

Nobody should be scared to walk on campus. Nobody should be scared to walk on Main Street. Nobody should be scared to visit a local restaurant. Nobody should be scared because of hateful comments made about the color of their skin.

It is a difference in skin pigment. It is only skin pigment. It is a biological occurrence that determines skin tone. It doesn't matter to me if someone is white, black, red, green, blue or even yellow, and it shouldn't matter to anyone else either. Unfortunately it does.

An ethnicity, race or culture should not be prejudiced or discriminated against for who they are and especially what they look like.

My father told me from a very young age that it is what is inside a person that really counts and I took that to heart.

Appearance is just another unique characteristic that makes everyone different and that should be appreciated. I would hate to live in a world of only one color.

People, regardless of their views or beliefs, should treat everyone with respect and dignity. Nothing makes anyone else better than the man or woman next to them, especially

skin color.

People should also keep their views or beliefs to themselves if it infringes on the rights or safety of others. Hateful comments or writings on walls only show ignorance. They are very harmful to those who the comments or writings are directed toward. Nobody should feel threatened in their own community or campus setting. This should be a place to have fun, learn and

NELS THORESON

grow. This should not be a place to hate. It doesn't need to be here or anywhere else for that matter.

Our society needs to get beyond this. Some people need to stop seeing people as this color or that nationality and

they also need to stop stereotyping this race or this culture based on pre-conceived ideas or beliefs.

We are not all that different but we need to accept and recognize our differences.

We need to show support for diversity and condone those who try to hinder it. We need to come together to create an atmosphere where

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nobody feels scared or threatened.

Too many people have fought and some even have lost their lives for the rights that everyone is entitled to and should be given.

It is only a difference in color. It is a difference in skin pigment.

We all can make a difference. Stop the hate.

After death, people carry on in hearts

I'm going to dispense with my usual political rhetoric this week to concentrate on a more important topic - remembering those who have touched our lives.

It's been said that the only things in life we must do are die and pay taxes. Although I sometimes think this cliché is right on target, I also have come to realize at least one "must do" was left out. The missing part of this list may be the most difficult thing any of us will ever have to do—learning to live with the deaths of those around us.

I, like most of you, have lost friends, family members and co-workers over the years. Some were expected, some sudden, some harder to deal with than others. I have also been in a professional position that required me to notify strangers of the unexpected deaths of their loved ones.

None of this prepared me for the day I had to tell my wife that our youngest son Michael had been killed in an accident. Nor was I prepared for the call, less than a year later, informing me my mother had died.

I'm not writing this to gain anyone's sympathy; I don't want it and this column is not about me per se. The purpose of this column is to remind anyone who reads it that people never really die as long as we remember them in our hearts and minds. They continue to live on in our thoughts and prayers until it is our turn to join them in the hereafter.

I've often found it amazing

how even the most despicable person on earth is somehow remembered fondly by someone who was close to them.

When an inmate died at the prison I worked at, most of us would think "Good riddance,

DAVE MISSELT

couldn't have happened to a nicer guy."

This lifeless lump of flesh may have been a baby-raper, a murderer of his own children or perhaps merely a burglar who abused his victims before stealing their property.

But for some unknown reason, this social pariah was almost always remembered kindly by his family. Family members seemed to only recount the good times, when the inmate was a happy, playful child, for example, before he chose a life of crime.

Whether these memories were simply a way of rationalizing a wasted life, or was an attempt by the family to ease their pain, is beyond me. But what does it matter in the long-run? It boils down to the fact that someone they loved died and is no longer physically with them.

It's when scenes are conjured up in our mind's every time we hear a deceased loved one's name, look at their photo, hold their belongings, or see someone who resembles them that they return to life, if even for an instant.

You see, they haven't really left us, they just continue to live elsewhere. It is up to us, the living, to keep their spirits alive. Although sometimes hard to do, remembering the good in each of us is one of those "must dos" that make life a little better.

Mom, Michael, Chancellor Lydecker; I won't forget. Carry on.



Lydecker's warm personality affected all

Our campus suffered a huge blow when Chancellor Ann Lydecker was killed March 25. Although not everyone was fortunate enough to have known or talked to her personally, I think most people would agree she truly cared about UW-River Falls. She was a very hands-on leader. Lydecker would always attend any and all school functions on campus. Being a journalism student, the people in my classes met with her on a daily basis for stories. They would always say how easy she was to talk to and how she always made time for the student paper.

I was fortunate enough to have been able to talk to Chancellor Lydecker. I interviewed her for a story I was doing, but I considered our talk more of a conversation than an interview. When I entered the chancellor's office Wednesday morning I was

pleasantly surprised to see cows as her decor. Lydecker grew up on a dairy farm and so did I; I knew I liked this woman already. After I had asked the chancellor my questions, I closed my notebook and prepared to leave. I knew such a high-profile woman would be very busy so I didn't want to take up her time. However, the chancellor began to ask me questions. She wanted to know what major I was, what year I was

SARAH DAY

in and about my family. I commented on her stuffed cows and she told me about the farm she grew up on. I told her I had also grown up on a farm and she asked me what breed of cows I had. I said the cows were Holsteins and we were in agreement they were the best kind; I liked Lydecker even more.

My point of telling this story is just to say how Lydecker has touched so many lives even if it was just in a small way. I don't consider myself any more important than anyone else, yet I was blessed to have been

able to talk to her. I don't claim to have known her personally, I don't claim to know who she may really have been but I was impressed by my meeting with her and I feel better knowing she was a warm, friendly person.

I know there are many other people who really knew her and can say much more profound things than I just did. I still find it nice to know that although her death was a tragedy to those who loved and respected her, those who knew her or talked with her can say what a good person she was.

Although death is sad and hard for us to stomach, we should take relief and comfort knowing not only are the deceased in a better place, but that our lives are fuller just for knowing them. And we should be grateful everyday of our lives for any person we are fortunate enough to know or come in any sort of contact with. This is because people never know how someone will affect their life or how they will affect someone else's. And you won't know unless you give them a chance.



Conservative political debates bring hostility, lack integrity

During the past year, the tone of debate at UW-RF has been increasingly hostile? The cacophony is exemplified by the bias issue, which refuses to go away, whether in the shape of the College Republicans decrying liberal bias among faculty or liberal students proclaiming conservative bias in the *Student Voice*.

Last week, Kyle Weaver addressed the latter issue. I respectfully disagree with the premise of the bias arguments, and with Weaver's arguments on behalf of the newspaper. Note the adverb "respectfully"—it will become important later.

Weaver takes pains to assert the *Student Voice* has no bias, left or right. Honestly, the whole bias brouhaha is a silly tempest in a teacup.

American journalists take pride in maintaining the fiction

that they have no point-of-view. Of course, the American public understands the impossibility of this pose, so hand wringing ensues about this bias or that bias springing forth from some hidden agenda. As educated adults, it is up to us to read and assess arguments on merits.

Perhaps it is noble to pursue a fair-minded approach when reporting fact or opinion, but the mere fact that individuals with unique experiences report the news means bias, recognized or unrecognized, is inevitable.

This point was made clear in Scotland during the onset of the

Iraq invasion when I picked up *The Times* and *The Guardian*. The first is commonly recognized as a conservative newspaper and the second as a liberal newspaper. I read both accounts and lo and behold, using the same facts both presented a different perspective on the invasion. As a liberal in good standing I could have fired off a mis-sive to *The Times* screaming

JIM MAC TAVISH

about their slant but I suspect the Brits would have laughed me off the island. The fact is I read both, learned something from the interpretation of both sides and made my own judgment.

The situation is stickier with a student newspaper as there is only one officially-sanctioned and financed forum for students.

However, as in the larger press, I believe the standard should be whether the media systematically and actively suppresses certain points-of-view. Although I have often questioned the editorial judgment of the *Student Voice*, I think it unfair to say the newspaper has systematically suppressed liberal opinion.

As Weaver anointed me a representative of editorial page liberals, I would like to dispute his claim that blame for perceived conservative bias at the *Student Voice* should fall to "liberal writers for not being loud enough."

My approach may be "old school," but I don't see the opinion columnist's job as a constant tosser of rhetorical bombs. While I defend the right of anyone to write as they so please, provided the writers do not out-and-out lie, I find the opinions

of some of the conservative columnists at the newspaper destructive. I disagree with Weaver and I could attack his integrity and call him names. Such a tactic may gain me attention and notoriety, but it doesn't advance my argument and it poisons the campus atmosphere. Andy Parrish and David Misselt's writings about "what liberals think" attack the integrity and intelligence of their opponents, but in the real world people of good conscience can disagree. They can even disagree with me—imagine that.

Certain styles of writing have their time and place. Satire is a great tool when an opponent is powerful and arrogant or an argument ridiculous. Righteous anger and "fighting words," such as calling someone a liar, can also be useful at times. However, when the left pro-

claim opponents fascists, racists or warmongers, the right proclaim opponents traitors, dupes or whiners, or either side attacks opponents by constant name calling, they only polarize people and inspire animosity. Such labels are not always unfounded, but a very high standard should be met for making the charge. I know continual questioning of liberal's integrity and intelligence by conservative columnists has not endeared them to me, but if it is expected my response is "loud" and accusatory merely to cause a stir, then I will disappoint. Unlike them, I believe there are conservatives with integrity whose only "crime" is disagreeing with me—not a crime at all really. Let's argue our corners in good faith. That's democracy folks. Attacks may entertain, but they only coarsen us.



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How did Ann Lydecker affect your life?



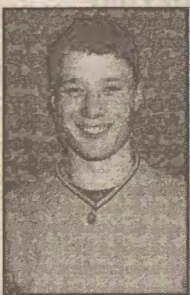
Justin Hauer, faculty

"She knew your name; she knew you as a person. That's what made her a great leader and role model."



Jodi Jabs, junior

"She did a lot for us. We got to know her on a personal level, not just as the chancellor. That's the kind of person I want to be."



Brian Pfannes, senior

"She affected my life in the fact that she's the first administrator that I've ever met that was hands on. She's impacted people that don't even realize it. She's taught me to go out and help and encourage others."



Christine Duellman, junior

"We had a really nice chancellor. Even though she was busy, she made time for us."



Nakati Kakosso, senior

"I feel she was a leader that really cared about the students. She showed interest in our progression on campus."

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by Eric Ebert

"SHE HAS LEFT A LASTING AND LOVING IMPRESSION ON ALL OF OUR HEARTS" -VIRGIL NYLANDER



Photos by Teresa Schmitt, Eric A. Page and Jens Gunelson

LYDECKER from A1

ing, warm and positive personality was very soothing to others. "I think that everyone knew her," her husband said. "She was open and genuine. In general though, there were large portions of her life that were open to everybody — people knew her. I think that is what we are seeing, people that never met her feel as though they knew her."

Along with the long hours Ann spent in the office, she frequently spent time attending campus events and traveling to other universities to share her contagious smile and positive energy.

Yet there was an Ann outside of UW-RF. Growing up on a farm, Ann always felt the need and want to get her hands dirty. Gardening was her passion.

"Our house both inside and out, that was her territory," Bill said. "The house is filled with plants inside and out. Every year there was more."

In addition to her own passion

she experienced Bill's right beside him. Bill recalled how his first few dates with Ann integrated his love for barbershop singing.

"She's participated in it," Bill said. "She would go with me wherever. It became something that really helped bind us together."

Ann became much more to everyone at UW-RF than a chancellor. She was a friend, a mentor, a family member, leader, teacher and inspiration.

"The world may endure without you," Schuelke said at the memorial service. "But it will never be the same."

Although her petals fell to the damp ground much sooner than many expected, Bill said Ann would have wanted people to "not focus on the loss."

"I think she would say something like, 'focus on the positive things and look ahead,'" Bill said.

Monteith said Ann's own words may be best in helping those grieving her loss: "Life is short — smile and be happy."

Student Voice reporters contributed to this story

CRASH SITE from A1

said. For now, Muhlhausen is awaiting the results of the investigators' reconstruction of the Lydecker crash. It will likely take four to six weeks. Results will show more about how the crash happened and give police a good estimate of how fast each car was moving when they collided.

Lange, a veteran of the DOT, said in a lot of accidents there are things that will remain unknown.

"She very well may have stopped and looked both ways, but sometimes mistakes

happen," Lange said. "I've been doing this for 13 years and I've seen a lot of crashes like this."

Muhlhausen can't speculate if Lydecker stopped for the sign and drove ahead or ran the stop sign. Either way, he said she "failed to negotiate the stop sign properly."

According to the accident report, both vehicles spun counterclockwise across the intersection. Bang's vehicle stopped partially in the ditch on the east-bound lane while Lydecker's car came to rest in a field southwest of the intersection.

Young heard the impact from her home three houses from the corner. Young's grand-

"With rumble strips comes noise, and noise bothers neighbors. Not everything is as simple as it looks."
Dick Lange
Wisconsin DOT

mother had just opened the patio door when the vehicles collided.

"It was like a big thud-boom and I thought [my grandmother] hit the door," Young said.

She stepped onto her deck, which overlooks the intersection, and could see Bang's truck. "[The truck] basically looked like a car because it was smashed

in so much," Young said. Though a blanket of fog covered much of the River Falls area that morning, police do not believe fog or wet roads were a factor.

ADMINISTRATION from A1

to the next level of administration.

"I've looked at the whole notion of becoming a college president or a chancellor — certainly not this way — but I have," Coombs said. "I have 10 years' experience in the kind of job I'm doing right now, and that's the kind of experience you need to move up into the next level."

Lyall said plans have not yet been set for finding a replacement for Lydecker, though she said she will begin looking at the search process next week. She said she hoped to have a list of candidates

ready in the next few weeks.

No one has stepped forward to apply for the position yet, Lyall said.

Lyall said Lydecker's replacement process will not postpone her upcoming retirement, which is set for Sept. 1 — or sooner if her successor is named before then.

She said she will get the process — which will involve a search committee and a regent committee — started but will let her successor make the decision.

Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton said the governor's office will help Lyall and the committees "make sure the process goes smooth and as dignified as possible to honor [Lydecker's] memory."

Lyall said Lydecker's replacement won't be named until at least January 2005.

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Section B1

Falcons off to best start since 1991

**Perkins picks up
win No. 300 with
Sunday victory**

Nathan LoCascio
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls Falcon fast-pitch team was not able to come away with a win against UW-Eau Claire Wednesday, losing both of its games.



Faye Perkins

Eau Claire (6-5, 2-0 WIAC) won the first game with a 8-5 victory over UW-RF (12-6, 0-2 WIAC) and an even more impressive 9-1 win in the second game.

Anna Poulter led the Falcons in the first game, going 2-4 at the plate and scoring three runs in the sixth inning. Leah Vanderploeg pitched five innings managing to strike out three batters, but allowed three walks and five runs, in which three were earned in the Falcon loss.

The Falcons struggled to gain a run, but finally earned one off a Devanie Bigalk RBI scoring Emily Rodgers. Bigalk however struggled on the mound striking out only one batter and allowing 10 hits to Eau Claire.

Poulter stole three bases bringing her season total to 32.

The Falcon softball team gave up only three runs in four victories to sweep the Augsburg Tournament the weekend of March 27-28. At the end of the tournament the 12-4 Falcon record was the best since 1991, when the team started with an 11-4 record.

The Falcons scored 17 of their 25 runs in the two games on Sunday. "We played similar both days, it's just sometimes the bats get started and sometimes they don't," Falcon Coach Faye Perkins said.

Saturday, UW-RF reached season highs for hits in a game with 13 and on Sunday by having eight batters get a hit.

The Falcons gave up one run on Sunday, while committing no errors.

The Falcons opened with a 2-0 win over Augsburg and a 6-2 win over UM-Morris Saturday.

In a pitching duel against Augsburg, Leah Vanderploeg struck out eight while allowing three hits in a complete-game shutout to pick up her fifth win of the season and stay undefeated. River Falls had three hits and one error in the 2-0 victory.

The Falcon offense showed up in the third inning versus UM-Morris putting up four runs in a 6-2 win. River Falls would score runs in the fourth and seventh for a total of six runs on 13 hits.

Devanie Bigalk pitched a complete game, giving up two runs on six hits while striking out nine. Bigalk also led the Falcons with two RBI on 1-3 hitting.

River Falls was led in hitting by Melissa Turbak and Breamber Syverson who both went 3-4 and Poulter who went 3-5.

Turbak, Megan Blakeley and Michelle Heuser all had an RBI.

On Sunday the Falcons had plenty of run support though few runs were needed in the two victories. The Falcons opened with a 9-1 win over UM-Morris and came back with an 8-0 win over Augsburg.

In the early game versus UM-Morris, River Falls scored nine runs on 12 hits while giving up only one run on seven hits.

The Falcons scored in five out of the six innings, including opening the game by scoring two in the first.

Falcon pitcher Molly Arends earned the first victory of her career by giving up one run on six hits, striking out three and walking four. "It was extremely important for her to gain confidence and get comfortable out there and she did," Perkins said.

Vanderploeg closed the game pitching the final inning giving up one hit and striking out two.

Emily Rogers led the Falcons in batting going 3-3 and driving in three runs.

Jassamy Schwartz and Carolyn Guisinger both drove in two runs while Jamie Falck brought in one.

The River Falls offense would continue to put up big numbers in the second game scoring eight runs on nine hits in the shutout.

The Falcons scored in five out of seven innings including a four-run second inning that put River Falls up 5-0.

Schwartz led the Falcons with two RBI on 1-2 hitting and a walk. Four Falcon players each batted a run in.

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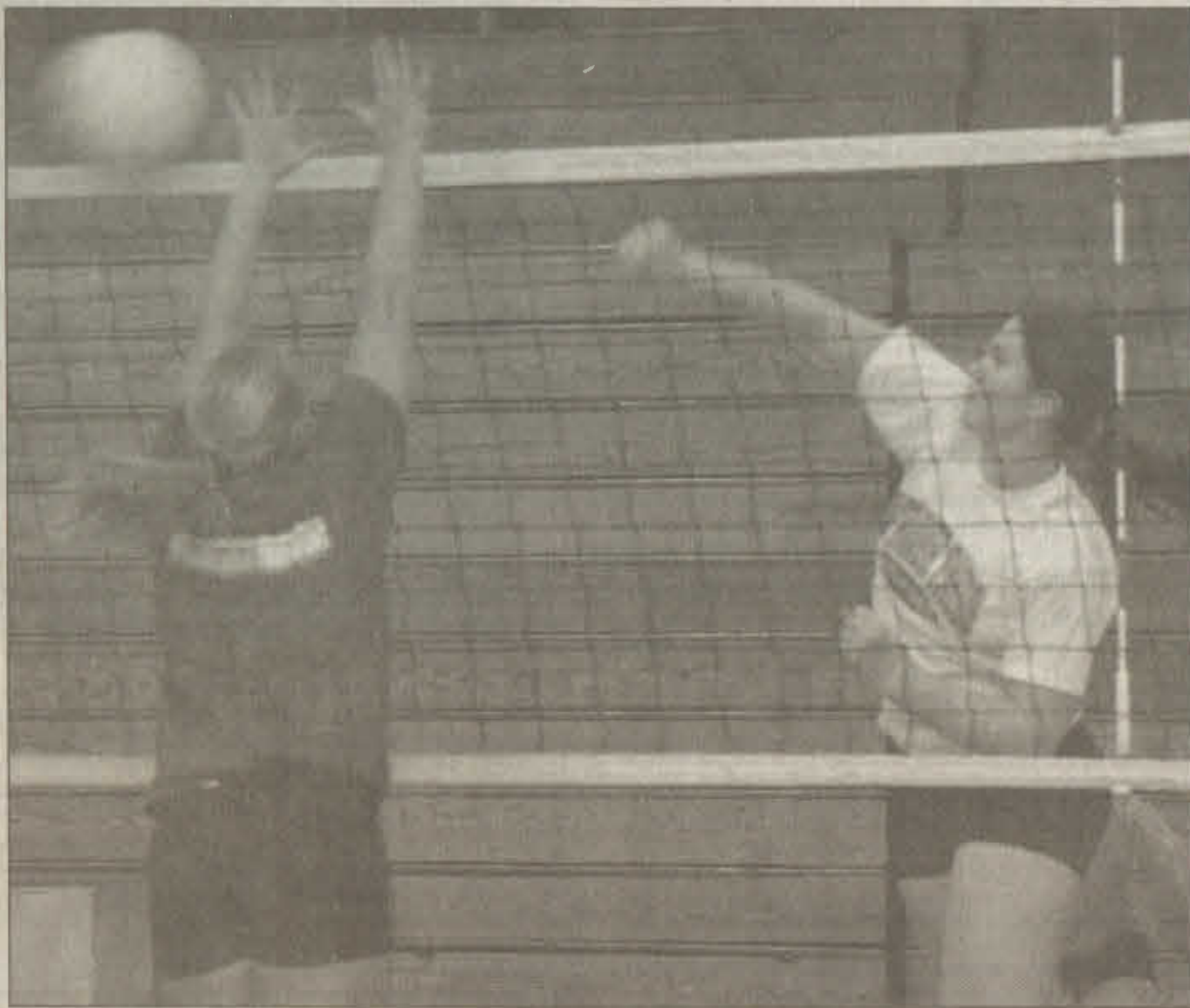


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UW-River Falls freshman volleyball player Erin Glunz spikes a ball over the outstretched hands of a teammate during practice Wednesday afternoon. The Falcons hold three weeks of spring practice that started the week before spring break. Head coach Patti Ford said her team is young but she expects them to gel and come together in the offseason and be competitive in the WIAC next fall.

Spring fever: Baseball remains on the minds of many at UW-RF

As sure as the calendar does its annual turn from the cold, snowy month of March to the fountain of hope that is April, the students of UW-River Falls venture out of their dorms in search of fun and frivolity around campus.

The seemingly endless winter was certainly accelerated to a degree by the outstanding runs of both the men's basketball and both hockey teams. Each provided entertainment as well as success, bringing notoriety to the University in its accomplishments.

Now, as spring break has come to an end, the final six weeks are all that's left before the joys of summer are upon us. With spring comes the usual things but the one gaping hole on the grounds of the UW-RF campus is the lack of America's pastime: baseball.

This will be the second year that the community has been deprived of the sport, after the administration decided to pull the plug on the baseball program, along with men's wrestling and woman's gymnastics.

The absence of baseball, leaves UW-RF with only track and field and softball to

provide any athletic amusement for the final half of the spring semester.

People can say what they wish about baseball and its entertainment value but the vast majority of folks would definitely hold it higher on the "viewing quality" poll than track and field or softball.

This doesn't mean the current spring sports don't hold qualities that make them worthy of viewing. But there are reasons you see each of them, sparingly at best, in national publications and television.

Nine out of 10 people who don't like baseball fall into the category of people who don't understand the game. I don't want to come across as some sports snob; I enjoy a hockey fight or bone-crushing tackle as much as the next fan. But there's just something about baseball, despite its recent perceived downturn in popularity that gets people intrigued.

RYAN CARDINAL

"With spring comes the usual things, but the one gaping hole on the grounds of the UW-RF campus is the lack of America's pastime: baseball."

Even this winter, as the NFL playoffs commenced, the entire sports world shifted focus to the Alex Rodriguez saga. For better or worse, baseball has that effect on people.

Because of the number of games played in a Major League Baseball season, attendance and television ratings don't approach that of the NFL. But there has to be a reason why the World Series last year approached record ratings.

The reasons the program was cut are debatable but after sifting through the rubble, the bottom line, pardon the pun, was money. Things have certainly not gotten any better on the financial frontier since then and there is no chance the University would even consider bringing it back at this point.

The loss of baseball at UW-RF (and many other campuses across the country) joins an ever-growing list of sports and activities that are now kicked to the curb because of budget issues.

It just doesn't seem right that baseball, the national pastime and arguably the best spring sport at the collegiate level, is relegated to that not-so illustrious list.

Taking your basketball game to the next level



UW-River Falls freshman Brian Stalter (left) and Reggie Lenear (right) play a pick-up game on the new basketball courts behind Grimm hall. The courts were completed in late August and will be the site of many pick-up games this spring.

Photo by Eric A. Page

New basketball courts provide more opportunity for UW-RF students to get out and enjoy springtime

The days of spring have finally arrived at UW-River Falls and that means it's time to play some outdoor ball, basketball that is.

Now is the time when those who played basketball during the winter, through intramurals or another form of organized play, can show off their new skills. And there is no better place to show off those skills than at the new outdoor basketball courts.

The basketball courts are unlike last year's courts in many ways. The courts have eight hoops instead of last year's four (one had a busted rim, lowering the total to three); meaning your chances of having a hoop to play on have doubled.

The courts have a defined three-point line so big shots are available when necessary.

The hoops are straight so you don't have to worry about mastering the rim, which added some frustration to the fast-moving pick-ups. For some, shaking off a defender was easy, while the struggle came with the battle of a worn out rim. This is not a battle you want to be facing

when you're sitting at a six-point deficit and you are the team's top shooter.

As you also may notice, the courts are strictly for basketball, which means there is no waiting for that tennis game to finish, doubling your chance to start that game of 21 the you've been meaning to get out and play for nearly six months. Last year, you'd make the journey to the far side of campus only to find that people

COREY HARGREAVES

were in the middle of a doubles game sitting at 40-15, putting your two-on-two game on hold for yet another week.

Did I mention the courts are in a new more centralized area of the campus?

This alone makes the courts much more appealing and accessible to the students on the campus. For all of the east-siders there is no more "That's too far to walk," anymore. You've stepped up to the challenge, so face your match. Trash-talking may be for the dorms, but a challenge is only as far as the center field outside of Grimm.

The location itself seems to get students out to use the hoops more often. It doesn't get much

See HARGREAVES, B2

SCOREBOARD

Fastpitch

WIAC Standings

	W	L
Eau Claire (4-5)	2	0
Superior (18-1)	0	0
Whitewater (9-3)	0	0
Stout (11-5)	0	0
Platteville (6-5)	0	0
Oshkosh (5-4)	0	0
La Crosse (5-6)	0	0
Stevens Point (3-6)	0	0
River Falls (12-4)	0	2

March 31 Results

UW-River Falls	111	020	0-5	7-3
UW-Eau Claire	100	223	X-8	11-2

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	SO
Anna Poulter c	4	3	2	0	0
Melissa Turbak 2b	1	1	0	0	1
Jessamy Schwartz ss	3	0	1	2	0
Emily Rodgers cf	4	0	1	0	1
Emily Evans 3b	3	0	0	0	0
Breanber Syverson dh	3	0	1	0	1
Leah Vanderploeg p	3	1	1	0	0
Devanie Bigalk p	0	0	0	0	0
Carolyn Gusinger 1b	2	0	1	0	1
Michelle Heuser rf	3	0	0	0	1
Jamie Falck lf	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	5	7	2	14

UW-River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Devanie Bigalk	4.0	10	7	5	1	1	23	24
Leah Vanderploeg	0.2	3	2	0	1	0	5	6

UW-River Falls	010	000	-1	3	2
UW-Eau Claire	300	015	-9	13	1
Player	AB	R	H	RBI	SO
Anna Poulter c	2	0	0	0	0
Melissa Turbak 2b	2	0	0	1	0
Jessamy Schwartz ss	3	0	0	0	1
Emily Rodgers cf	2	1	1	0	0
Emily Evans 3b	1	0	1	0	1
Michelle Kelley pr	0	0	0	0	0
Breanber Syverson rf	1	0	0	0	0
Devanie Bigalk p	2	0	1	0	0
Leah Vanderploeg p	0	0	0	0	0
Emily Stahl dh	2	0	0	0	0
Carolyn Gusinger 1b	2	0	1	0	0
Jamie Falck lf	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	1	3	1	2

UW-River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leah Vanderploeg	5.0	9	5	3	3	3	21	27
Devanie Bigalk	1.0	2	3	2	0	1	5	7

March 28 Results

UW-River Falls	141	010	1-8	9-0
Augsburg College	000	000	0-0	5-2

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	SO
Anna Poulter c	2	2	0	0	2
Turbak 2b	1	1	1	3	0
Schwartz ss	2	0	1	2	1
Rodgers cf	4	1	1	0	0
Evans 3b	3	0	2	1	1
Kelley pr	0	0	0	0	0
Heuser rf	3	1	1	1	0
Totals	21	7	7	7	6

Bigalk p	3	0	1	0	0
Syverson pr	0	1	0	0	0
Stahl dh	3	1	1	0	0
Gusinger 1b	3	0	1	1	0
Wood pr	0	0	0	0	0
Falck lf	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	3	3	2	6

UW-River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Devanie Bigalk	7.0	5	0	0	1	10	25	27

UM-Morris	000	100	-1	7	4
UW-River Falls	201	141	-9	12	0

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	SO
Poulter c/rf	4	2	3	0	0
Turbak 2b	3	2	1	0	1
Schwartz ss	4	2	2	0	0
Rodgers cf	3	1	3	3	0
Heuser rf	2	1	0	0	1
Taylor c	0	0	0	0	0
Syverson dh	3	0	0	0	0
Gusinger 1b	3	0	1	2	0
Evans 3b	3	0	1	0	1
Wood pr	0	1	0	0	0
Falck lf	3	0	1	1	0
Totals	28	9	12	6	2

UW-River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Molly Arends	5.0	6	1	1	3	3	18	21
Leah Vanderploeg	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	4	5

March 27 Results

UW-River Falls	004	100	1-6	13	1
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UW-Morris	000	200	0-2	6	3
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Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Poulter c	5	2	3	0	0	0
Turbak 2b	4	1	3	1	0	0
Schwartz ss	2	1	0	0	2	0
Rodgers cf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Bigalk p	3	0	1	2	1	0
Kelley pr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Syverson lf	4	1	3	0	0	0
Gusinger 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0
Blakeley 3b	2	0	0	1	2	0
Heuser rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	32	6	13	5	5	0

UW-River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Devanie Bigalk	7.0	6	2	2	1	9	27	28

Augsburg College	000	000	0-0	3	1
UW-River Falls	000	200	X-2	3	1

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Poulter c	3	0	1	0	0	2
Turbak 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Schwartz ss	2	1	1	0	1	0
Rodgers cf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Vanderploeg p	2	0	1	0	0	0
Heuser lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gusinger 1b	2	0	0	0	0	1
Evans 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1
Wood dh	2	0	0	0	0	1
Kelley rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	2	3	1	4	0

UW-River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leah Vanderploeg	7.0	3	0	0	1	8	23	27

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Fastpitch



UW-RF



VS

UW-Stout

Thursday, April 8 at 3 p.m.
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Last year the Falcons Fastpitch split the season series against UW-Stout in Menomonie. The first game went to Stout with a 2-1 victory, while the Falcons captured the second, winning 3-0. Leah Vanderploeg leads the Falcons from the mound with a 5-0 record and a 1.25 ERA.

Varsity Sports Week

Thursday, April 8

Fastpitch

vs. Stout

3 p.m.

TOP PERFORMERS



Leah Vanderploeg
Fastpitch



Anna Poulter
Fastpitch

Leah Vanderploeg led the Falcons to a 2-0 win last Saturday in the Augsburg Tournament by throwing seven shutout innings. She now is 5-0 on the season with a 1.25 ERA. Vanderploeg leads the Falcons in pitching with 57 strikeouts and only 15 walks on the season.

Senior Anna Poulter led the UW-RF offense last weekend to a 4-0 record at the Augsburg Tournament. She went 7-14 at the plate while scoring six runs, walking twice and stealing 10 bases. On the season, Poulter has a team leading .452 batting average with 28 hits and 21 runs.

HARGREAVES from B1

better than that. If you are a student on the east side of campus, you are now able to look out your window and see if a pick-up game is getting underway. This way, you have a better way to locate those long-lost b-ball friends of yours from orientation that you've been trying to meet up with since the second semester kicked off. Call it a reunion, call it a gathering, call it a game. The courts and their new location have certainly

provided entertainment to the students in this early spring season. Heck, my roommate and I even made the journey from Campus View to see if the new courts are playing up to their new expectations. To our surprise they did. The only thing that I was able to find that was not good about the new courts, was that they do not have the fence around to save a wild loose ball. Small sacrifice since most of us can afford to chase after a loose ball here and there. Besides, the fence on the old court was primarily abused by the hands of players who were filled with frustration. Probably the frustration provided by those never to be missed old basketball rims. Game on.

FASTPITCH from B1

Bigalk earned her second victory of the weekend, pitching her second complete game striking out 10, giving up five hits and no runs. Bigalk improves to 6-5 overall. The victorious weekend set up River Falls for WIAC play. "We are ready to start confer-

ence play, we have worked the kinks out and our bats are working right now," Perkins said. This weekend also marked a successful weekend when Coach Perkins picked up career victory No. 300. The milestone came in the 9-1 victory over UM-Morris on Sunday. Under Perkins, the Falcons have won back-to-back WIAC playoff championships in 1993 and 1994, allowing them to participate in the NCAA Div. III

playoffs. Perkins has coached 10 Regional All-Americans, and 49 of her players during the course of her coaching career have been named to the All-WIAC teams. The Falcons are picked to finish third, behind Whitewater and Platteville, in the WIAC preseason poll. The Falcons will face UW-Stout in a WIAC doubleheader at at Ramer Field on April 8, at 3 p.m.

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On March 31, the College of Republicans held a cookout in front of the Student Center from 12-2:00 p.m. Members AJ Oscarson, Jeff Olson, Justin Fortney, Amber Swanson, Meagan Mecklenburg, Matt Wolf and Jim King worked the two hour shift selling 100 pieces of meat including hamburger patties and hot dogs. Because this is an agriculture campus, members felt they could make something like this work. The cow was from the UW-RF lab farm and is a dairy cow. Because it is a dairy cow, members decided to sell milk along with the meat. They sold five gallons of milk. The message that they wanted to portray was that College Republicans do more than just argue with people, Oscarson said. Jake Duesenberg also said that although this event was planned before, and was started as kind of a joke, it seemed to ease the tensions that were on campus because of recent events. The event was not really a fundraiser since they only came out a few dollars ahead, they had fun doing it and that was the goal.

Top April Fool's Day Pranks

- In 1933 The Madison Capital Times announced that the Wisconsin State Capital Building was ruined due to mysterious explosions. They printed a photo of the building collapsing along with the "article."
- In 1998 Burger King had an advertisement in USA Today announcing the new "Left-Handed Whopper." It contained all the usual ingredients but they were rotated 180 degrees. Thousands of customers went into restaurants to request the sandwich.
- In 1999 The Phoenix New Times ran a story about a new charity that would provide guns and ammunition to homeless people in the area. It was named "The Arm the Homeless Coalition."

Hypocrisy in politics crosses both sides

Once again Andy Parrish has tried to skew the issues in favor of the right through either propaganda know-how or blatant ignorance.

Don't get me wrong, liberals and hypocrisy go hand in hand, but politics and hypocrisy also go hand in hand, including the conservative side.

First, the most obvious of hypocrisies; being pro-death penalty and pro-life. You can kill some but not others? This is especially true for the Christian conservative who, if following the teachings of Jesus, would support "turning the other cheek," to capital crime

offenders, while at the same time being pro-life.

Again, to you Christian conservatives out there: You disparage gay marriage because of its infringing on the sanctity of marriage while the sanctity of marriage is gone because of divorce rates. Shouldn't marriage, a purely religious-based



AARON KENEALY

institution, be left to the church while civil unions and their subsequent financial benefits be left to the state? Would this be suitable for the rabid religious right?

This shot goes out to both sides, but mostly to the current administration for its fostering of the blow to guaranteed liberties in the form of the Patriot Act. After Sept. 11, Bush spoke of going about your business as you normally would so the terrorists don't win. How is dismantling our civil liberties carrying on with business as

usual? And then, to accuse those who did not support war efforts in Iraq as being unpatriotic when Ashcroft's Patriot Act is actually the single most unpatriotic act in several decades.

Parrish, you also make reference to Bill Clinton's scandalous tenure, which I will agree was supported blindly by the far left. However, isn't your blind following of Bush in the wake of Richard Clarke's testimony somewhat similar? Has this administration lied to us? How are we supposed to know when they have run the most closed administration in modern history?

The right also complains wildly about the "liberal media," but at the same time supports a free market. Which "liberal media" happens to be part of. If you believe in a free market so much, quit complaining, take responsibility and do something about it. I'll commend you for that Parrish, but cherish it, it isn't bound to happen again.

I won't go into the religious rights hypocritical views on capitalism but doesn't Jesus advocate charity and helping others? Wouldn't a repeal of tax cuts to the \$200,000 and up

tax bracket, such as John Kerry is proposing, give some charity to those less fortunate like Jesus would have wanted?

The main point: hypocrisy runs rampant everywhere in politics, not just with the left. How do you get someone to vote for you? Tell them what they want to hear. If someone else wants the opposite of the first person, tell them what

they want to hear. Honest politics is an oxymoron and anybody who believes it isn't, is lying to themselves.

Moving off campus doesn't mean living further away



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

Residents of the Campus View apartments have the luxuries of their own apartment, without the hassles of a tough morning commute.

Katie Camplin
Staff Writer

CAMPUS VIEW APARTMENTS

Sometimes the students living north of Cascade Avenue feel just as much a part of campus as those in residence halls. Their walk to class is just as short; that is if they don't have to get up in the morning to re-park their car.

This school year has been one of change for residents north of Cascade Avenue. Students in homes and apartments, especially residents of Campus View apartments started school last fall with new parking codes and a hoard of tickets. The tickets have eased up a bit as residents learned just how wide a fire lane is, but the issue still leaves residents at odds with the police.

"I would consider finding someplace else to live just because of the parking," said Maegan Reese, 21, a resident of Campus View.

Many fought the parking restrictions by heading down to City Hall for City Council meetings. An amendment was passed in late fall to allow multiple park-

ing permits to residences. But, with odd-even parking in effect, residents find themselves moving cars back and forth every day.

Aside from parking woes, residents in Campus View apartments find the friendly atmosphere an ideal location.

"It's not wild but everybody is pretty friendly," said Marc Andre Lalande, 23, a resident of Campus View. "When it is nice outside people will come out more and grill."

The apartments are usually busy during the summer with students grilling in the parking lot and playing Frisbee or football across the street.

A door-to-door rough estimate of Campus View shows most residents are women who are older than 21.

"I think we may be the only guy apartment," Lalande said.

One female resident offered an explanation.

"If you want to live here you have to be on top of things (and apply early)," said Reese. "Sometimes guys aren't as quick."

This is part one in a six-part series about off-campus living.

HOROSCOPES

By staff psychic Rachel Gaynor who really doesn't like this job and knows it isn't worth the dollar an hour she gets paid.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Your late night snacks have turned into four-course meals from several different fast food restaurants. This type of behavior is not good for anyone so you'd better be careful. People are having heart attacks younger and younger.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Playing April Fool's Day jokes on people is your favorite thing to do. You think it is hilarious to see everyone around you suffer. Your prank that you played on your roommate with the alarm clock was not funny to him. Watch yourself because April is going to be a long month.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

While working out, you pushed yourself too hard again and lifted more than you should. The sad thing is you were only squatting the bar. Stay at home on the couch for the next few days and although your muscles won't be getting any stronger, you won't be in any pain.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You accept and welcome change as much as the next person. You change your underwear and socks daily and get a haircut every six weeks but your new radical idea to change what you eat for lunch is too much. Take it one step at a time and everything will be OK.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Revisiting events in your past like when you broke your toe to the time you burned yourself with a lighter is painful. Wait, that just happened last week and you still have the bruises to prove it. Be careful and try to stay away from sharp objects.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Sometimes it's OK to relax and take a personal day. But if you start taking them too often people might start to think you're lazy. If you ignore them and your work, someone will eventually get mad and do it, leaving you more free time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You are taking on too much too soon although you like to live on the wild side. It might be best to take a few steps backward and think before you act on your impulse.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Your partying lifestyle is getting a little out of control. You can't make it through an hour of class without daydreaming about alcohol and how sweet the taste is on your lips. You might have a problem. Ask your bartender what to do tonight. He always has good advice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Confident is one word that you use to describe yourself. You don't only think you're better than everyone else, you know it. Good for you, champion. You do rock.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Once again you are single but this time you are actually happy. Now is the time in your life to meet new people and try new things. Good luck, I've looked and in a town this small, nobody is new and everybody knows everything about you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Rumors fly around like airplanes at an airport. Start one about how cool you are. But remember that sometimes words get twisted and it could change from cool to fool, which actually fits better with your personality.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Your friends always tell you how fun you are when you're drunk and always make you get wasted. Maybe you should just drink all the time and you'll have more friends.

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UW-River Falls students infiltrated the city and now dominate a large portion of River Falls housing. In this new series, The Student Voice will check out different vibes where students live.

One man's garbage is another man's art



Photo by Micheal Foley
Matthew Fischer begins filling a display case with litter he collected for a month for his art seminar course at the Davee Library March 28. Fischer gathered 125.7 lbs of litter on campus property on 13 non-consecutive days in February and March.

Micheal Foley
Assistant Editor

UW-River Falls senior art student Matthew Fischer has created more beautiful artwork than his latest installation at the Davee Library.

For his art seminar course, Fischer filled a library display case with litter he collected on campus during a month. The installation, entitled "125.7 lbs of Litter from the UW-RF Campus," is on display from March 29 to April 2.

"Here is your garbage in your library," Fischer said.

Fischer's intent wasn't to make a political or environmental statement but to say something about litter and archeology.

"I didn't want to do this as a social statement," Fischer said. "I wanted to say something about artifacts and make people aware of what they are throwing on the ground."

Fischer believes the litter people leave behind today will say something about this society, the same way debris left by ancient societies helps tell their story.

Instead of writing a scholarly journal article or

book, Fischer decided to help tell the story with an art installation. The display is more than just a pile of garbage in a display case. Fischer kept artistic rules of composition in mind while putting the piece together.

All the litter is stuffed inside transparent plastic bags. Some bags are arranged on parallel shelves on one side of the display case while other bags form a pile on the left side. The background is covered with white and black trash bags. The bottom of the case is covered with cardboard.

Fischer also catalogued each piece of litter and weighed the amount of litter picked up each day. He used the information to create data books and posters that supplement the display.

Fischer is quick to point out that even though the display has his name on it as the artist, a few friends helped him with its preparation. Art students Noah Kurth and Melissa Salazar were among his

helpers. "I helped a lot with cataloging and making the booklets," Salazar said. "I didn't touch any garbage."

According to Fischer's data booklet, for 13 non-

consecutive days from Feb. 26 to March 21 within the UW-RF campus, he catalogued each piece of garbage and weighed the daily collection, in the end totaling 125.7 lbs. He did not pick up cigarette butts or food.

Art seminar professor Morgan Clifford said many people believe art has to be attached to beauty but that is not always the case.

"Just because he went out and collected litter, catalogued it, and presented the data doesn't make it art," Clifford said. "Collecting data is scientific. The way that the data was presented is what makes it art. The visual component tells the story."

Fischer exceeded Clifford's expectations for the display by putting in far more work than several other students. Clifford's assignment was to put on a display, in addition to their senior exhibitions, to prepare them for what comes after graduation. Students needed to not only create the art but present it and market it in a professional way.

"The library display is a baby version of a senior exhibition," Clifford said. "Students have to design a flier and graphics and write a press release. Matthew did much more work than some students and it was much more original."

Clifford said she has seen people make art out of garbage before but not quite in the same way. Usually artists who work with trash as their medium form it into sculptures.

The originality of Fischer's idea, as well as installation art in general, is celebrated by some and criticized by others. In the comment book alongside the display, a few negative comments were among the mostly positive responses.

One anonymous comment read, "I would say I don't get it, but that supposes there is something to 'get.' Throw trash on the ground, pay a fine; Throw it in an exhibit, and it's art. Silly me, I guess I lack the sophistication for it."

Clifford noted that when art students display their installation projects outdoors in the fall, she often stands outside and listens to mostly negative student comments.

"What people need to remember is that these art students are learning and to cut them some slack," Clifford said. "They are all learning about what good art is and learning about themselves. Some of them aren't quite there yet but Matthew will be great."

What people threw on the ground:

Matthew Fischer included the following items in his project data booklets:

- 1 bottle of honey
- 71 beer cans
- 65 straws
- 2 batteries
- 5 socks
- 27 glass beer bottles
- 15 eating utensils
- 128 plastic bottles
- 1 pill
- 7 single gloves
- 134 plastic/paper cups
- 1 hat
- 2 credit cards
- 2 bones
- 239 pieces of plastic debris
- 86 cigarette boxes
- 7 plates
- 44 pieces of Styrofoam debris
- 1 latex glove
- 103 plastic lids
- 24 plastic food containers
- 207 soda cans
- 6 lipsticks/lip balm
- 128 pieces of fast food debris
- 1 paper airplane
- 22 pens/pencils
- 8 lighters
- 307 pieces of paper debris
- 1 bra
- 3 perfume bottles
- 163 plastic wrappers



Matthew Fischer



Photo by Dave Misselt
Fischer kept artist composition principles in mind when he prepared the display and hung his project data booklets from the ceiling.

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