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Education Building Celebrated: Dedicated to Walker D. Wyman

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Even though the weather outside was dreary and rainy, the spirit inside the newly dedicated Walker D. Wyman Education Building was fun and cheery.

The dedication for the new Walker D. Wyman Education Building at UW-River Falls took place at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, as part of day-long activities to celebrate the 125th anniversary of UW-RF. Wyman, who died in March 1999, at the age of 91, was a very influential and important man to UW-RF history.

Many prominent UW System faculty, alumni and members of the Wyman family were on hand for the unveiling of the plaque commemorating Wyman. The UW System Board of Regents had approved the naming of the education building on April 7.

"I have never met a man that I have admired or respected more," said Chancellor Gary Thibodeau. "He was a civil, intellectually, honest man."

Wyman was associated with education for more than six decades that began in 1932 at the State Teacher's College in River Falls. While he was at River Falls he served as a professor of history and also wrote many books. He left River Falls and served as president of Wisconsin State University at Whitewater from 1962-1967, before coming back to UW-RF in 1967.

UW System President Katharine Lyall felt it is unique to have a man leave his legacy on two UW campuses as much as Wyman did.

"It is rare that two campuses in the University system have both been so deeply impacted by the same person," Lyall said. "But this is where his academic heart is."

Lyall feels that Wyman was a man who was very influential and dedicated to what he believed in.

"Wyman was a rare, aspiring individual," Lyall said. "He lived and wrote the history of this institution, a privilege few people are given."

Lyall expressed how Wyman not only influenced River Falls, but the entire UW system.

"The entire UW System treasures his legacy," Lyall said. "He left an enduring and positive mark on everyone he taught and everyone who read his books."

Wyman authored over 23 books, and also founded the UW-RF University Press. He donated all the proceeds from his books to UW-RF.

One administrator at the dedication praised the newly highly technological and advanced education building and believes it is an asset for the entire University.

"The new Walker D. Wyman building is a shining example of building on tradition as we go into the new millennium," said Karen Viechnicki, dean of the college of education and graduate studies.

Viechnicki looks forward to the benefits that the new education building will provide to students and faculty.

"We have a rich environment where we will be able to continue to redefine the art and craft of learning and teaching," Viechnicki said.

Wyman's widow, Helen, believed that Walker's presence was felt during the dedication.

"I feel very strongly that he is here today," Helen said. "I believe that he is very proud and honored by what is being done."

Helen also thanked the overflowing crowd that was packed in the entrance of the education building due to the rain for coming to the dedication in honor of her late husband.

"Walker knows and appreciates that you are here and is very proud of the honor you are giving him," Helen said.

Also during the dedication Helen reminisced about her time with Walker.

"We came back to River Falls in 1967 because Walker wanted to get back to writing and teaching," Helen said. "He knew that he wouldn't be able to do either while serving as president at Whitewater."

Thibodeau felt that the honor is in the fact that UW-RF was able to name the education building after Wyman.

"We have been honored here at UW-RF by allowing us to honor Walker," Thibodeau said.

Another faculty member who spoke at the dedication was DeAn Krey, a professor in the teacher education department who knew Wyman well. She talked about a children's book that she gave to her class to look at. The book was about a little girl that described beautiful items around her.

"I believe that Wyman would say that the opportunity to become educated was beautiful," Krey said. "Everyday stories of ordinary people would also be something Wyman would say is beautiful."

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The year is 2075 and someone is reading this article and looking at a collection of UW-River Falls memorabilia trying to figure out what the school and its students were like in the year 2000.

On May 10 as part of the 125th anniversary celebration for UW-RF a time capsule was dedicated in the Student Center lawn showcasing the items to be placed inside.

"We can only hope that when the time capsule is opened in seventy-five years on the 200th anniversary of UW-RF that future students of this university will realize what a wonderful place UW-RF was to attend in the year 2000," said time capsule committee chair Jennifer Sweet, a junior biology major.

The biggest question regarding the capsule is what would be of interest to people in seventy-five years as people open this time capsule at the 200th anniversary of this institution," said Chancellor Gary Thibodeau. "I think the committee did an outstanding job representing the UW-River Falls campus in 2000."

The actual time capsule has been on display in the Student Center for the entire academic year. Next to the time capsule was a box where students could leave suggestions about what to put in the capsule. In total there were more than 150 suggestions left in the box. The committee also got suggestions from the 125th Anniversary committee. The committee members also walked around and got suggestions from students and faculty.

Not all of the suggestions were entirely helpful.

"Somebody wanted to put a keg of beer into the time capsule," Sweet said.

The time capsule committee held a series of meetings over the spring semester trying to figure out what to place in the time capsule.

Sweet said the first thing the committee did was take all the suggestions and sort through them and look for categories.

Sweet said the committee decided that there are eight general categories that represent the life and culture of UW-RF in 2000.

The first of these was the Chancellor. Thi-

bodeau donated the key-chain that he carried for the entire 15 years he spent as Chancellor and the "Got Milk" mugs that were given to faculty and staff at the opening of the fall term.

According to Sweet, the committee decided that an important part of a college students experience at UW-RF is participation in activities and organizations. The committee felt that they needed three categories to accurately represent university life and culture.

Student organizations and clubs were represented by a student organization pamphlet that lists each one of these organizations.

"Because of the enormous number of student organizations (over 120) it would have been impossible to singly represent each one of these organizations," Sweet said.

The committee deemed athletics as another category. They decided to feature the women's hockey team because this was their inaugural varsity season by including a UW-RF women's hockey team jersey in the capsule.

The committee decided that the third category in the activity and organization sub-heading was Greek life. Since Greeks represent over 10 percent of the student population at UWRF the committee chose the Greek composite pictures to represent all nine fraternities and sororities on this campus.

Another category was student government. The committee decided to include a draft of the new Health and Human Performance building and the new Student Center recommendations as a way to represent student government.

The committee decided that school spirit should be another category because they felt many students consider events like homecoming and winter carnival the highlight of the year. They included this year's homecoming queen's crown along with a picture of the homecoming king and queen.

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The committee also included a miscella-

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They were written during the late 1880s and early 1900s. They are postmarked from areas like Washington, D.C., New York, and Rome. But for one former professor the postcards and autographs are cherished memories.

Mary Burt, who is listed as a grammar critic in old yearbooks, taught at the River Falls Normal School from 1875-1876, as a member of the first faculty. She left River Falls and went on to receive prominent postcards and autographs from people that lived in Washington, D.C. and New York. Her postcards were made available to the public when the contents of the North Hall time capsule was opened on April 13, 1999.

"I am not really sure why she sent these items to be put in the time capsule," said Sue Watson, UW-RF archives director. "The items must have been important to her."

The time capsule was buried in June 1914, behind the carved stone in the southwest corner of North Hall. When the time capsule was opened, Watson described the contents being in "excellent condition."

Watson explained that Burt sent these times to the University after a female faculty member or librarian sent letters to members of the first faculty asking for them to send something to put in the time capsule.

"That's one of the problems with this time capsule. We don't know why she sent these times," Watson said. "It would have been nice for her to have enclosed a biography or something telling us what she did after leaving River Falls."

Some of the postcards that were found addressed to Burt were from Libby Custer, Sidney Lanier,

John Burroughs, Walter H. Page, and Ruth McEnery Stuart. Even though it was hard to read what the postcards said most of the detail informed Burt of what things were going on in their lives and asked them how she was doing.

Most of the people that Burt had autographs and postcards from were wealthy and prominent individuals in American society. It is not known exactly how Burt came in contact with these people, but after reading some of the postcards, it is clear that she knew them well.

"After reading some of the postcards, it seemed like Burt ran in pretty high circles," Watson said. Elizabeth "Libby" Custer, was the wife of George A. Custer, who is best known for being in the general of "Battle of Little Bighorn," fought during the Civil War.

The postcard Burt received from Custer was about her time in Rome. The date was unreadable but some

of the comments Custer wrote to Burt were "I'm having a delightful time in Rome, and I hope to be back soon."

Sidney Lanier (1842-1881), was an American musician and poet whose verse often suggests the rhythms and thematic development of music. Lanier was from the South and spent most of his time in Texas and Georgia. He served in the Civil War until he was captured and it was then that he began writing poetry and novels.

Lanier's wife, Mary, sent Burt a postcard dated in 1891. The postcard talked about what she had one last Tuesday. Also in the capsule was a picture that Burt had of Mary sitting in her study dated in 1900.

Also, Burt received a card from the son of Lanier, postmarked from Boston in 1903.

The postcard read, "A fine boy came in to our lives today. All is well. With love, Lanier." The postcard is telling Burt that the son of Lanier has a grandson.

Postcards from the Past

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

M*A*S*H OUT STRESS on Wednesday, May 12 on the lawn in front of the Student Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Activities include stretcher races, bed pan chipping, M*A*S*H trivia, mummy wrap contest, splint races, and a M*A*S*H look alike contest. For more information call Alice Reilly-Mydlebus in Student Health Services at 3293 or Sally at Career Services at 3572.

GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 in the Robert P. Knowles Physical Education and Recreation Center. Chancellor Gary Thibodeau and the deans of the three colleges will present about 522 bachelor's and master's degrees to graduating students. Graduating senior Bridget M. Finke, speech communications and business administration major, will deliver the commencement address.

THE WYMAN EDUCATION BUILDING DEDICATION WEEK will end with book readings and CD activities for pre-school children on Friday, May 11 from 9:30-10 a.m. in the Education Technology Center. Speech, hearing and voice screenings will also be held from 1-3 p.m. The activities are part of the dedication of the Education College's new \$6.5 million facility.

COMMUNITY BAND ORGANIZES FOR SUMMER SEASON. Directed by Kristin Tjorheoj and friends, the ensemble will rehearse Thursdays beginning June 8 from 7-9 p.m. in room 129 of the Fine Arts Building. Concerts will be held Wednesday, July 5 in the Abbott Concert Hall and Tuesday, July 11 in the UW-RF Amphitheatre, and Thursday, July 13 in the Hudson Band Shell. No sign up is necessary, just come to the first rehearsal. Instruments are available upon request. For more information, call the music department at 425-3183.

CHASING THE BLUES AWAY, a benefit concert in Music Therapy performed by the nationally-renowned Bill Evans New Orleans Jazz Band and featuring Spanish professor Emeritus Don "Doggie" Berg will be held during International Awareness Day, Sunday, May 13, in the North Hall Auditorium from 2-4:30 p.m. The price of admission is \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door.

PICNIC WITH THE ORCHESTRA! The UW-RF University-Community Orchestra presents their spring concert May 20 from 4-6 p.m. at the Wall Amphitheatre on campus. The concert is given in celebration of the new graduates graduating on that day. Bring a picnic basket and a blanket and enjoy the afternoon with your family and friends as the orchestra plays some Strauss polkas and waltzes and other festive works. Food and beverage will be available for purchase should you forget to bring any. Free admission. For more information call 425-3389

TEXT BOOKS ARE DUE BACK to Textbook Services in the basement of Davee Library by May 19 at 8 a.m. If the books are not in by then and fines are not paid for damage to materials, student's grade reports can be withheld.

BEING IN THE UPPER MIDWEST, there is a lot of military men and women currently serving in America's Armed Forces. However, in the Twin Cities and La Crosse, hundreds of men and women serve their country on a monthly basis through the Naval Reserve. These servicemen and women receive a monthly salary and also qualify for tuition reimbursement. If there are any questions that you have for a representative in the area, call Jacob Cook collect at 612-726-9318.

WANTED: SOMEONE TO FIX A PORCH at a residence in Stillwater, Minnesota. Wood was splintered and cracked after local boy tried climbing up the side. A new Rubbermaid broom is also needed following phallic display and facial assault.

WANNA A SHOT AT THE TITLE? Sports editor Troy Mallett hears by challenges any potential opponent practiced in either Greco-Roman or free-style wrestling. Women opponents preferred. Sorry Kel.

CHEAP LABOR is available for summer painting in River Falls. Will work anywhere within city limits, as long as ride is provided. No payment required, and no guarantee of safety for furniture, walls, windows, pets, etc. Expect at least some damage.

SCHOLARSHIPS

All scholarship applications are available at the Financial Assistance Office, 122 South Hall.

WAXX 104/PAT KELIHER AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP is sponsored by WAXX 104. Students must be active in 4-H and/or FFA livestock programs. It is open to students involved in the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association Junior Livestock Shows in the WAXX 104 listening area. The deadline is May 26.

CLARK COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME & COMMUNITY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP is sponsored by the Clark County Association for Home & Community Education. This scholarship is designed for students who are in the process of completing one year of higher education beyond high school and have 24 credits by June. The student may be in any field of study but must be a Clark County resident. The deadline is May 19.

THE RACINE BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP of the American Association of University Women is being offered to all female residents of Racine County. Applicants should be full-time students in their first or second semester of their junior year as of September 2000, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

THE E.H. MARTH FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP is available for full-time students with a major in dairy or food science, environmental health, or allied areas of life sciences. Applicants must be residents of Wisconsin. The deadline is June 1.

MEETINGS

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the International Room of the Student Center. For more information, call Tracy at 426-0141 or Kristy at 425-4865.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the International Room of the Student Center. Anyone interested in building houses and donating a small amount of time is welcome to attend. For more information, call Robb Highland at 425-4205.

GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE meets every Tuesday in the Student Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m. E-mail gsa@uwrf.edu for more information.

EKBLAD AND FRIENDS will have its first and last meeting of the year on Saturday, May 19 from 3-6 a.m. in the men's bathroom in the basement of Parker Hall. Bring coffee and doughnuts, we have a lot to get done.

Anyone who has a brief, meeting or event to be published in the Student Voice should submit it in writing to 213 South Hall by noon Monday.

STUDENT SENATE

Last meeting ends with first time vote for board chairs

Past attempts to give them a voice on Senate have failed

Laura Brinkoetter
Staff Writer

Because of a motion passed by the Student Senate at its last meeting of the year, voting privileges of Senate Board Chair members will be established through a committee by the end of the 2000/2001 academic year.

Before this motion was passed, the Student Academic Success Center Advisory Board Chair, the Facilities and Fees Board Chair and the Leadership Development and Program Board Chair did not have voting rights on Student Senate.

"They sit here through our meetings and they deserve a voice," said Sen. Sean Froelich.

This concept has been debated in the past, but all attempts to grant board chairs voting rights failed. Some arguments made for not granting voting rights were that board chairs are paid with student fees, which might cause a conflict of interest. However, a counter argument was made that student senators are also paid with student fees.

Another argument was that board chairs aren't required to go to Senate meetings. But, as of this year, Senate voted that board chairs are required to attend meetings, in turn debunking that argument.

Former senator Jason McLean said the board chairs ought to have a right to vote, as they are an integral part of Senate and other stu-

dent organizations functioning as a cohesive union.

Another motion establishing a new paid position on Senate was passed at Tuesday's meeting. This position would function as a means of public relations. The person working this job would execute such duties as creating and maintaining the Senate web page, announcing and promoting public affairs to various media outlets on campus and anything else that the Executive Board deemed appropriate.

This position has not been officially created, since the motion passed was simply intended to assign the Student Affairs and Academic Services Committee with the project for next year.

In other Senate news, the Ethics Committee read two complaints, one made by a senator and another made by a student on issues of impropriety.

The first complaint filed by recently appointed Sen. Eric Dodge was in regards to the performance of Diversity Issues Director Morgan Jindrich. The grievance made by Dodge was requesting that the Ethics Committee review Jindrich's job performance.

Dodge and other students in various diversity organizations felt Jindrich failed to fulfill her duties as Diversity Issues Director. One example used was that Jindrich failed to promote Black History Month and did not participate in the diversity committees as required through the bylaws.

"It wasn't a personal thing; we didn't know we could file grievances until recently, and we just wanted to make a point to next year's Diversity Issues Director,"

Dodge said.

The Ethics Committee decided to take no action on the matter seeing that all Senate Directors were finished with their jobs at the end of Tuesday night's meeting.

"We just wanted to take some kind of formal stance on the matter," said Student Academic Success Center Advisory Board Chair Karl Nelson, who is also a member of the Ethics Committee.

The second complaint concerned Jindrich's violation of the campaign rules, which stemmed from a poster she hung in the Student Center six days before the allotted time. The charges were later dismissed because of the procedural problems.

All Ethics Committee members agreed it served no purpose to execute a punishment on anyone mentioned in a complaint at this late stage in the game.

Ending the last Senate meeting of the year on a positive note, Senate achievement awards were given out. All senators received a certificate of appreciation for their efforts of public service. Senate President Amy Jurgens and former Vice President Jason McLean received a plaque with a gavel on it acknowledging their service as Senate leaders.

The most honorable award for "Senator of the Term" was given to McLean for his extra efforts and service. McLean admitted he had no idea he would receive this high honor and seemed grateful for the acknowledgement of his services.

There will be no more Senate meetings for the remainder of this spring semester.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Melinda J. Domzalski
Staff Writer

Campus Security Reports from May 3 to May 10.

Damage to Property

• Two wooden doors were damaged at Stratton Hall on May 5.

Skateboarding Violation

• Police gave Christopher W. Smith and Travis S. Gilbertson a citation for skateboarding on campus on May 2.

Theft

• An IBM laptop computer and a backpack were stolen from Rodli Commons on May 2.

• A compact laptop computer and 24 programming CDs were stolen from a 1985 Chevrolet in parking lot "Q" on May 2.

• Fifty dollars was stolen from a wallet inside of a secured locker in Karges on May 3.

• Cash was stolen from a locker room in Karges on May 1. Police have no more information to give at this time.

• A Panasonic digital camcorder was stolen from a 1995 Mercury van in the Rammer Field Lot on April 30.

Public Nudity

• Two unknown male students were seen running naked down 2nd floor in May Hall early Saturday, May 6. No suspects have been found.

Public Urination

• An unknown male student was seen urinating outside South Hall late on Wednesday, May 3. No suspects have been found, and this is not the first time such an incident has been reported at this location at this time.

FACULTY SENATE

Lose a week, keep a grading scale

Molly Montag
Staff Writer

Students will soon have one less week of classes in the spring but will keep the same old grading scale. Faculty Senate passed a motion to adopt a balanced calendar designed after the system currently used by UW-Madison.

The motion was postponed at the previous Faculty Senate meeting in order to allow Student Senate to poll students for their input on the new system.

Four plans were presented to students at the Student Senate elections. Plan A lengthened classes by five minutes, had fifteen minutes between classes and one less week of class in Spring. Plan B provided for fifteen minutes between classes, the same number of days, and changed classes every day to seventy-five minutes, except Wednesday, which was a day for labs or four-credit classes. Plan C was to keep class lengths and breaks between classes as they are now and eliminate one week of class during the spring. Plan D was to keep the calendar as it is now.

Sixty-eight percent of the 396 students polled chose plan C. Thirteen percent chose plan A, three percent chose plan B and 16 percent chose plan D.

Sen. Jim Mulvey pointed out the timeliness of this issue during the last week of classes.

"This is a long semester. It's four-and-a-half months long," Mulvey said. "My students are very exhausted. I'm not going to say it's useless (this last week of classes), but it's not the best learning week of the semester."

The new plan would be balanced with 15 weeks of classes both semesters, as opposed to 15 in the fall and 16 in the spring this year.

Sen. Kim Mogen saw the Madison model as a way to work faculty development workshops into the schedule and to compensate for the lost week of teaching.

"It would make us better teachers in the time that we are in the classroom," she said.

Sen. Brad Caskey felt a balance would be best for teaching.

"It would actually be better for my classes if they're the same," he said. "They're always things I could take out."

The Madison model had its critics as well.

Sen. Keith Chavey questioned if the motion solved the problems discussed last fall, such as not enough time for labs in spring semester.

"It seems like shortening the spring semester doesn't solve the problem," he said. "I don't think there's a lot of harm in leaving it the way it is."

Sen. Bob Baker also opposed the motion and suggested a new possibility.

"I don't think cutting a week off spring semester is going to better the educational process," Baker said. "I think the message we ought to do, if we want to balance the calendar, is add a week in the fall."

There was no debate on the grading scale because a poll of faculty and students done by the Academic Programs and Policy Committee showed there was no clear favorite of the proposed grading scales and many people didn't want to change it at all. Seeing no strong feelings for reform, the Senate did not change the scale.

In other news, the Ad-Hoc committee's governance proposal was not acted upon.

"We felt it wise to wait on this and act on it next fall," said Faculty Senate Chairman Bob Baker. "We will work at this in a deliberate manner instead of rushing into it and making errors."

New leaders for 2001 Faculty Senate were voted into office. New officers include Meg Swanson as chair, David Trechter as vice chair and Deb Allyn as secretary.

Susan Huppert
Staff Writer

More than 500 first and second grade students attended the second annual Farm Day Jubilee at UW-River Falls Lab Farm No.1 on Friday, May 5.

Farm Day Jubilee, sponsored by the River Falls High School FFA, Alpha Zeta Fraternity, and the UW-River Falls Dairy Club, introduced the world of agriculture to students from 11 area and Twin Cities public and private elementary schools.

Buses began arriving at the farm early in the day with many children who had never been on a farm or understood the way a farm operation works.

"A lot of these kids don't see cows or horses. Farm Jubilee Day is a way to teach them about agriculture," Co-Chair Shannon Wood said.

Students took a walking tour of the farm through the barns, milking parlor, milk storage, past the dry cows and the ration table. They heard about what feeds are made of and why they are made that way. University students have been planning and preparing for the day since last September. About 50 University students manned the Farm Day Jubilee stations with hands-on involvement for kids.

Thanks to a donation of 1,000 seeds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, each student hand-planted two white pine tree seeds in a personal terrarium to take home. They also made farm puppets, sampled ice cream, milk and cheese and learned about safety from the Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service.

The two key points the ambulance service stressed were how to call for help and that children not be afraid of professional medical help.

"We don't want the kids to be afraid when they see the ambulance," said emergency medical technician (EMT) Josh Knutson. "I think it's good for them to be able

to get into the ambulance, so if they are ever in an accident they will be kind of familiar with it," said Laura Osberghaus, a parent volunteer with students from Good Shepherd Christian School.

Kids listened intently in the back of the ambulance as a volunteer from the service explained what happens when people are transported.

Another facet of the Farm Day Jubilee was the petting zoo sponsored by the River Falls FFA. High School and elementary students sat side by side on bales of straw, cuddled recently hatched turkeys and learned about other "babies on the farm."

"The highlight of the day for the kids was the petting zoo," said Justin Luehmann, a member of

the Dairy Club.

According to Wood, the UW-River Falls Dairy Club is the largest Dairy Club in the country and the largest organization on campus with an estimated 140 members.

Minnesota Jersey Queen, Jenni Drinkall, selected to be a goodwill ambassador representing the industry, encouraged kids to stay healthy by eating and drinking dairy products.

"I teach them to be consumers of dairy products now so they will support the industry as they get older," said Drinkall.

The Farm Day Jubilee is a good thing for students, especially those who come from the city. Some people think milk comes from a grocery store.

Drinkall is a freshman at UW-River Falls and plans to go back to the farm or work in dairy genetics when she completes her degree.

Parents, teachers, students and presenters agreed the day was a success.

"Farm Day Jubilee gives kids hands on experience, getting a broader aspect of agriculture," said Bridget McMahon, a junior studying Animal Science and Pre-Veterinary Medicine. "The schools are really satisfied with what they get."

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-Co-Chair Shannon Wood

Professor first recipient of Advisor of the Year award

Rachel Weddig
Staff Writer

He was one out of 84 nominees. He impacts many students each day and he makes a personal effort to reach out to his advisees. Dr. Stephen Olsen, of the marketing communications department, is the first recipient of the "Advisor of the Year" award.

Olsen has been at UW-RF for four years. He found out a couple of weeks ago that he was the first recipient of the advisor of the year award.

"I had a message on my machine from Chancellor Thibodeau," Olsen began. "The Chancellor said he had something to tell me, but not to worry because he had a good message for me."

Olsen said he was happy to have received the award, but also happy that the University had decided to start giving out an advisor of the year award.

"It was delightful news," Olsen said. "I am very pleased on both accounts. It is an important contribution to UW-RF."

The Faculty Senate decided to give this award because they have been recognizing good teaching by giving out "The Distinguished Teacher" award, and felt it was appropriate to recognize good advising. Faculty Senate charged an advising committee to seek out an advisor of the year.

"Many faculty members feel that good advising and good teaching are important responsibilities of a faculty member," said Dr. Sheue Keenan, advising committee chair.

Olsen obtained his bachelor's degree from St. Olaf in Northfield, Minn. and got his Masters

and Ph.D. from Kent State University. Previously he had been a senior marketing representative for IBM computers.

Olsen has a positive outlook regarding professors at UW-RF and feels that he is just doing what any other professor on campus does.

"Most of the faculty are at this University because they want to help students," Olsen said. "We can best serve our students with teaching and advising, which is important to most faculty."

Olsen admits he had no idea he was nominated for the "Advisor of the Year" award, and actually didn't even know the University had an advising committee.

"I think if is a nice thing that the University is doing," Olsen said. "I am very humbled and delighted to receive this award."

Olsen also looked at the symbolic meaning behind the award.

"It is a nice symbolic award," Olsen said. "Tons of faculty work hard and take time for their advising period. It's real nice to be acknowledged."

Olsen feels in order to have a successful advising session both the advisor and the advisee need to make the effort.

"It needs to be a cooperative effort between the student and the advisor," Olsen said.

One aspect of teaching Olsen loves is watching his students grow and learn.

"Working with students and watching them grow over the 4 years if my favorite part of the job," Olsen said. "They grow intellectually and mature with time. It's a good and exciting feel-

ing."

He also appreciates the advising period because it gives him a chance to get to know his students one-on-one.

"It's way for me to keep in touch with my students," Olsen said. "Working with students is one of the primary reasons I am here."

One of the reasons Olsen thinks an advising session may not be valuable is because the student doesn't take the time to plan ahead what courses they want to take.

"The information is out there regarding class times, and if the class is full or not," Olsen said. "Students have to take advantage of the daily postings."

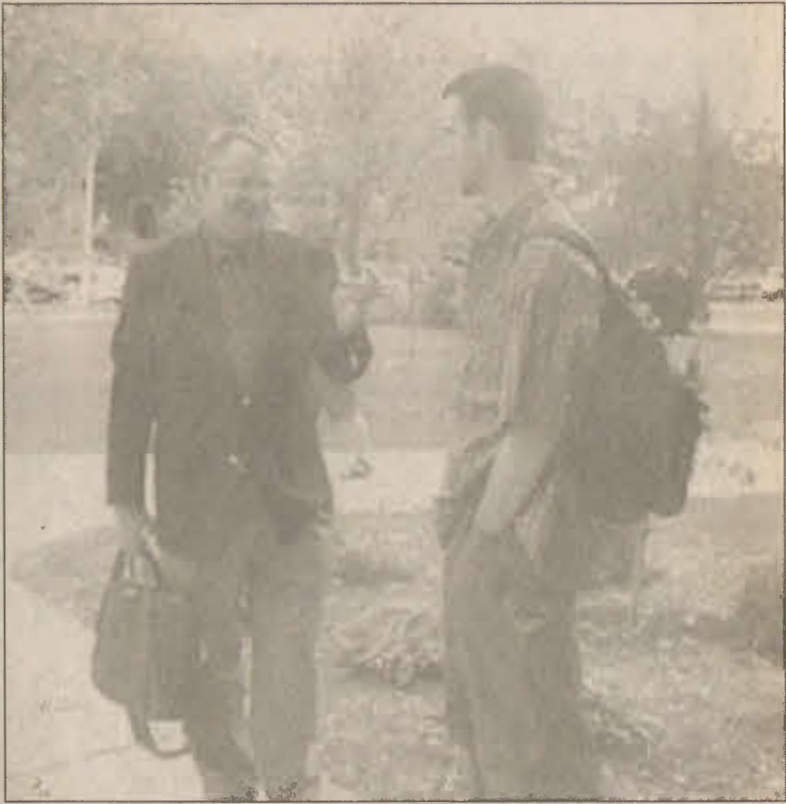
Some advantages are Olsen says are valuable to students is the availability of the Degree Audit Report (DARS), and the ability to register on-line and see updates throughout the day of how classes are filling up.

He also feels that students shouldn't be afraid to ask for help if they don't understand something on their DARS or in the course catalog.

"People need to know when to yell for help," Olsen said. "They have to call others to lean about exceptions and find out where credits fit where if they aren't sure."

He also feels students need to think for themselves and not always just rely on the advisor.

"The students shouldn't always listen to the advisor," Olsen said. "They have to listen to the advisor for suggestions but also do their own self-assessment."



Melinda Domzalski / The Student Voice

Dr. Stephen Olsen, marketing communications professor, is the first ever recipient of the "Advisor of the Year" award. He was one of 84 nominees. "He's really helpful and straight forward," Senior John Goss said.

UW-River Falls alumnus excells through song

Kevin O'Brien
Co-News Editor

Patricia Kay Steiner, alumni, has recently joined the ranks of an elite club that includes an astronaut for NASA and a neurological surgeon from the Mayo Clinic.

But she has never left the Earth's atmosphere and will probably never perform brain surgery on world leaders.

As an opera singer for the Metropolitan Opera Company (MET) in New York, it is Steiner's voice that has allowed her to be named 2000 Distinguished Alumnus for UW-River Falls.

"If you really want to know the truth, I always knew I was going to sing at the MET by the time I was 35 years old, but I never told anyone; I kept to myself," said Steiner in an interview with Falcon Features in 1997.

Steiner, who was chosen out of a list of candidates by the External Relations Committee, will be honored at the commencement ceremonies on May 20.

After graduating in 1979 with a degree in music education, Steiner went on in 1980 to become one of the youngest singers to ever win the Metropolitan Opera Auditions in Minneapolis, which finds young talent with a yearly competition.

Like a winner on "Star Search," she was soon asked to display her talents. The Apollo Men's Chorus at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis and the Des Moines Metro Opera Company in Iowa asked her to be a guest soloist.

The Midwest was not enough, and Steiner moved to Chicago and entered the nationally acclaimed music program at Northwestern University, where she graduated with a master's degree in vocal performance in 1982.

Following a few more years of performing in Chicago where she won another MET competition, she moved to New York City in 1985 and continued her singing career with several East Coast opera companies. During this time, she sang in the chorus of the New

York Philharmonic Orchestra and was involved with many churches and synagogues in the area.

According to a letter from former music professor Elliot Wold, who mentored Steiner while she was at UW-RF, an audition for the New York Metropolitan Opera Company in 1991 proved to be a major turning point in her career.

"This position is artistically desirable for a singer to achieve and also includes a substantial financial security for the person who is appointed," Wold wrote. "This is a rare thing for people who want to sing for a living."

Out of about 400 singers, Steiner was chosen for the alto singer position, which has allowed her to travel around the U.S. and to Japan and Germany for performances. In addition, she has worked with such famous singers as Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti and has sung for President Bill Clinton.

Since joining the MET, Steiner has filled such musical roles as Suzuki in "Madame Butterfly," Stephano in "Romeo and Juliet," and Mrs. Gross in the "Turn of the Screw."

In 1997, Steiner



Patricia Kay Steiner

returned to UW-RF to sing "Old Songs, New Songs, Beautiful Songs" in the Abbott Concert Hall, a room which she said inspired her as a student.

"I always remember going into the concert hall," she told Falcon Feature. "It was very pretty and nice. The concert hall was an incredibly beautiful and romantic place, and the mystery of that and what it could be always inspired me."

Steiner, who started out as an animal science major, said the faculty at UW-RF were instrumental in getting her started.

"They were never judgmental; part of learning is to have encouragement in music," Steiner said. "I went from not having a clue to making some sounds."

Distinguished teacher honored

Sarah Mascotti and Joleen Lunzer
Staff Writers

UW-River Falls professor Karen Klyczek is the 37th recipient of the Distinguished Teacher Award. The award is the most prestigious presented by the University to recognize excellence in fulfilling the University's 125-year-old primary mission of undergraduate education and will be presented to her at spring commencement.

Klyczek is a specialist in teaching biology and biotechnology and has been a faculty member since 1989. She and her husband, Jim Schreiber, a Special Education teacher at Hudson High School, live in Hudson with their three dogs and two cats.

"I am very surprised and honored," Klyczek said of the award.

"This award is selected through the polling of graduating seniors and recent graduates. It (the award) is especially meaningful that it is decided by students who have graduated and gone on. It is hard to tell whether we are making any difference with what we do in class, so this type of feedback is appreciated very much."

According to Klyczek, a few graduates have contacted her and said they felt her classes had prepared them very well for what they were doing, even more than other graduates working with them.

Klyczek is no stranger to being honored. She was honored prior to this award with the UW-RF Outstanding Faculty Award in the science division of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Receiving the college award (Outstanding Faculty Award) suggested that something was going well in my classes," Klyczek said. "However, I did not expect to receive the University-wide award this soon, if at all. There are so many dedicated and caring teachers on this campus who are certainly deserving of this award."

Klyczek said she has had an advantage of getting to teach courses in areas that really interest her, such as Immunology and Virology.

"It is easy to be enthusiastic about teaching these topics and students can probably sense that I'm interested," she said.

Besides being a recipient of these two honors, Klyczek is also a contributor to UW-RF. She has brought approximately \$1.45 million from many popular agencies, such as the National Science Foundation, National Institute of Health, and the Eisenhower Math and Science Education Act. This money is often used to train returning K-12 teachers in the sciences and biotechnology

and also UW-RF undergraduates.

"Most of these grants were collaborative efforts involving other faculty in biology and other departments," Klyczek said. "The one I did receive on my own was a grant from the National Institutes of Health for cancer research, and I used this money to conduct experiments, employ students to work in the lab, and travel to scientific meetings."

Earlier in Klyczek's career she taught during her postdoctoral research in only medical school and graduate courses at Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

"These were not very good teaching experiences, mainly because teaching was less of a priority than research in those programs," she said.

When it came time for her to look for a faculty job, she wanted to be someplace where teaching was "valued," but where she could also continue to do research.

"UW-RF seemed like that kind of place," she said.

Currently, Klyczek is not as involved in campus governance, like Faculty Senate, as she has been in the past. However, she said that Mike Kahlow, from the chemistry department and herself have organized a group of faculty interested in enhancing opportunities for undergraduates to be involved in research, scholarships, and creative activities.

"This group is currently conducting a survey to find out how much activity is happening at UW-RF and suggestions for improving these opportunities," she said.

According to Klyczek her favorite part of working at UW-RF is being able to teach her own labs, rather than having teaching assistants. She does, however, admit the labs provide more work for her than preparing for lectures.

"I enjoy working with students, especially in labs," she said.

Klyczek has also contributed a couple of chapters to a textbook on Biotechnology, but has not written any textbooks herself.

"Most of my publications are research papers where the results of experiments are presented," she said.

In the future, Klyczek hopes to keep updating her classes and incorporating new information and teaching techniques.

"I plan to continue to try to find ways to make it easier for faculty and students to be involved in research projects," she said. "This type of collaboration is important for the students' education as well as professional development for faculty."



Karen Klyczek

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One last goodbye



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UW-RF student Alison Wieckowicz brushes the sorrel QuarterHorse filly, Jazzy North Julie, one last time after the filly sold at the UW-RF colts in training sale on Saturday, May 6 at Jim Simon Arena in Cannon Falls, Minn. All two-year-old colts and fillies trained by the class were consigned to the sale, with the top horse fetching \$5,800.

No 'life lines' at this contest

Gina Buss
Staff Writer

As the year comes to a close, many of us are feeling the stress and pressure of finals and deadlines, but for four UW-River Falls students, stress and deadlines were all a part of the game as they took first place in the Upper Midwest Regional Academic Quadrathlon last week.

The UW-RF team consisted of four students with animal science majors: James Felling, Tera Forbeck, Gina Helstad and Ryan Thorson. While it was the first time this team has won the competition, it was the second time in the last five years that a UW-RF team has taken first.

"Each student excels in a different area, but it's their ability to pull their talents together that gives them the advantage," team coach professor Steven Kelm, said.

According to Kelm, the competition consisted of four separate sections and the winning team was selected based on a composite placing in each of the sections.

"Basically, the students are given a score for each of the four parts," he said. "At the end, the team with the best overall averaged score is the winner."

In the four sections of the competition, the students were required to complete a written exam, display laboratory skills, give an oral presentation and compete in a quiz bowl. In each section, the topics are related to agricultural subjects.

"People always ask me which part is the hardest, and I can't really answer that until you find out what you have to write or talk about," Felling said. "Someone may be a good writer, but if they don't have a good answer, then they're out of luck."

Felling added that with the first three parts, the students are given a little time to prepare, but in the

students perform in those expectations."

Felling agrees that because of the conditions they're in, their true skills and knowledge shine through.

"If you really know your stuff, it will come through smoothly," he said. "Sometimes you'll get a mind block, but through concentration you can usually work through it."

Thorson agreed and added there is no way someone can do well if they're just making up things as they go.

"I often hear students say they're just going to fluff their way through an essay test, which really means they have no idea what they're talking about," he said. "Maybe they can get away with that in school, but in the competition it doesn't work."

While the UW-RF team seemed to get through the contest with relatively few problems, they were up against some tough teams from colleges from around the U.S.

Teams represented colleges such as UW-Madison, North Dakota State, Purdue, Ohio State, Iowa State and West Virginia University. A total of 14 collegiate teams participated in the contest.

When all was said and done, the team, the coach and their advisors were proud to have done so well and to have represented their school.

"To be able to do so well with the big name agriculture colleges says a lot about the quality of our program, students and faculty," Kelm said.

"If I had to choose the most stressful part of the contest, it would be the quiz section because everyone has an equal chance until the questions are asked."

-Animal Science Major Ryan Thorson

final part—the quiz bowl—no one knows what questions they'll be asked.

"If I had to choose the most stressful part of the contest, it would be the quiz section because everyone has an equal chance until the questions are asked," Thorson said. "One can only hope it's in a field that you've studied."

The UW-RF team finished first in the written exam, second in the quiz and third in the laboratory. Overall, the students fared better than any other team, even though they didn't place in the oral presentation.

"The contest is a very fair representation of what the students are actually learning compared to what they are expected to be learning," Kelm said. "Also, it measures how

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Graduation brings mixed emotions

Seniors reflect on years of making friends, look ahead to finding jobs in today's world

Melinda J. Domzalski
Staff Writer

There's something in the air and it is making all graduating UW-River Falls seniors twitch, itch and climb the walls.

With only nine more days to go before commencement ceremonies began, UW-RF's class of 2000 is starting to get a little antsy as their anticipation grows for their degrees.

"Dude, I'm ready, to get out of here," said Mac Guptil, a senior who double majored in economics and political science. "I'm just really looking forward to walking on stage and getting my degree. I actually want to give Chancellor Thibodeau a noogie as I'm walking through."

Five hundred and twenty-two bachelor and master's candidates are expected to participate in commencement ceremonies on May 20, at 2 p.m. at the Robert P. Knowles Physical Education and Recreation Center.

The hardest part, Guptil said, about graduating and moving on is having to let go and say goodbye to everyone he has met at UW-RF.

"I'm going to miss a lot of people here; a lot of close-knit friends," Guptil said. "We're all going our different ways now, and I know it's going to be really tough to keep in touch."

Guptil, a 23-year-old from Minnetonka, Minn., has been attending UW-RF for the past five years. Since he has attended the University, he has participated in many campus activities and jobs such as President of Student Body in 1999, road crew leader, residential assistant, and a member of Phi Sigma Kappa.

After graduation, he plans to earn a law degree at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn.

"I been at here at UW-RF a lot longer than most student because I decided to double major last year," Guptil said. "But now I'm sure that going to law school is the right path for me to take."

At the ceremonies, Chancellor Gary A. Thibodeau, who is retiring on Aug. 1 after serving 15 years at UW-RF, will address the audience and graduating Senior Bridget M. Finke will deliver the commencement address. Finke's speech, called "Which Bridges to Cross...", is focused on events of the 20th Century and the implications they present for the UW-RF first class of the millennium.

One of the major realities of graduating is having to go out and look for your first job.

Ann Smith, a graduating senior majoring in economics, said she feels very anxious to find her first job.

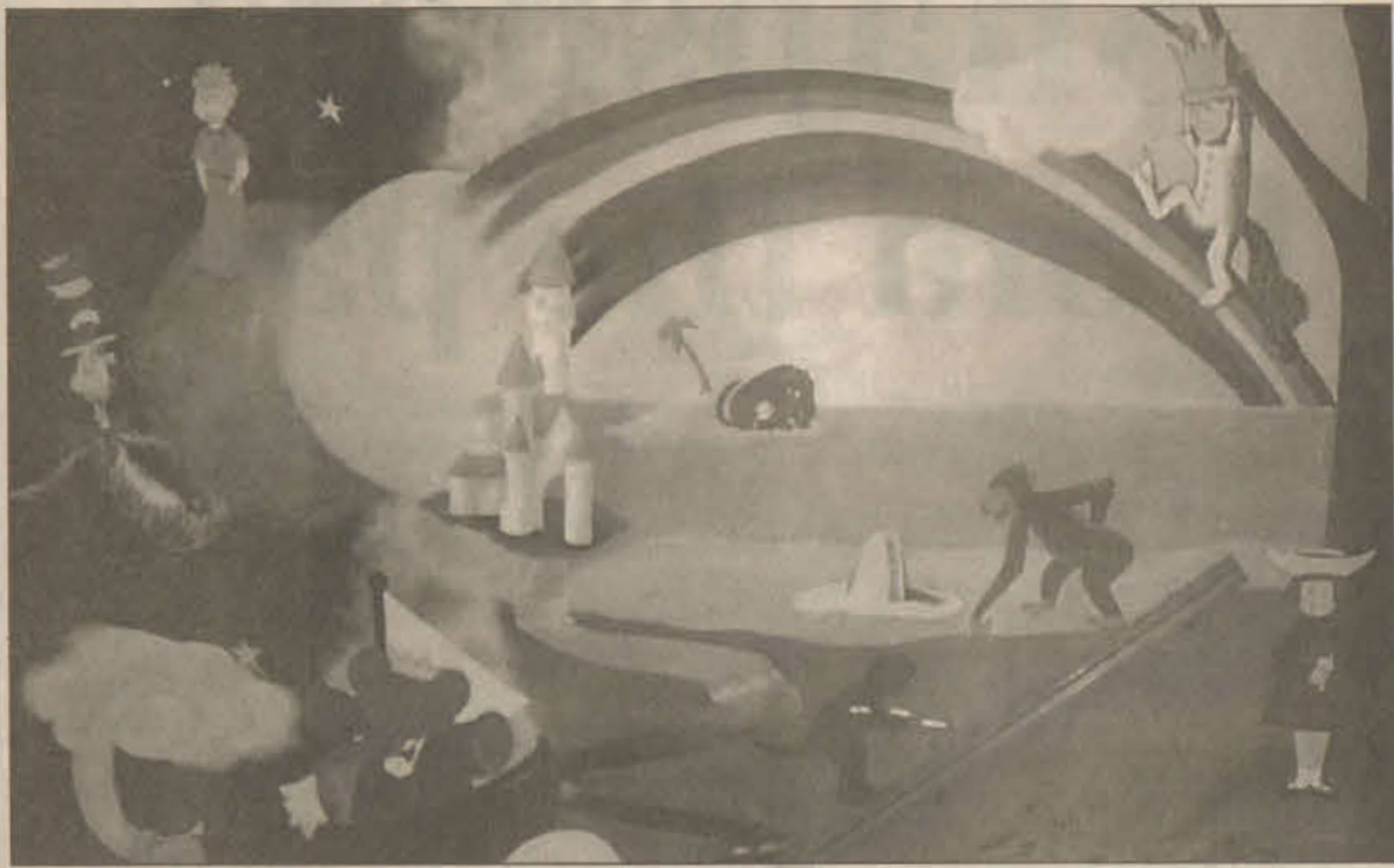
"I have one concrete job offer at the moment, and I'll know by Friday if I have another one," Smith said. "It's going to be a big change, but I'm looking forward to it. But at the moment it's very unsettling."

Smith, who produces and performs a one hour radio show each week at WRFW Campus Radio Station, said today was one of the first times she realized that she was going to have a hard time saying goodbye to the friends and life she has made at UW-RF.

"Today was our last show (for the campus radio station)," Smith said. "It was really hard for me to say goodbye to something I know so well. I've made so many great friends here."

Besides being a student at UW-RF, Smith is also a mother of a 4-year-old girl named Christine. For the past four years she has attended UW-RF, lived in the dorms during the weekdays, and taken care of Christine on the weekends.

Childhood splattered on the wall



Neil Rhines / The Student Voice

Art student Kari Clarke painted this 12 foot by 16 foot mural of childhood characters ranging from Curious George to the Cat in the Hat. This piece of neighborhood art is covering the wall by the stairwell leading to the children's loft of the Bookpress in downtown River Falls. The idea originally came from Bookpress owner Kevin Caldwell, and was finalized by Harvey Fields and Lynn Jermal from the UW-River Falls art department. A service learning grant provided funds for the project, which helped "bridge the gap between campus and community." The mural was completed in little over the month, and has already received rave reviews from patrons at the Bookpress.

Information provided from Neil Rhine's May 4 article "Painting favorite childhood characters."

"Christine was 8 weeks old when I started to attend UW-RF," Smith said, who is 21-years-old now. "It's been good, but it has also been a strain on all of us. It's hard being a part-time mother. I really look forward to become a full-time mother."

One thing that Smith said she is very excited about is having her 4-year-old daughter, Christine, attend her graduation ceremonies.

"When I was a freshmen, I remember my road crew leader telling the group about his first

memories of his mother walking across the stage and receiving her diploma," Smith said. "All along I have thought about my little girl and what she is going to think at her mommy's graduation. I'm really happy that I get to my experience with her."

During the commencement ceremonies, biology professor Karen Klyczek will be recognized as the 2000 Distinguishes Teacher, the highest award given to teachers at UW-RF. And, Patricia Steiner, a Withee, Wis., native who is a classical singer with the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York, will be recognized as the 2000 Distinguished Alumnus.

Wendy Jasper, a graduating senior with a major in broad area agriculture, said she had an awesome time attending UW-RF and has mixed feeling about moving on.

"Going to school here has given me a lot of opportunities," Jasper said. "I've made a lot of new friends here and seen so many parts

of the world."

Last spring semester, Jasper participated in the semester abroad Wisconsin in Scotland Program. For several months she lived in a castle with 70 other people.

"It was like a dream come true," Jasper said. "I got to see so many parts of the world. I went to England, Germany, Austria and Ireland."

Jasper said the best part about attending UW-RF has been experiencing all of the little moments.

"I loved one through Main Street, meeting new people and just hanging out with friends," Jasper said. "Eventually, I hope to end up living in River Falls."

Although Jasper, Smith and Guptil are saddened by the idea that they are leaving UW-RF, there is one feeling that is mutual between all three of them.

"I'm excited, a little scared, and nervous," Smith said. "But I've put in my time and I'm ready to move on with my life."

NEW EDITORS

Kevin O'Brien and Jamie Jung would like to leave their news pages to Ben Schmitt and Rachel Weddig, who will be co-news editors next year. Jaime will be moving to bigger and better things on the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune, and Kevin will return as assistant editor of the Student Voice.

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Snapshots from the past

Neil Rhines
Staff Writer

The year 2000 brings about the 125th anniversary of the UW-River Falls. From its humble beginnings as a state Normal School, through its name changes to its present university status, UW-RF has undergone several makeovers. However, for most of the last 105 years, the university has had one consistency that has acted not only as an informant and message board, but also unwittingly, and seemingly most importantly, as historian. For more than 100 years this University has had a student-run publication - a newspaper.

The very first student publication came about during UW-RF's days as the River Falls Normal School. It was called *The Normal Badger*. Begun in 1895, the *Badger* was published by the Normal Athletic Society and campus literary societies in order to raise money for football and basketball equipment; even so, at the time it was considered a sign of weakness to wear a helmet while playing football.

According to *Centennial History: the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, 1874-1974*, by James T. King and Walker D. Wyman, "Throughout the decade of the 1890s, campuses across the country were seized with the notion of publishing school newspapers." It was a notion that met with some initial difficulty. An early *Badger* editor wrote the idea of a student run newspaper at UW-RF as well as many universities around the country "was much ridiculed and laughed at by a great many people," and that there was a tendency to dismiss it as a student fad.

The Badger was printed monthly and in 1896, changed its format to a smaller, almost pamphlet sized publication which was taken over by the Literary Society in March 1897.

Typical contents of the *Badger* were sports stories, campus and community events coverage, exulting in the successes of Alma Mater, poetry and, of course, ads. There were also messages printed to stimulate the students. Following are a few examples.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, although 80 years of age, works 16 hours a day.

Successful electric signals have been made across Bristol Channel, a distance of over five miles. Mr. Gladstone, just before leaving for Cannes this winter, was asked whether he did not think his constant study and reading had affected his nerves badly. "My dear sir," he answered, "Can you imagine what would be the condition of my nerves if I were compelled to do nothing?" Teach children that the English language ought not to be insulted with slang. If slang is not learned in childhood it is not easily taken up in after years. 'Tis better not to be at all, than not to be noble. -Alfred, Lord Tennyson

In 1900, the *Badger* suspended publication. The Normal School was without a publication until the spring of 1906, when two papers were published under the name *The Renaissance*. Two numbers were all that were published under that name, however, because in the fall of 1906, the *Badger* was revived. It ran until 1912, when the *Meletean* - the River Falls annual that would run until 1969, with two more attempts made in '91 and '92-took over.

The arrival of the *Meletean* and demise of the *Badger* left the school without a newspaper. In 1915, the rhetoric class published one edition of a literary magazine called *The Oracle*. *The Oracle* would live on in the following years, but under other names such as *First Flight* and the present

day *Prologue*. However, there was still a void, and in 1916, it was filled. Enter *The Student Voice*.

The free price of the *Voice* is perhaps one reason why it is popular on campus, yet it wasn't always that way. *The Badger* charged ten cents for its monthly edition. When it first began, the *Voice* charged two cents a copy and was printed on either side of one piece of paper.

The Voice has changed over time, going from a strictly black and white paper, to one with spot color that began in the late '30's, and now - since February of 98 - full color on the front page. The contents haven't changed altogether too much, however; looking at earlier editions does provide some interesting reading.

In 1917, aside from an article asking for donations to help the troops who were overseas fighting in WWI, there was also an article that expressed a bit of sarcasm on what is still a problem on the UW-RF campus-the traffic on Cascade Avenue. The editor asked the reader to consider the following suggestions, if only with a grin and a grain of salt.

"Rule 1: Pedestrians crossing streets at night shall wear a white light in front and a red light in the rear. Rule 2: Pedestrians before turning to the right or left must give three short blasts on a horn at least three inches in diameter. Rule 3: Pedestrians must, when an inexperienced auto driver is made nervous by a pedestrian, hide behind a tree until the automobile has passed."

The rules continue, yet by now the point is clear that traffic is constant, much alike the *Voice*, it keeps chugging through the years.

As a chronicle of history, if one was to read only the main headlines of past issues of the *Voice*, than they would know what the main issues were at that time on campus. For example, in the January 27, 1932 issue of the *Voice*, some of the highlights were on whether or not it was alright for a women to pay for a date, and also about J.P. Jacobson's bean soup.

According to the dating article, many agreed it was alright for women to pay for part, if not the whole date. Also, women at the University of Southern California were asked what they looked for in a date. Intelligence ranked as the number one attractant, accruing 25 percent. In the bean soup article, Prof. "Jake" was known as "a bean artist" for his soup. Bean soup continued to be a UW-RF tradition for many years and was prepared annually during the Winter Carnival.

Have you ever wondered how the names of buildings and places on campus got their names? *The Voice* can tell you. In an obituary in the February 22, 1933 issue, P.W. Ramer, a member of the State Board of Regents for 20 years, had several well-known campus names comment on his passing. Regent Jay H. Grimm, Registrar E.J. Prucha, Director of the H.S. Department R.A. Karges, and Agricultural Director J.M. May all spoke highly of Ramer.

In 1951, the cornerstone for Hathorn Hall was laid. *The Voice* was there. Though she retired in 1949, Miss Irma Hathorn made enough of an impact at what was then called River Falls State School to have the very first residence hall on campus named after her. Hathorn, the dean of women for 29 years, was quoted once as saying "It will be a cold day in July before the University gets a residence hall" in the September 25, 1950 issue. *The Voice* commented that it was instead a cold day in January.

The comment was inserted into a photo spread that chronicled some of the accomplishments made during the administration of RFSTC President E.H. Kleinpell.



The Student Voice

1960 - The President greets a presidential candidate, John F. Kennedy, in North Hall.

Before the social taboos that are now associated with tobacco use were formed, it was not an uncommon sight to see advertisements for cigarette companies everywhere from the television set to the *Voice*. Camel advertisements boasted having the real cigarette with photos of yacht captains and jet pilots. Winston proclaimed "Winston tastes good!" Another person in the ad would then say it tastes "Like a cigarette should!" Lucky Strike cigarettes, in an effort to attract collegiate carcinogen consumers, ran a campaign that made an attempt at the intellectual side of the college smoker. Called "sticklers," they were little riddles that were accompanied by cartoons. Some examples were... "What is a clumsy sailor? An anchor clanker. What is a greedy Englishman? A mutton glutton." *The Voice* stopped putting cigarette ads in the paper in the late '50s.

During the tumultuous late 60s and early 70s, the *Voice* was there covering the protests and events that shaped the day. On the Oct. 20, 1969, the *Voice* reported that Dr. Garryer Maxwell came to the campus to speak against war. "We all know that war is wrong or do we?" He asked at the War Moratorium for Peace in Vietnam Day. Then, in the May 4, 1970 issue, the *Voice* ran a photo spread on what was called the "Rockfest." Fearing student uprising, the American Legion was called in.

In the May 12, 1970, it was announced that the students were going on strike. The death of four students at Kent State University at the hand of national guardsmen, and also opposition to President Nixon's Cambodian policy were given as the two main reasons for the strike. Student Senate President Rodney Nilsestuen in front of 2000 students in the Karges gymnasium announced the decision. Prof. William Abbott was quoted as saying the strike was "The greatest meeting that has ever taken place on this campus." *The Voice* reported it all.

The newspapers on this campus have varied in size, shape and frequency of publication, however they remain consistent in that they provide records of history. A journal of the people and ideas that made this University what it is today. From the oldest copies of the *Badger* found in the archives room at Davee Library, to the latest issue of the *Voice*, hot off the press, campus newspapers are a source of not only current information and news, but also a local history text, to be referred to and learned from now until they meet the fate of all things perishable when they again turn to dust.



GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL DISPLAYED GREAT SHIBUI to stretch the truth and evade our critical senses of the day in a lecture here last Tuesday. Rockwell, in the best "McCarthy" tradition waved papers and showed half truths. The tape of the Voice Editorial Board is that the UW-RF student body takes Rockwell's remarks as such, half truths in the "McCarthy" tradition.

Headlines: a look back

- Monday, May 11, 1970
Vote to strike in protest of Nixon's Cambodian policy and the anniversary of Kent State deaths.
- Sept. 1970
Vote passes to abolish curfew hours for all women except first quarter freshmen.
- May 25, 1964
Graduating class of 330 is biggest class ever.
- Sept. 9, 1963
Enrollment reaches 2,000

- Oct. 7, 1963
University celebrates homecoming with bonfire.
- Oct. 26, 1972
Stand sells freshmen beanies for 40 cents.
- 1960
Presidential candidate John F. Kennedy visits campus.
- Nov. 9, 1932
First ever Parents Day at the River Falls State Teachers College will be held on Friday, Nov. 11 in hopes of creating an annual homecoming event.

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EDITORIAL

Voice staff had good year, despite criticism

Another year has come and gone – thank God. Like many students on campus, the *Voice* staff is burnt out beyond recognition. However, unlike many students, this paper continued to put out a quality publication over the last month that should make this University proud.

At the end of last year, we told the student body, in this very space, that with the drastic amount of graduating seniors leaving the paper, this publication would struggle during the rebuilding process. Under editor in chiefs Max Date and Carrie Koranda, the early papers were hideous – we mean Roseanne Barr in a tube top hideous, but we worked through these difficulties. Our readers stuck by us, and we give them the paper they see today.

Over the year, we challenged our readers to think about many controversial issues that pertain to this campus. Corruption within the Leadership Center concerning Carrie Nelson and Mike Cain, the spreading of the date rape drug, “roofies,” and the shooting of Ryan McCarthy in downtown River Falls have all inspired great response from our readers.

We encourage response from our readers, but we want the student body to consider that we are a newspaper trying to tell the news of this campus. If you are an important and influential person on campus and do something wrong, we have the obligation to tell our readers what their leaders are doing.

We have the greatest responsibility out of any organization on campus. We tell you what is going on at this campus – good OR bad, it doesn't matter.

We have endured countless letters that have said we shed a bad light on this campus and should act more like a public relations firm. To this, we respond by saying, “Fix it.” If there is a bad side to this campus, fix it, so we don't have to write about it. We print reality, not a distortion of it.

After those first rough papers, we rapidly turned this shoestring operation into a recognized newspaper. In March, we won first prize at the Best of the Midwest for four-year institutions with a weekly publication against stiff competition from seven states. In short, we aren't as bad as everyone at this campus seems to say we are.

Next year, we will make this paper even better. We will not have the growing pains of this year with all but three of the staff returning. Front page editor Dan Hilsen, Co-News Editor Jamie Jung, and Photo Editor Melinda Domzalski will be surely missed and their time spent here should be commended, but this paper is primed for a solid 2000-2001 campaign.

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Metallica looks for profit, disappoint fans

Metallica is looking more and more like a bunch of greedy, grumpy old men. With their lawsuit against Napster, the computer company whose program allows its users to freely trade songs while on the Internet, it sure seems that way.

I am now embarrassed to admit that I used to like them. A lot. I used to have 22 of their CDs (when they only had five official albums released), I was part of the official Metallica Fan Club set up by the band, I had my room plastered with anything and everything pertaining to Metallica, and made a videotape containing interviews, performances and music videos. I even had the 12-minute version of their “Unforgiven” video. I was a fan.

Like what Max Date was talking about last week in his column, I was one of those fans of Metallica before the black album was released. The first time I listened to that CD, I knew they ditched their Metal-up your-ass attitude as a result of their hopes of making more money. Then “Load” came out, which should've been called “Load of Crap.” That was their last CD I bought and ended up selling that and all my other Metallica CDs a month later.

I remember when the home video “Cliff ‘Em All” came out, maybe about nine or ten years ago. It wasn't all that much longer after the untimely death of former bassist Cliff Burton, and it contained various interviews and bootlegged live shows. This was around the time when they cared about the fans and let them bootleg their live shows.

The older, more conservative Metallica would never adopt a policy that might bite into their

profits. Apparently \$30 million a year isn't enough money, and they need to attack a computer company that allows its users to share music the way it's meant to be: free. I can understand their anger at seeing a song they hadn't even finished recording pop up on Napster, but they really do have the most insanely dedicated fan base. I don't find it surprising that the fans' insatiable appetites for new and unreleased

argued that buying a new CD is unnecessary with Napster and a CD burner, people sometimes prefer having the liner notes and lyrics). I could see Napster taking a chunk out of record sales, and I hope to watch it happen. The artists signed to major record deals don't make much of their money off record sales.

Mostly, I really don't want to see anything happen to Napster that may jeopardize consumers' ability to hear unreleased material. Just this past weekend, I burned a 72-minute CD full of Soul Coughing songs that I never knew existed, and I've been a fan for the past five years. I don't feel like I'm doing anything wrong because I'm not trying to make CDs to turn a profit out of but intensify my interest in some bands.

Those who have used the program would understand. Anyone who hasn't can download the program from www.napster.com. I encourage everyone to check it out and tell some friends about it. I hate to admit it, but Napster's days may be limited, especially with the recent agreement of large record companies to lower the prices of

CDs. It's nice to be able to make custom CDs from bands well before they're released, such as “Mer de Noms” from *A Perfect Circle*. It's the only CD I've listened to for the past two weeks, and it won't even be in stores until May 23. It's a gratifying feeling to turn the tables and bend over the record companies for a change.

ANDY GIESEN



“I don't find it surprising that the fans' insatiable appetites for new and unreleased material from a band of their magnitude gets satisfied by leaks from their studio onto the Internet.”

material from a band of their magnitude gets satisfied by leaks from their studio onto the Internet.

For most bands, Napster is a tool of spreading music and generating interest. These other bands see the long-term benefits, such as increased ticket sales, more merchandise sold and possibly an increase in record sales (although it could be

Hodgepodge: Senate needs to think small first, campus needs involvement and finals websites

Topic #1 - Student Senate: This year people in the Student Senate according to many, fell on their collective face. I am sure every person on Student Senate in their heart wants to make a difference. But some people want to make a big difference, and only look for the massive difference and changes to be made.

The small changes are golden. You might not get the huge pat on the back from your co-senators. You might not get a couple paragraphs from Laura Brinkoetter, our Student Senate reporter, but small things matter. One thing I have learned from being Station Manager of WRFW, is that you can't nod your head and make changes effectively happen like Jeanie (note “I Dream of Jeanie” reference). Then get mad when the changes don't take. Choose some small goals that will help you step up to your larger goals.

Also in Student Senate the people need to be able to better shrug off insults and things that don't make you feel happy. Having all of these problems and baggage doesn't help work get done. The people that meet in the Capital in Washington D.C. have the same baggage of people not liking them to much as do the people that meet in the Regents Room in River Falls, Wis.

There are two big differences between the two. The first difference is that people in Washington D.C. expect people to back stab them and lie to them. You need to realize that while it is not Republican / Democrat style politics Student Senate is still politics. In politics there are always misrepresentations (intentional or not), there is always an “us versus them” feeling when ever there is a vote that is not unanimous. Get over not having everybody not thinking you are the greatest thing. Just do your work

and don't backstab others, it always comes back to get you in the end if you backstab.

The second difference between D.C. and R.F. is that the people in Washington D.C. have the entire day to fight and bicker AND WORK. Students have very little time period, when bickering and moaning and whining takes up time there is hardly any time left for any work and progress.

come out... I've got but one more semester left of college, its odd to think I'm done in a few short months. As for all of you graduating not or this summer, good luck, but just don't take that dream job of mine floating out there. I wish there could have been better support for the athletic teams.

There really isn't any team that is a joke of the league they play in, they are all decent squads. Go and

crime issues.” But I feel very safe in River Falls even after these incidents I feel just a safe walking down the street in River Falls as I do back in my hometown of Golden Valley, Minn. (a suburb of Minneapolis). The world is generally a safe place and a few instances don't scare me.

Topic #5 - Websites for finals week: For those of you stressing out over stuff over finals week, or people like me who are completely bored during finals week because all of your stuff is done, here's some site for you to try out - to either relax or take-up time. Are you in the mood to learn about yourself? Try out emode.com. Emode is site with many different polls and quiz's ranging from: “Who is your celebrity prefect match?”, an I.Q. test, “If you were a dog - what dog would you be?”

Want some good and funny fake news? Check out theonion.com. The Onion for those of you who don't know is a tabloid that completely makes up stuff, my two favorite headlines (that can be printed in this publication) from this week are, “Gore Camp Denies Putting Bush Camp's Canoe In Treetop” and “Cashier Allows Line-Cutting To Go Unpunished.” Just a warning the onion does swear. If you want some real news that is just odd, try the Etcetera section of Foxnews.com at foxnews.com/etcetera/index.sml. If your in the music mood surf around CMJ.com. They are the college radio's version of Billboard. Check them out for music information. Last and definitely not least website is comedycentral.com. This is a website that you can spend hours at clips from the Daily Show, South Park and the other shows are very entertaining. Check it out.

MATT MCCONICO



“Get over not having everybody not thinking you are the greatest thing. Just do your work and don't backstab others.”

So what does all of this mean? I hope the new Student Senators take time out to think to themselves about what they want to do next year and realize that taking things personally only hurts you, not the person that hurt your feelings.

Topic #2 - Thanks: To all of you read my thoughts for the year, thank you. And to answer a question - I can't stick on one subject because I bore myself, and if I'm bored, you're bored.

Topic #3 - End of the year: I felt that its my last column of the year, I have to some end of the year thoughts in here but as I start this topic I'm not sure what is going to

support your teams next year - give them a real home field advantage. Good bye Chancellor Thibodeau. I will miss a number of people studying abroad next semester, why are they leaving me?

Topic #4 - RF Violence: Recently a UW-RF student was assaulted and robbed in an alley way behind Main Street. We also had a student senator get shot this semester. I remember when I was a freshman the big crime was a drunk guy pushing a dumpster towards a cop car late at night. This isn't a rant about the good old days - but just me thinking that “Wow, River Falls is actually becoming a town with

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Postcards

John Burroughs (1837-1921), worked as a teacher and a farmer for nine years as a clerk in the Treasury Department in Washington, D.C. Burt enclosed a picture and autograph from Burroughs in the time capsule.

Walter H. Page (1855-1917), was a journalist, book publisher, author and diplomat who, as a United States ambassador to Great Britain during World War 1, worked to maintain close relations between the two countries. Page served as the editor of Atlantic Monthly, and with Frank Doubleday, founded the publishing company of Doubleday, Page, and Company. The contents from the time capsule showed a brief card Burt received from Page but the writing was hard to decipher.

Ruth McEnery Stuart (1852-1917), was the daughter of a wealthy family of planters and slaveholders, as well as a lifelong resident of Louisiana. She was educated at public and private schools in New Orleans. Later, she became a schoolteacher at a finishing school in New Orleans. Stuart began writing after her husband's death in 1883 and moved to New York to be with her sister.

Enclosed in the time capsule was a postcard that Burt received from Stuart that said, "Come in at 5:00 tomorrow. We are meeting a half a dozen of women." Also, Burt received a postcard from Stuart's sister that said, "Don't get up if you are having a good Sunday rest. I came to see how you are."

It will remain a mystery on why Burt chose to keep these belongings in the time capsule. The only thing that the University has been able to find out about Burt after she left was that she taught in a school in Washington, D.C. because of one of the addresses on the postcards.

"We probably won't get the question answered of why she left these things to us," Watson said. "They must have been things important to her and she saw an opportunity to give something back to UW-RF."

Capsule

neous category to represent the things that have contributed to the life and culture of this campus but are not officially affiliated with this university. An example placed in the time capsule to represent this category is Easy Mac.

"Easy Mac is a new product this year which I can only describe as the best thing to happen to college students since Ramon Noodles," Sweet said.

The final category is student life. The committee is compiling a photo album of student life that will be completed before the sealing of the time capsule.

Kaye Schendel was placed in charge of overseeing the time-capsule committee and

feels that the group did a good job representing our campus.

"I think they (the time capsule committee) did a good job," Schendel said.

"Everyone on campus was represented in the time capsule."

In all over fifty items will be placed into the time capsule before it is sealed and

buried. There is still some debate as to when and where the capsule will be buried, but according to Schendel it will probably be sometime over the summer and will be marked with some sort of a commemorative plaque or headstone.

Wyman

Krey explained that when asking faculty what they thought was beautiful about the teacher education building most replied by saying that the windows in the building are beautiful, or being able to walk around the building and see students hard at work in the technology lab down below is beautiful.

Thibodeau described Wyman as a man who loved his work.

"Wyman loved the interaction with students," Thibodeau said. "He provided leadership for the entire UW System and was a champion for educational access and quality."

Student Says Goodbye: Student Voice staffer shares memories

Even though I won't be graduating for another year and may cover another sports beat or two before I'm done, my employment with The Student Voice is over with. So, after four years of service, it's time to say goodbye to all the staff members of The Student Voice and most importantly to the readers of our campus newspaper.

To the past and present staff: I have learned more about many of you than I ever thought possible. And if he's reading this, thanks to Jason for showing me the ropes when I first came on staff. I'll also never forget those late nights at the office, the long hours and low pay and the memories that were made. I'll always look fondly back on the late night wiffle ball games in the hallways of South Hall, all the staff friendships I've made, Max's crazy antics, Special K's out of character moments, the occasional late night trip to the bar, Lesley trying to convince me to

bleach my hair, all the interesting late night office conversations, constantly munching on any of Sarah's food (especially the M&M's and Cheez-its) and so much more.

I value all of my time spent at The Student Voice. I feel my time at the newspaper and the staff members who have served with me over the years have taught me a lot about journalism, opposing viewpoints, myself and so much more. I've tried to hand down the knowledge I've gained over the years to those who will continue to be part of the newspaper in the future. Continue to improve the design and overall quality of the newspaper as those have done before you. I wish you all the best of luck. I will miss you all.

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Happy 125th UW-RF

Chancellor opens 125th

Angelo Van Bogart
Staff Writer

In a large white tent outside of the Student Center last Wednesday, Chancellor Gary

Thibodeau gave his last presentation before his retirement at the end of the school year. In his presentation, Chancellor Thibodeau presented surrounding towns an award for outstanding service. Thibodeau drew on the present and past relationships between the people of each town and the University, particularly the fight to bring UW-River Falls to its present location, and for keeping it here after a fire in 1897 destroyed South Hall.

"For 125 years, this University has been successful in terms of value, integrity and honesty," Thibodeau said. There is a "joy of new promise and prosperity building on tradition," Thibodeau speculated, looking to the future of the University.

Thibodeau continued his insight into the University by saying "This has been a birthday party all year long."

Katharine C. Lyall, president of the University of Wisconsin System, reflected on the university's past and seemed intent on ensuring the future of the University would be a positive future.

"It is an honor to be here to help celebrate the 125th anniversary," Lyall proclaimed, and later warned that

the university "is not a museum of the past, but a tool for shaping the future."

Lyall and Thibodeau have worked together since Thibodeau came to UW-RF in 1985 from South Dakota State University, where he served as the vice president at that campus. Since coming to UW-RF, Thibodeau has had many varying but positive challenges. In recalling some of the triumphs he has had at UW-RF, there are two events that remain closest to his memories.

"Everything from seeing full funding of the Dayce Library, to helping a freshman deal with a personal problem; these are the types of things that stick in my mind," Thibodeau said.

Thibodeau also feels that the transformation from being a purely teaching institution, to a diversified learning institution, is one of the many positive changes that this University has seen.

But not all of the many facets of Thibodeau's position involve a challenge. Thibodeau cites the relationships with many of the people surrounding the University as positive and pleasurable impacts on his time at the University.

"The best thing is the multiple opportunities to interact with faculty, students, and friends of the University," Thibodeau. "It has exemplified the position."

Thibodeau says that of the many questions he has

been asked, he is rarely asked about the benefits of higher education. It is also one of his favorite questions to answer.

"We need to continue pursuing funding for higher education because there is an incredible return," Thibodeau said.

Thibodeau also says that because this institution is funded by public dollars, people must learn the benefits of having an educated society and the benefits that will follow when supporting higher education.

"By supporting public education more generously, the ability of citizens is greatly increased," Thibodeau said.

Thibodeau has a great passion for education and the learning process, and it is reflected by the Physics text book covers that line the walls of his office. Thibodeau has written all of the textbooks, and he does not plan on slowing down after his retirement.

"I am going to remain active in education, and use my free time to continue writing and to incorporate travel," Thibodeau said.

Although Thibodeau realizes he is in a highly visible position, he says there are some things that people do not know about him. When he has time outside of the University, Thibodeau spends it hunting and antiques.

"I like to go antiquing. I consider myself quite knowledgeable in fine china and crystalware," Thibodeau said.

Perhaps the most surprising hobby of Thibodeau's is his choice of movie genres: B horror movies.

"I guess we all have our little idiosyncrasies," Thibodeau said.

2000 will not only mark an important event in the University's timeline, but the loss of an important figure that helped bring the University to that important point. Important figures in the University system realize the momentous occasion, including Lyall.

"We are preparing for a transition for new leadership that will be a challenge and an opportunity."

Education Building Celebrated: Named in Honor of Walker D. Wyman

Rachel Weddig
Staff Writer

Even though the weather outside was dreary and rainy, the spirit inside the newly dedicated Walker D. Wyman Education Building was fun and cheery.

The dedication for the new Walker D. Wyman Education Building at UW-River Falls took place at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, as part of daylong activities to celebrate the 125th anniversary of UW-RF. Wyman, who died in March 1999, at the age of 91, was a very influential and important man to UW-RF history.

Many prominent UW System faculty, alumni and members of the Wyman family were on hand for the unveiling of the plaque commemorating Wyman. The UW System Board of Regents had approved the naming of the education building on April 7.

"I have never met a man that I have admired or respected more," said Chancellor Gary Thibodeau. "He was a civil, intellectually, honest man."

Wyman was associated with education for more than six decades that began in 1932 at the State Teacher's College in River Falls. While he was at River Falls he served as a professor of history and also wrote many books. He left River Falls and served as president of Wisconsin State University at Whitewater from 1962-1967, before coming back to UW-RF in 1967.

UW System President Katharine Lyall felt it is unique to have a man leave his legacy on two UW campuses as much as Wyman did.

"It is rare that two campuses in the University system have both been so deeply impacted by the same person," Lyall said. "But this is where his academic heart is."

Lyall feels that Wyman was a man who was very influential

and dedicated to what he believed in.

"Wyman was a rare, aspiring individual," Lyall said. "He lived and wrote the history of this institution, a privilege few people are given."

Lyall expressed how Wyman not only influenced River Falls, but the entire UW system.

"The entire UW System treasures his legacy," Lyall said. "He left an enduring and positive mark on everyone he taught and everyone who read his books."

Wyman authored over 23 books, and also founded the UW-RF University Press. He donated all the proceeds from his books to UW-RF.

One administrator at the dedication praised the newly highly technological and advanced education building and believes it is an asset for the entire University.

"The new Walker D. Wyman building is a shining example of building on tradition as we go into the new millennium," said Karen Viechnicki, dean of the college of education and graduate studies.

Viechnicki looks forward to the benefits that the new education building will provide to students and faculty.

"We have a rich environment where we will be able to continue to redefine the art and craft of learning and teaching," Viechnicki said.

Wyman's widow, Helen, believed that Walker's presence was felt during the dedication.

"I feel very strongly that he is here today," Helen said. "I believe that he is very proud and honored by what is being done."

Helen also thanked the overflowing crowd that was packed in the entrance of the education building due to the rain for coming to the dedication in honor of her late husband.

"Walker knows and appreciates that you are here and is very proud of the honor you are giving him," Helen said.

Also during the dedication Helen reminisced about her time with Walker.

"We came back to River Falls in 1967 because Walker wanted to get back to writing and teaching," Helen said. "He knew that he wouldn't be able to do either while serving as president at Whitewater."

Thibodeau felt that the honor is in the fact that UW-RF was able to name the education building after Wyman.

"We have been honored here at UW-RF by allowing us to honor Walker," Thibodeau said.

Another faculty member who spoke at the dedication was DeAn Krey, a professor in the teacher education department who knew Wyman well. She talked about a children's book that she gave to her class to look at. The book was about a little girl that described beautiful items around her.

"I believe that Wyman would say that the opportunity to become educated was beautiful," Krey said. "Everyday stories of ordinary people would also be something Wyman would say is beautiful."

Krey explained that when asking faculty what they thought was beautiful about the teacher education building most replied by saying that the windows in the building are beautiful, or being able to walk around the building and see students hard at work in the technology lab down below is beautiful.

Thibodeau described Wyman as a man who loved his work. "Wyman loved the interaction with students," Thibodeau said. "He provided leadership for the entire UW System and was a champion for educational access and quality."

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What's up with Shaq???

With the overwhelming landslide victory hailed by Los Angeles superstar Shaquille O'Neal in the NBA's recent MVP election, the question of his potentially legendary status begs to be asked. After all, only total domination leads to a virtually unanimous sweep of the MVP award.

So, does a commanding 99.1 percent mastery of the award, which is the greatest achievement in the NBA's MVP selection ever, put

RYAN BRINKS

O'Neal above those who came before him?

Even though O'Neal buried last year's MVP, Karl Malone, in the process (Malone, a two-time MVP, didn't even get one of the 121 first-place votes this year), he doesn't deserve an accolade that prestigious.

In only his first NBA MVP selection, it seems inappropriate that he surpass legends like Michael Jordan

(who held the former largest margin of victory with 96.5 percent in 1996), Magic Johnson, and Larry Bird, among others, whose influences far outreach his at this point.

O'Neal has barely been able to lead his team to the Finals (only once in seven years, and they were swept 4-0), while Jordan, Johnson, and Bird have all claimed multiple Finals MVPs after leading their teams to the ultimate prize.

Jordan led the Bulls to their fourth championship title back in 1996 before he was able to obtain the NBA's most commanding MVP vote. Johnson posted three Finals MVPs before taking his first NBA MVP award.

And as if this isn't enough evidence, the Lakers are a strong team with or without O'Neal. Despite missing him in just under half the games last season, the Lakers still made it to the playoffs, and despite having him in the playoffs, they still were swept in the second round, the conference semifinals.

Don't agree? Well, the man responsible for the saving vote in the MVP election does. CNN/SI's Fred Hickman voted for 76er Allen Iverson. "You take Shaq away from the Lakers and you've still got a great team," Hickman is quoted as saying in an AP story by John Nadel. "You take Iverson away from the 76ers and they are the Clippers, the Hawks. They are no longer contenders."

Not that Iverson deserves the award either, but there's a lot more talent in the NBA. Whether this year is just an example of lack of competition or deterioration of the NBA, there's got to be something wrong, and the near-unanimous selection of Shaq as MVP is a horrible side-effect of this disease and should be a wake-up call.

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Falcons post-season ends in extra innings

Falcons softball concludes season with ninth inning loss to UW-Platteville

Ryan Brinks
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite drawing UW-Platteville all the way out to a nine inning decision, the Falcons couldn't make anything more of it and folded in the WIAC Tournament last weekend with a 3-2 loss, preceded by a harsh opening 7-1 defeat at the hands of UW-La Crosse and then a 7-4 triumph over UW-Stout.

"If you're going to lose, it's nice to play a game down to the wire," head coach Faye Perkins said. "One hit, one play was going to make the difference."

It was a nearly identical game all the way through. Both teams scored a run in the first and the fifth. Only two hits separated them. And it came down to a two-out single in the bottom of the ninth.

With a runner on second, the Pioneers singled hard to center field. Then, in a disputable error by Dani Randolph, Platteville managed to get across the plate and claim victory.

According to Perkins, Randolph realized it was a "do or die situation," but the ball took a bad hop just before she got to it.

"I would have loved to have seen Dani catch that ball and throw it home to see what would have happened," Perkins said. "It just evidently wasn't meant to be."

Offensively, Randolph had a sacrifice

RBI while Krista Kirkeeide, 2-4 and one RBI, and Cindy Ostertag, 2-4, led the Falcon bats.

Amy Brooke went the 8 2/3 inning distance, struck out two and walked three while allowing nine hits and two earned runs.

Against Stout in the previous game, the Falcons had more success offensively. Posting double digits in the hits category, the UW-RF women took off with a Jessi Welch homer in the first and an array of big hits.

team's overwhelming defeat.

The Falcons managed only three hits, one being a Kirkeeide solo shot, and gave up a five-run third inning to the Eagles.

Brooke was responsible for all three decisions in the tournament, despite throwing only 1 2/3 innings against Stout. After the Blue Devils' three-run first against Amanda Jo Decker, Clare Peterson came in and shut them down until their go-ahead run in the fifth. Brooke then stepped in and held the Blue Devils while the Falcon offense finished them off.

La Crosse hit her nine times in 5 2/3 innings, and she earned five of the seven runs.

"We lost one kind of bad to La Crosse. We won one to Stout, and then we lost a close one (to Platteville). That's kind of how the whole season went, I think," Perkins said. "(The tournament) kind of mirrored our whole season."

The Falcons also faced St. Mary's in a doubleheader shortly before the tourney, losing both contests 7-4 and 8-1.

"They were the kind of competition you need to make yourself better," Perkins said. "The freshmen got to see what it takes to be a top team in the nation."

Having been seeded sixth in the WIAC Tourney, the Falcons managed to come out fifth, an improvement nevertheless. They conclude their 2000 season with an overall 23-21 record, 3-5 in conference not including the tournament, and say goodbye to their much-appreciated seniors: Jessi Welch, Michelle May, Tiffany Peterson, Dani Randolph and Krista Kirkeeide, all of whom have played under coach Perkins for four years.

Five Falcons named to All-WIAC Softball Team, most of WIAC-West teams

Sports Information

Five Falcon softball team members have been named to the 2000 All-WIAC first team.

Pitcher Amy Brooke (Fr., Spring Valley, Wis.), shortstop Krista Kirkeeide (Sr., Blaine, Minn.), first baseman Meghann Mulligan (Fr., Coon Rapids, Minn.), center fielder Dani Randolph (Sr., Brooklyn Park, Minn.) and third baseman Jessi Welch (Sr., Woodbury, Minn.) were all named to the first team.

Brooke was the team's top pitcher and finished the year with a 14-9 record and a 1.57 ERA. She appeared in 29 games and pitched 151 1/3 innings, tops on the team. She struck out 85 and walked 36. She allowed 145 hits and 64 runs.

Kirkeeide was named to the first team in 1997 and 1998 and received honorable mention in 1999. She finished third in hitting this year with a .333 average. She played and started in all 44 games. She tied for the team lead in triples (3), led the team in walks (20), and had 43 hits including three doubles and two home runs. She scored 25 runs and had 18 RBIs. She struck out just five times, had a .450 slugging percentage and a .424 on-base percentage. She stole seven bases and had a .927 fielding percentage.

Mulligan played and started 31 games and missed the last part of the season after breaking a finger. She finished second on the team with a .341 average. She had 30 hits including two doubles, three triples and a home run. She had 19 RBIs and a .466 slugging percentage. She had a .378 on-base percentage and stole three bases. She committed just one error in the field, out of 276 chances, and had a



Brooke



Kirkeeide



Mulligan



Randolph

See "Softball" on page B2

Falcons finale rained out

Scheduled to finish out the 2000 season on Wednesday, the Falcons baseball team was unable to play it out as steady rain forced a cancellation with St. Olaf.

The Falcons finished the regular season 16-18, 5-9 in the WIAC under second-year head coach Steve Block, winning nine more games than all of last season.

Tracksters satisfied with WIAC

Matt O'Brien
Sports Correspondent

The UW-River Falls women's track team's season culminated last weekend at the WIAC meet, where they came in with a fifth place finish. It was the last competition of the year for the team, however, some individuals will be moving on to the national meet later this spring.

You might think that a fifth place conference finish would leave a coach feeling less than satisfied. But for Falcon head coach Kristi Wagner, it was just what she wanted. After the indoor team notched a fifth place finish in the winter, Wagner hoped the outdoor team could do the same. The coach got her wish. She also got good performances from a variety of people, which was essential to the team's success.

"We needed the big people to be big and others to help, and we got that," Wagner said.

Amy Horazdovsky was among

See "Track" on page B2

Playoff hopes up in flames

Falcons suffer a 1-3 weekend against Pioneers, Warhawks

Troy Mallat
Sports Editor

Being the 25th anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam War, it was only fitting that the Falcon baseball team's play-



Ryan Brinks / The Student Voice

Falcon hurler Dan Morgan lunges toward home plate in the team's 5-0 victory over UW-Platteville Friday. It was the freshman's second victory of the season. The Falcons completed their WIAC season on Saturday, dropping a pair to UW-Whitewater, finishing the season at 16-18.

offs hopes went up in smoke, much like a newly received draft card.

The team dropped three of four over the weekend to finish the WIAC season at 5-9. They are 16-18 overall.

The Falcons needed to sweep the four games and get some help from UW-La Crosse or UW-Stevens Point to sneak into the playoffs.

Neither happened as the Falcons split a pair of games with UW-Platteville Friday at Ramer Field.

Platteville scored six runs in the ninth inning to take a 14-8 victory in the first game of the doubleheader. Reliever Josh Eidem (2-2) was simply hammered by the Pioneer bats. After a pair of singles and a sacrifice put runners at second and third with one out, shortstop Scott Babcock singled in two and advanced to third when the relay throw sailed over home plate.

Three hits and a walk later the Falcons were down 13-8.

"They hit a few good pitches, and (Eidem) got a few pitches up," head coach Steve Block said. "They made the plays."

The Falcons could not hold leads of 5-0 and 7-3 in the ballgame. Up 2-0, the team added three more in the second when Derik Plonsky and Joe Schmidt went deep off Pioneer starter Mike Finnegan (3-5). Plonsky went 3-4 with two runs and a RBI. Schmidt was 2-3 with three runs and three RBIs. He also hit two home runs in the game.

The lead was not safe, however. The Pioneers scored two in the third, one in the fourth, and four in the fifth to pull to a 5-5 tie. Starter Jason Bachman allowed five of those runs on 4-plus innings of work.

Falcon Dan Morgan (2-3) had more success in the nightcap, shut-

ting out the Pioneers, 5-0. The 260-pound freshman dominated the Pioneers, allowing just four hits, walking two and striking out 11.

Morgan worked in his off-speed pitch just enough to keep the hitters off balance.

"He's made real progress," Block said. "He got his curve ball over, which kept their bats moving on the fastball."

All the offense Morgan needed came in the first inning when A.J. Burr blooped a single to right to score Tim Johnson. Three innings later, Burr was at it again with a long single off the wall in right that scored two more.

Bachman added a suicide squeeze and Nick Reimler hit a sacrifice fly later in the inning for the final tally.

On Saturday, the Falcons dropped two to WIAC regular-season champion UW-Whitewater.

In the first game, a harmless two-out throwing error by Bachman opened the floodgates as Whitewater scored three unearned runs to win, 7-4 in 11 innings. Bachman followed the play with another boot to put runners at the corners. Ryan Zelhofer then hit a smash under the glove of Bachman to score the game-winning run. Another error by Scott DeWyre allowed two more runs to score.

Senior Dale LeMonds (6-1) threw a phenomenal game, only to lose his first decision of the season. The right-hander threw 10 2/3 innings giving up seven runs, four earned, on 12 hits.

"He wasn't going to come out of the ballgame for hell or high water," Block proudly said of the team's highly competitive ace. "He probably would have pouted

See "Baseball" on page B2

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL
WAC STANDINGS

Whitewater (26-13)	W	L
Stevens Point (27-10)	11	3
Oakshof (27-7)	10	4
La Crosse (25-14)	10	4
Stout (17-17-1)	9	5
River Falls (16-18)	6	8
Platteville (13-23)	5	9
Superior (10-23-1)	4	10
	1	13

May 5 results
Platteville 14, River Falls 8

Platteville	AB	R	H	RBI
Agnew cf	5	2	2	0
Schultz lf	4	1	3	0
Kerrigan pr	0	1	0	0
Cleland lf	0	0	0	0
Hoff dh	3	2	0	2
Larsen 3b	4	0	2	4
Ryan rf	4	2	1	0
Olsen 1b	5	1	2	1
Vogt 2b	6	2	2	1
Klubertanz c	4	0	1	1
Babcock ss	4	3	3	3
Totals	39	14	16	14

River Falls	AB	R	H	RBI
Reimler cf	4	0	2	0
Johnson 2b	4	2	0	0
Schmidt lf	3	3	3	3
DeWysse ss	4	1	2	2
Burr dh	5	0	2	1
Brom 3b	4	0	1	0
Stokke c	4	0	1	0
Martinson rf	4	0	0	0
Pionsky 1b	4	2	3	1
Totals	36	8	13	7

Platteville	002	140	016	-14	16	3
River Falls	230	201	000	-8	13	2

E - Larsen, Olsen, Klubertanz, Schmidt, Martinson. DP - Platteville 2. LOB - Platteville 11, River Falls 7. 2B - Schultz, Larsen, Babcock, DeWysse. 3B - Agnew. HR - Schmidt 2, Pionsky. SB - Ryan, Vogt. CS - Reimler. SH - Agnew, Klubertanz, Reimler, Brom. SF - Hoff 2.

Platteville	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Finnegan, W	9	13	8	6	4	3
River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bachman	4	5	4	2	2	2
Bartholomew	2	2	2	0	1	1
Harris	2	2	2	1	2	2
Eidem, L (2-2)	1	6	6	2	1	1
Everson	2	1	0	0	0	0

River Falls 5, Platteville 0

Platteville	AB	R	H	RBI
Agnew cf	4	0	0	0
Tardy c	3	0	0	0
Hoff dh	4	0	0	0
Larsen 3b	2	0	1	0
Ryan rf	4	0	1	0
Olsen 1b	3	0	1	0
Schultz lf	4	0	0	0
Vogt 2b	3	0	1	0
Babcock ss	3	0	0	0

Totals	30	0	4	0
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River Falls	AB	R	H	RBI
Reimler cf	3	0	1	1
Johnson 2b	4	1	0	0
Schmidt lf	4	1	1	0
DeWysse ss	4	1	3	0
Burr dh	4	1	3	3
Eidem rf	2	0	0	0
Bosch rf	4	1	0	0
Stokke 1b	4	1	1	0
Bachman 3b	3	0	0	1
Chase c	2	0	0	0
Totals	31	5	10	5

Platteville	000	000	0	4	1	
River Falls	100	400	00X	-5	10	0

E - Larsen, DP - River Falls 1. LOB - Platteville 7, River Falls 6. 2B - Ryan, DeWysse, Burr. SH - Eidem, Bachman. SF - Reimler.

Platteville	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Loebenstein, L	8	10	5	4	0	5

River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Morgan, W (2-3)	9	4	0	0	2	11

May 6 results
Whitewater 7, River Falls 4 (11 Inn.)

Whitewater	AB	R	H	RBI
Zelhofer ss	6	0	2	1
Maves 2b	6	0	0	0
Shere 3b	5	1	1	0
Reinson 1b	4	0	1	0
Dassler pr	0	0	0	0
Sackowiak 1b	1	0	0	0
Bolson rf	4	1	1	0
Schwan lf	4	0	1	2
Cartledge dh	3	0	1	0
Ecker ph	1	1	0	0
Wenhner c	0	0	0	0
Ondricka c	5	1	2	1
Totals	43	7	13	5

River Falls	AB	R	H	RBI
Reimler cf	5	1	1	1
Johnson 2b	5	0	2	1
DeWysse ss	5	0	1	0
Burr dh	0	0	0	0
Becker pr	0	0	0	0
Brom 3b	6	0	2	0
Stokke c	6	1	3	0
Pionsky 1b	5	1	1	0
Martinson rf	3	0	0	0
Bachman 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	44	4	14	3

Whitewater	020	000	110	03-7	13	2
River Falls	100	000	300	00-4	12	3

E - Zelhofer, Cartledge, DeWysse, Bachman 2. DP - Whitewater 1, River Falls 1. LOB - Whitewater 7, River Falls 15. 2B - Bolson, Reimler, Johnson. CS - Maves 2. SH - Van Zile, Reimler, Bachman. SF - Schwan.

River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
LeMonds, L (6-1)	10	21	2	7	4	2
Eidem	1	1	0	0	0	0

Whitewater	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Shere	6.2	7	4	3	1	4
Borgardt	3	3	0	0	4	2
Karaway, W	1.1	2	0	0	1	1

Whitewater 13, River Falls 3

Whitewater	AB	R	H	RBI
Zelhofer ss	5	0	2	2
Dassler ss	0	0	0	0
Maves 2b	5	4	4	2
Shere 3b	5	1	2	2
Reinson 1b	5	0	2	2
Bolson rf	6	0	1	1
Schwan lf	4	0	1	0
Cartledge dh	2	2	1	1
Ecker ph	1	0	0	0
Van Zile cf	5	3	2	0
Ondricka c	2	3	0	0
Totals	40	13	14	10

River Falls	AB	R	H	RBI
Reimler cf	3	0	0	0
Johnson 2b	2	0	0	0
Augie 2b	1	0	0	0
Becker ph/2b	1	0	0	0
DeWysse ss	4	1	2	1
Burr dh	1	0	0	0
Bosch ph/dh	3	0	1	0
Brom 3b	4	1	0	0
Stokke 1b	3	2	0	0
Eidem lf	4	0	1	0
Martinson rf	4	1	1	0
Chase c	2	0	1	0
Pionsky ph/1b	2	0	0	0
Totals	34	3	8	2

Whitewater	120	203	032-13	14	2
River Falls	001	001	001-3	8	6

E - Shere, Bolson, Reimler, DeWysse, Brom, Chase, Grandits 2. DP - Whitewater 2, River Falls 1. LOB - Whitewater 10, River Falls 6. 2B - Reimers, HR - Cartledge, DeWysse. SB - Zelhofer, Maves, Reinson, Stokke. SH - Zelhofer, Cartledge. SF - Maves.

River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Grandits, L (2-5)	3	1	4	5	3	2
Everson	2	1	5	3	3	0
Thompson	1	2	3	2	1	0
Hoepner	1	2	2	0	0	0

Whitewater	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Mulry, L	9	8	3	2	1	6

SOFTBALL
WAC STANDINGS

Western Division	W	L
Eau Claire (24-14)	7	1
La Crosse (23-20)	7	1
River Falls (23-21)	3	5
Stout (17-28)	2	6
Superior (4-29)	1	7

May 5 results
La Crosse 7, River Falls 1

River Falls	AB	R	H	RBI
Kirkeide ss	3	0	1	1
Peterson 3b	3	0	0	0

Welch 1b	3	0	1	0
Randolph cf	3	0	0	0
Harberts lf	3	0	1	0
Ostertag 2b	3	0	0	0
Butler dh	0	0	0	0
May c	2	0	0	0
Natterstad rf	1	0	0	0
Becker ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	25	1	3	1

La Crosse

La Crosse	AB	R	H	RBI
Fischer c	4	2	1	0
Johnson 3b	3	0	1	1
Cernanski ss	3	0	1	1
Kuepers 1b	2	1	0	0
Nelson dh	4	1	1	1
Hanson 2b	3	1	2	0
Lepak pr	0	0	0	0
Schadrie rf	3	1	1	2
Tallis c	3	0	2	0
Christianson lf	3	1	1	0
Totals	28	7	10	5

River Falls	000	001	0-1	3	2
La Crosse	005	002	X-7	10	1

E - Natterstad, Brooke, Fischer, LOB - River Falls 3, La Crosse 7. 2B - Hanson. HR - Kirkeide, SH - Johnson, Cernanski.

River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Brooke, L (13-8)	5.2	9	7	5	1	0
Decker	1	1	0	0	1	0
La Crosse	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wenzel, W	7	3	1	1	0	6

River Falls 7, Stout 4

Stout	AB	R	H	RBI
DePas 1b	4	0	1	0
Bailey 3b	3	1	1	0
Newhouse ph	1	0	0	0
Fenhouse c	4	1	1	0
Slaikue 2b	4	1	3	0
Liberty rf	1	1	1	1
Espay lf	3	0	1	0
Tutu pr	0	0	0	0
Harms lf/rf	4	1	1	1
Kokke dh	3	0	0	0
Ustby ss	4	0	1	0
Becker ph	1	0	1	0
Krenz cf	32	4	11	2

River Falls	AB	R	H	RBI
Kirkeide ss	4	1	2	0
Peterson 3b	2	2	0	0
Becker ph	1	0	1	1
Welch 1b	2	2	2	2
Vogt pr	0	0	0	0
Randolph cf	4	2	1	1
Harberts lf	3	0	2	1
Ostertag 2b	3	0	1	0
Butler dh	7	1	2	1
May c	3	0	0	0
Natterstad rf	3	0	1	0
Totals	29	7	12	7

Stout	300	010	0-4	11	2
River Falls	201	004	X-7	12	1

SH - Krenz, Peterson, T.

River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Decker	2	4	3	3	0	0
Peterson	4	2	5	1	1	0
Brooke, W (14-8)	1.2	2	2	0	0	1

Stout	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Coyle	1	2	2	1	1	0
Zimmerman, L	5	10	5	4	3	0

May 6 results
Platteville 3, River Falls 2 (9 Inn.)

River Falls	AB	R	H	RBI
Kirkeide ss	4	0	2	1
Peterson 3b	2	1	1	0
Moxon ph	1	0	0	0
Welch 1b	4	0	1	0
Randolph cf	3	0	1	0
Harberts lf	4	0	0	1
Ostertag 2b	4	1	2	0
May c	2	0	1	0
Becker dh	3	0	0	0
Natterstad rf	2	0	0	0
Hoff ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	7	2

Platteville	AB	R	H	RBI
Ahlbrecht ss	5	0	1	0
Salentine rf	4	0	2	1
Gleason 1b	5	1	1	0
Hefti pr	0	0	0	0
Shaw 3b	4	0	1	0
Suttler pr	0	0	0	0
Garbachaum dh	3	0	1	0
Esser c	4	0	1	0
Skaden c	4	1	1	0
Elliot 2b	2	0	0	0
Peterson ph	1	0	1	0
Kilian lf	3	1	1	0
Totals	32	3	9	2

River Falls	100	010	000-2	7	3
Platteville	100	010	001-3	9	0

E - Kirkeide, Randolph, Natterstad. DP - River Falls 2. LOB - River Falls 6, Platteville 8. 2B - Welch, Kilian. HR - Gleason. CS - Karshbaum. SH - Peterson, T. Randolph, May 2, Esser, Elliot.

Platteville	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Larson, W	9	7	2	2	1	7

River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Brooke, L (14-9)	8.2	9	3	2	3	2

TRACK

May 5-6 results
WAC Meet (at Superior)

1. La Crosse 249
2. Oshkosh 183
3. Whitewater 168
4. Stevens Point 73
5. River Falls 58
6. Eau Claire 49
7. Platteville 38
8. Stout 26
9. Superior 14

Taking a joke, getting old and the damage done

I've been first and last, ain't it funny how the time has passed. Now I'm all alone at last.

-Neil Young

I've wanted to be a journalist for a long time, like since I was seven in fact. I got really lucky that I was pretty good at it, because if I wasn't, I'd probably be whoring myself out on the corner of First Ave and Hennepin. Then I started becoming somewhat involved with this rag and I decided I can't make money at my chosen profession, people won't respect me for what I do and, honestly, most journalists are dweebs. All of which makes it a pretty nice profession. But recently, I've been a tad concerned. Allow me to elaborate.

My favorite book is *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, by Hunter S. Thompson. It is his autobiographical tale of a weekend chock full of drug and alcohol binges, run-ins with the law and a girl named Lucy. All while trying to cover the inaugural running of the Mint 400. I thought to myself, "Hmm ... beer, roofies and ether. Awesome" (Not that I condone drug use). I also wondered if this was the life of a journalist. GOSH, I HOPED SO! THAT WOULD BE SWELL!" Needless to say, I was under the impression that a good tolerance was more important than good grades.

Sadly mistaken was I. Recently, my 2.65 GPA and I were shut out at a University awards banquet. Not that I'm complaining because I probably didn't deserve one, but it's sort of disheartening when a 4.0 GPA ranks higher than, say, being a former Editor-in-Chief. Dedication doesn't mean jack if you don't have talent. You can have your \$500.

I think that a high GPA means you put too much time in it, and will sit back in 15 years and go, "man, I kinda blew that one shot at being young, didn't I?" What do I know? I'm of the opinion that I've only got one shot at being young and I'm not going to jeopardize that to make someone else happy.

In 1988, Mr. Thompson was also quoted as saying, "I have spent half my life trying to get away from journalism, but I am still mired in it - a low trade and a habit worse than heroin, a strange, seedy world full of misfits and drunkards and failures."

"I tried to not make an idiot out of myself for a while, but found that I wasn't being myself and I wasn't nearly as funny."

It is my humble opinion that if any young journalists disagree with the preceding comments, you should jump ship really damn quick. True journalists have an uncanny knack to think best under "stressful" situations (e.g. really fed up). How many of my columns do you think I came up with while in the throes of deep inebriation? Although, that would explain a lot, wouldn't it?

So back to the statement: the best journalists are misfits and failures and drunks (actually sounds like presidential hopeful George W. Bush would be a good editor). This means that most good journalists are going to be social by (a) drinking Long

Island Iced Teas, (b) talking about some horrible drunken mistakes of the previous nights, and (c) making an donkey out of themselves in front of someone important.

The last of the three is the most fun (at least from my standpoint) and is also looked upon as the most irritating. I tried to not make an idiot out of myself for a while, but found that I wasn't being myself and I wasn't nearly as funny in that self-deprecating way. I also came to the conclusion that jokes about other people's sexual tendencies may not always be couth (at least from "The Man's" point of view), but who isn't laughing at them?

Incidentally, just because I make an idiot out of myself doesn't give anyone else the right to. The difference is that I'm never serious about any degrading comment I make about myself (because I'm way too arrogant). The world would be much better if everyone didn't take themselves so damn seriously. Posing as someone you're not in the presence of higher ups only gives the impression that you've got something to hide. And jokes many things I say may not always be appropriate, but that's just me. I'm not going to apologize for being myself.

Since I'm not going to become fabulously wealthy off of my quasi-mastery of the English language, I think one of the most important things a person can do is remember where they came from. It sounds stupid and cliché, but it'll really come in handy some day when you're trying to come clean with yourself. In 20 years, the last thing I want to say is, "It pisses me off to see those kids enjoying themselves." Hell, no! I hope in 20 years, I can see some kid my age

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Strokin' the bluegrass

Andy Giesen
Staff Writer

The sounds of bluegrass and jazz will be resonating through UW-River Falls this Saturday afternoon and evening.

The Bill Evans New Orleans Jazz Band will perform a benefit concert for the River Falls Area Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association. They will perform in the North Hall Auditorium from 2-4:30.

Later that evening, The Chris Silver and Brian Wicklund Bluegrass Band will perform at the Abbot Concert Hall in the Fine Arts building at 7:30.

Featuring UW-RF Spanish professor Emeritus Don Berg, who has also been drumming professionally for over 50 years, the Bill Evans New Orleans Jazz Band has produced three CDs in the past five years and performed weekly at Chang O'Hara's Bistro in St. Paul for the past seven years. The band also consists of pianist Mike Polad, David McCurdy on banjo and guitar, soprano saxophonist Dr. Henry Blackburn and trombonist Russ Hall.

Because Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson declared May as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Fibromyalgia Awareness Month, State Senator Alice Clausen will present the proclamation at the concert. Funds raised at the concert will assist in the establishment of a medical grant for those suffering of the disease who lack insurance and sufficient medical attention.

Chris Silver and Brian Wicklund, once part of the well-known bluegrass group Stoney Lonesome, are playing for a much different reason. They hope to increase exposure of their music.

The concert is primarily to bring blue-

grass music because there has been an absence in the area," Silver said.

The two are accomplished musicians who have recently been recording, writing instruction books and touring with nationally recognized performers.

Wicklund, who plays the fiddle, is currently touring with Minnesota native Lori Line. He wrote *The American Fiddle Method*, which the press release describes as "a book that connects the Suzuki method to American folklore music." His most recent CD is entitled "Arrival."

Silver and Wicklund, before Stoney Lonesome parted ways in the early 90s, appeared several times on Garrison Keilor's "A Prairie Home Companion." Silver said that exposure helped spread bluegrass to those who normally might not hear it.

"That show has done a tremendous amount to bring bluegrass music to the corners of the world," Silver said.

On mandolin and guitar, Silver spent the last few years touring with Kate MacKenzie of "A Prairie Home Companion." His latest CD is entitled "Over Time" and is receiving national airplay.

Also performing in The Chris Silver and Brian Wicklund Bluegrass Band are Rick Sampson on banjo and Pete Mathison on bass. Sampson has been playing with acoustic groups in the Upper Midwest for the past 25 years and Mathison performed with several national and local ensembles such as Farm Accident and Cousin Dad.

The concert is sponsored by the River Valley Fold Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing folk and bluegrass music to people in the surrounding area.



WHAT IS ONE FUN THING YOU HOPE TO DO THIS SUMMER?



Brooke Larson, Soph.
"Get a new car."



Gus Krejcha, Sr.
"Go whitewater rafting in Southern California."



Aida Pinero, Soph.
"Go back to Puerto Rico; go to the beach and party."



Mike Roehl, Sr.
"Reunite with my daughter and girlfriend whom I've been apart from as I finish my degree."



Chad Genson, Soph.
"Waterskiing on Bass Lake and the St. Croix River."



Amanda Staff, Jr.
"Turn 21."

Photo Poll

by: Jason Borman & Molly Montag

bryan mulrooney

IN THE BELLVIEW

This is the end...My only friend the end...beautiful friend...the end...

Hello, I'm Bryan's sense of obligation. He went berserk and took a vacation for the evening. So, I guess I'll be writing his column, alone. Apparently, his moral structure (who tends to exaggerate things from time to time) said that he had been corrupted by the devil who coaxed him into having a beer with him somewhere downtown. But, I think it was a combination of things, and that it was all the clicking of keypads and chit-chat going on in the computer lab that finally broke him. Amazingly, his catholic guilt convinced him to at least start



something for me before he left so I would have something to go on. I don't have much experience with this kind of thing; being creative, making stuff up, acting spontaneously. You know, I just crack the whip and tell him what he needs to do. He left some instructions and said that he'd started the column for me so I could jump right in and carry on with the theme. But, when I got here that first line was all I found. To tell you the truth, I was really hoping for a little more. On the instructions here, it says that this is the last column and I should leave you all with some kind of mysteriously brilliant passages of wayward lore. Whatever the hell that means. Man, he's really gone off his rocker. I think, maybe, we might have lost him for good. Things just won't be the same without having him to boss around all the time.

I don't know, maybe I've been a little too ambitious lately. Well, he sure slipped away tonight. Now that I think about it he did look a

little crazed today; pure evil mixed with confusion. It scared me. But, the last time I checked I thought he was getting some work done in the computer lab. He was staring at the computer screen and there might have been foam frothing around his mouth. I should have known something was up the way he kept stabbing one of his books with a pen and making odd growling noises. Yeah, now that I think about it he was looking kind of desperate. But, it's just that time of year and I thought everyone looked like that. So, I let him be. And the next thing I knew he was

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gone. Way gone. So, here I am stuck with writing his lousy, last column. The nerve of him! Doesn't he have any dignity..... Oh, just a minute.....Responsibility said he just saw self-satisfaction, and integrity trying to talk Bryan through it. And while they were trying to get him out of the pub, his dignity came stumbling out of the bathroom; toilet paper stuck to his shoe and fluttering behind him with every jolted step, like a worn out flag of neutrality. Well, I guess it's all right to take a break now and then. But, his timing is impeccable. He has a lot to do between now and Friday and it is no time to wuss out. I just hope he appreciates what I'm doing for him, writing this column. I can't believe he let the devil get at his dignity, though. He was so proud of this column. He used to tell me all the time that it was a challenge he looked forward to. When he thought about you, the readers, he only heard your voice and I think sometimes he tried to hear your minds.

But, anyway, in his instructions, he left a few things for me to tell you. Ah, yes, and that there's pastrami in the fridge if I want any. He

thinks pastrami will make this all right. He's just lucky he's got a sense of obligation like me. I guess I can't blame him too much for escaping me. Kind of a sneaky guy. But, then again I'm the kind of obligation who derives a sick pleasure from giving the leash a lot of slack and just as he gets a little to used to his illusory freedom, snapping it back.

First off, he wants to give all the guys who are moving on and graduating this spring a little advice for when they get out in the real world of love and relationships: RUB HER FEET. Now, I think I've heard that before. I think it was Heinlein's character, Lazarus Long who gleaned the significance of those words and used to say them with so much gravity. And to the women who are graduating, he told me to be sure to tell y'all that a good man is hard to find and the best of luck to y'all. God, how did he do this every week. I'm already bored out of my lofty goals. He also left a kind of strange little poem here by Theodore Roethke and something else by Stephen Crane. What I can't understand is why he needs to read all that wishy-washy, mumbo-jumbo when he's got me to keep him in line. Do you think he resents me sometimes? Oh, life isn't always pork ribs and beer. Anyway, it says these little poems are dedicated to "all the people out there":

The Hippo

A Head or Tail-which does he lack?
I think his Forward's coming back!
He lives on Carrots, Leeks and Hay;
He starts to yawn-it takes All Day-

Some time I think I'll live that way.

A Man Said to the Universe

A man said to the Universe,
"Sir, I exist!"
"However", replied the Universe,
"That does not create within me, a sense of obligation."

What's that supposed to mean, anyway?
That's it, Mulrooney's done!

This is the end...



Photo by Molly Montag / The Student Voice

Two students utilize unconventional packing techniques while abandoning the dorms for another year.

**Troy and Max will be rocking your 'B section' world again!
See ya downtown!**

Max / goin' off

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stumbling home from a night of harmless, honest fun, and I can think to myself, "That's right, I've been there. He'll be feeling really good in the morning." And then I'll chuckle to myself.

My dad is probably the most influential person in my life. I'm sure he's done what would be considered a stupid thing or two in his day, in fact, I know he has. But, the beauty of it is that whenever he tells me about some of the stupid stuff, he's got a smile on his face. That's what's going to be important to me.

So, although I didn't really make a direct point, my final thoughts are this: it's cool if you live to be yourself, even if it includes being a "misfit" or a "jackoff." And by no means am I condoning reckless disregard for others; for God's sake, don't drive drunk or pee on the cop station (actually, do the pee thing. That would be funny).

In case you're wondering, I still do have a scary obsession with Britney Spears (could you tell?), but that's okay. Now that she's all legal and stuff, it sort of kills the rush.

And for all of you that read just for the Metallica quote, here we go: *Hey I'm your life, I'm the one who took you there. Hey, I'm your life, and I no longer care.*

Well, that's it from me for this semester. I suppose I'll be back next year and maybe I'll come up with a coherent, complete thought. I'll see you all downtown on June 19. And a final note to former Front Page Editor Dan Hilsen: Congratulations, but it takes more than one night of boozing to equate yourself with me. Keep trying dude.

I never conquered, rarely came. But tomorrow holds such better days.

Buda to finally graduate

"We thought this day would never come."

RIVER FALLS (TSV) - Tim Buda, former UW-River Falls football player, has finally decided that hedoesn't need to be in school anymore, capping a five-year stint at River Falls.

Roommate Max Date thought that the day would never come.

"I was just wondering if he was too stupid to graduate or what," Date said. "But I am happy for him. I guess him graduating means we're gonna have to drink."

Buda himself could not be reached for comment, but unnamed sources have confirmed that he's happy.

Buda's future plans have not been discussed much, but unnamed sources have confirmed he's been spending much of his time watching cartoons, eating cereal and going to the bathroom.

But friend Troy Mallat offers this as a forewarning.

"Tough break," Mallat said. "You've got to go into the real world now."

Troy still drinks his own pee.



Look out for Saavy Duck's first smash hit, "I am Brian May." The Rock says you're a roody-poo if you don't!

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Evenings 7:20, 9:35

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Evenings 7:10, 9:00

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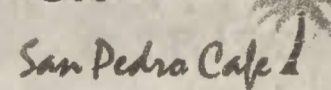
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