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LDPB crunches budget numbers for student orgs

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With pizza in one hand and calculator in the other, members of the UW-River Falls student Leadership Development and Programming Board (LDPB) spent three hours crunching numbers March 16 as they presented and defended their 2005-2006 annual budget requests.

The LDPB, with a current Segregated University Fees (SUF) allocation of \$254,000 worked to meet the various student organizations committee members' 2006 budgets. The goal of the board members was to receive the full amount of funds requested by each of their student organizations.

The LDPB meeting gave the committees' members a chance

to review the allocation of the available SUF for the 2006 academic year. The SUF are funds collected by all UW Systems schools from a portion of fees that all enrolled students pay each semester. The current fee level for each student is \$49.

There are eight LDPB members responsible for distributing the SUF fees to nonacademic student programs and activities on campus such as: Campus Media, Diversity Awareness, Entertainment, Leadership and Training, Performing Arts, Recreational Activities, Special Events, and Student Events.

During the give-and-take session, all the committees had to adjust their budget requests in order to receive a portion of the \$254,000.

The LDPB's final vote on the

committees' budget allocations represented a median between LDPB and the various committees.

Campus Media which represents all campus media allowing students from all backgrounds to express themselves in print and broadcast. It is an outlet for the dissemination of arts and information to the UW-RF campus. Campus Media budget committee requested \$61,014, but received \$53,519.

Although CM cut \$7,495 from its budget, committee chair Rachel Gaynor argued it is difficult to cut media expenses because Campus Media has the ability to provide a flow of information and involve the entire campus and community, which no other campus organization can effectively do.

"Print cost for the newspaper has gone up 15 percent," Gaynor said. "It's the campus newspaper; if this \$34,000 cost is not covered, we will have to cut the newspaper and the student's voice will suffer."

Diversity Awareness funds events, programs and activities sponsored by the various ethnic groups on campus. The committee requested \$35,578, but it received \$28,000.

Dedicated to providing a wide variety of programming for UW-RF campus and the community, the Entertainment committee requested \$40,000, but it received \$34,000.

Although \$6,000 was trimmed from its original request, Entertainment had a carryover of

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Photo by Micheal Foley
Carolyn Schenck works with a coalition of students to hammer out the budget for student orgs.

Historic professor



Photo submitted by Jens Gunelson
Ed Peterson taught at UW-River Falls for just over 51 years. During that time, Peterson calculated he entered his favorite room, 224 South Hall, more than 18,000 times. Peterson is remembered for his trademark blue shirt, contagious laugh, and his undeniable passion for teaching. Peterson died March 25, of heart failure. He was the senior most faculty member at UW-RF.

Peterson leaves long RF legacy

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Ed Peterson loved teaching so much that he actually paid the state of Wisconsin to work as a professor of history at UW-River Falls. Peterson was 79, and well past retirement age. The retirement plan

Peterson could have collected would have paid him more than teaching did. Peterson, however, was a self proclaimed creature of habit and wasn't interested in retiring; he loved teaching too much. So much in fact, he often joked that he hoped to die while lecturing in South Hall, which he and his wife Ursula had worked so hard to preserve.

Admitted to the Hudson hospital on March 23 with pneumonia,

Peterson died on March 25, 2005, in United Hospitals in St. Paul of heart failure.

Family, friends, faculty and students paid final respects at the Congressional Church in River Falls on March 30 amidst the dreary rainfall of a springtime thunderstorm, a setting not representative of the life, passion for teaching, and energy that Peterson exhibited.

In the 51 plus years Peterson etched his legacy at UW-RF, he

watched as class sizes increased and buildings he saw erected were torn down and replaced.

"Professors can get tenure here," Peterson once joked. "Apparently buildings cannot."

During the entire span of his teaching career, he only missed one class period. He prided himself on

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Students fall into SAD

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It's snowing ... again. You are stuck inside, haven't seen a lot of sunshine in days, and you are just feeling low and can't seem to get anything done lately. Though it may seem like you are just down in the dumps again, it is possible that you could be suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder, (SAD).

According to the Seasonal Affective Disorder Association, SAD is a type of winter depression that affects an estimated half a million people every winter between September and April, in particular during December, January and February.

College students belong to a group of people that are particularly vulnerable to SAD because they often are not able to get outside as much between classes, studying, jobs and life in general.

UW-River Falls Student Health Services doesn't see a lot of students who have been formally diagnosed with SAD, but it is known that there are probably many students on campus that may not realize there is a name for their condition.

"College students seem to be worse off as far as this goes because you spend a lot of time inside; in class, in the library, then

back to apartments or residence halls, there is just not a lot of down time to get out," Student Health Services counselor Jennifer Elsesser said. "Especially being at a college in the Midwest, it makes it even worse, because we don't have a lot of sunlight during the winter time,"

Jennifer Elsesser, Student health services counselor

There are many different symptoms of SAD, which may vary for each case. Symptoms include: regularly occurring symptoms of depression (excessive eating and sleeping, weight gain) during the fall or winter months, with full remission occurring in the spring and summer months. Symptoms that have occurred in the past two years, with no non-seasonal depression episodes, and seasonal episodes substantially outnumber non-seasonal depression episodes. People with SAD also often crave sugary and/or starchy foods, as well as caffeine for that extra, though temporary, little boost of energy.

Unlike more severe cases of depression, most cases of SAD can be treated in relatively simple

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Foundation calls alumni to help students afford college

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With probable budget cuts and tuition hikes on the horizon, many UW-River Falls students are preparing for the worst, financially.

Yet working behind the scenes, the UW-RF Foundation is busy collecting funds to fuel many aspects of college life, such as scholarships and research.

The Foundation relies heavily on the generosity of UW-RF alumni. According to the Foundation's annual report, alumni donations totaled more than \$900,000 throughout the 2002-2003 fiscal year. In total, the Foundation raised a little more than \$1.6 million during that same period.

Much of the Foundation's success with alumni can be linked to the Foundation Telethon.

Throughout the year, student

employees at the UW-RF telethon call alumni and parents to ask for pledges. The telethon performs a variety of fund raisers ranging from the general fund in the fall, to the four colleges' Fund for Excellence in the spring.

Telethon manager Emily Taubel said the general fund consists of calling all the alumni in the database for unrestricted gifts. Taubel went on to say that the unrestricted gifts don't go to a specific department or college.

Instead unrestricted funds are used for funding other things such as undergrad research, grants and bringing in visiting professors.

"Unrestricted dollars provide

funds for scholarship aid to students," UW-RF Foundation President William Rost said. "The largest chunk is to scholarships."

While these unrestricted funds provide a great deal to students

and the university, they are also harder to come by. Rost said 85 percent of the money that comes into the University is restricted by the donor.

"Unrestricted money is the hardest money to raise," Rost said.

However, the restricted money that the Foundation raises is also important to the University, especially the colleges.

Taubel said each of the four colleges on campus has a Fund for Excellence. The telethon has

been raising funds for the college for the past three years. The money raised by the telethon for these funds is then controlled and distributed by the individual college.

The telethon is currently calling alumni from the College of Agriculture Food and Environmental Sciences and pursuing a goal of \$27,000.

"Which I'm almost positive we'll make," Taubel said.

The success of CAFES comes as no surprise to assistant director of annual giving and alumni relations, Julie Stucky.

"They're very well supported," Stucky said.

Yet the Foundation and telethon try to do justice to all the colleges on campus, Stucky said.

But since the advent of caller I.D. and voice mail, people have

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Photo by Micheal Foley
Telethon employee, Toni Hinz, calls alumni to raise money for the UW-RF Foundation.

LOCAL

LCD projector theft

Two LCD projectors were stolen from KFA March 30. The projects were stolen from rooms 361 and 280. One projector was valued at \$3,000 and the other at \$2,300. If you have any information call Crime Stoppers at (800) 303-8477 or the RFPD at 425-0909.

Ground breaking ceremony to take place

On April 5, all students and staff have the opportunity to attend the ground breaking ceremony for the new Student Center.

For all who are interested, the ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. and will take place by the Kleinpell Fine Arts (KFA) south entrance. If bad weather arises, then the ceremony will be moved to the lobby of KFA.

The ceremony will last around 45 minutes and will conclude with refreshments.

Regent Beth Richlen will be in attendance for the celebration.

Dance Theater presents annual concert

From April 5-9 the UW-River Falls Dance Theater is putting on its spring concert. The show will begin promptly at 8 p.m. in Davis Theater, which is located in KFA.

There will be a wide variety of dances including a piece by Todd Bierbrauer, who is a special guest choreographer. His piece is entitled "A Touch of Aloha."

Students and staff also have the chance to see special dances that instructor Torrior Amie and alumnus Ricardo Suarez will showcase for the audiences.

There are also various dances choreographed by students. And the show will conclude with all 32 members of Dance Theater taking the stage.

Tickets are \$5 for students and children and \$7 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the box office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until April 9 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. They will also be selling tickets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They may also be purchased the hour before the show.

International affair on campus

On April 9, students and staff have the opportunity to go and learn new things about many different cultures.

From 6 p.m. to midnight in the River Room at Rodli Commons will be the place to be.

For the first hour and a half guests have the chance to check out the food and culture fair. From 7:30-9 p.m. there will be entertainment, and from 9 to midnight there will be a dance party.

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$7 for adults. They may be purchased in the International Programs Office, which is located in 105 Davee Library or in the student center.

The International Student Association sponsors this event and they hope for a great turnout.

Victoria Perselli to visit campus

Throughout all of next week, UW-River Falls will have a special guest on campus. Victoria Perselli comes to visit from the School of Education at Kingston University, which is in England.

Perselli is visiting through the College of Education and Professional Studies Visiting Professor Program.

She will discuss how all types of educators can come up with research projects to help all types of students needs. This discussion will take place April 6 at 5:30 p.m. This event is free to all and takes place in the Breezeway at the Davee Library.

Perselli is currently working on a book titled, "Diversity and Method," and hopes to gain even more insight for the book while visiting the United States.

Remembering Susan Beck

Former UW-RF English professor Susan Beck died on March 16. She began her career at UW-R in 1964 and left in 1967. She returned in 1970 and taught here until she retired in 2001.

While teaching at River Falls she had two books published, "Baby Talk" and "Kidspeak." She also published numerous articles on language and language acquisition.

Along with her husband Robert, and her children and grandchildren, Beck had very close relationships with many of her students.

There will be a memorial at the First Congregational Church of River Falls April 2 at 11 a.m.

REGIONAL

Play performed in Pepin

The mystery "Thirteen Past Midnight" will be premiered at Pepin High School this weekend.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and there will be a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Sunday. The play is being put on at Lake Pepin Players Theater.

The play is about a soap opera producer, who wishes that all of his cast and crew could come to a party.

The producer tells his guests about a game he invented called Thirteen Past Midnight, and gives all of them motive to kill him.

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

Gas prices on the rise

Gas prices in Wisconsin and Minnesota, as well as across the country, are on the rise. The national average is over \$2 per gallon.

As of the morning of March 28, gas stations in Hudson were charging \$2.24. However, if consumers were to cross the bridge and fill up in Stillwater, it was only \$2.05. The reason for the almost .20 cent difference is that Wisconsin has a higher gas tax.

Nobody knows when the gas prices will peak and then gradually decrease. Prices could hit \$3 per gallon by the time summer hits.

NATIONAL

Mural to be changed

The University of Georgia has made the decision to change a mural that fills one wall on campus that celebrated integration at the school. The school had received many complaints that it contained a racial slur.

The mural had a picture of the first black woman who was admitted to the school. She was shown pushing her way through a mob of white people who were shouting various different things. One person shouted what many people consider a racial slur.

CNN said that the campus was outraged that it was still on the mural today and the members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that are on campus.

Students who wanted to keep the mural said it was a good reminder of how hard things were back then, and it showed how people were able to overcome the adversity and make the best of the situation.

School officials are still going to change the mural and are planning on making the comment smaller and putting it in context from a book that Hunter-Gault wrote.

California school in the hot seat for porn video

A 25 member chapter of Phi Kappa Tau has been suspended from California State University Chico. The students are being suspended while the school looks into the accusations of a party hosted by the fraternity.

At the party there were professional porn actors that were filmed having sex, CNN said.

Shane's World was a maker of adult films that was at the party. There was a trailer for the film on the makers Web site, and there were three students who attended the University on the video.

The fraternity will not be allowed to participate in any events sponsored by the school until this investigation is completed.

This is not the first problem with fraternities at the school. At the beginning of March students were arrested from the Chi Tau fraternity in what is said to be a hazing incident.

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STUDENT SENATE

Student alleges Senate possibly voted illegally

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Student Senate's March 29 meeting opened with UW-River Falls student Jim King voicing concerns that Senate might have failed to follow proper voting procedure. The vote in question took place just prior to Spring Break. Facilities and Fees chair Nick Sirek had proposed his committee's budget requests to Senate and Senate approved the requests later in the meeting.

The problem is, King said, that Senate is required to give notice of budget issues, but no indication of budget issues were articulated in the Senate's agenda.

President Matthew Schuelke assured King that the matter would be looked into.

In other Senate related news:

Wisconsin legislators, such as Ron Kind, Russ Feingold and Herb Kohl, are being lobbied in various ways in response to educational budget cuts, said senators Nick Cluppert and Schuelke. Testimonial submis-

sions and meetings with representatives are just some of the ways those concerned, including Interim Chancellor Virgil Nylander, will be addressing budget issues.

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UW-System works to keep students safe

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A new UW-System policy requires all incoming international students to purchase a health insurance plan negotiated by the UW-System.

"They are required by the UW-System to have in place full medical coverage," Brent Greene, who works in the Office of International Programs, said. "The crux of this new policy is to have them all purchase the System negotiated coverage. We will then bill them all for it and pay their premiums."

Alice Reilly-Myklebust, director of Student Health Services, said that international students are required by INS to have some health insurance in order to get their VISA. The policies negotiated by the UW-System meet those INS requirements.

The cost of the insurance premiums is added to the tuition of the students. International students who already have purchased a health plan can keep their existing plan until the coverage expires. Then they would be subject to the new policy, which

began this semester.

Katie Kreibich, who works in the Office of International Programs and has handled international insurance coverage in the past, said this isn't a plan to discriminate against international students. Rather it's a way to protect them from the hazards of having a medical problem while studying here uninsured.

"To be fair to students who are already here, it's only being billed to their tuition if they don't have health insurance or can't show that they have a policy," Reilly-Myklebust said.

One of the problems that brought on this policy was students coming to UW-River Falls brought along their own insurance plans. Many of these were in foreign languages, leaving Kreibich to sort out the languages and the policies. The new UW-System policy gives a universal plan to the international students, erasing the insurance policy language barrier.

Kreibich said there had also been problems previously involving students who went to a local clinic but didn't have health insurance. "This ensures that they do in fact have full

and continuous coverage," Greene said.

International students are introduced to the plan during their orientations, which dispels the confusion that can come along with someone from a country without health insurance learning about it for the first time.

The plan is cheaper for international students to get the UW-System negotiated coverage than to purchase their own coverage. The cost added to tuition for insurance is roughly \$700 for two semesters.

Out-bound study abroad students are also required to have health insurance through the UW-System when they travel abroad.

The insurance for study abroad students is \$31 for every 30 days of coverage. It covers all overseas sicknesses, pays for a flight home for a sick student, and also protects the UW-System from liability.

"It keeps everybody safe," Kreibich said.

The plan is also impervious to the borders of other nations.

"This policy is portable," Reilly-Myklebust said. "What students both domestic and international want is a portable policy, you have to have a policy that will cover you wherever they go."

Diversity issues brought to front

Nick Koecheler
Staff Writer

There are many ways students on campus can become immersed in cultures different from their own.

One such group on campus is the Culture Awareness Through Talking and Sharing (CATTS). This organization was created by the UW-River Falls Multicultural Services and students.

CATTS offers class presentations on readings from various cultures and presentations that teach students about social customs of different ethnicities.

CATTS is currently composed of students from six different ethnicities: Hmong, Native American, Japanese, Korean, Latino and African-American. Currently, the Hmong project is the most active group in CATTS.

The students in CATTS create the presentations that range from skits, stories and plays to language and history lessons. CATTS uses traditional clothing, musical instruments and other artifacts to teach children about different cultures.

CATTS sent out letters to surrounding elementary schools and the River Falls High School.

CATTS has also assisted in diversity training on campus with Career Services and will participate in Unity in the Community and the upcoming International Bazaar on April 7.

The group is planning on doing more activities on campus during the next school year, such as

workshops and bringing in guest speakers to help increase diversity on campus.

"Not many people know about CATTS on campus," Carol Xiong, co-chair of CATTS, said.

Xiong said CATTS would be glad to present a workshop to a class on campus if a professor was interested in having a workshop in their class.

"We are always looking for new members," Xiong said.

Hli Vang, secretary of CATTS, agrees with Xiong.

"We have a strong goal with strong members, but we need more member," said Hli Vang.

CATTS next meeting is April 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Croix room in the Student Center.

The Cultural Diversity Committee is another group that brings multicultural events to campus.

"The committee tries to educate students, faculty and staff on diversity," Ruth Kalms, co-chair of the Cultural Diversity Committee, said.

Kalms along with Stephanie Harty are chairing the Cultural Diversity Committee.

"We all need a lot more education and information on different cultures," Kalms said.

Fellow committee representative Scott Woitaszewski agrees.

"We can benefit by increasing our information on different cultures," Woitaszewski said.

The Cultural Diversity Committee sponsored a two-part series this semester on Hmong culture and issues in the Hmong society. One of the events



Submitted photo

Tomomi Oda, CATTs member, shows students at Greenwood Elementary school Japanese symbols.

included a panel discussion consisting of six Hmong men and women, ranging from high school and college students to college graduates. Topics discussed were Hmong beliefs, practices, clans and families.

Other issues discussed were immigration, education, business and agencies that can assist with living. Women's role in Hmong culture will also be discussed. The second event was held March 15 and featured a speaker on the topic of discrimination towards minorities.

"UW-RF doesn't have enough Hmong population on campus," said Kia Lee, president of the Asian-American Student Association. "It will help to create more diversity, and it will

benefit the campus."

Kalms echoed Lee's sentiment. "If we are going to be good neighbors, we need to learn more about one another," Kalms said.

The Cultural Diversity Committee sponsors two events each academic year.

Last year, the Committee had events that were centered on Somalis and their culture due to the increasing amount of Somalis immigrating to the Midwest area.

"We will continue to bring culture and diversity to campus to increase the knowledge of students, faculty and staff," said Woitaszewski.

No plans have been made yet for cultural events for the 2005-2006 academic year.

RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

Compiled by Micheal Foley
Photo Editor

March 15

Leah A. Bender and Phyllis F. Albert were involved in an auto accident at Second and Elm Streets.

March 16

Gayle A. Poepping reported the unauthorized use of her bank card at 1017 E. Cascade Ave. Her account was charged \$12.95 by a company called ccreal.com.

Jenna M. Nuutinen and Joshua E. Goerze were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.

Joshua A. Calverley was fined \$739 for his sixth-offense underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.

March 17

Charlotte F. Anderson reported a hit and run accident to her legally parked vehicle at 1073 E. Cascade Ave.

Michael J. Stifter reported property damage at 611 S. Third St. Several garbage cans were overturned and one was broken (valued at \$350).

Adam C. Kaufman reported property damage (valued at \$250) to his vehicle parked at 126 S. Third St.

March 18

Grant P. Anderson reported property damage (valued at \$150) to his vehicle parked at 126 S. Third St.

Hannah J. Raatz and Davis S. Thurs were involved in an auto accident at Highway 65 and Highway 29.

Justin J. Miller was cited for underage consumption and possession of drug parapher-

nalia at 1024 E. Cascade Ave.

Micheal J. Rahmlow was fined \$243 for depositing human waste at Stratton Hall.

Brandon D. Blaisdell was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Grimm Hall.

Kristen M. Kluck, Callie J. Bobseen, Ashley A. Austin, Jesse S. Stewart and Chase J. Trogen were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at McMillan Hall.

Tiffany K. Gardner reported a broken screen and vandalism at a room in Johnson Hall.

March 19

Michael K. Sonn was fined \$500 and cited for second-offense operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated at 1202 S. Main St.

March 20

Christopher T. Crooks was fined \$164 for underage consumption at 107 E. Elm St.

March 22

Sherrie L. Eifealdt reported property damage (valued at \$150) to her vehicle parked at 105 S. Main St.

Jesse A. Peterson reported property damage (valued at \$150) to a sliding glass door at 1477 Emory Drive.

Michael J. Meyers reported property damage (valued at \$200) to his vehicle parked at 1453 Emory Circle.

Madalyn Krizek reported property damage (valued at \$200) and to her vehicle and theft from her vehicle (a CD case with 300 CDs) parked at 101 1/2 S. Main St.

Luke Score reported property damage (valued at \$400) to his vehicle parked at 101 S. Main St.

Mark S. Carr reported the theft of a strobe light (valued at \$54) and other items from

Hathorn Hall.

March 24

Michael J. Keown reported the theft of his vehicle from 232 W. Maple St. The vehicle was later returned to the same parking lot from which it was taken. Earlier in the evening Keown was cited for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated by Red Wing (Minn.) Police.

March 25

Jessica M. Waltz was fined \$164 for underage consumption and Amanda R. Granger was fined \$288 for giving alcohol to a minor at 128 N. Main St.

Jesse C. Kuhn and Joseph B. Score were each fined \$102 for public urination at 111 N. Main St.

March 27

Andy H. Kolstad was fined \$10 for a seat-belt violation and \$164 for an ID violation at Cascade Avenue and Oak St. Kolstad was in possession of a driver's license belonging to John P. Peterlik.

Melissa L. Kubista was cited for speeding.

March 28

Cory M. Rondeau was fined \$102 for loud and unnecessary noise at 1063 E. Cascade Ave.

Adam J. Ward collided with an overhang at 1525 Commerce Court while operating his vehicle.

Kimberly J. Sorenson was cited for speeding.

March 29

Andrew J. Klein reported the theft of a sleeping bag, camping backpack, stove and miscellaneous camping items (valued at \$645) from the Student Center.

Play brings laughter, student recognition

Sara Tischauser
News Editor

The UW-River Falls theatre recently put on "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" for the enjoyment of the cast and audience. The play was meant to bring laughter, but it also gave recognition to some UW-RF students who helped with the play.

Ed Falkner and Mike McKay were nominated for the Irene Ryan Competition next January and Iris O'Brien was awarded a lights design merit award by an adjudicator from the American College Theatre and the play director, Jim Zimmerman. Zimmerman said the adjudicator came to give an outside opinion on the play and presented a chance for the University to have someone critique the play from the outside.

Falkner, a theatre major, said his nomination for the Irene Ryan Competition gives him the opportunity to compete against other students from the area in the Regional American College Theatre Festival (ACTF). He said that each of the Irene Ryan nominees chooses a partner, not selected for the competition, and prepares a couple of scenes to act out.

Falkner said he was surprised by the nomination.

"It is an extreme honor," Falkner said. "I was not going for it."

Part of the reason Falkner believed he was nominated was because his role was an important part of the play.

"I was just happy to have a character big enough to have adjudicator mention," Falkner said. "I think the size of the role and the stage time play a significant role, but it does matter about performance."

Falkner said the adjudicator told him he took command when he came on stage just as his character was supposed to do.

McKay, a theatre major, said this is his fourth nomination for the Irene Ryan Competition and it will be the third time he will compete in the ACTF. He said students can only be nominated once per calendar year.

"I've gotten nominated every semester that I could," McKay said.

McKay's previous participation in the ACTF has helped prepare him for a future career in theatre.

"The experience was incredibly intense," McKay said. "[This competition] prepares

you for how the real world of theatre works."

McKay said he hopes to make it to the semi-final rounds for the January 2006 competition.

"I have not yet advanced to semi-final round," McKay said. "My biggest goal is just to make that first cut because that is saying something if you can go from 300 [Irene Ryan competitors] to 30."

McKay said that he feels more prepared for the upcoming competition because he has participated in it before and knows what to expect.

"I've noticed through my freshman year until now I have become more prepared," McKay said. "My freshman year I did not compete because I was very naïve about the whole competition."

While Falkner and McKay were recognized for their performances on stage, O'Brien was recognized for her off-stage work with the play.

O'Brien, a theatre and history major, was recognized for her work as the light designer.

As light designer, O'Brien had to communicate with the play director to come up with a light design that would light the entire stage. It also had to provide enough light for the audience to see the actors while adding an artistic quality to the play.

One of O'Brien's responsibilities was to work with all the different lighting styles—area, practical and special. She said practical lighting is a practical light on stage that needs to work like a lamp while special lighting is when a certain area on stage needs to be lit.

O'Brien said this was the first time she had done her own design for a play.

"It is just a nice recognition for a lot of work, have a production come out that is different and an award winning project," O'Brien said.

O'Brien now has the opportunity to compete at the regional ACTF. She said she can enter her lighting design for "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" in the contest.

O'Brien said "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" was a success because of all the hard work students put into the play.

"[The] individual person puts so much into it," O'Brien said. "[The play] needs all parts to make a successful production."

Dorms offer more than place to live

Sara Tischauser
News Editor

Students living in any of the residence halls have the opportunity to participate in various activities that are funded by student dollars.

Halls can apply for funding through the west or east area councils, Stratton Hall Manager Nicole Smith said. She said the funding from the area councils comes from student fees that every student pays with their tuition.

Besides getting money from the area council, May Hall Manager Troy Talford said the hall can also use money from the hall council.

"We get money from area council to do bigger functions," Talford said. For smaller events, he said May Hall uses hall council money.

Talford said the hall council gets money through fundraisers such as T-shirt sales. He said money is also made on social fee cards, but this money is usually used to purchase and maintain hall equipment that residents with a social fee card can use.

Jason Neuhaus, west area coordinator, said the area council tries to use the money it gets every year in the year it is received.

"We try to use money for students that are there," Neuhaus said. He said the goal is for programs to benefit those students the money is from.

Smith said if residents are active in their hall, they will know about funding for programs. She said some of the ways to be active in halls is to attend wing meetings, hall council meetings, be a wing representative or community leader.

Smith said one of the bigger activities done in Stratton Hall was to have professional karaoke in the hall and with this the hall provided refreshments for the residents that attended. Other activities Stratton Hall had were a leprechaun hunt and a casino night.

Smith said there has been a high participation level at most of these events.



Photo by Theresa Theobald
Kristen Johnson watches over collection jars in Prucha Hall. Prucha Hall is raising money for Relay for Life.

"If you bring food and it is entertaining, you will have a high participation," Smith said.

Smith said that usually it seems like more freshman will usually participate in hall events, but it is the responsibility of the hall staff to find programs the residents will like.

"Freshmen students don't know as many people, so are more likely to attend hall events," Smith said. "I think we have catered to our residents and their lifestyles."

Smith said Stratton Hall works around the resident's lifestyles and tries to develop programs the students want to go to. She did say some students do not attend events.

"Some students choose not to participate and that is their prerogative," Smith said.

Neuhaus said he felt students should attend hall functions.

"When students go to these programs they are paying for these events," Neuhaus said. "If they're not going to events on campus they are

basically throwing [their] money away."

Talford said one of the things May Hall has done this year is to get their residents active in the community. He said the residents have done fundraisers for Turning Point this school year.

Talford said May Hall raised money for Turning Point by having a car wash and collecting change from around campus. In total, May Hall donated \$100 worth of groceries and \$160 worth of miscellaneous supplies to Turning Point.

"Makes students feel part of River Falls community and not just campus," Talford said.

Smith felt her four years in college were better because she chose to live on campus.

"I personally wouldn't change living on campus for my four years," Smith said. "I prefer living on campus where all the action is. There has never been a year where I haven't gotten to meet 150 to 200 new people."

Residential Services

Student Work Crew Summer Employment Application

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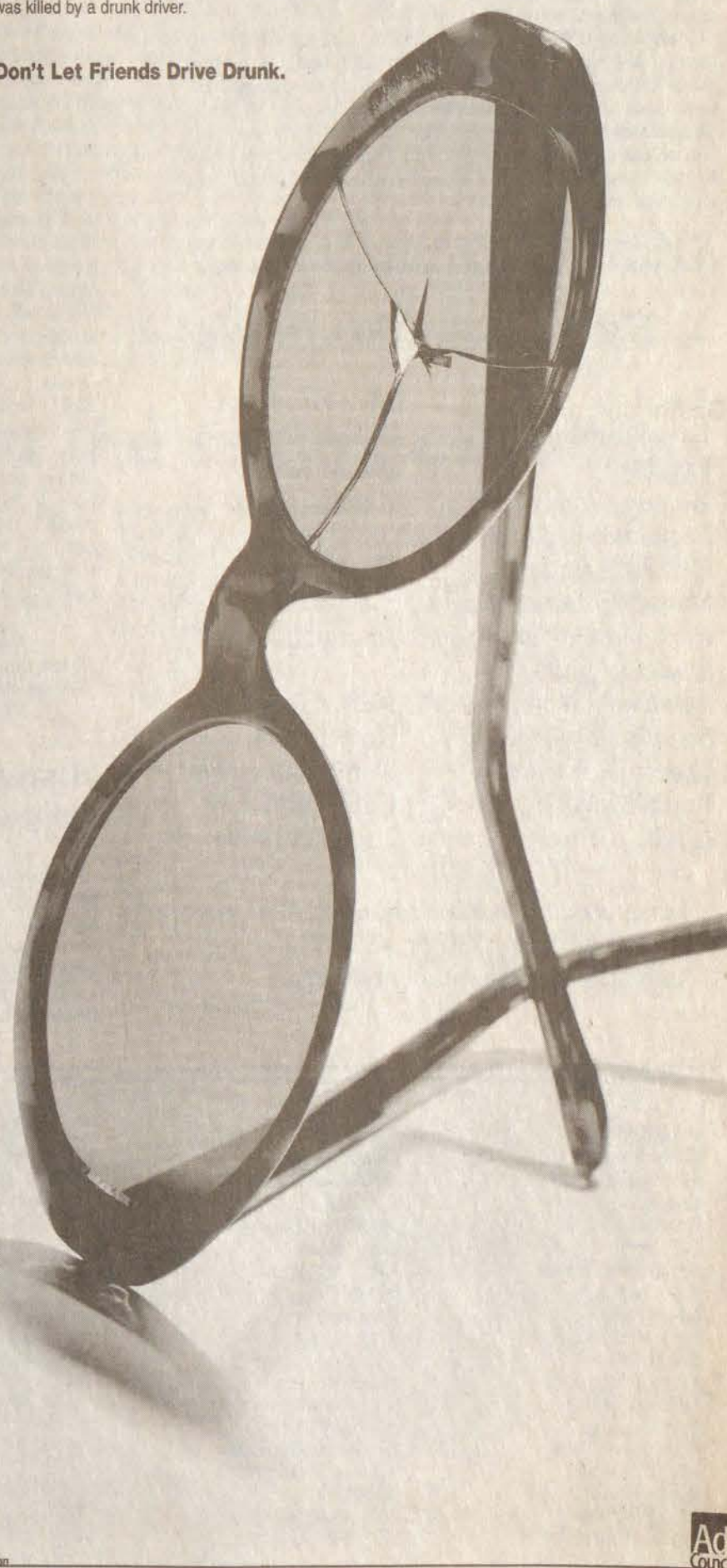
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Amanda Gelger bought these sunglasses to wear on spring break. She wore them only once before she was killed by a drunk driver.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



EDITORIAL

Student Voice, campus honor Ed Peterson with anecdotes

Maybe he wasn't a man's man, per se, but Ed Peterson was a definitely a professor's professor. All the qualities of an epic instructor and a vanguard of knowledge could be found in this humble historian.

One of the first impressions a student was likely to get from Peterson's teaching was his cultivation of mutual understanding in his classroom's climate. In his senior capstone class, he would talk about that ever-elusive concept—truth.

The ancient Greek philosopher Plato had a "cave allegory" that Peterson drew upon to enlighten his students as to one possible meaning behind the meaning of truth. In this allegory, a person is confined to the depths of a cave and reality is limited to what can be viewed through the cave's sole portal to the outside world. A bird might fly past or a cloud float by, but do these things still exist once they can no longer be seen from back inside the cave? Peterson used this situation to show how one's senses might dictate truth or perceptions thereof.

The relativity and subjectivity of truth is important to recognize and understand if one wants to get along with neighbors. Peterson spoke of how the perceptions of truth are relative to person, time, place, culture and many other factors. In a nation where the ideological gap between conservatives and liberals seems to have widened and political tensions uncomfortably strained, it's important to remember that no one has all the answers for every situation, nor for everyone.

To minimize his own misperceptions, Peterson would often times ask his students to submit an autobiography during the first week or two of class. Without revealing names, he would share some of the student stories he has run into over the years. These stories included very happy, success stories and tragic stories of sexual abuse. Regardless of the story's nature, he gained valuable insight into the students he was educating.

Peterson was very forthcoming when sharing his own personal experiences, which drew students into the class discussion. He would share his first-hand WWII experiences with the class—often times including experiences that his wife, Ursula, had under Hitler's rule. Such openness made subject matter no longer confined to a textbook but to real life. Considering the usual student gripes about boring classes, Peterson had the right idea on how to better engage student intrigue.

More professors should follow Peterson's lead and get to know their students on more than a Scantron level. Not only will professors know his/her students better, but a more robust discussion of ideas would also be cultivated.

Peterson's passion for learning about his students clearly spilled over into his passion for teaching students. His chalkboard, absolutely filled with his writing by the end of a class, was not only his signature, it also predated the term "whiteboard" with all of its chalk markings. With so many people dissatisfied with their careers, it is amazing that Ed was able to stay in the same job for over half-a-century. His dedication to his work is something rarely seen and will be greatly missed. As stated on the front-page story, Peterson sacrificed a more financially rewarding retirement for a more intellectually rewarding opportunity to continue teaching the students he enjoyed so much.

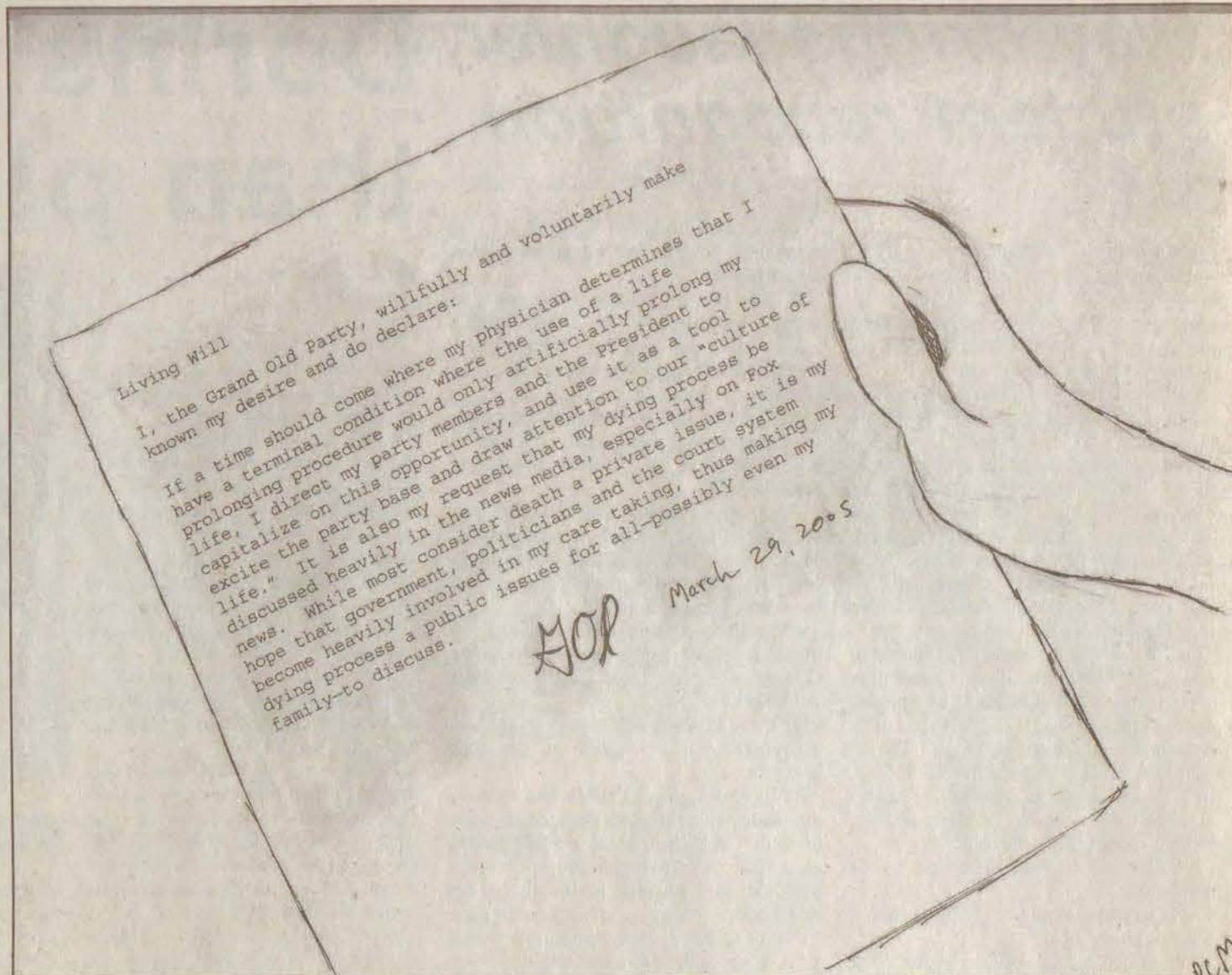
Considering UW-RF's current climate, with relatively high faculty and administration turnover and budgets getting slashed, Peterson was a symbol of stability on campus. He never missed a day of class and was here for over 50 years. This now-orphaned campus will be searching for a new beacon to lead us and a new rock to build upon. He will be sorely missed and the Student Voice's collective thoughts are with his family.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community member sets record straight, gives suggestions

I find your March 18 parking editorial is filled with several half-truths. Of particular interest to me were the comments regarding Lot C, which is on the corner of Fourth and Spring near Luther Memorial Church. Lot C is privately owned by Luther Memorial, not UW-River Falls. By agreement, UW-RF is allowed to distribute parking permits for the first two rows only. The back two rows are reserved for church use, to allow members to use the facility during the day. Students who think they have the "right" to park there because the lot is half empty will be ticketed. (Church members' cars must have the proper parking permit displayed or they, too, will be ticketed.) Owners have the right to determine how their private property will be used. Other faculty/staff lots may also not be 100 percent filled at any given hour because faculty are not all here at the same time.

One suggestion - students should plan to arrive more than 5-10 minutes prior to the start of their class so they can find off-campus parking. This has worked for years for many of us. We constantly hear from the media that we need to incorporate more exercise into our daily routine, walking 3-5 blocks would be a good start.

I do agree there is a need for more parking at UW-RF (and almost every other college campus I have visited). Given today's budget situation, we need to be patient and work together toward a positive solution.

Ellen Schultz, Board of Trustees-Luther Memorial and Academic Advisor, College of Business & Economics

History of religion debated

No howling or railing on my part, Amy Schobert has every right to express her opinion. Jesus even suggested, ok commanded, that I love her. Instead, I will tell you why I believe that Jesus did indeed die. The theme

of the entire Bible is redemption (to purchase). The price Jesus paid was to lay down his life, that's the whole point. In fact, Jesus dies the precise moment (3:00 on the preparation day for Passover) that the Passover lamb was being killed in the temple. I find that amazing. Jesus was the Passover lamb who atoned for sin. Before he died, Jesus was brutalized beyond recognition (standard Roman procedure). For Jesus to reappear three days later still bloodied, bruised, and scarred, and then to claim he was resurrected would be a sham. Who would have believed him, much less gone out and been martyred for a lie? I have no problem admitting that I have sinned and need a Savior, and I am grateful that Jesus paid that price for me.

*Jerry Goodmanson
River Falls*

Student gives facts to back anti-smoking point of view

I am writing to you as a non-smoker who deeply cares about the environment. I know that the University of Wisconsin, River Falls is a public place where people are free to smoke. The campus has a policy that banned smoking within 25 feet of all buildings that went into "effect" on Jan. 1, 2004. However, because America is a free country and this is a public school, smokers still smoke just outside the doors and sometimes throw their butts on the ground.

Cigarettes are filled with 90 percent tobacco according to the No Butts Web site. About 434,000 Americans die each year from smoking. That is more than alcohol, car accidents, suicide, AIDS, homicide and illegal drugs combined. Smoking is the number one cause of any type of cancer, which can come about as early as two years later in life. In secondhand smoke more than 400 chemicals have been identified. There may be as many as 100,000, of which 60 are known to cause cancer.

Not to mention all the litter that is found almost everywhere. According to the Schuyllkill County Tobacco-Free Youth Coalition, more than 4.5 trillion cigarettes litter the world making them the No. 1 source of litter. The cellulose acetate filter, which is a non-biodegradable

plastic, takes decades to degrade. When animals ingest them their digestive tracts can be blocked causing illness or starvation. As for the harm it causes humans, the toxic chemicals that lead out can threaten water quality. If a cigarette butt is not out it could cause a fire hazard.

If you care about the environment and your's and other's health, then I would encourage you to seek help quitting. Buying cigarettes is like buying your own very expensive death certificate. If you added up all the money you spend on cigarettes for a whole year, then it would probably be enough to buy something useful such as a computer or a used car. Think about it.

*Maggie Hewitt
student*

Columnists criticized on individual basis

I am looking for balance in your section "Viewpoints". This section seems to be dedicated to student writers who are ready to give their viewpoints about many diverse issues. Any good writer should know that there is always another side to any argument. Here's the other side.

If there are going to be paid writers that get to smear their views of life, in black and white, then there should be paid writers that get to write about the other side of life and not just appear in the Letters to the Editor section each week.

To the writer Jon Majak, I would like to ask him why his stories have to go into pornographic detail about gay life? I think you can clearly get your points and views across without talking about watching porno, sweating over lovers and talking about your single life. I believe you are giving gay people a bad name. While I disagree with your lifestyle, I understand your right to freedom of speech. Great! Use it in respectable bounds and give solid information to people who want to know about it.

To Travis Greiman, I would like to say sorry about your run-in with Christians who don't practice what they preach. Yes, there are many out there, but there are also those out there who ARE practicing what they preach. Before shooting off your

words about Christians not asking for forgiveness for all sins, maybe you should ask some Christians. Sin is sin in God's eyes and people shouldn't judge each other ... that's God's job! If you've ever heard the term, "Love the sinner, hate the sin," that is what the fight against homosexuality is supposed to be. Their belief in marriage and relationships being only between one man and one woman is the rock of the Bible's teachings on that issue. You need a course in Old Testament and New Testament teachings before you can understand what you're talking about when you talk about a man having slaves or widowed daughter-in-laws as sexual partners. People should not hate people just because they haven't taken the time to understand what the issue is. This is an unfortunate side of arguments; people forget to love each other as human beings.

To you the editors, I want to see some balance in your "Viewpoints" section. You've obviously hired writers for the left side of the playing field, now how about some for the right side?

*Katie Elmer
student*

Want to be a columnist for the Student Voice? All who applied to be columnists last semester were hired. Applications are due April 20

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Poor choices crack family structure

This past week a five-year-old wandered aimlessly in a retirement complex south of Orlando. He was once spirited and lively but had just received a phone call. A call from his mother, the only parent he knew, for the father had left long before, instructing him that from this point on he had no mother, and that he should never attempt to talk or find her. The phone, held by his little hand, was immediately put down along with his innocence. The little boy, only five, sat in a confusion of tears as his grandparents sat in a state of shock.



NELS THORESON

All of their lives were now changing. The carefree life of retirement is now a struggle for them to support a child. The grandfather is now forced to work nights at a local factory,

and the grandmother luckily found a part-time job at a local nursing home. The boy, however, in just a week has turned from a happy little boy to a rebellious monster.

How could anyone do such a thing to a small child? The question arises, but the root of the problem may be the lack of responsibility in our society. The United States of America has become a nation where

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the accountability for actions is continually brushed off to someone or something else. No one is held accountable anymore. Such is the case here. A man and a woman, by their action, produced a child, but the responsibility of caring for the child is

passed on to two retired grandparents. They will try to raise the child in an environment suitable enough to grow and prosper, but the wound of abandonment will leave a permanent scar with unknown consequences.

This case also brings up the evil of selfishness, which seems to be another factor in the dissolution of the family structure in our society. This evil is what we, as possible future parents, need to be aware of. When one brings another life into the picture it is just not about us anymore. There needs to be a sense of responsibility and accountability for not only ourselves, but also for the other individual in the relationship

and the child brought into the world. Decisions need to be made not necessarily in the best interest of one's self, but of the family members around them. This takes great effort, and may involve an enormous amount of compromise. That is just how it is and how it should be. One's actions in becoming a parent draw consequences, neither necessarily good nor bad, but they are there and need to be addressed in a mature, responsible and accountable manner.

These are but a few factors that need to be dealt with to strengthen the family structure, decrease the amount of divorces and limit the cases of the abandonment of children in our society. No child should have to deal with the irresponsible faults of their parents. No child should cry themselves to sleep.

We need to break these current trends and, as future parents, work to better ourselves to better our future families.

Columnist criticizes American injustice

As I drove through Missouri, one of those 'moral values' red states, the "XXX Adult Toys" and "Jesus Saves" billboards served as a model for the GOP hypocrisy demonstrated during the past few weeks in the Terry Schiavo case.

The past weeks have seen House Majority Leader Tom Delay, who had no qualms about the plug being pulled on his father in 1988, and the congressional Republicans using the case of Schiavo as an issue they could politicize to repay the religious right for voting in such strong numbers last November, while keeping them energized and engaged in the political process as we approach the 2006 midterms. An RNC memo obtained by the press included talking points about what a great political issue this could be for the Republicans.

Conservatives during the 1800s fought for the right to keep slaves based on their view that decisions on slavery should be left up to the states. Strom Thurmond ran for president on the state's rights ticket and made a fan of current senator Trent Lott. Ronald Reagan talked about getting big government off our backs and out of our lives. The conservative principles of state rights and an unobtrusive government have been sold up the river this week by Florida Governor Jeb Bush and the United States Congress as the Congress took the case out from under the state courts of Florida, re-opening it for a review by the federal courts and eventually

landing the case in the Supreme Court after 19 judges had already come to the same conclusion based on Florida law.

While governor of Texas, George W. Bush, the self-proclaimed compassionate conservative, signed into law a bill that allows hospitals to pull the plug on a patient against the wishes of the patient or the parents, if the patient can't afford the treatment. Within the last few weeks a six-month-old baby in Texas, showing more signs of life than Schiavo, was taken off of its breathing tube at the same time Bush was saying we need to "err on the side of life."

Are those among the religious right hypocrites themselves? Are they heartless, or could they maybe just be blinded by self-righteous zealotry? While they shed tears for the unborn and get arrested trying to break into a hospice to feed a vegetable, there are living and fully functioning human beings dying in Iraq for a lie. There are 11 million children in this country without health insurance, and NRA-funded

Republicans trying to cut the Medicaid program that pays for Schiavo's care. Did I mention that George and Jeb have had loads of fun with the death penalty over the years?

If we are to err on the side of life, then it needs to be

applied universally, not just when politically expedient. With the religious right and the GOP, the compassion ends at birth and begins again when you're in a permanent vegetative state. Unfortunately, the Bushes, the GOP and the religious right don't see their hypocrisy because they're in that state already.

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Prescriptions don't prevent problems

The signs were all there. Jeff Weise was a boy who had previously been admitted to a psychiatric ward for suicidal tendencies; he had an infatuation with drawing pictures of bloodied bodies and guns, and spent his time writing a story about a shooting spree at a school in a small town similar to his. Several of Weise's internet friends have spoken about the boy they knew, whose internet name was a combination of Hitler's birthday and the German word meaning forsaken. While some knew about an animated film he posted online about a killer committing suicide and had read public announcements about antidepressants and had seen slits on his wrists, these warning signs were continually overlooked.

Weise lost his father to suicide four years ago, and his mother was sent to live in a nursing home after a car accident left her brain damaged and confined to a wheelchair. With nowhere else to go, the boy was sent to live with his grandparents on the Red Lake Indian Reservation - a world away from his home in Minneapolis.

After reading several articles and watching countless television news stories about Weise, the 16-year-old who killed nine people at Red Lake High School on March 21, I haven't been able to get a subject off my mind which has bothered me for years. If you have paid any attention to the situation in northern Minnesota, you probably know that Weise had been taking the depression medication Prozac since he was



HELEN CLARKE

involved with a suicide incident last summer. Although I am not aware of the specific details of Weise's illness, I have seen far too many instances where people have forgotten about the emotional part of healing and relied on medication alone.

A relative of Weise was quoted in the March 24 edition of *The New York Times* as saying, "I don't want to blame Red Lake, but did they not put two and two together?" Let's not single out the community, but place the blame on our entire society. If we

hadn't been so anxious for a quick and effortless fix for troubled teenagers, then maybe someone would have physically and emotionally been there to help this poor boy out of his own darkness.

Our obsession with antidepressants doesn't stop with people who suffer from serious depression. The medication can become a problem for mild sufferers as well. After desensitizing ourselves to the use of these drugs, we begin to rely on the medication every time something goes wrong in life. From this, people will gradually lose their ability to heal on their own and solve their own problems.

We cannot continue to leave our children alone with only a prescription to show them the way.

I know that medications like Prozac can be life-savers for millions of people; however, no mind-altering drug should be taken without caution. We cannot continue to leave our children alone with only a prescription to show them the way through life. We must help them learn how to cope with their problems and remain supportive throughout their journey to recovery.

Right to smoke affirmed; right to affect others denied

Yes, it's true. In case you haven't heard, smoking is not good for you; in fact, some say it is really quite harmful. If you haven't heard this information, then you have been left out of the loop. I do believe it is now considered common knowledge. Yet people continue to take up smoking as some sort of masochistic hobby. Why people ever join such a fad I don't believe I will ever understand, I expect there are many complicated social and habitual undertones in the process of making such a decision. But then, I don't really care if people decide to make such a choice. One of the great things about America is people can do all sorts of stupid things to themselves and it is perfectly within their rights, and it should remain that way. I would

strongly defend this right, even if though it remains a poor choice. The problem arises when smokers believe they have the right to smoke wherever they choose.

No rights are absolute. Once they impede on other's rights, a choice has to be made. These types of choices are made every day in our legislative body of government, and they are essential to ensuring a society that can function as a whole. This is why in the last several years there has been such a strong push to smoking in public places. The lobbyists of large tobacco companies have



TRAVIS GREIMAN

lost their stronghold on policy making with the rise of new information on just how harmful cigarette smoke is to those who smoke and everyone around them. The state and federal governments sued the companies for millions when it was determined that they had knowingly withheld and destroyed information as to how harmful smoking is when, by law, they were required to hand it over.

People are now seizing the opportunity to do away with the constant haze that fills so many of our public places.

Now, I don't agree with those stupid Target Market and Truth commercials trying to tell us that tobacco companies are evil because they sell a product that

people want. The government could be using those millions for projects that are really needed instead of buying up prime time commercial slots. People know what smoking does to their body; we have an educational system that more than takes care of that.

We have the right to protect the employees and patrons of our local public establishments. There is no reason why someone's right to fill their own lungs with smoke should delegate that those around them must either put up with it or find another location. If it were one person creating the same amount of smoke as several smokers in a building, then it would be deemed unsafe and that person would be removed by the authorities.

The truth of the matter is, regardless

of who owns the establishment it is still a public place and much different from someone's home. Just as there are regulations for ensuring that the food and drinks they serve are safe, so should the air we breathe be suitable for consumption. Just as we need laws protecting the water and air quality from pollutants outside, we need similar laws protecting us from the much more concentrated pollutants inside.

I applaud Minneapolis and all other local governments that have taken a stand on ensuring the safety of their denizens. Change is always hard to achieve and it is commendable that people have fought for such a transformation. Such laws are not here to impede on our right to smoke, they are here to protect everyone else.

Encountering all the entertainers in the circus of dating

When you're single and about to throw yourself back into dating, it can sometimes feel like you've left the reality of the real world and have instead walked right into a three-ring circus. This Spring Break, I decided to run off from the dullness of no dating and instead join the colorful world of Cirque De So Gay (coined by my friend Alex)

and hopefully try to find love under the metaphorical big top.

"You know," an older gentleman whispered to me in a voice that I'm sure was supposed to

be sexy but came out desperate. And to clarify, desperation is not sexy whether you're a housewife or a homo. "I love me an ebony boy. Can you help me get my groove back?"

Barely three steps into the circus and I had already managed

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to encounter one of the standards of both the real and the dating circus: the clown. While in the real circus clowns intend for the audience to laugh at

them, a large majority of the dating clowns do not have this goal and instead suffer from the kind of delusional craziness not seen by the general public, except for maybe the people on the casting special for American Idol.

"That's nice and all," I replied, "but that 'get my groove back' line is so old it could date Ashton Kutcher."

He grimaced a little bit and walked off, highlighting another big difference between real clowns and dating clowns: real clowns handle getting pied in the face more gracefully.

The next day I ran into another

member of the circus: the juggler.

"One of the guys I'm pinking loves your column," the hipster said to me. "Which is weird since my boyfriend hates it."

"My column or you screwing other guys?" I asked with a laugh.

"A little bit of both," he replied.

And what circus or dating experience is complete without a magician, a man that can make svelte assistants or self-esteem disappear in a blink of an eye, while also pulling a bunny or a bull-shit excuse out of his hat? The magician in my life was no dif-



JOHN MAJAK

What would you change about food services on campus?



David Bahls, senior

"I think they are descent and I won't change anything."



Jenni Landowski, senior

"They had flowerless chocolate cake at Java Costa and I want it back."



Nick Laures, sophomore

"The stir-fry should get whole pieces of chicken instead of little ones."



Sarah Lenz, junior

"More variety because I am sick of the same food all of the time."

Photo poll by Theresa Theobald

Students gain experience and provide entertainment to campus through WRFW

Corey Hargreaves
Sports Editor

Journalism has many different fields. There is the print version, television and radio. In sports, some of the most animated contributors come to the listeners over the air. At UW-River Falls, the campus is able to experience athletics when people may not feel like going to the game.

What drives a person into the broadcasting field?

"I saw broadcasting as an opportunity to be a reporter or broadcaster," senior Nathan Lo Cascio said. "WRFW has given me the chance to fulfill my dream as a play-by-play broadcaster."

Lo Cascio has been involved with broadcasting numerous sporting events, like football and basketball games.

He first started out as a commentator for WRFW and soon after became the play-by-play announcer.

Sports aren't always the focus when it comes to WRFW. Senior Bryan Harmelink, the music director at WRFW, has been a part of the organization for a few years.

"I first got involved with the stations through friends that were involved," Harmelink said. "I hung out around there and finally got involved."

Harmelink has his own talk show on Tuesday evenings, along with co-host Ed O Keefe.

Harmelink also plays various versions of college rock throughout the week while working at the station.

Another person involved with WRFW is best known for his athletic abilities during his years on the court under Rick Bowen on the men's basketball team.

"I've always wanted to be a broadcaster," senior Billy Halter said. "When I was eight years old I used to have my own radio show at home. Now I actually have a real opportunity to do something intriguing."

These broadcasters feel that sports are very important for people to not only be a part of, but understand and experience as an audience.

"The broadcasts are important, but shouldn't be taken too seriously," Halter said. "Other things are important in life, but sports is there for more of an entertainment purpose."

Lo Cascio has his own personal experience that has been touched through broadcasting sports.

"I walked in to this campus my freshman year, and saw the sports round table," Lo Cascio said. "I wanted to be involved with sports media any way possible, and this gave me the opportunity."

Halter chose to broadcast basketball this last year, primarily because he knew what to look for.

"Playing the sport helps one to become a better broadcaster," Halter said. "What you are able to cover comes from your knowledge."



Photo by Corey Hargreaves

Senior Billy Halter works on his equipment at the WRFW studio. Halter has learned how to be a play-by-play commentator, and plans to further his career in broadcast journalism, once he is finished with school at UW-River Falls.

Through Halter's short career of basketball broadcasting his favorite broadcast is the one where he covered the men's basketball in Valparaiso. Lo Cascio's favorite memory is one that basketball fans at UW-RF won't forget.

"Hands down, the game where it finally happened, the 54 year drought was broken," Lo Cascio said. "The Falcons beat Platteville, and watching them every game of the season and seeing how they worked was one of the greatest sports moments here."

The memories of broadcasting at UW-RF are

almost in the books for these students, but they will take their experience as they move out of college.

Harmelink has applied at The Current, a local radio program, for a possible job. Halter, Harmelink and Lo Cascio all emphasized how they want to be involved with radio, through their experience with WRFW.

"While here at school, I've learned play-by-play, photography and sports P.R.," LoCascio said. "This will make me more marketable in the future."

Fastpitch team gains experience in Florida from the Rebel Spring Games competition

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The Falcon fastpitch team lost a 9-3 decision to Hope College on March 26 in Orlando, Fla.

The Falcons scored three runs on seven hits and made four errors. Hope College scored nine runs on 11 hits and made one error. Hope scored two runs in the first and third innings, single runs in the fourth and fifth and three in the sixth. UW-RF scored runs in the first, third and seventh innings.

Breamber Syverson was 2-3 at the plate for the Falcons with a run scored and a RBI.

Amanda Wojnowiak was 2-4 with a run scored and one RBI.

Brittany Rathbun took the loss in relief and is now 1-1 this year. She allowed seven hits and seven runs of which only

one was earned. She walked one and struck out three.

Leah Vanderploeg started on the mound pitching the first two innings. She reentered the game later and pitched three and two-thirds total innings. She allowed four hits and two earned runs. She walked one and struck out three.

On March 24 and 25, the team won three of four games played at the Rebel Spring Games in Orlando, Fla.

On March 24, the Falcons beat Eastern Connecticut 4-2 and Millikin 8-2. On March 25, the Falcons lost to Ramapo 3-2 in eight innings, but came back to beat Allegheny 8-0 in six innings.

In the win over UW-Eau Claire, the Falcons scored four runs on eight hits and made one error. UW-Eau Claire scored two runs on four hits and made no errors. UW-RF scored one run in the

third and three in the sixth. UW-Eau Claire scored its two runs in the fourth.

Wojnowiak led the Falcons at the plate going 3-3, including a triple, and one RBI. She also scored once. Syverson was 2-3 and she scored a run. Jessamy Schwartz was 1-2 with two RBIs. Vanderploeg got the win on the mound. She pitched four innings and allowed two runs, of which one was earned. She allowed four hits, walked one and struck out four. Rathbun picked up the save. She worked three innings and did not allow a hit, walking one and striking out six.

In the win over Millikin the Falcons scored eight runs on 11 hits and committed two errors. Millikin scored two runs on five hits and committed two errors. UW-RF scored single runs in the first, fifth and seventh innings. They scored twice in the third and three times

in the sixth. Wojnowiak was 2-4 with one RBI and she scored four times. Emily Stahl was 3-3 with a run scored and an RBI. Emily Evans was 2-2 with two RBIs. Michelle Heuser was 1-3 with a run scored and two RBIs. Ashley Bertrand picked up the win. She worked five innings, allowed four hits and two runs, one was earned. She walked two and struck out seven. Rathbun worked the final two innings and allowed just one hit.

On March 24 against Ramapo College UW-RF scored two runs on seven hits. Ramapo scored three runs on seven hits and made one error. UW-RF scored single runs in the first and seventh innings. Ramapo scored single runs in the fifth, sixth and eighth. The winning run in the eighth was scored on a wild pitch. Syverson was 2-3 with an RBI. Bertrand allowed five hits and allowed one

unearned run while striking out three. Rathbun took the loss in relief. She worked two and two thirds innings, allowing two hits. She allowed two runs, one earned, and she struck out two.

Against Allegheny, UW-RF scored eight runs on 13 hits and made one error. Allegheny was held scoreless and they had just one hit. The Falcons scored six runs in the fourth and single runs in the fifth and sixth. Vanderploeg pitched a one hitter for the win. The only hit came with two outs in the sixth inning. Wojnowiak was 3-4 with two RBIs and a run scored. Vanderploeg was 2-3 with a run scored and a RBI. Stahl was 2-4 with a run scored. Sonia Madlon was 3-3 with a RBI and run scored.

The team now at 5-7 overall, is set to play at Calvin on April 1, at 3 p.m.

Varsity Sports Week

Friday, April 1

Softball at Calvin, 3 p.m.
Softball vs. Case Western Reserve, 5 p.m. (at Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Saturday, April 2

Softball vs. Case Western Reserve, 1 p.m. (at Holland, Mich.)
Softball at Hope, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6

Softball vs. Eau Claire, 3 p.m.

Top Performers



Leah Vanderploeg
Fastpitch

Vanderploeg lead the Falcon pitching staff at the Rebel Spring Games with a 3-1 record and a 1.60 ERA. The senior gave up just one hit in an 8-0 win over Allegheny.



Amanda Wojnowiak
Fastpitch

Wojnowiak lead the Falcons with a .471 batting average at the Rebel Summer Games. She had three doubles, a triple, and 10 RBI. She also swiped four bases.

My vision of the perfect tournament

Four great games in two days last weekend showed just how great the NCAA tournament can be. Even if the quality of basketball has gone down due to players leaving early for the NBA, the excitement and suspense stays the same. It is still the greatest sporting event that we have. It's amazing to me how pure and free of corporate sponsorship the tournament is. There's nobody singing pop songs at halftime, no games named after a dot-com company and the stands are filled with real fans, not celebrities and businessmen. They really know what people want and do nothing to screw it up.

College football could learn a lesson from their basketball counterparts. The college presidents need to do the right thing and create a tournament for Division I college football. As big as the past weekend was for basketball, it would be a blip on the radar screen compared to the excitement of a college football tournament. Of course, it would need to be done correctly, unlike the current system. The BCS is the exact opposite of what the basketball tournament is: a corporate event that shuts out the real fans. My ideal football tournament would be a pure version of football that would be the highlight of the year. Allow me to paint a picture of exactly how big this tournament would be.

You start the tournament off with sixteen teams, six conference champions and ten at-large teams. The at-large teams will be cho-

sen by a committee, not by a computer or the polls. The team with the higher ranking will host the game until the championship, which will be held at a neutral site. The home sites will reward the better teams and allow real fans to attend the games. This will also make it feel more like a real football game instead of corporate event like the current BCS games.

The tickets will cost exactly the same as a regular season game so that fans of the team that have followed them all year long can continue to go to the games. Also, a certain number of tickets should be set aside for students, just like a regular season game.

There will be no pop music act at halftime. Instead, the teams' bands will come out and play.

If the sponsors need to have some gimmick at halftime, bring out the overweight, middle-aged guy and have him kick field goals to win money. Everybody loves to see that stuff.

The tournament would be the most talked about sporting event of the year, even bigger than the Super Bowl.

The ratings may not be as big, but as far as the excitement and anticipation for the games, nothing would top it.

I realize that this is a pipe dream and that if we do ever get a tournament in college football, it will be just as corporate as the bowl system, but a guy can dream, right? As least we still have the basketball tournament, which is perfect just the way it is.



MIKE KLEES

SCOREBOARD

Fastpitch

WIAC Standings

	W	L
Eau Claire (12-3)	0	0
Platteville (6-3)	0	0
Superior (9-4)	0	0
Stevens Point (6-4)	0	0
Oshkosh (6-5)	0	0
Whitewater (6-6)	0	0
La Crosse (3-4)	0	0
River Falls (5-7)	0	0
Stout (3-8)	0	0

March 26 Results

Hope College	202	113	0	-	9	11	1
UW-River Falls	101	000	1	-	3	7	4

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Breamber Syverson 2b...	3	1	2	1	0	1
Emily Rodgers cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	2
Jessamy Schwartz ss....	3	0	1	0	0	1
Emily Stahl 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0
Emily Evans 3b.....	3	0	1	1	0	1
Amanda Wojnowiak rf....	4	1	2	1	0	0
Leah Vanderploeg p.....	1	1	0	0	0	1
Brittany Rathbun p.....	1	0	1	0	0	0
Sonia Madlon dh.....	2	0	0	0	0	1
Ashley James c.....	0	0	0	0	0	0

Michelle Kelley lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1
Totals.....	27	3	7	3	0	6

UW-River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leah Vanderploeg....	3.2	4	2	2	1	3	15	16
Brittany Rathbun....	3.1	7	7	1	1	3	19	22

March 25 Results

Allegheny College	000	000	-	0	1	1
UW-River Falls	000	611	-	8	13	1

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Breamber Syverson 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0
Carolyn Guisinger ph/2b..	1	0	0	0	0	0
Emily Rodgers cf.....	3	1	0	0	1	0
Jessamy Schwartz ss.....	3	1	1	1	0	0
Emily Stahl 1b/2b.....	4	1	2	0	0	0
Emily Evans 3b.....	4	0	1	0	0	0
Michelle Kelley pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0
Amanda Wojnowiak rf.....	4	1	3	2	0	0
Leah Vanderploeg p.....	3	1	2	1	0	0
Sonia Madlon dh.....	3	1	3	1	0	0
Ashley James c.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jamie Falck lf.....	3	1	1	0	0	1
Totals.....	31	8	13	5	1	1

UW-River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leah Vanderploeg....	6.0	1	0	0	0	7	19	20

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ways. In less severe cases, spending some time outdoors, or re-arranging study or work places so that more sunlight can enter the room can be treatment enough. In more severe cases,

Phototherapy or bright light therapy, and sometimes antidepressants, may be needed. Talk therapy and counseling are also used.

"Phototherapy is basically just like it sounds," Elssesser said. "It's a light that a person sits in front of for a given period of time just to get those rays maybe needed to feel better."

Student Health Services does offer phototherapy to students who may need it.

"We have a light box available," Student Health Services counselor Gretchen Link said. "If it is decided that a student has SAD, and wants to use the light, a time is set for them to come to our office and use it, and talk about the effects with a coun-

selor."

While only a physician can formally diagnose a patient with SAD, if a student thinks they may have SAD, they are encouraged to make an appointment with Student Health Services, who can then assess their particular situation and help the student with the next step in getting treatment.

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knowing as much about the people he met as possible.

"It always amused and amazed me how fast he knew everyone's background," Ursula said. "He loved to see people's lives unfold before him."

Interim Chancellor Virgil Nylander will remember Peterson as a unique individual who loved his teaching and his students.

"His death marked a sad day for the campus," Nylander said. "Ed was the best academic I've had the pleasure to know."

Peterson's life began in St. Joseph,

MO, on August 27, 1925. He proved himself to be an academic as he was the top male graduate in 1943 at St. Joseph Central High School. He attended junior college before being drafted into the U.S. Army on March 28, 1944. Peterson fought in WWII and met his wife, Ursula, in Germany during that time.

Upon returning home from Europe, Peterson received his AA degree and eventually transferred to UW-Madison where he received his B.A., M.B.A., and finally his Ph.D. in 1953. His time spent getting his education laid the foundation to a career in teaching. He spent one year teaching at Eastern Kentucky State College

before coming to UW-RF in 1954.

During his teenage years, Peterson did missionary work for the reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints. His time spent doing this work and the teachings he received shaped the life he led.

"I remember once our garage door came down on his head with particular force," John Peterson, Ed's son, said. "I was standing close by and I heard him shout 'Hell's Bells,' and those ladies and gentlemen, were the most profane words I ever heard him say."

Peterson's two great loves in his life were his wife, Ursula, and teaching. Ask a person to describe Peterson, and they would invariably mention his passion for teaching.

"My dad was very lucky to find a life's work that he loved so much," John Peterson, Ed Peterson's son

could look out the windows to the scenic backyard. Next to his desk on a bookshelf, Peterson kept pictures, a radio and a jar of treats.

"He stashed treats there that delighted his children and grandchildren," John Peterson said.

Michael Peterson described his father through notes for a speech that Peterson once orated talking about why, after so many years, he still taught at UW-RF.

"My father was interested in what motivated people," Michael Peterson said. "He explains his own motivations."

The notes began by explaining that Peterson mused he was mentally unbalanced and that may explain why he still taught. But after a more thoughtful analysis, he described that the area, the school, the students and his colleagues all helped to make River Falls a lovely place to be and work. Especially, though, his passion for teaching, the students he taught and his partner in life, Ursula, made his job palatable.

Peterson leaves behind a legacy that will not be soon forgotten by family, friends or UW-RF. Peterson maintained correspondence with history graduates going back to his first years as a teacher in the 1950s and continuing to the present. He also gave the commencement address to the UW-RF graduates in December 2004, having won the University Distinguished Professor Award in 2004, the highest recognition for outstanding teaching that the university gives.



Photo submitted by Jens Gunelson
Ed Peterson spoke to the spring 2004 graduates after he was bestowed with the 2004 distinguished teacher of the year award. This is the highest honor UW-RF gives its teachers.

"Each of us creates ripples in the universe by living our lives and being part of families, making friendships, taking stands on various issues, and working to influence the ideas of others," John Peterson said. "I think my dad's ripples were almost waves. Those waves may have irritated some, but I think others have ridden them to achieve great things on their own."

Peterson's granddaughter, Cece Peterson, once heard an analogy that she found to be a fitting acknowledgment of those sentiments.

"Absence is to love as wind is to fire," Cece Peterson said. "It extinguishes the small and enkindles the great."

Besides the honors and awards Peterson received, professionally he was also a noted scholar, doing research in Germany every year and writing a number of books. He published his doctoral dissertation as well as seven other books in addition to his many scholarly papers and book reviews.

"Ed performed a remarkable duty for this campus," Nylander said.

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\$3,085 of unspent funds from the previous year.

And under LDPB requirements, if any organization is unable to spend all of their allocated funds in a given academic year, the prior year's balance is carried over to the budget for the next academic year.

"Ideally, LDPB would like to encourage spending of SUF funds in the same academic year they are collected," co-director of the Leadership Center Terry Willson said, "so that those students paying reap the benefits."

Sponsoring activities that promote diversity during "Unity in the Community" week and leadership conferences and workshops for all students, the Leadership and Training committee requested \$2,649, but it received \$1,800.

Bringing a variety of performers and speakers to UW-RF campus and the River Falls community, the Performing Arts celebrates the arts and promotes a vast array of artistic talents. The committee requested \$81,000, but it trimmed off \$11,500 for an amount of \$69,500.

Recreational Activities is an organization dedicated to planning and organizing it's namesake for the UW-RF campus. It provides the campus with many recreational opportunities such as "Ice Skating Dance Party" and "Late Night Recreation Night." It also funds many cam-

pus sports and recreational groups. The committee requested \$24,602 and it received \$17,434.

Special Events' goal is to foster strong partnerships in learning through special events such as Homecoming and Winter Carnival. The committee requested \$11,550 but it trimmed \$1,550 to receive \$10,000.

Funding the events and leadership training of several small organizations on campus, Student Organizations committee requested \$45,820 and received \$39,747.

Some of the student organizations committees could receive additional funds if the \$5 student activity fee increase proposed by the Student Senate is approved by the University's administration. The current allocated funds of \$254,000 would then increase to \$280,000.

Willson said the increase in the SUF would balance the additional expenditures incurred by the increasing number of organizations on campus.

"The \$49 activity fee has not increased for several years," Terry Willson said, "although the cost of things, such as entertainers and travel, have gone up, as has the number of student organizations on campus."

In anticipation of the additional \$26,000, the LDPB has approved a different set of allocations that will increase each of the committees' 2006 budgets by a percentage of the amount that was cut from their original budget requests.

"The \$49 activity fee has not increased for several years."
Terry Willson, Leadership Center co-director

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stopped picking up their phones as much.

"We're doing a lot of dialing and not getting a lot of pickups," Stucky said.

Despite the challenges caller I.D. and other technologies have posed the telethon still remains successful. The telethon raised more than \$148,000 in unrestricted donations this past fall, and more than \$30,000 from parents earlier this spring.

But Taubel sees an even greater benefit from the money raised by the telethon.

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Minneapolis, Minn.
\$37

John Mellencamp

Wednesday, 4/6
8 p.m.
Xcel Energy Center
Saint Paul, Minn.
\$33.25 - \$43.25

Nelly and the St Lunatics

Wednesday, 4/7
8 p.m.
Northrop Auditorium
Minneapolis, Minn.
\$52.50 - \$59.50

Lonestar

Sunday, 4/10
7 p.m.
Mystic Lake Casino
Hotel
Prior Lake, Minn.
\$35 - \$43

George Carlin

Thursday, 4/14
7:30 p.m.
Mystic Lake Casino
Hotel
Prior Lake, Minn.
\$33 - \$42

Sean Hannity with the AM 1500 All Stars

Friday, 4/15
8 p.m.
The O'Shaughnessy
Saint Paul, Minn.
\$25 - \$35

Bill Engvall

Thursday, 4/21
7 p.m.
Grand Casino Hinckley
Event Center
Hinckley, Minn.
\$25

Snoop Dogg

Thursday, 4/21
7:30 p.m.
Target Center
Minneapolis, Minn.
\$44.25

Maroon 5

Saturday, 4/23
7:30 p.m.
Xcel Energy Center
Saint Paul, Minn.
\$33.25

Moby

Sunday, 4/24
7 p.m.
First Avenue
Minneapolis, Minn.
\$28

Slipknot

Sunday, 4/24
7 p.m.
Xcel Energy Center
Saint Paul, Minn.
\$33.25

Lewis Black

Thursday, 4/28
7:30 p.m.
State Theatre
Minneapolis, Minn.
\$35

Velvet Revolver

Thursday, 4/28
8 p.m.
Xcel Energy Center
Saint Paul, MN
\$40.75

Elton John

Friday, 4/29
8 p.m.
Target Center
Minneapolis, Minn.
\$43.25 - \$123.25

You know you want to go ...

Forty bands and a hobbit later, break over

Spring break makes for an interesting tale

I almost crushed a hobbit. It's true. I almost squashed Frodo into nothing but a tiny pile of moppie brown hair. As I was leaving Minneapolis in my 1998 Buick LeSabre, I couldn't help but wonder if my reliable car was reliable enough to make it 1,200 odd miles to Austin, Texas.

After a quick stop in Dinkytown to pick up a riding companion, it was off to Des Moines to grab my good friend Lindsay Kimball, the music director at Luther College's KWLC-AM out of Decorah, Iowa. Kimball and I met each other last year in Austin at South by Southwest (SxSW). We have become good friends and we often trade industry contacts and ideas about station policies and concerts. The 14 hours that remained between Des Moines and Austin provided plenty of time to throw ideas off each other. While in Des Moines, we met up with 2024 Records' Dave Campbell, along with Jerry Steller and Jesse Stensby of Vitriol Radio Promotions, and a couple of folks from Iowa City to caravan the rest of the way down to Austin.

An hour of sleep, 60 ounces of delicious gas station coffee, several roadside

potty breaks, countless handfuls of Chex Mix, an average speed of 15 miles an hour over the speed limit, and 19 hours later we arrived in Austin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The first order of business was to get admission wristbands to the festival. We walked to the Austin Convention Center and were told to go three blocks north to Stubb's BBQ for a voucher. After 30 minutes of watching a guy wash the windows on the BBQ, a young woman told us that the vouchers had been sold out and we were out of luck. Twelve-hundred miles to get turned away at the footstep of the festival, good times.

Luckily, our good friend Jesse came up with a solution and we able to wrangle up enough wristbands for everyone to get in. Apparently SxSW had a policy that people that had purchased the vastly more expensive badge could purchase one wristband. Jesse gathered enough people with badges to match up with us poor wristband-less schlubs.

Unfortunately for Jesse, the Austin Police Department misunderstood what he was doing for his friends and mistakenly took him as a ticket scalper. He was harassed by the police, was not allowed to explain the situation, and was told that he would be arrested if spotted on the conference center grounds. Talk about southern hospitality.

My posse and I headed to the Levis/Fader Magazine week-long party for some free refreshments and live music. The Fader party was an industry party that provided great music and an endless supply of free Red Stripe. I got to see a pile of great acts like Ash, Cloudroom, M.I.A., Diplo, Saul

Williams, Long-View, Graham Coxon, Vic Chesnutt, Tom Vek, The Magic Numbers, Dr. Dog, and Feist without having to wait in line for an extended period of time. It was at the Fader Party that I nearly crushed wee-little Elijah Wood. I can't imagine the backlash from "Lord of the Rings" fans if I had crushed the little dude.

This year's SxSW line-up looked to be very promising. I had noted at least 75 acts that I wanted to see. Of those 75, I ended up seeing maybe 40. The lines this year were incredibly long and it was difficult to get into most of the shows that I wanted to see such as Son Volt, Robert Plant, Spoon, Louis XIV, Hot Hot Heat, Elvis Costello, and plenty of others. I did manage to see Dolorean, Smoosh, The English Department, Death From Above 1979, Cracker, Mark Mallman, The Cary Brothers, the Oranges Band, the Hold Steady, the High Strung, Capitol Years, Action Action, Cut Copy, the French Kicks, the Start, the Rolling Blackouts, Stars, the Hot IQs, and a couple of other bands that I just popped in for.

Although I was disappointed in the amount of shows I missed, I was very happy to meet a bunch of really great people in the music industry. It was nice to meet great folks from record labels (both big and small), college radio promotion companies, college radio stations, and media outlets. If your trade has a conference or festival like SxSW, I highly recommend you attend it and make as many connections as you can. It can help you create great networks for both you and your organization.

On the last day of the festival, we decided to drive my car down to the fes-

tival instead of taking a cab. My car and I decided it had been too long since we had hit someone in a parking lot, so we sought to rectify that situation. It had been nearly four months since our last encounter with a car in the parking lot, the last being an incident involving the legally parked car of the Student Voice's own Mike Foley. The solution to our desire to strike out at another car in a parking lot came in the form of a purple 2004 Jeep Liberty. Yes indeed, it sure did feel good to hit a car in a parking lot again.

All in all, the 2005 edition of SxSW proved to be a great time and a great opportunity for WRFW and myself. I laughed, I cried, I made unexpected references to Bill Cosby and Jello Puddin' Pops, saw some great shows, made a bunch of new friends and connections, ate my fair share of Death Metal Pizza from a street side vendor called Hoek's, ate some of the best BBQ I have ever had, enjoyed some free beer and pop, showered in a random house in Austin, shared my hotel room with a bunch of interesting little creatures called cockroaches, got in a car accident, had my car overheat, drove ten miles in two hours, paid \$10 to drive through the God-forsaken state of Kansas, drove a total of 25 hours by myself, drank a lot of bad coffee, nearly killed a hobbit, got kidnapped by the MySpace bus, got a tan, had an encounter with the waitress from Hell, saw a ton of hate-inspired stuff written on bathroom walls of truck stops, and was told that Indianapolis and Minneapolis were the same place. Would I do it again? Hell yeah! I'm looking forward to going to SxSW 2006 style.



BRYAN HARMELINK



Refugee Journeys: A Collaborative Project

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Program Schedule

6:30 PM Reception
Room 139, Rodli Commons

7:00 PM **Shelter Storm**
Stories of UW-RF Refugee Students
by UW-RF Journalism Students Website Presentation
Room 137/138, Rodli Commons

7:30 PM **WORKING JOURNALISTS**
Seminar with Todd Nelson and Tim Nelson
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Harassment of squirrels, other animals on University land can result in fine

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So you're walking between classes from South Hall to North Hall after your instructor just spent the entire lecture putting your mind on ice. Suddenly, a squirrel crosses your path. Before you seize this opportunity to quench your thirst for action, be warned: fraternizing with the local squirrel population can result in a \$181 fine.

Interim Public Safety director Mark Kimball said messing with animals on university land could be something you can get a fine for. This isn't limited to just squirrels though, and it certainly isn't limited to just UW-River Falls.

According to the UW System administrative code of ethics, chapter 18 section 6 states: "No person may remove, destroy, or molest any bird, animal or fish life within the boundaries of University lands except as authorized by the chief administrative officer or except when this provision conflicts with a special order of the department of natural resources." In layman's terms, this means if you do anything to an animal, including the much heralded and often noted Squirrel population, you can be subject to a fine. But this rule applies just as much to squirrels at UW-RF as it does to birds at UW-Madison or even different squirrel populations at UW-White Water.

Mary Halada, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, doesn't think that this portion of the code of ethics is a big deal.

"Out of common sense, it isn't smart to mess with squirrels," Halada said. "The fear is they could be rabid or something."

While an unprovoked attack on wildlife may be unethical, morbid and just plain mean, possible

finest for molesting a squirrel bring up a separate issue entirely. While the university, system and individuals may not think it is a nice thing to harm an animal, it isn't common knowledge. In fact, it isn't knowledge that the average student is even privy to.

Jen Gossman, a sophomore marketing communications major, didn't even know about the fines that can result from harming a squirrel.

"If you're not informed, you shouldn't be fined," Gossman said.

The UW System administrative code of ethics isn't something that students are aware of, much less asked to read.

"It isn't reasonable to expect students to know about this if they're not told about it," Gossman said.

Kimball alluded to the fact that students aren't given the code of ethics at any time during their admission or registration as first time students. The admissions office said that they do not give the code of ethics to students upon admission to the University.

"It's definitely not something we're hiding," Kimball said. "It is an open record students can get at any time."

While the rule can result in a fine, there are also exceptions. If, for example, the squirrel population grows into a nuisance, then trapping is allowed. However, it isn't acceptable for people to mistreat animals for any reason.

On this campus, Public Safety officers are the only people allowed to issue fines for harming or molesting squirrels or other wildlife on University land.

"Faculty and students can report something," Kimball said. "But they can't issue the fine."



Photo by Micheal Foley

The large squirrel population on campus has lived amongst people for so long, they aren't afraid to walk up to students going to class. One reason for this is that people can be fined for harming an animal, including squirrels, on university land.

April 20

This date is important because it is the application deadline to apply for work at the *Student Voice* next fall. You can apply online at www.uwrf.edu/student-voice or you can stop by 304 North Hall to pick up applications. All positions are paid, so you can make money while you have a voice. Apply today!



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Throughout the sign-up process you may view the contract booklet on-line at www.uwrf.edu/student-services/rs/pdf/contract.pdf.

March 14 - 29 FROM 7:45 - 4:30 P.M.
SINGLE ROOM SIGN UP

The following wings/floor will have single rooms next Fall: **1st North Crabtree, 1st East Parker, 1st West Grimm, 1st East McMillan, and all of 1st floor Johnson.**

Students will be assigned to these rooms based on the number of semesters they have lived on campus at UW-River Falls. Ties will be broken by the number of credits earned as of February 1, 2005.

The projected Fall Semester single room rate is \$1625.00. If you would like to apply for a single room, please stop in the Student Services office, 211 Student Center, between March 14 - 29 and complete the single room agreement.

The actual single room assignments, along with a single room waiting list, will be made by the Residential Services staff on Wednesday, March 30. You will be notified of your assignment by Monday, April 4, 2005.

APRIL 4 - 5 AFTER 8:00 A.M.

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

APRIL 6 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO NOON

As part of the residence hall ten-year master plan, we are adding single room wings/floor. **No returning student will be allowed to stay on the above listed wings/floor.** April 6 has been set aside for you to choose an open space in your current residence hall. See the letter in your campus mailbox regarding the procedure to follow.

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Virgil Nylander,
Interim Chancellor



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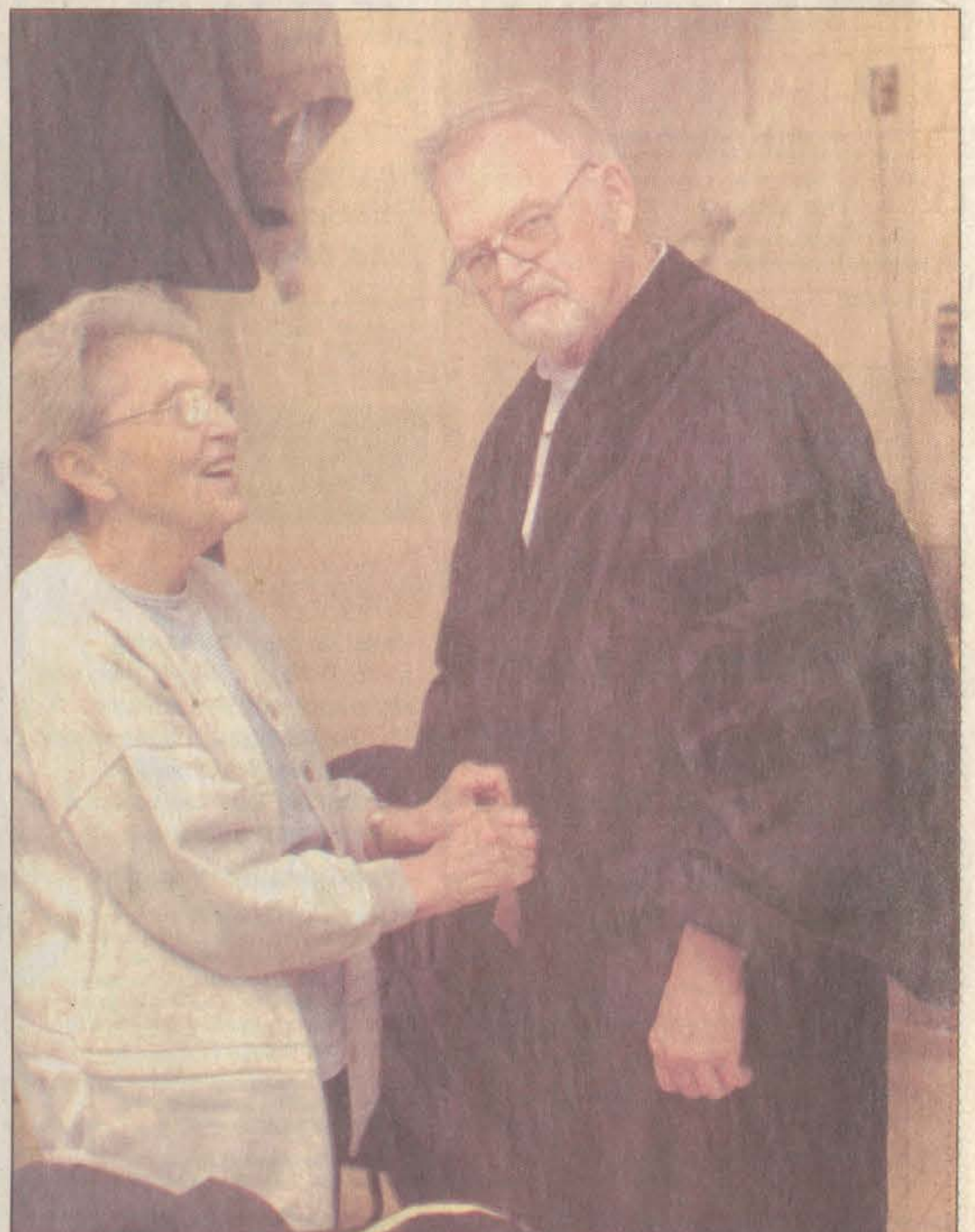


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