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Two UW-RF students run for RF mayor

■ Four candidates list their goals for city



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Jen Firchow



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In addition to two River Falls residents running for mayor, two UW-RF students will be running as write-in candidates. Voting will take place April 2 at various places throughout River Falls. Polling places will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

The four candidates have their own issues they will be focusing on if elected mayor.

Eric Amundsen, 31, grew up in the city of River Falls since he was five-years-old. He graduated from the River Falls High School and lives here with his wife and children and is employed at Jerry's Towing Inc.

Katie Chaffee is the current mayor

Chaffee: "The issues that I ran for two years ago are still concerns for the city of River Falls."

Firchow: "I am running because I believe in participation and I believe it needs to happen to give the city back to the people. I was in a political participation class, so part of the reason I decided to run for mayor stemmed from that."

Lee: "I'm running because I love River Falls. With experience in land use planning, I hope to bring the best planning practices to River Falls to ensure growth is carried out with the best interests of the community."

What are some issues you plan to focus on?

Chaffee: "Developing a positive growth policy is important. So many times I have seen developers calling the shots, but the community needs to develop a policy that



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River Falls mayoral candidate and UW-RF senior Jen Firchow (center) passes out campaign literature outside the Student Center Thursday morning. Firchow and Britta Lee, also a UW-RF senior, are both running as write-in candidates in the April 2 election.

of River Falls and has lived here since she was four-years-old. Chaffee studied political science and history at UW-Madison for three years. In addition to being mayor, Chaffee also works as the online editor at The River Falls Journal.

Jen Firchow, 23, is a UW-River Falls political science major and is running as a write-in candidate for mayor. She is a full-time student and also works for Community Living Specialists in Hudson. She has lived in River Falls for two years.

Britta Lee, 21, is also a write-in candidate for mayor. Lee is a senior at UW-River Falls majoring in Land Use Management and double minoring in Political Science and Spanish. She is originally from Rosemount, Minn., but a large amount of her family resides in River Falls and she has personally spent a large amount of her time growing up here.

Why are you running for mayor?

Amundsen: "To give back something to the community where I grew up."

will concern where we will be in 25 years. We need to do that together. I also want to create a common vision for what the city of River Falls wants."

Firchow: "River Falls needs to remain a vibrant, enjoyable place for our families. If we decide the town should expand, we must charge developers impact fees and the developments should bring in families with children so our taxes do not surge any higher. Also, any development must be in harmony with our small town feel. One of the major issues facing our town is the rising property tax. We need a balance of quality education and fiscal responsibility."

Lee: "I plan to address the traffic situation and work to make the streets more pedestrian friendly throughout the community. I would like to alleviate all parking issues for students and residents. I am also concerned with development issues. Another issue or plan I would like to see worked on is the completion of the Green Corridor, the path from Lake George to Maple Street. I

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Legislators gather input on state budget proposals

■ UW-RF students, employees voice disapproval of System funding cuts

Kevin O'Brien
Assistant Editor

With more than \$2 million in proposed budget cuts looming over UW-River Falls, students, faculty and staff packed into the Regents Room last Friday to confront Sen. Sheila Harsdorf-R, and Reps. Kitty Rhoades-R and Joe Plouff-D with concerns about everything from study abroad scholarships, to snow-mobiling fees to health insurance for state employees.

"The bottom line is that we have \$1.1 billion shortfall. There are no good options," Harsdorf said. "So we need not only your input on what you want changed but also your suggestions on better alternatives. It's a situation that none of us want to be in. Keep in mind that we are not alone in this; there are 44 other states who are facing similar changes and they too are looking at where to come up with the dollars."

All three of the legislators reminded the audience that the state budget process was still in progress, and that any recommendations from students and other citizens were strongly encouraged.

Political science professor Wes Chapin, who is also in charge of the study abroad program at UW-RF, worried that the suggested tuition hikes combined with the cuts in financial aid would limit opportunities for students from lower income families.

"In recent years, it seems as if the state aid based on need doesn't seem to keep pace with the increases the students have to pay," Chapin said.

Chapin used the Assembly's proposed elimination of \$1 million in grant money for studying abroad as an example of limiting access for



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State Senator Sheila Harsdorf-R (right) responds to an audience question during the legislative visit last Friday as state representative Kitty Rhoades-R looks on.

Harsdorf and Rhoades were joined by representative Joe Plouff-D.

students who "don't have their family or other resources to depend on."

Rhoades responded to Chapin's concern by discussing how she weighed the study abroad money against a state dental care plan.

"The debate on that boiled down to whether we would be willing to put down a million dollars for traveling to Europe or put it into the program for dental care," she said. "I voted for dental care."

Student Clay Carlson expressed

his concerns on the proposed elimination of Wisconsin's Economic Stimulus Package, which is designed to create more high-paying jobs in the technology field.

"UW-River Falls decided to help out by doubling the number of majors in the computer science and biotechnology departments," Carlson said. "I thought this was a great program. I've helped out on search and screen committees to help get more professors to help

stimulate this economy. But this has been cut. I'm wondering how you plan on stimulating the economy by cutting the Economy Stimulus Package?"

Plouff agreed with Carlson that cutting this program has frustrated many participants in the UW System, especially in the wake of the recent hiring freeze.

"I don't have an answer for you,"

See "Legislature" on A8

Satirical 'Potboiler' website meant to entertain, provoke political thought

Khrysten Darm
Staff Writer

Is UW-River Falls big enough for two newspapers? Dan Singel, editor and writer for The Potboiler, seems to think so.

Since its conception in February of 2001, The Potboiler has grown from a monthly online edition (the-potboiler.com), to weekly online editions, and now is available in paper form.

Singel, a senior majoring in political science, came up with the idea for The Potboiler.

"It satirizes serious situations because we want people to think about things that don't get challenged by the regular media," he said. "We want our readers to think critically about what's going on in society."

The Potboiler has five writers, including Singel. The other writers are Katie McLellan, Scott Johnson, Sarah Bergstrom and Scott Wente. It is completely student run, and has no University ties with supervision or funding.

Singel said that almost nothing is spent on The Potboiler, but the little bit of money that it requires comes from the writers.

"We do everything to minimize the costs so that we can focus on writing, and not on financing," Singel said.

The Potboiler is similar to The Onion, a satirical Madison-based newspaper that uses made-up names in its stories, except in stories where public figures are being satirized.

"Our intention is to provide students with something else than the Student Voice," he said. "We talk about campus, state and national issues."

The name "potboiler" is a term that was used around the turn of the last century. Books and other literature were written quickly to mainly make a profit.

"The name is self-deprecating humor for cranking out material," Singel said.

Singel said that he spends several hours a week writing, in addition to his editing duties.

"I spend 20-plus hours a week, so it is a huge commitment," he said. The writers spend a lot of time researching and writing their stories. A special edition of The Potboiler came out this past Monday on their Web



Dan Singel

site about the Student Senate. The writers have been going to the meetings for weeks now, to get enough background and research for their stories.

As for competing with the Student Voice, Singel said that "the Student Voice has readership, but I would like to see the Student Voice write about things that students give a sh*t about, and things that have an impact on students."

According to Singel, the Student Voice publishes newsworthy events on campus, but The Potboiler offers readers something entertaining to read.

Katie Vangsness, a junior majoring in agriculture marketing communications, has only visited The Potboiler Web site once. She read the special edition that came out Monday about the Student Senate.

"By having it satirical, it makes you want to pay attention to what Student Senate is actually doing," she said.

Vangsness found the Web site "very funny and entertaining." She said that she is definitely going to check out the Web site again to read upcoming issues.

"The Potboiler is pure entertainment," she said. "People will still read the Student Voice for other things. I don't think they appeal to the same audience."

Singel said that he thinks The Potboiler gets people interested and concerned enough to be more involved in school or city politics.

"We cover a wider variety of topics, but our intention is to always do it in an entertaining, interesting and humorous way," he said.

Currently, Singel will be graduating, as will some of his writers. The fate of The Potboiler is up in the air. He would like to find good writers and dedicated people to carry it on.

"Aside from a bit of hate mail almost, almost all the feedback we receive from faculty and students is positive," Singel said.

Tracey Gladstone-Sovell, professor and chair of the political science department, is one of the professors who offers feedback to Singel, and The Potboiler.

"Political satire is very difficult to write," she said. "I admire their effort and I think it usually works."

Gladstone-Sovell said that political satire has been a part of the United States for a long time, and often, the best critiques are those made using humor.

"I admire the effort on the part of Dan and the other contributors to The Potboiler to join in the tradition," she said. "One of the dangers that we all can fall into is taking ourselves too seriously."

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention spring 2003 student teachers

During the next couple of months Dr. McCollum will hold informational meetings about student teaching. These meetings are held to clarify procedures for application to student teaching and to answer any questions you might have. The last meeting will be May 1, 2002. Applications to student teach spring 2002 are due no later than May 15, 2002.

Attendance at a meeting is required prior to application to student teach. (You need attend only one meeting). Please arrive promptly, sign in and remain for the entire meeting (above an hour).

Sign-up sheets with dates, times and locations are posted on the student teaching bulletin board on the second floor of WEB. We have limited seating for each meeting, so sign up early. If no one signs up for a meeting, it will be cancelled.

Current textbook sale and discontinued texts

Students: If you wish to purchase any of the textbooks you have checked out this semester, bring them to Textbook Services during the book sale from Feb. 11-April 12. Textbooks purchased during the semester book sale will be discounted 20 or 40 percent, depending on the age of the text. Subject to availability, undergraduate students may also purchase texts from classes in which they are not currently enrolled during the book sale.

Discontinued texts, i.e. texts that were formerly used in classes, are on sale at minimal prices ranging from 25 cents to several dollars per copy, from now until finals week. Books in most subject areas are available. They are on display at Textbook Services. Some free discontinued textbooks are also available.

EVENTS

Harriet Barry Gallery hosts exhibit

The Chalmer Davee Library Exhibits and Presentations committee is please to host the exhibit "Three Female Saints." The show is one of many events celebrating Women's History Month, and may be viewed in the Harriet Barry Gallery during regular library hours through the month of March.

UW-RF Dance Theatre

The UWRF Dance Theatre will present its annual spring concert April 8-13 at 8 p.m. in the Davis Theatre on campus. Monday, April 8 will be preview night and university students may purchase two tickets for the price of one for that performance. Ticket prices are \$4 for students and children and \$7 for adults. Tickets will be available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. beginning Monday, April 1 through Friday, April 12 in KFA. Tickets will also be available each performance evening from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. To order tickets, contact the ticket booth at 425-3114 and for more information call 425-3131.

Summer school still registering

Despite of the recent budget crunch, the University will continue to admit students to summer classes and to programs like Pigeon Lake. For current students or any other individuals interested in attending Pigeon Lake Field Station, class registration continues in the Art Department in 172 KFA. If you have any questions contact the Pigeon Lake Office at 425-3348.

Meet Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer

Assistant Professor of Justice and Peace Studies at the University of St. Thomas and author of "Jesus Against Christianity: Reclaiming the Missing Jesus" and "School of Assassins: Guns, Greed and Globalization" will be speaking Sunday, April 7 at 8 p.m. and Monday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Chapel. The chapel is across from KFA. Nelson-Pallmeyer will also be speaking Monday, April 8 at 1 p.m. in the breezeway of Davee Library and at 4:30 p.m. there will be a reception and book signing at The Bookpress located at 101 Main Street. These events are free with your student ID.

Riversides live music calendar

500 First St. Hudson, WI (715) 386-5504
NEW: Open mic every Tuesday 9 p.m.-Midnight hosted by Doctor Smoke.
Karaoke every Friday
Live music and DJ on Saturdays
All music 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
March 23: DJ Steve
March 30: Irene Keenen
April 6: DJ Steve
April 13: Hungry Horse
April 20: East of Eagan
April 27: Jones Tones
For booking information, call Lori Karis at (715) 381-2652

The Bean Bag Coffee House live music calendar

245 Knowles Ave. New Richmond, WI (715) 246-5800
All music is from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. on Saturdays
March 23: Jon Sunde
March 30: Kip

Mary's Story

Mary's Story, the unforgettable original musical drama of the crucifixion of Christ as witnessed by his mother, will be performed at Ezekiel Lutheran Church, 202 S. Second St. at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23 and 3 p.m. Palm Sunday, March 24.

UW-RF Jazz Ensemble

The UW-RF Jazz Ensemble, directed by David Milne, will present a concert on Thursday, March 21 at 8 p.m. in William Abbot Concert Hall, Kleinpell Fine Arts Building. Admission is free and open to the public.

Fifth annual women's day conference

The Professional Women's Network (PWN) of St. Croix Valley is hosting their 5th annual Women's Day Conference Thursday, April 4th at The Phipps Center for the Arts. The center is located at 109 Locust St., Hudson, Wisc. For more information contact PWN President Diana Olson at Olson and Wertheimer Law Offices at 715-381-1273.

MEETINGS

Gay/Straight Alliance

The UW-RF Gay/Straight Alliance will be meeting every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room of the student center. Meetings are confidential and all are welcome.

Business Association

Nothing to do on Mondays and are wondering what you could do with your time? Come be a "business shark" and join Business Association. We meet every other Monday night at 4:30 p.m. in the International Room in the Student Center. Contact Claire at claire.m.knaeble@uwrf.edu with any questions you might have.

African American Alliance

The African American Alliance meets Mondays at 4 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Center. All are welcome.

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

Habitat for Humanity heads to New York to build house for family in need

Caroline Joyce
Staff Writer

Twenty UW-River Falls students are packing their bags and heading off to New York and Georgia to participate in a Collegiate Challenge trip.

What is the challenge? To spend their spring break working with a group of strangers to meet a common goal-to build a Habitat for Humanity house for a family in need.

For over a decade, Habitat for Humanity International has been coordinating the Collegiate Challenge trips as an alternative spring break option for high school and college students. Over 9,000 students participated in the spring break Collegiate Challenge in 2001, and more than 1,000 participated during the summer, fall and winter trips as well.

The groups pay for the trip themselves, but some expenses are reimbursed based on each Habitat member's participation in fundraising events. Participation points are kept and tallied, and a formula is used to determine how much help a Habitat member provides.

There are various destinations across the United States that Collegiate Challenge groups may choose from, and this year UW-RF is sending one group of 13 to Albany, Georgia and a group of seven to New Rochelle, New York.

Junior Joe Martin, a member of Habitat since last semester, was chosen to lead the Georgia group. After rounding up Collegiate Challenge spring break hopefuls, Martin said they had to decide on locations and continue planning from there.

Although this is his vacation, Martin said this trip took a lot of preparation and organization to put together.

"I was a little overwhelmed with the work it takes in leading this trip," Martin said. "It was certainly a challenge and took a lot of planning, but we are all excited to get to the site."

The other leader for the Georgia group, sophomore Matthew Holle, is also a first-year member of Habitat.

Along with the generous amount of group planning, Holle said there is some personal planning that goes into these trips as well. Because they have to fit 13 people and their luggage in one mini-van, Holle described another type of challenge:

how to pack everything he needs for a week into one small bag.

Freshman Liz Goetzke was chosen to lead the group to New York and said that she too had a lot of planning to do before the trip. Budgeting money for food and activities in New York, as well as figuring out how to pack lightly and coordinating a driving schedule had to be planned before their departure.

The group going to New York will be working with Habitat for Humanity of Westchester, and will be staying at Iona College during the week.

The three mini-vans loaded with those taking on the Collegiate Challenge will depart River Falls on Friday. By Sunday afternoon, they will arrive at their respective destinations and prepare for the week.

They will build during the day from around 9 a.m.-3 p.m., having their evenings off to sightsee. Each group will also have one entire day off to enjoy the surrounding community.

On Saturday, the groups will once again fill the vans for the long trip back to Wisconsin.

Even though they both have a long journey and hard work ahead of them, Martin and Holle are looking forward to the break.

"My past spring breaks I really didn't do anything but work," Martin said. "This will give me a chance to travel to different states, bask in the warm weather, hang out with friends, all while supporting a great cause."

Holle is happy about getting out of the snow for a few days. "I am looking forward to meeting new people and helping those that are in need," Holle said. "Plus it is never a bad thing to get down south, out of this cold weather."

Goetzke said her group is looking forward to seeing New York City, since it will be a first time any of them have been to New York.

Other than seeing the city, Goetzke said it would be "awesome to help out a family in need of a new house."

Tim Nissen, faculty advisor for the UW-RF chapter of Habitat, has seen many students take on this



Submitted photo

UW-RF students Dawn Puro, Michelle Horarik, Nicole Berthiaume and Elmer, all volunteered and constructed a home in Sante Fe, New Mexico during the winter break.

Collegiate Challenge and come back "even better persons, full of energy, full of self-confidence and feeling really good about themselves."

Nissen is confident that the energy these students come back with after break will carry over until next fall, when a Habitat house will be built in River Falls.

"They will know firsthand how important these efforts are and they will also have developed new skills which they can easily use on the River Falls build," Nissen said.

Dawn Puro knows what it feels like spending a week building a Habitat house. She spent a week in Santa Fe, New Mexico during winter break this year. Puro was one in a

homeowner of the house. Working with the homeowner gave Puro a better understanding that her group's hard work was going to make a family very happy. The homeowner invited the group back "anytime" to see the completed house, something that Puro said she would like to.

Off of the building site, Puro said she was able to take in the sights of Santa Fe, including Bandelier National Monument.

At the monument, Puro said her group hiked to the cliff dwellings of the Anasazi Indians, one of the sights of Santa Fe that Puro said was the most memorable.

Some advice Puro has for those going on the Collegiate Challenge is to "make the most of your experience, meet new people, learn new skills, and remember that all of your hard work is making a huge difference in someone else's life."

Goetzke realizes there is a task at hand for her group, and that building the house is most important.

"It is important that we stay on task and get the work done that is needed to be done," Goetzke said.

Along with gaining the skills necessary to build a house, Martin is hoping to come back with something more.

"I want to experience the feeling of people coming together for a common goal and to receive the rewarding satisfaction of putting my time and effort into a great cause," Martin said.

"It was amazing to see what we college students could accomplish in a week."

-Dawn Puro, Habitat for Humanity member

group of eight that made the trip to work with three members of the Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity to build a two bedroom, one story house.

In the week she was there, Puro said they had completed building the frames for the interior and exterior walls of the house.

"It was amazing to see what we college students could accomplish in a week," Puro said.

One of the most memorable experiences Puro had on the building site was working side by side with the

IHSA members saddle up and come home with region championship title

Leslie Shuler
Staff Writer

Last weekend's Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) competition was a tight race between number two ranked UW-River Falls and number one ranked UW-Madison. Finishing the weekend competition out as the regional high point team, the UW-RF equestrian team clinched the region championship title by five points.

The final region 4 Hunt Seat Show of the IHSA season was held at the UW-RF lab farm one. Approximately 78 riders from seven universities competed, which included Ellsworth Community College, Gustavus Adolphus College, Iowa State University, St. Cloud State University, University of Minnesota-Crookston, UW-Madison and UW-RF.

On Saturday's competition UW-RF was the high point team with 36 points, with UW-Madison not far behind at 35 points.

"It was a very close day," Rhea Bretl said, sophomore equestrian team rider. "Our team riders and Madison's were neck and neck all day but we were ahead in the end."

Sunday's competition ended with UW-RF as the high point team with 44 points and UW-Madison as the reserve high point team with 33 points.

"We had a huge lead after the jumping classes, 21 to 14 points (ahead of Madison)," Bretl said. "Our team riders Aubrey Hunt, Adam Glas and Elizabeth Widmar made it a clean sweep; all winning their jumping classes."

"Then Madison made a big comeback during the flat (competition) and it looked like they were going to pull ahead; then April Berkheimer (of UW-RF) won her class and clinched the regional championship for us," added Bretl.

The UW-RF equestrian team will be advancing to the IHSA Zone 6 show as they represent region 4 on April 13. Regional champions from regions 1 through 4 will be competing in the zone show, which will be held at the UW-RF lab farm one.

Hunt, sophomore team rider, is also the regional high point individual. She will represent zone 6, region 4 at nationals in New York, for the Cachione Cup, a prestigious IHSA award.

How the show works

"The show is divided into classes," said Hunt. "And they are based on past experiences."

The two class categories are flat and jumping. First through sixth place receive a certain amount of points for placing. As points accumulate, the competitor moves to the next class.

"About five to ten minutes before a class show,

the whole class will meet at the draw table," said Bretl. "From there the whole class draws for the horse they (as individuals) will ride."

Hunt adds that the riders have no time to warm-up; they are only able to adjust the straps and then ride.

"The event really tests how well an individual rides," Hunt said. "It shows who the best catch riders are, people who can ride well on any horse for the first time."

Points earned in a class placing go towards the rider's individual standings, as well as the team's total points.

"Team riders can only compete in one jumping and one flat class per show," Bretl said. "Each weekend IHSA event has two shows, so each rider is able to compete in a total of four events."

Hunt also said that if there is one rider in a class, the points that they earn go towards the team. However, if there are two riders from one team competing in the same class, the coaches pick one rider prior to earn the team points. Both riders do not know who is riding for the team points.

"The rider with the most points in the open flat and jumping class through the year will go on to nationals to represent the region," Hunt said. "Those riders will compete in one class to determine who will win the title of the Cachione Cup."

"It all comes down to one person's opinion, not everyone agrees with the judges class placings," Hunt said. "It gets frustrating at times."

The IHSA season consists of five weekends, totaling 10 shows.

According to Bretl, three schools host the shows, including UW-RF, UW-Madison and University of Minnesota-Crookston. She also added that other schools do not host the shows because they do not have the facilities or horses.

UW-RF Equestrian Team

According to Peter Rayne, Hunt Seat Coach and equine instruction professor, there are over 100 members in UW-RF's IHSA.

Rayne also said that ISHA is an organization that falls under the Horseman's Association, which is advised by Larry Kasten, equine production professor.

"We select 25 students for the team," Rayne said. "However, all members have the opportunity to compete as individuals."

Rayne added that the team has 16 English riders and nine western riders.

The two riding styles differ with the tempo of the horse; English is more upbeat, while western is more relaxed, said Bretl. She also commented on the difference of clothing: Western rider wear includes things such as cowboy hats and chaps,

while English riding wear includes a riding jacket and fitted pants.

The difference between the two styles deals mainly with the tempo of the horse and the riders' clothing style, said Bretl. She added that in English the horse has a more upbeat tempo.

"The team practices once a week, two weeks before a show," Hunt said.

The reason for not having more practices, adds Bretl, is that the University classes ride the same horses hours on end.

"It would be too hard on the horses to ride them all the time," Bretl said.

The show committee chair is junior Becky Luben.

According to Hunt, planning for the show started about two months ago.

"The show is student run," added Rayne. "They are responsible for handling entries and other things that go along with running the show."

Bretl said that the past two weeks have been very hectic.

"As coaches, we serve in an advisory role," Rayne said. "We answer questions to problems in regard to finding judges, developing a horse list and answering technical questions."

During the show they also observe judges and make coaching suggestions to riders to meet what the judges are looking for in style, Rayne said.

He also added that they watch the horses during warm up; they then coach the riders how to handle the specific horses.

Making Connections

Bretl adds that a lot of friendships are formed through IHSA, not only between UW-RF teammates, but with other university equestrian teams as well.

"Madison came up early on Friday to hang out with our team," Hunt said.

Hunt also said that the contacts that IHSA members make are very beneficial, especially if they are interested in going into the horse business.

"It's all about who you know," Hunt comments. "You never know who'll be a professional (in the horse business)."

According to Hunt, IHSA started about 20 years ago on the east coast as an economical way for college students to ride horses.

IHSA is open to anyone regardless of experience. Those who are interested can join at the beginning of each semester. Rayne serves as the hunt seat coach and Kasten serves as the western coach, while Diane Clark, equine science academic lecture, and Janelle Ward, UW-RF alumni, serve both as hunt seat and western coaches.

Job outlook surveys give conflicting information for graduating students

■ Surverys show hiring either up or down 20 percent leaving students to question the current and future job market

Jeff Starck
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College graduates are facing conflicting reports on the job market and hiring practices in the workforce. In recent surveys by Manpower Inc. and the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), hiring is either up or down 20 percent.

"It is confusing," Career Services College Recruitment Coordinator June Schubert said. "They (surveys) may give you a false sense of security that finding a position will be relatively easy, but finding one that meets your major and career goals isn't."

Manpower, a worldwide provider of staffing services and employment opportunities based in Milwaukee, is showing a positive outlook for job seekers in the Twin Cities.

"Of companies responding to the Second Quarter Employment Survey, 20 percent will recruit more workers during April, May and June," said Manpower spokesperson Brian Burke, "while six percent expect to cut back and 56 percent report no changes are anticipated. Another 18 percent are unsure at this time."

Manpower's national quarterly survey of 16,000 American employers showed the first increase in hiring in over a year. Twenty-one percent of companies surveyed throughout the nation will be hiring more employees for the second quarter. The national number closely resembles those of the Twin Cities.

Contrary to the Manpower survey, the Job Outlook survey by the NACE reports that employers expect to hire 20 percent fewer graduates in the 2001-2002 school year. The survey was sent to 1,803 NACE employer members last August, of which 25 percent responded to.

"Most employers still hold their

early projections," NACE executive director Marilyn Mackes said. "They are cutting back, but no more than they originally planned."

For college graduates, these numbers tell a confusing story.

A key number that graduates should monitor is the net change, not the number of companies hiring. When looking at the difference between those companies that will be hiring and those that plan to trim their employee roster, a new story is told.

In the Twin Cities, a 14 percent increase is the net difference compared to the national rate of 11 percent increase. According to the NACE, 30 percent fewer new graduates expect to be hired from the class of 2002.

"In this job market it will be difficult to get jobs around here," Schubert said. "With all the major universities around here, you must use every strategy you can to shine and beat out the competition."

The question remains: what brings this drastic difference between the two surveys?

The Manpower survey, on the national level, interviewed almost 16,000 companies. Ten different industries make up the survey: mining, construction, manufacturing-durable goods, manufacturing-non-durable goods, transportation & public utilities, wholesale & retail trades, finance, insurance & real estate, public & private education, services and public administration.

"Manpower surveys the entire workforce," Schubert said. "NACE is more applicable because it deals specifically with college graduate hiring."

Within the Twin Cities, Manpower reports construction, manufacturing-durable goods, manufacturing-non-durable goods, transportation & public utilities, wholesale & retail trades, services and public administration are the stronger industries when hiring new workers.

However, prospective hiring for public and private education is experiencing hard times. This will no doubt make finding a job for the hundreds of education majors at UW-RF difficult.

"So many school districts are struggling because the money isn't coming in from the government," Schubert explained.

Industries hiring fewer graduates nationally that were covered in the Manpower survey include transportation, education, public utilities and public administration.

NACE reported that manufacturers expect to hire a third fewer new col-

lege graduates and service employers. They expect hiring to be down 24.2 percent.

to meet employers' positions," Mackes said. "It gives them a distinct advantage in a job market that has gotten tighter this year."

According to the NACE, employers suggest getting an early start in job searching, gathering prior research of the organization and gaining "real-world" experience. Many employers recruit extensively through college career services centers. A polished résumé and interviewing skills will aid in landing a job.

"Employers are looking for communicative skills, not just written but personal," Schubert said.

their jobs, but internships and relevant work experience show career focus on a résumé.

As it is in the classroom, procrastination can be your worst enemy.

"So many companies have finished recruiting already," Schubert said. "You really need to get moving. After graduation is too late."

While job offers may not be thrown at graduates left and right, plenty of jobs still remain out there.

"Many employers are being cautious and may not advertise openings and will fill them once the right candidate comes along," Schubert said. "You will have to network to find the hidden job market. It doesn't hurt to make a cold phone call."

UW-RF, like most other campuses, offers a free career services center for students to brush up their résumés, cover letters and information on countless fields of employment. Located in 24 East Hathorn Hall, Career Services provides resources that enable students to begin building their career path even as freshmen.

"We have great resources here to help at any level," Schubert said. "Students are optimistic when they come in here looking for information. The Web site (<http://www.uwrf.edu/ccs/>) is a world of info."

As the nation pulls out of an economic recession, graduates will have to take the initiative when trying to land a job.

"Economic recovery may be imminent, but many employers tell us they are not convinced," NACE employment information manager Camille Luckenbaugh said. "They plan to wait and see if the economy turns the corner before recruiting new graduates or increasing their salary offers to them."

"In this job market it will be difficult to get jobs around here. With all the major universities around here, you must use every strategy you can to shine and beat out the competition."

- June Schubert, career services college recruitment coordinator

lege graduates and service employers. They expect hiring to be down 24.2 percent.

On the upside is hiring by the federal government. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, up to 30 percent of federal employees are eligible for retirement by 2005 and will need to be replaced. Government and nonprofit organizations project a 20.5 percent increase in hiring of college graduates. Computer science graduates and accountants also remain at a shortage and are being highly sought after.

To prepare for the stingy hiring market, students need to be well prepared going into their job search. The best advice for finding jobs comes from the employers themselves.

"Students who follow the advice of employers are in a better position

"Working as part of a team and having analytical and problem solving skills are very important. They look for how you work with clientele and demonstrate team leadership."

Perhaps the best tool for landing a job will be through networking. In a survey of employers by Job Outlook 2000, employee referrals and on-campus recruiting ranked second and fourth where new hires are found. Organizations' internship programs and career fairs were first and fourth respectively.

"Ask everyone you know," Schubert said. "Family, friends and faculty know people. If someone gives you a name and you call them and they give you two more names to contact, then you begin to get your name out there."

Experience is also critical in landing a job. Employers don't expect graduates to be experts going into

Students getting ready for spring break are reminded to keep their safety in mind

Jamie Nielsen
Staff Writer

It is only during this hallowed week in the college year that students are expected to head to exotic locales where they will prance around in 'next to nothing and party all hours of the day, celebrating nothing but the fact that they are not in school.

However, as with any long distance trip, there are dangers to think of and spring break is no exception.

UW-RF doesn't offer any specific tips for spring break safety but according to a press release from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs, most problems arise from one of three things: alcohol, drugs, and disorderly behavior.

Each year, more than 2,500 American citizens are arrested abroad for violations in one of these categories. A lot of these problems, the Bureau said, are caused because tourists, especially young people, are unaware of local laws, customs, or standards. They recommend researching the local laws and customs before planning a vacation to a particular country.

Students who are flying to their spring break destination should allow a lot of extra time to get through the increased airport security since Sept. 11, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. To speed things up, don't put a lot of electronic equipment in carry-on luggage, and don't wear a lot of metal unless getting held up at the metal detectors sounds like fun. Make sure luggage is clearly marked, and don't let it out of sight in the airport.

For students planning a road trip or another vacation requiring long hours in the car, AAA recommends checking all belts, hoses, and tires before leaving, as well as having an extra stash of cash for gas in an emergency. Also, always wear a seat belt, and carry a cell phone if you have one in case you get stranded.

But the authorities and the travel hassles aren't the only thing to worry about when traveling abroad for spring break. Aside from committing crimes themselves, students should be aware of people looking to commit crimes against visitors who tend to carry more cash and valuables when out in public than a resident does.

Besides cash or jewelry, a potential thief could also be after a passport. RealCollegeLife.com, a Web site catering to the needs and interests of college students, recommends students make copies of their passports and visas, and produce the originals only when requested. Don't carry a lot of cash, and don't convert all money to the local currency.

The site also recommends knowing where the US Embassy, American Red Cross or other US support organizations are. They also caution against drinking the local water. Try to drink bottled water, Coke, or Pepsi.

Even students who aren't planning on traveling abroad may be in danger here at home. Spring Break is a time for parties but there are some precautions students should take before attending.

Even before leaving the house, designate a non-drinking driver. Always go partying with people you know and try to stay with them.

According to the United States Food and Drug Administration, parties are prime hunting grounds for those who use date rape drugs such as GHB, Ketamine, and Rohypnol, which are designed to make the user pass out or become disoriented for a certain length of time. These drugs are undetectable by taste or smell, and dissolve in a drink quickly. So never leave a drink unattended at a party and watch friends for signs of drugs.

Know your own limit for intoxicants, and stop once you've reached it. If a member of your group passes out, turn them on their side to prevent choking and call 911 immediately.

It only takes one bad incident to mess up a spring break vacation, but with a little planning and foresight, the break can be fun and problem free, with students returning to classes refreshed and tan, just in time to start studying for finals.

Campus Security

Vandals inflict heavy damage in parking lots

Jenny Cullen
Co-News Editor

A vehicle was seen trespassing at lab farm 1 on March 12. The blue Ford extended cab truck was seen driving on the fields at the farm.

The rear driver's side window on a black Oldsmobile Cutlass was damaged at E-lot between March 13 and March 14. The window was valued at \$400.

An estimated \$2200 in damage was done to a 1997 green Jeep between March 14 and March 15 in W-lot. The driver's side rear window, windshield, passenger door window, driver's door and the paint on the car were all damaged.

The driver's side window on a 2002 black Chevy Monte Carlo was

damage at L-lot between March 14 and March 15. The window was valued at \$400.

A dorm room door was damaged in Crabtree Hall on March 15. The door was valued at \$300.

Joel J. Probst, 20, was given a \$162 citation March 15 for an ID violation at 1141 S. Main St.

Donald K. Brown, 19, was given a \$337 citation March 15 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall. It was his second offense.

Michael G. Zegar, 19, was given a \$213 citation March 15 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.

Lisa M. McGuire, 19; Samuel E. Giliuson, 19; and Laura C. Berg, 18 were all given a \$213 citation March 17 for underage consumption in 219 Johnson Hall.

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Student Senate

Senate replaces Dodge, hears feedback from D.C. conference

Jamie Nielsen
Staff Writer

Replacing the empty Diversity Issues Director seat vacated by Eric Dodge three weeks ago was the top order of business at the March 19 meeting of the Student Senate. A referendum written by Senate President Cora Opsahl and Senator Jessi Andrews proposed that Senator Jennifer Imsdahl be placed in that position, which is usually appointed, not elected, for the remainder of this term.

President Opsahl spoke in favor of her motion.

"I realize there are senators that are unhappy with the way the process happened, but for three weeks Jenna was the only person who approached me with any interest," Opsahl said.

Other senators disagreed with the referendum.

"I think this decision was made based on a biased opinion between the president and vice president," Senator Melissa Baker said. "I get the feeling people think that other people just don't care."

Following debate, the Senate voted to place Imsdahl in the position until the next election in April. All candidates interested in the position on a more permanent basis are to be interviewed before the next Student Senate meeting.

"Interviews were performed for other directors, why not this one?" Women's Issues Director Kendra Plant asked.

Jen Firchow, a UW-RF student who is running for mayor of River Falls as a write-in candidate, came before the Senate to present her plans for the days leading up to the election. She announced that there will be a "Get out the Vote" event on March 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and another event at Prairie Fire Coffee House from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The city-wide election is April 2. Anyone can vote who has resided in the city for more than ten days.

"You all know, being on senate, that participation is important," Firchow said.

Dan Singel, who was present in support of Firchow, pointed out that if all the students that were eligible to vote on campus did vote, they could double the number that it would take to get any office in the city.

The students who attended the Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. last month reported on their experiences there. Senators Cora Opsahl and Jessica Andrews, former senator Eric Dodge, and students Edward O'Keefe, Terry Newmann and Laura Nielsen attended.

Among the topics discussed at the conference were racial profiling and the inability to get financial aid if you have had a drug conviction.

"We really appreciate you all funding this trip for us," Opsahl said. "Just to have our voice heard on Capitol Hill was exciting."

There will be a master copy of the itinerary and the reflection logs from the trip available in the Leadership Center.

Eric Dodge presented an idea he brought back from the conference.

"The workshops were repetitive and somewhat boring, but there was one workshop that struck me," he said.

The project is labeled 'Day of Silence.' For one day, students at participating schools nationwide will take a one-day vow of silence in protest of the discrimination that lesbian, gay, transsexual and bisexual students suffer every day. The goal is to stop the continued silence of lesbian and gay students across the country.

On April 11 these students will wear t-shirts with the word 'silence' on the front and present cards to anyone wondering about the silence explaining the projects and asking the question 'what will you do to stop the silence?'

"I would like to ask the UW Student Senate to fund this day," Dodge said. "This would be the cost of the t-shirts and cards."

Over 700 middle and high schools and colleges have signed up for the project since the legislative conference. Some organizations on this campus are also planning to participate.

"I'm already expecting the hate mail coming, and that kind of helps us," Dodge said.

Senator Nicole Nohl discussed the attempts made so far in the process of changing the professor evaluations. Any changes have to be approved by the Faculty Senate and each college.

"We tried that once and got shot down, so we're trying it again," Opsahl said.

Legislative Issues Director Jessica Wermuth reported on last week's legislative meeting with Wisconsin Senator Sheila Harsdorf and Representatives Kitty Rhodes and Ploof.

"There was a lot of people there, it was in this room and it was full," Wermuth said.

Finance Director Ryan Eilar reported on possible funding for the gymnastics team. At this point, they are unsure how much funding they can give.

"It's not really a gymnastics issue, if it were it would be great, but it's more of an athletics issue," Eilar said.

Womens Issues Director Kendra Plant reported that there will now be free taxi rides to the local reproductive center as well as the clinic.

She also talked about the pregnancy hotline and the work being done on the upcoming seminar requested by women in Greek life titled, 'I love me - a tour into a healthy relationship with food.' The seminar is open to anyone and will probably be in the student center sometime after break.

A report was made on last week's free trolley day, which is regarded as a success. Suggestions from people who participated included more routes and more stops, especially at West Johnson. Members of the faculty said that if it ran after 4:30, more of them would ride and several students made the suggestion that the trolley run at bar close.

There will be free food offered on the trolley March 21.

The next Student Senate meeting will be April 2 at 7 p.m. in the Regent's Room of the Student Center.

Strategic planning class attracts UW-RF professor

■ Four-day extension course focuses on applying strategic planning to organizations and passing the practice on to others

Khrysten Darm
Staff Writer

Dairy science professor and extension dairy specialist Dennis Cooper recently took part in a four-day extension course titled "Strategic Planning 101" in Madison.

John Bryson, the author of "Strategic Planning for Public" and Nonprofit Organizations defines strategic planning as "a disciplined effort to produce...a guide what an organization is, what it does, and why it does it."

Cooper said that strategic planning for him is "focusing on what is truly important" and that "strategic planning is simply the planning phase of strategic thinking."

"I started out as a believer and have become an evangelist," he said.

Strategic planning is used in many different aspects. Cooper will use what he has learned at this course to help farmers and co-ops identify what they need to do to make their businesses or organizations more successful.

This will also be beneficial to non-profit organizations who might not have the funds available to hire someone outside of the UW Extension.

"I thought this was an exemplary extension in-service program," Cooper said. "The topic of strategic planning is important and should be learned, applied, and taught in all extension program areas and beyond, within the University of Wisconsin System."

Currently, a great deal of strategic planning is taking place on campus because of all of the plans for new buildings. Strategic planners have to know and figure out what works best for the situation that they are

dealing with.

The main goal of strategic planning is to teach people to apply strategic planning to their own organizations, facilitate for other organizations, and teach strategic planning to other practitioners. Another goal is to build a strong institutional capability for applying strategic planning within the Cooperative Extension Service, and to establish a learning community of strategic planning practitioners.

The workshop was conducted by members of the Strategic Planning Program Team, which includes spe-

cialists and county agents from all four program areas within the Cooperative Extension Service.

The course included one day on facilitation skills and three days learning the process of strategic planning for public and non-profit organizations.

Cooper said that this course will aid in his work as the leader of the strategic planning for the animal and food science department because the "course provided knowledge of both strategic planning itself, and the skill to serve as a facilitator for others in developing a strategic plan."

William Anderson, dean of CAFES, said that along with Cooper's teaching duties, he "is a state extension specialist, and he attends meetings such as these when his calendar permits."

Cooper will serve as both an educator on the strategic planning process, and a facilitator for the actual plan development. He will also use the knowledge gained to "help a limited number of public or non-profit agriculture organizations, particularly in the dairy production sector, and develop strategic plans for their organizations."

"Interested organizations may contact me through their county agent to indicate their possible interest in seeking my involvement," Cooper said.

"We would then determine whether my involvement is appropriate and proceed from there."

Cooper also serves on the CAFES strategic planning team and "this information should prove useful for our own planning efforts," Anderson said.

Alicia Acken, a land use specialist and educator from the geography department with an extension appointment, also attended the course. The type of work that Acken does benefits the state. She works with communities, county agents, natural resources and economic development.

Cooper feels that courses like this are so important to extension programs because they are aide in long term planning in profit and non-profit organizations. The extension program itself can also earn from strategic planning and help education clientele in the agriculture industry.

Cooper is the first UW-RF teaching faculty member to participate in this course.



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UW-RF follows protocol for human subject research

Khrysten Darm
Staff writer

William Campbell is the director of grants and research at UW-River Falls. His job includes making sure that human subjects are protected, and that anyone conducting research on this campus knows the rules for the ethical treatment of human subjects and knows the approval process.

Every experiment conducted at UW-RF, even including passing out flyers for an anonymous survey, has to be approved by the institutional review board, or the IRB. Campbell said that UW-RF usually processes fewer than 80-100 protocols a year. So far he has handled 58 in this academic year.

The Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects has seven members, which includes Campbell, and a local minister, Del Permann, of the First Congregation Church of Christ on Third Street in River Falls. The federal rules require the University to have one board member be off-campus to act as a built-in conscience.

Most of the human subject research that takes place at UW-RF is not life threatening. Students in classes conduct most of the research, as do people who are trying to receive a master's degree.

Cyndi Kernahan, assistant professor of psychology, generally uses human subjects to collect data. Kernahan teaches a research method class, where she helps her students learn about the IRB process.

"Campbell comes to my class and talks with the students about the process," Kernahan said. "We are very explicit that students don't do anything harmful."

Kernahan is also conducting her own research using human subjects. She is doing a study on racial attitudes and people's prejudice levels.

"It's very easy to submit your proposal to the board," she said. "All of the questions are on the Web and all we have to do is answer the questions about specifics using human subjects as research."

The process has been relatively easy for Kernahan because none of her research involves deception.

"The only problem at UW-RF is that there are a small number of subjects," she said. "The only limitation is that it is hard to get enough people."

Kernahan and her classes conduct a lot of research using human subjects. What she did was get course certification. This tells the IRB specifically what her class will do and what type of research will be used. Getting course certification allows professors to get approval from the IRB for a general variety of researches using human subjects.

Brian Anderson, a junior majoring in psychology, is trying to get a research study approved by the IRB. He is taking research methods with another professor in the psychology department, Travis Tubré. An assignment in his class has him doing a study that will somehow prove to be useful for society.

"If we don't have this board to look at these studies, people will take advantage of it," Anderson said. "As sometimes as tedious as it seems, I'm obviously not mentally scarring these people with asking them different questions."

Anderson understands the need for this type of review board.

"Think of the questions that you could ask that could be offensive," he said. "But it's only a question on a piece of paper."

Assistant professor of sociology, Trish Davis is also very familiar with the IRB process. Last summer she was conducting her own

research, collecting data doing ethnography. In her research, she did face-to-face interviews questioning adolescent females, both mothers and non-mothers. Davis wanted to know about their life experiences, sexual experiences, schooling, and why those who were mothers became moms.

She also teaches research methods, but she doesn't have her students collect their own data because there is usually not enough time. "Campbell usually comes to class to talk about the IRB process," she said. "Then I make the students go through the process of filling out the paperwork."

The difference between psychology and sociology, according to Davis, is that "psychology uses the experiments, and sociology talks about the experiments."

Both departments study human behavior, but sociologists to qualitative research, using fact-to-face methods more than field observations.

-William Campbell

Director of Research and Grants

time."

Human subject research is prevalent all over the United States. Using monkeys, mice, or other animals is helpful, but their reactions to drugs and other experiments are not the same as the reactions that humans have.

"Eventually experiments have to be conducted on humans," Campbell said. "It's unfortunate that sometimes these volunteers die as a result."

William Campbell

Khrysten Darm
Staff writer

William Campbell, director of grants and research, has been at UW-River Falls since the fall of 1990. He began his career teaching at UW-La Crosse, and then was on administration staff for academic programs at two universities before coming to UW-RF.

He received his undergraduate degree from Kenyon College in Ohio and completed his doctorate degree in philosophy at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

One of his jobs is to help faculty and staff write and submit grant proposals. The other aspect of his job is to make sure that human subjects are protected at UW-



William Campbell

RF.

There is a lot of education to teach new social workers and teachers at UW-RF. Campbell makes sure that the educators know about the ethical treatment of humans.

Dyer plagiarized parts of articles from former UW-RF Professor

Khrysten Darm
Staff writer

In 1939, Mary Tudor, a graduate student at the University of Iowa, performed an experiment on 22 children. Tudor, under the supervision of a professor, wanted to see what caused children to stutter. Tudor was a graduate student in the speech and hearing department.

Tudor separated the children into two groups, stutterers, and non-stutterers. In the stuttering control group, every time a child got caught up on a word, she would tell them not to stutter. Soon, the children were stuttering, some more than others. This proved that stuttering was a cause of a child's environment.

After Tudor finished her thesis and was done with the experiment, she only returned to the orphanage a few more times to try to reverse the effects of stuttering. She had also written letters to her professor explaining her feelings about how bad the experiment was. Her professor never responded, and the study was buried under the advisement of other colleagues in the speech and hearing department.

Decades later, the study, now called the Monster Study, surfaced. A few articles

were written about the study, but the most famous was the series of stories written by Jim Dyer of the San Jose Mercury News. Dyer, a journalist, falsely portrayed himself as a graduate student from the University of Iowa to gain access to the archives, which are off limits to journalists. Dyer was not a graduate student at the time, but at point, he had been. He also said that he was a psychology graduate student.

Jerry Halvorson, a retired professor from UW-RF, studied at the University of Iowa in the speech and hearing department. Halvorson then came to UW-RF as a communication disorder professor.

In 1998 he wrote a book, *Abandoned: Now Stutter My Orphan*, which is a fictional story based on a child living in the orphanage and develops a stuttering problem because of the adults that took care of him. Dyer plagiarized ideas from the book.

In Dyer's series of articles, he sets up a scene with a letter and a thimble. The book, *Abandoned: Stutter Now My Orphan* ends with the same scene.

Dyer was fired from the San Jose Mercury News in August, 2001.

Harmful research: Historical examples

Khrysten Darm
Staff writer

Throughout history people have been harmed or killed because of human research. Here are some examples:

Orphan's taught to stutter

In the 1930s, Mary Tudor, a graduate student at the University of Iowa, did a study involving orphans at the Iowa Soldier's Orphans Home in Davenport, Iowa. For her study under the supervision of a professor, she actually induced stuttering into a group of 11 orphans, ranging in ages from 7-15. The purpose of the experiment was to know if stuttering was a learned disorder, and if so, could the process be reversed? (Taken from the *San Jose Mercury News* June 10, 2001 by Jim Dyer).

Tuskegee syphilis experiments

Beginning in 1932, the United States Public Health Service conducted a research project, known as the Tuskegee Study. This study continued until 1972, when the U.S. Congress stopped it. The study was to inject syphilis into black males and to study the progression of the disease. The researchers in the study withheld diagnostic information and effective treatment from the black men that enrolled in this study in order to keep up with participation.

After the consequences of the Tuskegee Study were revealed in 1974 the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare decided that it was time to make rules for the protection of human subjects that participate in research.

"These regulations created institutional review boards (IRB's) at all institutions seeking federal funding for research involving human participants. Charged with the responsibility for reviewing research proposals to ensure that the welfare of participants was adequately protected, IRB's were to be the 'watchdogs' of research," according to *Social Psychology* fifth edition, 2002.

Even though there was now this set of rules that all institutions had to follow, human subjects that had willingly decided to participate in research were dying.

Hitler and the North Sea experiments

Hitler and the Nazis wanted to see how long people would survive after exposure to the frigid waters of the North Sea. They put prisoners into the water to find out how long it took for hypothermia to set in. The reason for their experiments was to know how long they had to save German pilots who crashed into the North Sea. (Taken from *Social Psychology Fifth Edition*, 2002 by Sharon S. Brehn, Saul M. Kasson, and Steven Fern, pages 46-47).

Milgram's shock experiments

In 1963, Stanley Milgram a psychology professor at Boston College, wanted to know if people would obey orders to harm an innocent person. His experiment involved two people; one administering shocks while the other received the shocks. The study was to see how far a person would go to harm another person. The person receiving the shocks was in on the study and was supposed to act as though he or she was receiving the shock. "The participants experienced a great deal of anxiety and stress as they debated whether they should disobey the experimenter or continue to inflict pain on another person," according to the book *Social Psychology Fifth Edition* by Sharon S. Brehn, Saul M. Kasson, and Steven Fern, 2002.

Monkeys and humans die from same research

On Sept. 17, 1999, Jesse Gelsinger, an 18 year-old University of Pennsylvania student died four days after getting an experimental treatment of trillions of genetically engineered viruses that were thought to lead to a cure for ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency, an inherited liver disorder that Gelsinger had.

But Gelsinger did not have to die, because four other patients who had agreed to participate has also suffered reactions to the treatment. Gelsinger's blood ammonia levels were higher than the highest allowable levels that were safe for the gene therapy treatment, yet he was still given the treatment. The University of Pennsylvania agreed that the study is stopped and the FDA notified immediately if there were adverse effects on Gelsinger and the four other patients that were in the study. The agency was never notified nor was the study halted.

The University of Pennsylvania was supposed to supply the subjects with consent forms telling them about the possible risks involved in the study. However, the informed consent forms were altered without the knowledge of the FDA to erase the mention of the monkeys that died after receiving similar treatment. (Taken from *The Washington Post*, Nov. 4, 2000, by Rick Weiss).

Asthma study

On June 2, 2001, Ellen Roche, a 24-year-old lab technician died after volunteering for an asthma study at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

Roche was part of a study that sought to show how healthy lungs protect themselves against asthma attacks. Roche would not benefit herself, but by being a part of the study she would contribute to the new development of a drug or therapy that might help people in the future.

There were letters that documented the experiment that told of the symptoms that Roche had 24 hours after inhaling hexamethonium. On May 7, Roche reported dry cough, shortness of breath when exerting herself, muscular aches and fever. Two days later, she was admitted to the hospital and doctors thought that she might be having a reaction to the drug. (Taken from *The New York Times*, June 15, 2001, by Lawrence Altman).

Results

For all cases of research involving human subjects, there must be informed consent, which means that individuals must be asked whether they wish to participate in the research project and must be given enough information to make an informed decision according to Brehn, Kasson and Fern.

Brehn, Kasson and Fern also said that whenever deception is being used, there is a special urgency to the requirement that, once the data have been collected, researchers fully inform their participants about the nature of the research in which they have participated. This process of disclosure is called debriefing. During a debriefing, the researcher goes over all procedures, explaining exactly what happened and why.

Today, the Department of Health and Human Services, which includes the National Institute of Health, is rewriting the rules on human subject research. Currently, each college and university has its own set of rules.

(taken from *Social Psychology Fifth Edition*, 2002 by Sharon S. Brehn, Saul M. Kasson, and Steven Fern.)

Do you feel it's okay to do scientific research on humans when the same research has killed animals? Why?



"No, they're off their rocker...if it kills the animals, it's probably not a wise idea on humans."

Josh Bauer, Sophomore Broad Area Agriculture



"If the human agrees to it and a scientific board (ethics) has approved it."

Becky Truick, Sophomore English Ed



"Yeah, use the death row prisoners. If they're going to die tomorrow, they might as well be tested on."

Jessica Nelson, Sophomore Broad Area Art



"I don't think they should do it on either one."

Dan Pragatz, Freshman Political Science



"Probably a bad idea. If it killed an animal, people are animals as well and it would probably kill them."

Elsa Arnold, Sophomore Ag Business



"For the scientific world, testing on animals is sometimes necessary for the benefit of us, but we should take the same precautionary measures on animals as we would on humans."

Nicholas Hable, Junior Chemistry Education



"I don't think so. I just don't think it's okay to do it on anything if it will take a life."

Kelly Joseph, Junior Theater/French



"I don't think it's okay. It's just going to waste human life instead of animal life, and human life is more important than animal."

Steve Schurhamer, Freshman Accounting

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Payphones; a 12 step process

Do you remember that classic country song, "Here's a Quarter, Call Someone Who Cares"? Well, that is a really, really old song. Payphones don't charge a quarter anymore. They charge \$4.80. At least that is what several payphones told me pay recently.

What follows is a 12-step process I have developed for using payphones, which I hope you will find useful. And if it isn't useful, I hope it is at least 500 words long.

STEP ONE: Drive to a big city and drop your passengers off at a large retail extravaganza with a comical name like "Canoeopia". Go somewhere else for the day where there are no canoes.

STEP TWO: Arrange to meet your friends at an expensive hotel lobby, the kind where there are bellhops pushing fancy luggage racks, and where several other hotel employees are wearing matching blazers and looking at you in a critical manner.

Your friends will know when to meet you at the hotel lobby, because you will call them on their cellphone. You don't have a cellphone, but that isn't a problem because there are payphones everywhere. You even have 35 cents.

STEP THREE: Drive to a location 30 minutes from the big city and spend the day there, keeping in mind that you **MUST** meet your friends no later than 6 p.m., in order to go to a sporting event with them.

STEP FOUR: About two hours before 6 p.m., prepare to call your friend's cellphone. Go to a payphone, pick up the earpiece, dial the number, and insert 35 cents.

Listen to the phone tell you to insert \$4.45 more before the call can be completed. Calmly hang up. Reverse your tactics by inserting your 35 cents first, THEN dialing the number. Listen to the phone tell you to insert \$4.45 more before the call can be completed. Speak to an operator.

OPERATOR: "How may I help you, Ma'am?"

YOU: "This phone wants me to pay \$4.80 for a phone call. Doesn't that seem a little high?"

OPERATOR: "You have to pay whatever the

phone tells you, even if it is \$100, or it requests your liver."

YOU: "Okay, thank you." (Slam the receiver down hard enough to cause the operator's earpiece to become permanently lodged in her ear.)

STEP FIVE: Drive to another payphonelocated in the fancy hotel you chose as the designated meeting place. Ignore the stares you get from the hotel's well-dressed patrons and approach the payphone. Repeat Step Four.

STEP SIX: Ask the front desk worker of the

somewhere in this very building. Listen to the workers, in their annoyingly yellow jackets, tell you that the microphone is in the main retail area, which costs \$5 to enter. Explain that you merely want to use the microphone, not partake in the extravaganza. Watch the workers give you a stony, impassioned facial expression typical of idiots.

STEP NINE: Attempt to use a payphone in the building, using the techniques outlined in Step Four. Decide that one of the key problems is that you lack \$4.80 in quarters.

Go to the ticket desk and ask for \$5 in quarters. Emphasize that you need all these quarters to make a phone call to someone in this very building. Watch the ticket desk workers, all elderly women, scurry around and rummage through their purses, because they do not have \$5 worth of quarters readily available. No one has \$5 worth of quarters readily available.

STEP TEN: Emphasize yet again that you are trying to call someone in this very building. Perform your Tiny Tim orphan routine. The elderly ladies will have a sudden softening of heart and you will be able to convince them to sneak you a ticket so you can enter the pay-only area without paying.

STEP ELEVEN: Once inside the pay-only area, go to the desk where little kids go when they are lost. Wring your hands in a lost-looking way and ask where the loudspeaker microphone is. Feel a rush of relief when one of the workers says "Oh, we've been taking lost little kids over there all day. Follow me."

STEP TWELVE: Feel a sense of satisfaction when you hear your friends' names blaring over the loudspeaker. You know that soon they will emerge from the throng of people, concerned about you. "What took you so long, we're going to be late for the game," they lovingly greet you. It may have taken two hours to get a hold of them, but by Jove, it didn't cost you a penny.

ERIC HENNING



"Watch the ticket desk workers, all elderly women, scurry around and rummage through their purses, because they do not have \$5 worth of quarters."

fancy hotel how to operate the payphone.

Explain that the payphone wants way too much money for a simple phone call. Explain that the people you are trying to call are less than a mile away, not in China. Listen to the front desk worker, in her official hotel blazer, explain to you that the payphone is working fine, and that you have to put in whatever the phone asks for.

STEP SEVEN: Stomp out of the fancy hotel like you are trying to get cow dung out from between the cleats of your shoes. Considering how you are dressed, the hotel employees may think that is exactly what you are doing. Hike over to the "Canoeopia" retail extravaganza.

STEP EIGHT: Seek out official "Canoeopia" workers and ask to use the loudspeaker microphone. Explain that your friends are located

Letters to the Editor

Citizen asks for the return of borrowed awards from University student

To the editor:

It is important that we as college students, future leaders, and role models practice living as consciously as possible. When I talk about living consciously, I mean being aware of our choices because everyone's choice has an impact, and we have to be responsible for those impacts. We need to raise our consciousness in many areas of our lives. One specific aspect I would like to discuss is waste and composting.

It is sometimes easy not to think about and detach oneself from the waste we throw away everyday. Though it is virtually impossible to stop throwing things away, there are several alternatives to reduce daily garbage. One alternative is composting. Although not all items can be composted, many of the things you throw away everyday can be recycled through composting.

Research shows that 33 percent of the total waste contributing to landfills could be composted (Clean Calgary Association). Since compostable materials are biodegradable, it is unnecessary to waste space in landfills with these materials that can be recycled to benefit the earth and us. Putting compostable materials into landfills can also produce methane gas that is released as bacteria decomposes organic materials. In addition, compost can add acidity which has the ability to make other waste constituents more mobile, in other words, more toxic.

Composting produces a rich soil amendment that can improve the fertility and texture of soil. It also has many other benefits. It improves plant and root growth by adding organic material and trace elements to the soil. Compost also reduces the rate of nutrients released, because it binds the nutrients in the soil making sure they are available over time; the binding of the nutrients also prevents them from being washed away by water and rain (Clean Calgary Association). In addition, compost improves water-holding capacity because the organic matter in the compost can absorb water and hold it for use of the plants between rain and watering. On top of that, research proves that compost can suppress plant diseases.

As planting season approaches, think of how nice it would be to already have your own, natural way to provide nutrients to your plants.

Composting is easy and inexpensive. Composting your kitchen and yard waste is a crucial step toward reducing the garbage unconsciously sent to landfills. I encourage you to be responsible and get involved in managing the waste you throw away every day. Plus, composting can be done in many ways unobtrusively and cleanly, outside or inside and apartment or home. I hope that we can all pull together and raise our consciousness so that in ten years composting will be as common as recycling.

If you are interested in learning more about composting there are several websites available on the internet. These websites are easily found by simply completing a search on composting. Also, composting links can be accessed on the Environmental Protection Agency's web page at www.epa.gov. In addition, there are several books available through the EPA. Our regional EPA office can be reached by calling (312) 353-2000.

While landfill space is becoming expensive and scarce, we must be aware of the impacts our garbage had on the environment. The first step is to care about our environment and the next step is to align our care with our actions. Considering how critical it is for college students to become more aware of their waste, please contact me to discuss the possibility of a future article in the *Student Voice* pertaining to these issues. I can be reached at lizzymae2u@yahoo.com.

Elizabeth Gengembre

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the opinion of Aaron J. Biterman on the issue of legalized medical marijuana.

Although I see Mr. Biterman's point about the legalization of medical marijuana, I personally do not believe we should legalize medical marijuana, only because "sick people deserve any remedy necessary to prevent them from pain, sickness, and death" I have seen the bill presented to the legislature, but I have some discrepancies as to the text written within it.

I was curious as to the text that states, "this person is presumed to have [the legal medical defense] if no more than a reasonable amount of marijuana is involved." What is this reasonable amount? Before the bill is enacted, I would like to have a set amount of marijuana legalized, if any were to be voted on at all.

Secondly, what restrictions or qualifications would allow a person to be prescribed the "drug", the bill has no set requirements. How would a law enforcement officer distinguish legal marijuana from marijuana that had been purchased from a drug dealer as the bill states that a patient may only obtain medical marijuana from a "registered marijuana distribution organization"?

How strong could marijuana be, how often are these patients allowed to "use" it, and where beside in public are they allowed to "toke up"? I understand the argument is that marijuana is a pain reliever, but won't other proven, legal prescriptions perform the same or better?

I also hope that if this medical marijuana bill is passed these patients won't be allowed to use this drug in the presence of children, so that the children deem this act as acceptable. Before this bill is passed, I would like to know these limitations and have them clearly written in the bill.

I also realize this bill would allow patients under 18 to be prescribed marijuana with a guardians' consent and presence while using. Isn't that a comforting thought: a 10 year old cancer patient smoking a joint with his mother and father looking on. A debilitated child's bonding time with his parents.

I realize I seem harsh, but I want everyone to know the possibilities and legalities of this bill so that it could be adjusted, so these potential situations could be resolved quickly and easily.

Meghan Ekholm
Student

Dear Editor,

About a year ago at this time, I was called upon by a UWRF student who was putting together a project for one of his classes. This person borrowed some awards and other paraphernalia that is/was property of our Chapter.

Apparently this person was going to use these items as a project devoted to promoting a theme, organization, or something else. I never did quite get what the precise scope of the project was. I also never bothered to get the name and address of the individual who showed up to collect these items

from my door step. That was a decision I have regretted, as these borrowed items have not been returned as promised. Specifically these items are:

Wisconsin State Council of Trout Unlimited Silver Trout Award, and WI DNR Partnership Award.

With no questions asked, I would love to have these items back in possession of our Chapter. Our Chapter has worked long and hard at the the protection and preservation of our areas coldwater resources. The best awards we get are when nothing detrimental or catastrophic happens to these precious resources. You could say our best work should go unnoticed. The "second-best" awards come in the form of recognition from our peer groups. I hope we could have these "second-best" awards back again soon.

Please contact me if you have any information on the whereabouts of the above mentioned items.

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Dr. Strangelove Redux

Imagine, for a moment, that a document entailing the use of nuclear weapons against the United States is found in Afghanistan, Libya, or Iraq. Imagine that these plans propose the development of nuclear weapons, ones designed to hit hard to reach bunkers that the President, Vice President, and shadow government might be hiding in during times of war. Imagine the outrage.

U.S. Special Forces would infiltrate whatever country these documents were found in within hours, the Army and Marines would be in country within weeks. We would topple whatever regime was in place, establish one friendly to our cause and send in a multi-national peacekeeping force for good measure.

But if the U.S. has the plans and develops small-scale nuclear weapons that may be used to attack other nations, including our allies, well then that's okay. A recent Pentagon leak produced parts of the Nuclear Posture Review, entailing a portion of the Bush Administration's plan to deal with nuclear, biological and chemical threats. The Administration is proposing

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"But honestly, if the idea of attacking the country with the strongest military in the world doesn't deter terrorists, will the threat of another bomb do it?"

to develop a low-yield, burrowing nuclear missile to destroy bunkers that may be developing or contain weapons of mass destruction. The military has one weapon on hand capable of fulfilling that role, but the B61 Mod 11 Gravity Bomb may not be capable of penetrating all types of terrain.

The report continues, stating that the U.S. must be prepared to use nuclear weapons against China, Russia, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, and Syria. It makes sense that the plan would include the "axis of evil" countries, and perhaps even Libya and Syria. Pissing off over a billion people by saying you will develop nuclear plans to blow them off the planet might not be a good idea, but one can understand why China made the list, but Russia?

It seems that old habits die hard; Russia is, as always, a key player in U.S. nuclear plans. The U.S. would keep 1,700 to 2,000 large-scale nuclear weapons, apparently in case Russia gets fed up with capitalism and decides to become a Communist superpower again.

Supporters of the new policy have stated that rogue states may not take the U.S. seriously when it comes to deterrence, thinking that the U.S. would hesitate from using nuclear weapons in fear of taking too many innocent lives. These new nukes would be able to hit terrorists anywhere, while keeping the death toll of innocents and the damage caused by radiation to a minimum.

But honestly, if the idea of attacking the country with the strongest military in the world doesn't deter terrorists, will the threat of another bomb do it?

President Bush has far surpassed many expectations in dealing with the aftermath of September 11th. His approval ratings, still in the 80th percentile, serve as a testament to this fact. But lets not push it. The threat of deterrence is only effective if it is serious, and it can be supported with a show of force. If it is created, this low-yield burrowing nuclear missile will not deter terrorism until after it is used, and by then it will be too late.

If you don't like our viewpoints and want us to know it or would like to comment on one of our stories, send a letter to B102 Ames. Submissions due by 3 pm

A struggle of our own

Children in a family are like flowers in a bouquet: there's always one determined to face in an opposite direction from the way the arranger desires. Tell me you haven't found yourself sighing for a breath of completeness after a hard days work from cleaning, washing the laundry, making dinner and don't forget the studying for that economics test you'll be taking in the morning.

That's right I'm talking about motherhood and all its glory. Your busy life is now not your own. You find yourself organizing and re-organizing to make your life as simple as possible.

After completing this task you turn your head with a sigh of relief and as you let out that breath, you began to hyperventilate. Upon opening your eyes the vision you just saw is confirmed. In the kitchen across the newly moped floor sits your child in the high chair you placed her in.

Laughing, she looks up at you and says "Ma." With a grin and one cut tooth she sits with mashed up cookies on every part of her body except for her mouth.

I speak from experience; I have walked in the shoes of a single mother. And I live the life of a mother, wife, employee and student as I speak, and barley working my way through college. And, I say it's not always an easy task. As you pull out your hair and scream at times, I hear you. To the married mom, the husband is a bigger baby and for you that's where the workload lies the heaviest.

To the single mom, you've almost got it made. You don't have anyone to answer to but yourself, however you find yourself looking for someone to be a type of support system to share your load.

I dare not call it a burden; children are more than that. The love and responsibility that holds you to that surpasses the word: burden. Just as the moment you gave birth.

to re-tell them. We pride ourselves in their achievements and we hold their hands through the milestones that their little lives go through.

But the simple fact is: The joys of parents are secret and so is our grief and our fears. Our hearts bleed and we cry harder than the child while holding them as they receive their first shots or their first cut, bruise or bump.

Last week my heart raced with fear, I could feel eyes questioned me and I had no answers. A man approached me wearing a uniform. My heart dropped to the bottom of my stomach. He asked, "Are you Angelina?" While getting up out of my seat I quickly but hesitantly said "YES!" He processed to ask, "Do you have a son or daughter?" "YES, YES what happened?" I replied. I raced down the staircase as my knees quivered. It was campus security helping the campus childcare locate me. Informing me that my little girl was sick.

When it comes to parenting there's no time clock, no sick time and there is definitely no vacation. For us moms some days are harder than others but it's a rewarding job.

To moms from a mom: I say to you support one another, make a note of your fellow single moms that may need an extra hour after day care to study. Or even a small break to reload. We all need down time and a serene mind. We become better moms, workers and students.

ANGELINA BALLUFF



"When it comes to parenting there's no time clock, no sick time and there is defently no vacation."

When your home is tidied up; or not, your life still evolves there's no stopping for breaks. You continue to make the arrangements for childcare, doctor's appointments, visits with dad, if he's not in the home and the list continues.

Kids tell the greatest stories and we moms love

From the Office of the Student Senate

What you can do to save the UW System

Many of us have heard about the \$1.1 billion deficit facing the state of Wisconsin and the budget cuts that are a result. Tempers are flaring, and money is getting tight. The question is, what now?

The UW System is only 8% of the state budget. The UW System, however is facing 40% of the proposed budget cuts. Tuition WILL increase. The Assembly proposed an 8% tuition increase, compared to the governor's 10% increase. Non-resident tuition will have a surcharge of 10% for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Financial aid WILL NOT increase with the tuition increases. The Wisconsin Higher Education Grant will only be increased 8.2%, and the \$573,500 increase was eliminated. Study Abroad need based scholarship programs have also been eliminated.

The effects of the budget are far reaching. The cuts will hinder the development of us as students, and the university community as a whole. If you are planning on studying abroad you will no longer receive a need based grant. This means that these enriching educational programs may have to be cut from the college experience.

Teachers will be let go. If teachers leave then class sizes will become larger, and fewer classes

will be offered. This means it may take longer to finish college. This in turn will cost more money due to the proposal that students must pay 100% of the cost of their class if they take credits over 165 total.

Travel will be halted. At this time the chancellor must approve all travel. This affects students by not allowing them to travel to compete in various competitions, present academic papers, or experience education outside the classroom.

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Library hours will be reduced. Career Services will offer fewer opportunities to students. Services like these will continue to be reduced to accommodate the budget crunch.

If you are unhappy with the budget cuts as they stand, say something! As the budget begins to make its way through the Senate and the conference committees it is imperative that we let our legislators know where we stand.

Senator Sheila Harsdorf is on the budget committee. She needs to hear from you. Call her at 608-266-7745 or e-mail her at

sen.harsdorf@legis.state.wi.us and tell her you are from River Falls.

If you are from somewhere else in Wisconsin, contact your area senator and tell them your opinion.

Although our legislators always welcome comments, the best thing to do is to provide solutions to the problems. Let them know that if they want to raise tuition they must raise financial aid as well.

Our senators must know that if they link financial aid increases to tuition increases this will not cost the state any additional funds, and this action will keep higher education affordable to all students.

Tuition will rise. Cuts will be made. However, now is not the time to be complacent. As we head into Senate debate regarding the budget the senators need to know that the students of the UW System do care about their education.

They do care about the future of the UW System and the future of Wisconsin. Contact your state senator today, and tell them to value the students of the UW System and the future of Wisconsin.

Editor's Note: We were not able to contact Senator Opsahl as to where she got her budget numbers.

What are you doing for Spring Break?



Bridget Halusk, Freshman
"I've got a friend who's turning 21 so it is my job to make sure she gets completely smashed on her birthday."



Patrick Gieske, Junior
"I'm going to watch baseball in the metrodome."



Jill Lindholm, Senior
"I'm going to Marco Island with a few friends. We are road tripping."



Luke Gabert, Freshman
"Probably just working and hanging out with friends. We're probably going to have some drinking time."



Christa Borzick, Freshman
"Absolutley nothing. I'm going back home and will probably end up farming."

Election

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would like to see the community take more value in the river for recreational uses.”

Amundsen: “The development issue is an important issue, the downtown issue dealing with different ordinances and signs. Right now the city is working on making the downtown businesses look alike, but the fact is the differences make them look unique. Spending habits also need to be brought under control.”

Why do you think you would be good for River Falls?

Firchow: “I work with disabled people, I’m a student as well as a homeowner. I have connections with the young, old, disabled and homeowners. I have a connection and understand the needs of these people.”

Lee: “I would work hard to ensure River Falls maintains it’s rural characteristics. I would also like to foster a better relationship between the University students and year-round residents. Basically I would like to see River Falls be the best it can be, and I believe with myself as mayor this can be possible.”

Amundsen: “I’m no new-comer. I’ve lived here for many years and I strongly and firmly believe that is my biggest asset.”

Chaffee: “I know a lot about being mayor. I know how to listen to what everyone has to say. When people bring up an issue, I do some research and because of that I am able to respond to people and tell them the pros and cons of their ideas. I feel confident in what I do everyday.”

What is your political background?

Lee: “I have been involved with communities through the last eight years by attending city planning meetings in my home town and other surrounding towns. I have overall had a life long interest in local government and politics.”

Amundsen: None.

Chaffee: “Before this position I

had never held office before but I had covered city meetings for the paper and know a lot about the political aspects of the city. Part of my interest stemmed from working at the paper and I have always had an interest in who was calling the shots.”

Firchow: “I will be graduating in May with a political science degree. This is what I want to do for a living. I have been involved and interested in politics since I was little.”

Why is a younger voice important for being mayor?

Amundsen: “I do still consider myself younger at the age of 31 and I do have issues and I hope people take me very seriously. I want to know if any citizen has a problem, from college students to other residents, I want to know what’s going on and what people’s concerns are. I’m looking for input from everyone in the community. If there is something wrong, I want to be the one to help fix the problem.”

Chaffee: (Answering why an older voice is important as mayor.)

“It a big job. It’s tough. You have to run meetings and meet with people all the time. You have to do a lot of things. At times it can be very difficult to keep your cool. I think you need a certain maturity to do this job and that is not saying students are any more naive than anybody else.”

Firchow: “I will be a fresh voice for the city of River Falls. I am both a student, a resident and a homeowner and understand their needs.”

Lee: “I believe my recent education and youth can bring a proactive approach and new insight to the city.”

How are you campaigning?

Chaffee: “I’m not really campaigning much right now. I still have to focus on being the current mayor. A lot of people know what I am about and I haven’t changed much over the past couple of years. I have put a couple of ads in the paper, though.”

Firchow: “I have set up a Web site with information about issues I will be focusing on. I will also be holding events at Slaphots and Prairie Fire Coffee and will be at the Get Out the Vote drive in front of the Student Center to listen to what stu-

dents have to say. I am just trying to get my name heard and listen to people. I am just one person and don’t have all the answers.”

Lee: “We have been putting up posters, making brochures, and going out into the community to let them know we’re here.”

Amundsen: “I have been campaigning through newspaper articles, radio interviews, the River Falls Cable channel, flyers and also yard signs. When I first decided to run for mayor I said right away I don’t want it to turn into a big financial campaign. I just want people to know who I am and the reasons I’m running.”

Students are eligible to vote if they meet the following criteria:

1. Must be 18 by election day.
2. Must be a resident of the U.S.
3. Must be a resident of River Falls at least 10 days prior to the election.
4. CAN REGISTRAR THE DAY OF THE ELECTION AT THE POLLING BOOTH or prior at the City Hall.

*Need one form of identification with photo

*Need one form of identification that proves you have lived in River Falls for 10 days, i.e. utility bill, phone bill, student I.D., etc.

5. You may request an absentee ballot from City Hall, 425-0900 ext. 118 the deadline for absentee ballots in person by 5:00 p.m. the day before the election and by mail 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election.

Poll locations:
District 1 votes at the National Guard Armory located at the corner of Division and Grove.

District 2 votes at Rodli commons located at 620 E. Cascade, entrance off 6th Street.

District 3 votes at chippewa Valley Tech. College located at 500 S. Wasson Ln.

District 4 also votes at the National Guard Armory.

*All students living in the dorms can vote at the south entrance of Rodli Commons.

For a map of where to vote, go to <http://www.rfcity.org/old/votetax.htm>

Legislature

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Plouff said. “It’s a very, very good question, but I don’t have an answer for you. I have talked with the chancellor and my colleagues at UW-Stout, and they are having problem because they are starting to gear up to hire new faculty and now there is a hiring freeze. Now, we are hearing from all of our chancellors that it is very difficult to recruit new staff.”

Harsdorff responded that Carlson and others involved the stimulus project would have to wait until the final budget was passed to see if part of the program was preserved.

“I would say that we are not done with the process yet,” Harsdorff said. “I think that there was clearly strong support for the Economic Stimulus Package last year in the budget and hopefully we can work on trying to reinstate at least part of it.”

Admissions Director Alan Tuchtenhagen mentioned how he has not yet received any negative feedback from parents due to the admissions freeze, partly because he believes that managing enrollment numbers is part of the UW System tradition.

“The legislature for years has always tied budgeting to enrollment so it seems logical for us to assume that if we are going to get our budget cut substantially, they we maybe shouldn’t try to educate as many students,” Tuchtenhagen said. “There is some feeling that if we turn away students, then they’ll be upset and that’ll put the pressure back on us. I don’t feel it and I’m on the front line. So, I think its perking out there and you need to be aware of that as we head into these negotiations.”

Harsdorff said she agrees with Tuchtenhagens’ reasoning, and thinks that a situation like that shows how promptly the legislature must act to meet people’s needs.

“I appreciate hearing that people are understanding of the situation we are in, but clearly this gets back to the urgency we must act with in



Scott Wentz / The Student Voice
Above: University faculty, staff and students filled the Regents Room last Friday during the visit of state senator Sheila Harsdorff-R (far left) and state representatives Kitty Rhoades-R and Joe Plouff-D.
Left: Plouff responds to an audience question.

the Senate now that the Assembly has acted,” she said. “If we drag this out for another six or eight weeks, there will be serious consequences no matter what we end up passing.”

However, she recommended that any actions should be both “prompt” and “thoughtful,” so the legislature wasn’t just pushing through plans without consideration.

Student Senate President Cora Opsahl asked Rhoades why she voted to table a motion that would have linked financial aid with raises in tuition.

Rhoades said she was unclear on where the extra money come from to support a raise in state financial aid.

“Its one thing to say that it’s a great idea, but how are you going to pay for it?” she said. “In this part of the process, you have to identify where the revenue is coming from.”

Community member Mike Beskar wondered why recreational activities were still part of the Governor’s budget recommendations when the University system is facing cuts.

“One thing I saw in the Governor’s report was a \$4.3 million allocation to snowmobile trails and for law enforcement on these trails. I want to know if fees and licensing gone up,” he said. I understand that it is important to northern Wisconsin tourist industry. I know people like to snowmobile, but its frivolous when you are looking at the education and the welfare of the state and the development of the state and people are worrying about driving around on their snowmobiles.”

Plouff acknowledged the fact that snowmobiling is a big part of the state’s tourism industry, but said that periods of economic deficits require the state to re-evaluate what it values the most.

“When you are fat and happy for as long as we have been, so many groups are developing,” Plouff said. “Now, all of the sudden, we can’t maintain that development in all areas.”

Across campus, students are upset about the cuts the University may be forced to make due to the deficit.

“I think this is

heinous,” sophomore Emily Krug said. “What good are they doing by cutting the funding for our future? It’s very short-sighted.”

Sophomore Jason Ewert did not feel the legislators’ reasons were good enough to short-change his education.

“I think they need to put education ahead of tourism, snowmobile trails, etc., when they’re deciding to cut programs/ government spending,” said Ewert. “The state government needs to re-evaluate the process in which they determine the budget because we’re 1.1 billion in deficit.”

One solution brought up to part of the budget deficit was the possibility of increasing tuition.

“I am willing to pay more for tuition if it means the quality of my education is going to be the same,” said Brenda Johnson. “Because small classes and a variety of classes is why I chose River Falls in the first place.”

At the end of the session, Legislative Issues Director Jessica Wermuth said she would be happy to pay more in tuition if it meant that more money could be put back into the University.

“If every student paid 10 percent more in tuition, that would mean \$10 million more for the UW System,” she said. “At UW-RF, that would only be \$30 more per student.”

State employees voice concern over health care

Several members of the janitorial staff attended the visit to ask about possible plans to make state employees pay a portion of their health insurance.

Harsdorff said she would support a bill that would make state employees pay part of their health care costs.

“I understand that you feel comfortable paying for your health insurance, but you’re taking it for granted that you make more money than we do,” said Debby Koehler. “I know people who have been here for 25 or 30 years, and just broke \$13 an hour.”

Rob Morrow said that the pay raises provided to the staff weren’t even enough to make up for increased taxes, let alone health care costs.

“When you don’t get nothing for a raise, and you take ten dollars out. Fifty percent of our wages goes to taxes. We get it in the shorts every God-damned time,” he said. “I’ve worked here for 25 years. I used to be proud to say that I am a state employee, now I am ashamed to say that.”

After the meeting, Morrow said the legislators’ response to their concerns was “piss poor.”

“We wouldn’t mind paying higher taxes if we got a pay raise to go with it,” Morrow said. “And now they want us to pay for our health insurance.”

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FASTPITCH 2002



Big Cleats to fill

Junior pitcher Amy Brooke will lead the Falcons in 2002 despite the absence of two all-Americans.

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Counting seconds, not minutes

With Major League Baseball just over a week away, I thought I would give my perspective on the upcoming eight months of drama. Of course, that may be extended or shortened depending on the almost imminent strike.

I start with the oncoming dark and gloomy cloud of labor talks. The owners and players have broken off ties of talking until after the start of the season. To me, this seems like a ploy to give fans a taste of what they might want to enjoy as entertainment over the

DAN SCHULTZ

summer, but will be dashed away before the end. Believe you me, I would love to actually make it through the season strike-free, but the labor talks are far from being resolved.

To be honest, unless you are a Twins or Expos fan, you would love to see the season just go in fast forward mode so that we could just cut to the chase of the playoffs. Let's be honest, the Yankees will win in the East, the Midwest will be shameful as the White Sox or God-forbid the Twins will be the unfortunate champion, and the West will have Oakland and Seattle to enter the playoffs. The National League will look for the battle of the Phillies, Braves and Mets. The Cubs will have another flash in the pan and Houston and St. Louis will battle in the middle. L.A. and San Fran will dominate the West. Other than those teams, who really cares, right? Well, no one will care because none of this will happen if the players strike.

Now in the event that there will be a season, our good friend and pal Bud Selig has once again announced plans to have baseball become a faster, more fan-friendly form of entertainment. This is the same song and dance we have heard from Bud for the past seven years. One of the king's men, Vice President of Off-Field Operations, Bob Watson, claims he talked to 20 of the 30 teams and says that only two of them are against some of the proposed adjustments. Well of course, two teams are against that, the Twins and Expos want to suck every possible second out of the season. Remember Bud Selig is hiring David Copperfield to make the two vanish at the end of the season. Now here are some of the wonderful changes that Bud is proposing. Pitchers must throw the ball within 12 seconds of the batter getting into the batter's box when no one is on base, batters are to bring two spare bats with them to the on-deck circle, breaks between half-innings kept to their 2:05 limit for most games and 2:25 for games on national television, there is a 2:30 limit for pitching changes, a 10-second limit on music after a batter is introduced, and of course the most basic of all, games are to start on time.

Now you have got to be kidding me. The game of baseball under Selig has actually gotten longer. When he came into power the normal game was only 2 hours and 40 minutes. The past year he took the inflated 2 hours and 58 minutes of 2000 down to 2:54. Is any one going to notice, or even care? Well I have to say I am glad that we have good ol' Bud running the show instead of some incompetent controlling bastard. That's my take, I'm out!

Dan Schultz is a junior majoring in journalism

Jess Perry
Editor-in-Chief

The Falcons' fastpitch team was ready to start off their season a week and a half ago against Macalester at the Plymouth Dome in Minnesota.

The team started three new infielders this season as spots were left open at third base,

shortstop and second base.

The Falcons will be returning this season without Becky Ahlbrecht, who was all-conference and Great Lakes Region All-American at shortstop; Cindy Ostertag, who was two-time all-conference, two-time Great Lakes Region All-American at second base; and pitchers Clare Peterson and Devanie Bigalk. Bigalk was named all-conference pitcher last year as

a first-year player.

"It will be tough to fill the cleats of Ahlbrecht and Ostertag," said head coach Faye Perkins. "They both contributed greatly to the defense and offense of the team." Ahlbrecht led the team with a batting average of .352.

However, even with these losses, Perkins feels the team has a solid nucleus of returning

players with junior Amy Brooke and senior Amanda Jo Decker pitching, junior Meghann Mulligan at first base, senior Lindsey Becker catching, sophomore Abby Keene and junior Angie Garin in center field, junior Emily Vogt and sophomore Nikki Harberts in left field and sophomore Anna Poulter in right.

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Kragthorpe becomes 2-time All-American

Sports Information

Falcon defenseman Adam Kragthorpe (Jr., Plymouth, Minn.) has been named to the JOFA/AHCA West College Division All-American team for the second straight year. Kragthorpe, a 6-0, 205 pounder, helped the Falcons to an 18-9-2 record. In 28 games he scored three goals and seven assists for 10 points. He had two power-play goals. He was the captain of this year's team, which advanced to the NCHA semifinals. Early this year he was named to the All-NCHA and All-WIAC teams.

He is joined on the first West team by: Gustavus Adolphus goalie Dan Melde, St. Norbert defenseman Jim Underwood, St. Norbert forward Maris Ziedins, St. John's forward Mike Possin and St. Thomas forward Tony Lawrence.



Adam Kragthorpe

Two coaches resign

Swimming Coach Doug Naylor and Track and Field Coach Kristi Wagner resign

■ Naylor is headed to Warroad (Minn.) High School

Sports Information

Falcon swimming and diving coach Doug Naylor has resigned his position at UW-River Falls. Naylor, who was the Falcon swim coach for 11 seasons, led the Falcons men's and women's teams. The Falcon men finished sixth in the WIAC meet and the women were fifth this year.



Doug Naylor

Conference swimmers in his career at UWRF. He has coached one WIAC Scholar-Athlete and one National Academic All-American.

Naylor has accepted a teaching and swimming

coaching position at Warroad, Minn., High School and starts there in June.

■ Wagner will finish after the 2002 outdoor track and season

Sports Information

Kristi Wagner has resigned as Falcon women's track and field coach. She will coach the team through the rest of the 2002 season.

"I have two little girls, that's simply what it boiled down to — time with them and their activities," Wagner said. "It's sad for me because I love what I do. I've always aspired to be a college track coach and I love who I work with."

"It was hard for me to do, but it was a very sound decision; I don't regret it."

Wagner is in her seventh year with the Falcons. The program has turned out 16 WIAC Champions, 15 All-Americans, one National Champion and one National Runner-up. Perhaps the most noted individual accomplishment under Wagner was multi-event athlete Sarah Peterson earning National Athlete of the Year Honors in 1999. Her teams have placed in the National Meet top 20 three times, including an eighth place finish in 1999. She is TAC Level 1 certified, focuses in the areas of sprint, hurdles, and jumps.

"We've had a successful (seven years)," Wagner said. "I'll really, really miss the kids. They were tremendous kids."

Wagner earned her B.S. at UW-Madison in physical education with a science emphasis in 1986 and her masters in education from North Dakota State in 1994.

As an athlete, she was no stranger to success as she competed for Anoka High School where she earned six state meet titles, and led her team to two consecutive titles in 1981 and 1982. Wagner then went on to the University of Wisconsin where she excelled for the Badgers in new event areas. She captured three Big Ten titles, All-American honors, and was in on 11 Big Ten team championships. She also served as team captain in 1985. Wagner competed in five Olympic festivals between 1985 and 1991, and was a member of the US National Team Handball Squad.

As a coach, Wagner continued her string of successful seasons as she began her coaching career at the high school level. She was an assistant women's track coach at Anoka Minn., from 1988-89, assistant track coach from 1990-91, and head track coach for the 1990-92 seasons. She led the Tornados to a second place State Meet finish in

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Kristi Wagner

Baseball captures major upset in the Dome

Paul J. Cruz
Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — First-year UW-River Falls skipper Steve Huckle's first coaching victory in the college ranks could hardly have been finer. To achieve Huckle's coaching milestone, his Falcons upset St. Thomas, the defending Division III national champions, who are currently ranked No. 2 nationally, Wednesday in the Metrodome to snap an 0-3

season start. The Falcons (1-3) fell 6-4 to the Tommies in the opener of the doubleheader.

In the nightcap, UW-RF plated three consecutive runs in the fourth and fifth innings to take a 6-3 lead, then held off a late charge by the Tommies for a 6-5 victory.

"We finally got over the hump," Huckle said. "In the first game, we wasted some opportunities — it was an emotional loss. The kids never gave up and that's a tribute to the

kind of club we have. It was a good team victory."

UW-RF and St. Thomas played to a 3-3 stalemate through two frames, then came the Falcons' run.

In the top of the fourth inning, with two out, freshman two-bagger Sam Giliuson singled. Junior outfielder Josh Eidem followed suit, then junior shortstop Andy Becker tagged Tommy hurler Brian Meyers for a two-RBI triple.

After UW-RF added an insurance

run in its half of the fifth, St. Thomas charged.

In the inning's bottom portion, Heath Henderson doubled and, after a walk, Brett Olson reached on a fielder's choice.

Then a ball lost in the white of the roof allowed two Tommies to score to make the count 6-5.

Both teams couldn't manage a score in the remaining two innings.

Pitcher Ryan Nickell started and Josh Burton took the win.



2001 photo by Jens Gunelson / UW-RF Photo Services
Amy Brooke fires the ball to beat a UW-Eau Claire bunter sprinting to first base.

Wagner

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1988, and a third place finish in 1992. During her five years at Anoka, Wagner coached seven state champions, and 16 All-State performers. Wagner broke into the collegiate coaching ranks in 1991 where she an assistant men's and women's track & field coach for Augsburg College. She held this position for two seasons before moving on to seek a master's degree at North Dakota State. It was there that she served as a graduate assistant coach in track and cross country from 1992-94. While at NDSU, she was part of five conference championship team, and worked with seven Div. II All-American athletes. Wagner also served as co-administrator for the NCAA Div II Indoor National Championships while in Fargo. She and husband Dave have two daughters, Maddie (6) and Annie (4).

Hiring freeze leaves replacements in question

Sports Information

Under the current system-wide hiring freeze, the positions left open by the recent resignations of swimming coach Doug Naylor and cross country and track and field coach Kristi Wagner will remain vacant for the time being. All that UW-RF can do, acting athletic director Rick Bowen said, is "be patient and wait for some direction from the administration." If the hiring freeze is not lifted by next year, the university will have to make a tough decision. "We'd have to look internally at ad-hocing the position — and we have too many of those already," Bowen said. "It's something I'll think about when it happens."

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"They will need to provide the leadership and offensive power to the team," Perkins said. The Falcons have many young players ready to fill the remaining spots on the team. "We have a very talented group of young players on the team," Perkins said. "Some of them will have to step into starting positions and make an immediate impact."

After spending last year behind Ostertag, sophomore Melissa Turbak is ready to take the starting position at second base. Shortstop is up for grabs between freshmen Holly Olson and Tiffany Blumer. Freshman Leah Vanderploeg will see time on the mound. Freshman Emily Evans will start at third base and seeing some action on the mound. Other first-year players who will contribute to the team include sophomore Steph Steinke, freshmen Rebekah Goodspeed and Emily Rodgers, and junior Jessica Perry. Amber Hedstrom will follow the team despite her medical redshirt. Other factors the Falcons will have to face this season are the changes in division play. The conference decided to switch from east-west divisional play to playing a doubleheader against every team in the conference to decide the conference champion, Perkins said. A major effect on this year's team is an increase in traveling, as two weekends will be

taken by conference cluster tournaments rather than going to other tournaments, and it has cut down the number of home contests to only two home games. "Hopefully, we'll be able to pick up additional home games in the future," Perkins said. "But for this season, that is what we are stuck with." Perkins feels that the Falcons' pitching is exceptionally strong this season. "Amy Brooke has been two-time all conference and is one of the top pitchers in the conference. As a senior, Amanda Jo Decker brings experience to the mound," said Perkins. "In contrast to Brooke and Decker, first-year pitcher, Leah Vanderploeg, is an excellent riseball pitcher. The mix of the three of them will be tough." The Falcons' outfield is also filled with experience. Garin and Poulter were both recognized as all-conference players last year. Vogt, Keene and Harberts also bring experience to the outfield, Perkins said. Offensively, Perkins also feels the team should be strong as Garin, Poulter, Mulligan, Becker and Turbak all batted over .250 last season. The big question for the Falcons this season will be the infield defense, Perkins said. "We have three new starters at second base, shortstop, and third base," Perkins said. "They all have the ability to do an exceptional job, but it takes

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

March 22- 28	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Women's Track							
Gymnastics	Nationals Ithica, NY 11:30	Nationals Ithica, NY 3 p.m.					
Baseball	vs. Mayville Metrodome 5 p.m.			vs. Valley City at Metrodome 9 a.m.	vs. St. John's at Metrodome 11 a.m.	vs. Mayville Metrodome 11:30 a.m.	
Softball				at Orlando 11 am & 2pm	at Orlando 11 am & 2pm	at Orlando 12 & 4 pm	at Orlando 9 & 11am

The new assistant coach this season is Rebecca Zimmerman. Zimmerman pitched for UW-Stout and, according to Perkins, will bring her pitching knowledge and experience to the team. The student assistant is last year's regional all-american, Ahlbrecht. Ahlbrecht's knowledge on hitting will be her primary focus, as well as working with the outfielders. Zimmerman and Ahlbrecht took over during fall semester while Perkins was in Scotland. "They did a very nice job of team selection and getting the team off on the right foot," Perkins said. "I feel that the three of us will bring a balance of all aspects of the game to the team." Perkins feels another major strength of the team is that they get along exceptionally well. "They have been working hard at practice, strength training and plyometric workouts since the end of January," Perkins said. "They are very supportive of each other. We are all anxious to get the season started."

2002 SCHEDULE

Mar. 11	Macalester (Plymouth Dome)	2-1 W
Mar. 11	Macalester (Plymouth Dome)	3-1 W
Mar. 14	Hamline (R&A Dome)	Postponed
Mar. 25-29 at Rebel Spring Games (Orlando, Fla.)		
Mar. 25	Augsburg	10:40 a.m.
Mar. 25	Buena Vista	2:20 p.m.
Mar. 26	Manchester	10:40 a.m.
Mar. 26	Eastern Connecticut	2:20 p.m.
Mar. 28	Clarke	12:30 p.m.
Mar. 28	Elmhurst	4:10 p.m.
Mar. 29	Mt. Vernon	8:50 a.m.
Mar. 29	Ramapo	10:40 a.m.
Apr. 3	Concordia-St. Paul+	4 p.m.
Apr. 6	at Grinnell Tournament (Marycrest)	noon
Apr. 6	at Grinnell Tournament (William Penn)	2 p.m.
Apr. 7	at Grinnell Tournament (UM-Morris)	noon
Apr. 7	at Grinnell Tournament (Grinnell)	2 p.m.
Apr. 10	Stout+	3 p.m.
Apr. 13-14 at WIAC Cluster Tourney (at Whitewater)		
Apr. 13	Oshkosh	11 a.m.
Apr. 13	Platteville	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 14	Stevens Point	8:30 a.m.
Apr. 14	Whitewater	noon
Apr. 16	at Eau Claire*	4 p.m.
Apr. 18	at Superior*	3 p.m.
Apr. 20-21 at Eau Claire Tourney		
Apr. 20	Eau Claire	10 a.m.
Apr. 20	Viterbo	noon
Apr. 21	Superior	noon
Apr. 21	Clarke	2:30 p.m.
Apr. 24	at La Crosse*	4 p.m.
Apr. 27-28 at WIAC Cluster Tourney (at Superior)		
Apr. 27	Stevens Point	2 p.m.
Apr. 27	Whitewater	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 28	Platteville	8:30 a.m.
Apr. 28	Oshkosh	1:30 p.m.
May 3	at WIAC Tournament (at La Crosse)	TBA
May 4	at WIAC Tournament (at La Crosse)	TBA

* WIAC Games, + Home Games

Outfield		
No	Name	Yr
21	Emily Vogt (LF)	Jr
13	Abby Keene (CF)	So
24	Anna Poulter (RF)	So
33	Nikki Harberts (LF)	So
8	Angie Garin (CF)	Jr
5	Jessica Perry (RF)	Jr
12	Emily Rodgers (RF)	Fr

Coaches		
Name	Pos	
Faye Perkins	Head	
Rebecca Zimmerman	Assistant	
Becky Ahlbrecht	Assistant	

2002 Depth Chart

Shortstop		
No	Name	Yr
11	Holly Olson	Fr
10	Tiffany Blumer	Fr

Second Base		
No	Name	Yr
20	Melissa Turbak	So

Third Base		
No	Name	Yr
1	Emily Evans	Fr
4	Amber Hedstrom	So

First Base		
No	Name	Yr
14	Meghann Mulligan	Jr
57	Rebekah Goodspeed	Fr

Pitcher		
No	Name	Yr
35	Amy Brooke	Jr
18	Amanda Jo Decker	Sr
17	Leah Vanderploeg	Fr

Catcher		
No	Name	Yr
22	Lindsey Becker	Sr
9	Steph Steinke	So

Fastpitch

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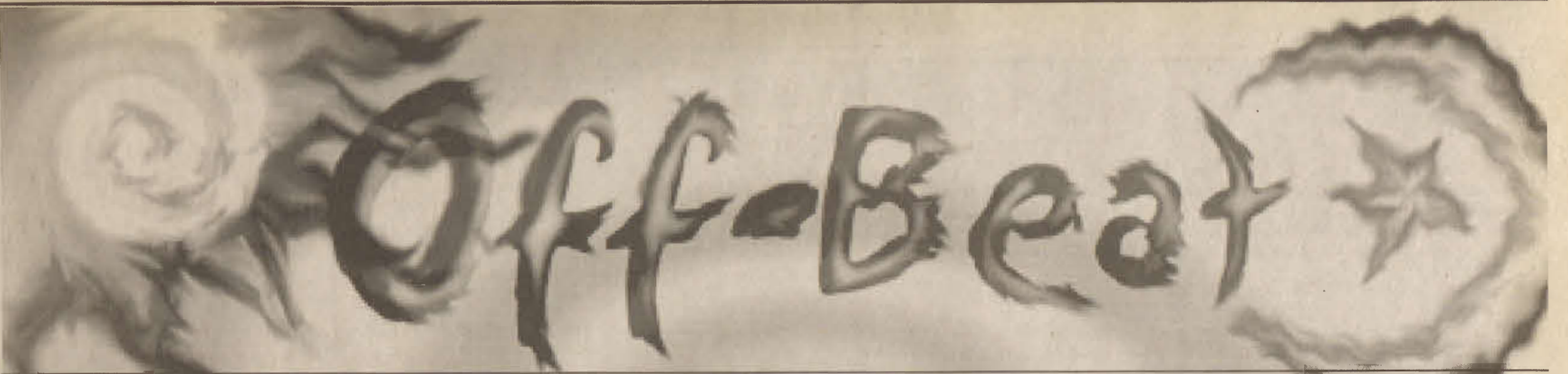


2001 Statistics

Team (Overall Record)	W	L	T	*Becky Albrecht, RF	.352
EAST					
UW-Platteville (12-25-0)	4	2	0	Hits	
UW-Whitewater (25-14-3)	3	2	1	Angie Pinnow, ST	61
UW-Oshkosh (16-24-1)	3	2	1	Megan Koeller, WW	59
UW-Stevens Point (25-13-0)	1	5	0	Megan Kerkman, WW	57
WEST					
UW-LaCrosse (27-18-0)	5	3	0	Brenda Feucht, OSH	51
UW-River Falls (21-18-0)	5	3	0	*Three tied at...	47
UW-Superior (18-20-0)	5	3	0	Runs.	
UW-Eau Claire (25-17-1)	3	5	0	Angie Pinnow, ST	36
UW-Stout (21-24-0)	2	6	0	Jessie Laha, OSH	36
Individual Statistics					
Batting Average				Jenny Nelson, LX	35
Angie Pinnow, ST	.427			Kelly Fischer, LX	34
Kelly Rutta, STP	.420			Megan Kerkman, WW	31
Michelle Skaden, PLT	.412			*Anna Poulter, RF	26
Megan Kerkman, WW	.407				
Brenda Feucht, OSH	.395				

Runs Batted In					
Michelle Markham, WW	32	Becky Bourne, EC	15	Heather Wendt, WW	155.2
Brenda Brooks, WW	28	Jessie Ustby, ST	13	Kem Czapl, EC	155.0
Angie Pinnow, ST	28	Tracy Steffens, EC	12	Karen Guckenberger, STP	143.0
Megan Koeller, WW	28	Emilee Planert, EC	12	*Amy Brooke, RF	137.1
Nicole Alexander, STP	28	*Anna Poulter, RF	10		
Wins					
Angie Pinnow, ST	6	Kim Czapl, EC	18	Strike Outs	
Michelle Markham, WW	6	Amanda Johnston, SUP	17	Amanda Johnston, SUP	181
Jenny Nelson, LX	5	Sally Wenzel, LX	15	Jenni Bostrom, ST	159
Tracy Steffens, EC	5	Karen Guckenberger, STP	14	Sally Wenzel, LX	147
Andrea Tsilis, LX	5	Heather Wendt, WW	13	Karen Guckenberger, STP	125
Innings Pitched					
Angie Pinnow, ST	17	Amanda Johnston, SUP	217.2	Heather Wendt, WW	110
Janel Krenz, ST	16	Sally Wenzel, LX	157.2	*Amy Brooke, RF	98

				*Devanie Bigalk, RF	56
Shutouts					
Kim Czapl, EC	6	Saves			
		Karen Guckenberger, STP	5		
		Sally Wenzel, LX	2		
		Kristy Lehman, STP	1		
		Tracy Kokke, ST	1		
		Heather Wendt, WW	1		
		Amy Brooke, RF	1		
		Courtney Stricker, WW	1		
		Kedra Clough, LX	1		



Spring break romances should only last a week

a column by Kevin O'Brien, who was a mallrat for a day

With spring break only one day away, I thought it might be appropriate to share a story that started during that infamous week of no homework, no morals, and lots of debauchery. This tale also shows the importance of not letting your spring break spill over into the rest of the semester, which happens to many students. Lastly, this column will dispel the notion that skipping class to go shopping at the mall is not exactly a good time.

During my sophomore year spring break, my best friend Jesse and I made a vow to each get at least one woman's phone number before I had to go back to college. The first few nights were unsuccessful as we tried the dance club at 1st Avenue in Minneapolis and found only freaky ravers and an exchange student who spoke very little English. Then, on Tuesday, we discovered an unlikely opportunity at the Ground Round in Roseville, where they had a karaoke machine set up in the bar.

After imbibing our share of courage juice (Long Island iced teas), we started scanning the bar for females who might be willing to give up their digits. The table next to ours was filled with what looked like college-aged co-eds, so we engaged them in stupid barroom conversation and waited to make our moves. By the time we were ready to leave, Jesse had already gotten two phone numbers and I had just ~~named in~~ on a cute blonde who I was playing hangman with all night.



The problem was that when I finally got the testicular fortitude to ask for her number, I forgot her name. My shame was made even worse when she recited my name without any hesitation. Nevertheless, she told me her name was Sherrie and wrote her phone number on the edge of a placemat with one of those cheap color crayons they give kids.

I overcame this embarrassing lapse in memory by calling her at home as soon as I got back to UW-RF. We had a few long conversations, and in a couple of weeks we agreed to meet each other again for Tuesday night karaoke at Ground Round. My friend from school gave me a ride to Roseville and Jesse agreed to bring me back to River Falls at the end of the night. Fortunately for Jesse and unfortunately for me, Jesse got the chance

to give a ride home to a girl he liked, leaving me without a ride home.

That's when Jessie came up with the idea for me to sleep over at Sherrie's apartment and have her give me a ride to River Falls in the morning before she went to work. Surprisingly, she agreed to this plan, but I was still a little wary. Jessie just turned to me and whispered "Dude, I'm trying to hook you up." Friends can be so thoughtful sometimes. This, however, was not one of those times.

We got back to her apartment at about 1 a.m., and after sitting on the edge of her bed for an awkward hour or so, her friend came in and I thought it was my cue to go out to the living room. To my surprise, they invited me to sleep on the same bed with them. Trust me, this sounds a lot cooler than it actually was. The whole time, I could only keep one ass cheek on the bed, so I eventually went out to the living room and tried to sleep on the couch while an unusually loud clock ticked into my ear all night.

The next thing I heard was Sherrie's alarm clock going off, not once, but several times in about a half hour. By the time she got out of bed, she had five minutes until her shift started and she asked me where I could go to meet one of my friends. I didn't know Roseville very well, so she suggested dropping me off at the HarMar Mall. None of my friends were answering their phones at the time, so I really had no other options.

When she dropped me off, the stores were still closed and the only people there were old retirees power walking around the mall, staring at my unkempt hair and crinkling their noses at the bar smell permeating from my clothes. I had only five dollars in my pocket, so when the stores finally opened, I could only peruse the endless aisles of overpriced CDs, outdated books, and shabby clothes.

I found out that long-term exposure to the sights and sounds of a mall can cause extreme irritability and paranoia. After the third hour of aimless wandering, I felt like stopping and yelling at all the pathetic people who were actually there for fun. "What is wrong with you people? Why don't you have jobs?" At another time during my five-hour stretch, I thought this young punk was following me so I went out to the parking lot to escape. Fortunately, I survived until noon, when my friend from UW-RF came and picked me up.

Needless to say, that was the end of my short spring break relationship with Sherrie. So, when you are out there next week looking for a seven-day fling, make sure it only lasts SEVEN days. Otherwise, you might find yourself staring at a mid-mall dollar store with five bucks in your pocket. Have a hedonistic break, but be smart about it. E-mail me at ko58@uwrf.edu to cheer me up as I spend next week doing 28 hours of community service.

Reilly's rock proves why everyone wants to be like Ike



Ike Reilly, currently on tour, recently released his new album, *Salesmen and Racists*.

Matt Rayburn
Music Reviewer

Two concerts, one rocker. Ike Reilly, hailing from Libertyville, Ill., played two shows over St. Patrick's Day weekend that proved that location is everything for a live performer.

Reilly's *Salesmen and Racists* was the third best album of the year in 2001 according to the *Los Angeles Times*, and *Spin* gave him 8 of 10 stars. Yet at a Middleton, Wis., bar on Friday, he was seen by most as just another no-name.

Roughly 10 minutes away from Madison, a city where Butch Vig's Smart Studios has recorded sounds from acts like Beck and Sonic Youth, and where university students thrive, Reilly performed an hour set at the Club Tavern to a crowd that lacked college students and others who are educated on fresh sounds.

"They don't know what they're in for," Reilly said before the show.

Reilly took the stage and greeted the crowd that was too busy sucking down liquor and talking about their weekend plans to notice the Universal Records rocker who once opened for Joe Strummer of The

Clash. He started with "Duty Free," a catchy number that would get any breathing concertgoer pleading for more, and he danced and smiled with his band mates as they tried to pull in the crowd that wasn't interested in standing on the dance floor.

Reilly introduced "Hip Hop Thighs #17," a blast of thundering guitars and drums, and he continued on to a tune not heard on the record, "Whatever Happened To The Girl In Me?" Still, the sedated crowd was unsure of the man with the throaty voice who was wearing shiny black boots and a long johns shirt.

He tried dragging them in with "Put A Little Love In It," a song that radio stations Cities 97 and Drive 105 had fun playing on Valentine's Day. The only thing that was moving to the music besides the band was a ceiling fan that twirled as soft pink and yellow stage lights bounced off its blades.

What summed up the night was when Reilly introduced a new tune: "This is a new song, but it doesn't matter because you don't know any of the other ones."

Toward the end of the concert Reilly seemed more concerned with having fun than with the crowd's reaction. He delivered the energetic numbers "My Wasted Friends," "Commie Drives A Nova" and "Last Time," and grooved to the songs that have put smiles on faces that don't live in Middleton.

Reilly's next day show at First Avenue in Minneapolis showed the bizarre differences between two shows that have similar play lists. Before his set in the dressing room, he put on a pair of pilot's sunglasses and checked himself out in a mirror that thousands of musicians before him have gazed into.

"Is it starting to fill up yet?" he asked.

He then paced, blew in his hands and did some push-ups, expressing his anxious desire to get onstage and play numbers that put smiles on faces of people who live in Minneapolis and surrounding areas.

Around 9 o'clock his pilot's sunglasses reflected raised hands as he centered himself on the stage and began to get ready for a flight into the appreciative air. Like in Middleton, Reilly began his First Avenue show with "Duty Free," although this time the audience

knew what he had to offer. The floor and the rest of the mainroom were packed and ready for a ride that would be fueled by crowd enthusiasm. College kids and thirtysomethings raised their heads with widened eyes to get a better glimpse of the stage where Reilly began to take off.

For his third number Reilly wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day and covered The Pogues' 1988 song "If I Should Fall From Grace With God," and entered into pop perfection with "Angels and Whores." "Put A Little Love In It" was next and this time concertgoers knew how to sway their hips and smile.

By the time he began "Commie Drives A Nova" the crowd and Reilly were at the pinnacle of their relationship. He sprayed the crowd with his Rolling Rock beer and pointed to audience members like he knew what they were thinking. Reilly also introduced a new song called "You're So Plain" that featured the addictive line "I love the ladies," and gave a double encore for the show's landing that was fueled by fan enthusiasm.

Reilly's music is clever and fills a gap that's been missing in modern rock. He said it is hard for him to pinpoint his influences.

"You listen to music your whole life, you hang out with people your whole life," Reilly said in an interview in Middleton. "Your jobs, your family, your lovers, your tractors - everybody's your influence."

Drummer Dave Cottini, who said his influences range from big band to Slayer, agreed.

"There's something good in everything," he said. "We take influences from everybody."

Reilly said he is currently listening to an eighties hip hop compilation and a Ray Charles compilation, and described his music as being lyrical and rhythmically driven. He said he was unsure of what to expect for his next album.

"I don't have a grand scheme," Reilly said. "I just go with it."

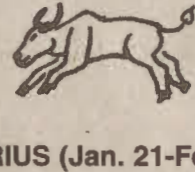
He did say he might have 40 songs to work with, and a double CD might be a possibility.

"I hope it's gonna be f***** final and explosive, and if it falls short of that I won't have anything to do with it," Reilly said.

So whatchya think of my columns? I want to know!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
E-mail me at ko58@uwrf.edu or drop a letter at B102 Ames



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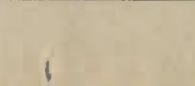












Horoscopes

Jenny Cullen
Staff Psychic who doesn't take crap from anyone

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Look forward to some booty shakin and love makin while on spring break. Be careful where you find the man or woman of your dreams, though. They have been shakin and makin with all of the college kids that visit during spring break and probably won't be doing it anymore because of all the diseases they have. Just watch out and don't bring anything back to the U.S.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

You wonder why your GPA is only 1.7. Stop skipping classes stupid. First of all, you might be able to convince someone that you don't have a rock for a brain and second of all, instead of going to the bar alone you might be able to pick up someone from one of your classes for a date. Make sure they are granola.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

It might be time to start rethinking your major and not quit your day job. When a freshman in high school is better at your job than you are, I think it's time to step down. Flipping burgers at McDonald's for the rest of your life won't be that bad. At least you can get free food and who knows, maybe Ronald McDonald will become your friend. Freaky.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Quit complaining that you have so much to do. There are troops overseas and people in third world countries who have much more to worry about than you do. Maybe you should get your head out of your ass and stop thinking about yourself. Volunteer at your local Habitat for Humanity and build a house for someone else. Just don't sneak in at night and sleep in it. That would look bad.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Yes, I know it's springtime and there is still that mysterious white flaky stuff falling from the sky. What could it be? Yeah, it's called snow. It probably messes up your perfect hair-do, but try and do something constructive with it. People will really think you're weird when you run across campus screaming "the sky is attacking me."

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Stop eating fast food. When the people at McDonald's know you by name, that is definitely not a good sign. It's really not a good sign when they name their latest novelty food item after you and it's called the McFatty (insert your name here). Try and follow Jared from Subway. Nevermind, those people make me sick.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

That freaky friend you have who just gets on your nerves sometimes isn't going away any time soon. Just be a big jerk to them. They should get the hint. If they don't, just swear at them a couple of times and say the meanest things you can possibly think of. If they still don't get the hint, that's their problem not yours.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept 23)

You were given a brain for a reason, so why don't you use it? If you turn on your brain, instead of walking down Main Street wondering what city you are in you might actually be able to converse with the idiot next to you and seem somewhat smart. Also, when someone asks you what the sum of two and two is you won't have to think about it for five minutes. Imagine that.

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 23)

If you are feeling really stressed out, try taking a road trip with a bunch of friends and just screaming out really loud and violent sentence rambles. If you're with the right group of people, it will be funny and make a lot of sense. When you get back from your trip, don't tell your other friends about it because they will just think you are really bitter or really weird. You're not either, but you're "nice" friends wouldn't understand why you did it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

The people in your life need to just be quiet. You really don't care about what they have to say. They need to just remain silent unless what they have to say is better than silence, which will probably never happen. The one exception to this rule only applies if you are wasted. Then if they say something you will probably be too wasted to remember or you will tell them off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Not everything you hear on TV is true and just because you think something is true doesn't mean that you're right. In your line of work you should know this already and if you don't figure it out before you graduate, you're going to be in big trouble. Maybe you should be a politician since you are so convinced you are right and everyone else should think like you do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

The budget cuts are hitting you hard. You came into your doorm room the other night, and to your surprise your bed was gone. So was the refrigerator. Even though you must keep your food cold by putting it in the window and you have to sleep on pizza boxes, you're not upset. Just remember they are cutting money from the budget for a good reason right? Maybe someone else will get a \$100,000 raise because of it.

APOLOGY:

On March 7 on this page The Voice ran a review written by Paul Broz of the film "We Were Soldiers." The editors discovered later that several passages in the piece were taken from a review by Kenneth Turan published March 1, 2002 in the Los Angeles Times. This is clearly a case of plagiarism and copyright infringement, and the editors regret that this occurred in The Voice. As a result of this discovery, Broz's movie reviews will no longer be run in the Student Voice and he was immediately terminated from his position with the Student Voice.

-Jess Perry and Kevin O'Brien, Editors

I apologize to the Voice and the journalism department for my actions. I'm a genuine person who wrote genuine, heartfelt articles but made one bad mistake. Thanks for the opportunity.

-Paul Broz

Local bands offer hip hop with a twist

Megan Stevens
Music Reviewer

If you actually read this column, you might remember an article about the Hip Hop for the Homeless show that I wrote about earlier this semester. I mentioned the group Heiruspecs that played, who were awesome. They just released a new CD, Small Steps, and they played a CD release party last Friday at the Entry in Minneapolis. Also playing were Unknown Prophets (who I went to see a few months ago, but left before they played) and "to be announced" guests. I figured at \$6, it was worth checking out, and I could make up for not staying for the rest of the Unknown Prophets show.

When I got to the Entry there were only about six people there, not including the people from the groups. This kind of worried me, as I knew that both Unknown Prophets and Heiruspecs have been gaining popularity, and seeing as I went to high school with some of the people who were playing, I wanted to see them succeed. The Entry did get fuller as the night went on, but there still weren't as many people as I would have liked to have seen. As an opener, Toki Wright from the Core did some awesome spoken word. It was very inspiring, and made me realize why slam poetry has become popular lately. I would love to see him in his own show. The Prophets played next. I regret having missed them the last time. Not only was their music good, they were very ani-

mated, and, if you've been to the Entry, you know how small the stage is. They managed to put it to good use, and use every inch of space. Watching them, you could tell that the three of them had good chemistry. They played some familiar songs, and Musab even joined them for a guest appearance. I love the way all of these acts can play together. These local

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groups totally give each other mad support, and it's awesome. Heiruspecs played last. I love their music because it's unlike anything I've heard before. It's hip hop, but it's like a hip hop band. They have the rappers, but they also have bass, guitar, drums and keyboard.

These guys could probably take any instrument (or combination of instruments), mix it with rapping and come up with tons of different ways to make everything fit together. Since I'm not good at putting into words the way songs sound, I suggest you visit their website (heiruspecs.com) and check out some of their music for yourself. Or go to First Ave on April 12th, when they will be playing with other local hip hop acts. I promise you will have a good time. I will drive if you need a ride.

I'm off to London and Iceland for spring break, where the main event will be combining the streets of London for the home of Boy George. And maybe Madonna, but I don't have her address. Yet. If anyone wants to know how that goes, and wants to know if I really did meet the Boy himself, let me know and I'll send you the pictures.

Survival of the fittest



Teresa Schmitt/The Student Voice
UW-RF student, Steve Wozniczka, participated in "Outcast" Tuesday night; a game mimicked reality shows from "Who wants to be a millionaire" to "Survivor." The last standing won a trip to the Bahamas.

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