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Students compete in jungle challenge

Jeff Stark
Staff Writer

Climbing, sailing, mountain biking, whitewater canoeing and six-foot king cobras were all just part of the daily routine for two UW-River Falls students this past August. Senior Nolan King and recent graduate Erica Gilberg completed the Eco Challenge Sabah 2000 earlier this month.

As two of four members on Team Royal Force, King and Gilberg competed in the twelve-day-long trek through the jungles and waters of Malaysia in an experience that would challenge them both mentally and physically.

"It's amazing what the human body can do if you allow it," King said.

Mark Burnett, the creator of the TV show "Survivor," started the Eco Challenge series on the Discovery Channel in 1992. The four-person teams, including some females, race across jungles, water and everything in between for 500 km, day and night. Sleep is optional. "Our goal in training was to be able to complete the first 48 hours without sleeping," King said.

King was approached by his friend Alan Oscarson about trying to form a team in September of 1999. The two of them would comprise the first half of the team while they searched for teammates. Several mutual friends began training but dropped out for one reason or another. Finally, the team came together

including over 35 from the United States. Each team had to supply their own food, water, equipment and any other supplies they would need to survive, including bikes and climbing gear.

The race began off the coast of Sabah, a province on the island of Borneo in the South Pacific. This had a ceremonial, untimed start to

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- Nolan King, senior

where the team hopped on their mountain bikes and rode for 80 km. Mountain biking may be one of the more "normal" activities the average person may partake in, but problems occurred in this event for Team Royal Force.

"I had a flat and rode on the rim of my bike for the final 5 km just to save time so that we could make the time cutoff," King explained.

The next stage was a grueling 57 km trek through the hot, thick jungle. Thin, worn paths left little evidence of success or failure in the lead teams choice of direction. Each team had only a compass and a topographic map to guide them from checkpoint to checkpoint.

As if the team hadn't had enough excitement yet at that point, the 116 km Sampan canoe ride through whitewater rapids would certainly get them going. A 19 km trek would follow and lead them back to their Perahu outrigger canoes for a 25.5 km sail. The second trek through the jungle knocked several teams out of the race who cramped up after the long canoe trip.

The 25.5 km sail took them to an island, where they caved and rappelled for 22 km. Here, the caves were dark, wet, and full of bat feces that covered every inch of their bodies. The team used rotten ladders made of vine that the natives still use along with their more modern ropes to maneuver throughout the caves. Once this task was completed, a final 73.5 km sail lead to the finish line.

"It just seemed like we were having fun out there," Gilberg said. "When we were racing to beat a cut-off time, then it seemed like we were racing. That was rather exciting, but very stressful."

Conditions were never ideal. The hot weather, strong winds, or lack of wind when sailing, and sudden storms would always keep the team on their toes. During one particular storm, the river rose so much that it made their secured canoe raise several feet up on the dry beach and float in the water again.

"We slept in the mud one night because we were afraid of the wind and lightning hitting the trees and have them fall while we slept," King said. "Mud is surprisingly comfortable."

The physical pain and exhaustion makes up just part of what each individual must overcome. Blisters, stubbed toes, physical exhaustion, and the stench of 11 days worth of mud and sweat are just the beginning of what these athletes felt.

"After about 50 hours of continuous physical activity, you begin to hallucinate," King said. "This lasts for about two hours where you just kind of move and act without thinking or understanding."

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These four brave souls faced grueling obstacles and virtually no sleep while participating in the Eco Challenge Series. Pictured from left to right are: Alan Oscarson, River Falls; Erica Gilberg, Stillwater; Nolan King, River Falls; and Ian Farrow, Minneapolis.

Internet Photo

in early 2000 with the addition of Gilberg and Ian Farrow. Training began, as did the search for sponsors to help offset the \$35,000 team entry fee.

The team was apart during the week, working their own jobs and training separately. Weekend training sessions during the summer included biking, canoeing, and hiking while striving not to sleep in order to simulate the conditions they would face during the race. Summer courses in whitewater rafting and high ropes added to the team's pro-

allow competitors to get used to the native Perahu outrigger canoes. They sailed these for 116.5 km, with a brief stop on an island, where the team split in half.

"For the first time ever in an expedition race, we split the teams during the race into two groups of two. Two had to trek, navigating across an island, while the other two paddled their Perahus to a PC [a checkpoint] and waited," Burnett said on the Eco Challenge website. "It was really, really cool, and the racers found it very interesting."

The sailing ended at Camp 1,

Rompin' rodeo



Molly Montag / The Student Voice

The 36th annual Falcon Frontier Days' rodeo was held last weekend at the UW-River Falls lab farm one. The top ten contestants, which represented competitors from each event, competed in the finals Saturday.

Police department to conduct survey on safety of residents

Sara Masson
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The River Falls Police Department has been busy creating a survey they hope will lead to better service for the city of River Falls and the UW-River Falls community.

The department, in coalition with the UW-RF Rural Development Institute, will conduct a door-to-door survey of all River Falls residents, including UW-RF students living on and around campus.

Beginning Sept. 26, student surveyors working under the guidance of Dr. Larry Swain and Dave Kabes of the institute, will ask residents to give their perceptions of the crime and their fear of crime in River Falls.

"We look at the information collected as a guide to our allocation of resources, personnel equipment, technology and training," said Roger D. Leque, River Falls Chief of Police.

The survey will help the police department determine the effectiveness of programs they instated after the results of a similar 1995 survey were released.

Priscilla Stevens, UW-RF Director of Public Safety, feels it is good the police department is doing a follow-up survey.

When asked what she would like to see the police department do to help with campus security, Stevens said, "The best way for the River Falls Police Department to help our own department in serving the campus would be to assist the Public Safety Officers (or back us up) when we need assistance."

Stevens believes there are multiple issues regarding safety on the campus of UW-RF.

"One issue that should be considered of importance is that people need to be more aware of what can happen to them," Stevens said. "Crimes, fires, medical emergencies and safety hazards are present in our community and do occur on the campus of UW-RF."

Although the results of the survey done five years ago suggests the people of River Falls feel safe, at least one student at UW-RF believes there is an issue facing many people living on campus that the police department, along with campus security, could do a better job with.

"Walking around campus at night is an issue that is of concern to me, involving safety on campus. There is not much security/police seen; they are too often dealing with parking, or busting parties, and not worrying about the safety of the students of UW-RF," said Jamie Gates, a second year UW-RF residence hall student.

One of the questions on this year's survey asks how residents feel about the issue of walking through the neighborhood in which they live, both at night and during the day. By doing this survey, students like Gates and many others can get their concerns heard.

"What I would like to see the River Falls Police Department do would be to continue to support us (campus security) in our endeavors and to be there when we need them," Stevens said.

The police department hopes they will get feedback from residents that will be used for planning purposes and to further a community and police partnership in combating crime and solving problems.

"This is our community too; we want it make it the best possible," said Chief Leque.

Booming Minnesota job market awaits graduates

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Staff Writer

A recent survey from Manpower Incorporated revealed increased staffing needs for Minnesota companies in the upcoming months, with the Twin Cities being the most prominent area to find a job.

"As we approach the final months of the year, 43 percent of business respondents will expand their workforces this fall, while seven percent report plans to cut back," said Manpower representative Kelley O'Connor.

The fourth quarter hiring survey of Twin Cities businesses shows nearly ten percent growth in need for employees since the third quarter report.

According to O'Connor, there are two main reasons for this increase.

"While recruiting holiday help is always a factor at year's end, offsetting slowdowns in other industries can influence employers' plans as well," O'Connor said.

Job prospects look best in non-durable goods manufacturing, finance, insurance and real estate. Education also has a healthy job outlook, with music being the strongest area.

UW-River Falls students can take advantage of this increase in employment, according to Carmen Croonquist, Career Services Coordinator.

"Students should get out there and take risks. If you don't like what you're doing, you can always change," she said.

Current figures suggest that it is a good time to find jobs. In Minneapolis alone, nearly 55 percent of businesses plan to increase the size of their workforce during the fourth quarter of 2000. This statistic shows nearly a 15 percent increase of businesses wanting to expand over the previous year.

In other areas, Winona ranked second behind Minneapolis with a 40 percent planned expansion, and Rochester third at 30 percent.

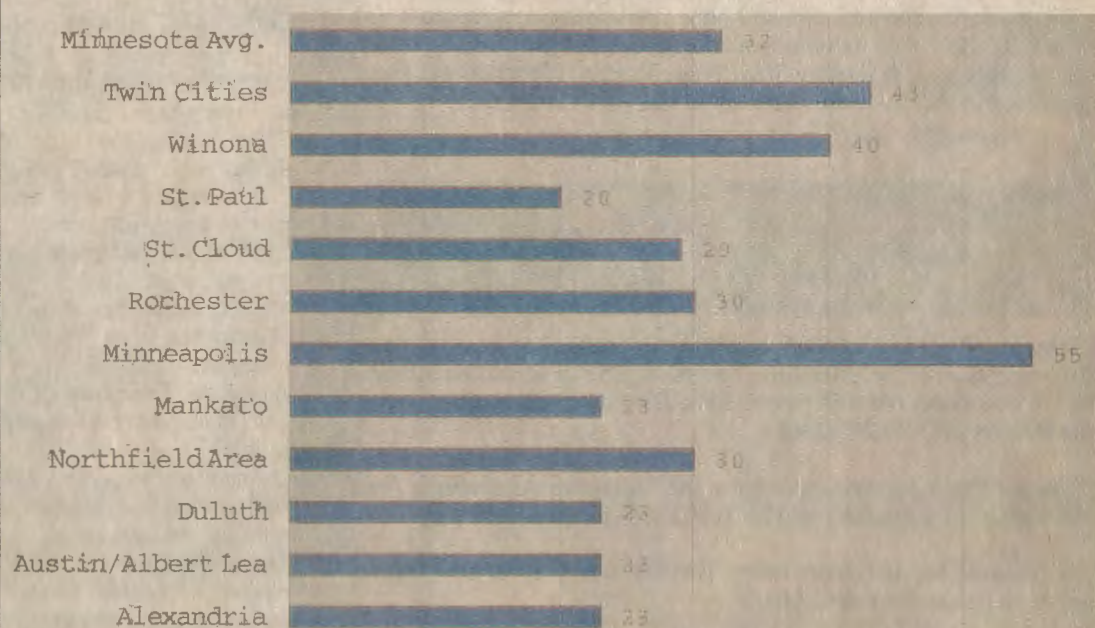
As good as the job outlook is, a few communities in Minnesota may be cutting as many jobs as they are hiring. In Alexandria, only 23 percent of local businesses plan to increase their workforces while a survey-high 17 percent plan on decreasing the number of employees. Also, Duluth and the Northfield area have poor outlooks for hiring new workers this fall.

However, on a state average, 32 percent of Minnesota businesses plan on hiring in the fourth quarter, while only eight percent plan on cutting back. This provides a variety of chances for UW-RF students.

"Companies look for people with experience," Croonquist said. "Now is a good time for students to go out and get that experience for the future. When it comes time to interview for jobs, you can show your employer that you have done a lot of things."

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Estimated percentage increase for employment in Minnesota



Data provided by Manpower employment outlook survey

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FreeWay, an advertiser-supported long distance service, allows callers to make calls anywhere in the U.S. completely free of charge. There is a limit of two hours of long distance calling per month, but more than 100,000 students nationwide have signed up with FreeWay. If interested, students can register on the Web at www.callfreeway.com., where they will receive a PIN number and a toll-free access number.

Lion's Paw Book Club will meet next on Wednesday, Oct. 11, in the second floor breezeway of Chalmer Davee Library from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The book to be discussed is "The Shipping News" by E. Annie Proulx. Anybody is welcome to attend the discussions and can purchase selections at The Bookpress, the University Bookstore in Hagestad Student Center, or check out copies from Chalmer Davee Library. Completion of books is not mandatory to attend the discussions.

Attention fall graduates! The deadline to apply for Fall Commencement is Sept. 29. Applications are available at the Registrar's Office, 105 North Hall. For more information, contact Judy George at 425-3581.

Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, chairman for "Wisconsin Bush-Cheney 2000", will promote Republican Presidential nominee George W. Bush's new "Blueprint for the Middle Class." This is a summary of Bush's plans to help real people with education, health care, social security, taxes, family and community issues. Thompson will meet with reporters during the opening of the Bush-Cheney office on Monday, Sept. 18, at 5:30 p.m. The address is: 3205 E. Washington Ave., Madison, Wis. For more information, call (608) 242-9213.

EVENTS

Bookpress in Downtown River Falls is having a poetry reading Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m. The featured poets will be Jenny Brantley, Brian Fitch and Thomas M. Hendrickson. For more information, call 425-0168.

College of Arts and Sciences is sponsoring an International Film Series on Friday, Sept. 29, at 4:15 p.m. in 271 Centennial Science Hall. The featured selection for this date is "Pather Panchali", a 1955 Indian film. The purpose of the film series is to promote appreciation of international cultures through film, and is open free of charge to students, faculty, staff and the general public. For more information, call 425-3777.

UW-River Falls will host a workshop entitled "Conducting Effective Meetings" beginning on Thursday, Oct. 5 and will run every Thursday of October from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in 328 Agriculture Science Building. Professor Gerald Matteson, a nationally-recognized parliamentarian will lead the classes, teaching people how to manage and prepare for meetings more effectively. There is an \$80 fee for enrollment due by Sept. 25. For more information, contact Pamela Weller at University Outreach at: (800) 228-5607, or 425-3256.

Chalmer Davee Library will host a book sale on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29 at the same times, and Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Outdated hardcovers will be sold for one dollar and paperbacks for 50 cents. The Encyclopedia auction will take place on Friday at 10 a.m. All proceeds go towards funding for new library materials.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Forest History Association of Wisconsin awards a \$500 scholarship annually to a student at a Wisconsin college or university. Minimum criterion is a paper written by a student on any aspect of forest and conservation history of Wisconsin. The paper is to be no longer than 1,000 words, typed and double-spaced, with a title page including the student's name, school, class and major. Deadline for entry is Feb. 10, 2001, with the winner announced in April. For further information, contact John Saemann, HC 1, Box 309, Florence, WI, 54121.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund will award scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 in spring 2001 to students with Hispanic background. Students who are U.S. citizens, full-time students at any accredited U.S. college and have a minimum 2.7 GPA are eligible. The scholarship applications are open to those enrolled at community colleges, four-year institutions and graduate students. Interested students should apply by Oct. 9 through the Financial Assistance Office. For further information, visit the Hispanic Scholarship fund on the Web at www.hsf.net.

Central Middle School and Hartford Union High School in Hartford, WI are offering \$500 teaching scholarships to Hartford and Central graduates who are student-teaching, college of education students at any UW System university or Wisconsin college. Awards will be based on students' character and financial need. Interested students must submit a letter of inquiry to Mr. May at Central Middle School. Applications are due by Oct. 15 and Feb. 15. For further information, contact Phil May at Central Middle School, 1100 Cedar St., Hartford, WI, 53027. Applicants can contact May by phone at (414) 673-8040.

Grants of \$2,800 are available to UW System juniors and seniors to fund research projects dealing with solid waste management. Students from all academic departments are eligible to apply. Possible project topics are waste reduction, recycling and composting. Applications are due Oct. 27, grants will be awarded mid-November with finals reports being due June 30, 2001. For more information about this program for undergraduates, visit the UW System Solid Waste Research Program website at www.uwsa.edu/oslp/ehs/swrp/und.html or call (608) 262-8252.

MEETINGS

Lutheran Student Fellowship will be meeting this year at 8p.m. Tuesday nights in Luther Memorial Basement. The topic will be different Christian denominations and their beliefs. For other information, contact Carrie Hanson at (715) 247-5968.

Welcome Night for new students in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences will be Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 5:15 p.m.

The Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of Hagestad Student Center.

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.

A weekend of competition, horseplay
Annual rodeo showcases student and area riders

Melissa Bregani and Jessica Perry
Staff Writers

A crowd of more than 1,200 turned out at the UW-River Falls Rodeo Arena to witness riders as they raced against the clock or desperately attempted to stay atop bucking animals, whose only goal was to throw them off. Friday, Sept. 15, marked the start of 36th Annual River Falls Falcon Frontier Days Rodeo.

UW-RF competed in the Great Plains Region, which included schools from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

According to Anthony Jilek, rodeo club adviser, Friday evening's crowd was one of the best that the rodeo team has ever seen; by 7:30 p.m., the stands were packed with only standing room remaining. At 1 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, the program was repeated.

The top 10 finishers in each event advanced to the final round at 7 p.m. Saturday evening. If a rodeo is run efficiently, the entire program should finish in about two and a half-hours, Jilek said.

Sophomore Jim Andersen from National American University in Rapid City, S.D. competed at the UW-RF rodeo for the second year. Andersen said the rodeo was well run and every-

thing went smoothly.

On Friday evening, Jessica Starks, an animal science major with an equine emphasis, competed in Break-Away Roping. The object of this event is for the rider to loop the escaping calf's head with the rope, which then breaks away from the saddle when the slack is pulled tight.

Barrel Racing, another women's event, is also called a Cloverleaf Barrel Race. In this timed event, a rider makes two turns in one direction and one in the other around three barrels set in a triangular pattern. The shorter amount of time it takes a rider to complete this event the better. A penalty of 5 seconds is given for overturned barrels.

Barrel Racing was the most popular event on Saturday, with seven UW-RF women competing. Gina Suick, a social work major, held the record with a time of 16.76 seconds. She improved this ride during finals Saturday evening; she placed first with a time of 16.48 seconds.

Rodeo Team Captain Stephanie Hirsbrunner, an animal science major, completed the event in 21.11 seconds, which was not enough to make it into the finals.

Molly Moskiewicz, an animal science major, finished in 17.30 seconds, placing her in the finals Saturday night where she finished ninth.

For the ten riders in the final round, there is no second chance.

"I pushed my horse a little harder and went for broke," Moskiewicz said about her ride.

The men also competed in a number of events Friday evening. The three riding events: Saddle Bronc Riding, Bareback Riding and Bull Riding are all similar. The cowboy holds on with one hand, keeping his other high in the air, trying to remain atop the bucking animal for a full eight seconds.

Steven Geiger, an animal science major, participated in Saddle Bronc Riding, as did George Walker, a sophomore marketing communications major.

Other events also held on Friday evening were Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping and Goat Tying. Calf Roping is a race against time; the rider must try to loop a calf, and tie any three legs.

Steer Wrestling can sometimes be a two-person job. The rider, drops onto a running steer, stops him, and throws him to the ground. The rider is also allowed a partner, called a hazer, who can help him in placing the steer before dismounting his horse. The clock stops after the rider has thrown

and turned the steer's head and all four feet are in the same direction.

Team Roping, a co-ed event in rodeos today, begins when one rider (also called a header) bolts out of the chute to rope the runaway steer's horns, turning the steer away from his/her partner. The other rider, or heeler, then ropes the steer's hind legs. When both riders turn their horses toward the steer, the clock stops. A five-second penalty is given if only one hind leg is caught.

In Goat Tying, another women's event, the rider begins at the far end of the arena, charges toward the goat, dismounts her horse, catches the goat and throws him down, tying any three legs. To receive a qualifying time, the goat must be tied for five seconds.

Hirsbrunner, who competes in both Barrel Racing and Goat Tying, feels that Goat Tying is the more challenging event.

"I enjoy Goat Tying," Hirsbrunner said. "It's more challenging than barrels-you never have the same run twice and you're always thinking on your feet."

On Saturday afternoon, several women members of the UW-RF rodeo team competed in the scheduled events. Animal science major Jessica Dressler finished Break-Away Roping in 7.4 seconds. Katie Hewitt, a broad area art major and Kirsten Hewitt, an elementary education major, finished in 13.3 seconds and 14.8 seconds respectively. Shannon Lewis, an agricultural education major, finished Goat Tying in 24.5 seconds.

Although today the UW-RF Rodeo is quite profitable, when it began 36 years ago, riders had to hitchhike to and from various competitions. In 1963, Dr. Gerhardt Bohn took the position as the Rodeo adviser. This year's program was dedicated to Bohn, who served as adviser for 26 years.

In order to hold a rodeo each year, the team must earn approximately \$16,000 to break even. With the University providing only security and insurance, the team must rely on a good crowd turn out as well as fundraising from advertisements, concessions and program sales. Money left over helps to cover the cost of travel to the other rodeos where the team competes.

"What a lot of people don't realize is that this is an athletic event," Jilek said. "Students on campus are competing and carrying the banner of the University."

In order to compete with the UW-RF rodeo team, one must be a member of the campus Rodeo Club. This year's rodeo team has between 16-20 riders.

Miss UW-RF Rodeo 2000 Nykkole Jansky was quite impressed with the rodeo this year.

"It's (the rodeo) been great. We've had a great turnout, nice weather and lots of people," Jansky said.

Even the Chancellor felt that the rodeo was not to be missed.

"I'm just taking it all in," Chancellor Ann Lydecker said. "Some (events) look like fun, some I wonder why people even do."

For Lydecker, this weekend marked her first college rodeo, and it won't be her last.

"I admire anyone who gets out there and challenges themselves to the events."



Molly Montag / The Student Voice
A rider from National American University prepares for the Bareback Riding Competition.

Rodeo Club veteran rides above the rest

■ UW-River Falls rider exhibits much dedication towards a life long interest

Melissa Bregani
Co-News Editor

I'm not all that good at it; I do it because I enjoy it," said George Walker of his interest in the Rodeo Club and riding.

Walker, who is vice-president of the UW-River Falls Rodeo Club, competed in Saddle Bronc Riding during rodeo events on Friday evening, Sept. 15.

For Walker, riding and horses go hand-in-hand. He grew up with quarter horses all his life, training them before he entered college. He also did farrier work, which consists of shoeing and trimming horses hooves.

Walker said he had wanted to be in the rodeo before arriving at UW-RF; a friend got him interested in broncing, an event in which the horse bucks or lunges, trying to throw the rider off its back.

Last year, Walker went down to Iowa to practice with stock a couple of hours a day.

Upon coming to UW-RF, the opposite happened and he found himself riding saddle bronc, or bucking horses.

"I've been involved in Rodeo Club since my freshman year," Walker said. "I've been riding broncs for a little over three years."

Broncing is the most traditional, old-fashioned rodeo event.

The animals wear straps which force them to buck in a certain direction.

For Walker, competing in rodeo events is quite exciting.

"It's an adrenaline rush," he said.

Competing is on Walker's mind even outside of the arena.

"In class, I think about my ride and how I want to do. I also have a fear and respect for the horse," he said.

In addition to having horses flip over on him, Walker also had his entire row of bottom teeth knocked out by a horse.

To protect himself from dangerous situations, Walker explained safety gear must be worn, including a vest and mouth guard.

"Like any other sport, there's a risk," he said. "Not so much in broncing, however, since you're not attached to the animal."

In an event such as Bull-Roping, for instance, the

rope is around the rider's hand.

Some of Walker's teammates on the Rodeo Team elaborated on his hard work and dedication.

"He's always out there giving 100 percent," said Stephanie A. Hirsbrunner, Rodeo Team captain. "He does work for the Rodeo Club Jackpot, doing physical labor, and never complains."

The jackpot, Walker explained, is a timed event featuring Barrel Racing, put on by the Rodeo Club to raise money.

Hirsbrunner also explained that Walker was the only teammate to travel down with the team last year to all the regional college rodeos. He went along to support the team even when he wasn't competing.

Next year, Hirsbrunner said Walker, as vice-president, will have the responsibility of planning the rodeo and getting it together.

Walker said his responsibilities will include finding a contractor and getting a stock contract, getting workers to help out. He will also have to find ways to publicize the event.

"He does everything you can think of," she said. "He's really talented."

Maria Kusilek, who's been on the Rodeo Team for three years, agreed with Hirsbrunner.

"He's very outgoing and is always there at meetings," Kusilek said.

She also explained how Walker dressed up as a bull-fighter for past Rodeo Club events.

"He definitely puts in his time," she said.

While Walker devotes much of his time to the Rodeo Club and the Rodeo Team, he also has a number of other interests.

For instance, not only did he sing the National Anthem for the second time (he also sang last year) at the start of the rodeo on Friday, but he also performed at the Minnesota State Fair this past summer.

Walker explained that he'd been trying to get to the fair for a few years; he was competing on the county level, playing and writing his own songs. He made it through the first and second rounds of competition, but not the third.

Walker didn't mind, however.

"To get as far as I did was a good goal for myself. I'm not complaining," he said. If the opportunity were to present itself, Walker would like to sing professionally someday.

For the moment, however, Walker, who is also a member of Alpha Gamma Rho, is content with his participation in rodeo events like saddle bronc.

"I love rodeo and I want to stick with it."



Sarah Doyle / The Student Voice
George Walker, Rodeo Club Vice-President and Rodeo Team member, clowns around outside South Hall.

STUDENT SENATE NEWS

Senate leaders elected, resign

Andrea Caudill
Staff Writer

Seven new Senate Directors and Board Chairs were elected to the UW-River Falls Student Senate Tuesday night in Room 116 of the Agriculture Science Building. Also discussed was a new type of professor evaluation involving a longer questionnaire and open-ended questions to be considered for future school terms.

The Senate voted 11-0 to elect the new directors and board chairs. They include David Chell for Shared Governance, Jamie Kirkpatrick for Student Affairs and Academic Services, Jennifer Straub for Legislative Issues, Jennifer Mundt for Fall 2000 Finance, and Ryan Eiler for Spring 2001 Finance. Board Chairs elected include Scott Garbow for Leadership Development and Programming, and Adam Hady for Facilities and Fees.

A new idea is being proposed for a change in the way professor evaluations are done. At the current time, evaluations are used solely as per-

formance evaluations for the individual professors. However, other UW System schools are using more detailed evaluations and posting them on a website so students can read about professors they might choose for a class.

"Oshkosh is one school that puts all of their professor evaluation results on the Internet, so when you're registering for a class, you can see how that person was rated and see if that is someone who will work for you," said Jamie Kirkpatrick, Student Affairs Director.

The Student Affairs and Academic Services Committee will be working on a plan to mimic this type of evaluation, and expand the current five-question evaluation to a more detailed one that includes essay questions that would allow more to be revealed about a professor's teaching style. The results would then be posted on the Internet for prospective students to see how a particular professor has been rated. This plan would benefit freshman and transfer students trying to choose between classes.

"A lot of freshmen don't have a clue about the professors," said

Thomas Pulford, pre-elementary education major.

The changes are still being worked on, but might be implemented as early as spring term, according to Kirkpatrick.

Senators also voted to ratify an amendment to accept the resignations of seven previous Senators, which are effective immediately. The Senators include Rory Brecke, Jared Fuller, Scott Garbow, Tawana Hanamann, Morgan Jindrich, Jason Reeves, and Mandy Freemore. The Senate is still looking to fill various chair or director positions, and are looking for and interviewing applicants.

Also discussed was the proposed \$26 million new Student Center which could start construction as soon as 2002.

The decision for choosing the architect to design the building will be chosen by a committee in Madison instead of by UW-RF representatives, according to Senator Jennifer Mundt.

The Student Senate will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in a room to be announced.

FACULTY SENATE NEWS

Easier access to data tops Lydecker's list for new year

John Goss
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls Chancellor Ann Lydecker was on hand to answer questions and to discuss her inauguration as new chancellor at the first Faculty Senate meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Lydecker has spent many years on committees such as the Academic Policy and Program Committee at Gustavus Adolphus College, and committees at Minnesota State University at Mankato.

One idea Lydecker expressed at the meeting was the need to have more data available to base decisions on. Lydecker said that one weakness of UW-RF is access to data. To address this problem she suggested an Institutional research and assessment office be considered for the future.

Lydecker is looking at ways to accumulate information, allowing a jump start on making decisions.

Lydecker also discussed budgeting and financial planning. Stating that she sees, "more budgeting than financial planning," Lydecker called for more long-term thinking, saying, "think of financial planning for the future."

She was also asked what positive or negative factors about UW-RF have stood out in her mind the most since she has arrived.

Lydecker said there are no surprises in a negative way, saying she was most impressed by the amount of students engaged in campus activities.

Lydecker said she was happy to see so many freshmen and sophomore involved in activities so early in the school year saying, "It is neat to see students finding homes on campus," Lydecker said.

Lydecker was also asked about the challenge in balancing internal versus external responsibilities as Chancellor.

"There may be weeks when I'm on campus," Lydecker said. "There

may be weeks when I'm off campus."

She said she checks her email off campus regularly, and stressed the importance of communicating directly with the Senate.

Senate members welcomed more chancellor participation in the bi-weekly meetings.

Lydecker even suggested finding time outside formal meetings to talk, calling for "coffee and cookie time" to discuss issues.

Lydecker also discussed her future inauguration and installation. The event is to be held on a Saturday at the end of a week celebrating UW-RF. She said she expects faculty and administration from across the country to attend and looks forward to showing people the outstanding qualities UW-RF has.

Lydecker discussed publicizing UW-River Falls.

"We are in the shadows of the Twin Cities and Western Wisconsin."

CAMPUS SECURITY

Janel Nellen and Matt Rayburn
Staff Writers

Alcohol has brought UW-River Falls students and the River Falls Police Department together once again.

The following students received underage consumption citations at a party at 208 S. 5th St. on Sept. 17: Brooke T. Huftel, 20; Matthew T. Farmer, 19; Lucas J. Smith, 19; Brian G. Erickson, 19; Nathan F. Gess, 20; Jeremy R. Licht, 20; Jessica S. Perry, 19; Amber M. Schroeder, 19; Bradley D. Roy, 20;

Emily A. Graham, 20; Julie E. Anderson, 19; Jacob M. Kern, 18; Devon M. Brecke, 19; Katie L. Surret, 18; and Brock A. Simon, 20; who was also cited for obstructing and resisting an officer.

Eric M. Stichert, 20, received a citation for underage consumption Sept. 14 in 308 Stratton Hall.

Joshua M. Bell, 18, was cited for underage consumption and disorderly conduct Sept. 14 in 112 Johnson Hall.

Steven J. Sheehan, 19, was cited for underage consumption in 308 Stratton Hall on Sept. 14.

Kathleen A. Jents, 19, received a

citation for underage consumption Sept. 14 on the 800 block of Cascade Ave.

Joshua C. Thole, 20, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and having a prohibited alcohol concentration on Cascade Ave. Sept. 14.

Aaron C. Eversman, 22, received a citation for public urination in the parking lot of 1073 E. Cascade Ave. Sept. 14.

Thor L. Johnson, 21, was arrested for his involvement in a hit and run accident and driving while intoxicated in the 100 block of Main St. Sept. 15.

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Eco-challenge / fierce competition

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Unfortunately for Team Royal Force, a combination of injuries and team disputes robbed them of the chance to do the final sail to the finish.

A severely blistered foot was more than team captain Oscarson could endure and he withdrew the team with just 70 km left in the race.

"We didn't finish and that's that," Gilberg said. "I am frustrated and disappointed that we couldn't continue through until the very last. I wanted to push until I couldn't push anymore, but I guess I could no longer push Alan."

Nolan mentioned a basic rule of any competition.

"You can only go as fast as the slowest person," Nolan said.

Disagreement amongst members whether to continue or not began to tear the team apart during the caving and climbing section. Pain, exhaustion, blisters and frustration from earlier disagreements on which path or route was better fed the turmoil in the group.

"Arguing is also the biggest waste of energy," quipped King.

Despite not finishing the race, their story was similar to other teams. Only 44 teams finished of the 76 that started.

"If you don't finish you either had bad luck, bad strategy, just got off the sofa and showed up, or all of the above," Burnett said. "It's a beautiful course designed for you to finish - an incredible jungle and ocean environment."

Through all of the training, search for sponsorship, jungle trekking, and crossing water, they experienced the fight for survival at one of the most challenging levels. The closeness of the team and the dependence on one another is what kept them alive and enabled them to see one of the most exotic places in the world.

"We finished this race as friends and I am glad of that," Gilberg said. "We are a team and I will not end this race with anger for my teammates. We may not have gotten to the finish line, but we got to what we have to accept as our finish line, both safe and as friends."

Job outlook / More jobs on horizon

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Students agree that it is a good time to get out there and build careers.

"Chances are good right now that you can get a job or internship. From there you can make connections and increase your chances of getting a good job someday," said marketing communications senior Matt Palas.

"I've been looking and there are quite a few job openings," said agricultural business senior Tyler White. "I even found plenty of jobs in small towns."

On a national level, the Twin Cities area compares extremely well to other major metropolitan areas. Only Detroit and Atlanta post stronger employment outlooks. St. Louis, Dallas and New Orleans have the weakest job markets.

Nader / Editorial letter supports Green Party candidate for presidency

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Bush will trigger your emotions and leave you with the notion that it is your obligation to save America from his deceitful opposition. The difference between the two parties, Nader says, "is the velocity with which their knees hit the floor when big corporations knock on the door."

Bush differs from Gore in regards that he would add substantial tax dollars to aid the already costly War on Drugs. Bush would also advocate the use of voucher programs for private schools and dump billions more into already debated criminal justice system. Furthermore, he pledges to support the constitutional right to own arms while protecting weapons manufacturers from liability.

The problem with Bush is that like Gore, he whole heartedly supports WTO and NAFTA policies. If the people of America truly investigated the effects these policies will have on our future, then I believe that our involvement in these programs would not be so automatic. In regards to Bush's proposals, have we not spent enough tax money on social programs that have been proven unbelievably ineffective such as the War on Drugs? When we realize that private schools are not worthy

of tax dollars until public schools are up to standard? When will we come to the conclusion that we do not need guns to protect the homeland from the British?

Ralph Nader believes that gun owners should be licensed the same way we license drivers and that gun dealer should be responsible

same fashion, he would make same day voter registration a reality and transform election day into a holiday which would celebrate America's historical democracy.

Under Nader, all campaign financing would be publically funded in an attempt to make corporate strings devalue. A "none of

The two major parties have restricted him from appearing in the national debates for fear that political enlightenment could resurface in the same fashion that occurred in Minnesota's Gubernatorial race when Jesse Ventura was allowed an opportunity to debate. Nader does, however, realize that every vote he receives is one more message being sent to the powers that control America. A message to wake up and take note, the people are paying attention.

We pay for what we get. You want an attractive president that makes you feel warm and cuddly while lying to your face. Vote for Al Gore. You want to vote for the lesser of two evils. Vote for George W. Bush. If you want to remember that you own this country, not the corporations that control--if you want to get what you have paid for--the public lands, the airwaves, your right to have politics work in the best interest of your society--vote for Ralph Nader.

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the above" ballot option would be proposed so that people could choose alternative candidates in the event that neither candidate was suitable enough to beat the option. And lastly, he would abolish the United States involvement in the WTO and NAFTA to better fuel the economy and America's future through better working conditions, wages, and environmental standards.

Ralph Nader knows as well as I do that he will not be elected the next president of the United States.

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