

Unity in the Community fills Student Center lawn

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Demonstration provokes war of words

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Scenes of shouting and screaming replaced the usual serenity of the Student Center lawn on Tuesday afternoon when a group of up to 200 students confronted members of Missionaries to the Preborn, who were carrying signs with pictures of aborted fetuses and slogans such as "Friends don't let friends be homosexuals."

What started as a pro-life demonstration quickly grew into a heated four-hour debate on issues such as homosexuality, premarital sex and the role of women according to the Bible.

Formed in 1990, Missionaries to the Preborn is an organization based out of Milwaukee that wants to ban abortion and put a stop to Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood supports a woman's right to choose and provides many women with health care services. Currently, Missionaries to the Preborn is on a Wisconsin campus tour, having visited UW-Stevens Point on Monday.

As preacher Chuck Spingola stood atop a cement platform and read Bible verses supporting his condemnation of abortion and homosexuality, the group of students slowly closed in around him and began responding with comments such as "Get off our campus!" and "Where in the Bible does it say it's okay to hate?"

A few crowd members joined Spingola on the platform, covering his face with signs and offering their own verses from the Bible as counterpoints to his message. When the students covered Spingola's face with signs, the crowd erupted with clapping and chanted "Leave it there."

Several students cheered as freshman Tracy Bendewald read John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, he gave his only son, so that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Bendewald said that verse was appropriate because it contradicted what Spingola was saying about God hating homosexuals and individuals that have had abortions.

Freshman Gretchen Manke, a friend of Bendewald's, felt that Spingola's message was misguided and inconsistent with the Christian faith.

"He's preaching hate instead of love," Manke said. "I haven't heard a single person defend him yet."

At one point in time, two students stood on both sides of Spingola holding up "I'm with stupid" signs. Other forms of protest included a round of "Jesus Loves Me," and same-sex couples exchanging kisses in front of Spingola.

Spingola reacted by accusing audience members of being "fascists" and asking them about their own decisions involving sexuality, drinking and marriage.

"Most of you have no moral standards," Spingola said. "You won't go to war against homosexuality and the murder of babies. You are morally cowards."

Spingola also told audience members of his past with sex and drugs, and because of God he is the person he is today.

"I was once a drug addict and a whore monger," Spingola said. "I know what sin is. I keep going since my king commands me to preach the Bible. I feel the presence of God when doing these presentations."

Eric Dodge, president of the Gay-Straight Alliance, offered his perspective on the situation.

"Them preaching hate I'm totally against," Dodge said. "As a very openly gay person and as someone who is very active in GSA and Student Senate, I respect everyone's right to voice their opinions."

Junior Clay Carlson believed in what the speaker was saying about the lessons of Peter in the Bible, but felt he left out a lot about the themes of salvation and unconditional love.

"The words he was saying were true, he left out all of the good points in the Bible" Carlson said. "Hell is an ugly place, but he never talked about how beautiful heaven is."

Carlson went on to say that some of the crowd members could have expressed their views more appropriately.

"A lot of people acted immaturely," Carlson said. "The signs were just tasteless and rude. This guy was by no means polite, but that's no reason to spit in his face."

During the entire presentation, campus security officers and members of the River Falls Police Department watched the demonstration to ensure no one was hurt.

Priscilla Stevens, public safety director, said as long as the demonstrators didn't enter any of the University buildings or resort to violence, what they were doing was perfectly legal.

"Everyone is within their rights," Stevens said. "As long as they remain peaceful, and there are no threats of violence, the University is happy to see open discussion on issues."

Stevens added that this type of demonstration is a good learning tool for students to practice debate and communication skills.

"It's an excellent opportunity for students to grow, learn and experience different ways of thinking and different ideas," she said.

Social Work Chair Ogden Rogers agreed with Stevens and believes this type of demonstration is an effective way to challenge the thoughts and opinions of people



Freshman Corey Adams holds a sign in protest of Chuck Spingola's speech.

See "Demonstration" on A10

Scenes of reaction



Photos by Molly Montag and Scott Wentz / The Student Voice

Above: Traveling missionary Chuck Spingola quotes from his Bible during the Tuesday demonstration.

Left: UW-RF freshman Courtney Watters listens to Spingola's controversial opinions.

Bottom left: Students wait to question Spingola's interpretation of the Bible.

Bottom right: Junior Mandy Stokes engages in a lively debate with a six-year-old member of Missionaries to the Preborn.



Rally remembers victims of domestic, sexual violence

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She was a young mother and a new college graduate. In August, despite an order for protection, she endured a brutal beating by her estranged boyfriend.

On Valentine's Day, he had a gun in a heart-shaped box marked 'filled with love and a little gift too.' He went to her office and chased her into a bathroom stall. She survived the seven deadly shots long enough to identify him.

-story included with a 'silent witness' commemorating the life of Kami Tally, age 22.

Last Thursday evening, during the 5th annual Take Back the Night rally against domestic and sexual violence, nearly 50 individuals joined together on the Student

Center lawn to tell their own stories of survival and to remember the victims who were not so lucky.

"The goal is to increase awareness of violence against women and to empower men and women to take a stand against violence," said Mindy Speer, a guest speaker at the rally and former chair of the UW-RF Gender Equality Committee.

The rally participants, almost all of which were female, listened to several guest speakers, each with a unique background but all with the common goal of increasing public awareness of an issue usually kept private.

The keynote speaker for the event was Anne McKinley from the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, who talked about misconceptions regarding sexual assault victims in Wisconsin.

"The typical victim in Wisconsin is a 15-year-old female," said McKinley, adding that child sexual abuse usually starts before the age of 10.

While the assumption is that most victims of sexual and domestic assault are female, McKinley discussed several situations males may encounter.

"A guy might be in a relationship with a previously-assaulted female who looks to him for support," McKinley said. "But guys, a lot of

times, are victims of sexual assault as well."

The theme of the five guest speakers, including River Falls Mayor Katie Chaffee, was the need for more public discussion about sexual and domestic assault in order to stop it from happening. However, the emphasis was on assuring former victims that their healing process could begin by sharing their story, and that despite mixed messages from family, friends and society, abuse is never the fault of the victim.

"So often they don't say, 'I think I've been raped,'" said Theresa Zirbel, sexual assault victim's services coordinator for Turningpoint, the local shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence. "There is a common experience for people. Admitting to the fact that you've been raped or assaulted means you can start to take back your life."

Zirbel, who counsels victims of sexual violence, told a story of a man who was raped and remained silent about the assault for three years. Finally he began the healing process by telling someone that he was raped.

"The change that it made in his life was fantastic," said Zirbel of the man's eventual willingness to speak openly about his assault.

While sexual violence towards males does occur, it is much more probable the victim of sexual abuse or rape is female and the perpetrator is someone they know, said Sunshine Hedlund, director of women's issues for United Council of UW Students.

"Ninety-three percent of all sexual assaults are done by someone you know," Hedlund said. "We're always telling a woman how to protect herself against a stranger when she's actually being raped by someone she knows."

Hedlund also discussed the reluctance of college-aged victims to report an assault or rape to the campus public safety office.

"Women are often forced to relive, over and over, their experience when they report it," she said, adding that the number of sexual assault incidences reported on college campuses is much lower than the actual number of assaults.

"Lori died after being severely beaten, having her head shoved into a wall, then her throat was cut with a piece of glass and she bled to death."

-story included with a t-shirt commemorating the life of Lori Beth Lewis, 37.



Scott Wentz / The Student Voice

Marchers took to the streets last Thursday during the 5th annual Take Back the Night rally. The group marched through campus and down Main Street while shouting messages deploring domestic and sexual violence.

See "Take Back the Night" on A10

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Discontinued Textbook Sale will be on at Textbook Services from now until finals week. Textbooks are available in all subject areas at prices ranging from 25 cents to several dollars per copy.

Spring Current Textbook Sale: If you want to purchase any of the textbooks that you have checked out, bring them to Textbook Services during the Spring Textbook Sale between Feb. 12 and April 13 and you will receive a 20 to 40 percent discount.

Graduating Seniors and exit counseling. Federal regulations require all graduating seniors who have had school loans at UW-RF attend an Exit Counseling Session or complete online exit counseling. These sessions provide you with information you will need in order to repay your student loans. The "live" exit sessions will be held in the International Room, second floor, in the Student Center. The times are on Wed., May 2 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Fri., May 4 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The online loan counseling website is www.uwrf.edu/financialassistance. Print the results and mail to the financial aid office.

The Hudson Hospital is accepting applications for students who are interested in internships or have community service hours to fulfill. We have several positions available to meet your school and work schedule. Please call Janet Petrell, Volunteer Coordinator at 377-5733 for more information.

A Student Juried Exhibition will be held from April 20 to May 10 in Gallery 101 in KFA. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

Tune In and Focus. *Focus on U* is a weekly TV program written, directed, and produced by UW-RF students. Tune in to channel 19 daily at 9 a.m., 5 p.m., or 9 p.m. for all your campus and community news, sports, 411, and "Thingy" needs. Questions or comments? Please e-mail us at focus@uwrf.edu

Wanted: Anything that resembles talent for "On the Road to Finals: Variety Show on May 21. Contact Sally Berkholder or Cari Nelson at Career Services at 425-3572.

EVENTS

The 2nd Annual May Fest, sponsored by May Hall, will be held on May 16 in Brandy's. We are looking for bands interested in getting their music heard and names known. If interested, e-mail dannell.j.peter-son@uwrf.edu by May 1.

The Annual Newfod Science Fiction/Fantasy Auction will be held on May 12 at 1 p.m. in the Wausau West High School. Items from Star Trek, Dr. WHO, Star Wars, and more will be up for auction. For more information, contact Paulette at (715)842-3914.

Shared Governance End of the Year Celebration. An event to say "Thank You" to the many students that serve on campus committees. The event will be held on Wed., May 2 at Glen Park (the Falcon's Nest if it rains) with a speaker at 5 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m., and awards at 6 p.m.

The Business Communication Organization is hosting a "Not-So-Formal" Formal at Brandy's, located in the Student Center, on Fri., May 4. The cost will be \$5 per person at the door; there will be no pre-sold tickets. The dance will run from 8 p.m. to midnight. Make it fun! Come in semi-formal/formal attire and be ready to dance the night away and have a good time. If you have any questions, call Susan at 425-4861.

The Wisconsin Area Music Industry will host a seminar titled "Working Smart...with your voice, on the stage, and in the studio" on Sun., April 29 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at St. John Antida Hight School. Admission is \$10 for the general public and free to WAMI members. For more information, contact Amy Scholz at (414)354-0200, ext. 106.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Army Emergency Relief is sponsoring the M.G. James Ursano Scholarship Fund. This is open to dependent children of army soldiers on active duty, retired or deceased while on duty or after retirement. The applicants must be registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0. Applications may be printed from www.aerhq.org.

MEETINGS

The Association of Women in Communication of UW-River Falls will meet every Thursday morning inside Java Coast at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome to join.

Want to serve as a link between past, present and future alumni? As a member of the Student Alumni Association you will meet new people, interact and network with alumni, go to fun conferences and develop professional skills. If these opportunities sound good to you or if you are interested come find out what the Student Alumni Association is all about. We meet every other Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Room in South Hall. For more information, you may contact Dan McGinty or Kimberly Gould-Speckman at the Alumni Office at 425-3505.

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

Campus Crusade for Christ meets every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the Regents Room in the Student Center. Join us!

Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science society, meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room in the Student Center.

The International Film Series will have presentations in Centennial Science Hall 271 on Thursdays at 4 p.m. In conjunction with the Women's History Month, we are focusing this semester on women and film. The series will present a number of views of women, both as the subjects of the film and as the creators and directors.

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.

Coffee Cottage and Grill have replaced Taco John's



Molly Montag / The Student Voice
Katie Murphy, left, and Carrie Rupnow have a bite to eat at the new Coffee Cottage Cafe & Grill on Cascade Ave.

Molly Montag
Photo Editor

Students will now have a new place to hang out and study. The Coffee Cottage Cafe & Grill took up residence in the old Taco John's building with an expanded menu, a drive through and a more spacious interior.

The business, formerly called the Coffee Cottage, was previously located on Main Street.

The extra space has allowed co-owners Glen Duchane and Lynette Weldon to add many things.

"We needed more space, more parking and we were really attracted to the drive-through coffee," Weldon said.

Weldon bought the business a year and a half ago, when it was named The

Java Hut. Duchane became a partner two months ago.

The interior was completely gutted with the departure of the previous business, but Weldon and Duchane have gone to great lengths to create a friendly atmosphere.

"It's very casual, very relaxed," said employee Emily Roelli, a senior.

A small waterfall, fireplace, arch, jukebox, latticework and flowers transform the former fast food joint. Weldon said the idea was to bring the outdoors inside.

"We tried to make it warm and inviting instead of cold and fast-food," she said.

Employee Brian Qually feels the drive-through may turn out to be a favorite with customers.

"I believe that the drive-through should be really popular," he said.

They could not have a grill or deep fryer in the previous location on Main Street, but the new location is perfect. In two or three weeks, Weldon expects to complete a dinner menu. Right now, patrons will see an expanded lunch and appetizer selection. Vegetarian items will be expanded and at some point, the Coffee Cottage Cafe and Grill could start a catering service.

The dinner menu will be pricier than long-time patrons are used to, but breakfast and lunch will be the same.

"You can still come in here and get a good meal (food and drink) for six bucks," Weldon said.

The establishment will feature a variety of entertainment.

Plans call for open mic on Mondays and music on Thursdays. Duchane and Weldon encourage local bands, artists, and musicians to contact them about performances. The only request for bands is Weldon or Duchane receives a CD, so they can get an idea of the kind of music in question.

The drive through is open 5-6 a.m. Monday through Friday before the main lobby. Weekday hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

They encourage students to bring in homework and have a cup of coffee while they study. In fact, they are considering extending hours during midterms and final exam week to accommodate those staying up late.

Seating capacity jumped from 19 to 49, with plans for more outside. Duchane and Weldon are going to move three tables outside in the next week, with plans for a patio and five more tables in the future.

In fact, Duchane said they plan to move the music outside.

"When summer comes, there are a lot more things we can do," said Weldon.

Student receives scholarship, looks forward to landscape career

Andrea Caudill
Staff Writer

Freshman Andrew Dougan applied for the \$500 Wisconsin Landscaper Contractors Association Milwaukee Chapter off a suggestion by one of his professors. Winning the scholarship, however, was a surprise.

"I was happy and thrilled," Dougan said. "It was unexpected."

The scholarship began in 1986, and is designed to help students pursuing a career in the landscape industry by providing them with financial aid. Applicants had to fill out a basic application and get three letters of recommendation. They look for students that have proven their desire to work in the industry and that have a successful academic record. The

WLCA Metro Milwaukee Chapter established the scholarship to remember past industry leaders who made a difference, and to help grow in the future. They gave out six scholarships this year.

Dougan is majoring in horticulture with a concentration in landscape design and hails from Columbus, Wis.

Dougan first learned about the scholarship in his horticulture class taught by Professor Terry Ferriss who announced its availability in several of her classes.

"Andrew had experience already through high school and summer employment activities and had a pretty good record of commitment to the industry," Ferriss said. "They look to see if there is a commitment to the industry."

This was the first time the schol-

arship was promoted to River Falls students. According to Ferriss, it is pretty unique in that it is open to all students, not just juniors and seniors.

"The agribusiness industry, known also as the 'green industry,' ranks third in the state. It encompasses such occupations as the production of sod, nurseries, garden centers, florists, landscape construction, irrigation, tree services, and much more," said Matthew M. Stano, the president of the WLCA Professional Landscape Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Dougan chose this career path because of his interest in and enjoyment of the outdoors.

"My dad and I always did various landscapes around the house," Dougan said.

He took a horticulture class in high school, and was involved in the 4-H Club. He also worked in

landscape as a summer job.

Dougan wants to concentrate on landscape design. This usually involves working with companies to create landscaping around their buildings. The job involves interviewing the company to learn what kind of design they're looking for, make some observations, and then create drawings of a proposed layout. Once it is approved, then construction would begin.

The job involves knowing individual plants tolerances, such as a preference for sun versus shadows. Also knowing different types of plants, and how they look in a landscape.

The scholarship is given annually, and is renewed by reapplying.

"I was real pleased Andrew could pick it up," Ferriss said.

Minimum cost for purchasing center points is lowered

Kathryn Houge
Staff Writer

Students will no longer need to put a minimum of \$25 in their Center Points account at Student Services. They can add smaller amounts, as small as \$1, to their Center Points at the Card Value Center (CVC) terminals in Hagestad Student Center or Davee Library with the "add to account" option.

The goal is to eventually get all student services online on the University mainframe that can't be accessed by off-campus sources. Then students can use Center Points for all of their needs like laundry, vending, and copies, said Gerda Benedict, the Director of University Food Service Operations/Campus Card Office.

The copier's card readers hold a user's ID number and Center Points information for 15 seconds. Benedict stresses the importance of pushing the cancel button when finishing at a copier so that other people won't use the previous user's points.

The larger strip of University ID cards is coded with the card holder's identification number. Meal balances, points, and other information is kept in the school's mainframe instead of on the card.

Previously, students could make copies using cash amounts electronically written on the smaller strip of the card, which could be lost or damaged. The new copiers' card readers accept Center Points instead; a balance a student won't lose if the card is lost or damaged.

"We hope that students will feel more secure making copies with the Center Points," Benedict said.

Senior Mass Communications major Anna

Linker thinks that the new system "sounds really cool." She often bought food and copies with the smaller strip of her card as an underclassman, but had to replace her ID card several times, losing the money on the vending strip, and found dealing with nickels for the copiers annoying.

Linker thinks students will benefit from having student services online.

"It'll be nice to have a system that guarantees that your card will work, a card for everything," she said.

Campus Card Office Program Assistant Sandy Crace says that the mainframe is just as secure as records kept in North Hall. Though it may seem

"It'll be nice to have a system that guarantees that your card will work, a card for everything,"

-Senior Anna Linker, mass communications major

cumbersome at first, the new online points should become a convenience, she said.

"Eventually it should be wonderful," Crace said.

While the Student Center copiers only accept cash or Center Points now, the library's copiers still accept money recorded on cards' small strips. Those card readers will be removed at the end of the semester, but the four-cents-per-copy discount still applies when using Center Points.

The small strip can still be used to purchase items from vending machines on campus and to

pay for laundry. Center Points can be transferred to the smaller vending strip at the CVCs with the "account to card" option.

Student Services will transfer large amounts from the small strip to Center Points at the end of the semester, but encourages students to use it all before then or use it for laundry and vending.

During the J-term break, Student Services and the Publications Department, which is in charge of the University's copiers, decided that it would be more convenient to switch one service throughout campus instead of one building's services to the online service.

"We've talked about putting all the vending machines online, but we always stalled out because of the expense," Benedict said. The copiers are a start at getting everything connected, she said, but it will take a while to hook up the older academic buildings for online services.

The CVC machines are about \$8,000 each, she says, and that Student Services would probably install one in Rodli if there were enough funds.

Food Service Program Assistant Deb Wros still oversees Center Points purchases by check and credit card in Student Services, but thinks that eventually more people will use cash to put money in their accounts via the CVCs.

"It'll take a while for people to get used to it and understand it," she said.

Damaged ID cards cost \$5 to replace and lost ID cards cost \$10 to replace at the Campus Card Office in 211 Hagestad Student Center.

Questions about the cards and system should be directed to Sandy Crace in the Campus Card Office at 425-4663, extension 104.

"Especially during this transition time, it's important for people to get their questions answered," said Benedict.

STUDENT SENATE

Women's Issues position debated

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Front Page Editor

Heated debate once again dominated Student Senate on Tuesday evening.

Debate centered around the creation of a Women's Issues Director, as well as Senate's involvement in a resolution to implement sustainable architecture on campus.

Diversity Issues Director Eric Dodge spoke to Senators about implementing this position, which he's been discussing for the past few weeks.

"This position is something I've been looking forward to creating all year long," Dodge said. "Especially today, with the rally, which touched upon abortion issues, and Take Back the Night. Sixty percent of this campus is women and they need someone to work with them and stand up for their issues."

Legislative Issues Director Jennifer Straub, who assisted in the motion, feels it is definitely a needed position on campus.

"I've done a great deal of research on women's groups," Straub said. "There was a women's center here on campus in the 70s, but there haven't been any women's institutions since. GEC (Gender Equality Council) is not a stable thing to rely on; it's irresponsible for campus to rely on a community organization to deal with (campus) issues."

Shared Governance Director Dave Chell questioned his fellow senators on the usefulness of their proposed position, wondering what resources it would provide aside from those already in place.

"How many paid positions do we have (on Senate)?" Chell questioned. "I know this would be a paid position, also, and I'm a little nervous about (adding another) if we can't even fill Senate now."

Unless Senate was to create an impartial position, Chell did not feel the Women's Issues Director was warranted without a lot of merit.

Straub addressed his concerns, stating that the Women's Issues Director is a position that's been used on other campuses very effectively.

She elaborated, stating that while women do represent sixty percent of UW-River Falls population, there are a number of issues that deal with them specifically.

Trying to cover these issues on a diversity situation, which is already pretty full, she noted, seems to be a bit too much.

It is for this reason that she fully supported the creation

of a Women's Issues Director.

"A Women's Issues Director is a wonderful resource," Straub said. "It will provide things on campus we do not already have and will act as a liaison between other resources."

She stressed that there will be issues for the director to work on and do well, feeling that it's a solid program that could make a difference.

Senator Cora Opsahl shared her concerns regarding women's issues and how they're currently addressed on campus.

"We do have a counseling service here," Opsahl said. "There are two male counselors and one female. If you want an appointment with the female counselor, you better be willing to wait at least two weeks."

Opsahl said the fact that UW-RF does not have a (Women's Issues) position is a scary issue.

"Our campus, being a majority of women, justifies the creation of this position," she said. "Women deserve to have equal access to everything, including medical care."

Opsahl was referring to EPIC (Equal Prescription Insurance Coverage), which she learned about while attending the Women's Issues Council.

Under EPIC, not all women's contraceptives are covered; also, pharmacists can deny female prescriptions and not tell them why or where to get them elsewhere.

Opsahl felt very strongly on this issue.

"With only five women on Senate, don't you think that if people were going to places where a lot of women go, we could attract them (women)?" she said.

Senator Steven Palmer was not concerned with the money issue or concept of the position but rather what the Women's Issues Director would do to Senate's structure.

"Will it take three senators and put them into women's issues and only have two (women senators) on other committees?" Palmer asked. "I'm not against it, but I do feel it needs to be addressed."

Dodge explained that preferably a woman would hold the position, but it's not stated in the motion that (the director) could not be a man.

Senator Jason Jacobs wondered what would happen if a male was elected, stating that there aren't a lot of women on Senate now, and four have resigned this past semester.

"It can get a lot better," Straub said in response to Jacobs' concern. "A lot more can be done if we create this position. If a man gets the position and is committed to the job, great, we need those."

Straub said a great deal needs to be done on campus as

far as women's issues go, and a Women's Issues Director could help with that.

The motion passed 16-1 with one abstention.

Another motion brought to the table allocated \$400 for polo shirts for Senators to wear at the Chancellor's Inauguration and around campus to help promote Student Senate.

This also brought about a great deal of debate among Senators.

Senator Matthew Edwards felt the polo shirts would help to live up Senate.

"A few weeks ago, we were saying that we're not living up to our duties (as senators)," Edwards said. "If we're wearing these shirts (around campus) students could come up to us and ask what Senate is."

Senator Steven Palmer could not understand how Senate could justify spending student money to make students aware of who we are.

Finance Director Ryan Eiler commented on Palmer's statement, saying that these T-shirts will function as advertising devices.

"It's just like putting an ad in the paper," Eiler said. "If we don't want to use the money, people will never know (who we are)."

The account out of which the funds will come, the 433 account, is student money needed for Senate to function, similar to accounts other student organizations have to function.

President Adam Clasen felt the T-shirts were a good thing for Senate, because students will see senators with them on and ask questions.

There was some debate among audience members including representatives from the Resource Management Club as the high dollar amount allocated for the shirts.

Having just bought T-shirts recently, they (Resource Management Club) could not understand the necessity of having polo shirts for the inauguration.

Opsahl was in agreement with this sentiment.

"I think it's a poor use of money," Opsahl said. "We have students sitting at meetings saying they don't want to spend their money on polo shirts for us. Right now, we're asking every student out there to spend \$400 on polo shirts for us that some of you won't wear because you're graduating."

She continued, stating that there are more things Senate could be working on right now like sustainable architecture.

The motion passed 14-1 with three abstentions.

The issue of sustainable architecture came up later in the meeting, when Phyllis Jaworski, Eco Club President,

introduced a motion drafted by Straub and Clasen which would have Senate taking an active role in implementing sustainable architecture on campus, and supporting efforts to incorporate the architecture on campus.

Straub felt it was a good cause for Senate to become involved in.

"It's not very often that we get a group of students coming to our meetings to speak on issues, which is unfortunate," Straub said. "Our job is to represent students on campus; the ladies sitting here have done a wonderful job on this motion."

Straub addressed her fellow senators, stating that this would not be a big task for Senate to take on, as it's a way to institute ideals of what we (students) would like to see in 30 years.

Jaworski also addressed Senate concerns, saying that the motion was simply something for Senate to consider.

"It's a measure to say Senate supports it and the campus supports it," Jaworski said. "We need support from everyone around us to do this."

The motion passed 18-0.

In other Senate news

Dodge brought another motion to the table asking for Senate to approve \$3000 out of the 433 account to fund a Diversity Issues picnic to be held May 3 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the Student Center lawn.

Dodge said the reason behind the picnic is to say thank you for students' involvement in diversity organizations.

Senator Terrance Galbreath spoke in favor of the picnic as well, stating that it would be a great time to bring all diversity groups together, to meet people and promote diversity.

First year senator Matthew Edwards was also in favor of the motion, stating Senate's previous debates on how they stress diversity and making students feel welcome.

"For us to question how he's doing this and why is wrong," Edwards said. "We're just trying to think of something TO DO. It would be something for campus to get involved in."

The motion passed 17-1 with one abstention.

A final motion brought about the resignation of Senator Heidi Hargreaves.

The motion passed 18-0.

The next meeting of Student Senate will be Tuesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Drinking, vandalism continue on campus

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Co-News Editor

Eight UW-River Falls students paid for a night of drinking by receiving citations ranging from underage consumptions to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence.

Drinking Fines

April 19, Erik J. Stewart, 19, received a \$404 underage consumption citation at 212 Wason Ln. This was Stewart's third offense.

April 19, Jedediah B. Bauer, 18, was issued a \$158 underage consumption citation and a \$96.50 citation for having an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle.

April 20, Paul E. Hunter, 19, and Crystal L. O'Connell, 19, received \$158 underage consumption citations at 100 E. Elm Street.

April 20, Amy R. Pichner, 20, and Emily K. Hettwer, 19, received \$158 underage consumption citations at Mel's Bar. Pichner and Hettwer also each received \$342.50

citations for loitering on a premises because according to the incident report, they had alcoholic beverages in front of them. James F. Reilly, the bartender at Mel's received a \$342.50 citation for permitting minors to loiter on premises in violation of state law, according to the incident report.

April 24, Ryan Vieau, 22, was fined \$687 for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants.

Damages

April 17, \$400 in damage was done to a 1998 Chevy Cavalier parked in O-lot. The passenger side mirror was broken off, the passenger side window was scratched and the passenger side door was scratched and received a small dent.

April 17, A window on the ground level of Frednet Services was broken by a baseball. Replacement for the window is estimated at \$100.

April 20, the rear window was broken to a Dodge Caravan parked in the state vehicle parking lot. Damage was estimated at \$300.

Dancin' for charity



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One-hundred ten dancers earned \$1,2051.72 for Gillette Hospital during the 24 hours of Dance Marathon. Participants had to stay on their feet for 24 hours without the luxuries of sleep and caffeine. Those who donated money to the event included one of the families who has children at Gillette, UPS, Culligan and Medtronic.

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Philosophy 311

Rocky Hulne
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls students will be offered a unique way to look at law next fall due to a new class being offered. Philosophy 311 (Philosophy and Law) will cover the many issues of laws being just or unjust.

Linda Canzanella, who is currently at the University of Minnesota, will teach the course. According to History and Philosophy chairmen, Dr. Bushin, she will be teaching three classes in the fall and is uncertain for the spring semester. Canzanella is teaching the course because Dr. Moosa will be on research for one year. Canzanella was chosen because of her specialty in the area of law.

"Linda Canzanella has a special expertise in this area (law)," said Dr. Bushin.

Canzanella has a high interest and may go on into law instead of continuing academics, according to Dr. Moosa.

"Linda Canzanella has a special interest in law, she is entertaining the idea of getting a law degree," Dr. Moosa said.

According to Moosa the course will have three parts to it. The first section asks what justice is by examining United States laws. The goal is to determine if laws are fair or not to the U.S. citizens.

"A majority of people wanting a law does not neces-

sarily make it a just law," Dr. Moosa said.

The second section of the class will cover controversial issues that come up when discussing laws. This will deal with many current issues where two laws or ideas clash against each other.

"The abuse of people with words versus the freedom of expression is one controversial issue that will be covered," Dr. Moosa said.

The final section of the course covers multiculturalism. This part concerns tradition of cultures versus laws that make those traditions illegal.

"There are some tribes that have peyote as part of their traditions, but laws rule against peyote. There has to be a point where the two meet," Dr. Moosa said.

The course will give students a way to look at laws in a different way. Students will have a chance to question whether or not some laws are needed in society.

Dr. Moosa is taking reasons for two reasons: to prepare for new courses and to do research on a long-term project.

"I will be taking a one year leave to prepare for two new courses I plan to teach: Philosophy-Science and Technology and The Good Life: Ideals and Utopias."

Dr. Moosa also plans to do research on his manuscript "Nature of Value Claims." The manuscript has four chapters done and the final version should contain eight or nine total chapters.

"I will continue research on values for my manuscript," said Dr. Moosa.

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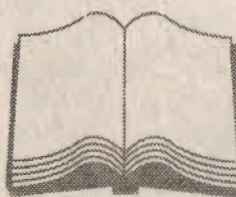


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Democracy for sale?



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From left to right, Alger, Evans, Harsdorf, Lewis, Kstplady, and Schultz discuss US campaigns and the financial backing candidates receive during the election process.

Kevin O'Brien
Editor in Chief

A panel discussion entitled “Is Democracy on Sale?” came to an ironic end on Monday evening. In the middle of their conversation on how the media fails to devote enough time to political issues, the six speakers had to stop talking when they were told they had run out of time.

“These issues are just too complicated to be put into 20 or 30-second sound bites,” said Marsha Pitts-Phillips, planning editor and field producer for Eyewitness News Morning at KSTP-TV. “It doesn’t do them justice to try to simplify them.”

The discussion was in response to the question: “Do you think that further limitations on campaign financing gives the media undue influence on voter behavior?”

When Patrick Evans said that limitations would definitely give the media an advantage, Pitts-Phillips wondered if limits on the media would create a Big Brother state where we’re unable to speak their opinions freely.

The panel itself was discussing the complex issue of money in politics, and also talked about how the media influences candidates and their campaigns.

As part of the College of Arts and Sciences’ contribution to Inauguration Week, the journalism and political science departments brought five local political participants together with Charles Lewis, founder and director of the Center for Public Integrity in Washington, D.C.

The Center is a non-profit, nonpartisan research organization that uncovers ethical violations involving elected officials and examines several public interest issues, including tax evasion and special interest contributions.

Chancellor Ann Lydecker introduced the panel and highlighted the importance of money in politics by saying that unregulated soft money contributions to the Democrats and Republicans had quintupled between

1992 and 2000, from \$86 million to about a half billion dollars.

“Clearly, the price of getting elected to a major US office is skyrocketing,” Lydecker said. “But do Americans register sticker shock?”

Each panelist was given time to express their views on how money and media affects politics.

Ad-junct political science professor David Schultz said he was especially interested in this topic since he co-wrote Governor Jesse Ventura’s campaign finance reform bill that is currently under consideration in the Minnesota state legislator.

Schultz said he was attacking the system of corruption more than he was attacking individual politicians who accept contributions from individuals and corporations.

“If I thought the issue was one of individual corruption-money being exchanged for votes-then I would be talking to the county prosecutors rather than the state senators,” Schultz said.

His solution to the problem would be public financing, whereby citizens would donate part of their tax money to a party or candidate, but he admits there are many viable solutions.

Lewis backed up Schultz’s points by listing numerous incidents the Center uncovered where special interest groups exchanged money for influence and special favors, such as nights in the Lincoln bedroom and a climb to the top of Mount Rushmore.

Money donations are destroying the democratic process, he said, because very few people are exerting influence over the elected officials.

“Who gives money? Mostly middle-aged white males in the upper income strata,” Lewis said. “Ninety-six percent of the American people don’t give a dime to any politician. A check of \$1,000 is coming from one-tenth of one percent.”

The media, he believes, has “not been particularly helpful” in restoring the democratic system, since media

corporations are some of the largest contributors to politicians and provided special trips to lawmakers.

Wisconsin State Senator Sheila Harsdorf said her experiences in last year’s 10th District race, in which \$1.7 million was spent for a position that only pays \$44,000 a year, showed her the need for reform laws.

“This points out how badly broken the system is,” Harsdorf said. “And while not all out of us make our decisions based on who contributes and how much money we get, the fact is some decisions are influenced by money.”

Harsdorf pointed out that of all the money raised in her campaign, only about one-third of it came from her and her opponent Alice Clausing, while the rest came from independent expenditures. This refers to any time a political action committee, a corporation, or individuals contribute their own money outside the campaign.

“There is absolutely no limit on what these groups can spend in independent expenditures,” Harsdorf said. “None of the money is going through any candidate’s finance reports, which means there’s not accountability.”

As a politician, she worries that candidates have no control over their own messages because outside organizations can use their money to say whatever they want.

Rick Evans, former treasurer of the Minnesota Republican Party, dissented from the rest of the panel by openly favoring all forms of campaign contributions.

“I like soft money, I like hard money, I like independent expenditures, I like all that money going into politics,” Evans said. “And the reason I like that is because that’s how people communicate. That’s how we talk about issues, that’s how we address our concerns, that’s how we let our elected officials know how we feel, and that’s how they raise money in order to let us know how they feel.”

Evans disagrees with campaign finance reform

because he feels it is an attempt to limit people’s free speech, and thinks it would unfairly keep potential candidates from running against incumbents because they wouldn’t have enough money to start a successful campaign.

In addition, he feels limiting campaign contributions would give news organizations the sole position of communicating with public.

“The media is also a special interest group,” Evans said. “And you know what’s really special about them? They are the only group that is not regulated. They can say anything they want, as much as they want; they can spend as much money as they want, they can say it as often as they want and they can say it right up until election day.”

Dean Alger, author of Megamedia, bolstered this statement with a speech on how the takeover of major media conglomerates is a danger to democracy because it creates monopolies in the so-called marketplace of ideas. The big four companies-AOL-Time Warner, Disney-ABC, Viacom-CBS, and Murdoch’s News Corp.-are controlling all of what Americans hear in the way of news and information.

“We have done, in my judgement, the gravest damage to those ‘diverse and antagonistic sources of information for the American democracy.’”

The Telecommunications Act of 1996, which broke down old ownership limits, has made it possible for large corporations to continue limiting the number of news sources in America.

Marsha Pitts-Phillips, from KSTP-TV, focused her portion on discussing how the media only has a limited amount of time to catch and hold the interest of the public so they understand important issues.

“No matter how intensely you believe in an issue, we have to get it out to the public and make them still be interested in what you are saying,” she said.

‘Smart growth’ protects land

Ryan Brinks
Assistant Sports Editor

It’s a concept that seems almost ridiculous when you first hear it, but it’s a concept that is revolutionizing residential land development. It’s “golf course development without the golf course,” national land use planning expert Randall Arendt said.

Arendt’s message of Smart Growth was the focus of Tuesday’s six-hour “Urban Sprawl Issues” forum, held at UW-River Falls and attended by faculty and students, along with community members.

It’s commonly known, said Arendt, that golf course-front property is attractive and quick-selling, but what’s not commonly known is that three-fourths of those buyers have little interest in the golf course itself. “(Developers) are selling the views,” he said.

A loosely packed North Hall Auditorium hosted Arendt’s keynote address, which was a highly visual, instructive demonstration based on his self-authored conservation planning books.

Basically, the underlying theme of Smart Growth is to preserve the natural character of the land by build-

ing around it. Therefore, he said, ponds, meadows, woodlands, knolls, stone walls, creeks, and other rural highlights, including simply mowed open space, take the place of the golf course.

With a well-thought-out growth plan created before it’s needed, Arendt said, the community could achieve developments that are “twice green - environmentally and economically,” meaning that not only would an area preserve its ‘nature’ green, but reduced construction (leveling of ground and trees) combined with more attractive - thus more expensive - lots would be more profitable as well.

“The secret is to preserve the land and land uses, not to spread out,” Arendt said.

For River Falls, the objective is to preserve rural character as Twin Cities sprawl threatens to overrun the area.

“You have to identify preservation areas first, then give the developer what’s left over,” Arendt said, not vice versa.

So, armed with Arendt’s four-step process for designing Smart Growth - selecting target areas for conservation, preservation or open space; locating sites for the desired number

of residences for the allotted land; selecting the most suitable street and alley configuration; and finally drawing in lot lines - a seven-man panel took the spotlight and addressed the numerous perspectives that play a role in determining what land should be saved.

Then with maps sprawled across the tables of the Ag. Science building’s lecture hall, a reduced number of attendants, about 50, finished off the event with the workshop.

They went to work with M&M’s and colored pencils as Arendt guided them through the design process.

Using the M&M’s as symbols for future houses, participants arranged the same number, 35, in a unique way - one that they thought would be most appropriate, on a plot of land with a farm, woodlands, river and grove.

Of course, each person weighed differently the importance of each, and had to make compromises. But the underlying point remained - environment, including farms and forest, was saved, thereby protecting the area’s rural character.

It all comes down to “a conservation-based development approach and a development-based conservation approach,” Arendt said.

Panel speaks about education

Sara Masson
Staff Writer

The current and future educators of the area are going to be convening at UW-River Falls this weekend in order to further educate themselves about how to better instruct their students.

This conference, which is part of the week-long festivities leading up to the inauguration of Chancellor Ann Lydecker on Saturday, will be done in two separate presentations, one on April 27 and one on April 28.

“Of all the social issues in the United States, education remains at the top of the list; this is because people are deeply concerned with ensuring that young people have the best education possible at the K-12 level,” Lydecker said in a press release. “Our presenters for these panels represent the latest in thinking about the challenges and opportunities that educators face today.”

According to the press release on the events, the first of the two topics being discussed in these two presentations is called “Educational Change Through p-16 Partnerships.” The keynote speaker and leader of this presentation will be UW-Milwaukee Chancellor Nancy Zimpher; the event will start at 2 p.m. in the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building on campus.

The P-16 partnership being presented is an idea that was agreed upon by pre-school through grade 12 educational systems and higher education institutions; the agreement states that these educational systems work together to improve the quality and skills of teachers. The higher education institutions and the schools will work together to develop the training that education students will receive in the future.

“Having a strong connection between P-16 schools and colleges of education is vital for successful prepa-

ration and professional development of teachers,” said Mary Manke, the Associate Dean of the College of Education and Graduate Studies.

A panel will meet to discuss the experiences of other individuals of Francine Tompkins, the Associate Professor of Education at UW-Green Bay, and Ron Jetty, the Instruction and Professional Development Consultant for the Wisconsin Education Association Council, Wisconsin’s largest teacher’s union.

“They (the panel and speakers) will inform educators from UW-RF and local districts about the value of partnerships, and how success can be achieved,” Manke said. “They (the panels and speakers) will also help to inspire us to do more in this area.”

The second of the two topics being discussed will be “The Public University in the 21st Century.” The keynote speaker will be Adrian Tinsley, President of the Bridgewater State College in Bridgewater, Mass. This event is scheduled for 8 a.m. on Saturday in KFA.

Tinsley’s speech and discussion with respondents will cover issues that higher education officials and educators face on a daily basis, as well as describing new approaches being used nationally and locally to make sure that public higher education will accomplish all they hope to in the future.

Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen of UW-Stout will moderate the panel. The members of the panel include President of the Chippewa Valley Technical College, Bill Ihlenfelt, Chancellor Bill Messner of the UW-Colleges, Chancellor Don Mash of UW-Eau Claire, and Chancellor Kevin Reilly of UW-Extension.

“Public universities are confronting new challenges in the rapidly-changing context of the 21st century as they strive to provide life-long educational opportunities to students,” Lydecker said.

Investigative reporter digs for truths in Washington

Rachel Weddig
Assistant Editor

We dig into records that no insane individuals would want to deal with.”

Charles Lewis, the founder and executive director for the Center for Public Integrity (CPI), was the keynote speaker as part of Monday’s UW-River Falls Journalism and Politics Day, held in conjunction with the inauguration week festivities.

The Center for Public Integrity is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization in Washington that concentrates on ethics and public service issues, according to their website, www.publicintegrity.org.

Some 50 people attended Lewis’s presentation at 7 p.m. in the North Hall Auditorium, sponsored by the Journalism and Political Science Departments in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Donovan Rasmussen, a distinguished University Benefactor.

Lewis has served as an investigative reporter for ABC and CBS News. His stories have twice received Emmy nominations in the “Outstanding Investigative Reporting” category by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Lewis also has written for prominent newspapers such as The New York Times, The Washington Post and The Los Angeles Times.

Lewis began his presentation by saying the public has not been informed enough about the happenings and backgrounds of elected officials.

“The public has been in a deep dark tunnel for the last 10 to 11 years,” Lewis said. “I come from a basic, middle class family and I really do believe in this country.”

One faculty member felt Lewis presented important information.

“I thought it [the presentation] was good, both informative and interesting,” said UW-RF Political Science Chair Tracey Gladstone. “All of the material was a bit overwhelming,

but by presenting it so much it helped emphasize the importance and extent of the problem.”

Lewis liked using quotes from notable figures from history and one of the first quotes he used was from Harry Truman who said, “I don’t give people hell, I just tell the truth and people think it’s hell.”

During Lewis’s speech he talked about the many wrongdoings with the government. He talked about some of the scandals he wrote about in his book, The Buying of the President 2000. One of the more important scandals he uncovered was the Lincoln Bedroom scandal.

“I found out that the White House had been a little overly friendly with patrons,” Lewis explained. “We discovered that over 75 men and women had slept over in the Lincoln bedroom.”

Another example of investigative reporting Lewis had done involved the issue of legislators using leftover campaign money for personal use.

“Congress signed a bill saying that elected officials can keep the left-

over campaign money and keep it for themselves,” Lewis said. “I found that 110 former members of Congress had used this money for personal use. One family had taken \$600,000 after a member of Congress died.”

The issue of taxes in America is an issue the CPI also has looked into, and found that thousands of Americans with incomes over \$200,000 don’t pay taxes.

“We all believe we should have a taxable democracy and believe taxes should be fair,” Lewis said. “But then we have elected officials favoring the progressive tax where thousands of people at the upper end aren’t paying their fair share.”

Lewis feels the current legal system can sometimes be unjust and feels there definitely is a problem with how our government is run.

“We have a system in our country of legal corruption, because the elected officials write the laws how they want them to be.”

Lewis also touched on special interest groups, which are groups he

feels can run over the government because of their money and power.

“Special interest groups are doing whatever they want and there isn’t much discussion going on about it.”

To add to this thought, Lewis quoted the late President Abraham Lincoln as saying, “We should have a government of the people, by the people, for the people.”

Lewis also has discovered that less than one-quarter of Americans trust the government.

“Secrecy and corruption today in politics is worse than Watergate,” Lewis said.

Lewis also touched on the idea of how politicians don’t want to be studied or investigated.

“Election representatives don’t want anyone watching them closely, but the public has a right to know what they’re all about,” Lewis said. “It’s a simple matter of do you want to deal with this problem, or look away like we’ve been doing year after year.”

Following the hour-long speech by Lewis, Political Science Chair

Tracey Gladstone asked Lewis a question about why he keeps doing what he’s doing - constantly watching and investigating the politicians.

“I happen to think this is our country and don’t want someone taking it away from us,” Lewis said in response to Gladstone’s question. “What we don’t know, can hurt us.”

Galdstone feels that if it wasn’t for groups like the CPI, no one would be hearing about what the politicians are doing in Washington D.C., and how they spend money.

“There are no watchdogs left in the mainstream media,” Gladstone said. “If the Center (and other organizations like it) did not exist, there would be no investigative reporting going on at all.”

Lewis has no intention of giving up his fight to keep discovering the truth behind the closed doors of Washington.

“Until I’m convinced I’m wrong, I’m going to keep going against that brick wall,” Lewis said. “But I’ll make sure I try to wear a helmet.”

‘Unity’ highlights campus diversity

Scott Wente
Assistant Photo Editor

What a difference a day makes.

A mere 24 hours after a controversial demonstration on the Student Center lawn by a group of anti-gay, pro-life, traveling evangelists took place, hundreds of UW-River Falls students and faculty and members of the community joined together peacefully Wednesday for Unity in the Community, the annual campus event celebrating diversity and tolerance.

"I sincerely hope that you'll leave here today recognizing all the diversity we have on campus," said Nanette Makovsky, UW-RF senior and co-chair of the Diversity Awareness Committee.

The goal of Unity in the Community, which is sponsored by the committee, is to increase the awareness and appreciation of diversity, said Kelly Manthei, the other co-chair of the committee and of Unity.

"Our main goal with Unity is to celebrate diversity within us and within others," Manthei said.

UW-RF Chancellor Ann Lydecker, whose formal inauguration Saturday will cap off a week of campus-wide events and activities, spoke at the event's opening ceremony.

Lydecker shared with the crowd her early impressions of the event and how it will be another opportunity for her to celebrate diversity, both in her personal life and the campus community.

"I first heard about Unity in the Community about a year ago when I was interviewing for this job," Lydecker said, "and I knew it was



Scott Wente / The Student Voice

Members of the UW-RF Men's Chorus perform during the opening ceremony for Wednesday's Unity in the Community. Both the men's and women's choirs sang at the event.

going to be a powerful experience."

While growing up in Wisconsin, Lydecker said she had not experienced different races and different cultures until she began college.

"Since then my life has taken many twists," said Lydecker, adding that the amount of diversity in her own family has made their lives richer.

Lydecker was optimistic about the effect of Unity on those who attended.

"We still need to work harder to bring this community together," she said. "I hope this day will be a stepping stone to continue to grow together."

Also invited to speak at the opening ceremony was local Holocaust speaker Timothy J. Scott. During his speech, Scott read excerpts from two essays written by elementary school students who had listened to his Holocaust presentations.

One essay noted the child's observation of an overwhelming amount of gay harassment at his school, while the other essay, written by a Hmong student, told of his personal experiences with racial prejudice.

In his closing remarks, Scott state his appreciation to the University for putting on Unity in the Community.

"Thank you for bringing a light into a world in which darkness often seems to prevail," he said.

The event was not only a celebration for students and faculty as members of the community and more than 100 area schools were invited to attend the speakers, presentations and concerts held throughout the day.

"A lot of people were taking in new experiences and new cultures," Manthei said. "It's important to see how UW-RF fits into the community as a whole."

I can fly!



Molly Montag / The Student Voice

Jesse White uses a springboard to propel himself into the air and amaze the crowd during Unity in the Community on Wednesday.

Trio brings tropical sound



Scott Wente / The Student Voice

Shalita members (L to R) Peter Nelson, Siana Matzungidi and Marbue William perform Calypso music for UW-RF students and community visitors on the Student Center lawn Wednesday.

Melissa Bregani
Front Page Editor

The Student Center lawn swayed to the beat of the Shalita African Trio on Wednesday afternoon in celebration of Unity in the Community.

The Shalita African Trio, based in Minneapolis, is a 7 piece band (for today's performance, the group only needed a bass guitar, a lead guitar and a steel drum) specializing in reggae and African music, specifically soukous, which is a big part of African music and Calypso, which is popular in Trinidad.

Shalita member Siana Matzungidi explained that this year's performance at Unity in the Community differed from last year in a few key ways.

"This is our second time here," Matzungidi said. "Last year, we played a lot of traditional music; this year, we focused more on tropical."

As the trio, comprised of other band members Peter Nelson (lead singer) and Marbue William, began their set, the crowd immediately got to their feet.

Shalita's first song rang familiar in the ears of many audience members, as Nelson belted out "Hot, Hot, Hot," accompanied by a guitar and steel drum solo.

The crowd cheered as the group launched into their second song, another reggae melody, as Nelson began swaying to the beat.

Matzungidi joined in on the cho-

rus, strumming on his guitar as the crowds of little children began dancing around the stage.

Senior English major Karen Timp, who was hearing the Trio for the first time, was impressed by their performance.

"It's something different to listen to," Timp said. "It's upbeat."

Timp also felt the audience seemed to enjoy the music, as well.

"Everyone's just hanging out and experiencing new things," she said.

Matzungidi said the Trio writes most of their songs, but a few are a mix, including reggae riffs from Bob Marley.

"One song, for example, brings together rhythm and rhyme," he said. "Others are about love and saying that something exists."

Sophomore Agriculture Education major Wendy Kannel also felt the Trio's performance was a big success.

"It's upbeat dancing music," Kannel said. "And I think it's cute to see all the little kids dancing around."

Shalita African Trio has been together for 5 years now; the group formed after Matzungidi arrived in the United States. Both Matzungidi and William are from Africa; Nelson is from Trinidad.

Junior Michelle Konkel, who was sitting at the Dairy Club booth on the Student Center lawn, summed up the performance simply.

"I like it," she said. "They have a neat beat and it's the perfect day for it."

Pow-wow represents culture



Scott Wente / The Student Voice

Native American dances were performed on campus by students from Earth Charter School.

Andrea Caudill
Staff Writer

The sun was shining and the drums were beating as fourteen kids from the Heart of the Earth Charter School demonstrated various Native American dances to community members in front of the Student Center at 11 a.m.

An almost carnival atmosphere enveloped the crowd, as elementary school children there to view the presentations and college students between classes mixed.

The dancers entered, with the metal bells on a few of the girls' dresses jingling softly, and started the event by presenting their Grand Entry, which is the traditional way of starting a powwow and involves all the kids dancing. Then they showed different kinds of dances from many different tribes.

The most recent dance presented was the shawl dance, performed by six of the girls. It was created in the 1950's and 1960's as a dance for women.

"I always refer to it as the equal opportunity dance," Culture Program leader Johnny Smith said.

The kids dancing ranged from third graders up through ninth graders. The group is a part of the Heart of the Earth school, located in Minneapolis. The school teaches kindergarten through 12th grade, and has about 250 students. There are about 35 members in the dancing group. The kids practice from a half hour to an hour every night. They are usually taught in small groups, but on Wednesday evenings the whole group gets together to practice.

"Not all the students dance and sing, but some live their whole lives to dance," said Smith.

Another popular dance was the Grass Dance, a traditional dance done by tribes such as the Chippewa, Sioux, and Cree. It began as a representation of a grass leaf blowing in the wind, but also had a more practical reason. When the tribe moved to a new campsite, the men had to stomp down the grass, and eventually turned it into



Andrea Caudill / The Student Voice

the dance.

"They didn't have lawnmowers back then," Smith explained.

There were many styles of dress represented. The girls wore either shawl dresses or bangle dresses in bright colors, like purple, turquoise, and red. The boys wore grass dancer outfits, except for one traditional one worn by Emmanuel Olsen. His costume had a head-dress made of porcupine hair, a white base made of fur, and a few eagle feathers. He also had a breastplate, and wore a bustle--a circular arrangement of hawk feathers worn on the small of the back.

"We make them look sharp because they are really good dancers," said Smith.

Latin serenade

Matt Rayburn
Off-beat Editor

Rodli Commons' Cascade Cafe was filled with Latin Flavor Wednesday afternoon as the Son del Sur Trio serenaded diners as part of the Unity in the Community festivities.

Based out of Minneapolis, the Son del Sur Trio has been together for five years and is part of a larger group entitled The Latin Sounds Orchestra, a 12-piece orchestra that can be heard every Monday night at The Quest nightclub in Minneapolis.

Performing an hour-long set that included Latin covers as well as their own originals, the Son del Sur Trio which means "they are from the south" in Spanish, featured Juan on the guitar and vocals, Nicolas on the harp and Jose on the guitar, vocals and maracas. Jose said the performance was a hit with students.

"The audience was very supportive and responded beautifully despite it being supertime," he said.

Organized by the Diversity Awareness Committee who put together all Unity in the Community events, the performance brought musical diversity and Latin culture to those who

were enjoying their dinner.

"There's never live music in Rodli," said sophomore Chrissy Peterson. "It was nice to listen to live music while eating."

Currently, the Diversity Awareness Committee, whose goal is to spread diversity in all forms on campus, is accepting applications for students who are interested in joining the committee next year. Applications can be picked up in the Leadership Center.

"I love it," said Jacquie Kvaas of her Diversity Awareness Committee experiences as a member. "It's boss!"



Molly Montag / The Student Voice

Latin music was performed in Rodli Comms Wednesday.

SEX ED 101?

Statistics cause universities to examine need for sex education

Jason Borman
Staff Writer

While registering over the past month, returning UW-River Falls' students have been planning their academic futures, but for most students, these plans do not include a course specifically aimed at sexual activity or behavior.

UW-RF offers a two-credit course, Family Life and Sex Education, which includes these subjects. This course is provided for future educators on how to deal with the topic of sexuality and is taught by Assistant Chair of the Health and Human Performance Faye Perkins.

According to the University web site, Family Life and Sex Education is "designed to provide an understanding of the content and methodology of teaching sex education and family life education in the school setting."

Despite not having a general education course specifically devoted to this area, UW-RF Student Health Services Coordinator Alice Reilly-Myklebust is proud of the information UW-RF makes available to its students.

According to Reilly-Myklebust, there are several opportunities for students to attend programs related to sexuality, such as programs offered in the residence halls or through student groups with presenters such as herself or someone from Pierce County Reproductive Health Services.

"This [sex] is a difficult topic sometimes and offering a class or program may not be the best means of gaining information about the topic for many people," Reilly-Myklebust said.

Reilly-Myklebust thinks a course in sexual activity and behavior is an interesting idea, but questions its practicality.

"Because I have a health background, of course, I would like to see more health related courses required," Reilly-Myklebust said, "but adding credits is not easy."

Some schools have found a way to include sexual education in the general education requirements. One way UW-Stout incorporates sexual education into their curriculum is by offering the course Lifespan Sexuality as an elective to fulfill general education requirements. According to the Rev. Robert Salt, who has been teaching this course for more than a decade, the three credit Lifespan Sexuality course covers "all aspects of sexuality from conception to death."

Salt, who wrote the proposal for Lifespan Sexuality after teaching a 1-credit course called Current Topics in Sexuality, likes teaching courses about sexuality because they are relevant to student's lives.

"Sexuality is an interesting topic," Salt said, "and the students are motivated to learn about it."

Salt's goal is for his students to gain a better understanding of their sexuality and the sexuality of others.

"My opinion is that all human beings need to understand sexuality in order to have a healthy life," Salt said.

According to Reilly-Myklebust, education

is a good first step, but it is important to have the health services to support this education.

"When you do decide you need to talk to somebody about it, it's nice to know where to go or who to call," Reilly-Myklebust said, "so I think you need to have stuff that students can access regularly."

The Health and Fitness for Life course, which is required for all UW-RF students, does an excellent job of covering a variety of topics, but because it is only one credit, Reilly-Myklebust said there is only so much material that can be covered. This time constraint makes it difficult to cover issues such as sexuality in a comprehensive way, she said.

"Perhaps some day that course [Health and Fitness for Life] might be expanded to a two or three credit course so that health-related issues such as sexuality could be covered more comprehensively," Reilly-Myklebust said.

"It would be great for students to learn about sexuality in greater depth," Reilly-Myklebust, "but then they wouldn't learn about some of the other things in Health and Fitness for Life, so I don't know that's the answer."

One of the ways UW-RF has been working to address issues of sexual activity and behavior is through conferences, such as the "Sex and the American College Student" conference held last November.

At that conference, organized by Dean of Students Roger Ballou, Perkins, and Reilly-Myklebust, University faculty, staff, students and health care providers from across Wisconsin and Eastern Minnesota met in Rodli Commons to discuss what role colleges should play in student lives when it comes to sexual

low-up to the "Sex and the American College Students" conference next year to continue discussions on this topic.

According to Reilly-Myklebust, next year's conference will likely focus more on violence in relation to sex and examine what role the University should have in addressing this issue.

John DeLamater, a sociology professor at UW-Madison, has researched human sexuality, publishing studies on sexual relationships and behavior, contraceptive use, safer sex interventions, and adult sexuality.

In a survey conducted last year of 1,000 UW-Madison students, DeLamater found 75 percent of male students and 60 percent of female students between the ages of 18 and 23 were sexually active.

DeLamater said there are four main problems students face when they are sexually active in college: consent, unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and the mixture of sex and alcohol.

DeLamater feels the mixture of sex and alcohol is the biggest of these problems.

"Alcohol is the number one risk that we have to deal with when looking at sex on campuses," DeLamater said. "Alcohol is an excepted part of their [students] social scene."

According to DeLamater, a lot of students go to bars and parties looking to meet someone, even though they aren't expected to be lasting relationships.

Senior Karen Timp, an English major, also sees alcohol as a big problem for college students.

"Alcohol can make a person unaware of his or her actions," Timp said.

Reilly-Myklebust said since drugs and alcohol play such a big part in sexuality, it is difficult to talk about sex without discussing other health-related topics.

"This is part of the problem with offering a course just on sexuality," Reilly-Myklebust said. "So many health issues are intertwined."

Another survey of a self-selected group of 593 heterosexual University of Indiana students showed approximately 80 percent have had sexual intercourse with the mean age of their first experience being 17.

High percentages of sexual behavior aren't limited to large Big Ten Universities. Student Health Services conducted a survey of 421 UW-River Falls' students last spring. This survey found 67.3 percent of students had at least one sexual partner within the previous school year.

Even higher than the actual number of students having sex is the perception of sexual activity. The UW-RF survey showed more than 99 percent of students believe the typical UW-RF student has been sexually active in the last year.

Krisel Olson, who has been a Johnson Hall Resident Assistant since last August, doesn't think sexual activity is as prominent as statistics suggest.

"I think that the number [of students having sex] is a lot lower than is often insinuated," Olson said.

Olson feels it is important to post sexual education-related materials on her wing so her residents have access to information if they want it, but she disagrees with the idea of teaching a sexual activity and behavior course at UW-RF.

"There are a lot of sex ed. classes taught in high school and I am not convinced that it is the University's responsibility, or right for that matter, to make sex ed. part of the curriculum," Olson said.

"People learn many of their values and how they are going to live their lives long before they enter a university."

Timp also feels there should be an awareness program dealing with sexual education available in the dorms, but college students shouldn't be required to

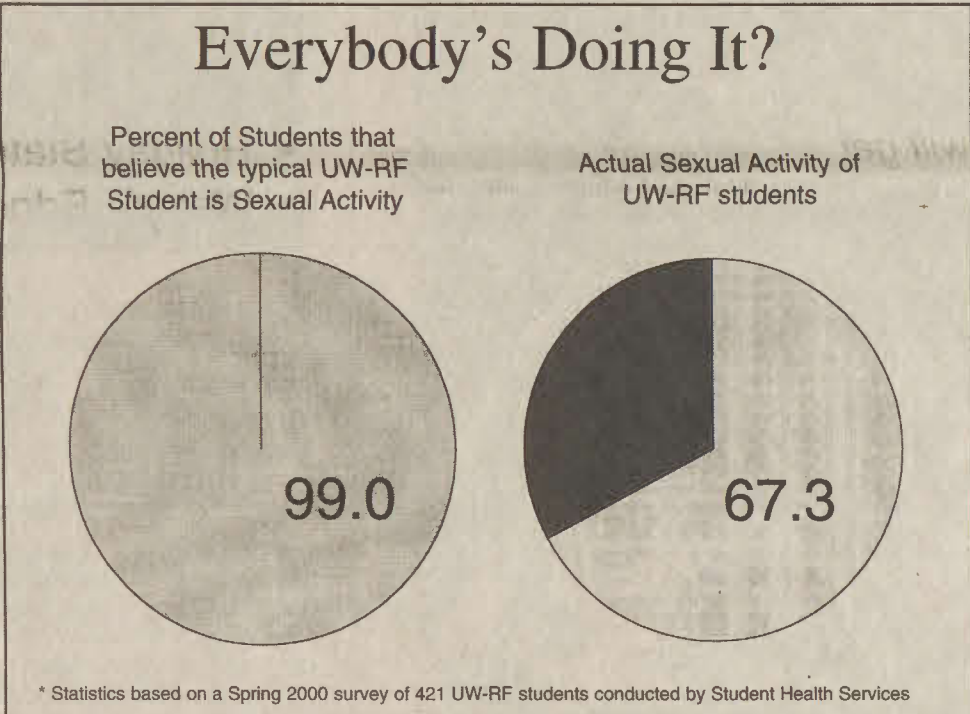


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Despite affecting student's judgement, UW-Madison Sociology Professor John DeLamater said alcohol is an excepted part of the college social scene.

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UW-RF Student Health Services Coordinator



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UW-Madison Sociology Professor

Even though she feels a course should be offered, Ourada said she probably wouldn't sign up for it.

"There is a lot you can talk about with sexual behavior, but I couldn't see myself sitting through a whole semester

just about sex," Ourada said.

Instead of just focusing on sexual activity and behavior, Ourada would like to see sex covered as part of a "how to survive college" course.

According to Ourada, this "how to survive college" course could be broken into two parts. The first half of the course could address being away from home, new experiences you encounter in college and how to handle responsibilities like credit cards. The second half of the course could cover drinking, sex, drugs and relationships.

Reilly-Myklebust said Student Health Services tries to make services available, easily accessible and get information out in a variety of ways, but Reilly-Myklebust welcomes any ideas students have about how Student Health Services could be more effective in reaching students.

Topics covered in Lifespan Sexuality course at UW-Stout

- love and relationships
- values and morality
- religion and sex
- anatomy
- gender
- childhood sexuality
- puberty and adolescence
- adult sexual relationships
- sexual response
- sexual identity
- contraception
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- sexual dysfunction
- sexual assault
- commercialization of sex
- sex and aging

* Information provided by the Rev. Robert Salt, Human Development and Family Studies professor at UW-Stout

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Alcohol task force is still on the prowl

■ An indepth look at the Pierce County Task force, which is designed to stop businesses from selling alcohol to underage people and to fine the businesses that continue to sell to underagers

Erik Astin
Staff Reporter

Excuse me sir, did you just sell alcohol to this individual?" the undercover officer said. "Yes, I think I did a little while ago," the employee replied. "Well, this happens to be a 19-year-old, and that would make them underage. This is a compliance check conducted by the Pierce County Alcohol Compliance Task Force (PACTF). I will be giving you a warning, but next time it will cost you \$281.00."

This is how it might happen on a real compliance check conducted by the PACTF at businesses in the county that are licensed to sell alcohol.

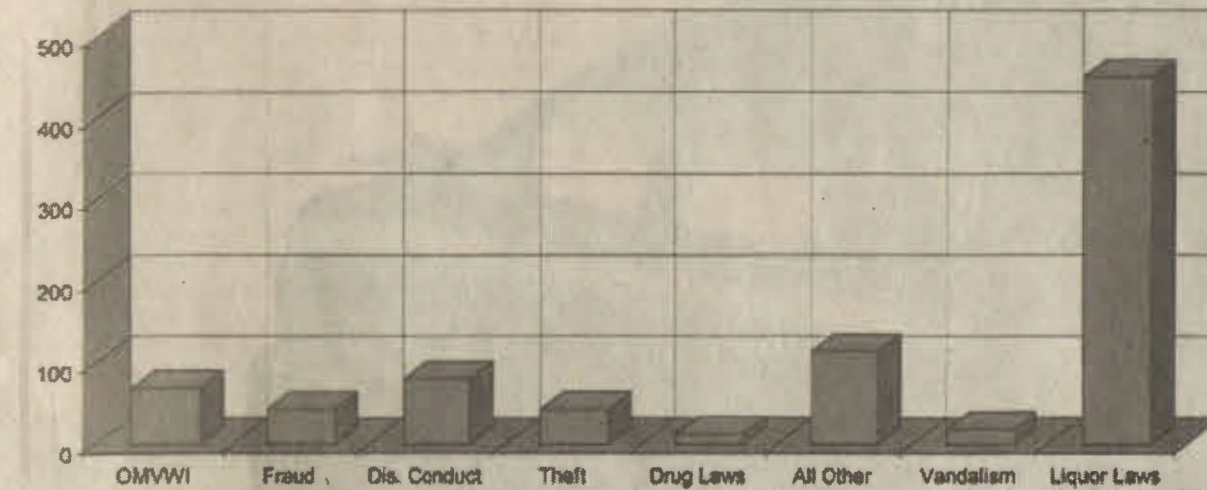
These compliance checks are conducted using an underage person, two undercover officers and one uniformed police officer.

Chief Roger D. Leque, or the River Falls Police Department was clear on the procedures they use. "In order for a violation to occur, the individual had to actually purchase and carry out the alcohol in off-sale situations," Leque said. "In the on-sale or bar establishments, there just needed to be a purchase. However, there was no alcohol consumption involved with the underage individuals. Also, no juveniles were used in the process. They were all ages 17 to 20, so there were no minors present."

A River Falls Police Department press release notes that this task force, which was started in Pierce County in September of 2000, and will continue through August of this year, has a clear-cut message it would like to get across.

"Through the efforts of the Alcohol Compliance Task Force, we hope to send a clear and consistent message to licensed establishments and communities that sale of alcohol to underage persons is not only unlawful but has a direct impact on the quality of life in our communi-

This graph shows the most common categories of the 838 adult arrests reported by the River Falls Police Department during 1999.



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Total adult arrests decreased by 24.4 percent, from 1,108 in 1998 to 838 during 1999. Arrests decreased for drug law violations (22 to 13), liquor law violations (484 to 452), fraud (199 to 44), OMVWI (94 to 70), theft (61 to 44), and "all other" offenses (101 to 81). The thirteen (13) adult arrests for drug law violations were each for possession of marijuana.

ties. It is our hope that we will be able to influence and change the beliefs and attitudes of the community about underage access to alcohol, hold licensed establishments and individuals accountable for violations regarding sale to underage individuals, and emphasize the importance of curbing the sale to underage individuals in our society."

This program is based on current research that shows effective and regular compliance checks help decrease alcohol sales to minors.

Chief Roger D. Leque of the River Falls Police Department spoke of one such program that was conducted by the Alcohol Epidemiology Program from the University of Minnesota.

"The University of Minnesota put out a manual about these compliance type checks," Leque said. "It seemed like the cases that were cited had positive results. We've been looking at ways to make an impact on underage drinking, and this seems like a great way to impact availability. I have a local interest in this project of course, but we look at it county wide."

Sgt. Janis Bock of the River Falls Police Department, who is the Task

Force Coordinator also cited the University of Minnesota study as a positive influence in Pierce County's decision to start the project.

"The studies at the University of Minnesota made a big impact and looked like a worth while cause," Bock said. "So far there has been positive results. Our failure rate is lower; it has been around 30% or lower. Their (failure rate) was around 45% according to their results."

This project has been well received in the community. A survey that was distributed in 2000 involved a question of support for this type of a program.

"Two-thirds of the survey respondents supported our efforts and this project," Leque said.

A project like this obviously isn't run for free. However, this particular project is supported financially

will do them all. Some we haven't checked yet, some were closed when we got there, and some are seasonal, like golf courses. But if we didn't go there last time, we will get there next time."

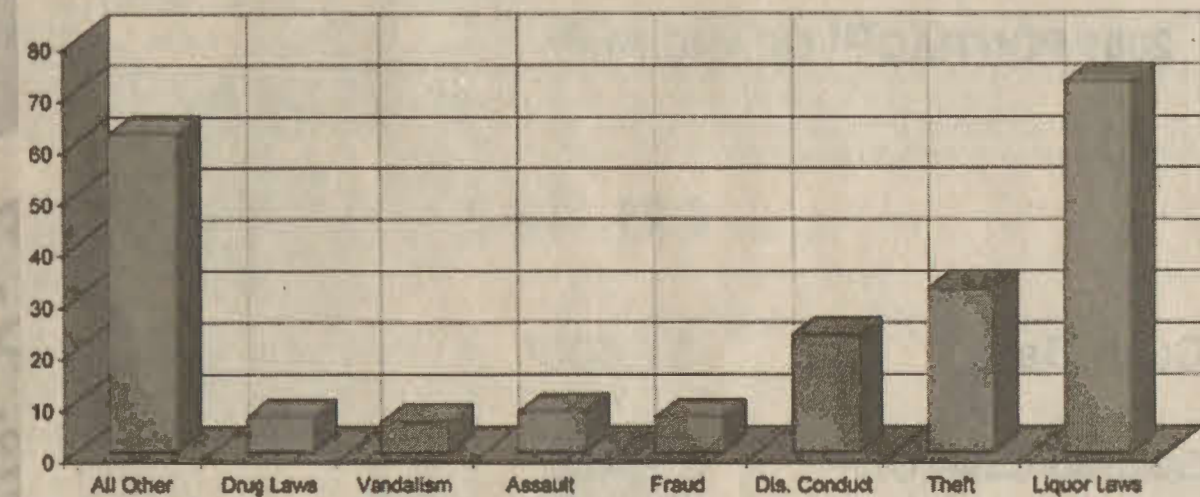
There has been a need for a project like this, which takes this approach to underage drinking.

"There wasn't any real problem," Bock said. "But we hadn't done anything like this before so we needed to see. Most things like this are focused on the underage drinking, we wanted to see the flip side and how that is impacted. We haven't done much with the business end of it and we needed to."

This is one of the points to this project, understanding that the businesses are responsible as well.

"There is clearly a lot of work to be done," Leque said. "Over 30% (failure) is not acceptable. There is a failure in training and supervision.

This graph shows the most common categories of the 217 juvenile arrests made by the River Falls Police Department during 1999.



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Total juvenile arrests decreased by 47.3 percent, from 412 in 1998 to 217 during 1999. There were decreases in arrests for curfew law violations (17 to 4), theft (76 to 32), liquor law violations (86 to 72), burglary (23 to 1), disorderly conduct (38 to 23), and "all other" offenses (126 to 51). The seven (7) juvenile arrests for drug law violations included one for sale of marijuana and six for possession of marijuana.

"In Pierce County, there are 105 total establishments that have a (liquor) license. We will do them all. . . But if we didn't go there last time, we will get there next time."

— Sergeant Janis Bock River Falls Police

by more than just taxes. "This project is funded by the tax payers," Leque said. "We do have a grant program this year to help pay for officer overtime on this project." Through these grants comes a

We need to hold them accountable too. Our intention is to make a progressive and responsible impact." Many employees of these places of business as well as the owners agree that this is a positive thing, but

Prohaska also has mixed feelings over the task force.

"I think there will always be ways underage people find to get into bars," Prohaska said. "Once it (PACTF) is over, people will forget about it and not pay as much attention. It is a good way to get people to card. Unless they keep up with it though, it won't be as effective."

One thing that is agreed upon is that it is the businesses responsibility to card. The employees and owners, as well as the police feel that this is the most important aspect of this task force.

"We have one rule," Schellpfeffer said. "If you're 21-years-old or not, you need an I.D. to drink. If you don't have it, we won't let you in. We don't discriminate on age, we card everyone. It's like driving a car, if you get pulled over, you need your license on you. You need it

here too." Another issue that most people involved felt was being addressed well was the intention that owners, and employees of these businesses have.

"The vast majority are doing the right thing," Bock said. "I think that most establishments are comfortable with what they are doing."

The bar owners and employees felt that their policies were in place for a reason and that the consequences were too great to risk selling to minors.

"The vast majority don't want to violate laws or sell to minors," Squires said. "They'll get fined or lose their licenses. They (Bo's employees) have to take a bartenders course that emphasizes carding."

Eric Matthews, a 21-year-old Auto Stop employee also has mixed feelings over the PACTF.

"It's a good program in some sense," Matthews said. "We card people that look 27 or 28. Sometimes it's hard, it would be nice not have to insult people by carding them. It's not like we want to sell to minors."

Bo's 'N Mine bartenders A.J. Burr and Prohaska agree on the policies they are supposed to enforce when carding.

"We card everybody," Burr said. "You always get people with fakes or that say they don't have their I.D., but we can't let them in."

"Anyone who looks under 25, we need to card them," Prohaska said. "I always card unfamiliar faces too."

With two compliance checks already in the books and more to come, the statistics of underage tickets in this town, and liquor law violations in general prove that this needs to be done.

In 1999, out of the 217 juvenile arrests made in River Falls, 72 involved liquor law violations according to the River Falls Police Department website.

Adult crimes involving liquor was also the leading category of adult arrests reported.

The results of the first two compliance checks conducted on October 20, 2000, and February 16 of this year show similar patterns.

The first had a failure rate of about 21% as there were 15 failures out of 72 places checked. The second round of checks saw an increase of failures to almost 30% as there were 68 places checked with 20 in violation of liquor laws.

Some of this increase may be due to the fact that notification of this process had changed.

"In September, pre the first compliance check, we sent out press releases, individual letters to establishments, and personally stopped in and supplied some information regarding checking driver's licenses," Bock said. "They were expect-

ing us the first time and I expected for there to be few violations. We did no more advance notice and this more recent check was expected to be higher as they let their guard down. Hopefully now attempts will be made to make real changes in how they do their business because they will realize a check could come at any time."

The penalties for failing a compliance check were set up through the study done at the University of Minnesota.

"After the first round of checks, the ones that failed get notified," Leque said. "If there is a second or third time, the consequences increase."

Once a business has received a warning, the first citation goes to the employee, and increases with each failure.

"When a clerk or server receives a citation I would guess it is a big deal," Bock said. "In River Falls it would be \$281.00."

Some think a warning is not necessary. "I

think if someone fails, they should be ticketed the first time," Schellpfeffer said. "For the people who have the licenses, it's (selling to minors) not worth it."

Matthews feels the same way. "The warning is a good policy," Matthews said. "It's not necessary, but it is nice to have."

This task force is set up in a way to hold people accountable for the sale of alcohol to underage individuals, and to enforce the laws that deal with this subject. Since September, it has been active, and will continue to be active throughout the end of August. Pierce County will continue to run compliance checks, at random, and cover each of the 105 licensed businesses that sell alcohol.

For any further information, please contact the Prescott, River Falls, Elmwood, Ellsworth, or Spring Valley Police Departments, or the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. Or contact Sgt. Janis Bock, Task Force Coordinator at 715-425-0909.

Pierce County businesses that failed task force checks on Oct. 20, 2000

- Cenex Countryside Co-op, Elmwood
- Main Street Bar and Grill, Elmwood
- Ole's, Maiden Rock
- Greg's Corner Bar, Plum City
- Woodshed Bar, Hager City
- Harbor Bar and Restaurant, Hager City
- Sneakers, Spring Valley
- Cenex Countryside Co-op, Spring Valley
- Holiday Station, River Falls
- Water's Edge, River Falls
- West Wind Supper Club, River Falls
- Hinck's SuperValu, Ellsworth
- Kennedy's Liquor and Cheese, Ellsworth
- Lawton Store, Beldenville

Pierce County businesses that failed task force checks on Feb. 16, 2001

- Auto Stop North, River Falls
- Auto Stop South, River Falls
- Club Kaos, River Falls
- Luigi's Pizza, River Falls
- Scab's Place, Prescott
- No-Name Saloon, Prescott
- D&K Family Foods, Ellsworth
- TomThumb, Ellsworth
- Joe's Valley Bar, Prescott
- Vieth's Bar, Hager City
- Hwy 63 Tavern, Ellsworth
- Red Barn, Spring Valley
- Binkowski Service Station, Plum City
- Wally's Bar and Grill, Plum City
- T-Bar, Ellsworth
- The Gas Lite, Ellsworth

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- Hager City Liquor, Hager City
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Camp Roadkill by Jamison Penny



Letters to the Editor

Journalism student defends judging of photography contest

This letter is in regards to the inconsistent and grossly unfair attack on the photography judging made in a letter to the editor in the April 12th issue of the *Student Voice*. The student was upset because he did not have a winning picture and blamed it on unfair judging. His complaints focused on the fact that the judges took their final twelve pictures in the black and white category and divided it into two B/W categories (nature and personalities). He felt they should have had more categories for those pictures that did not fit either of the two categories. I believe his accusations against the journalism department were baseless and overly offensive. I have a few disadvantages to my argument. These are one I do have a winning picture, and therefore, I do not have a reason to be upset. Two, I am in the journalism department and so I may be a little defensive.

My advantage is that I was at the judging the whole time. I know who the student is who complained and he was only there for the black and white. He missed most of the judging and therefore cannot claim that all the judging was unfair. The judging was perfectly fair, and if he had been there the whole time he would've understood the reasons for the sudden subdividing of the B/W. The reason is this, for the past several years that they have had a

B/W category the amount of pictures they have had has been around ten. With that few of pictures, it was pointless to divide it into smaller categories. This year's entries were different, they had 30-40 B/W, obviously more than they had expected. With this many pictures the judges were finally able to select 12. These 12 they decided, consisted of only nature and personalities causing the final judging for only two categories instead of more.

Once again I was there the whole time through all the categories. The three judges selected worked very well together and were very organized in selecting the best pictures in each category. The judges also answered students' questions after judging each category explaining why they had selected some over the other. They were very nice during the whole process and tried to be positive about pictures that didn't win. If the student who wrote to the editor had a problem, he should have addressed it there.

So, if you are the student who wrote the letter, next time you write anything make sure you know what you're talking about, don't lose your temper because you lost, and "always let your conscience be your guide."

Sincerely,
Mark O. Whiteley
Print-Journalism Major

Christian's support only love, not hate

In response to the individuals in front of the Student Center on Tuesday, April 24th, Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship and Campus Crusade for Christ want to state that we had nothing to do with the invitation of that group, nor did we have prior knowledge of their arrival. In addition, we do not endorse the tactics used by these individuals, nor do we in any circumstance condone killing abortion doctors. The 180 degrees campaign was designed by students at UW-RF to expose others in a loving and relational manner to the changing power of God through a relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ. As Christian organizations here on campus, it is truly our intention to present the message of Jesus Christ in love.

Jody LaMotte and Josiah Mast, IVCF and CCC

Letters to the Editor

Bush turns back on environmentalists

Almost a year ago during a campaign appearance in Pennsylvania, George W. Bush said: "Every environmental issue confronts us with a duty to be good stewards. As we use nature's gifts, we must do so wisely. Prosperity will mean little if we leave future generations a world of polluted air, toxic lakes and rivers, and vanished forests."

He said that with a straight face even though he knew that his home state of Texas was an environmental disaster zone. The Sierra Club summed the matter up as follows: "Texas ranks first in toxic releases to the environment, first in total toxic air emissions from industrial facilities, first in toxic chemical accidents and first in cancer-causing pollution." Ever chance that Bush had as governor of Texas he stood up for the polluters.

So, we probably shouldn't have been surprised when President Bush reneged on his campaign pledge to seek reductions in carbon dioxide emissions. Nor was there reason to be surprised when he turned his back on the Kyoto accord, the international treaty on global warming that was negotiated by more than 100 countries. Or when he withdrew new regulations requiring a substantial reduction in the permissible level of arsenic in drinking water.

He followed that by proposing to drop testing for salmonella in ground beef for the federal school lunch program and allowing schools to serve beef that has been irradiated. After fierce opposition from consumer groups the Secretary of Agriculture disavowed this proposal.

What is next on Bush's anti-environmental agenda? The shameful record of his home state of Texas is not a model that should be shared with the rest of the nation.

Sincerely,
Ray Anderson, Professor Emeritus

KATELYN L. BORGREN



"Consistently putting oneself at risk for many diseases, not to mention the ultimate power of creating a life, rankles me to no end."

One-night-stands difficult to decide

Have you ever just sat at a bar and taken stock of your surroundings? There is a certain appeal to letting loose and laughing it up over a few beers, especially this time of year: spring - graduation - summer speedily approaching.

However, it is the loss of control over these feelings that can get some of us in trouble.

Yes, I am referring to the inevitable one-night-stands.

We can head down for a few and end up in someone else's bed.

I am raising this issue mainly to try and decide solidly on it myself. On one hand, I look down upon those who cannot master their emotions, or even their more powerful hormones in any situation, mainly those involving infamous mind-altering chemicals.

Surely one's judgement is dangerously impaired with the addition of alcohol or other drugs. We've heard that before. How many people do you know claim they remember nothing of their words, actions, or absurd dance moves from the night before? Have you used this cop out yourself?

Blackouts are apparently common, though in my four years here I remember my drunken moments much more clearly than my sober ones - sad, considering I always went to class sober.

Many tales are told of "beer goggles" implying that those people experiencing one-night-stands out of desperation, competition, or weakness (or some other motivator) would not have been attracted to the person they spent the night with. Seemingly, this is how "ugly" people have been getting laid since, what year is it on that poster? I forget...

On the other side, though I am not one to judge each individual situation, I am positive many a wonderful and substantial relationship has begun this way. I mean, if you have ever seen the movie *Fools Rush In*, you are aware that Hollywood believes that people can meet, by a bathroom nonetheless, have sex, create a life, get married, then, after all that, fall in love. Sure, that could happen in real life. We're all suckers for a happy ending.

Also, sex is a natural, hopefully enjoyable experience. Why not release some of that life stress with someone who is, more than likely, feeling that same tension by engaging in this purely rational act. Sometimes it feels like love at first sight. Or, that person you have been crushing after finally gives you the time of day. Just remember, beer goggles work both ways.

Maybe we use this as an excuse to avoid real intimacy. Possibly we try to create something out of nothing and liquor makes it easier.

However, for every action there is an equally forceful reaction. Consistently putting oneself at risk for a variety of diseases, not to mention the ultimate power of creating a life, rankles me to no end.

Similarly, what does this behavior prove? Men brag, women act sheepish and usually regret or confusion follow.

When we look back on these years and remember, or try to remember, the good times, will they be blotchy blurs amongst embarrassing tales of intoxicated instances? When we actually find the one and they ask us our number, will they be impressed because we're so experienced or turned off when they do the math and realize that, basically, we're cheap and legal prostitutes?

I know it is each individual's decision and responsibility to judge every situation, be it a sober one or a drunken one. And though you may enjoy waking up with someone new next to you every Saturday night, they will leave and ultimately you will have to deal with yourself and your actions.



This editorial cartoon was submitted to the *Student Voice* by Facilities Management employee Dave Rustad. This cartoon does not necessarily represent the opinion of the *Student Voice*.

NEIL RHINES AND CULLEN RYAN



"These missionaries put themselves up as false profits whom everyone listening - so they thought - should have believed unquestionably."

Students did a good job of voicing views

Kudos to those who participated in last Tuesday's demonstration! It was cool to see so much enthusiasm and for such good reasons. No matter what your beliefs, it was inspiring to see so many people on campus passionately recognizing and thwarting the hateful attacks directed at their faiths and lives by these closed minded zealots - other wise known as the Missionaries to the Preborn.

These missionaries completely failed to answer simple, respectful questions about the Gospel truth they fanaticized to be speaking from. We understand that a missionary is one sent to spread a religion or philosophy to others not of the same persuasion. We also understand the rudiment of faith is to believe without proof; however, when these missionaries were asked to back up their statements with real, Gospel passages, whether from incompetence or laziness, they could not, and did not answer. These missionaries put themselves up as false profits whom everyone listening - so they thought - should have believed unquestionably.

What a bunch of crap! How can one swing a Bible around and pretend to know the mind of God when they can't even back up their statements with passages from the Bible?

Moving On. It isn't necessary to go into the gory details concerning the messages the four evangelists tried to instill on the crowd, because everyone there heard them say the same things over and over. Plus, the signs the group (the Missionaries to the Preborn) waved carried their messages far better than their incoherent (babble) - note Biblical joke!

Some of their signs:
"Got AIDS Yet?" "Friends don't let friends be homosexuals."

There were others depicting what we presume are pictures of partial birth aborted babies, juxtaposed with pictures of the Holocaust, in an attempt to depict Planned Parenthood as the new Hitler.

These messages were only there

to shock and to outrage. It is easier to feel righteous and holy when everyone around you is pissed off at you. "Oh my, look at me, I'm a martyr." We don't think it works quite like that.

So how are these messages supposed to save our souls? What did this group hope to accomplish from these shock tactics? The majority of the Christians in the audience seemed appalled that this hate-mongering group could be representing an aspect of their life they hold near and dear. We are of course talking about faith and beliefs. We can only imagine how entertaining these idiots must have seen to people who aren't Christian, and don't plan on being Christian any time soon. We even saw one Communist Party Membership card floating around: What Would Karl Marx Do? Heck, that message might be more interesting!

The consensus deemed that the missionaries were pretty dumb, but we still listened. So what did we learn? Hopefully everyone learned that the spectrum of Christians and Non-Christians is not a binary issue. The world is a much more complex realm than that. For example, the Journey House has a completely different view of Christianity that includes acceptance of any and everyone no matter what race, gender, sexual orientation or religion. The Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship made it known that they felt embarrassed that people such as these missionaries would push such hate. The missionaries' tactics were suspect, provoking, and at times absurd. These views, from what we gathered, are completely different from the majority of those attending the demonstration.

But we still listened, and this is not such a bad thing. We implore you to challenge yourself and your views at every opportunity. This is college, a time for growth, not stagnation, where everyone can and

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Demonstration / group protests abortion

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with opposing views.

"This is a place to celebrate opinions," Rogers said. "I am proud of the UW-RF students who have demonstrated a willingness to engage and think."

Rogers pointed out that with a demonstration of this nature, people tend to become very personally involved.

"My heart goes out to the students who have felt emotionally injured by the messages," Rogers said.

Rev. Ralph Ovadal, founder of the Missionaries of the Preborn, stated the goals for the demonstration.

"We're here to speak up for the pre-born," Ovadal said. "We're here to put a face to the issue of babies being murdered for profit by the likes of Planned Parenthood."

Planned Parenthood Public Affairs Assistant Katie Pierson out of the Minneapolis office, feels the Constitution protects the group's freedom of expression, but points out that the Constitution also protects the choice to have an abortion.

"The 1st Amendment protects the group's right to protest, but Roe versus Wade, also protects women's right to have an abortion," Pierson said. "But we have to get the word out that 93 percent of our services work towards helping women prevent unwanted pregnancies."

Other Planned Parenthood administration agreed with Pierson's thoughts.

"Considering there isn't a Planned Parenthood in River Falls itself, their protest shows how extremist the group is," said Susanne Halverson, Advocacy Coordinator for Northwest Wisconsin's Planned Parenthood.

Ovadal was not upset with the students' reaction to the demonstration, since he believes the ones in the crowd were only a minority of

the campus.

"I've been walking around the campus today, and I would say this group does not represent the entire student body - maybe in their opinions, but not in the way they behave," Ovadal said. "The student population is about 5,000 and there are only about 100 students out here. And there are only about 20 or so what I would call big-mouths in front."

"Americans are falling asleep to the issue of abortion. They must be reminded that 40 million babies are being murdered every year."

-Chuck Spingola, street preacher

Spingola felt that a combination of voice and pictures is the best way to get the group's message across. He felt that the old saying "that a picture is worth a thousand words" holds true for the points he wanted to get across.

"We came here first of all to preach the love of peace and mercy to the forsaken and the brokenhearted," Spingola said. "And to show people what unborn babies look like in the hands of abortionists."

"Americans are falling asleep to the issue of abortion," Spingola said. "They must be reminded that 40 million babies are being murdered every year."

In response to the animosity he faced from the crowd, he said he receives similar reactions at other campuses, but refuses to let it deter him.

"It's typical," Spingola said. "People used to ask Jesus Christ questions seeking to accuse him. But there are people in the back who are not so brazen, and I think they are here because they are interested in what we are saying."

Some students pointed out the fact that the many children involved with the organization were hearing and seeing some possibly offensive material.

"The messages I'm hearing today are teaching children hatred," said junior Angela Leckel. "These children aren't getting a chance to have open minds. I think it's horrible."

Leckel added the children involved with the organization are missing out on diversity and new experiences, which will result in them leading very sheltered lives.

"The children are learning hatred, instead of love like the Bible preaches," Leckel said. "These messages are harming their [children] knowledge and this is the number one key to, this issue." Micah Buyno who has been involved with the organization since the fall, felt there is no harm in showing young children pictures of aborted fetuses.

"Desperate situations call for desperate measures," Buyno said, when referring to the number of aborted children each year. "People can see they are in need of a savior. The good news is that God commands people to repent their sins."

Freshman Tiffany Nelson was worried that listening to Spingola would give students the wrong impression about the Christian religion.

"All of us on campus are sinners, but God still loves us," she said. "He (Spingola) made it seem like God doesn't forgive people for what they do."

Take Back the Night / protesting abuse

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The healing process begins

Among more than 20 'silent witnesses' - life-size, wooden cut-outs representing women who had died from domestic violence - and several clotheslines filled with decorated t-shirts, each telling a story of a deceased woman or child, rally participants used an open-microphone to share with the group their own experiences.

For one particular individual, the open-microphone was an opportunity to begin a healing process by sharing publicly for the first time the story of being sexually assaulted by a male cousin when she was around 10 or 11-years-old. When she tried to tell a relative what happened, they shrugged it off as "just an accident" and that she shouldn't have felt bothered by the incident.

"I just kind of forgot about it, but it kept coming up," the person said while crying.

A number of individuals, each with a personal story, took turns talking to the crowd.

"I was abused for many years," said a former resident of Turningpoint, "and I have daughters now and it's been hard to let men into my life because of that."

One woman, a local high school teacher who had attended similar rallies in the past and "usually tells stories of her students," this time told of a man she knew who was sexually assaulted and he didn't tell anyone for eight years. Finally she was able to convince him that it was acceptable for a man to admit to being sexually abused.

"Inside, he had nothing because he was so torn apart," she said.

Jen Straub, a UW-RF senior and a Take Back the Night organizer, emphasized the importance of the open-microphone.

"It's really an amazing step in the healing process to tell your story, and it takes tremendous courage," Straub said. "I really admire all of the people who were brave enough to tell their story. Survivors need to know that they are not alone."

"He said he first tried to strangle her and that it wasn't working, so he grabbed a shovel and began hitting her. When she went down, DJ continued to hit her; then he went to the kitchen for knives and stabbed her until he thought she was dead."

-story included with a t-shirt commemorating the life of Margaret Bohn, 42.

Taking their message to Main Street

Throughout the evening rally participants made placards with poster board and markers, up until about 8:15 p.m. when 25 individuals held the signs high in the air and began to march through the River Falls community.

The traffic on Main Street slowed to a crawling pace and people peered through the windows of downtown businesses as the group, led by Straub, shouted phrases like, "Together, unite, take back the night!" and "Out of our homes, into the streets, we won't be raped, we won't be beat!"

The group made their way down the middle of Main Street - with the traffic control and security of at least 10 River Falls police officers - and then proceeded through the campus grounds and down a sidewalk lined with luminaries on their way back to the Student Center. Just before the highlight event of the evening, Speer reiterated the reason for the march.

"Instead of just being angry, we also like to march to celebrate the women who didn't end up as silhouettes and t-shirts."

Neil and Cullen / giving students credit

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will be exposed to many different and oftentimes wonderful ways of living. With the tremendous outcry we observed it makes sense to figure that there are more issues near to ourselves than what we would normally give ourselves credit for. Learn about them, explore them, and grow in them. There are many groups on this campus which represent the antithesis of these missionaries, such as the Gay/Straight Alliance, the African American Alliance, and the Gender Equality Council which fight for the end of bigotry. These groups saw more support for their causes last Tuesday than they have in years... and make no mistake, this is a GOOD THING. The next step is to be proactive, instead of just reactionary. Realize that the dream the Rev. Martin Luther King so eloquently spoke of is not one we have to go to sleep for.

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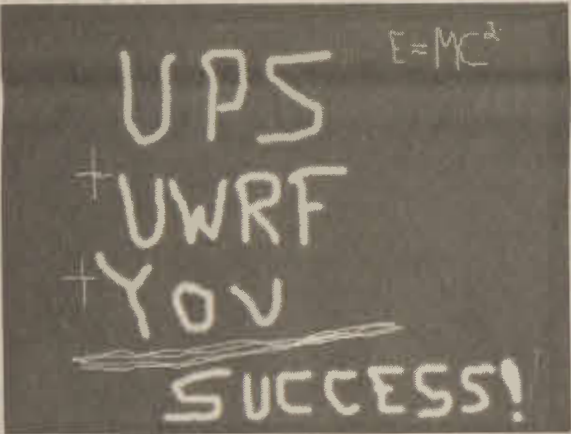
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Logic fails Vikings once again

There are two kinds of logic in the world. First, there is the regular logic. The kind that tells you to eat when you're hungry, drink when you're thirsty, and seek cover in the pouring rain.. Then, there is Denny Green logic. The kind that tells you to eat when you're full, drink when you're bloated, and stay out in the

TROY MALLAT

rain until your feet rot off into bloody stumps.

At least that's what can be deciphered out of his first-round draft pick Michael Bennett.

Bennett is no doubt a fine talent. He has world-class speed in a 5-9, 210-pound frame. There's only one problem: HE'S A RUNNING BACK and more importantly a running back that will need at least two years to mature.

When will Denny Green learn to look for today, instead of three years down the road? Flashback to two years ago. The Vikings were a Gary Anderson field goal away from the Super Bowl, so Green does the no-brainer of selecting a backup quarterback in the first round instead of an impact defensive player like defensive end Jevon Kearse..

Yes, that quarterback turned out to be Daunte Culpepper, who is a fine quarterback, maybe the best all-around athlete in the league, but Minnesota took two steps backward the next season and lost in the second round of the playoffs.

Today, the Vikings have the same problem, a defensive team that is composed entirely of ends, guards, and tackles. They sit at the end of the bench, guard the water bottles, and tackle whoever comes near them.

A defense whose porousness can only be matched by Denny Green defensive ineptitude.

To Denny, the solution is simple. Pick a running back instead of a cornerback who can cover more than a point spread. For the second straight time, logic fails the Vikings.

And here are some more thoughts none of you will care about.

While the Vikings were figuring out the best way to piss their draft away, the Packers were trying to fill needs with DE Jamal Reynolds and WR Robert Ferguson. The Pack didn't get the best at any one position, but next to the Vikings, Ron Wolf looks like Albert Einstein....

... Does anyone else feel a Twins-Cubs World Series coming on?

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Lightning strikes twice

Weather a factor at UW-EC Invite and Stout twinbill



File photo by Scott Wente / The Student Voice

Falcon shortstop Becky Ahlbrecht (9) and the rest of the Falcons came within a flash of lightning from winning the WIAC West Div. crown, but April storms shortened a doubleheader with UW-Stout and put the Falcons in a two-way tie with UW-La Crosse.

Falcons split before Eau Claire Invitational cut short by storms

Paul J. Cruz
Sports Correspondent

UW-River Falls' softball squad went on a rollercoaster ride Saturday at Eau Claire's Carson Park.

After turning in a 13-hit, no-error performance that upended nationally ranked Illinois Wesleyan (26-10) 8-5, the Falcons committed five errors en route to a 7-5 setback to a below-average St. Scholastica (11-15) squad to end the first day of the UW-Eau Claire Tournament on a sour note.

Inclement weather washed out all contests to be played on the tournament's second day.

"We played up and down," UW-RF coach Faye

Perkins said. "At this point, it's up to the players. The team should have the confidence to know that it can beat anyone. We're gonna continue working on the things we need to work on."

UW-RF allowed St. Scholastica to build a 3-0 lead before it broke into the scoring column with a single third-inning score that cut the Saints' lead to 3-1.

The Saints upped their lead to 5-1, before the Falcons used a monster fifth inning to knot the count at 5-5.

Sophomore Angie Garin sparked the Falcons' fifth-frame fire with a three-RBI triple. Freshman Melissa Turbak subsequently doubled to plate Garin for the game-tying score.

Unfortunately for UW-RF, the Saints tallied two seventh-stanza scores, then held the Falcons scoreless in the bottom of the inning, to escape with the 7-5 upset win.

Turbak (3-for-4, RBI), senior Cindy Ostertag (2-for-4, RBI), senior Becky Ahlbrecht (1-for-2, RBI) and Garin (1-for-3, 3 RBI) led the Falcons

at the plate. UW-RF collected four hits as a team.

Sophomore Amy Brooke, who received the starting nod, worked 4.1 innings. She allowed five runs on three hits, struck out four and walked one.

Freshman Devanie Bigalk, who pitched 2.2 relief innings, gave up two runs on two hits, struck out one and walked four.

"This was not a pretty game," Perkins said. "We did not play to our potential at all."

That was not the case against Illinois Wesleyan, as the Falcons played near-flawless ball to avenge a 6-0 blanking they suffered to the Titans earlier in the season.

At the outset, it appeared Illinois Wesleyan might pull away for another rout, as UW-RF allowed the Titans to build a 3-0 lead in the first frame.

This time, however, the Falcons responded. UW-RF trimmed the Titans' lead to 3-2 with a

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Rain-shortened loss against UW-Stout costs Falcons outright West Division crown

Paul J. Cruz
Sports Correspondent

With a sweep of UW-Stout Tuesday at Menomonie's Wakanda Park, the UW-River Falls softball team would have clinched the program's first outright WIAC West Division crown since 1996.

Mother Nature and the Blue Devils — the latter coached by Chris

Stainer, a former UW-RF softball player who, ironically, served as a Falcon assistant coach in 1996 — had other plans for the Falcons.

After UW-RF blanked Stout 5-0 in the opener, Stainer's squad

tripped the Falcons 3-2 in a nightcap, which was called after 4 1/2 frames due to lightning and rain, to put a crimp in the Falcons' divisional title celebration plans.

The split left the Falcons (20-10 overall, 5-3 WIAC West) in a two-way tie with UW-La Crosse (18-13, 5-3) — who swept UW-Eau Claire (20-13, 3-5) Tuesday — atop the West standings, with no divisional games remaining on either team's schedule.

UW-Superior (13-16, 3-3), who squared off with Stout in a twinbill held in Menomonie today after this edition of The Student Voice went to print, will gain a piece of the West Division title pie if it sweeps the Blue Devils.

This co-champion mess, potentially caused by inclement weather, has left Falcon skipper Faye Perkins less than pleased.

"I know we could won (the second game) if we could have played the whole game," Perkins said. "It was frustrating. It felt like the game was taken away from us because we didn't get a chance to finish it."

UW-RF commenced the second contest in the exact same fashion it did the opener: it took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first frame.

Freshman Anna Poulter, who singled before swiping second base, scored on a sophomore Meghann Mulligan single, then junior Trudy Natterstad, who was pinch running for Mulligan, advanced home when Blue Devil hurler Jenni Bostrom pegged sophomore Emily Vogt with a pitch to put the Falcons in front 2-1.

In the bottom of the third inning, however, Stout plated three runs on three hits to take the lead for good.

Senior Cindy Ostertag (2-for-2) and Poulter (2-for-3) led the Falcons, who collected eight hits to the Blue Devils' six at the plate.

Sophomore Amy Brooke pitched all four innings for UW-RF, allowed three earned runs, struck out three and walked two.

The Falcons didn't have much trouble in the opener.

They seized a 2-0 lead in the top of the first stanza. A sophomore Angie Garin single, along with three walks and a balk committed by Stout pitcher Tracy Kokke aided UW-RF's first-inning cause.

In the second inning, Kokke hit Falcon hurler, freshman Devanie Bigalk, with a pitch to set the tone for the frame. Freshman Abby Keene then reached on a fielder's choice,

Baseball has a splitting headache

Playoff hopes take a hit after splitting two WIAC doubleheaders

Troy Mallat
Sports Editor

The UW-River Falls baseball team split for the third time in three WIAC doubleheaders, taking game one against both UW-Whitewater and UW-Platteville before dropping the nightcaps against both squads.

The Falcons' offense, which had been anemic for most of the week, broke out for 13 runs on 18 hits against the Warhawks in Friday's 13-5 win. The team also hit for power with four home runs and six doubles.

Falcon manager Steve Block made some slight adjustments in the hit-

ting lineup, moving Tim Johnson to the third spot and Cameron Laqua up to No. 2.

"(Hitting)'s contagious," Block said. "When a couple guys get hits, all the guys start swinging well. We just hit the ball better and had better at bats. We've been working at that — at pitch recognition and it worked out pretty well. We were more aggressive — smart aggressive."

Sophomore center fielder Scott DeWyre led the onslaught, going 3-for-5 from the plate with a pair of home runs and a double. The sophomore knocked in five runs and scored three times.

Right fielder Josh Eidem added a 3-for-5 day with a homer, double and three RBI. Left fielder Eric Bartholomew was 3-for-5 at the plate as well.

Leading 6-5, the Falcons broke the game open in the seventh inning, plating five runs. After a Tim Johnson leadoff single, DeWyre's first home run of the year gave the Falcons an 8-5 advantage. With two

Baseball drops two to Winona St.

UW-River Falls fell to 13-12 overall after 5-4 and 11-9 losses to Winona St. Tuesday afternoon.

In the two games, third baseman Adam Benson went 4-for-6 with four RBI and hit a pair of home runs. However, the Warriors took the lead in their last at bat.

In game one, the Warriors scored a run in the bottom of the seventh off reliever Josh Eidem. With runners at first and second with two out, Andrew Becker's throwing error allowed the winning run to cross the plate.

With the game tied at 9-9 in game two, the Warriors plated two runs in the bottom of the sixth when Travis Zick hit a no out home run off Benson. Benson, who was seeing his first action on the mound, earned the loss.

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What: River Falls (13-12, 3-3 in the WIAC) at Stout (16-6-1, 0-4) on April 27 at 1 p.m.

What to watch: Stout boasts of the best offense in the WIAC under first-year manager Joe Varva. The team is batting .375 as a team, by far the best in the WIAC while the Falcons are seventh with a .281 team mark. Blue Devil Brad O'Connell is hitting .563 with 25 RBI and eight HRs. P Matt Lunde is 5-1 on the year.

What: River Falls vs. Superior (4-6, 0-4) on April 28 at Ramer Field. First pitch is slated for noon.

What to watch: The Falcons must look for a sweep against the worst team in the conference in order to have any hope at a playoff spot. The Yellowjackets have the worst team batting average (.279) and worst team ERA (10.94) in the WIAC. Superior has only played 10 games thus far.

out and the bases empty, the Falcons got clutch singles from Ryan Schrez, Eric Bartholomew, Andy Becker and Eidem.

DeWyre would add another two-run blast in the eighth inning.

"(DeWyre) needed to come out of it, and he really hit the ball hard," Block said.

Third baseman Adam Benson keyed a four-run first inning with a two-run home run off Warhawk starter Nathan Karaway.

However, the lead was erased when Whitewater came back with four runs of their own in the bottom of the first. But starter Dan Morgan settled down and scattered six hits over the last eight innings to earn his third win of the season. The sophomore struck out five and walked three.

In the nightcap, the Falcons fell behind 5-0 in the first inning when starter Bruce Grandits gave up three doubles and two homers to the first five batters he faced. Whitewater went on to pummel the Falcons, 16-4.

Joe Shere and D.J. Cartledge each hit two-run bombs in the inning, which forced Grandits out of the game without recording an out.

"I don't know if there is anything we can do differently," Block said. "We didn't pitch well in the second game. I can't pitch for them. They have to pitch, and one of those pitchers has to step up in the second game."

The inning proved to be enough for Shere, who threw eight innings

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Judge, jury and exhibitors

Matt Rayburn
Off-Beat Editor

For over 25 years UW-RF's finest artists' works have been on display each year as part of the Student Juried Exhibition. Displayed in KFA's Gallery 101 since April 20, this year's exhibition features artwork done in fibers, paintings, mixed media and other mediums for the University community to enjoy.

Each year a juror from the surrounding professional arts community is chosen by the art faculty to select works submitted by art students. This year Sally Johnson, director of the Groveland Gallery in Minneapolis, was selected to choose what works were to be displayed.

"I was looking for three criteria," Johnson said. "Presentation, technical proficiency and some sort of transformed work beyond a school assignment that had good craftsmanship and integrity."

Johnson, who holds a B.F.A. from the University of Minnesota, has been the director of Groveland Gallery since 1984. From 1979 to 1984, she was a self-employed studio artist, and has also taught sculpture at public schools in St. Paul. In addition, Johnson designed and constructed a public sculpture for the Norwest Center Lobby in St. Paul.

Bernie Ficek-Swenson, who teaches printmaking and drawing courses and was this year's coordinator for the Student Juried Exhibition, said the juror plays an important role.

"They come in with fresh eyes, visions and voices," she said. "They look for personal, artistic visions that stand out and have their own voices."

Out of the 175 works submitted, 48 were selected by Johnson to be displayed and 11 Juror's Awards were distributed. A few of the works recognized with Juror's Awards include "Spring," a textile by Por Yang, "Mixed Media," a silver gelatin print by Heidi Sime and "Bowl," a ceramic piece by Ryan Gregory.

Freshman Tiffany Shelman who visited the Student Juried Exhibition, said the works were interesting and that she enjoyed the oil painting "A Shadow of My Former Self" by W.R. DiSabato.

"It's not a painting of what society assumes beauty is and shows what the artist was thinking," Shelman said.

Many works included in the exhibition appear personal, including senior Chad Robison's "Untitled," a printmaking work that deals with people Robison has known who have attempted suicide. Featuring prints of a syringe, an electrical cord and other objects, Robison's work also includes an EKG heart reading.

"I had an EKG done on myself and wanted to put my own personal touch on it," he said.

Whoever the artist and whatever message he or she is expressing in his

"They come in with fresh eyes, visions and voices. They look for personal, artistic visions that stand out and have their own voices."

- Bernie Ficek-Swenson



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Over 40 pieces of artwork are on display in KFA's Gallery 101 for the Student Juried Exhibition that runs until May 10.

or her work, the Student Juried Exhibition allows art students to get a feel for the competitive art market.

"[The Student Juried Exhibition] provides a very realistic experience for students to see what the competition is like in the marketplace," said Art Department Chair Michael Padgett. "It helps them think about their work and put it in perspective."

The Student Juried Exhibition is on display until May 10. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 2-4 p.m. on Sunday.

'Literary' reading

Columnists-turned-professors visit Reading Series with journalistic tales, 'larger truths'

Kathryn Houge
Staff Writer

Laughter and knowing smiles filled audience member's faces at Friday's Student Reading Series presentation by retired UW-RF English professors Dave Wood and James Lenfesty. Wood and Lenfesty, who are also former *Star Tribune* columnists, shared writing examples and advice.

Despite the beautiful sky and warm temperatures at 3:30 Friday afternoon, April 20, about 30 people filled Davee Library's Breezeway for the readings.

Usually the event is filled with students who sign up or show up for the open mike, said UW-RF English professor Jennifer Brantley, the Series coordinator.

Friday's focus was a form of "Literary Journalism."

"Literary Journalism is true to facts while aiming at larger truths," Lenfesty said. "Journalism is usually just the smaller truths of daily facts."

Wood shared two columns he wrote for the *Star Tribune*.

One was about how his grandmother gave him the idea to stick peas in his ears and how his father gave him the idea to pee on the electric fence. The other column was excerpts from his father's diary that Wood found in his mother's attic.

Entries included accounts of the

harvest, prices, and brief, frank accounts of family diphtheria illnesses and deaths.

Tea was \$1.00 for two pounds, a hired hand was paid \$2.75 for almost three days' work, a doll cost \$1.00 and Mom's New Year's Eve dress cost \$10.40.

"He was such a Yankee," Wood told an audience member about his father's brief bluntness. His dad, who called Wood "Davy," wrote that he got "Ninety-nine cents a bushel and my daughter died," Wood said.

Wood shared about the differences between literary writing and journalism.

"Writers of serious fiction and poetry have a hard time getting something printed," he said. "That's a drag."

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- James Lenfesty

will end of at the bottom of the birdcage and wrapped around wall-eye guts."

Lenfesty said his three years of teaching English at UW-RF, 1968 to 1971, were three of the best years of his life.

"Poetry is a record of your life," he said, just like Wood's father's diary, so he began with the translation of a Chinese poem about writing from about 1200 years ago.

"Series" continued on B4

Jesus responds to declining ratings

a column and interview by Max Date, who has the Son of God's cell phone number



Maybe Governor Jackass, er Ventura, was right. Religion may very well be for all those weak-minded people. Or at least a pre-requisite for the fanatical, irrational ones.

Chuck Spingola (pictured, with the tie and the Bible), a "street preacher" with Missionaries for the Preborn, came to campus on Tuesday in an attempt to win over moderates who were sitting on the fence on the abortion issue. His tools? Hate speech and gross dead baby pictures, who, judging by the size of the corpse, were aborted about five hours before they were due (Chuck: actual aborted fetuses aren't that big, nor do they have distinguishable features).

He had all sorts of signs and pamphlets, and little kids who chased you down to give you a pamphlet of fake aborted fetuses even if you had 20 or 25 already. His kids were there; home-schooled, lobotomized and all, in the camouflage, ready to tell you all about what their daddy told them about abortion. In a move that would have made Elizabeth Cady Stanton roll over in her grave, his wife was there too - donned in long dress and kerchief, apparently standing up for the woman's right to not have rights. And, just like any kook preacher appearance, there was the token guy in the wheelchair, which I'm told is a good propaganda move.

I, like a good number of people out there, am for keeping abortion legal, although I would never decide to go that route myself. But my theory is that it's better to get it done safely and immorally than with a coat hanger. Chuck would disagree with me. He'd probably also disagree with me as to whether or not gay people are the root of all evil.

The casual passerby to the rally may have gotten the impression that gay men are the leading cause of abortion. Surprisingly, THEY'RE NOT! Nor does it say 'Friends don't let friends be homosexuals' in the Bible (although Chuck did admit they were kind of paraphrasing that one).

So, needless to say, the enlightened members of

this campus wouldn't buy into his Bible thumping, and gathered around him to argue his religious contentions. To almost every valid point raised by the crowd, Chuck used the Bible like a shield, just like those damn journalists hiding behind the First Amendment. Lots of mean words were thrown back and forth, involving Hell, eternal salvation and Janet Reno. And in the end, all it did was anger up the blood.

In the wake of this public demonstration, I have taken it upon myself to get the issues resolved. And there's only one way to do this: talking with Jesus Christ himself. Seeing as how I am an active member of the Catholic Church (I've been to church three weeks in a row), he was happy to oblige. I talked to my local priest and he said that impersonating Jesus is a sin, so it's a good thing I'm really interviewing him.

MD: How are you?

JC: Fine thanks.

MD: Before we get to the issue at hand, who is actually worse: journalists or lawyers?

JC: Surprisingly, it's business majors.

MD: I knew it. Okay, is Mr. Spingola doing your father's work?

JC: No, not so much. He must have had sh*t in his ear, because God teaches that we should love everyone - not just the ones that cling to redneck logic.

MD: You seem more bitter than the last time we met. Are you sure everything's fine?

JC: Honestly, Max, I am a little miffed. My family's goal was to bring peace and love to the world. People like Chuck make me feel like I'm wasting my time. I feel so misinterpreted, and for once, it's not the media's fault.

MD: Are Buddha and Vishnu experiencing the same type of misinterpretation?

JC: I haven't talked to them lately, but an e-mail from Ganesh suggests that he is frustrated too.

MD: I see. One thing I noticed was that Chuck has not only dragged himself down, but has man-

aged to bring his entire family with him.

JC: It takes one sick individual to get your kids to hand out pamphlets at an anti-gay rally.

MD: As the picture suggests, was I really 'with stupid'?

JC: You certainly were, Max.

MD: As Chuck's belt buckle suggested, do his kids have the '#1 Dad'?

JC: No, my dad could kick their dad's ass. But I think that goes without saying.

MD: Many people are turning away from the church. Do you think it is due to idiots like Chuck?

JC: A good non-leading question.

MD: Would that explain the dip in the ratings?

JC: I think it's a combination of two things. One, people like Chuck misinterpreting my message of peace into one of venomous speech. Two, churches that don't give wine at communion every week. People get thirsty!

MD: Off the record, what is your honest opinion of the Bible?

JC: The Bible is good, but of course I'm going to say that since it's semi-biographical of me. But some of it - I just don't know. Have you ever tried to read Revelations? It's not a surprise that people can get the Bible to 'say' so much. If you read that, you could justify using fire-breathing demons to kill your cheating neighbor.

MD: Well Jeez, I can't thank you enough for the interview. I hope your holy words can shed some light on this sticky situation. Peace be with you.

JC: And also with you. I just hope that people can remember that loving everyone doesn't leave it up to your discretion to decide who is someone. Love unconditionally. Don't use my mission for hate. And don't forget, no one is perfect - everyone is a sinner. Except for me.

I figure someone will have something to say to me, so e-mail me at max.k.date@uwrf.edu.

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