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A chance for fun in the sun



Kyle Weaver / Student Voice

After a rainy beginning to the week skies parted and gave students the chance to take advantage of the sunshine. Freshmen Ryan Alwes and Jaime Cayce took time to play catch Tuesday on the east end of campus near Grimm Hall.

Faculty Senate agrees on 8 new evaluation areas

Open-ended question debate to continue next fall

Mike Longaecker
Guest Writer

Next fall, students will have a new set of statements that will be used to evaluate their instructors.

Wednesday afternoon, the Faculty Senate approved a proposal that will scrap previous evaluation statements in favor of eight new ones, which Faculty Senate Chair David Trechter called "a vast improvement."

As changes to a mainframe system that handles the implementation of the questionnaire will be made for the coming fall semester, a committee was established to review and revise the current statements before

the mainframe changes go into effect.

"I guess we're happy with it [the new eight statements]," said Nick Clupper, Director of Student Affairs and Academic Services. "This way, the committee will have to revisit the issues we had."

While prior meetings addressed the inclusion of open-ended questions on the new questionnaire, Faculty Senate members largely skirted the issue on Wednesday, leaving open-ended questions off the new questionnaire. Members cited problems with the information becoming public record.

"These types of questions involve biased information, and shouldn't be public domain," said Trechter.

Though he noted that he is "personally opposed" to open-ended questions being on the questionnaire, Trechter acknowledged that

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The new statements:

The instructor:

- Displayed thorough knowledge about the material being taught
- Presented the course material in an organized manner
- Explained concepts clearly
- Demonstrated interest and enthusiasm about the course content
- Made presentations that enhanced learning
- Clearly communicated expectations for course work
- Provided effective feedback regarding exams and/or assignments
- Treated students fairly and with respect

Each statement calls for a score of 1 through 6
(1 being strongly agree; 6 being strongly disagree)

Parking concerns addressed; committee to strengthen plan

First draft of
proposal to be
presented, decided
end of May

Maisha Downey
Photo Editor

The first reading of the proposed parking ordinance will be voted on by city council by the end of this month.

In the ordinance each property owner along Third to Sixth streets will receive two free parking permits for the even side of the street. If passed the odd side of the streets will remain free parking as they are now.

The parking restrictions would take effect Sept. 1 and will be enforced through May 31 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. After these hours both sides of the street will become

free parking.

Residents in the proposed area recently received letters explaining the proposed restrictions.

Along with the letter was a map of streets being proposed for restrictions, as well as streets just outside of the area that could be petitioned by residents to be included in the ordinance.

Parking committee members feel that one or two more meetings will only strengthen the plan. Mayor Eric Amundsen said newly raised concerns and questions from residents needs to be answered.

"We want to make sure we don't have any last questions about the ordinance so we can bring it to [city] council for a quick vote," Amundsen said. "We don't want them to have to make amendment after amendment."

One major concern of both students and residents is how permits will be distributed to homes where students rent.

"I know college kids live in the

proposed area," said city council and parking committee member Emily Ronning. "It's not unordinary to have six or seven people in a house."

She said many student houses have off street parking, but the committee will discuss at the next meeting what to do for renters who rely on parking on the streets.

The parking committee plans on watching the new ordinance next semester or full school year before they decide whether to restrict parking on the odd side of the street.

"If the ordinance does pass, it needs to be strongly enforced or else it will fail," Amundsen said.

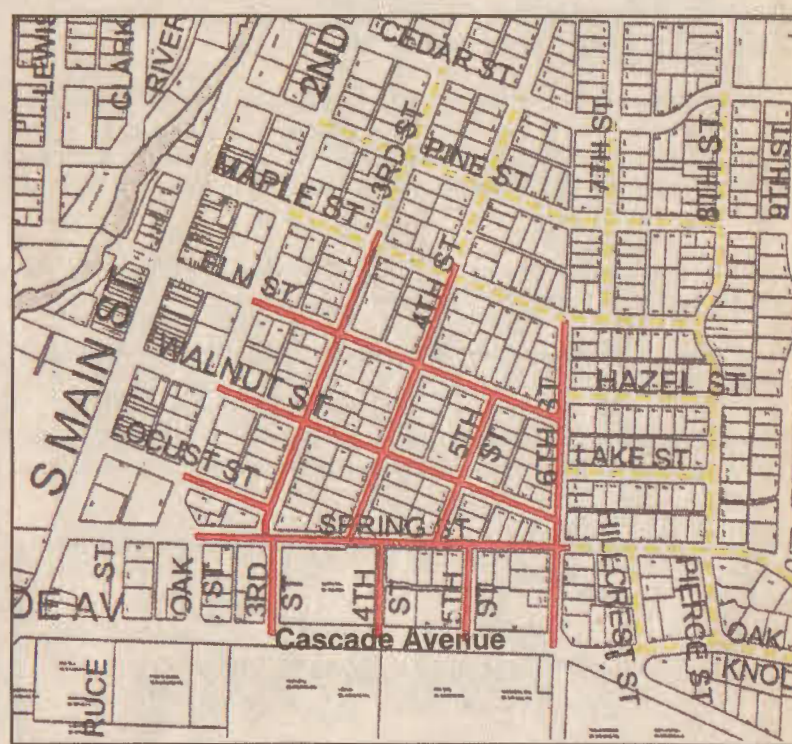
He said the trolley used last year to transport students across campus failed because of this.

Ronning, who is also the Leadership Training Coordinator at UW-River Falls, said students

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Streets Being Considered for Parking Restrictions

- Proposed Streets for Initial Implementation
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Focus on U Talent Show Results

1st: Allison Dork,
piano and vocal

2nd: Brandon Bruder,
vocal with CD

3rd: Vince Baumel,
piano solo

Plan for increasing financial aid questioned; some say unethical

If money from auxiliary fund
can't be used, budget cuts
could increase

Eric Henning
Assistant Editor

Gov. Doyle's plan to fund an increase in financial aid is creating a stir in Madison.

State legislators are questioning Doyle's proposed use of the UW System auxiliary fund to pay for an increase in financial aid.

The auxiliary fund is a pool of money from all UW System schools containing revenue generated from student fees, housing, parking, food service and other fees not directly related to instruction.

By law, when tuition is increased by 1 percent, financial aid must be increased \$250,000. Typically this would be paid for with revenue generated from taxes. Because of the \$3.2 billion shortfall Wisconsin is facing, there is no tax revenue to spare. A tuition increase of at least 8 percent is expected for the fall semester.

Siphoning approximately \$23 million from the UW System auxiliary fund is Doyle's solution.

"It's very problematic as far as where the Governor has taken the dollars from," said state Sen. Shelia Harsdorf (R).

It may not be legal to use money from the auxiliary fund, Harsdorf said. The legislature has not debated the issue yet, and it has not come up before the Joint Finance Committee either, Harsdorf said. The legislature will ultimately decide if it is permissible.

Even if it is legal, some think it is unethical.

Using auxiliary fund money for financial aid is a double taxation on students, Vice Chancellor Virgil Nylander said, because the money students pay to fund such initiatives as the new student union and new residence hall could be removed and used for financial aid.

If the auxiliary fund can't be used, the financial aid increase might not be as large as Doyle is proposing, Harsdorf said.

The legislature could modify the law linking tuition increases to financial aid in order to make this possible, Nylander said.

Another possibility is that the UW System could be hit with another budget cut to pay for financial aid, Nylander said.

Right now Harsdorf is looking at all possibilities. She is in the process of gathering input from students and

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tickets are available for the Kansas City Chiefs vs. Green Bay Packers 2003 Hall of Fame game. This event is August 2 through 4 at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Canton Ohio. For more information visit www.uwrf.info/chiefs/ or www.profootballhof.com.

Looking for a hysterical, free play to watch? Come and see the Masquers student theatre organization's production of The Birthday Present. Sign up on the sign posted in KFA near 119. If you want to usher show up around 7:15 p.m.

There are tabling sessions with information and a petition about implementing professor evaluations on various days in the Student Center. For more information stop by the Student Senate office in the Leadership Center.

Do you want to be on the radio? If so, apply for a radio show at WRFW. There are applications outside 306, North Hall. Just return your application to Jason Hausler's mailbox outside 306C North Hall.

Unique Summer Jobs with the Kansas City Chiefs training camp. There are openings for courier positions and a volunteer/guest services coordinator. If interested or have any questions, contact Mary Halada at mary.l.halada@uwrf.edu.

Graduation regalia is available at the bookstore. Stop by and pick up your graduation cap and gown.

Student job opportunities with athletic teams for fall semester. If interested contact Kevin Bullis at 425-3138 or via e-mail at kevin.w.bullis@uwrf.edu.

EVENTS

Angie Schumacher, a graduating senior, is presenting a photo documentary about her Greyhound bus trip to New York City on May 15 at 4 p.m. in 281, KFA.

Stress Reduction Center (formerly MASH) is May 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Falcons Nest, Student Center. There will be free massages, ice cream, rootbeer and much more. To relieve some stress, stop by and join the fun.

Looking for something free to do this weekend? If so, attend the outdoor music festival on May 10 at 6 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Roxanne Emmerich, a former UW-RF graduate is speaking on campus May 13 at 10 a.m. in the Blanche Davis Theatre to help students shape a successful future.

Diversity organizations come together to fight hunger in the community until May 14. Collection boxes are around the campus where you can donate non-perishable food items.

MEETINGS

A new organization is looking for people who like to play, or would like to learn how to play Frisbee. For more information contact Jacob Connell or Ashley Ryan Hawke at 425-4743.

A Tactile-enriched environment in Gallery 101 features several graduating senior artists. The gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. in KFA.

Campus Ministry Network has weekly ecumenical prayer gatherings Wednesdays at 5 p.m. at the St. Thomas More Chapel.

Amnesty International offers two peace marches to incorporate all opinions. One march will meet on Cascade Avenue at 4:30 p.m. and the other march will meet at Veteran's Park with candles to express their concern for our troops. Both marches will meet after the march at Veteran's Park for a silent vigil.

Habitat for Humanity meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the International Room of the Student Center.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in North Hall Auditorium.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the International Room. For more information contact cc4cuwrf@hotmail.com

Experiencing agriculture first-hand

Dairy Club, Alpha Zeta host Farm Day Jubilee for elementary students

Leslie Shuler
News Editor

More than 800 elementary students and nearly 100 teachers participated in the annual Farm Day Jubilee held at Lab Farm 1 last Friday. The event, which focuses on educating children about agriculture, is sponsored by the UW-River Falls Dairy Club and Alpha Zeta, an honorary academic agriculture fraternity.

The visiting students, kindergarten through third grade, were from 16 area schools as far east as Menomonie and as far west as St. Paul.

"It is important for everyone to know more about agriculture so they understand where their food comes from," said Ryan Sterry, Farm Day co-chair and Alpha Zeta president.

Through the one-and-a-half hour farm visit, each class participates in educational demonstrations about crops, what cows eat, dairy products, sheep shearing and a petting zoo. Schools were scheduled to visit throughout the day.

"For many students and even adult chaperones this was their first experience with agriculture," Sterry said.

The concept of agriculture is becoming more foreign to many. More of society is becoming further removed from the family farm, according to the Wisconsin Agribusiness Council; less than two percent of the nation is involved in production agriculture.

"It is always interesting to see kids' reactions to seeing, being and smelling agriculture for the first time," Bangart said. "Especially when these are sights and smells that I grew up with."

"I saw one kid with some sheep wool sticking out of his pocket," said Sarah Clemenson, Farm Day co-chair and dairy club publicity officer. "He said was going to show it to his mom."

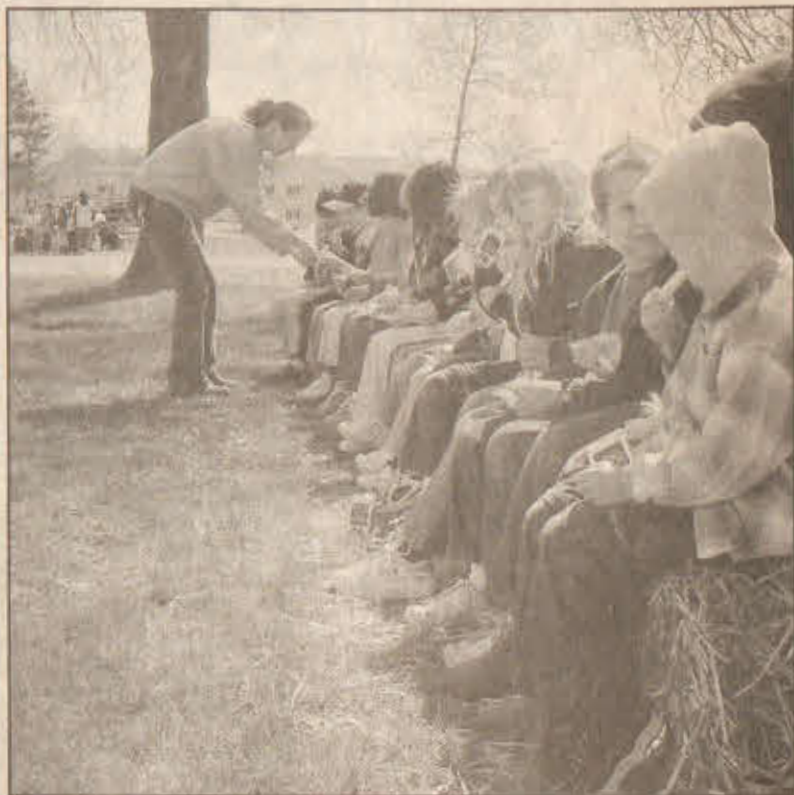
Junior Erin Nelson, dairy club volunteer, said one student asked her if he could bring a straw bale home.

Farm Day also allowed students to clear common misconceptions about agriculture.

"Some children thought chocolate milk came from brown cows," said junior Elsa Arnold. "Actually, one parent asked that, too."

"It is important to educate young children about the importance of farming, so they understand where their food comes from and so they don't think their food just comes from the grocery store," Nelson said.

About 40 UW-RF students volunteered during the day conducting demonstrations or leading small groups of students to each station, Sterry said.



Leslie Shuler / Student Voice

The Farm Day Jubilee event, which serves as an agricultural education project, attracted more than 800 grade schoolers.

The River Falls FFA Chapter, a high school agricultural education organization, helped plan and run the petting zoo portion.

"All of the schools enjoyed the day," Sterry said. "Some parents commented that they learned more about agriculture in one day than they had their entire lives."

The Dairy Club has been involved with the agricultural literacy program for about 10 years, said Dennis Cooper, Dairy Science professor and Dairy Club advisor. Prior to Farm Day Jubilee, the club had an educational activity called Calf Spectacular, which featured educational displays at shopping malls and schools; the displays also included live calves.

"We used to go to the kids," Cooper said. "Now, the kids come to campus. It's much better this way."

Students select Ferriss as favorite adviser



Anna Permann
Staff Writer

Every year the Chancellors office sends out a letter to alums of one and five years, as well as to graduating seniors for two reasons: to determine both the distinguished teacher of the year and the advisor of the year awards. Students nominate professors and advisors and write why they made their choices.

This year, students chose Terry Ferriss as their favorite adviser.

"It really says something if students are inspired enough to write about a specific professor or advisor," said Chancellor Ann Lydecker. "You see the same names come up."

Nominees must meet certain criteria. They must have challenged and stimulated students in their classes or by their advising. The award cannot be won more than once.

Each advisor attends an awards ceremony and receives an honorarium. The final selection is

made by the Chancellor.

"There is always a strong response," Lydecker said. "Students like having an opportunity to acknowledge quality teaching and advising."

The advisor of the year award is in its fourth year.

Ferriss was born in Garrison, North Dakota. She lived in 6 different states while growing up. She started at UW-RF the Fall of 1979.

"Three years in any one place was the longest I lived anywhere until I was in graduate school," she said.

Ferriss is an advisor in the Plant and Earth Science department. She teaches Introduction to Horticulture, Greenhouse Management, Floriculture Production and Management, Horticulture Senior Seminar, and Herbaceous Perennials.

I have the privilege to work with a fantastic group of students here at UW-RF," Ferriss said. "I thoroughly enjoy working with them, encouraging and facilitating them to become who and what they want to be."

Ferriss said that this often includes providing opportunities and challenges to stretch students to their true potential and opening their eyes to all that the world has to offer. It's important to treat each student as an individual, listen to all that

they have to say and facilitate their personal and professional growth. This includes establishing professional networks.

"This award is a tremendous honor," Ferriss said. "I really was rather speechless at first, though my students could probably never imagine that would ever happen."

Lydecker sees Ferriss's attitude toward advising as something that has been simply an automatic thing.

"I see her as someone whose advising has become, and probably always has been, a way of life. It is hard for her to be acknowledged for something that is common and automatic," she said.

Last year's winner was Stan Schruafnagel, Agricultural Economics. In 2001 it was Clifford Mottaz, Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, and in 2000 Stephen Olsen, Marketing Communications, won the honors.

"It is a humbling experience. Shouldn't we all get awards for doing what we love to do?" Ferriss said. "I am fortunate to work in an academic environment where students come first and advising is recognized as an important part of the undergraduate experience."

Public Safety

Several bicycles damaged while at dorms

Jen Cullen
Editor-in-Chief

Illian G. Loney, 19, was given a \$162 citation April 30 at Shopko. She must also pay \$16.99 in restitution. Loney was also given a \$162 citation for possession of marijuana. The Shopko loss prevention officer noticed Loney select a bottle of nail polish and a 12-pack of soda. She also selected a Play Station 2 memory card. The officer said when Loney went to the register to pay for the items she concealed the memory card. When police arrived Loney was placed in handcuffs and brought to the River Falls Police Department. Upon a pat down search, the officer uncovered a "one hit pipe" in a tin container with cigarettes inside. The officer used a narco pouch to test the substance inside. The substance tested positive for THC.

A 21-speed Mongoose mountain bike was stolen May 1 from Grimm Hall. The bike was valued at \$120.

A 10-speed Murray mountain bike was stolen from Grimm Hall May 1. The bike was valued at \$50.

Grant E. Halsne, 21, was given a \$162 citation May 4 for lewd and lascivious behavior.

A public safety officer was on his way to work when he noticed a man moon him at the corner of Vine and S. Main St. Police arrived and saw a man matching the description the Public Safety officer made.

Erin S. Francis, 19, was given a \$162 ID violation citation May 4 at 111 N. Main St. She was also given a \$162 underage drinking citation. It was her first offense.

Kyle Y. Engevik, 19, was given a \$335 underage drinking citation May 2 in O-Lot. It was his second offense. Public Safety officers noticed what appeared to be a disturbance between a male and a female in the lot. Public Safety called River Falls police officers for backup. Engevik admitted to throwing a pack of cigarettes at his girlfriend. Officers noticed the smell of alcohol on Engevik's breath and his was issued the citation.

The driver's side mirror was broken off of a black Geo Metro in J-Lot May 4. The estimated value of the mirror is \$150.

A Trek bike was damaged May 4 at Prucha Hall. The bike, which was locked, was parked on the north side of the bike rack. When the owner went out the next day the bike was on the opposite side. The rim, valued at \$50, was badly damaged.

Student Senate

Car bash will take place during finals week

Eric Henning
Assistant Editor

Student Senate discussed Tuesday the highly debated faculty evaluation questions that were voted on by Faculty Senate Wednesday.

Student Affairs and Academic Services Director Nick Cluppert said Faculty Senate would vote on eight faculty evaluation questions. Cluppert addressed the position of faculty on open-ended questions. Many faculty members seem to be on the fence about open-ended questions, Cluppert said.

"It seems as if non tenured faculty are the ones who want open ended questions," Cluppert said. "It is the tenured faculty who seem to have a

problem with it."

The Student Senate appointed Jeremy Tilsen to the Leadership and Development Programming Board chair for the 2003-04 term.

Other Senate News

President Jessica Wermuth will be sending out surveys this week to residence hall councils to get feedback on their experiences over the past year.

The Car Bash will be held May 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is an event planned as a stress reliever during finals week. Students will be allowed to hit the car in exchange for giving feedback about the Student Senate.

The next Student Senate meeting will be at 7 p.m. May 13 in the Regents Room. On the agenda is a motion to allocate \$16,475 from the Reserve Account to fund a full weekend of activities for Family Day.

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College-age people getting tattoos: Students, artists, researchers explain

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

Although there is no consensus among artists in the tattoo world, researchers suggest the number of college-age people getting tattoos is on the rise.

Jay Langer, 29, owner of The Ink Factory in Hudson, Wis., said his studio usually sees a 50 percent mix of college-aged people and non-college-age. There has definitely been an increase in 18 to 25-year-olds getting tattooed, Langer said.

"Five years ago, when we first opened, it was more of a novelty to get a tattoo and only some college kids were getting them," Langer said. "It gradually started picking up and has kind of plateaued."

Myrna Armstrong, a professor at Texas Tech University School of Nursing in Lubbock, Tex., said in the Oct. 2002 Dermatology Nursing that interest and popularity about tattooing are growing. In a related article Armstrong suggests tattooing and piercing are the most popular types of body art. Between 15 and 20 percent of students have one or the other.

Ritt Graham, owner of Everlasting Tattoo in River Falls, disagreed with Langer. He said the number of 18 to 25-year-olds getting tattoos hasn't increased or decreased in the last five years. Graham, a tattoo artist for 21 years, said his studio proba-

bly gets 30 percent of its business from college age people.

But artists agree that the number of women getting tattooed outweighs the number of men.

Langer said although men get bigger, more expensive tattoos in general there are more women getting tattoos.

"Sixty percent to 70 percent getting tattoos at my studio are women," Langer said.

"Men get the \$200 to \$300 tattoos whereas women get the smaller \$60 to \$100 range. There always can be an exception where a woman gets a very large tattoo."

Raedean Foote, a junior marketing communications major at UW-River Falls fits into the range Langer mentioned.

Foote, who has one tattoo, a smiley face encompassed in a sunburst, said the tattoo took half an hour at Everlasting and cost her \$90.

Sarah Hedin, a freshman psychology major, said she got her first tattoo on her 18th birthday. Because of her birthday the tattoo was half-price at \$45. The moon with smoke surrounding it was done at Spirit Gardens in Red Wing, Minn. Hedin's second tattoo, a heart in remembrance of a friend, was also done at Everlasting and cost \$50.

Keith King, a sophomore music major, who has a full left arm sleeve with flames, the beginning of a sunset sleeve on his right arm and a king of spades on his left shoulder, all from the Ink Factory said he paid somewhere within the \$250 range and continues to add.

Unlike Langer and Armstrong, Graham doesn't have specific per-

centages but did agree that there are more women than men getting tattoos.

Both Graham and Langer agree that the most common areas for women to get tattooed are the lower back, while for men it is the upper arm. Langer said the most common tattoos are Kanji, (Japanese or Chinese characters), tribal markings, butterflies and flowers.

Neither Graham nor Langer stated specific reasons why college-aged people got tattooed but did mention they think students choose what they like.

"It seems what the going trend is going to be determines many college kids' tattoos," Langer said. "A lot of college students get tattoos just to get them."

That's what Hedin did. She walked in on her birthday and picked a tattoo off the wall.

"The first one was because I was 18 and it was something I always wanted to do," Hedin said.

Hedin now advises people considering tattoos, to choose something that has sentimental value, similar to her second tattoo, a heart on her hip.

"Make sure it is something that you really like," Hedin said. "Don't just pick something off the wall."

When Foote decided to be tattooed, she didn't know exactly what to get or where.

"I love smiley faces so I figured why not have one on my body,"

Foote said. "I thought it must be something fun."

King said he got the tattoos because he wanted to put something on his body that meant something special to him.

"The flames remind me of high school," King said. "Hanging out with my friends around the bonfire, they bring back memories."

Foote and Hedin both took into consideration future jobs and career paths when deciding where to get the tattoo on their bodies.

"I knew that I wanted to be able to cover it up if I wanted to," Hedin said. "If it is in a place where I can cover it up then it won't show when I get older."

Foote went into the studio knowing she didn't want the tattoo on her arms where it would constantly be visible.

"I did take future jobs into consideration when deciding where to put it," Foote said. "After I got it [the tattoo] I thought, 'I hate feet' and I got it on the top of my foot?"

King said his mother constantly asks him about jobs in his future and whether he will be able to cover up his tattoos.

"You can see them, it's not something that I want to hide," King said. "But if I wear long sleeves I can cover them up."

Graham said people often don't think about the future when getting tattoos.

"If you get them on your neck or face you limit yourself for jobs and careers," Graham said. "Once you get tattoos that are extremely visible, you are committed for life. The

people that I know that have tattoos on their hands regret them now."

Langer said his studio works to educate people about tattoos

and the long-term effects they have. "We are trying to keep down the number of tattoo cover-ups people get five years down the road," Langer said.

Sometimes people come in to The Ink Factory and make spur of the moment decisions to get a tattoo. Langer said he has refused service to someone who is obviously not sure about the design or the location on the body. There are many reasons why someone should seriously consider a tattoo, Langer said.

"A downfall to tattoos is poor decision making," Langer said. "People come in and get a very small tattoo because they couldn't afford anything larger and didn't want to wait another month to save money for the bigger size."

Spur of the moment decisions don't allow for people to recognize the reasoning behind a tattoo.

"A lot of people want the wham bam thank you ma'am tattoo and don't understand the beauty and art behind it," Langer said. "They will have a beautiful piece of artwork on

their body for the rest of their life."

King said people should make sure the tattoo is something they really want to do.

"Don't jump into it," King said. "Get something that really means something to you and remember if you don't want other people to see it then you might not want it on your body."

All three students have tattoos that remind them of something they did or someone they knew.

For Hedin, the heart with a devil's tail and halo on her hip is the same design as a friend who passed away last year.

"I wanted to always remember her, so I made it my own," Hedin said.

King's playing card is also in remembrance of a friend.

Although Foote doesn't have a tattoo in remembrance of a friend, she did draw the original design for her tattoo.

"I had gone in to see if they had smiley faces that I could adapt but they only had one and I didn't like it," Foote said. "I decided to draw it and used different smiley faces from around my room and stickers to do it."

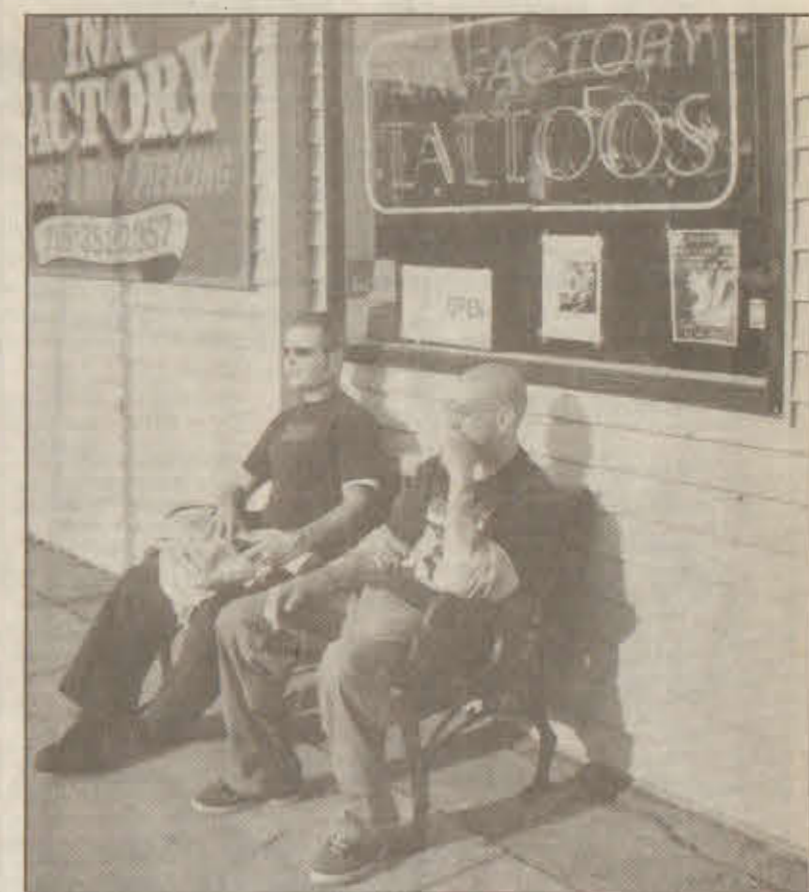
Foote, like Hedin and King have future plans for tattoos.

"My last name is Foote and I would really like to wait until I have kids to get their footprints and names on my back," she said.

Things to remember in choosing a studio

- Ask to see the autoclave. This is the equipment used for sterilizing.
- Beware of 'scratchers,' these people are self-taught and did not do a professional apprenticeship.
- Has the artist been vaccinated for Hepatitis B? This is not required but is important for both the artist and the client.
- All ointment, ink and water should be dispensed in small disposable containers and never re-used.
- Watch the artist destroy and dispose of needles in a biohazard container.
- Focus on straightness of lines, smoothness, blending, shading and depth in artist portfolios.
- Make sure the artist is wearing standard medical latex gloves. Nothing porous should be used.
- Watch the artist remove needles from an autoclave bag in front of you. It is not a legal requirement to use new needles in all states but if autoclaved it is legally acceptable, although not recommended.
- If in doubt, don't.

Information gathered from www.tattoo.about.com



Tiffany Shelman / Student Voice
Pauly Lundeen and Bryan Lewis wait outside the Ink Factory in Hudson for a scheduled customer. The studio has been open at its current location since July 1999.

Taking care of tattoos

- Leave the bandage alone for a minimum of three hours. This keeps air-borne bacteria from invading the wound.
- Wash and treat gently. Use lukewarm water and antibacterial soap. Pat dry and apply an ointment suggested by the artist.
- Scabbing and peeling will occur. Do not pick or scratch.
- Protect it from the sun; always use a minimum of 30 SPF sun block. Fading may occur otherwise.

Artists, state help keep tattooing safe

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

When looking for a qualified tattoo studio, students should consider a number of criteria including licensing, sterility and personal portfolios.

Jay Langer, owner of the licensed tattoo studio, the Ink Factory, said there are many things to look for when seeking out a tattoo studio and tattoo artist.

"Get as many references as possible," Langer said. "Think about it, don't just do it on a whim."

In September 1998, the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services developed health code regulations and certifications for tattoo studios to follow. Chapter HFS 173 is used to regulate tattooists, tattoo establishments, body piercers and body-piercing establishments to protect public health. Included in the regulations are licensing information and fees; rules that specify who can and cannot be tattooed or pierced; regulations on the working environment, including small details

about colors of walls and types of soaps to use; cleanliness, clothing and restrictions for the tattooist and how the equipment should be used, cleaned or disposed of.

In order to be in operation a tattoo studio must be up to date and licensed with the department of health and human services, Langer said.

Studios must be licensed due to the increased risk of potential transmission of Hepatitis B, HIV transmission and possible allergic reactions. In addition to certificates from the health department, that should be clearly visible to the customer, Langer said customers should look at artists' portfolios.

"Choose a specific artist that does the best work to fit your personality," Langer said. "I would hope that people walk in looking for cleanliness but if you are at a tattoo studio sterility shouldn't be an issue."

Ritt Graham of Everlasting Tattoo said when people go in search of a studio they should look for cleanliness, courteousness and professional artists.

When Sarah Hedin and Raedean

Foote, both students at UW-River Falls, went in search of a tattoo studio they said they really weren't very concerned about the risks or whether or not the studio was licensed.

Hedin spoke with her high school teacher about getting her first tattoo and remembers brushing off her advice.

"My teacher kind of told me a little bit about the risks," Hedin said. "She basically said, 'Don't blame me if you get Hepatitis later in life.'"

Like Hedin, the risks for Foote weren't really a concern.

"When I was getting my tattoo he pulled things out of new packages, cleaned the machine and when he was done he made me watch him cut the needles and throw them in the biohazard containers," Foote said. "His prep time was like 15 minutes. I wasn't too concerned. He cleaned his machine like three times in front of me."

Foote said that there is a factor that prevents her from going to get a second tattoo right now.

"You can't give blood for a year

after you get a tattoo and I really like to give blood," Foote said. "Plus the Red Cross gets upset if I don't give because I have a universal blood type. They call me every 54 days to come in and donate."

Although studios must be licensed in the state of Wisconsin, there is currently no licensing for artists themselves. The artists must work in a licensed studio but are not individually certified.

Rather than certification, the tattoo world strongly encourages artists to train in a licensed studio.

"The best way for artists to train is by apprenticing at a good shop that accepts apprentices," Langer said.

Currently the Ink Shop is not accepting apprentices but does have three full-time tattoo artists. Langer, the owner, has been tattooing for more than eight years, Pauly Lundeen, 27, more than 10 years, and Bryan Lewis, 26, for a couple years.

Langer advises prospective artists to continually draw and paint.

"You need to show the tattoo artist you understand art," Langer said.

Editorial

Faculty shouldn't hide behind evaluations

Faculty Senate voted Wednesday on eight new statements that will be used on the evaluations students use for their professors. The evaluations will remain as they have in the past; a fill in the bubble response from students on each statement. Responses can range from one to six, one being strongly agree and six being strongly disagree.

It seems everyone agrees that the new questions are an improvement, but what happened to the debate over the open-ended questions that had so many people talking?

Faculty Senate essentially said the eight questions are good enough for now. Because of the need to have at least some type of evaluation in place next fall, further discussion about the evaluations will be postponed until next year. It really is a shame, because the use of open-ended questions is necessary and should be put in place immediately.

It's sad that there are faculty members who automatically assume students are going to make poor decisions in answering open-ended questions. Assuming the worst of your students isn't fair.

What's worse is faculty members seem to hide behind the flimsy fill-in-the-blank surveys. Assessing a professor's teaching abilities based solely on a strongly agree to strongly disagree basis doesn't provide feedback. It only assigns arbitrary numbers. Students pay money to attend UW-River Falls and professors should be held accountable if they are not providing the best education possible.

Besides, what if students want to evaluate a professor in an area that wasn't covered in one of the eight questions? Once again, this makes it simple for faculty to hide behind the penciled-in bubble questions.

Instead of being intimidated or afraid of what the responses might be, professors should want to use the information to improve their teaching techniques, something that should be high on every professor's priority list.

Until the open-ended questions are added to the mix of things the faculty evaluation will continue to render itself useless in comparison to what it could do; separate the professors who need to improve from the ones who are doing a good job. And that's what's really important.

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Defending reasons for paper theft charges

Stolen papers represent more than paper, ink to staff

The topic of stolen papers and squirrel armies has been a very popular one lately. As someone who is closely involved with this particular topic, I think it's time to break my trend of silence on the Viewpoints pages.

I'm sure every avid reader by now knows that on April 24 more than 2,000 copies of the Student Voice were stolen from the distribution racks in several campus buildings. Since that time three UW-River Falls students have been formally charged with the theft under UWS 17, the UW System's non-academic misconduct policy.

The decision by the Student Voice staff to charge the students has recently come under fire by readers, both in the form of letters to the editor and to staff members personally.

Cries of criticism against the staff have ranged from our staff being too hard on the students, lacking a sense of humor and that we're giving the University a black eye.

As a member of the Voice staff I wear many hats. Writer, photographer, page editor and columnist are all roles I play and get paid little for. Do I think this was a harmless prank? Hell no.

I am one of two people responsible for distributing the 3,400 copies of the Voice each week. Eric Henning and I deliver the papers during what little free time our other responsibilities leave us with on Thursday nights or, when we can't get to it, Friday afternoons. On this particular Thursday night, we actually got the papers out earlier than usual. Until they were stolen.

Some of our critics have actually called into question whether the papers were even stolen or if they were "temporarily misplaced," as Anthony Landberg termed it in his letter.

They were stolen. For the record they weren't returned either. They were left for us to find. No one called us to tell us where the papers were. We had to hear it through the rumor mill. My time, my sweat and my energy

were stolen from me if only for the fact that I had to go out and redistribute those papers. Even with some help, for which I'm very thankful for, it took more than an hour of my life that could have been better spent on my homework, my hobbies or anything else I might have chose to spend it on. I didn't get paid this time either. The

istry equipment from CSH and then returned it the next day and claimed it was just a prank? What these thieves did was threaten our ability to operate the newspaper. Essentially, that is what the First Amendment protects. After all, isn't it the First Amendment that allows a newspaper, including letters to the editor, to operate? It

story, made every effort to talk to the culprits and the professor involved. They refused to comment. That means they had their chance to speak their opinions and chose not to. Fair, balanced reporting if ever I saw it.

Finally, the argument was made that by pressing charges, the staff is creating a negative image for our paper and UW-RF. What kind of image does it create for the University to have a story about our paper's theft in the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram and on the front page of the Wisconsin section of the Pioneer Press? Not a good one I'm sure. Personally, I'm proud of the stance the Voice is taking on this issue. It means we're setting a precedent for this to never happen again. That isn't a bad image.

The perpetrators and facilitators of this crime need to realize that we are taking this seriously and for good reasons. If they had problems with the Voice, they should have addressed them respectfully and in the proper forum such as a letter to the editor. Everyone has their right to an opinion and I respect Dahlke and Landberg for doing so in the proper manner. Stealing papers and leaving ransom notes are neither dignified nor respectful actions.

If the paper thieves want to make it up to me and the other staff members, a good start would be a proper apology. The culprits have formally apologized to the journalism department chair and our adviser, but a sincere, in-person apology to the staff members, the people hurt most in all of this, has yet to be seen. They know where to find us. Then I think a written apology, in the form of a letter to the editor, to our readers is in order. The culprits should apologize to faculty, staff and students for threatening their First Amendment right. Then as a gesture of good will, the thieves should volunteer to deliver the papers for Henning and me for a semester without pay.

As author Mark Twain once said, never pick a fight with people who buy their ink by the barrel.



KYLE WEAVER

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perpetrators of this crime owe me that at the very least. That's not counting the time I, along with other staff members, put into the paper. Come to our office on a Wednesday night if you really want to see it. I guarantee we'll be there until at least 1 a.m.

Another criticism leveled on our staff was that this wasn't an attack on the First Amendment.

It was. While the Voice may not have reached Centennial Science Hall until Friday afternoon last week, which happens occasionally (yes, we are human), there was never a threat that it wouldn't. Think of it this way. People don't just steal bags of money from a bank and then leave them to be found the next day without fear of repercussion. They don't joyride in someone's car for a night and then leave it to be found outside a chemistry professor's office and expect everything to be fine the next morning. What if Voice staffers stole chem-

seems our critics want their letters published by a free press, but don't want punishment for those people who limit that very same free press. Kind of contradictory, isn't it?

Another one of our critics, Erin Dahlke, argues that she would rather have students pulling pranks than raping women or driving drunk. Good call. That goes for me too.

But couldn't these "couple of bored students" have done something positive with themselves, like help clean up the Kinnickinnic River or volunteer at the Lutheran Home? Maybe they could have attended Take Back the Night and drawn attention to it instead of from it. Stories about both events were featured on the front page of the Voice, by the way, which indicates equal attention to me.

Speaking of equal attention, one person said that the story about the theft was unfair and unbalanced.

Not true. Editor Jen Cullen, who wrote the

Letters to the Editor

Pressing charges against paper theft too harsh

To the editor:

I wish to express my opinion on the incident that happened two weeks ago with the "theft" of the Student Voice. I understand some anger at the relocation of most of the copies of the student newspaper, which I'm sure had numerous house of work put into it. However, I feel that to imply this incident was a vicious and premeditated attack against the first amendment and to press charges against those involved is laughable.

One of the main contentions of the article in last week's edition of the paper was that this was a "theft of information." Well, didn't a similar theft take place last week when no copies of the Voice were put in Centennial Science Hall? Wasn't I denied access to information that I pay for with my student fees because whoever distributes the paper decided to punish the many for the sins of a few? Now, you may argue that all I had to do to obtain a copy was to walk next door to KFA to get a copy, but that

being the case I argue that all anyone had to do the week before was to walk over to CSH, as the papers were out in plain view for anyone to take by mid morning. Yes, there was a delay last week when those of use who spend our morning is CSH had to wait until we had an opportunity to go to another building to get our copy. So what exactly separates these two incidents in your opinion? Is it the number of papers involved or the fact in one case the staff of the Voice made a conscious decision to deny me information and in the other case it was out of their hands? Don't condemn one group of students for performing such an act and then turn around and do it yourself.

If you're asking me to be outraged because a couple of bored students decided to "steal" the student newspaper, don't. I would much rather they focus their mischief on incidents such as these as opposed to raping women, driving drunk or doing some other kind of far more serious act. I find it absolutely disgusting that this is

receiving more attention than Take Back the Night, in which women admit to being sexually assaulted on our campus. Perhaps it is time that the administration and the Voice get their priorities in check.

As a fifth year chemistry major I am also appalled at the implication that this was part of some kind of "annual chemistry prank." This was not only a completely incorrect statement but also completely uncalled for. You have no evidence to support such a claim as no such "annual prank" exists. It is misinformation such as this that makes myself, and many other students, wish we could get our \$6.50 back.

Erin Dahlke, student

** Editor's note: The story referred to in this letter reported that chemistry department Chairman Jeff Rosenthal said he wasn't aware of any annual chemistry prank. It made no assertion such a prank existed.*

To the editor:

While I do not condone the fact that a majority of Student Voices were temporarily misplaced, I feel that pressing charges against anyone would result in a negative image for the school newspaper.

I feel that even though there are many paths to follow after this incident, the best choice is to avoid setting a bad example by bringing up frivolous charges that will do nothing but defame The Student Voice, UWRF and ultimately ourselves.

Anthony Landberg, student

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Letters to the Editor

Faculty evaluations need student input

To the editor:

I have been personally following the progress of faculty evaluations for more than a year now. I have talked about it with administration and students from our University and around the UW System. Our recent technology upgrades have given UW-River Falls a wonderful opportunity to examine the form that students use to assess their instructors.

I am disappointed (to say the least) about how students' opinions are being swept under the rug. Faculty Senate members appear to be so concerned with "biased" (i.e. students feedback and opinions) information being publicly released that they seem to be unwilling to consider the student point of view. Not only have the student task force members' opinions about the matter been dismissed, but this whole issue also revolves around the matter of silencing all our students.

Yes, I admit it. I, a student, am biased and my instructor evaluations will be too. Why? Because one, I feel that my education is one of the most important decisions of my life. Two, I believe that UW-RF is a great university and I believe that we should continue to take our commitment to education to a higher level. Three, I believe that professors and students have a very complicated relationship. You have the tired argument about the students being the consumer, but I truly believe that, as a student, I can take my education here as far as I want to. If the student/instructor relationship were more than a consumer (the student) and a provider (the instructor), if it were more like a partnership, both sides would take responsibility for the results of the education. Either way, the student is paying a huge chunk of cash to get something.

This student has been through labs, lectures, discus-

sions and exams. There is a good chance that we might want to listen to what this student has to say about her/his education. Why? Why should we care what this student has to say? Because this student is UW-RF's future and students talk about the quality of their college education. If you don't hear what the students have to say they will tell it to someone else.

There are many different forums to communicate how students feel about our classes. We talk about this with their friends, neighbors, families, co-workers and classmates. Recently the Internet has provided 'great resources' like the positive and professional sounding, "myprofessorsucks.com," which we all know is a form of entertainment. But if that is all there is, students will use it. Many RAs in the residence halls already use this type of forum on hallway billboards where residents can write about their classroom experiences.

But then there is "Pick-A-Prof," which is a serious option when it comes to student associations that want better instructor evals. Students all over the United States (including UW-Milwaukee) have turned to "Pick-A-Prof," which offers open-ended questions, average grades given by each professor and more, all for a fee from the Student Association. I highly recommend Student Senate looking into "Pick-A-Prof" if Faculty Senate refuses to pass a sufficient evaluation form.

I would like to end by thanking the Faculty Senate and Student Senate for working on this. Even if I disagree with the outcome of the final form, I am glad that important issues such as instructor evaluations are being discussed on campus.

Kendra Plant, student

Public safety abuses its authority

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in regard to the Public Safety section.

I am always amazed about all these underage-drinking tickets on this campus, along with the effort that is put into finding those "violators." We are talking here about 18-year and older adults in the freest nation, that get busted for doing, what their pendants in less free countries do, too.

Without getting busted, though, I do not understand the big deal about it: If they drink too much, they'll get sick. If they make a mess, let them clean it up. If they are acting up, give them a ticket for that, e.g. noise violation, if needed. If they do not disturb anybody, just leave them alone.

And then I read the report in the edition from April 24: A public safety "officer" sees somebody on a surveillance camera, who appears to be underage and who appears to put a bottle of what might be some kind of alcohol in his backpack. This "officer" then sneaks to the parking lot a la Don Johnson, gets the parking number of the "suspects" car and radios back to Tubbs to get the suspects address. Now Crockett goes up to the suspect's door and can gloriously write a ticket. Not for a ton of cocaine a la Miami Vice; for underage drinking. Congratulations. Talk about shoot-

ing birds with cannons.

Here are my points of concern: First, I may have a problem with surveillance cameras, but there is probably a reason why they are there. It is still a pity that a town like River Falls needs them. Let's use them what they are for. That does not include a Stasi-like spy-on-your neighbor action as described above. I am sure many private things can be seen on them, but they need to stay private.

And the public safety officers have a high responsibility to respect everyone's privacy.

Second, if a part of my money here is used for public safety, then I want it to be invested in public safety and not in the Muppet show. If this is the case, cut cost in the public safety department.

My third concern is particular about this "officer." First, he violated, in my eyes, the power that comes with his job. Secondly, I wonder how this person would (over) react in more serious situations.

Finally, I hope that the issue of privacy in connection with surveillance cameras on campus will be addressed. Additionally, it would be nice if public safety acted where actions are needed, and look the other way, when no one is harmed. In the end we are all adults around this campus.

Marcus Hollmann, student

Reader replies to conservative view

To the editor:

In your April 17 issue, Jesse Spelbrink wrote a letter to the editor that needs to be addressed. First of all, I commend Spelbrink for taking the time to address an issue that he believes in, however much of what Spelbrink wrote in his letter is based on stereotypes and falsities. Most "liberals" would agree that the "Liberal 101" that he explained is a classic conservative view littered with clichés and stereotypes (but it's always fun to see that kind of effort).

In Spelbrink's letter he stated that the goal of liberals is to create "victims," however creating a "victim" is far from the purpose of educating one's self on the injustice, prejudice, and inequities that continue to flourish in our society. In short, ignoring something does not make it go away. The so-called "unity" that Spelbrink wrote about in his letter is a wonderful concept, but it is far from the norm in the United States. Therefore, we must recognize and become aware of prejudice and oppression and its existence in our society.

Contrary to Spelbrink's letter, awareness does not equal categorical victimization; instead awareness creates an awakening that ultimately leads to further understanding. The United States is a diverse nation and this diversity cannot be ignored. Now I know that most of us here at UW-River Falls have never experienced injustice first hand on factors that are uncontrollable such as race or ethnicity, however these injustices do exist and must not be disregarded for the sake of seeming "unified." We cannot pretend that forms of oppression do not exist. Recognizing oppression and injustice is not the same as "pointing a finger," as Spelbrink wrote. Instead, it is the ability to look at a society that is still evolving and this evolution requires change. I'm sorry Mr. Spelbrink, America is a great nation, but it is far from infallible. It is extremely unapprised for you or anyone else to deny the existence of oppression and prejudice in the United States, in fact becoming aware of such injustice is a powerful step toward change.

The viewpoint that Spelbrink took in his letter is a very nationalistic one that places people across the globe into two categories, us and them, and these are the types of categories that we should eliminate. It is this nationalistic kind of thinking that perpetuates oppression. We must remember that the lives of individuals in the "international global community" that Spelbrink wrote about are no less important because they are outside of the American "circle." As Americans we must also realize that creating a line that unjustly divides the "real" Americans from Americans who have immigrated here only produces dangerously negative and false stereotypes against Americans. These individuals experience injustice every day because of the belief that to be a "real" American, you must have been born here. This is far from the beliefs America was founded on.

In his "Liberalism 101," Spelbrink also stated that

individuals who participate in social programs have a "lack of personal responsibility" and no "sense of accomplishment," which he further stated is created by these programs. However, the intentions and goals of social programs are to promote accomplishment and aid in the success of families. Most recipients of such programs are not "perpetually dependent on taxpayer aid," as Spelbrink put in his letter, but are instead on his or her feet again within two years. Remember despite Spelbrink's beliefs, it is not a crime to be poor or in a low socio-economic bracket. However, it is a crime to starve children because of the socio-economics they were born into. Try for just a minute, Mr. Spelbrink, to empathize with these people whom you are accusing of being "victims" and lacking "personal responsibility and sense of accomplishment" because not all Americans have grown up in middle to upper class families where employment is readily available. More importantly Mr. Spelbrink, we are not all born under the same circumstances or with the same opportunity, which therefore makes us diverse.

Injustice exists on all levels in our society. Why does it scare people when diversity is brought up and why is recognizing this diversity seen as "perverse?" When Spelbrink asked who really cares about what color "you" are, or who "you" choose to sleep with, the answer is someone. Still on the UW-RF campus, some students become enraged when the Gay/Straight Alliance chalks the sidewalk for National Coming Out Day. Or how about the powerful stigmas that continue to exist against inter-racial relationships, which often cause turmoil in families across the United States, or the devastatingly increasing "white flight" that exists in housing and development across our nation, or how just last week, Republican Sen. Rick Santorum in an interview with the Associated Press said "I have no problem with homosexuality, I have a problem with homosexual acts." Sen. Rick Santorum's along with Sen. Trent Lott's (if you have forgotten believed if Strom Thurmond, a known supporter of segregation, had been president we would "be better off today") bigoted statements and even some of our societies' bigoted ideals, help to perpetuate a system of injustice that Spelbrink conveniently left out of his letter.

It's time not to "re-examine what political movement we are each a part of and where it is taking us," like Spelbrink stated, but instead to recognize, understand, and then try to help change social injustice on all levels. It's not about what Spelbrink called, "pitting one group of Americans against another," but it is about recognizing the reality that Americans live with every day. We must recognize the humanity that is involved in these human issues that Spelbrink so easily dismissed as liberal myth. It is not an "us or them" argument any longer. Real people, real Americans are terrorized every day in this country and we can no longer ignore that.

Joleen Lunzer, student

Protesters should focus their efforts where real troubles are



DAVE MISSELT

Visions of and statements by anti-war protesters abound in the media these days and the Student Voice is no exception. It should come as no surprise to many of you that I do not support the efforts of the Left to promote their misguided agendas by hiding behind the so-called peace movement.

This "peace" movement has often involved verbal as well as physical violence aimed at innocent persons, spitting on uniformed members of the military, vandalism, theft, destruction of property, disorderly conduct, and in some cases, a few of these peaceful people have been arrested for planting homemade bombs at government buildings and for possessing Molotov cocktails at peace rallies. Others have been arrested for placing phone calls to the families of deployed servicemen in which they claim to be a representative of the military who is calling to inform the family of their beloved soldier's death in Iraq.

Signs reading "We support our troops when they kill their officers" are raised proudly by ignorant people who owe their freedom to the very people they despise. Statements such as "We support the troops, but not the war" are often heard coming from the pierced lips of these neo-hippies. Supporting

the troops but not the war is like supporting the police but not law enforcement. War is the reason we have a military. It's the job of every service member to go to war whenever they are called upon.

I have no doubt that many of the anti-war protesters are acting in good faith and truly believe in their cause, but when I hear them say things like bring the troops home to safety and we support our troops by wanting them back home, I have to wonder what color the sky is in their world.

The overwhelming majority of military members are more than happy to deploy for real-world situations. They understand what's at stake. They train day in and day out for battle and know their job is to put that training to use. Their job is not to hang out in the United States and deliver Christmas baskets to the needy. How do I know? I know because I spent 10 years in the military and was involved in many real-world situations, as were most of my friends. The adrenaline rushes we experienced by being involved in dangerous situations was the norm.

I have also dealt with many people who were protesting one thing or another, both in the United States and abroad. I have talked with them and sometimes arrested them. One thing that I have never been able to understand however, is the tendency of the protester to take on issues and face adversaries that are relatively benign. The anti-nuke types have nothing to fear from the U.S. military, or the weapons they often try to vandalize. However they do have plenty to fear from the convicted murderer who would most likely commit another crime if released. The anti-military types have nothing to fear from the average service member, but have much to fear if the military is weakened.

The anti-war protester has little or no affect on the policy decisions of the government. Nor will their singing, drum-beating or candle

lighting have any affect on the outcome of a war. The people make a difference are those who make sacrifices and put their asses on the line to get the job done. I don't think standing in the rain for a few minutes or suffering through a lukewarm cup of cafe latte qualifies as any sort of sacrifice. It's easy to lie down in the middle of the street and stop traffic or chain yourself to the doors of a federal building, especially when you know no harm is going to come to you. It doesn't take any guts to pound nails into a tree, hoping some logger will lose an arm or leg when his chainsaw hits it.

It's easy to say you want to cure AIDS or end poverty, but I wonder how many activists actually do anything but talk about these problems. Why do so many of the Hollywood types seem to think that putting their name to a cause, rather than coughing up some of their millions of dollars, is all they need to do. By virtue of their celebrity status they feel it makes them experts on everything. If that were the case, where's George Clooney's Nobel Prize? It's easy to rely on the police, military, or any of the social programs out there to take care of your needs, rather than taking responsibility for yourself.

If protesters wanted to make a difference they would take their signs and march down to the intersection of Selby and Dale Streets to protest gang violence. Then they would pile into their hybrid cars and surround a crack house to protest poverty and drug abuse.

After that they would bike to the nearest bridge and invite some homeless guys into their house for the night. Don't forget to stop in Frogtown and demand an end to prostitution. I'm sure the homeless guys would love to help. I know that's a full day of activities, so please pace yourselves.

Carry on.

"I wonder how many activists actually do anything but talk about these problems."

File sharing robs rich, aids poor



ERIC QUADE

Don't you just love the story of Robin Hood? Nothing is quite so fulfilling as thinking about a rogue hero stealing from the grotesquely rich and giving to the exploited poor—nothing except doing it yourself, that is.

Not so many years ago came Robin Hood's patron saint of enablers: Napster. Napster was the first program allowing computer users to share files over the Internet efficiently. And though Napster is long since dead, programs such as KaZaA, Shareaza, Morpheus, Grokster, BearShare, and many others have taken and expanded upon the role of a digital Robin Hood. It warms my little heart just thinking about how millions of people around the world have unwittingly become modern-day Robin Hoods by using file sharing software.

In retrospect, Napster started a file sharing fervor nothing short of a phenomenon. First exclusively centered on music (MP3) files, now file sharing programs distribute music, movies, video games, programs and any other file a computer can manipulate. College kids love them because they gain access to free entertainment. Despite ill-advised attempts by the UW-River Falls administration to stifle file sharing activity on their networks, anonymous sources suggest the existence of extensive porn collections on campus downloaded by UW-RF students. What horror!

Although the UW-RF administration's official policy tries to intimidate file sharers with legal warnings and such, no one believes they're in any real legal danger.

The administration might bully file sharers in public, but they're winking at them in private. By now, who hasn't pirated at least one file? Who hasn't copied songs off a CD onto a cassette tape? The beauty of this file sharing movement lies in its widespread, mainstream appeal.

On the economic side of the issue, the independent, small business guy has nothing to lose and everything to gain from these pirates. For them and their media wares, file sharing offers unparalleled exposure; and the more people who hear some obscure local band, the more likely that band is to connect with like-minded fans and succeed. To some degree, piracy levels the playing field between the smallest and largest media providers.

But, of course, file sharing is making multinational media conglomerates writhe in agony. Following their legal victory against Napster, the media industry once again tried to shut down file sharing services just last week; this time they targeted Grokster. Thankfully, they lost. But they're not giving up. The New York Times reported many of the media giants are being sneaky and developing piracy counter-measures. Overpeer and MediaDefender are two anti-digital piracy companies the giants are working with, reportedly, to develop technologies that would sabotage would-be file sharers. The article reported some of the methods of sabotage being tested involve hostile programs that would scan personal files for pirated material and delete them, programs that would interfere with one's Internet connection and even programs that would crash a computer to make it inoperable for a certain length of time.

So who are these multinational media conglomerates that we're up against? AOL/Time Warner (owns CNN, all Warner Bros. productions, HBO, DC Comics), Disney (ABC network, ESPN), Sony, Viacom (CBS network, MTV), General Electric (NBC network), and 'billionaire tyrant' Rupert Murdoch and his vast media holdings (FOX News Channel, FOX

network) comprise the list of digital robber barons.

These juggernauts monopolize the vast majority of music, film, software and other entertainment industries in the world—which kills diversity in the field, resulting in a glut of lame "boy bands" and pointless movie sequels ("Dumb and Dumberer" and "Terminator 3" come to mind). They gouge audiences/customers with unjustifiably high prices to cover gross administrative and celebrity salaries. And they pour so much of that ill-gotten money into polluting our lives with excessive advertising and self-promotion. For these reasons, their greed places them in the position to lose the most from digital piracy. Those poor babies.

Speaking of sad situations, poor old Madonna, apparently taking out her midlife crisis on her fans, recently tried to teach file sharers a lesson. In a widely reported incident, Madonna's Web site seemed to offer un-released songs from her new album for visitors to download. But instead of hearing samples of her music, fans heard the almighty Madonna chastising, "What the f--- do you think you're doing?"

Madonna, if file sharing puts your purse in that much of a pinch, then instead of swearing at your fans you could have allowed them to pay for songs by donating their singing talent. Lord knows you need all the help you can get in that category.

To the credit of MP3 fans and cyber Robin Hoods everywhere, Madonna didn't get away with her little shenanigan. In response to her little anti-piracy sermon, hackers defaced her Web site and supplied downloads for her new album. Democracy in action—I love it.

Democracy is exactly what will preserve file sharing. The media industry might win a legal battle here or there, but in the end the people will have their way. Millions of people share millions more files every day. Everyone I know who owns a computer shares files. We have tasted digital freedom. Who can take it away?

"The media industry might win a legal battle here and there, but in the end the people will have their way."

Evaluations

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he would be open for input on future modifications.

While faculty senate members largely found the vote to be a step in the right directions, some students saw it differently.

According to sophomore Jim King, the faculty's argument for not including open-ended questions was an "Orwellian fear tactic."

Others also rejected the faculty's assertion that the ramifications of open-ended questions could result in problems with promotions and tenure.

"I appreciate my professors very much," said Student Senate Finance Director Emily Wenger. "But the only reason they're here is because I'm here. Now the professors are coming in saying, 'Oh, my evaluation, my tenure's on the stake because of it.' I disagree with that completely."

Though many present at the meeting were pleased with the outcome of Wednesday's vote, Faculty

Senate members outwardly acknowledged that the issue of instructor evaluations was far from being resolved.

"We did the best with what we had in front of us today," Faculty Senate member Karl Peterson said of the 14-2 vote. "Given what we had to work with today, I think this was a reasonable solution."

Peterson noted that while the opportunity to include open-ended questions through future committees exists, it will require that students be pro-active in pursuing the issue.

Faculty Senate member Kristine Butler-Karlson saw the new questions as a positive move, pending additional modifications.

"I am heartened by the fact that the questions are a bit of an improvement and I appreciate that," said Butler-Karlson. "What I'm especially happy about is the fact that it sounds like we're going to revisit this issue in the fall."

Parking

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don't realize the positive working relationship the city has with the University.

"Students need to be reminded that not everything is going to be handed to them," she said.

Ronning said Madison is a great example of this because after students park they may have a mile or two to walk to class. She said students should be grateful for the situation they have now.

Overall the parking committee feels the ordinance would be a positive change to the parking situation.

"It's a great place to start," Ronning said. "It will thin out some parking problems for residents and still keep some spots for students."

Amundsen said the ordinance may, in fact, secure parking spots for students.

"We aren't taking away 50 percent

of students' parking, he said. "We're providing them with 50 percent of the parking in the area. This way residents won't be involved."

Ronning said she wants students to know that guaranteed parking is available to students.

Last Thursday afternoon only half of the Ramer field parking lot was filled," Ronning said. "The University offers commuter permits whether students choose to use them or not."

Commuters can purchase hangers from the parking office for \$30 per semester.

The committee is confident that the first reading will be past when read to city council later this month.

"We've hammered out a lot of little details," Amundsen said. "I think we've devised a great compromise for residents and students."

Funds

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the United Council on their desired financial aid increase based on the source of funds that are available.

One of the solutions Harsdorf is working on is a proposal that would protect the student fees portion of the auxiliary reserve fund. She would like to use the part of the fund that comes from such revenue sources as housing, parking, and food service.

Student Senators Jessica Wermuth and Matt Schulke oppose the use of the auxiliary fund, even if student fees are protected. Because students are already going to be paying a

large tuition increase, Wermuth feels legislators should find the money for financial aid from somewhere else in the state budget.

The United Council also opposes the use of the auxiliary fund.

"If students are paying their fair share with a tuition increase, the state needs to pay its fair share," said Maggie Brown, United Council Legislative Director.

The legislature expects to take up the UW System budget, including the use of the auxiliary fund, in the next two weeks.

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OPINION



MIKE FOLEY

WIAC team names miss mark

What is it about mascots that make sporting events more enjoyable? Is it their clownish outfits, crazy antics or the fact they are a source of pride in the team's university and city?

To me, the mascot's tie to its team's location is very important. In collegiate athletics, I believe this is more true than in the pros. With the reality of teams picking up and moving to different cities, it's no wonder fans don't get too attached to their team's mascots.

In the Twin Cities, there used to be a basketball team called the Lakers. It was a great team name that complemented where the team played, but now they play in quite lakeless Los Angeles.

The North Stars were relocated to the South. The Jazz were moved from New Orleans to Utah. Major League Baseball, America's oldest sport, does a great job keeping its team names in perspective. The Brewers, Twins, Mets, Padres, Astros and Mariners are some of the best examples of how a team's name can tell you something about where they play.

So let's take a look at how each team in the WIAC stacks up.

UW-Eau Claire Blugolds: F-
Okay, I've never seen a blugold, so I don't know what to say here. I've spent half the week trying to find out exactly what a blugold is to no avail. On the other hand, I have been to the UW-EC campus. I know that exists. An imaginary concept for a team name can't very well represent its campus. Also, it sounds like it is a wuss. If I were an opposing team, I wouldn't be too intimidated to find out the Blugolds were coming to town.

UW-La Crosse Eagles: C+

An eagle is a very noble creature and is seen from time to time in Wisconsin, and I'm sure it is spotted in the La Crosse area; not too bad as far as representation of location. UW-L also gets some points for intimidation, though it could help its cause with an adjective up front like the Screaming Eagles or the Golden Eagles. The only spot I can really cut the Eagles is in originality. Doesn't almost every conference in the country have a token eagle team?

UW-Oshkosh Titans: B-

Oshkosh decided to go with a mythical creature too. At least they were cool enough to make it a tough one that people have heard of. Props to them, but I still think they should call themselves the Winnebagos, unless it's an Indian name.

UW-Platteville Pioneers: C+

I'd really like to make fun of Platteville, but I think they may have put together a solid team name here. Once upon a time, Wisconsin was the frontier. Was this the same time that the university in Platteville was founded? Not really, but it is an original team name that can be applied to any team west of Ohio. Oh yeah, it's not a very tough name either.

UW-Stevens Point Pointers: A-

I get it. The word point is in the city name so they decided to use a play on words and call themselves the Pointers. It's highly original, but not even close to tough. For crying out loud, you named your athletic team after a domesticated, subservient family pet. Sure,

See "Foley" on page B2

Head softball coach's husband, kids injured in car accident

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

UW-River Falls softball head coach Faye Perkins' husband and two sons were injured in a two-car accident near Ellenboro Saturday morning on the way to Platteville for the Falcons' WIAC tournament game versus UW-Superior.

Perkins' husband, Joseph McIntosh, 43, was driving westbound on Wisconsin 81 with his sons Paul, 15, and Robert, 11, when 23-year-old Rachel Hines of

Platteville, driving eastbound, crossed the center line and hit McIntosh's car, after which McIntosh's vehicle went off the road and rolled, Grant County Sheriff's Office said.

Perkins' youngest son, Robert, had a ruptured spleen and was airlifted to the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison, officials said. In a letter to UW-RF faculty and staff, Connie Foster, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, said Robert was improving and may be released Thursday. Furthermore, it may take

two to three weeks of bed rest for his spleen to heal.

Perkins went to Madison to be with Robert, UW-RF Sports Information Director Jim Thies said Tuesday.

Joseph McIntosh suffered a broken sternum and lacerations and was treated at the Southwest Health Center in Platteville, officials said. He was subsequently moved to the River Falls Medical Center by Tuesday.

Paul McIntosh was treated in Platteville for minor injuries and released Saturday. He returned to

the River Falls area with Joseph McIntosh's parents.

Hines sustained minor injuries and was treated and released Saturday at Southwest Health Center, officials said.

Perkins heard about the accident from a law enforcement officer during the third inning of the Superior game and left immediately, pitcher Devanie Bigalk said. Bigalk didn't play in the game.

The Falcons lost the softball game 3-0, a loss that eliminated them from the tournament.

2-in-a-row end fastpitch streak, season

■ After an eight-game winning streak that carried the Falcons into the playoffs, two consecutive losses took them out of the tournament

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls softball team was riding a hot streak entering last weekend's WIAC Tournament, but the Falcons came up short, finishing 1-2 in the double elimination event held in Platteville.

The Falcons opened strong with a 2-1 win over UW-Stevens Point in their first game. It was the team's eighth straight win. But the Falcons dropped their next two – 7-6 in nine innings to UW-Whitewater and 3-0 to UW-Superior.

In the win over UW-SP, the

Falcons scored two runs in the sixth to get the win. With one out, Anna Poulter singled and stole second. Abby Keene singled and advanced to second on the throw, giving the Falcons runners at second and third. Amanda Moxon hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Poulter and advance Keene to third. Emily Evans then singled to left to score Keene with the game-winning run.

UW-SP scored a single run in the top of the seventh.

Meagan Strmsek singled and advanced to third on the play on a Falcon error. She later scored when Amy Schumacher hit a sacrifice fly to center.

UW-RF scored two runs on four hits and made two errors. UW-SP scored one run on only two hits and made no errors.

Evans was 2-for-3 at the plate.

Devanie Bigalk got the pitching win, allowing just two hits and one earned run. She didn't walk a batter and struck out three. She held UW-SP's Jill Van Wychen hitless, snapping Van Wychen's NCAA Div. III record 36-game hitting streak.

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Brooke Co-Scholar-Athlete, 5 All-WIAC

Sports Information

Falcon pitcher Amy Brooke has been named the WIAC softball Co-Scholar-Athlete Award winner for 2003. Brooke was named to the first team All-WIAC team in 2003, 2001 and 2000, and she received honorable mention in 2002.

She has been a mainstay on the mound throughout her four-year career. In 2003 she worked a team-high 130 innings and finished with a 1.62 ERA. Brooke finished fourth in the WIAC in ERA in 2003. She had a 9-10 record. She allowed 46 runs, 30 were earned. She walked 39 and struck out a team high 94 batters. Opponents hit .230 against her. She holds the school record for career strike outs (347) and season strike outs (98 in 2001). But she has also played a key role with the team with her batting prowess. When not pitching she was the team's designated player. She hit .253, going 25-99. She scored six runs. Brooke had six doubles, two triples and eight RBIs. She finished with a .354 slugging percentage and a .339 on-base percentage. She walked 10 times and stole one base. In the field, she made just one error in 54 chances for a .981 fielding percentage.

In the classroom, Brooke has a just-as-impressive set of statistics. She was named a NFCA Scholar-Athlete in 2000, 2001 and 2002. She has been named to the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll each year. She has a 4.0 grade point average in her major - animal science. She is minoring in farm management. Her overall grade point average is 3.9. She has earned several academic scholarships, including the American Society of Animal Science Scholarship in 2002. She has been named to the UW-RF Dean's List in every semester of attendance (7). Brooke is a member of the UW-RF Student Athlete Advisory Committee as the softball representative.

UW-Whitewater's Megan Koeller was the other winner. The WIAC Judy Kruckman Scholar-Athlete Award is the most prestigious academic award given by the WIAC. It is presented to the most outstanding senior from each conference sport during the year who exhibits the greatest combination of performance and achievement in academics, athletics and leadership. In order to be nominated for the award, a student-athlete must have a minimum 3.25 grade point average, be in the last year of competition, or on schedule to graduate this academic year and have competed for a minimum of two years. The award is named after Judy Kruckman, who served as the WWIAC Commissioner for several years.

Five Falcons Named to All-WIAC Softball Teams

Pitchers Devanie Bigalk and Amy Brooke, outfielder Abby Keene, catcher Anna Poulter and first baseman Meghann Mulligan were named to the 2003 All-WIAC softball teams.

Bigalk, Brooke, Keene and Poulter were all named to the first team and Mulligan received honorable mention.

Bigalk, who was named to the first team in 2001, returned to the Falcons

See "All-WIAC" on page B2



Submitted photo

Senior Sarah Thull launches the javelin as part of her second-place effort in the heptathlon at the WIAC Meet in Stevens Point last weekend.

Outdoor women fifth in conference

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls men's and women's track and field teams finished eighth and fifth, respectively, at the WIAC Outdoor Meet Friday and Saturday in Stevens Point.

For the men, Weesayma Kennedy placed in a tie for fifth place in the 100m dash with a time of 11.2. He finished eighth in the 200m in 37.12.

"Wees was injured in the 100 and that hurt," head coach Don Glover said.

Ben Kirmse had an excellent race in the 1500m, according to Glover. His best time entering the championship was a 4:16 and he ran a 4:09.

"He was entered as a wild card and his effort really spurred us on," Glover said.

In the 400m, Mike Zander placed eighth in 50.58. The Falcons placed seventh in the 4x800m relay in 8:04.47. Members of the team were Eric Hanson, Kirmse, Adam Puhl and Dan Booth.

"Hanson ran a 1:57, which was an excellent split and everyone on the team had a season-best time," Glover said.

The 4x100m team of Adam Anderson, Kennedy, Lewie Parish and Al Schraufnagel placed sixth in 44.07. Steve Berg had a personal best in the hammer throw with a 39.79-meter effort, according to Glover.

In the final men's team standings, UW-La Crosse won the team title with 209.5, followed by UW-Oshkosh, 204, UW-Stevens Point, 139.5, UW-Platteville, 111, UW-Whitewater, 73.5, UW-Eau Claire, 54, UW-Stout, 54 and UW-RF, 11.5.

"The women's team did an awesome job and did not miss any opportunities to score points," Glover said.

Sarah Thull placed second in the heptathlon with 3,815 points and Jill Crandall tied for second in the high jump with a leap of 1.57-meters to lead the Falcons.

"Sarah and Jill scoring eight points each was big for us," Glover said.

Steph Dura placed third in the shot put with 12.95m, and those were also

See "Track and field" on page B2

OPINION



JASON KENYON

Flying squirrels please take a maximum of 3 papers

Because my last column was so extremely popular among chemistry students, I will try to make this column so perfect that students of all majors will have the opportunity to take a couple thousand souvenirs.

Incidentally, this is the final column of my collegiate career, so this would really be the paper to steal. I will also be available for autographs five days a week at 306 North Hall.

For my last column, I thought that it would be fitting to write about a veteran columnist who right now needs medical assistance to remove his foot from his mouth. I, of course, am talking about Boston Globe columnist Bob Ryan, who has been working for that paper for more than 30 years and has enlightened and irritated several people over the course of those three decades.

On a local Boston Sports Program, Ryan suggested that Joumana Kidd, the wife of New Jersey Nets point guard Jason Kidd, is bringing their baby boy to games for "camera time" and "needs to be smacked." After this insanely idiotic comment, Ryan was twice given the opportunity to apologize and did no such thing. Well after that, the you know what hit the fan and the Globe has since suspended Ryan for one month without pay, and he is also not allowed to make any television or radio appearances.

The raging water cooler debate over this subject among fellow sports reporters was whether or not this punishment was too harsh. Not so surprisingly, most of these reporters (who all are friends with Ryan) have said that his actions were stupid, but not warranting a month no pay suspension.

From a non-bias standpoint, Ryan's comments were so far beyond stupid that he needs to check his brain for tumors, or his answering machine for a job opportunity with FOX News.

Not only is the suspension completely fair, most public figures would be terminated after supporting the notion of the physical abuse of a woman, who by the way has already been a victim of domestic violence.

What a week in sports when two coaches get fired, one for knocking back beers with college kids, and another who stupidly thought that no way in hell would that nice hooker ever charge more money on his credit card.

Now we have a suspended columnist who promoted abuse, when they regularly criticize the athletes they cover for battering their significant others.

For you Ryan fans, don't worry, because Marv Albert lost his job at NBC for wearing a tutu and biting a woman in the back during sex, and because he, like Ryan, is good at his job, was welcomed back to his profession. However, I do raise an eyebrow every time an excited Marv uses his trademark "yes."

Once again if ever there was a column to steal, this would be it.

Jason Kenyon is a senior majoring in journalism

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All-WIAC

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after not playing in 2002. The left-handed pitcher had an outstanding season in working 85 1/3 innings and finishing with a 10-5 record, and she had one save. She had a team-leading 1.48 ERA. She allowed 77 hits and 32 runs; only 18 were earned. She walked 18 and struck out 32. Opponents hit .239 against her.

Keene had a solid season in her first year, playing for the Falcons in the outfield where she started all 37 games. She finished second on the team in hitting with a .343 average, going 35-for-102 at the plate. Keene had six doubles, a team-high five triples and one home run. She led the Falcons with a .529 slugging percentage. She walked seven times and stole 10 bases. She was caught stealing only once. She led the team with 11 sacrifices and was second in

RBIs with 20. She had a .385 on-base percentage, and scored 18 runs, both second on the team. In the field, she made only two errors in 67 chances and finished with a .970 fielding percentage. She was named a NFCA Scholar Athlete in 2002.

Poulter was named to the first team in 2001. She played the outfield in her first two seasons with the Falcons but moved to her natural position behind the plate in 2003. She led the Falcons in hitting with a .411 average. She finished 46-for-112 at the plate and led the Falcons with 33 runs scored. She had one double, two triples and one home run. She had a .482 slugging percentage, second on the team and led the team with a .480 on-base percentage. She walked 14 times and struck out just 11 times. She finished with nine RBIs. The fastest player on the team, Poulter led the Falcons with 38 stolen bases. She had a .971 fielding percentage in handling 209 chances. Poulter was

named a NFCA Scholar-Athlete in 2002.

Mulligan was named to the first team in 2000 and was given honorable mention in 2001. She finished fifth on the team in hitting with a .288 average. She was 30-for-104 at the plate. She scored 11 runs. She had four doubles and finished with a .327 slugging percentage. She had a .359 on-base percentage and finished with 12 RBIs. An outstanding defensive player, Mulligan led the team with a .987 fielding percentage. She had just three errors in 237 chances. Mulligan is the all-time leader in career put outs with 963. She was named the team's Co-Best Defensive Player in 2000. She was named a NFCA Scholar-Athlete in 2002 and 2000. She also played tennis for the Falcons and in 2001-02 was named the sport's, WIAC Scholar-Athlete, the most prestigious award given by the conference in each sport.

Track and field

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important points, according to Glover.

Haylee Hall placed sixth in the discus with a 41.07m effort, and Jen Leis was seventh in the event with a toss of 40.39m.

Kiah Sagami placed seventh in the high jump at 1.52m and Thull tied for eighth in the event with a 1.52m.

"It was great to have three women score points in the high jump," Glover said.

Jill Breitzman placed eighth in the 100m hurdles with a time of 17.08 and eighth in the 400m hurdles in 1:13.41. Katie Mitchell placed sixth in the 100m in 12.88, and she was sixth in the 200m in 26.55.

"Jill's and Katie's efforts really held us together," said Glover. "Jill making the finals in both hurdle events was exciting for both the team and her."

Gina Anderson placed seventh in the pole vault with 3.16m.

"Joy Hemmesch also had a good pole vault, and it was great to see both Gina and Joy do well," Glover said.

Leis placed sixth in the hammer throw with a toss of

48.98m.

In the relays, the 4x100m team of Mitchell, Gina Hawkins, Kristin Dornstreich and Val Skorjanec placed fourth in 50.67. And the 4x400m team of Hawkins, Mitchell, Gina Schindel and Amy Schultz placed seventh in 4:14.4.

La Crosse won the team title with 192 points, followed by Stevens Point, 189, Oshkosh, 162.5, Eau Claire, 158, River Falls, 50.5, Whitewater, 47, Platteville, 45, and Stout, 12.

"For us to beat Whitewater, Platteville and Stout was very exciting," Glover said. "We improved from seventh place at the indoor meet to fifth in the outdoor, and that's outstanding. They are small in numbers but just an outstanding group."

"Our four captains - B.J. Poore and Luke Hansen for the men and Sarah Thull and Gina Schindel for the women - did an excellent job all year for us," Glover said.

Some members of the team will compete in last chance meets at the University of Minnesota (May 9) and St. Thomas (May 15) in efforts to improve chances to qualify for the NCAA Meet. Crandall is currently 19th in the nation in the high jump, Dura is 24th in the shot put and Leis is 14th in the hammer throw. Kennedy is just .01 out of 16th spot in the nation in the 200m.

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR							
May 9-15 2003	Fri. 9	Sat. 10	Sun. 11	Mon. 12	Tues. 13	Wed. 14	Thurs. 15
Track & Field	at U of Minnesota Invitational						at St. Thomas Invitational

FALCON ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Katie Mitchell
Women's Track & Field
(Jr., Easton, Md.)

Mitchell finished sixth in the WIAC meet in both the 100-meter and 200-meter race over the weekend. She ran the 100 in 12.88 and the 200 in 26.55. She also ran on two relays that placed in the meet. The 4x100-meter team placed fourth in 50.67, while the 4x400 team took seventh in 4:14.40.

Fastpitch

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Bigalk has a 10-4 record.

In the loss to UW-W, the Falcons scored six runs on 11 hits and made two errors. UW-RF scored two runs in the first and second innings and single runs in the eighth and ninth.

UW-S scored seven runs on 11 hits and made five errors. The Warhawks scored twice in the second and ninth innings and single runs in the third, seventh and eighth.

UW-W got the winning runs in the bottom of the ninth when Erin Bravo hit a two-run homer.

Evans was 2-for-3 with a run scored and one RBI. Poulter and Moxon were both 2-for-5 with a run scored and one RBI. One of Moxon's hits was a triple. Emily Stahl was 2-for-5 with a run scored. Meghann Mulligan was 1-for-5 with a run scored and one RBI. Keene was 1-for-4 and Tiff Blumer was 1-for-4 with a run scored.

Amy Brooke started on the mound and worked seven innings. She allowed eight hits and four runs, three earned. She walked two and struck out three. Bigalk came on in relief and took the loss. She allowed three hits and three earned runs. She walked one and struck out one.

In the loss to UW-S, the Falcons were held scoreless and had five hits and one error. UW-S scored three runs on five hits and made no errors.

UW-S scored one run in the first and two in the fifth. Sarah Tarasewicz knocked in all three runs for the Jackets with a solo homer in the first and a two-run homer in the fifth.

Keene finished 2-for-3 at the plate, Melissa Turbak was 1-for-2 while Brooke and Blumer were both 1-for-3.

Brooke went the distance on the mound and took the loss. She walked one and struck out three. Her record dropped to 9-10.

UW-S's Abby Glawe got the pitching win to raise her record to 11-12. She didn't walk a batter and struck out seven.

The Falcons ended their season with a 20-17 overall record.

UW-Whitewater Warhawks: C-

Is this a mascot named after a combat airplane? Is there a giant military aircraft museum in Whitewater or what? Seriously, I don't know. Is there? Anyway, it is a mean-sounding name. Anything that starts with the letters WAR has to be mean. I think the students, faculty and administrators of UW-W were probably devastated when they found out the team name Badgers was already taken. Maybe they should have focused on the town's white water.

UW-River Falls Falcons: C-

I haven't lived here for very long, but I haven't seen many falcons flying overhead. I've seen plenty of squirrels running around on campus and a lot of geese in the water, but no falcons. Maybe we could call ourselves the UW-RF Cows or Farmers. An agriculture-based name would definitely be suitable for this campus, and I think we could all take pride in a mascot like that.

Mike Foley is a sophomore majoring in journalism



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OPINION

Sore tooth needs to be insured



Jen Cullen
Editor-in-Chief

Let's get serious about dental insurance. I never realized how important dental insurance, or any kind of insurance for that matter, was until one of my many fillings fell out about a month ago. I brush my teeth like a good girl three times a

day, OK maybe only twice, so when I felt something crunchy in my popcorn at Bo's I will admit I was a bit disturbed to find out the silver morsel was a filling from one of my back teeth.

I felt a bit dirty, like a bum whose teeth fall out because they eat the wrong food and/or don't have the proper dental hygiene equipment. But that's not the case at all. I have a toothbrush, I don't eat too much candy, but my dad was laid off a year ago and bye bye went the dental and health insurance.

Normally I don't get sick and I figured my teeth would last until I got a real job, that way I could get my own benefits. But I have crappy Irish luck and I guess that's just the way the cookie crumbles.

So, my friends who listen to me cry and whine because of the gaping hole in my mouth offer me obvious advice.

"Jen, why don't you just go get it fixed without insur-

ance?" Yeah, I wish. Let's get serious about Jen being a poor college student. That ain't happening. I called around to a few dentist offices to see how much it would cost for them to just look at my tooth: eighty dollars.

Imagine how much it would cost for them to take their pain gun and fill in my hole with something that resembles what comes out soldering iron; probably about five times that amount. Read: that's a whole lot of money this broke college chick doesn't have.

The other option mentioned is to purchase an insurance plan of my own. I could either do this through my place of employment or through the University, which offers somewhat cheaper rates for students. The former option would make the most sense, except for the fact that being the editor of a student newspaper takes up most of my time. Working full-time at Domino's is out of the question. I'm sure many students fall into this same category and it's sad. I am sure many even have thought about purchasing insurance through the

University. But this option doesn't come out smelling squeaky clean either. It's quite spendy to purchase a six month plan. If I remember correctly, it was about \$300 for six months. Not really an option.

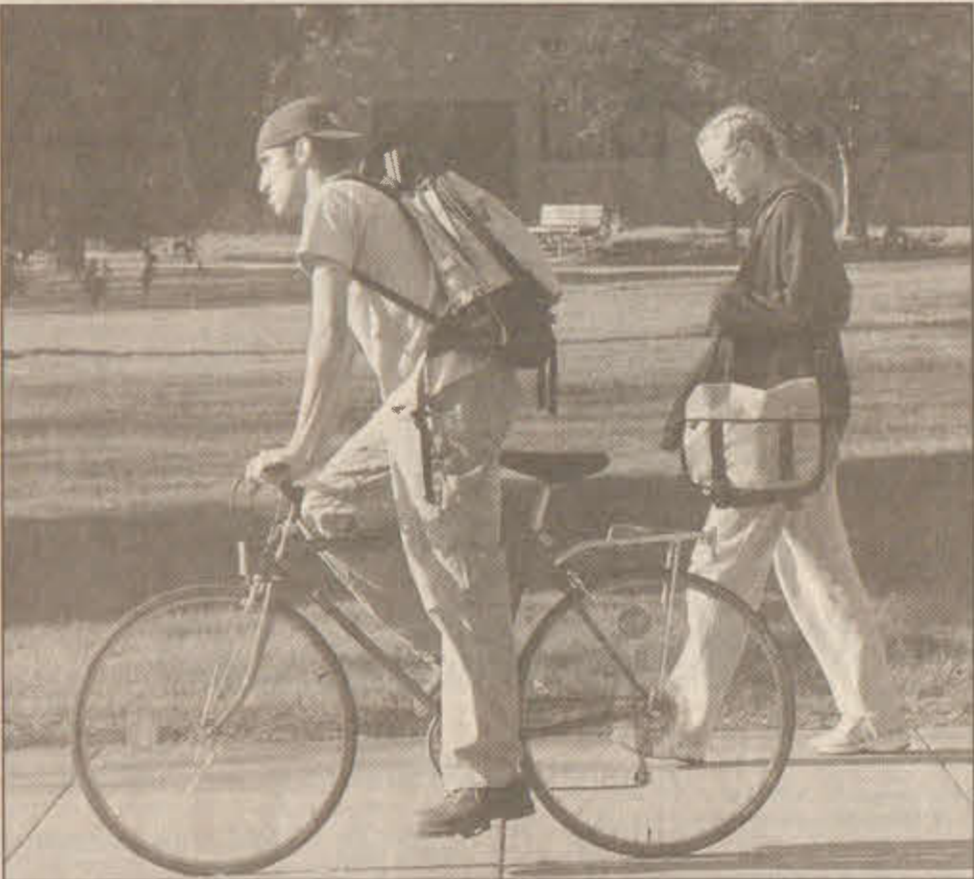
Until I find a job that offers benefits I think my tooth will continue to ache and my bitterness

toward Northwest Airlines (the company that laid my dad off) will continue to escalate with every sharp pain.

I'm starting to worry that my only option will be to take the "Castaway" approach. And, let's get serious knocking your tooth out with an ice skate can't feel to good.

"I'm starting to worry that my only option will be to take the "Castaway" approach. And, let's get serious, knocking your tooth out with an ice skate can't feel to good."

Coasting into finals



Kyle Weaver/ Student Voice

Several students took advantage of the break in rain showers Tuesday to ride bikes and play catch before getting ready to study for finals.

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OPINION

University falls short of perfect

Craig Corsten
Offbeat Editor

This is the second to last column I will ever write for the esteemed Student Voice. While there are so many things I could write about, I think it's time for me to reflect on my college career.

Since graduating seniors usually write their last column as a "good-bye" to college I plan on doing that too. So this week I'm going to do my "bad-bye" to college, so I can leave the college saying good things about it. With that, over the last five years I've come up with quite a few gripes about this University and town. Since when have I ever kept quiet about something that gets my goat?

A lot of people love to gush about River Falls. Last week my fellow columnist Chuck Sween did just that. This isn't in any way a response to what he said about this town. This is all stuff that's been stewing in my head for years now and it had to boil over sooner or later. I have a love/hate relationship with River Falls.

Yes, River Falls is a nice, quiet town, populated by (mostly) nice people. On the other hand, that may be half of River Falls' problem right there. Too many people in River Falls don't seem to realize that this is a college town. It has been for far more than a hundred years too. You wouldn't guess it is though.

College life is hurting hard in this town. Many residents don't want to share their town with the college (which was here long before they were). They like to call the police (and god knows there are enough of them in this town) every time they see college kids having fun. Egad. College kids having fun? There should be a law against that. It seems like there is one in River Falls.

This kind of thing leads to the ever-prevalent "suitcase" syndrome. This makes me sick. Sick I tell ya'. I remember my freshman year hearing a girl complain about the drinking ticket she got after the police claimed a house party the first weekend of school. She said "Last time I stay here on a weekend." A lot of people believe there is more fun to be had back at home and a

lot of times they're right. The campus turns into a ghost town by Friday at three. It's really quite sickening and the University would be wise to address this in some manner.

I also believe the University has some competency issues. Last summer when Governor Scott (I am Batman) McCallum came through campus, they set us into overdrive preparing the campus and making everything look nice. Why? He cut and he cut and he cut and then he comes to campus and says, "Looks nice, I can cut some more." A person with any level of competence would've taken a sledge to the state vehicles on campus, let the grass grow for a week or two, break a few windows along McCallum's pre-set walking tour and maybe pre-arrange to have a truck tow a lawn mower with a jump rope just for that extra drama.

Then when he says the University looks like hell, say "We don't have any money, what do you expect?" It would help if the person who led the Governor on the tour had a really bad haircut and wore 20 plus year-old clothing.

Money issues solved by me, an undergrad who got into the university by the skin of his teeth after his high school guidance counselor called and pulled some strings. Obviously someone in the University wasn't even competent enough to realize that I am a genius, even though I never took trigonometry in high school. I would also like to take this moment to say that

I have yet to find employment after graduation. As I just demonstrated I have a competence level that rivals (if not exceeds) many people who are highly paid by the University. I'll also do the work for a lot cheaper. My resume can be found on-line at www.uwrf.edu/~cc90.

Most of these problems the University/town face are pretty minor, but when you face them on a daily basis for years at a time, they can get pretty annoying. It's high time someone deals with these problems and it might as well be me.



Sage brings mellow flavors to concert at Brandy's

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

Recording artist, self-taught singer, songwriter and pianist Rachael Sage visited UW-River Falls last week. Anna Meres, activities coordinator at UW-RF said she saw a picture of Sage and knew the University radio station played her music from time to time and contacted her agents.

"The concert went really well," Meres said. "There was a crowd of about 20 students and they seemed to have a really good time."

Sage said it is very gratifying to come to a place she is invited to.

"I have always felt really strongly that it is one of the lasting ways to get in touch with college kids," Sage said. "I had a great time. It was an intimate crowd but I really think people enjoyed themselves."

Sage reunited with former audience members who traveled four hours to see her play again.

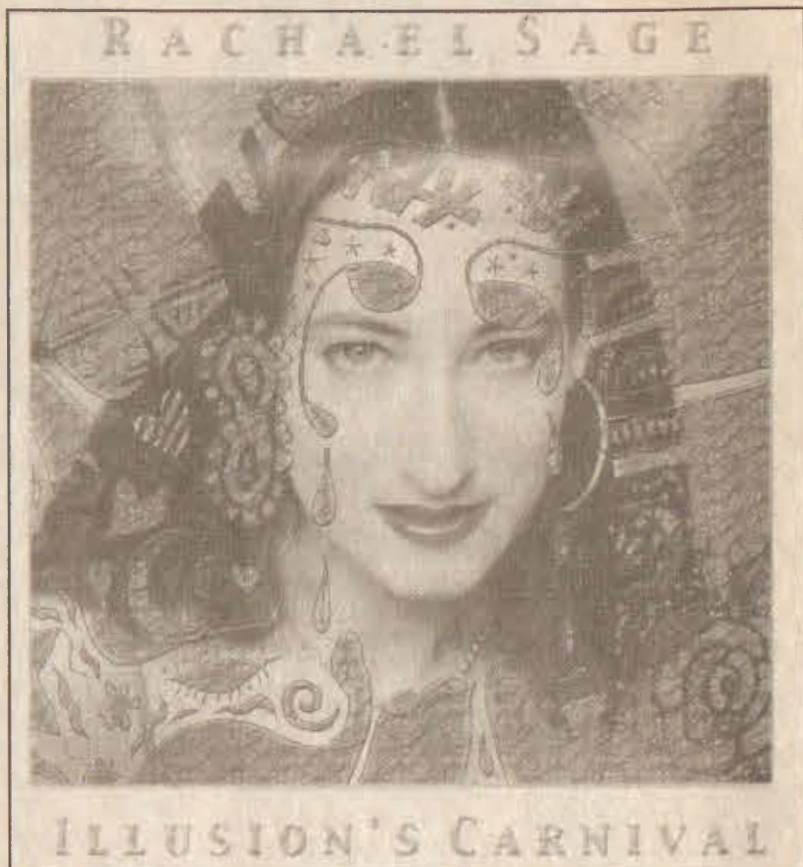
"It is really nice to see familiar faces," Sage said. "The disco ball in the room was fun too."

Growing up Sage said she was always involved with music but her early career in the arts began at the American Ballet Academy in New York City.

"As a child I commuted to New York every day for school," she said. "I wouldn't trade it for anything, I was really pushing myself hard at a young age."

As an adult Sage developed her own record label, MPress Records in 1996, became the 2001 Grand Prize winner of the John Lennon Songwriting contest and nationally toured with Ani DiFranco.

"I toured with Ani in 1998," Sage said. "She really opened herself up to having a new person on tour with



Courtesy of the baker/northrop media group
Award winning singer-songwriter Rachael Sage played to a crowd of 20 students last Friday in the Student Center.

her. The most people I had ever played for before that was 100." Sage is awaiting the release of her fifth album, Public Record, in August.

"This is definitely different than my other CDs," Sage said.

With this album, like the others, Sage did all her own songwriting. She got the chance to experiment with new instruments and electronic sounds.

While touring Sage said she tries to include many independent artists.

"I am trying to build a stronger community of independent artists," Sage said.

Sage said if invited back to UW-RF she would definitely try to fit it into her schedule.

Meres said the University tries to wait a year or two before having artists return for additional performances.

"We like to have a wide range of talents," Meres said. "I really do think it was a good finale to the season."

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