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In-house contenders vie for administration job

Halada, Hagen round out final 4 candidates in line to become vice chancellor for administration and finance

Ryan Cardinal
Assistant Sports Editor

Mary Halada and Waldo Hagen, two of the four finalists for the position of UW-River Falls vice chancellor for administration and finance, spoke last week at open forums held at North Hall to let the University and community know why they are the best person for the job.

Halada, currently the interim vice chancellor for administration and finance as well as university budget officer at UW-RF, has been a part of the University since 1975. She has moved up the ladder, starting her work in the business administration office.

"I gradually moved up but it was a great experience," Halada said. "Meeting so many great people and taking on new challenges along the way was great."

Halada sees herself as a natural fit for vice chancellor and, if selected, would

first want to deal with the budget issues facing UW-RF.

"We would need to hire another person to help maintain the budget process because right now there is just too much for our office to deal with," Halada said.

Halada also expressed interest in wanting to improve UW-RF's bond with the city.

"Overall the relationship isn't bad, but it could be improved as both parties see the University as a very important part of the city," Halada said.

One issue she would like to address with the city is the possibility of a parking ramp on or near campus primarily for UW-RF commuters.

"This summer I believe it's time we bite the bullet and really take a hard look into doing this," Halada said. "Maybe it's time. I think it might be."

Halada acknowledges that because of state budget issues, the number of UW-RF students will account for much of the University's revenue.

"Enrollment drives allocations," Halada said. "No one likes the fact that tuition is going up and that students will be having to pick up more of the tab either though, but it's an unfortunate reality."

Hagen has been at UW-RF since 1977 after his wife Suzanne got a job as a professor. Hagen was working in custom home design at the time in Dickinson, N.D., which is just about 100 miles south of where he grew up in New Town, N.D.

Hagen also expressed his concern with the financial constraints UW-RF is facing.

"At first the problems can seem depressing but it's also exciting because we have a chance to transform UW-RF," Hagen said.

Hagen, on the other hand, is not ladder-driven but concentrates more on other issues.

"Interesting problems, like the ones we face here at UW-RF, have always

motivated me, even back to my days dealing with housing construction," Hagen said.

Hagen would also like to see better strategic planning should he get selected. He sees the future of higher education at the public level causing potential problems but wants to make sure UW-RF stays ahead of the game.

"We need to remain relevant as a University while still providing quality educational access to as many people as we can," Hagen said.

He also wants to concentrate on the area of undergraduate students, where he says UW-RF compares favorably with UW-Madison when it comes to undergraduate research. Hagen brought up the idea of expanding enrollment as well.

"Five thousand students is too few, while 15,000 is too many, so I'd like to see UW-RF with an enrollment near 10,000," Hagen said.

Hagen thinks he is a fair person who

will listen to all sides of an issue, but will ultimately go with what is best for UW-RF.

"My goal is to focus on student outcomes, not teacher input," Hagen said. "I'm dedicated to higher education and intend to stick with it and be committed."

Halada said she can call on her experiences to help her do the best she can at the job.

"I believe I'm ready to move on to the next stage in my career," Halada said. "I will look at things with a broad perspective and do what's best for UW-RF."

Hagen and Halada, along with remaining candidates Herbert Brown and Peter Angstadt will not find out until June who UW-RF Chancellor Ann Lydecker chooses as best fit for the job. She will make the judgment based on recommendations given to her by the search

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General education proposals passed

Faculty senate forms gen-ed committee to evaluate programs

David Misselt
Staff Writer

The UW-River Falls Faculty Senate met Feb. 26 to continue the approval process of new general education guidelines.

The Senate also created a permanent General Education Committee to continually monitor and evaluate the University's general education program.

According to Senate documents, voting committee members will consist of no more than 10 faculty representatives and two students appointed by the Student Senate. Each academic college must have at least one representative. Non-voting members will include a representative from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Assessment Committee, the Academic Programs and Policies Committee, the library and the Registrar's Office.

Among other things, the committee is responsible for defining and reviewing policies for the general education course submission procedure. The committee will approve or disapprove general education courses, ensure the Assessment Committee eval-

uates the entire program every ten years and conduct a general education course review on a five-year cycle.

The adoption of the new general education program has not been without stumbling blocks, however. Some faculty senators have voiced concerns about course designations and definitions that may give an advantage to one academic discipline over another.

"Some of the tension comes from turf issues but so far they have been manageable," said faculty senator Dennis Cooper. "My fear is we'll destroy three years of work in a couple of meetings."

Student Senate President Matthew Schuelke pointed out that at times faculty senators couldn't even agree on the meaning of simple words in the proposal.

"There have been arguments over the definition of literature," Schuelke said. "It's an argument over semantics."

An ongoing point of contention among senators is the elimination of the current senior cap-

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WOMEN'S WORKS OF ART



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

Dina Petherbridge, senior, looks at personal artwork from female art faculty members in the Harriet Barry Gallery located in the Chalmer Davee Library. The exhibit, entitled "Women's Work," opened March 1 and will continue until March 26. Petherbridge said the works are "very interesting and open to interpretations." Artists include Carol Lee Chase, Morgan Clifford, Lynn Jermal, Bernie Ficek-Swenson, Megan Vossler, Deborah McWatters Padgett.

Big payday from state clears way for campus projects



Submitted Graphic

The south end of the new student union will overlook the Kinnickinnic River. The state building commission approved construction Feb. 18, with an anticipated groundbreaking next fall. The four-story building will feature a "nightclub" setting, several eateries, a 800-900 person capacity ballroom and an upstairs theater.

Mike Longaeker
Front Page Editor

While UW-River Falls continues to brace itself for the crucial decision on funding for the Kansas City Chiefs, campus officials were relieved by approval from the state building commission Feb. 18 to make way for several other campus projects.

"That was a big day for us," said Dale Braun, campus planner.

Mary Halada, interim vice chancellor for administration and finance, agreed.

"We were pleased that the building commission endorsed funding for those projects," Halada said. "Not bad for a day's work."

About \$1.4 million was approved for upgrades to the locks and doors in North

Hall, new tennis facilities and floor resurfacing in the Knowles Center. The building commission also approved construction for the new student union.

Construction on the new student union will begin this fall after final designs and construction bids are completed. Halada said groundbreaking would "be nice to do in the fall when students are here and plan a celebration."

Plans for overhauling Hagestad Student Center remain far off, Halada said, due to renovation costs. She said plans to centralize student business services into Hagestad are a possibility.

The new student union, which will be a four-story multi-use facility, will be built on the land currently occupied by the Ames Teacher Education building. The building commission allocated an

additional \$250,000 to demolish the 42-year-old building.

"It's a good indicator that even though state budget money is tight, we're still able to invest in maintenance and upgrading projects," said UW-RF facilities engineer Tim Thum.

Over the next year-and-a-half, North Hall will receive an updated look thanks to the state. UW-RF got \$1.2 million last November to replace the windows in the building. The project will begin in 2005, Braun said.

A separate maintenance project will also replace lock cylinders—some of which date back to the 1940s—to more than 300 locks in North Hall. Braun said the summer-long project should be completed before fall 2005.

The new tennis facilities will be built

somewhere near Ramer Field, though the actual site has yet to be determined. Thum, who is also the assistant women's tennis coach, said the new tennis facilities will likely be built on either the current softball or baseball sites.

The building commission approved \$210,400 for construction of the courts. The tennis facility will feature six new courts, which Thum called "adequate for our program."

Thum said it would be more efficient to place the new facilities on the existing baseball field rather than the softball field. That plan, Thum said, would mean fewer steps in the moving process, thus defraying the cost of moving the softball field to the baseball field, which would be the alternative.

Though no demolition date has been

set, the existing tennis courts behind Ames and Crabtree Hall will eventually be removed. The courts behind Crabtree, which were re-surfaced in 2002, will be removed due to expected expansion to South Fork Suites, which is currently under construction.

Braun said the Knowles building resurfacing project should take about a month. The almost \$1 million project will be scheduled to take place during a period of low use, most likely late summer or early fall of 2005.

OTHER PROJECT UPDATES

Thum also said progress on South Fork Suites remains "slightly ahead of schedule" despite setbacks brought on

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BRIEFS

Uganda Study Tour

The first orientation meeting for those interested in the Uganda Study Tour will be held March 9, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the South Hall Alumni room. Margaret Thorne, assistant director of Financial Assistance, will provide information regarding available financial aid opportunities and to answer questions. For more information contact Pascal T. Ngoboka at 425-3335 or visit the Web site www.uwrf.edu/ugandatour.

Horse Driving Clinic

The St. Croix Horse and Carriage Society is having an entry level informative program on the use of horses in harness at Lab Farm 1 indoor arena March 6 at 9 a.m. Regional experts on training, vehicles, tack, and horse selection will give presentations. There will be a vehicle display and trade Show. The cost is \$2-\$5.

Women's History Month Speaker

In honor of Women's History Month the Women's Studies Program and the Race and Ethnic Studies Program are sponsoring Winona LaDuke who will talk about "Women, Politics and the Environment" March 11 at 7 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall in KFA. LaDuke is a Native American activist and was Ralph Nader's Green Party running mate in the 2000 presidential election. The event is free and open to the public.

Vice Chancellor Candidate Forum

The final candidate for the Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance Peter Angstadt will speak on March 8 in the North Hall Auditorium. General attendance will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Classified staff will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Faculty/Academic Staff will be from 3 to 4 p.m. The students forum will be from 4 to 5 p.m. All forums are free. For more information visit www.uwrf.edu/cio/vcaf/.

Kayaking Spring Break Trip

Students can spend spring break in Charleston, S.C., with Kinni-Connections sea kayaking in the backwaters of the Atlantic Ocean, sightseeing in historic Charleston and exploring the Smokey Mountains March 14 to 21. Cost of the trip is \$375 which includes transportation, food, equipment and lodging. Other expenses including some meals may apply. For more information call 425-4911.

Self-defense Clinics

There will be three free self-defense clinics on March 5. The first one is at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Center Presidents Room. The second session is at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center Presidents Room. The last one is for women only at 3 p.m. in the Rodli Blue Room.

The event is sponsored by the Shaolin Kempo Karate Club. For more information contact Jeff Vorwald at 475-9173 or Jon Stefonek at 612-414-5325.

Scholarship for Mental Health Majors

The Mental Health Association of Eau Claire is giving its annual Damm-Weaver Memorial Scholarship for \$750 to be awarded to a graduate student pursuing a career in the mental health field.

For qualification information see the bulletin board outside of KFA 326. For an application call the Sociology Department Program Assistant Vicki Kurtenbach at 425-3992.

National Poetry Month

The Library Exhibits and Presentations Committee is seeking student poetry to be showcased in the library during April, National Poetry Month. Submit work to Linda M. Alvarez in 107 Davee Library by March 26. For information contact Alvarez at 425-3842.

Colonial History Tour

Students are invited to participate in a tour of historical sites on the east coast June 20 to July 4. Tour costs are \$1,250 which includes travel, lodging, and entrance fees. For information contact David Riggs at david.riggs@uwrf.edu or 425-3164.

Summer Session

Summer session enrollment for students is now available. Students can register for classes using eSIS. For questions contact Outreach and Graduate Studies at 425-3256. For more information contact the Registrars Office at 425-3231.

Phi Mu Ice Cream Social Event

The ladies of Phi Mu will be holding a banana split ice cream social in the basement of Hathorn Hall on March 11 at 7:30 p.m. Students must provide their own bananas but the ice cream and toppings are provided for free. For more information contact Vicki Smith at vicki.l.smith@uwrf.edu.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Underage drinker falls out of bed

Anne Cloeter
Viewpoints Editor

Jennifer Hart, 19, received a \$243 underage consumption citation Feb. 22. When an officer came to speak with her, Hart didn't know where she was and fell out of her bed when asked to stand.

After two females reported that a male urinated on their room door Feb. 22, an officer arrived and issued four underage consumption tickets for \$243 each. Jimi Rye, 19; Jennifer Aleckson, 18; Brooke Wolf, 19; and Steven Jacobson, 18; who

urinated on the door, all admitted to drinking at an off campus party earlier in the night.

Officers responded to a noise complaint on Cascade Avenue Feb. 25. When they arrived, loud voices and music were heard coming from the apartment. Six \$164 underage tickets were issued to Sarah R. Saide, 18; Michael J. Hullopeter, 19; Danielle N. Clevenger, 19; Bonnie A. Calkins, 20; Carrie H. Hauge, 18; and Shaejhon N. Desotell, 20; Kevin M. McGuinn, 21; was given a warning for the noise complaint.

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Dairy club celebrates 25 years



Freshman Ben Lundgren waits to bring a dairy heifer into the sale ring at the Silver Showcase consignment sale, Feb. 21 at Mann Valley Farm. The sale, celebrating 25 years of the Dairy Club, reunited more than 50 alumni.

Karyn Nelson
Online Editor

Agriculture is one of the first things that comes to mind when UW-River Falls enters the picture and with Wisconsin's status as the cheese capital of the world, dairy quickly follows.

For the past 25 years, the UW-RF Dairy Club has upheld the "Moo-U" image on a state and national basis.

In the most recent sale Feb. 21, dubbed its "Silver Showcase," the club sold 43 lots of registered Holstein heifers averaging \$2,608 for a total sale of \$120,000.

"It was the highest averaging sale we've ever had," said sale chairman Aaron Schroht. "We pulled in a really good set of cattle."

The club received 15 percent of the total as commission. Part of that money is used to pay advertising and sale expenses; the remainder goes to the club.

As the largest Dairy Club in the nation and one of the biggest campus organizations,

Dairy Club is well known at UW-RF. The club boasts more than 140 members from various majors but all with a love for the dairy cow.

"There's never a dull moment [in dairy club]," said yearbook editor Joseta Halbur. "There's always something going on."

In addition to the sale, the club will also celebrate with alumni at its banquet April 22.

Though the club has been on campus since 1979, UW-RF has only offered a dairy science major since 2000. Since then, UW-RF has consistently ranked in the top four dairy science programs in the nation and stood number one for a time. The other top programs are at Cornell, California Polytechnic and Penn State.

Since 1979, the club has held a bi-annual sale, alternating with UW-Madison's Badger Dairy Club. Many alumni were in attendance, including Jeannie Winkelman, former club president and a 2002 UW-RF graduate.

"Dairy club was the best thing I did in college," Winkelman said.

After graduation, Winkelman worked for Holstein Association USA in California before returning to Wisconsin last month. She works for Alta Genetics.

Networking with alumni like Winkelman is one of the benefits of Dairy Club," Schroht said.

"It's a way to network for college years and beyond," Schroht said. "It helps you get into the industry."

More than 300 people attended including more than 50 alumni.

Sale business manager Brenda Cavanaugh said she plans to contribute even after she graduates.

"This is my last sale but I plan to stay active as an alumni and come back to help," Cavanaugh said.

The sale has a two-fold purpose. The first is to raise funds for scholarships, member awards and educational activities. Second, it gives members the experience of organizing a consignment sale.

Many committees work together to get the sale running. There are numerous details that need to be addressed, including cattle selection and presentation, a sale catalog, advertising, facilities, slide show and a complimentary lunch. About 40 students work together to plan and run the event.

Though the sale takes a lot of time to organize, the dedication of the students makes the sale run smoothly, said Anthony Jilek, chair of the animal and food science department.

"Our students work hard," Jilek said. "The students do all the work. We're very proud of what they have done."

Chancellor Ann Lydecker, who has a dairy farm background herself, said it is "fun to be on a campus with a strong Dairy Club."

"These are great kids," Lydecker said to a crowd of prospective buyers before the first lot was sold. "I am proud to have them on campus."

UW-RF pride was evident at the sale and auctioneer Tom Morris had the crowd fired up before the bidding got underway. Morris, a UW-RF alumnus, has participated in many university sales but UW-RF is one of his favorite places to sell cattle.

"I don't care about Cornell," Morris said. "I sure as hell don't care about Penn State. Welcome to America's largest dairy club."

Residential Life Committee changes Hathorn communities

Lucas Pokorny
Staff Writer

For some UW-River Falls students, living in the residence halls doesn't mean much but for residents of First West Hathorn the residence hall is their home away from home; they form friendships with other residents, participate in activities with together and eat meals together.

However, starting next fall, residents from First West and Second West Hathorn will have to be moved to Third East Hathorn as West Hathorn will become a freshman wing.

"It's my home," said Ander Wicklund First West resident for the last four years. "It's like renting the same apartment for four to five years then have to leave."

Last summer the Residential Life Committee met to put together a ten-year master plan for the whole residential system.

West area coordinator Mike Stifter said the plan included a change in Hathorn Hall.

West Hathorn will become freshmen recreation floors and Third East will now become the only returning men's floor.

Residents of West Hathorn were notified about the decision early last week.

"We pay to live here," said Darren Hughes, First West resident for the past two years. "We should know about the changes ahead of time."

However, Stifter said telling the residents six weeks ahead of time is better than waiting until April to tell them when they have to sign up for rooms.

One of the reasons they chose the west wing was because there

are four floors, Stifter said. Ground and first floors can be bound and second and third can be bound together.

"It's kind of like a buddy system," Stifter said.

Another reason why West Hathorn will be the recreational wing, Stifter said, is because it has access to the Body Shop and Recreational Leadership Coordinator Lance Ross lives in Hathorn.

"Freshman recreation floors are becoming a demand and Hathorn seemed like the best place to put them," Stifter said.

However, by making room for freshmen, the upper class man run into a problem on where to live next year, Stifter said.

"It feels like breaking up a family because we do everything together," freshman Matt Francis said. "We eat together, go to the movies, go to the casinos and whenever we have problems we can go to anyone's room and talk."

Wicklund agreed.

"If we split up we will lose touch with everybody and friends will move away," Wicklund said.

Stifter said adding themes gives students more choices on who to live with.

First West resident Dan Cremin lived on Third East last year which was a freshman recreation hall. Cremin said they never did any recreational activities.

"Last year first semester I never came out of my room and college was a new thing," Cremin said. "Everybody was in the same boat."

Cremin, now living on First West, said in the first week he

knew five times as many guys than he did last year.

"They were so accepting," Cremin said. "They were a group of guys that got along and were willing to make everything work."

Living on First West changed Cremin's mind about being with all freshmen the year before.

"I never want to live on a freshman floor again," Cremin said.

Francis experienced the same welcoming as Cremin.

"They welcomed me into their group with open arms," Francis said.

Francis said, at the beginning of the year he didn't think he fit in because he was a freshman so he stayed away from everyone.

When Francis started interacting with the upperclassmen he found out that no one cared if he was a freshman.

"Everyone's so close," Francis said. "It's like living with a bunch of brothers."

Life can be a lot easier living with upperclassman, Francis said.

"Freshman floors only have the RA but with upperclassman you can be more involved in sports because they've been here a long time," Francis said. "They also know their way around the city."

Second-year First West member Don Hamblin, who was a freshman on First West last year, agreed with Francis.

"Freshmen contribute with upperclassmen because they don't know anyone else besides the RA," Hamblin said. "There were more people to ask than just the RA."

Hughes also experienced the happy atmosphere of First West.

"When I lived in May Hall I was so isolated because everybody's door was shut and there were no floor functions," Hughes said. "It's a lot different on First West, everybody participates."

"Freshman recreation floors are becoming a demand and Hathorn seemed like the best place to put them."

Mike Stifter

West area

coordinator

Four-year resident of First West Hathorn Steve Nurmi said the reason he comes back every year is because of the laid back attitude.

"We all get along," Nurmi said. "We never have any huge feuds or have any problems."

Wicklund said they love having freshmen on their floor.

"We're not opposed to freshmen, we just don't want to move," Wicklund said.

First West residents found out about the change a week ago but have already wrote a letter to the Residential Life committee about some compromises they had in mind. They attended a residential life meeting but because they weren't on the agenda they had to wait until the next meeting.

Some of the compromises they had in mind were to let the

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STUDENT SENATE

UCC, Senate deny College Republican newsletter racks

Tiffany Shelman
Editor

Jake Duesenberg, president of the College Republicans at UW-River Falls, made a motion for Student Senate to approve distribution racks for the College Republicans publication, The Right of Way.

Duesenberg previously took his request to the University Centers Committee (UCC) and was denied. The UCC decision was based on the amount of clutter the racks would cause. The UCC said if they allowed Duesenberg and the College Republicans to have a

rack, they must allow other organizations on campus the same opportunity. During discussions of the motion, senators had mixed reactions.

Senator Mara Bryan said the amount of clutter is a problem.

"It's a great way to communicate with other students in your group," Bryan said. "There just isn't the distribution space right now."

Nick Cluppert, student affairs and academic services director, said Senate should look into providing racks for all student organizations.

"Racks will give all student organizations another way to get information out

to students," Cluppert said. "I think your vote should not be on your personal political affiliation."

The motion failed. Bryan said the UCC is currently looking into creating racks for all student organizations' publications.

In other senate news: Cluppert suggested combining the empty women's initiatives director position and the diversity issues director position. Lisa Weinreich, current diversity issues director, said taking on both directorships could be more work than anyone thinks.

Jeremy Tilsen, leadership develop-

ment and programming board chair, agreed.

"It would be very difficult to be doing both things at the same time," Tilsen said.

Senator Joe Eggers said UW-Stout currently has the two positions combined.

Although the position could be difficult to handle, Joan Wierzbka, finance director, said the position would be explained to the appointee prior to their acceptance.

"It would be a lot for one director to do but the director would know that going into the position," Wierzbka said.

A decision was not made about this matter.

Katie Kneissel, legislative issues director, said she is working with the River Falls League of Women's Voters on city elections.

Weirzbka said following all of spring semester's segregated fee money, the account has \$34,346.43. The reserve account has \$56,490.66.

Matt Schuelke, senate president, said the virtual rental issues office is now available for students to use.

Brian Hogenson was added as a senate member at-large for the remainder of the semester.

Campus Big Brothers-Big Sisters grows

Rachel Gaynor
Offbeat Editor

The search for youth and staying young at heart is a goal college-aged people and up try to achieve. Some people act younger than they are by doing risky things, while others find activities to make them feel young.

A group on campus has done just that. Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) is a nation-wide organization that has had a chapter at UW-River Falls for the past two years.

Most chapters are city-based but UW-RF broke the mold.

"It's the only program of its kind in the country," said Jon Levendoski, senior dairy science major and Johnson Hall residence assistant.

Last year, Nick Sirek, a senior elementary education major, wanted to start a program to "change the image of Johnson Hall being a party dorm. At a staff meeting, a staff member mentioned that the BBBS organization would be good to get residents involved Sirek contacted Pat Milfelt, BBBS regional coordinator, to get the ball rolling.

"Pat took care of contacting all the schools and the bus. We took care of getting funding here on campus and clearing it with the Leadership Center," Sirek said.

Within the organization there aren't many problems but starting up a group can be difficult.

"The biggest challenge was getting the program planned and organized," Sirek said. "It was making phone calls and getting funding."

Since there was initial interest shown,

there wasn't trouble finding residents to participate. UW-RF students from all areas of study including science, business, social work, education, and even accounting are group participants.

"We really didn't have to work at getting people interested. A lot of our recruitment was done by word of mouth," Sirek said. "Someone would participate one week and he/she would have such a great time that the next week he/she would come with a friend. It was really great to have that kind of reputation."

BBBS has two groups within the group, the "bigs" and the "littles." This year, the "littles" group grew from 20 to 63 members and the "bigs" grew from 20 to 40 members at Johnson Hall.

This year, on every other Wednesday about 40 third and fourth graders come to campus for activities and fifth graders come on Thursdays.

Some of the activities the group has done in the past include skating with the men's hockey team, making homemade ice cream, a scavenger hunt, games and movies.

"It's really fun," said fifth grade little, Dorothy Parent. "Sometimes it's a little hectic, the boys are the wildest."

The energy levels of children that have been in school all day are high. Even when sitting in the TV lounge at Johnson Hall in the basement, everybody knows when the kids arrive.

"Sometimes it is hard to balance kids in a group, the energy is amazing," said Johnson Hall Manager Angie Roggenbuck. "We love it but at times you wonder what you can do to keep them calm."

Every child has their favorite activity and expresses what and when they want to do.

Fifth-grader Steven Parmeter said he loves going to the mat room in Karges and playing dodge ball.

"It's fun sometimes if you don't get hit in the head," Parmeter said.

Since the size of the group has grown, "bigs" use hand-clapping to get the "littles" to focus and pay attention.

"Getting them to listen is difficult sometimes," said Amanda Carlstrom, sophomore biology major. "If one kid does something, they all do it."

If a little doesn't want to participate in the day's activity, they may choose to stay behind and work on homework or do other activities, like coloring, in the TV Lounge.

"I like sitting down and coloring with them," Carlstrom said. "Then you get to talk to them and see how things are going in school and with their families."

Other challenges the "bigs" face is that everybody wants to be with their friend.

"They throw a hissy fit if they aren't with their friends," Carlstrom said. "But we want them to meet new people."

For the "bigs" helping children from a single-parent household or those who may not have the same opportunities as other children their age is very beneficial.

"It was great seeing the "littles" pair up with one of the "bigs" and becoming friends and having someone to look up to and having a role model," Sirek said.

"It is very important for school age children to have that kind of role model. To have a role model that is going to college and is successful."



Photo by Rachel Gaynor

Senior Casey Rentmeester, along with 39 other "big brothers and sisters" participate in a weekly visit with their "little brothers and sisters." The program, which began two years ago, has seen student participation double. The program is recognized as an organization.

Like any group a student participates in, there are ups and downs in the BBBS program.

"It is a lot of work during the week, but it's all worth it to spend two hours with the kids and see how excited they are just to be there," Levendoski said.

BBBS gives college students another way to give back to the community, Levendoski said.

Not only that but there are other benefits for the "bigs".

Roggenbuck said it adds to students' resumés, but also just to better themselves.

This year the group was recognized as an organization, meaning that its is a campus-wide program that any student can participate in.

"My goal is to get more fundraising so we don't use student fees," Levendoski said. "And to grow as big as it can grow."

The issue with any group or organization is having members to actively participate so it can survive.

"I really hope that it will continue and that it will continue to have as much support in the future as it has in the last two years," Sirek said.

Administrators discuss mandatory direct deposit

Kate Camplin
Staff Writer

Right now University employees have a choice. They can pick up their paychecks at the Cashier's Office or they can choose direct deposit. Soon, this decision may be made for them.

Mary Halada, UW-River Falls interim vice chancellor said, UW-RF is considering mandatory direct deposit of paychecks.

"If we eliminate paper checks we would eliminate a lot of the cost to tax payers."

Joy DeWyre
Payroll and benefits supervisor

Student employees at UW-RF are especially reluctant when it comes to direct deposit with only 36 percent opting for this service.

"I enjoy going to the bank," said Katlyn Kaiser, a sophomore. "I don't like depositing it all. I take cash out of my check."

Other students see direct deposit as convenient.

"There are things that I like about it and things that I don't," said Mindy Naef, a senior. "I don't have to go to North Hall every couple of weeks but I don't watch my account close enough to make sure that I get the right amount."

UW-LaCrosse and UW-Eau Claire have successfully made

direct deposit for students mandatory.

"We were anticipating that we might have some students that would be unhappy but really we didn't," said Donna Weber, director of human resources at UW-Eau Claire. "We do not pay unless they have direct deposit."

Halada said, there would be no cost to the University for making direct deposit mandatory; in fact

it could potentially save money.

UW-Eau Claire has reported that since direct deposit became mandatory in fall 2003, they have saved \$13,000 on campus and system has saved \$52,000. The savings come from payroll processing and distribution.

"I don't really know if we would have direct cost savings," Halada said. "It would be just as much a time saver."

Currently, 72 percent of classified and 80 percent of unclassified employees at UW-RF use direct deposit – a much lower rate than other UW schools.

The decision of whether or not to mandate direct deposit will come after the university works with Student Senate and Faculty

Senate to agree on the issue.

"We need to talk about it and to have people think about it," Halada said. "I don't know why anyone would reject it."

The University hopes that with direct deposit, employees will benefit from not having to wait in line at the Cashier's Office and that the University will save money and manpower in the payroll office.

"As for dollars right now, we are getting the checks and earning statements by express mail and we would save on postage," said Joy DeWyre, University payroll and benefits supervisor. "If we eliminate paper checks we would eliminate a lot of the cost to tax payers."

The University hopes employees who may not have a checking account would take advantage of Westconsin Credit Union, located in the student center. Westconsin Credit Union works with the University to make it easy for their members to set up direct deposit.

"We have a form to fill out for direct deposit. All they have to do is sign," said Beth Beals, a teller with Westconsin Credit Union. "We fill out the account information and even send it over to the payroll office. They don't even have to walk over there."

There will be exceptions made for employees who choose to or cannot have a checking account.

HATHORN from A2

returnees sign up for a room then let the rest of the rooms be freshmen. Another idea was to have freshmen live in alternating rooms, so it's easy for them to mingle with the upperclassmen and make the transition to college life a little easier.

They also suggested having an upper class recreation floor. The

residents who wish to stay said they are already involved in intramural sports and have three broomball teams, two three-on-three basketball teams, two five-on-five basketball teams and a floor hockey team.

A final idea the residents had was to allow the returning students to have first priority over any other students not presently living in Hathorn in selecting rooms on Third East Hathorn.

The letter addressed to the Residential Life Committee

also mentions that the residents won community of the year last year and won community of the month last semester.

Stifter said that he would be up for a discussion to see if there can be any compromises.

Stifter said that if there are about five to ten people planning on returning they might be able to compromise on getting them rooms in Third East.

"It's great to see their love for Hathorn and their connection to stay there," Stifter said.

The Student Senate Web site now has a link to Rental Issues!

What's on the website?

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EDITORIAL

Senate ignores cry for help from CRs

The University Centers Committee (UCC) and the Student Senate have gone too far.

Both UCC and Senate failed to pass a proposal from Jake Duesenberg, president of the College Republicans (CR), to place racks in the Student Center housing their organization publication, *The Right of Way*.

The CR did not bring their proposal to UCC or Senate in hopes of obtaining money or special privileges, they simply wanted support from the University in getting their voices heard.

According to the CR Web site, *The Right of Way*, formerly known as *The College Republican Chronicle* began last spring "in response to the campus paper that over covered anti-war sentiment."

Though the CR publication was established in lieu of the Student Voice, we support its freedom of speech and of the press. Additional outlets for student information and opinion can only be beneficial to the campus.

The main reason given by UCC for denying CR requests to place distribution racks is that it would clutter the Student Center to give the same opportunity to all other student organizations on campus.

Freedom of speech has been put in question and has been a topic of debate in this publication for the past three weeks. The CR are again getting the shaft for their political ideology.

Currently, the *Student Voice*, a student organization, has permission to use distribution racks around campus for purposes of getting news, information and opinions to students. This is the same thing CR are asking for. If the UCC already approved the Student Voice to use distribution racks the CR and all other student organizations should have an equal opportunity.

Using the clutter excuse it is like saying the library is too cluttered with bookshelves. More information for students really can't be too much clutter. This is like saying education is clutter, which directly contradicts the purpose of a higher education.

One idea raised by both UCC and Senate is using one rack to house all student organization publications. Skepticism arises when proposals for racks are denied due to clutter and the gatekeepers offer a rack large enough to hold more than 120 student organizations' publications. They are foolish to think that isn't clutter.

The Senate is supposed to represent all students at UW-River Falls. Rather than act as a lap dog for the UCC, senators should support and argue for the CR, student organizations and the student population as a whole. Instead they argued back-and-forth with each other and with Duesenberg.

Instead of using proper parliamentary procedure, senators spoke out of turn and argued sternly with Duesenberg while squirming in their seats throughout discussions of the motion.

Senator Nick Cluppert should be commended for supporting the CR cry for help. He saw through the unrelenting remarks of his fellow senators.

"Racks will give all student organizations another way to get information out to students," Cluppert said. "I think your vote should not be on your personal political affiliation."

It is ridiculous that even the Student Senate can't get past political bias to make a representative decision.

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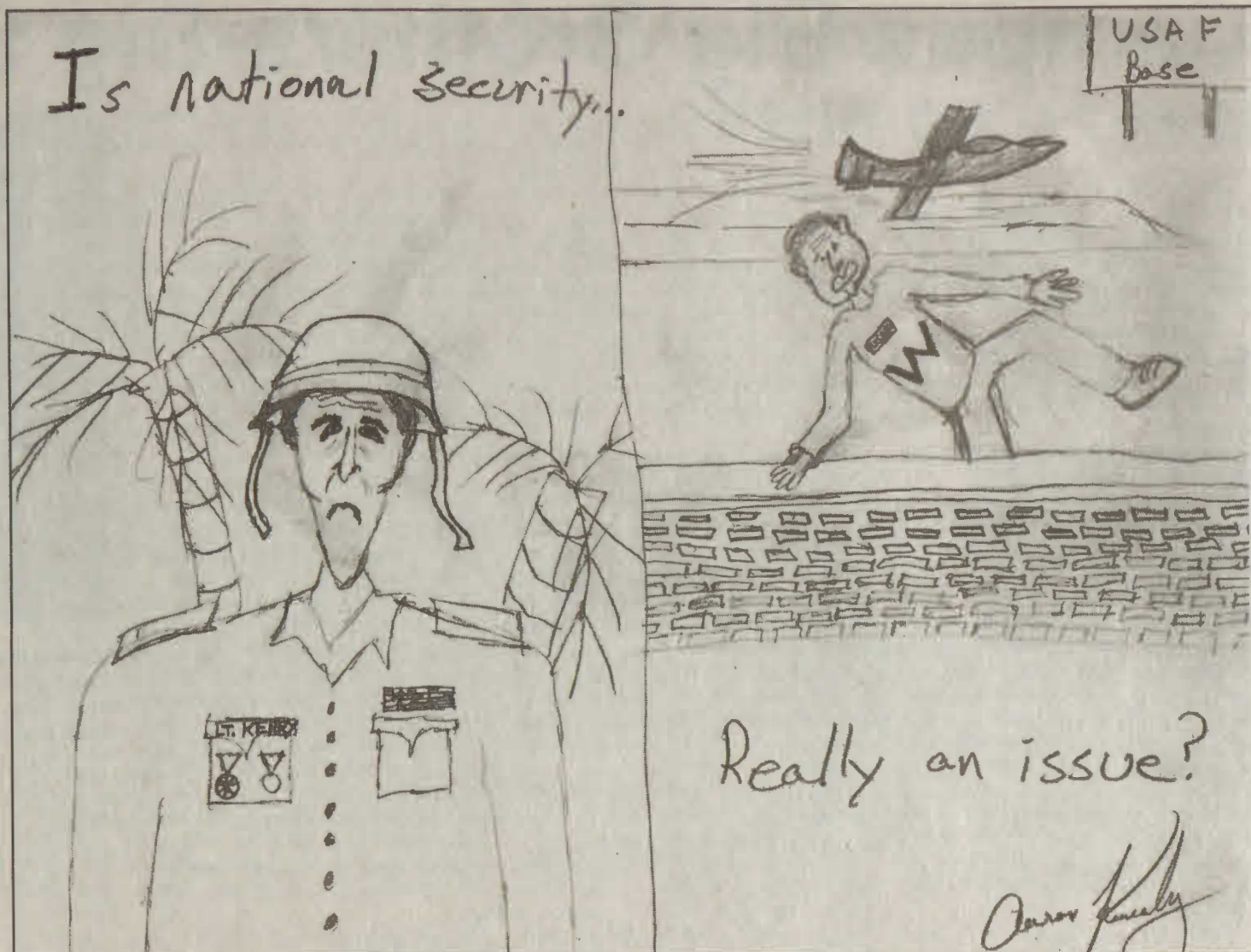
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EDITOR'S NOTE

The *Student Voice* would like to clarify misleading information in Dave Crass's letter to the editor in the Feb. 27 issue. Crass was quoted in the 2004 *Meet the Candidates* interviews produced by RFC-TV16 as: "One idea I had, concerns the parking problem. It's to put angle parking on Cascade Ave and also put meters there to increase revenue for the city after it's done paying for the project itself, which might be in a couple years."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Underage tickets open eyes of alcohol abusers

In response to Aaron Kenealy's column on how "ridiculous" campus underage ticket prices are, I must say I wholeheartedly disagree. There is a reason underage ticket prices are so high; it is due to all the damage and crime resulting from students who abuse their right to drink alcohol. It's perfectly fine, in my opinion, for people to go out and have a couple drinks as long as they drink responsibly and never drive under the influence. The problem is how many people today abuse their alcoholic privileges.

Think about how many crimes are committed in America related solely due to drunk individuals impairing their judgment so badly that criminal acts are committed. On average, 70 to 80 percent of all sexual assaults against female college students involved one or both of the individuals being under the influence of alcohol. Drunk drivers kill 1,416 people every day in America.

Who is going to pay for all of the court fees, punitive damages and insanely high insurance rates resulting from every person who abuses their right to "get drunk?" The taxpayer, who once again is being punished for every one of the mistakes those individuals who take advantage of that "right" provided them.

Looking at how "ridiculously high" these underage ticket prices are, I have to ask, what better group of individuals is there to carry the bill for those "abusers?"

The reason the government believes students under 21 should be fined so heavily for underage drinking is to help them realize that abusing their alcoholic privileges could lead to greater problems for themselves and others in the future. It almost serves as a prevention mechanism of sorts for these individuals. I know not every person who drinks underage abuses their right to drink but the majority of college students have been proven to binge drink more than any other group.

In response to the belief that people of the "religious right," including televangelists such as Billy Graham and Pat Robertson are in some way "passing money under the table" to pressure the government to take their stance on the law is absurd. Show me

one reliable source who proves that argument. These are respectable individuals who only have the best intentions for all Americans and society as well. They only use the Bible to help prove to the world how destructive drunken behavior truly can be. If our society was built upon the belief that we are "one nation under God," then this can only solidify the "religious right's" argument.

I am glad that the underage drinking law is in effect, as it serves not only to protect myself from becoming tragically harmed from those individuals who repeatedly take advantage of their right to get drunk.

Jeremy Zitzow, student

Citations are small price to pay for actions

"Next list the responsibilities you, as an adult, are asked to handle such as paying taxes, raising children and other adult things." This is a quote from Aaron Kenealy's column in last week's *Student Voice*.

In response to Kenealy's words, I am showing the responsibility that adults are supposed to have. I am wondering how adults like Kenealy can tell minors to break the law, which was obviously created and being enforced for a reason.

Why, I wonder, is the law about drinking such a difficult one for students at UW-River Falls to follow? Why is it we don't see an increase in more serious crimes?

The answer is the consequences for drinking are minimal compared to the consequences of more serious crimes, therefore, students don't even consider it a crime.

I am turning 21 in two weeks. This is an important day for me because it will be the first time I will drink any alcohol. Many people tell me I don't understand the effects of alcohol, the consequences and the impact underage drinking has on the entire River Falls community.

However, I also understand that those choosing to drink (to the point of receiving a minor) are not thinking of how their actions affect anyone or anything beyond the amount of alcohol they consume.

Kenealy makes a few suggestions that he believes will help students fight the outrageous

ticket prices. Are these ticket prices really that outrageous for the crime that is being committed and in the extreme cases the lives that could be in danger? Instead of fighting every law and every ticket we receive for things we do wrong, why can't we act as adults, pay the price and, most of all, learn from our mistakes?

Drinking is a serious issue that needs to be looked upon more greatly than just young adults out drinking a few beers.

Kenealy, I urge you to think about the column you wrote, think about the impact it may have made on students' lives and the consequences it may now have on people's lives. To the rest of the student body at UW-RF, I urge you to think twice the next time you take a drink of beer or sip of alcohol and think about the impact you have on others. Ask yourself if \$164 is a small price to pay for the actions you are committing.

Katie Vogt, student

Political laziness causes incorrect statistics

Laura Schaffer accuses conservatives of manipulating statistics. This is true for all political persuasions. What is important is to know the facts. Schaffer does not.

Her first error is repeating the myth that 10 percent of the population is gay. This myth is based on the Kinsey report published in the 1940s. The Kinsey report was based on poor research and has since been debunked. Furthermore, intellectually honest gay activists concede the 10 percent number is false. My sources are Time Magazine, Feb. 15, 1993, page 46 and Newsweek, April 26, 1993, page 27.

Schaffer also fails to critically analyze accurate statistics. Yes women make around 70 percent to 75 percent of what men make. Why is the relevant question.

The answer for Schaffer is probably sexism. The answer to me is more complex. All variables must be removed. For example, does this statistic take into account amount of education and years of experience at the same company? Are we comparing men and women with the same degree in the same field in the same city? If we are not taking these variables and others into

account then the statistic is meaningless. We must compare apples to apples.

I suggest people of all political persuasions leave behind intellectual laziness before entering this or any discussion.

Bob Ramey, graduate student

Reflection on UW-RF brings back memories

This is more of a reflection than an opinion but genuinely worth sharing. I was born and raised in this area and due to military commitments, was forced to leave and have since returned. I was fortunate enough back in the fall of 1956 to go to college at UW-River Falls, which was called River Falls State Teachers College then. As that was about 50 years ago, some of my memories are getting a little vague but I still retain lots of warm and great ones.

There were a lot more trees on campus then and a lot fewer buildings and students. I can still vividly remember sitting out on the front lawn in the warm fall sun, listening to "Moments to Remember" by the Four Lads coming from my radio, while trying to get some studying done. I was somewhat at a crossroads in my life. I wanted to go to college but also had to deal with my military obligations because the draft was in effect. I decided to join the Air Force and complete my college education at a later date.

Here I am about 50 years later and, due to circumstances, have never got back to this campus but with few regrets, as my life was pretty fulfilling.

I didn't realize the significance of that song by the Four Lads at the time but after one semester that year, I have still garnered more than enough "moments to remember" to last me for 50 years and hopefully, a long time yet to come.

My son enhanced my life as well as his own by picking up my fallen academic torch and running with it until he crossed the finish line, on the day he graduated from this same institution I attended so long ago.

Charles Geister, resident

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Gay terminology baffles aged student Faculty remarks offend columnist

Being almost twice the age of most undergrads can be a curse as well as a blessing. It's said that with age comes wisdom but since I voted for Ross Perot, I just might be the exception that proves the rule.

In any case, by virtue of simply being awake for more hours than those younger than I, I've gained a certain amount of life experience. I have taken advantage of this by spending way too much time paying attention to the little things society throws our way.

As we age, things like family, friends, education, employment, religion, or the lack thereof, shape our beliefs and ultimately who we become.

I'll let you in on a little secret: I'm conservative to the bone. I know this revelation may shock some of you but it's true and I refuse to apologize for it, no matter how many times I'm told being a white American male is a bad thing.

As a conservative I'm partial to most things remaining as they

are, important things anyway.

Take our language for example. A few years ago when the Oakland school board was obsessed with adding Ebonics to the official language curriculum, I couldn't help but wonder if this was the beginning of the end for our public schools.

As time passed and the Ebonics craze went the way of break dancing, my faith in K-12 education being restored, I continued on my angry way believing

DAVID MISSELT

well. Until another language-related phenomenon reared its ugly head.

How many times lately have you heard the word "often" pronounced using the letter "t" as if it were not silent? Or, has someone ever asked you to "borrow" them something instead of loaning it to them? Too many for my tastes, it's annoying to say the least. OK, I can hear all of you out there telling me to get a life and stop sweating the small stuff. Believe me I do try.

If language faux pas like these were not becoming such an entrenched part of the lexicon, I wouldn't complain.

Unfortunately, these days, in order for one to "get jiggy" with

anything, it requires a certain dumbing-down of the language.

I'm far from perfect when it comes to proper use of the language and if it were not for computer spell check my stupidity would be more obvious. However, that doesn't change the fact that how words are used can be confusing.

A recent newspaper article in the San Francisco Chronicle brought the problem of language evolution to light far better than I can. So I decided to share with you some of what that rag learned about modern-day homosexual identifiers.

Simply being homosexual isn't descriptive enough for today's gays and lesbians. I don't even know when gays and lesbians became different categories. Guess that goes to show how old school I am.

Just plain "dyke" and "queer" are also being phased out of gay-speak in favor of more homo-descriptive terms like genderqueer, trannydyke, pansexual, boi, heteroflexible, boy-dyke, trannyboy, trannyfag,

multigendered, polygendered, queerboi, transboi, transguy, transman, half-dyke (maybe a wrestling move), bi-dyke, tri-sexual, multisexual and my favorite omnisexual (I guess they'll have sex with anything).

Apparently these new terms are used in the self-proclaimed queer capital of the world (San Francisco) because being a male

"Simply being homosexual isn't descriptive enough for today's gays and lesbians."

or female just isn't inclusive enough for those who believe there are actually three, four or five genders.

I'm no biologist but I have raised enough pets to know there are only boy dogs and girl dogs. Maybe I missed something along the way but

of all the bathroom doors I have ever seen have only one of two labels on them—men or women. Beliefs of the United Council aside, I think that is plenty.

So where does this leave us? I don't know but I'm off to watch "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy." Maybe it'll help an old male lesbian come to grips with modern pop culture whether I want to or not.

Check out the *Chronicle* story by Rona Marech for a list of definitions to the above terms. It'll be a learning experience. Peace out.

In all my years, I have never seen a group of professionals act like a bunch of little crybaby children.

That's right, some professors on campus think they are above criticism.

Jackie Brux and Betty Bergland's comments in the *Student Voice* last week offended me and should have offended you. When they said the College Republicans were "threatening them" or that it reminded them of "McCarthyism" ask yourselves, why are they attacking college students?

I always thought their job was to teach us and not degrade us. Let me ask you this in response to your comments in this fine publication. When students evaluate you at the end of the semester, does that offend you, or threaten you? Does that remind you of McCarthyism?

When you are up for evaluation by your peers for a pay raise or promotion does it remind you of what the Nazis did?

The very first paragraph in every letter states: *I am writing this letter not in criticism, but instead to convey the idea of academic freedom to all professors of the University. The concept of academic freedom and intellectual diversity is to protect the intellectual independence of professors, researchers and students in the pursuit of knowledge and the expression of ideas from interference by legislators or authorities within the institution itself. To help ensure that the intentions of such freedoms are upheld, the Students for Academic Freedom created an Academic Bill of Rights listing expectations students and professors should follow. Certain students have expressed concern that your teaching style does not follow the Academic Bill of Rights.*

Now let me reverse the typical college scenario and let me, the student, educate you, a doctorate, on the issue.

First, the Nazis interned the people who spoke out against them. The College Republicans spoke out against you and you are attacking them.

Second, McCarthy made accusations in the 50s with no proof. An accusation was made by a student that Brux expressed a liberal bias in the classroom.

Right before the war with Iraq, Brux was marching with the "anti-war" protestors in River Falls. The following question was on one of her economics tests. You decide if she is expressing an inappropriate bias: "For every weapon that

ANDY PARRISH

built, a starving mouth in Africa goes unfed" This was an example of opportunity cost.

Brux expressed clearly her political agenda, which is fine to do stated as an opinion but as you can see this is represented as a fact in test format, which it is not.

If I wrote the test and stated it as the following, "For every professor paid, for every BMW they drive, they starve innocent people in Africa."

What would happen to me? Finally, professors who received a letter all know who I am, I am not afraid to tell students the truth, so I send this challenge to you publicly. If you have the courage to let the student body hear both sides of the issue, come on my radio program March 8, at 5 p.m. to confront Jake Duesenberg and I about why we are wrong.

You talked big to the *Voice* with no opposition in front of you. Now come face the truth and let the students hear it.

Some will ask for an apology from me about this column and some will call for my resignation. Let me tell you now, no apology will be made and I will not resign.

Support our troops, support our president and have a great conservative day.

GUEST COLUMN

Senate creates rental issues office

Your very own Student Senate would like to announce the addition of the Rental Issues Office (RIO) section of our Website. It can be found at uwrf.edu/student-senate/ri-home.html.

After noticing the only resource available to you on campus for making the transition to rental properties was one page on the UW-RF housing site, I decided Student Senate had to step up to the plate. Student Senate, especially with help from David Crass, worked long and hard to pull this together. We hope you find it both functional and useful.

If you are seeking off-campus housing, you will be able to peruse this site and pick up some important information regarding rental residences. The move from residence

halls to rental properties can be a big one and by consulting this site you will be better positioned to making the change. The site not only lists important information renters should know but it also points out things renters should do such as check-in check lists. This can be

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found on the site as a downloadable file; just download, print, fill out and sign the form.

The site covers issues like sub-leasing, roommate selection and landlord issues, perhaps most importantly, it currently lists numbers of a few rental properties in the area. If you are seeking off-campus housing for next year, I encourage you to visit this site.

And even if you are a current off-campus resident, I still encourage you to visit the site. It holds a wealth of information for all

renters. Maybe it will contain a little bit of information you did not know before. Knowledge is power in this country and here is a place to pick up a little.

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Bush administration leaves moderate group out of picture

Generally speaking, when it comes to a presidential election, the battle for the White House lies somewhere in the middle of the ideological spectrum. That is to say, Democrats will almost always vote Democrat; Republicans will almost always vote Republican. It is the epitome of partisan politics and enough to make third party candidates pull their hair out. The aforementioned battle is for the "swing voters" or moderates that lie somewhere between your traditional ideas of Democrats and Republicans.

The poll numbers are interesting. If you break down an election, generally

you'll see that 40 percent of voters are Democrats, 40 percent are Republicans and 20 percent consider themselves moderate. The nice thing about moderate voters is that they're smart and generally vote on the issues rather than for a party. In 1992, the moderates took the White House away from George Bush Sr. and gave it to Bill Clinton

DERRICK WILLIAMS

James Carville, who was Clinton's campaign manager in 1992, coined the phrase "It's the economy, stupid!" Clinton rode the moderate voters who were fearful of Bush Sr.'s economic plan all the way to an eight-year term.

The 10-year economic forecast of President George W. Bush's budget gives us a \$2.7 trillion deficit by 2013. To put that into perspective, this year's

federal budget was in the neighborhood of \$2.4 trillion. I am sure that's going to draw the moderates closer to the Bush ticket. Can a projected deficit larger than the current budget be healthy for the economy? Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, doesn't think so and he is Republican. He recently announced that we should take social security money and pump it into the deficit. Yeah, that's a good idea. So our deficit is gigantic and the Republican economy guru is telling Bush to kill social security to fix it. That'll make the 70 million baby boomers getting ready to retire happy. I can see moderates flocking to the Bush re-election campaign now.

On a side note, I've never seen a group of people whine about fiscal responsibility like the Bush election campaign did in 2000, only to create a

massive deficit by spending tons of cash.

What if the economy isn't your thing? Maybe human rights are. Well, Bush announced this week that he'd be for a congressional ban on same-sex marriage in the form of a Constitutional amendment. I know this topic has been beaten into the ground, so I apologize for bringing it up yet again. But seriously, am I missing something? Did something momentous occur and I simply miss it? Where is this crisis that gay marriage is going to create? How does Rosie O'Donnell being married to another woman have any effect on me whatsoever? It doesn't. Bush recently said marriage is a moral pillar this nation is built upon. Is that so? Explain to me how a divorce rate in excess of 50 percent (US Census Bureau) helps to establish this idea. I can see it as being very important but a moral pil-

lar? Not killing people is a good moral pillar, let's focus more on that. I can understand if people have a moral issue with this subject, however, there is no way the government should get involved. Basically, the Republicans, who pride themselves on reducing government involvement in the lives of the people, want to restrict who can marry whom. That should make the moderates happy.

It just seems as though the current administration is concerned only with how they see the world. When it comes to the hot button topics that are going to forge this presidential election, the Republicans are leading the moderates out to pasture and we haven't even covered jobs, Iraq, trade, Haiti, terror or intelligence. Bush needs to be careful. If he isn't, he'll be just like his dad. He will abandon the middle and become the latest one-term Bush.

How do you feel about President Bush proposing to change the constitution to protect marriage?



Kris Getzie, senior

"I think if you love somebody, you love somebody. Marriage is a binding commitment. I don't think a person should be able to dictate who you can make that commitment with."



Matt Baumgartner, junior

"I back him because I think it should be protected. Marriage itself should be reserved for a man and a woman."



Desiree Jeanette, freshman

"I don't think he should change it. There is no reason the government can control who we love and marry."



Jason Conway, junior

"It should be changed. Marriage is between a man and a woman and if they want to have unions or a legal binding union, that's fine."



Nial Murray, freshman

"I don't feel President Bush has the right to change it. If two people of the same sex want to get married, that's their business. I think we have more problems to be worrying about than that."

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stone requirement. Some senators feel it should remain as is.

"The goals of the current senior capstone won't meet the new guidelines," UW-RF Provost Ginny Coombs said. "But there can be a capstone in a different form."

When all is said and done, the important thing to remember is the importance of a good general education program, supporters of the change said.

"General education is higher education's way of ensuring a broad knowledge base,"

Faculty Senate Chair David Trechter said. "General education can have the effect of giving a student academic direction."

At the Feb. 26 meeting the Faculty Senate also approved the guidelines for general education courses. The new guidelines are not strikingly different from current course requirements but some changes were made.

In addition to the five-year

course review, general education credits have been reduced to 38 from the current standard of 41. In addition, general education courses will no longer be double-counted elsewhere in a student's major. However, there is an exception for courses with diversity or global designations.

All students will also be required to take at least one three-credit course that focuses on international perspectives. To fulfill the diversity requirement students must complete at least one three-credit course focusing on diverse populations within the United States.

U W - R F Chancellor Ann Lydecker has decided to open the spring 2004 Chancellor's

Counsel meeting to the public. The meeting will give members of the campus and River Falls communities a chance to understand what the new general education program is and thank everyone involved.

"The faculty has worked extremely hard putting this program together," Lydecker said. "We need to celebrate that hard work."

"General education is higher education's way of ensuring a broad knowledge base. General education can have the effect of giving a student academic direction."
David Trechter
Faculty Senate Chair



Photo by Eric Ebert

Construction on South Fork Suites, the new residence hall, is expected to be complete Jan. 2, 2005.

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earlier this year by the cold. After beginning construction last August, sub-zero conditions delayed masonry work, which meant

workers had to focus on constructing different areas of the structure. Thum said masons should return mid-March to complete the unfinished portions, while aiming for a Jan. 2, 2005 completion date.

The Creative Hours in Learning Development (CHILD) Center being built

just east of Crabtree Hall is also "making good progress," Thum said.

Construction on the CHILD Center was also slowed by the cold, but with full crews now working, Thum said the "nicer, bigger" facility is on target for a July 2 completion date.

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and screen committee.

"The Chancellor may elect to conduct further personal interviews with any of the finalists, additional refer-

"It is always gratifying to see our own talent rise to the top."

Ann Lydecker
Chancellor

ences or co-workers," said Gary Smith, the chair of the committee.

"I thank the committee for moving the process in a timely fashion and bringing us four

qualified individuals from which to select," Lydecker said. "It is always gratifying to see our own tal-

ent rise to the top."

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Section B

Pioneers end Falcons' tournament run

After falling in WIAC playoff semifinals
Falcons left out of NCAA tourney field

Eric A. Page
Sports Editor

Five days after losing a three-point decision to UW-River Falls at the Karges Center, UW-Platteville made a return trip for a rematch in the semifinals of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament.

The second time proved the charm for the No. 4-seeded Pioneers as they pulled the rug out from under the No. 1 Falcons' run to the NCAA Tournament, escaping with a 65-62 win.

The Falcons led from the 15:56 mark of the first half and stretched it to 11 points with 6:38 remaining in the game at 59-48. The Pioneers went on a 17-3 run to end the game and the Falcons' season.

"We made some critical mistakes at critical times," Falcon coach Rick Bowen said. "When the noose got tight I thought we played to keep from losing instead of playing to win."

NCAA Div. III tournament pairings were announced Sunday night and the Falcons were left out of the pool despite their 20-7 record and WIAC regular-season championship.

With the Falcons leading 61-60, guard Brad Reitzner made his first three-

pointer of the game, after hitting seven in the previous meeting, to give the Pioneers their first lead of the second half. Rich Melzer was fouled on the ensuing Falcons possession and made one of two free throws and Platteville's Brandon Temperly made a jumper on the other end.

The Falcons had a final attempt to tie the game but Micah Helfrey's three-pointer missed and after a C.J. Becker rebound, Melzer could not get a shot off in time.

"I can't take anything away from them, Platteville's good," Bowen said. "We made mistakes at opportune times and they capitalized on them."

Melzer led the Falcons with 30 points and eight rebounds in his final college game. He finished his four-year career with 2,363 points, second all-time at UW-RF. His 821 career rebounds rank third all-time. Melzer also exits as the WIAC's second all-time leading scorer. Helfrey scored 17 points and recorded five assists for the Falcons in his final game.

As a team the Falcons shot just 41 percent from the field and 66 percent from the free throw line. They committed

See BASKETBALL, B2



Falcon coach Rick Bowen wonders what happened as he walks off the court after his team was outscored 17-3 during the final 6:38 of Platteville's 65-62 upset win last Thursday at Karges.

Photo by Eric A. Page

From out of the Shadows

Eric A. Page
Sports Editor

They call him "retarded Kent."

Handicapped by a lack of speed, intellectual savvy and, for his first 20 years, physical stature, C.J. Becker can't argue the comparison.

"I guess I look a little bit like him but I'm not as smart," C.J. said of his older brother. "He was by far the better basketball player."

Kent was a three-time all-WIAC player at UW-River Falls from 1998 to 2002, a recognized scholar-athlete in the classroom and before that a star at Hayward High School.

A third Becker and C.J.'s fraternal twin, Kevin, was a first-team All-Heart of the North player as a senior in high school which prompted Falcon coach Rick Bowen to recruit him to follow Kent to UW-RF.

In basketball there are big, slow guys and little, quick guys; C.J. was little and slow. Bowen invited him to play anyway.

"When he (Bowen) would send Kevin letters they would basically say, 'Bring C.J. along too,'" C.J. said. "When I got here I never expected to play."

For C.J., following his brothers was an apparent theme since childhood.

Their mother Joan recalled that whenever they played games as children it was always a natural two-against-one scenario.

"When we were younger and we would play hide-and-seek I would always have to be it," C.J. said. "They would go inside and watch TV and I would be looking around all over outside."

Once at UW-RF C.J. found himself in his brothers' shadow seeking his own identity.

As a six-foot 170-pound freshman, C.J. red-shirted during the 1999-00 season. The following year he appeared in 13 games scoring 12 points.

The next fall Kent approached Bowen and told him the team's pre-season open gyms were too crowded and they needed to get rid of some players.

"I told him he better be careful what he asks for," Bowen said, "because if I got rid of anyone it probably would've been C.J. With those guys it was a package deal, I couldn't split up those brothers."

The next year C.J. again played in 13 games doubling his output to 24 points and scoring a career-high 12 against Simpson College, Iowa. Meanwhile Kent was finishing his stellar career by earning his second consecutive first team All-WIAC selection while Kevin played in all 26 games for the Falcons in 2001-02.

Though vexed by the weight of Kent's legacy, C.J. was comforted by the blanket both of his brothers' abilities provided.

"I didn't need to take any risks," C.J. said. "I didn't have to worry about anything because I knew that Kent and Kevin would take care of it."

When C.J. returned for his junior season he had grown an inch and filled out to 190 pounds. Finally, he started to feel like he belonged. Bowen too took notice.

"There has always been something about C.J. that says, 'Don't sell this kid short, give him time,'" Bowen said.

With Kent gone, the younger Beckers shared the limelight that was

left behind. C.J. appeared in 22 of the Falcons' 26 games scoring a modest 1.5 points per game. In the spring of 2003 Kevin, with a year of playing eligibility left, decided to graduate.

For the first time ever, C.J. found himself playing on a team without one of his brothers.

"I would have liked to have played my last season with my brother, it would've been a fitting end," C.J. said. "Looking back on the season though, I really enjoyed being out there by myself."

For the proverbial black sheep it was finally his time. He worked on his game in the off-season and the confidence the solo act brought out in him was glowing.

"He is the hardest worker I have ever played with," teammate Rich Melzer said. "You can never doubt a guy who works like that. This year, he finally got his chance to shine."

Entering the season with a career average of 1.4 points per game, C.J. scored 14 points, grabbed seven rebounds and made five steals in a season-opening win over Pacific Lutheran. No one seemed surprised.

"My expectations for C.J. were pretty high," Bowen said. "I had decided that he was going to start early on and I had seen enough in practice to know there was something there."

He again scored 14 points in the Falcons' second game against Puget Sound and 17 a week later at St. Cloud State. For the first time in his five years at UW-RF, C.J. was not just Kent or Kevin's brother.

"It was awesome to see," Kent said. "I am incredibly proud of him. He was always a good shooter, but he was never big enough or fast enough to play. He improved so much in the last year."

C.J. continued to improve throughout the season, starting all 27 games. He made 5-6 three-pointers to lead the Falcons to a 70-59 win over Stevens Point Feb. 3 and scored five points in the final two minutes of a 72-70 win at Whitewater Feb. 14.

He battled a dislocated thumb all season and mononucleosis during the final two weeks.

"I was never worried about C.J. playing," Bowen said. "He is a Becker, Becker's know no pain."

C.J. averaged 7.3 points, 5.4 rebounds and 3.0 assists during his senior season. Workmanlike numbers that reflected the way he played the game. He was rewarded Monday by being named Honorable Mention All-WIAC by the conference's coaches.

He was not the player Kent was and he was not the natural athlete Kevin was but he does have some ammunition for trash-talking during future battles in the Becker driveway. He is the only one of the three to win a conference title.

"It feels great," C.J. said. "I already called Kent and told him that he may have been the better player but I got something he didn't." C.J. will graduate in May with a degree in business management. He plans to pursue a career in human resources.

"He is the hardest worker I have ever played with. You can never doubt a guy who works like that. This year he finally got his chance to shine."

Rich Melzer
Falcon basketball player

Women finish third at NCHA tourney

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team played two of its best games of the season at the NCHA playoff championships last weekend at UW-Superior.

The Falcons lost a close 2-1 decision to UW-Stevens Point in the semifinals and then exploded for an 8-1 win over UW-Eau Claire in the third-place game.

Against UW-SP, there was no score after one period and the game was tied 1-1 after two.

The Falcons got on the board first at 7:39 of the second period. Lindsay Carlson scored an unassisted goal at 7:39. She beat the UW-SP goalie with a shot high to the glove side. It was her 10th goal of the season. UW-SP tied the game at 13:47 when Jackie Foley scored her sixth goal of the year. She scored after a scramble in front of the Falcon net.

UW-SP's Kim Lunneborg scored what proved to be the game-winner at 2:06 of the third period. It was her sixth goal of the year. She was assisted by Jana Jurkovich and Liz Goergen.

Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger made 38 saves and UW-SP goalie Amy Statz stopped 21 shots.

The Falcons got two goals from Lou Paulson and Lindsay O'Keefe in the 8-1 win over UW-EC.

The Falcons led 2-1 after one

period and 3-1 after two.

UW-RF took the lead for good at 1:59 of the first period. Lou Paulson scored her 13th goal of the year with an assist to Emily Nierenhausen. The Falcons grabbed a 2-0 lead at 6:16 when Lindsay O'Keefe scored her 13th goal of the year with an assist to Jodi Hensch. The Falcons went ahead 3-1 at 8:51 of the third period when Hensch scored a power-play goal. It was her sixth goal of the year and her fourth power-play goal of the season. She was assisted by Alison Schaber and O'Keefe.

The Falcons went ahead 4-1 at 1:33 of the third period when Kelly Hurley scored her 10th goal of the season with an assist to Schaber. At 11:22 the Falcons went ahead 5-1 when O'Keefe scored her second goal of the game and her 14th of the season. Jenny Wallace scored her first goal of the year, unassisted, at 15:54 to give UW-RF a 6-1 lead. Paulson scored the team's seventh goal at 17:57 with an assist to Hensch. It was Paulson's second goal of the game and her 14th of the year. The Falcons ended the scoring with just one second to play when Lindsay Carlson scored her 11th of the year. She was assisted by Rachel Goodwin and Hensch.

Yaeger made 13 saves and improved her record to 8-8-1. UW-EC goalie Tara Berlute stopped 64 shots. The 64 saves is an NCHA playoff record.

Track & field teams compete at St. Olaf

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls men's and women's track and field teams had several outstanding performances at separate meets held last weekend in Northfield, Minn.

For the men, Wees Kennedy placed second in the 55m in 6.48, Jason Quarford placed second in the 5,000m in 16:04.28 and Clint Christy was second in the long jump with a leap of 21-7 1/4. Mike Zander placed fourth in the 400m in 51.06. Lance Wiersma was fourth in the high jump with a leap of 6-2 and Greg Greene was fourth in the long jump with a leap of 20-7 1/4. Scott Reise placed fifth in the 800m in 2:02.35 and Erik Olson was fifth in the shot put with a put of 44-2 3/4.

The women had some excellent results in the field events. Jill Crandall won the high jump with

a leap of 5-5 1/4 and Steph Dura won the shot put with a 44-4 3/4 effort. Jen Leis placed second in the weight throw with a toss of 50-9 1/4. In the pole vault Gina Anderson tied for fifth place with a vault of 10-4 3/4. The Falcons finished two-three in the 400m. Crandall placed second in 59.79 and Shannon Zweifel placed third in 1:00.56.

There were no team scores kept.

The Falcon men's and women's teams will compete in the WIAC Indoor Championships Friday and Saturday at UW-Stout.

"We've got several athletes who are ranked in the top 10 and have great chances to do well at the meet," Falcon coach Don Glover said. "We're looking forward to the competition."

Leis in the weight throw, Dura in the shot put, Crandall in the high jump, Anderson in the pole

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SCOREBOARD

Men's Hockey

Final NCHA Standings	W	L	T
St. Norbert (23-2-2)	11	2	1
River Falls (19-4-4)	8	3	3
Superior (15-8-4)	7	4	3
Lake Forest (18-5-4)	7	5	2
Stevens Point (13-11-3)	5	7	2
Stout (14-10-3)	5	7	2
Eau Claire (14-12-1)	4	9	1
St. Scholastica (6-17-4)	1	11	2

Women's Hockey

Final NCHA Standings	W	L	T
Superior (18-6-1)	12	4	0
River Falls (16-8-1)	11	4	1
Stevens Point (15-6-4)	11	4	1
Eau Claire (10-13-2)	5	11	0
Lake Forest (2-22-1)	0	16	0

Feb. 28 results	
Eau Claire	1 0 0 - 1
River Falls	2 1 5 - 8
1st period	

01:59 RF Paulson (13) (Nierenhausen)
06:16 RF O'Keefe (13) (Hensch)
09:33 EC Schultz (9) (Hayner)
2nd period
08:51 RF Hensch (6) (Schaber, O'Keefe)
3rd period
01:33 RF Hurley (10) (Schaber)
11:22 RF O'Keefe (14) (Magnusen)
15:54 RF Wallace (1)
17:57 RF Paulson (14) (Hensch)
19:59 RF Carlson (11) (Goodwin, Hensch)

Feb. 27 results	
River Falls	0 1 0 - 1
Stevens Point	0 1 1 - 2

1st period
No Scoring
2nd period
07:39 RF Carlson (10)
13:47 SP Foley (6)
3rd period
02:06 SP Lunneborg (6) (Jurkovich, Goergeh)

Men's Basketball

Final WIAC Standings	W	L
River Falls (20-6)	12	4
Stevens Point (21-5)	11	5
Whitewater (20-6)	11	5
Platteville (15-11)	8	8
Stout (14-11)	8	8
Oshkosh (14-12)	7	9
Superior (12-14)	6	10
Eau Claire (11-15)	5	11
La Crosse (11-14)	4	12

Feb. 26 results	
Platteville	24 41 - 65
River Falls	32 30 - 62

Scoring (Pts.-Rebs.-Ast.-Steals)
Holt 0-0-0-0, Helfrey 17-5-5-1, Becker 3-6-0-1, Halter 5-4-0-0, Melzer 30-8-3-0, Kossoris 3-3-0-0, Lam 2-0-1-0, Hoeg 2-3-1-0.

Track and Field Women

Feb. 27 results at St. Olaf
Team Finish: no team scores
Falcon Top-five Finishers (Place, Name, Event - Time)
1. Crandall, High jump - 5-5 1/4
2. Leis, Weight throw - 50-9 1/4
3. Anderson, Long jump - 10-4 3/4
2. Crandall, 400m - 59.79
3. Zweifel, 400m - 60.56

Feb. 28 results at St. Olaf
Team Finish: no team scores
Falcon Top-five Finishers (Place, Name, Event - Time)
2. Kennedy, 55m - 6.48
2. Quarford, 5,000m - 16:04.28
2. Christy, Long jump - 21-7 1/4
4. Zander, 400m - 51.06
4. Wiersma, High jump - 6-2
4. Greene, Long jump - 20-7 1/4
5. Reise, 800m - 2:02.35
5. Olson, Shot put - 44-2 3/4

Varsity Sports Week

Friday, March 5

Track and Field	at WIAC Indoor	10 a.m. *
Men's Hockey	vs. Stevens Point	3 p.m. **

Saturday, March 6

Track and Field	at WIAC Indoor	10 a.m. *
Men's Hockey	at Peters Cup Finals	TBD **
Fastpitch	at Finlandia Dome	8 a.m.

Sunday, March 7

Fastpitch	at Finlandia Dome	8 a.m.
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** Indicates game is broadcast live on WRFW
* Indicates event is held at UW-Stout
#Indicates game is played at St. Norbert College

TOP PERFORMERS



Micah Helfrey
Men's Basketball



Jill Crandall
Track and Field

Helfrey averaged 13.5 points, six assists and 4.5 rebounds in two WIAC Tournament games last week. He scored a season-high 17 points in the Falcon's final game of the season. Helfrey was named honorable mention All-WIAC.

Crandall won the high jump at St. Olaf last Friday with a leap of 5-5 1/4 and placed second in the 400m with a time of 59.79. Crandall, who placed in the high jump at nationals a year ago has already qualified for a repeat trip this year.

Effle named All-WIAC

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

Falcon Erin Effle has been named to the first All-WIAC basketball team.

Effle, who earned honorable mention honors to last year's All-WIAC team, led the Falcons in scoring averaging 13.6 points a game and second on the team in rebounding with a 5.8 average. In WIAC play Effle finished

fifth in scoring and 11th in rebounding. She was fifth in field goal shooting, making 57 percent from the field and 14th in steals with 40. She had a season-high 28 points at UW-Whitewater on Feb. 14. She had 12 rebounds in two games - Dec. 9 at UW-La Crosse and Dec. 21 against SUNY-Oswego. In her career Effle, a junior, is averaging 12.5 points and 6.5 rebounds a game.

Four Falcons named to All-WIAC team
Melzer repeats as Player of the Year; Bowen voted Coach of the Year

Eric A. Page
Sports Editor

It took 18 years for UW-River Falls men's basketball coach Rick Bowen to win a WIAC championship. After being enslaved to the program for so long, his hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Bowen was voted WIAC Coach of the Year Monday by the conference coaches after leading the Falcons to a 20-7 record and the school's first championship since 1950.

"What means the most is that it was decid-

ed by the other coaches," Bowen said.

Four Falcon players were also honored by the conference.

Senior Rich Melzer was voted the Player of the Year after sharing the honor with UW-Oshkosh's Tim Dworak as a junior. He beat out Stevens Point's Jason Kalsow and Platteville's Brad Reitzner.

Melzer led the WIAC in scoring for the second straight year with an average of 26.9 points per game. His 8.5 rebounds per game were second in the conference. He was also second in the WIAC in field goal percentage, shooting 58 percent from the floor.

Melzer leaves UW-RF as the WIAC second all-time leading scorer with 2,363 points.

Micah Helfrey, Billy Halter and C.J. Becker were all named honorable mention.

Helfrey led the conference in assists for the second straight year and finished second on the team in scoring with an 8.4 average.

Halter, a transfer from MSU-Moorhead, averaged 7.7 points for the Falcons while shooting 53 percent from three-point range. He was third in the WIAC in three-pointers made per game.

Becker averaged 7.3 points, 5.4 rebounds and three assists per game this season. He was in the top 10 in the conference in rebounding and assists.

Before Bowen arrived in 1986, the Falcons had achieved only eight winning seasons in 36 years. On his way to 254 career wins, he has led the Falcons to 12 winning campaigns in 18 years. He is UW-RF's all-time winningest coach and the longest tenured coach in the WIAC.

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only nine turnovers but three were very costly down the stretch, Bowen said.

"Those three turnovers killed us," he said. "C.J.'s on the side, Billy dribbling off his foot and Billy's bad pass. We never even got a chance to score. If we score one of those times it's a different game."

The Pioneers were led by Temperly's 22 points and eight rebounds and also got 17 points and seven rebounds from LaVon Crawford. Reitzner was held to seven points after scoring 23 in the

previous meeting.

The Pioneers led 2-0 early in the game and again at 4-2. Helfrey made two free throws to put the Falcons ahead 6-4 and they led until Reitzner's three-pointer with 58 seconds left in the game.

The Pioneers cut the lead to one point eight minutes into the second half but the Falcons scored 10 straight points to stretch the lead before the Pioneers' final run to steal the game.

Bowen said his team deserved a bid but he didn't expect one.

"If it was a just world and they took the best seven teams for the at-large bid, we should get in," he said. "Div. III has a philosophy where they don't care if the best 48 teams get in. Do we deserve a bid? Yes we do. Will we get one? I don't think so."

Six named to men's All-NCHA

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

Six members of the Falcon men's hockey team have been named to 2004 All-NCHA teams. Nine players were also named to the 2004 All-WIAC team.

In the NCHA, three Falcons, defenseman Marc-Andre Lalande and forwards Jess Johnson and Jim Murphy, were named to the first team. Goalie Andy Scanlon and forwards Jamie Steinert and Matt Elsen all earned honorable mention.

Lalande was one of four players named to the first team on defense. He finished the season with two goals and five assists in 24 games. He played well in both ends of the rink and was a reliable player with and without the puck.

Johnson finished third for the Falcons in scoring. He scored nine goals and added 15 assists for 24 points in 27 games. He scored two power-play goals. Murphy, who earned honorable mention honors to the 2003 team, led the Falcons in scoring

with 13 goals and 17 assists for 30 points in 27 contests. He scored two power-play goals.

Scanlon was a first-year player for the Falcons. He had an 11-2-3 record with a 1.77 goals against average, a .935 save percentage and three shutouts. He led the Falcons in all four categories.

Steinert scored 10 goals and had nine assists for 19 points in 27 games. He had three power-play goals and tied for the team lead with two short-handed goals. Elsen was second in scoring with 10 goals and 15 assists for 25 points.

Johnson, Lalande and Steinert were also named to the first All-WIAC team along with defenseman Murphy Dwyer. Elsen, forward Steve Moe, Murphy and Scanlon all earned honorable mention to the team.

Falcon Coach Steve Freeman and UW-Eau Claire Coach Jean Laforest were named Coaches of the Year in the WIAC. It is the second straight year that Freeman has been named the WIAC Coach of the Year. He also won the award in 2003 and in 1998.

Women dominate NCHA team

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

Six UW-River Falls women's hockey players were named to the All-NCHA first team and another was named honorable mention Monday by the conference coaches.

Goaltenders Amber Lindner and Marlene Yaeger, defensemen Lindsay Carlson and Jodi Hensch, and forwards Lou Paulson and Nicole Magnuson all earned first team honors. Forward Lindsay O'Keefe was named honorable

mention.

Lindner was one of only two freshmen voted to the first team. She finished the year with a 9-1 record and 1.26 goals against average. Yaeger posted an 8-8-1 record while allowing 2.09 goals per game.

Carlson was selected for the fourth consecutive year to the first team. She was the NCHA's leading scorer with 11 goals and 25 assists. Hensch was selected for the second year after scoring 20 points and combining with Carlson to form one of the

NCHA's best defensive units.

Magnuson was a transfer from MSU-Mankato and in her first year she was the Falcons' second leading scorer. She notched 33 points while leading the Falcons in goals with 16. Paulson was third on the Falcons in scoring with 30 points.

O'Keefe led the NCHA in power-play goals with six. She was fourth on the team in scoring with 24 points.

Hensch and Carlson exit UW-RF as two of the best players in the program's young history.

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vault and Kiah Sagami in the long jump are some of the Falcons who could do well in the field events. Tiff Reber in the hurdles, Angie Kveen in the 5,000m Crandall and Zweifel in the 400m and Amy Schultz in the 800m will all compete for top finishes.

Kennedy and Gregg Greene will help the men's team in the sprint events. Mike Zander in the 400m and Jason Quarford in the 5,000m have both performed well this year.

In the field events, three Falcons could do well in the high jump - Lance Wiersma, Dean Harder and Andy Poterucha. Erik Olson in the shot put and Clint Christy in the long jump will also compete for top finishes.

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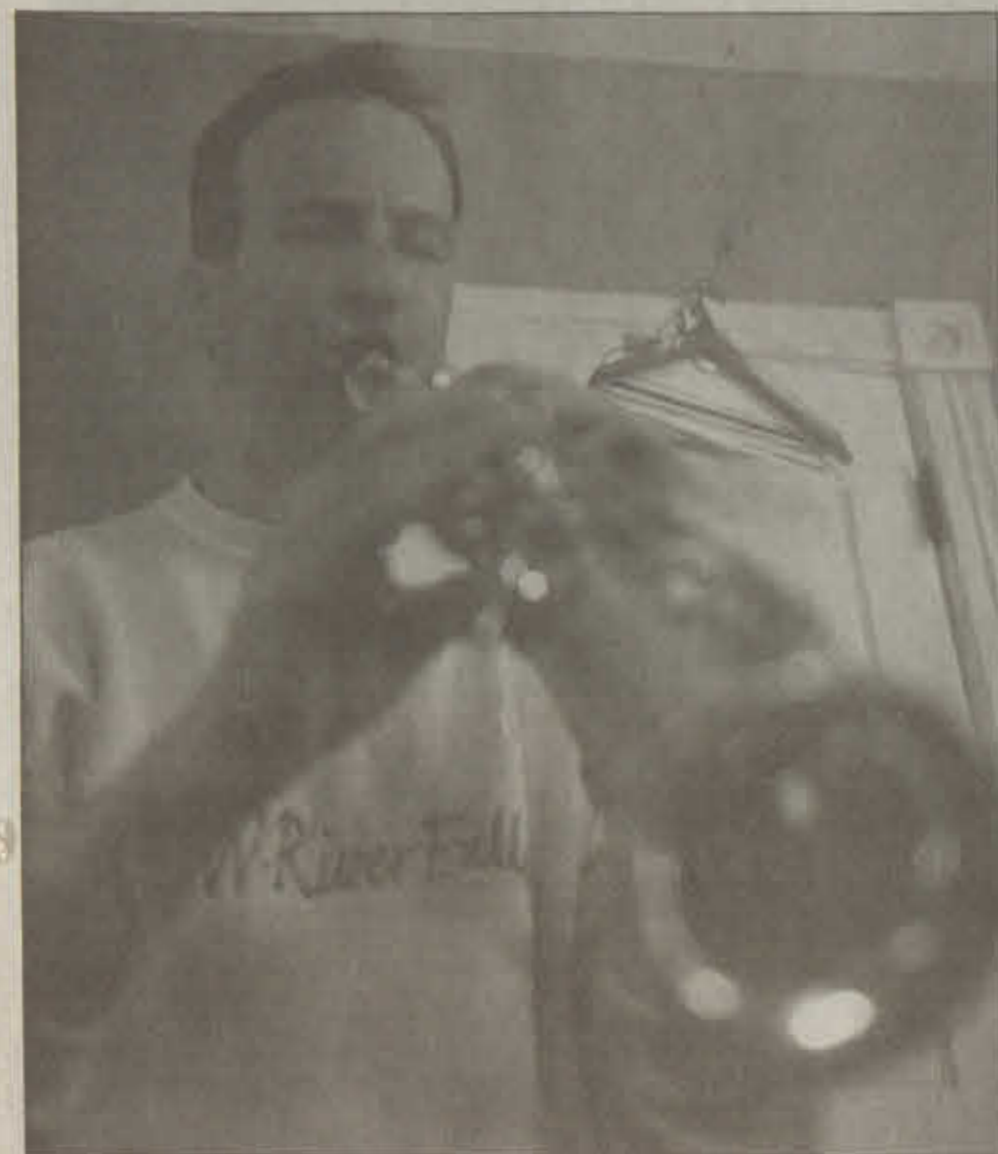
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Jazzing it up at home



Music professor David Milne practices some of his original jazz music in his home in St. Paul while on sabbatical.

Music professor plans to use experiences to enhance teaching

Micheal Foley
Assistant Editor

Music professor David Milne is the type of cat who would be just as comfortable on Bourbon Street in New Orleans as he is on Cascade Avenue in River Falls. With his soprano saxophone in hand and original jazz music in mind, Milne is just as apt to work a smoke-filled jazz bar as he is to work with an ensemble of student jazz musicians in a classroom.

"I've played all kinds of places," Milne said. "I've played everywhere from the Ordway and Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis to the smokiest dive joints in town. As a creative musician you have to embrace that because sometimes the best music doesn't necessarily happen at the finest venues. Sometimes it happens in the smokiest jazz joints."

This semester, however, the tall drink of water from upstate New York is taking the middle road between those two extremes by composing music and recording an original album with four other musicians while on sabbatical.

The quintet features Milne on saxophones, David Singley on guitar, Michael O'Brien on bass, Dan Stein on piano and UW-RF music professor Craig Hara on percussion. Stein is one of Milne's long-time friends from New York while the other three members have played with Milne in a band called Zona for the past five or six years.

Milne has been composing and arranging music all semester long and will meet with the other members of the quintet during the

week of March 15 for the recording sessions.

"We're recording at Wild Sounds, a recording studio in Minneapolis," Milne said. "It's one of the top jazz recording studios in the Twin Cities and we're spending a week there. It will be a lot of fun and a lot of hard work as well. It will be the culmination of a lot of prior work and experience in the jazz field."

Before the recording sessions the musicians will assemble for a gig at Brilliant Corners, a jazz club in St. Paul, to practice the music in a live setting with an audience. Milne will use the gig to determine which pieces work and which pieces he must rework.

Armed with his soprano saxophone, a keyboard and a laptop, Milne is free to compose and practice music in the comfort of his own home on his own schedule without being tied down by class lectures and office hours.

While Milne may be free from his academic hang-ups, he and his wife Susan Janda will be busy tending to their first-born child, Leo. Born Dec. 15, Milne refers to him as his "other sabbatical project."

"Any new parent would agree that becoming a parent is a tough challenge in terms of balancing work and family time," Milne said. "On the other hand, Leo and Susan provide an incredible amount of inspiration."

Though Leo sometimes makes it diffi-

cult for Milne to settle into a rigid routine or get a decent night's rest, Milne said he often finds himself up in the middle of the night composing a piece after Leo wakes him. Early morning, before anyone in the house is awake, is the best time for Milne to compose. Later in the day he tries to get in at least two hours of practice on his saxophone.

By composing, practicing, making business decisions and spending quality time with his family, Milne is using his sabbatical exactly for what it is intended, said Gordon Hedahl, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Historically, a sabbatical is a chance to get away to refresh your batteries," Hedahl said. "Faculty can study their field, do some personal research they never had time for while teaching and update their course material."

As Milne spends time in his slippers composing the next American classic, the music department clamors to fill gaps he left behind. Along with his normal course load, Milne is taking a break from advising students. Music department chair J. Michael Roy must juggle his personnel to find advisers for Milne's students as well as to teach his course load and provide saxophone lessons.

"Craig Hara was a nice fit for the jazz ensemble," Roy said. "Pat O'Keefe absorbed the saxophone load. David lives close enough that he still comes to campus for committee votes. We're not running any differently at all and it's been a smooth transition but there are some areas where he can't be replaced."

One of his classes, Jazz History, was not offered this semester because no replacement was found. Saxophone students also acknowledge the difficulty without Milne.

"It is difficult to have him gone for an entire semester because after studying with him for two-and-a-half years, he knows exactly how I play, what I need to work on, and what my likes and dislikes are," soprano saxophone student Collen Cantlon said. "Moving to a different professor who had never heard me play in a lesson setting before was very difficult."

Though Cantlon misses Milne, she believes his sabbatical is for the best.

"Dr. Milne is one of the most caring and dedicated professors I've ever had," Cantlon said. "His absence this semester has heightened my respect and appreciation for his work even more. I think his semester sabbatical is a fantastic opportunity."

When Milne returns to his normal duties with the music program next fall, he plans to hold a CD-release concert on campus to involve the University in the project.

"In the future, students will have a CD of our original music that they can listen to and use as a model for their own improvisation and incorporate their own ideas," Milne said. "I will also be able to chronicle the process of making a recording and pass it on to students."



Milne tries to get two hours of practice every day on his soprano saxophone while on sabbatical. A newborn at home makes this a difficult task.

Students hone technical skills, teach others

Shannan Allen
Staff Writer

For faculty and students looking to advance their computer skills, help comes in the form of the Technology Leadership Cadre (TLC). The TLC offers instruction in Dreamweaver, PowerPoint, graphics, photo editing and a number of other technical areas. What makes the program so uncommon is that it is largely student operated.

Housed in the Wyman Education Building, the TLC consists of three faculty directors, a student team leader, an assistant team leader and 21 student workers. Students are hired every semester to mentor faculty and students who request their help in learning new technical skills.

Jeff Leslie, an elementary education major, is currently serving his second semester as team leader and has been a member of the TLC for two years. Leslie said the TLC works primarily with workshops but they also do one-on-one training. Leslie said this is mostly done with professors who want help becoming proficient enough in a program to integrate it into their class. One-on-one time with students is rarer.

"We prefer student workshops," Leslie said. "We don't have the funds to work with

every student who needs it."

As team leader, Leslie receives help requests for the TLC. At their weekly meetings he announces the jobs available and the time requested. Student workers check their schedules and see who has the best fit.

Thea Dunn, one of the faculty directors, said students are hired based on their leadership skills rather than their technical skills.

"We look for people who can work as a team and want to learn," Dunn said. "Not that they necessarily know the technical aspect."

Faculty director Karen Ryan said leadership abilities are highly valued in the TLC.

"We can train people on the technical aspect," Ryan said. "We're more interested in people who want to develop their leadership skills and their presentation skills."

A lot of the training occurs in the weekly meetings that are devoted half to organization and request assignments and half to training.

Dunn said there is also a great deal of cross-training that goes on. "We'll have a seasoned expert paired with a novice and they'll train that way," Dunn said.

Beginner TLC members will start out sitting in on workshops run by their peers and this will help them get more comfortable

with leading workshops themselves. Each member is required to lead or co-lead three or four workshops throughout the semester. Many of these workshops are requested by professors for their classes but there are also some standing workshops throughout the semester that are open to all students, faculty and staff.

Leslie said there are also often TLC members in the technology center of Wyman who are willing to help other students. In fact, Leslie said he is approached regularly in the technology center or the library computer labs by students who recognize him from a workshop and need help.

"TLC people have to be on the ball," Leslie said. "They have to be organized."

Dunn and her co-directors look for a variety of backgrounds when hiring students.

"We have a complete mix of majors," Dunn said. "And all the colleges are represented."

Ryan said the program was the first of its kind in the UW System when it was created and one of the first in the country to run with undergraduate students. When it was originally created in 1999 it was funded by a grant that restricted it mostly to teacher education purposes. But when that grant money ran out the TLC obtained a new grant that opened the program up to school-wide use. The TLC recently obtained funding from student technology fees because it serves the entire university.

"It really serves a two-edged purpose," Ryan said. "The TLC members are developing valuable leadership skills and at the same time are providing a substantial service to the University."

HOROSCOPES

By staff psychic Rachel Gaynor who really tries to write nicer horoscopes, but just can't stomach the sweetness.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Your apartment is falling apart. You live in a dump and you want to get out, but the rent is cheap so you stay. To make your feeling heard, call your landlord with every little complaint and whine until you get your way.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You see a hottie every once a while but don't know anything about her/him. Find out his/her name on stalker net along with any other details you can get on google. Place yourself in strategic locations so he/she will notice you. You aren't a psycho yet. Don't drive by his/her house too many times and wait by all his/her classes or you will get a restraining order on you.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Right now in life you aren't ready for a serious relationship but your special someone has been bringing it up. Break up with him/her, then find a way to blame it on them so you don't look like a heartbreaker.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You are too nice. When you walk into a room and talk to people, you give everyone a toothache. Being that nice wears you down. For one day try saying everything that's on your mind. Then see what people think. Everybody, even you are allowed to have your time to vent and be heard.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

You finally gain recognition for all the hard work you've been doing for a while without notice. Pat yourself on the back for a job well done, then move on. It's not like you cured a disease or found the cure to end world hunger. You aren't that great, trust me.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

This week, everything is snowballing on you to get work done before break and you just don't have any time for a social life. Making up excuses to your teachers is OK, but just remember you only have so many grandmothers that can get ill in a day and it is urgent that you visit her.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

There is a point to know when you should know when to quit and you haven't realized it yet. You are relentless and put other people down all the time. Nobody likes you because you make people cry all the time. Chill out and just stop what you're doing. One day you will meet a person who will find your weaknesses and make you cry. Watch out it may happen soon. What goes around comes around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You are hot stuff. Everybody wants you and you know it! NOT. Everyone is sick and tired of your vanity issues. When they talk about you, it's not good. Try to compliment somebody besides yourself; it'll do you good. Always remember that opinions on the way people look are never the same, and you aren't right all the time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

The great things in life are free. Like love and happiness. They say money can't buy happiness. You think that's crap. You're poor and couldn't be more miserable. You can only get money from parents and friends for so long before they start to get mad and realize you are a bum. Get and keep a job for a while so you can have something to show.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

You've bought the girls drinks at the bar. You've spent \$500 updating your wardrobe. Your game is tip-top, and yet you're getting less action than a student running for mayor. Might as well go try your luck at Stout because your game just won't work on anyone here, Chump.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

The person you keep asking out thinks you're weird. Sporting a mullet and tapered jeans was so 1980s. The lack of a shower and your obviously forced compliments and lame pick-up lines like "I'll be your Burger King if you'll be my Dairy Queen," make you look more like a jerk. It is better to just let it be. You aren't cut out to have a social life where actual interaction must take place.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Licking that window on your birthday wasn't a good idea. The only thing it did for you was give you a bad taste in your mouth and a weird rash. Try licking a person next time. At least they might lick you back. No guarantees on it tasting better than the window or not getting an even nastier, less curable rash though.



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EVENTS

Relay for Life
March 5, 6 p.m.- March 6, 10 a.m.
Fee: Free
Location: River Falls High School
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Coffeehouse Series presents Miche' Fambro
March 9, 8 p.m.
Fee: Free for students, \$5 for non-students
Location: Brandy's
Fambro uses guitar as a melodic instrument and as a percussive accompaniment. For more information about him and his music, visit www.miche.com

Trio Performs
March 9, 8 p.m.
Fee: Free
Location: Abbott Concert Hall
Michael Cain Trio features UW-RF graduate.

DISORIENTATION



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

Diane Marcil, from Bremer Bank, Menomonie, was one of the interviewers that volunteered her time to give Mock Interviews to students like Jennifer Kinney. Other events at Disorientation: Managing the Transition from College to Career were workshops given by experts on networking, landing a job, business attire, and financial planning. Event sponsors were Career & Counseling Services, University Advancement, University Bookstore, College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences, College of Arts & Sciences, College of Business & Economics, Graduate Office, Registrar's Office, Chartwell's Food Service.

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University afraid to let students mix alcohol with fun

After attending two campus-sponsored events last week, it's obvious UW-River Falls isn't



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what it used to be. Now, I'm the first to admit I'm old. Sure, 23 really isn't that old, but I have been at UW-RF for almost a half-decade. And while many people have left, many of the events, like Beach Bash, haven't—at least not entirely. It's still here in the sense that it happens every year. It's gone in the sense that it used to be a heck of a lot more fun. Sure, a decent number of people was there. Loud, obnoxious music and people dressed in beach wear were everywhere. But the event sure wasn't what it used to be. Though ticket sales for the

event were supposedly up this year, it sure didn't seem like it. Back in my day Brandy's was packed for Beach Bash and it stayed packed the whole night. The reason why is simple.

In my first couple of years here, Beach Bash made use of one of Brandy's most under-used facilities—the bar. Yes, students who were of legal drinking age could actually get a beer at Beach Bash back in those days. Today the average student probably has never even seen a bartender at Brandy's event. I'm not trying to make the point that people need to drink to have fun. It's ignorant to think that way. I see it in a purely economic way. There are 10 bars within walking distance of each other in downtown River Falls. People who want to drink are going to. But by serving up a beer or two at Brandy's, the 21-and-older crowd has a place where they can get what they're looking for

and still enjoy all the prizes, dancing, music and sand that such events offer. It becomes a best-of-both-worlds option. The same can be said for the "Skalentes Day" event I attended last Friday. Initially there were probably 100 people there. By the time the headlining band, which was very worth the wait, took the stage only about a third of them remained.

If there had been a beer garden, perhaps more folks would have been willing to stick it out. If nothing else, they might have had a change of scenery for part of the evening. There are obviously risks involved with having alcohol at such events. It costs money to pay a bartender. People could get tipsy and fall down or hurt themselves. Certainly underage drinking is a huge threat—please note my sarcasm. But those reasons are really just excuses. To get a bartender from Chartwell's involves some paperwork and a minimum sales

cost of \$40 for the first hour of the event and \$20 for each subsequent hour. So for a four hour event the maximum cost is \$100, assuming the bar doesn't make a penny. With proper promotion, an event like Beach Bash could easily cover that cost in bar sales. As far as underage drinking goes, any decent bartender can

ensure that only of-age people get served and that people who look like they've had too much get cut off. That's part of being a responsible barkeep. It all boils down to fear. The University is afraid of getting sued. With only one liquor license for the entire UW System, UW-RF doesn't want to be the campus that ruins it for everyone.

The bottom line is campus events, which we already spend plenty of student money on, aren't attended consistently because half the student population would rather go to the bars. Instead of coming up with new ideas and new ways to get their attention, we should just offer them what they want.

Wintertime makes people SAD

Is it me, or does everyone seem crabby or depressed lately? It seems like I can't say or do anything without getting my head bitten off. It's starting to make me depressed and I'm not usually a person who's sad. There may be an actual medical explanation for this crabbiness, cabin fever, winter blues or whatever you prefer to call it. It's called Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).



SARAH MATARA

and make it difficult for people to go about their daily lives. Some symptoms include oversleeping, not wanting to get out of bed, feeling fatigued often, overeating, especially carbohydrates and sweets, feeling tense and stressed-out and avoiding social contact. It mostly affects people where winter lasts longer. According to the National Organization for Seasonal Affective Disorder, the disease mostly affects women in their 20s, though anyone can have it. So far, no studies show that it is hereditary. Children that have this disorder are misdiagnosed because parents, teachers or doctors attribute the symptoms to not liking school. After all, their symptoms usually get better around April or May, when school is done for the summer and return around September or October, when school is starting again. When my friend was in school, that is what happened to him. The counselors wouldn't listen to him because they thought he just didn't want to be in school. People who have this in its most severe forms usually go

through what is known as "light therapy." They have to be exposed to a light box, which emits higher wattage light than normal lamps, or very bright lamps for a certain amount of time each day. It seems to help, along with counseling and therapy. It isn't recommended for persons with SAD to take antidepressants because they increase the lethargy the person already feels.

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