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City restricts parking around campus

River Falls Parking Committee approves ordinance limiting who can park on Third through Sixth streets

Maisha Downey
Photo Editor

Students will not be able to park on the even side of Third to Sixth streets next fall. A new ordinance passed by the River Falls Parking Committee will give two free parking permits to each property owner along Third to Sixth streets for the even side of the street.

Who will be able to park on the odd side of these streets is still being debated.

Third to Sixth streets are located on the north side of Cascade Avenue, just behind North Hall.

The ordinance will take effect Sept. 1 and will be enforced through May 31 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. After these hours the streets will become free parking.

River Falls Mayor Eric Amundsen hopes the ordinance will alleviate the problem of parking around campus by this fall.

Amundsen and the city council hit on this idea after reviewing the ordinance Madison uses around its campus. The Parking Committee is using Madison's ordinance as a base for the River Falls' ordinance.

The parking committee is still discussing how to deal with the odd side of the streets.

Two approaches have gotten the most atten-

tion. One is to leave the odd sides as free parking, much like they are now.

"My only fear with free parking is that it will push students to park a couple more blocks further," Amundsen said. "This means in the future we'll have to deal with the same problem in a new area."

The other proposal is to have a similar parking permit system where students and University staff could purchase parking permit hangers from the city. Residents would also be able to purchase additional hangers if they wanted more than the two supplied by the city for the even side.

Sold on a first come, first serve basis, these hangers would permit homeowners to park on any odd street side in the designated area.

If selling permits is approved by the parking committee and city council, the next discussion will be cost. Amundsen said the prices

would be comparable to that of the University parking lot hangers.

"We aren't here to generate revenue," Amundsen said. "We think if people are paying to park in the center of campus they should pay around the same amount students pay to park at lots further away, like the O and Ramer Lots."

Prices currently being discussed by the parking committee are \$100 a semester and \$175 for a full year.

Amundsen said the money from these sales would cover the cost of the permits and the price to enforce the area with police. The rest would go into a parking fund.

Amundsen said there is a chance this money could potentially go to the University to build

See "Parking" on A6

UW-RF student injured in collision

Jen Cullen
Editor-in-Chief

UW-River Falls student Ryan Foley, 21, was in good condition Tuesday as a result of injuries he sustained in an automobile accident April 18.

The head-on collision took place at about 4 a.m. on Highway 29 three miles east of River Falls.

Foley was driving eastbound on Highway 29 in a 1998 Ford Mustang when he collided with a 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Alyssa Spence, 21. As of Wednesday, Spence remained in critical condition at Regions Hospital in St. Paul. Spence's passenger, Heather Everson, 20, received minor injuries in the accident. Foley was alone.

All three individuals were transported to River Falls Hospital by River Falls Area Ambulance then to Regions.

Pierce County Investigator Mike Waltz said alcohol may have been a contributing factor.

The incident is still being investigated.

Learning center plans progressing

Chancellor aims to keep project moving, reduce scope to fit budget

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

The building commission for the dairy learning center, a project that first surfaced in 1993, recently approved to combine the two phases of production and make alterations to the original plans.

Chancellor Ann Lydecker said UW-River Falls' aim is to first reduce the scope of the project, get it approved by the state and put it out for building bids.

Dale Braun, UW-RF campus planner, has worked with dairy science faculty and the lab farm committee from 1993 to 2001 developing initial concepts and budgets for the project.

The project will create a new laboratory farm and learning environ-

ment for dairy education. Mann Valley Farm is located two miles northwest of River Falls.

Jim Murphy, campus liaison for building projects during the construction phase and following construction for operational testing of equipment during the first year, said the project holds facilities for a fully functional system for teaching the dairy science program.

"Included are buildings to house the milking herd and young stock, the milking parlor and office, classroom facilities with judging arena and other associated buildings for the feed handling and waste management," Murphy said.

The money to pay for the \$7.2 million project comes from a \$500,000 fundraising campaign that involved private sector partners within the dairy industry and \$6.7 million from the State of Wisconsin, Braun said.

The project means many things

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Fun for all ages at Unity



Maisha Downey / Student voice

(Above) Children from the community took turns throwing pies at campus Greeks Wednesday at Unity in the Community. This year's theme was "From across the world to across the street." Events included reggae music sounds from Dred/Dread, a Native American Pow Wow, spin art, caricature artists, fortune telling, tattoos and an all-campus picnic lunch.

(Left) Community members and students of all ages enjoyed music from Dred/Dread and Shangoya, a band who played a blend of Caribbean, Latin American, African, rock, jazz and R&B music.



Chancellor honors students with award



Jens Gunelson / UW-RF Photo Services

Of the 33 nominees, six students were selected to receive the Chancellor's Award. Following the awards ceremony (from left) Megan Clarke, Terrence Galbreath, Manjesh Gurnani, Chancellor Ann Lydecker, Ryan Perkl, Nicole Schoenemann and Dawn Puro gathered to discuss their awards. The Chancellor's Award has been given out annually since 1980.

Kyle Weaver
Viewpoints Editor
Jen Cullen
Editor-in-Chief

Passion. Humility. Drive. Commitment to service. Leadership.

All are frequently used to describe the six student recipients of the 2003 Chancellor's Award.

The students—Nicole Schoenemann, Megan Clarke, Terrence Galbreath, Ryan Perkl, Dawn Puro and Manjesh Gurnani—come from a variety of backgrounds, cultures and experiences. Yet each of them possess the outstanding characteristics that distinguish them from others.

The Chancellor's Award, which has been awarded annually to UW-River Falls students since 1980, is the highest non-academic honor given to an undergraduate. The award is given to outstanding students, usually a junior or senior, who are nominated by a member of the campus community. Nominated candidates are reviewed and inter-

viewed by a selection committee, which then makes recommendations to the Chancellor. The final recipients are determined by the Chancellor.

Chancellor Ann Lydecker called the six recipients a "superb group."

After spending a significant amount of time questioning the selection committee, Lydecker said the six recipients were the "cream off the top" of the 33 students initially nominated.

"Each of them has a passion for life and a passion for others," Lydecker said.

The six recipients were recognized not only because of their contributions to the University, but also to the greater community, Lydecker said.

Ryan Perkl

At the awards reception Chancellor Lydecker challenged the recipients to maintain the prestige and responsibility expectation of the award. The challenge is one that Ryan Perkl said he is looking forward to.

"It's another charge to myself to keep rolling and keep accomplish-

ing things," Perkl said.

As an undergraduate, Perkl spent much of his time concerning himself with the environment. As a member of the Student Senate, Perkl attempted to create an environmental issues committee. While serving on the Student Center core committee, Perkl fought to secure a grant to encourage green architecture in the new building. Perkl has also done an extensive study on the water quality of the south fork of the Kinnickinnic River and has been an active member of the Earth Consciousness Organization.

Perkl said he was initially very proud just to be nominated, and winning the award went "above and beyond expectations."

"It feels good to be a part of such a select group," Perkl said.

Next year Perkl will be attending graduate school. He has been accepted to and will choose between environmental science programs at University of South Carolina-Clemson, Oregon State University

See "Award" on A6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Vote for your favorite talent act from Focus on U Talent Competition. Video clips of each performance will be online at www.uwrf.edu/scta/focus/. Online voting ends April 28 at 6 p.m. Focus on U airs on Channel 19 at 9 a.m., 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Student Senate is looking for people to serve in several positions. If interested visit the Student Senate Web site at www.uwrf.edu/student-senate or call 425-4911 and ask for the Student Senate office. Resumes and cover letters for these positions are due May 2.

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

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

Do you want to be in a sub-committee or interest group regarding the needs of vegetarians on our campus? If so, please contact Gerda Benedict at 425-4663 or gerda.h.benedict@uwrf.edu.

Do you miss your pet while at college? If so, volunteer at the Pierce-St. Croix Humane Society. For more information call 426-5535 or visit their Web site at www.adoptablepets.org.

If interested in participating in the University Veterans Club, contact Mike Foley at micheal.o.foley@uwrf.edu.

Minnesota artist Mary Bryan's watercolor artwork is on display until April 30 in the Harriet Barry Gallery, Davee Library.

EVENTS

River Gathering: A confluence of the Arts will perform April 30 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library Breezeway.

May Fest is May 1 from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Ampitheater. Everyone is welcome.

A Long Term Care insurance seminar is April 30 from 10 a.m. to noon or 3p.m. in Falcon Room, Hagestad Center.

Art students are holding an art sale April 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside KFA. For more information, contact the art department at 425-3266.

Final Campus Immunization Clinic for this academic year is April 30 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room, Student Center.

The 6th Annual Campus & Community cleanup is April 26 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration packets are available in the Leadership Center. If you have any questions, contact Nikki Schoenemann at nicole.d.schoenemann@uwrf.edu.

A school psychologist and ASD teacher from Forest Lake School district are coming to talk about autism on May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in 118, Wyman Education Building.

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

Walk for the animals is on May 3 at 10 a.m. at Hoffman Park in River Falls. For more information contact Alli Uphill at allison.a.uphill@uwrf.edu.

The College of Arts and Sciences Awards Reception will be held May 6. The dessert reception will begin at 6 p.m. in the KFA lobby and Gallery 101, and the awards presentation will start at 7 p.m. in the Blanche Davis Theatre.

The Piano Ensemble Concert is May 11 at 8 p.m. in the Abbott Concert hall. This event is open to the public and admission is free.

Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring Habistravaganza April 27 from 12 to 4 p.m. at the River Falls Golf Course. For more information or tickets contact Amanda Frank at 425-4713 or Kate Russeth at 425-3776.

Senior Art Majors Display will be held April 28 to May 2 in the Chalmer Davee Library's Harriet Barry Gallery.

MEETINGS

College Republicans sponsor weekly pro-American rallies. If interested meet in May Hall Thursdays at 4 p.m.

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

Informational meetings for the Winter Interim in Mexico are May 6 and 7 at 4 p.m. in 140 KFA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Got an announcement?

If so, add a brief to the Student Voice. Drop off the written announcement at the Student Voice office at 304 North Hall or e-mail tsveditor@uwrf.edu

Floral judging team second at nationals

Team member Kim Bode places first overall individual category



UW-RF Photo Services

The UW-RF Floral Evaluation Team placed second at the National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Contest at New Mexico State University.

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

Bigger doesn't always mean better. The UW-River Falls Floral Evaluation Team (FET) proved it when it took second on April 3 and 4 over Penn State University, Texas A&M and Colorado State University, all Division I schools, at the 62nd annual National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Contest at New Mexico State University.

Kevin Roethle, horticulture major, participated in the event.

"We evaluate various cut flowers and potted plants," Roethle said. "We rank various selections from top to bottom."

Terry Ferriss, coach of the FET, said students train to identify and justify quality characteristics in a wide range of plant materials. Each professional judge knows how the plant or flower should rank and judges the students' abilities to identify that placement.

"In practices the students must verbally justify why they placed the plant where they did," Ferriss said. "I think this helps the students practice verbal articulation skills using scientific terms."

The traveling expenses and competition money was given to the team in part by single event funding from Student Senate, alumni donations, industry donations and student fundraising.

Nick Folk, assistant coach and senior horticulture major, said before going to the competition the team practices weekly evaluating flowers. They also sell flowers as a fundraiser.

"The students do contribute," Folk said. "It's not like it's free. Each person paid about \$200."

To attend the competition students had to compete for a spot.

"We ran weekly practices where we set up classes based on 100 point scales," Folk said. "Averages were taken and the highest scores could go. Freshman cannot participate."

National rules state students can only compete at nationals once, Ferriss said. The assistant coaches, usually chosen by Ferriss, are typically

students who competed on the team in previous years.

"It has to be a new set of people every year," Ferriss said.

Although it may be unknown to many, FET has been around for 23 years.

"It was something I knew about and decided would be a good activity for students here at UW-RF," Ferriss said.

Students spend a great deal of time preparing for competition.

"They put in anywhere from four to 10 hours per week all through February and March to prepare, including Saturday mornings," Ferriss said. "The hard work pays off. We kind of have a historical context of doing well in the contest, we have taken first about five times."

Kim Bode, a member of the FET, placed first in the overall high individual category.

"For Kim to win best individual overall, it could not have happened to a more deserving person," Ferriss said. "She is probably one of the most humble people that I have seen win the contest. She really worked hard."

Both Ferriss and the students in the competition agree the contest isn't necessarily about winning.

"It was very exciting to be recognized in front of all those schools," Roethle said.

Ferriss said she gets very excited for her students.

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—Terry Ferriss,

plant and earth science professor

cational components," Ferriss said. "On the other hand I know it makes the students have a sense of pride about themselves."

Folk said placing second in the competition says something about UW-RF.

"I think where we place is a direct correlation with the quality of our school," Folk said.

Public Safety

Pushing emergency button results in fine

Aaron Kenealy
Staff Writer

April 21 a truck in K-Lot was damaged by either a moving vehicle or a swinging door. Damages were estimated at \$200.

—April 21 a Shopko cashier noticed a subject walking out of the store without paying for something. After stopping the woman, Heather L. Hillman, a UW-River Falls student, it was found that she had attempted to shoplift a blush compact, some photographs and three articles of clothing. She was ordered to pay \$28.18 in restitution and was cited \$162 for shoplifting.

—April 20 while watching the surveillance camera for K-Lot, a Public Safety Officer noticed a subject placing what appeared to be alcohol into a backpack. The officer said the subject also appeared to be underage. The officer then went to the vehicle to find the permit number to find the vehi-

cles owner. After finding the subject's name, Chad R. Brand, 19, the officer went to room 318 Stratton Hall where he found the door open. The officer then saw the alcohol and cited Brand \$225 for possession of alcohol.

—April 18 Pierce County dispatch sent a Public Safety Officer to the walkway between CSH and KFA because the emergency 911 button had been punched. A witness then identified the suspect as Luke P. Berndt, 21. When officers questioned the subject he eventually admitted and was cited \$318 for misuse of a telephone.

—April 18 Public Safety was called after an RA saw an underage subject with a beer in hand. An officer then went to room 303 Hathorn Hall and found four subjects who admitted to drinking. The subjects were Stephen D. Holmgren, 19; Lynn M. Schreifels, 19; Kory M. Lindberg, 19, and Daniel C. Carlson, 19. All were cited \$225 for underage drinking.

—April 15 rooms 104 and 103 in Stratton Hall were burglarized. Items stolen included \$110 in cash and a cell phone.

Dorm life experience improves gradually

Survey shows modest gains in quality of life for students in residence halls

Kyle Weaver
Viewpoints Editor

According to a recent survey conducted by the Leadership Center, the quality of life for UW-River Falls campus residents has seen gradual improvements since last fall.

Conducted on the UW-RF web page on a once-per-semester basis, the spring survey was taken by 950 campus residents, which is a 52 percent response rate.

The surveys asked students to agree or disagree with statements such as "I am satisfied with the sense of community where I live" and "I know my RA's name." The surveys are used to evaluate such facets of campus residency as facilities,

staffing services, community and campus involvement.

Area Coordinator Mike Stifter said the general improvements seen were in several categories such as Resident Assistant performance, sense of community and student services.

"We've at least held our own," Stifter said. "We haven't dropped any."

While the surveys are useful for evaluation, they only provide "a little bit of an insight" for the staff to obtain ideas for improvement, Stifter said.

Though the most recent survey was conducted this spring, the surveys are anything but new to the Leadership Center's evaluation process.

Leadership Center Co-Director Terry Wilson said that the Leadership Center has done some type of residence hall survey for more than 15 years. The current survey, which has been used for the past four years, has improved greatly from its early beginnings.

"The old ones had as many as 50 questions on it," Wilson said. "By the end people were getting bored with it."

Since that time, technological improvements

have allowed the Leadership Center staff to break the scores down into smaller categories such as gender, floor, class and involvement.

Stifter said using smaller scale information allows them to identify problem areas and to evaluate programs such as first year experience weeks.

"These can be more telling than the overall scores," Stifter said.

One particular question on the survey shows a problem that continues to challenge the LC staff: The question asked "I attend campus events on weekends." Resident's reactions to the question were mixed.

Wilson said the question shows both positive and negative reasons for weekend programming.

While many choose not to attend events on the weekends, the survey shows that there is at least some interest in the events.

Wilson said the problem is one that the LC staff will "keep plugging away at."

"It's always a challenge to fight this suitcase campus image," Wilson said.

The Voice is hiring proofreaders, columnists and page editors for next semester. All positions are paid. Applications are available at 304 North Hall and are due May 2.

Class certifies in wildfire suppression

Jenny Bjelland
Guest Writer

For the past decade, UW-River Falls students have had the chance to fight wildfires.

A course co-taught by UW-RF environmental science and management professor Michael Kaltenberg and Wisconsin DNR foresters teach wildfire suppression and conservation through classroom instruction and hands-on experience. The course teaches students the basics about fighting wildfires as well as how to use wildfires for ecosystem management and restoration. Students can also become nationally certified to fight wildfires.

The course is offered through the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

"The class is a neat opportunity for students that doesn't fit into any typical class," Kaltenberg said.

Each year the class is offered in the spring semester so that students are finishing the class just as the prime fire season is beginning. This semester more than 40 students, as well as area adults, enrolled in the course.

The two sections meet once weekly for three hours during for the two months of the semester. The classroom portion teaches the basics of wildfire control, allowing students the chance to become state certified in three separate areas, including incident command system, fire control and fire behavior.

In early April both sections combine for the hands-on portion of the course, where students took part in a prescribed burn. The burn site this year was a 15-acre area owned by the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust.

"The purpose of a prescribed burn is to rejuvenate the ecosystem plant life in prairie or grassy woodland setting," said Shane Westphal, who is currently taking the course.

After careful instructions and safety precautions from DNR foresters, the



Submitted Photo

Students from the Wildfire Suppression course participated in a prescribed burn with the DNR in early this month.

the student wants to go with it, Kaltenberg said.

Students have the option of taking the PAC test, which certifies people to fight wildfires. Candidates have to carry a 45-pound pack on their back and walk a four-mile route in 45 minutes, as well as take a wildfire certification course, such as the one offered at UW-RF. Passing the PAC test allows students to become nationally certified to fight wildfires and giving them the opportunity to travel west to fight the big forest fires. Westphal was the only student from UW-RF to pass the test this year.

Students have other opportunities to fight wildfires.

The Resource Management Club has a standby volunteer wildfire-fighting list. If the local DNR would get a call about a wildfire in the area they may contact the Resource Management Club and then they would network to let members know about the fire.

"It's a good experience, whether you want to fight fires or help the environment," Westphal said.

students jump in with shovels and rakes to form a trench, or firebreak around the edge of the 15-acre section. Others watch with water packs on their backs as two students begin starting the fire along the fire lines on the edge of the prairie.

Upon successful completion of the course, students have the opportunity to take their knowledge to whatever level they wish, depending on where

Student Senate

Senate accepting applications

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

Student Senate is seeking students to fill senator, director and chair positions for next year. Students should submit their resumes and applications to the Student Senate office in the Leadership Center by May 2 at 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact

Matt Schuelke, next year's Student Senate president.

Student Senate's Women's Initiatives Committee rescheduled its self-defense clinic to April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Regent's Room of the student center.

The next Student Senate meeting is set for April 29 at 7 p.m. in the Regent's Room of the student center.

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Editorial

Parking problem answer in student, resident input

It's finally happening. Something is being done about the parking situation behind North Hall between Third and Sixth Streets.

After learning more about the ordinance the River Falls City Council plans to base its new permit system on, it will be interesting to see how things work out.

After reviewing Madison's ordinance, the city parking committee recently approved a similar method that will be enforced Sept. 1 through May 31 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Some of the details are still sketchy but one thing is for sure; things are going to change drastically.

What we do know is property owners in the designated areas will be given two free "permits" for the even side of the street. What does this mean for students? A drastic reduction in the amount of parking spaces available.

There are two other options the committee is considering for the odd side of the street. One seems like a fair idea considering the fact streets are public property: leave the odd side of the street as free parking.

The other idea is going to be interesting.

The committee is considering making students and other University employees purchase a permit that would guarantee a parking space on the odd side of the street. Residents could also purchase these permits if they would like more spots than the two provided by the city.

Problems: The permit, which would be the same cost for all, doesn't guarantee a specific spot. So, a student who pays the fee may have to park five blocks away. Another student who pays the same amount gets to park right behind North Hall. How is that fair?

Honestly, how is the city going to enforce this new ordinance? River Falls Mayor Eric Amundsen says he and the committee would like to raise the price of tickets so they are comparable with the \$14.50 fee on campus. But how much is this really going to matter? Students want to park close and, for many, it doesn't really matter how much a ticket costs. When it's snowing or raining your first thought is being inside, not how big of a dent a ticket is going to put in your pocketbook.

From what we know, this new ordinance is pretty close to being a done deal. But it doesn't seem like the committee is making it well known to the campus community or asking for student input.

What they need to realize is if the new ordinance is going to work best for everyone, student, as well as residential, input is crucial. They are affect as much, if not more, than residents.

If the committee listened to students, it might realize that eliminating parking spaces is going to cause more harm than good.

"If the committee listened to students, it might realize that eliminating parking spaces is going to cause more harm than good."

Pre-employment drug test invades privacy

Last Tuesday I took my first drug test. In the past, I've never had to compromise my morals to land a job; my family didn't make me pass drug tests to work on our family farm. But, because of a desperate need for summer employment, this time marks a first in that category as well. It was a low point in my life because I have always believed, in principle, that drug testing (pre-employment or otherwise) facilitates negative stereotypes and unnecessarily invades one's privacy.

Obviously, many people disagree with my position. One argument proclaims employers need drug testing to weed out drug addicts before employing them; once employed, these addicts cannot be fired easily because they can claim they were fired as a result of their disability (i.e. drug addiction).

Court cases like *Buckley v. Consolidated Edison Inc.* prove how employers can get stuck in legal mud for firing such a person. The case reads that Buckley was a recovering drug addict who was fired "because he was a former drug and alcohol addict who had failed to provide a urine sample in the time allotted." Probably the biggest question in this case was if recovering drug addicts were "disabled" as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The court said yes. Since Berkley was recovering from drug addiction and not a current user, then the ADA covers his situation, just as it would for recovering alcoholics.

The main point to take away from Buckley's case is that recovering addicts have some legal protection

under the ADA, but current drug users do not. So then, how can employers claim they must resort to pre-employment drug tests to protect themselves, when they have every legal right to fire an employee for illegal activity at anytime? Additionally, because most hard drugs, with the exception of steroids, only stay in a person's system for about two days (according to OHS Health and Safety Services,

drug tests isn't the closet crack addict or heroin fiend, it's the harmless stoner.

Which leads to my refutation of marijuana smokers' stereotypes. First off, smoking marijuana doesn't make a person any more unproductive than countless other distractions in life: TV, bars, sports or even day-dreaming. As long as it doesn't interfere with one's work—the same standards that are applied to alcohol

sive. What's to fear in a stoner? All they want to do is sit, eat large quantities of food and watch cartoons.

Still, some will argue it's OK to test for marijuana use because it's an illegal substance. Granted, it is illegal, but does that justify invading someone's privacy without probable cause?

And that's the big picture. Maybe people who complain about drug tests seem like they're whining over nothing, but there are at least a few people left who still care about the pillars of American justice: the right to privacy and innocence until proven guilty. After 9/11, many of our formerly untouchable personal freedoms have been compromised by knee-jerk legislation. While I believe our nation's government to be a corrupt, half-step away from an oligarchy—the republic—I also believe the only politician with sincerity and foresight to grace Washington, D.C., in my lifetime is there representing Wisconsin right now. Senator Russ Feingold is the only politician I've even seen with balls and integrity. He was one of the nine dissenters of the Homeland Security Bill and the only senator to vote against the loaded Patriot Act. Between these two bills, there has been a serious erosion of personal freedoms. We, as Americans, need to bear in mind that there will be times when our freedoms will leave us open to attack. But we are vulnerable because we, as a nation, decided it was better to live dangerously free than safely oppressed. At least, that's how it used to be.

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Inc.'s website: www.ohsinc.com a company that provides drug testing services), and because marijuana can stay in a person's system for a month or more (again, according to OHS), and because marijuana use is the taboo most frequently exposed by drug testing (according to the National Institute of Justice, ADAM: 1998 Annual Report on Adult and Juvenile Arrestees), then it appears the main person employers want to avoid hiring by using

use—then it shouldn't be an issue. Another myth I'd like to crush is that stoners are a danger to society. Anyone who has been in company with pot smokers knows this to be false. In fact, I'd go so far as to say I'd much rather be around a bunch of people who get high once they're off work, than a bunch of people who get drunk once they're off work. Drunk people can be happy, but are just as likely to be obnoxiously loud, destructive, and abu-

Ideas for having a less stressful semester

I don't know how all of you are doing, but I'm starting to feel the stress of the end of the year immensely. At the beginning of every semester, there seems to be so much time to do and get everything done. And now that the last few weeks are here I can't help but wonder where all the time has gone. So the stress has set in and now I am wondering if I'll ever get everything done. Does any of this sound familiar? Well if it does, I can guarantee you are not alone. The entire idea of balance seems completely impossible.

So with that all in mind, this is my public service announcement for mental health and stability. It may sound a little like something out of an orientation class or just common sense, but due to my care and concern for all of you, I'm going to talk about it anyway. (And yes, this could very well be more of a reassurance that I'll survive these last few weeks than for you. I'll be honest.)

After putting some serious thought into this I have come up with some tips to achieve some much needed balance for all of you suffering from the overwhelming stress of the semester coming to an end.

First, figure out what you have to get done and when. Then write them down. I realize this seems like a big duh, but it is often overlooked. By doing this you gain perspective and a sense of time. This is a good thing because you have clarity of what tasks lay before you and their sizes. It may seem great and impossible when you look at this nifty little

time line, but trust me, it works. It's a check-list, so when you get done with each thing on it, you can visibly see your load getting smaller. You see your accomplishments, which is rewarding, thus relieving some of your stress. Yippee. Less stress is a wonderful thought isn't it?

Now making a list is good but, for most of you, it isn't enough. I suggest you schedule your time. Figure out when you are going to do all the things you need to get done and put them in order of priority and due

date, because there are quite a lot of serious procrastinators who 29-hour days couldn't help. Anyway, time management is a good thing, and I highly recommend it. It encourages focus and in many ways it is rewarding.

OK, enough with schedules and lists, there are more important aspects to maintaining some level of sanity and balance as the year draws to an end. One of those important aspects to keep in mind when you are making your lists and schedules and checking them twice, is to

Also make sure you are getting enough sleep and are eating right. In times of stress and pressure, it's really easy to think one should go without essential nutrients, A to Zs. Eat a decent meal, drink plenty of water (not beer), and get some really good sleep. Depriving yourself of any of these, in the end, effects your overall performance—negatively, more often than not. I realize we are college students and we tend to think we are invincible. The truth is we are not.

I think the last important thing you have to incorporate is to take some time to enjoy the weather and your friends. Whether it is having a study group outside or hanging out over lunch, books and academics aren't everything. I firmly believe friends are the glue that holds you together when you aren't strong enough to do it yourself.

So I have given you some helpful hints and the rest is up to you. Balance is both different and essential for all of us. There is no precise formula. With that I leave you with the following advice, which I along with the many who came before us have tested. Sleeping through next few weeks, procrastinating the days away, and thinking you can cram enough in the final hours, rarely works to our benefit and it definitely increases the unnecessary stress load. That is where adult responsibility figures into the equation. Anyhow, good luck on getting everything done and remember to breathe. It's almost over.

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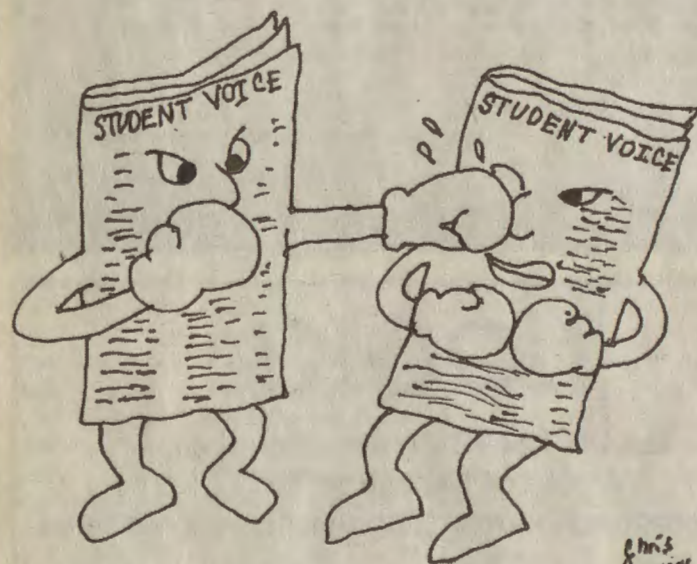
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dates. Also with big projects, don't do them straight through if you can help it. It's better to break them up by mixing in some of the smaller things you need to get done. Variety lessens the chance for things like boredom, staring into space and getting off task. Scheduling your time and mixing things up also helps prevent procrastination to a point. I say

schedule some time just for you. Yes, you. It's very important. Even if it is five minutes to enjoy a cup of coffee or a half hour to work out, self-time is essential. After all, what good is accomplishing anything if you are so mentally unstable you are unable to enjoy or appreciate anything you've done? So remember to take a few minutes for yourself.

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Neutrality should take place of 'Day of Silence'

The problem with gay people is they think they are so unique.

Don't get me wrong, gay people are unique. But so are straight people. And yet, straight people don't have days to bring awareness about their sexual orientation.

I say this because after watching the Day of Silence event a few weeks ago, I just have to wonder if homosexuals didn't go out of their way to point out their sexuality, perhaps a Day of Silence wouldn't be necessary. I don't know about you, but I can't tell a homosexual from a heterosexual walking down the street. Everyone looks the same to me. Unless someone wears a sign that says "gay" or "straight," I won't have the slightest idea one way or the other. Because really, we are all people. And all people are made from the same mold.

I realize the idea behind the Day of Silence is to draw attention to the mistreatment gays have suffered through the years. Society has not been kind to homosexuals. The Matthew Shepard tragedy is a case in point. Society has also not been kind to minority races, to unwed mothers and to various other religious and ethnic groups. It all stems from intolerance and ignorance.

While I don't agree with the oppression of homosexuals, I can see how it could happen. What sets homosexuals apart is their sexuality, and it is inevitable that this fact will conjure up images of what goes on in the bedroom. This isn't something people want to think about, not between heterosexual couples, and not between homosexual couples. Sex isn't a conversation topic with your average coworker or peer. It makes me uncomfortable, it

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makes me squirm. Call me old fashioned, but it makes me blush.

I think gay activists are too "in your face" with getting the word out on their sexuality. Sidewalk chalk in the fall is just one example. So you're gay? Let's move on to the next topic, because I really don't care. Don't keep shoving it in my face, because after a while it gets tiresome and, yes, just a little bit irritating.

It is sort of like someone dying his hair blonde, and then asking you what you think of the new 'do every day. After the first couple of times, it gets old. Yes, your hair is blonde and mine is brown. Do we have to talk about it all the time?

Perhaps there should be rallies and special days under a neutral flag to combat intolerance and ignorance. People might squirm less and learn how to tolerate more. If society learned to be more accepting in general, then maybe people wouldn't be discriminated on the basis of race, color, creed or sexuality.

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Liberal opinions oppose diversity's goals

I'm about to do something I had told myself I wouldn't; devote a column to refuting comments made about me in the Student Voice.

It's not that I'm losing any sleep over them, but it will afford me yet another opportunity to point out the blatant hypocrisy of the left.

First, I would like to thank those of you who at least took the time to write the editor and voice your opinion concerning columns you do, or do not happen to agree with. People who are publicly engaged and take the time to make their views known, can foster change in a society. Differing reasonably and rationally with each other is to be commended. I applaud you.

Now, on to the crux of the matter. It seems very ironic to me that those who profess to being so enamored with diversity are the first people to protest and name-call whenever they disagree with another's viewpoint. They take remarks personally and immediately spew epithets and slurs without having the first clue what they're talking about. I realize this is a common defense mechanism of the left, because for the most part, liberals can not discuss topics based on the merit of facts, they would rather use feelings to justify their actions, or in many cases their inaction. But please, take the time to objectively digest differing opinions before you jump off the deep end. Where's all that compassion and understanding I've heard so much about? Oh, I forgot, there is none for conservatives.

I make it a point to at least have an understanding of the topics I write or speak about. Some may disagree with how I present them, but this is an opinion column and it happens to have my name on it. Feel free to apply for a columnist position next semester and offer your comments till your heart's content. I'll read them, analyze them and, if justified, give credit where credit is due. I won't get personal, especially when I don't know the columnist and I won't judge them for having an opinion, even if I don't like it.

In this vein, I took the time to look up the definition of diversity and racist, a term I have been labeled with. Diversity is defined as "the quality, state, fact, or instance of being diverse; difference." I'm a pretty easy-going guy who doesn't need to be preached at or brain

washed to conform to your definition of diversity. During all of the mandatory indoctrination I have been a part of, I was taught that the idea of diversity was to celebrate and be tolerant of differences.

I don't remember anything about getting upset every time someone says something one doesn't agree with. Maybe I missed that part of class.



DAVE MISSELT

"Liberal is the antithesis of its true meaning. It emphasizes differences and separation of groups rather than bringing people together."

The most infuriating thing about mandatory diversity instruction is that it's a waste of time and money. Guess what, people are different. Respecting those differences is simply part of being a good person, Duh. I don't see the need to spend time indoctrinating the masses on a subject that is so blatantly obvious that it requires no comment.

Diversity is a fact, everyone is different and it is common sense that people have differing views, lifestyles, religions, cultures and beliefs. I don't need some consultant to tell me that. It is something one learns simply through life experience.

Racism is defined as "the belief in or doctrine asserting racial differences in character, intelligence, etc. and the superiority of one race over another, or others." By being a racist, one must have feelings or take action based on hatred and bigotry toward a person or persons because of their race. I hate to pop your bubbles, but I have never subscribed to this belief, nor have I embraced the "victim" mindset, which seemingly makes people go out of their way to find perceived injustices where none exist.

States and I am quite familiar with the inconsistencies of the state department and the INS when it comes to granting access to our shores. This is a big reason I am so against illegal immigration. Why shouldn't everyone have to go through the legal and proper process of entering another country? What's the alternative? Open borders perhaps.

For the life of me I can't understand the virtual canonization of illegals by those on the left. If one can't, or won't, come to the realization that some illegals come to the United States to do us harm, then I guess the facts of Sept. 11 have passed you by. Most of the terrorists involved were here illegally. What is it about the word "illegal" so many are having problems with? It seems logical to me that those of you who came to this country legally would be the most upset at those who choose not to obey the law.

Every country in the world has immigration laws and, yes, they do enforce them. Why is it only when the American government enforces these laws that people become so outraged? By the way, I made no mention of race in my last column.

There are illegals of all colors and ethnicities entering this country and I am against them no matter where they are from. I guess if believing in a strictly enforced, orderly, entrance policy that is in place for many more reasons than just national security is the only criteria for being a racist, I'll have to plead guilty.

If many of you were really true to your beliefs, you would respect a person's right (not the First Amendment either) to have differing beliefs. The very fact that there are diversity organizations on campus points to the hypocrisy of your beliefs concerning diversity. Why not have an all-inclusive group of humans, rather than having to put a label on everyone? Try being an American first for a change. I have another question for some of you: If a white person from Nigeria moves to this country, would they be an African-American?

The type of "diversity" practiced by the politically correct, well meaning? Liberal is the antithesis of its true meaning. It emphasizes differences and separation of groups rather than bringing people together by stressing their commonalities. Who knows, the latter might actually improve the country rather than divide it through the use of hyphens and labels.

I actually enjoy and encourage others to write letters to the editor that disagree with my viewpoints. I am not all-knowing, I simply know what I know, and believe the lack of divergent opinions and arguments stunt public discourse and the learning process. Now that's diversity. I don't know how to make it any clearer than that.

The call has also gone out for me to apologize to the "campus community" for what I see as merely voicing an unpopular opinion (in academia anyway). As far as I know, institutions of higher learning are supposed to be one of the last bastions of free speech. At least the professor who recently wished for "A million Mogadishu's" thinks so. But, if you, the readers of the Student Voice, insist, here it goes. I am truly sorry that so many of you don't practice what you preach. How's that? Carry on.

Letters to the Editor

Duesenberg letter dances around real issues

Editor's note: The italicized quotes are from last week's letter to the editor from Jake Duesenberg.

To the Editor:

I'd like to respond to the letter "Pro-American justifies rallies, supports Iraqi war" found in your April 10 edition.

Let's start with the title. The insinuation here is that pro-war equals pro-American. The beautiful thing about that passive-aggressive logic is that you don't even have to say that those who stand against the war are Anti-American; lumped in with Bin Laden, Hitler, Kruschev and the Teletubbies.

A six-year-old could connect those dots.

It's all well and good to wave flags and shout slogans and put bumper stickers on our cars. It's a little like singing carols at Christmas time. Let's just remember that the Gestapo and the Red Guard were fervent patriots. America isn't about waving flags and jumping on the bandwagon. It's about standing up for what you believe is morally right - for what you believe to be the truth, no matter what. No matter how marketable flags and slogans are, they will never be the truth. It's disturbing to see such a blatant attempt at propaganda in a college newspaper. Even more disturbing is I suspect the newspaper staff, not the author, penned the title.

"When U.S. troops are overseas fighting for me, I back them 100 percent. Since others choose to carry on with their protests, I will be out every week supporting the troops."

This is the first real piece of propaganda in the article. "Support our troops by tossing them headfirst into a potentially deadly situation" is a bit of an oxymoron. I don't think we're doing our troops any big favors by sending them off to Iraq. This is not some massive study abroad program. I would think they would be much safer, happier, and more well-adjusted remaining at home. These soldiers do not want to go; they are professionals doing

their sworn duty. Many of them object to the war just as strongly as anyone else does.

"The fact is that the administration used diplomatic means first. President Bush went to the UN and got a resolution passed last November. He offered numerous non-aggression promises if Saddam and his sons left the country."

What fact? Junior announced his plans to strike Iraq before our troops even set foot in Afghanistan, almost a year before November of '02. I would hardly call that "keeping the door open."

The ultimatums he issued Saddam's regime were political snowballs in hell before they ever left his lips, and the weapon inspections were a joke. Not only has the United States been openly accused by U.N. weapons inspectors of having tampered with the evidence, Junior knew full well that he was going to pull the human rights card, (which in itself was a tasteless irony) whether they found something or not. To actually substantiate the whole "Operation Iraqi Freedom" humanitarian spiel, we'd have to be able to say we'd only recently become aware of Saddam's corrupt regime.

On the contrary, we've had strict tabs on Saddam since the 1980s, when we all but brought him to power. We knew about the gassing, the beating, the raping and the genocide for two decades. You know what we did? We sat on our collective butts, ate Doritos and watched Wheel of Fortune. After all, they were making us oil. Why fix it if it ain't broke? The issue of human rights only became relevant when Junior was itching to get his war a'goin'.

For Junior to even pretend his headlong rush to war was fair or diplomatic is a tasteless joke, an insult to those we call allies, and a staggering blow to our credibility as a nation. Are we going to deploy our troops to take on female genital mutilation in Africa? Wife burning in India? Child labor in China? The political repression of the Catholics

in Ireland? Of course not. In the minds of our politicians, that touchy-feely human rights mumbo-jumbo is only worth something if it helps them get their way.

"Finally, my opponents argue that this war is strictly on oil. In my opinion, this argument is birthed by a dislike for President Bush and Conservatives."

I'd be more willing to accept this statement if the author could tell me exactly what the war is about. The problem, of course, is that he can't. Our fearless leader has been none too clear on this issue. In the past years, he's flip-flopped between Saddam's grudge against his daddy, the unrelated 9/11 attacks, disarmament, and human rights. The grudge is really the only issue that holds any water, but the hidden agenda is really anyone's guess.

Now as I said before, we knew about the human rights issues all along. The alleged weapons too. My grandmother has more in her medicine cabinet than they've found in Iraq. According to the British Press, the Thatcher Administration commissioned at least one of Saddam's alleged chemical weapon factories in the 1980s, knowing full well the sort of cargo it would produce and who it would be used against. We also knew about the terrorists all along. Iraq supports pro-Palestinian terrorist groups. Name me one Middle Eastern Country that doesn't (okay, besides Israel). You think Bush will be rearing to take on our allies in Jordan and Saudi Arabia? The remainder of his statement ("this argument is birthed by a dislike for President Bush and Conservatives.") is an insult to the intelligence of anyone who attends UW-River Falls. It's an attempt to marginalize those who have the courage and tenacity to question the status quo by basically labeling them as extremists. It's also a naïve, melodramatic cop out, and a blatant stereotype that displays an incredible lack of regard and understanding for those who do now hold the author's views. I know left wing college students who attend anti-war

rallies, I also know decorated, conservative veterans of the Vietnam War who do. The fact that he begins just about every paragraph with "my opponents", lumping those who are against the war in with Hussein and Bin Laden, is further evidence that he is trying to marginalize, dismiss, and stereotype those he sees as being against his cause.

"If President Bush lied to the American people, he would be committing the biggest political suicide ever. Not to mention, he would damage the Republican Party."

First off, that's speculation. Second, it's rather naïve. Presidents both past and present have been involved in some very unethical activity - and that's just the stuff we know about. There was Watergate, the Ollie North scandal, Whitewater, the Lewinsky scandal, and the extraordinary, strange, and suspicious means by which Junior Bush found himself in office. Our leaders have tried get away with making some extraordinarily unethical, underhanded, downright stupid decisions in the past, and I see no reason to assume that they will not continue to do so in the present and into the future.

All in all, I'd have to say that this letter is something that I would expect more from a high school debate team than a college newspaper (but that might just be the numerous references to "my opponents"). While obviously very fervent about his cause, the author bases his stance much more on emotion, speculation, blind trust, and stereotyping than he does sound reasoning, hard facts, and common sense. The problem is that he has to do this. Stripped of the cute little political labels and the bumper sticker jargon, there doesn't seem to be much to the letter.

Beau D. Bureau, student

Due to its length, the above letter could not be run in its entirety. The complete version can be found online at www.uwrf.edu/student-voice.

Reader apologizes for misunderstood letter

To the editor:

I would like to sincerely apologize to my new friend and fellow student Jake Duesenberg. Last week in a letter to the editor in the Voice entitled "Close-minded opinions insulting to immigrants" I mentioned Jake's name and called him selfish, ignorant, lying, uneducated and, most of all, racist.

Most of the letter was in response to an article written the week before spring break by another author. I acted on misunderstanding and wrong resources and included Jake's name in my attempt to defend immigrants, promoters of diversity and the international community.

I stand 100 percent by what I said against the other person I called out in my original article. But to Mr. Jake Duesenberg, his club, friends and all who know him: from the bottom of my heart I would like to say I am truly sorry for the misunderstanding and especially for calling you, of all people, racist.

Since Jake and myself spoke on the phone last Thursday, I have come to know a brilliant and intelligent man who is only standing for what he believes in and speaking his mind instead of being silent.

A man who is totally contrary to how I described him in my article. He has never written or said anything racist or against immigrants.

I feel very badly for doing to Mr. Duesenberg what I don't expect him to do to me and I worried about this the entire weekend. I ask and pray that he can find it in his heart to forgive me. Hopefully when the dust settles we can become good friends in the near future and get to know each other better. To the members of the Young Republicans: sorry for falsely accusing one of your key officers and I promise it won't happen again.

To the campus as a whole: I am sorry for calling out a fellow student and using such unspeakable words to describe him. I hope you all can get to the man I spoke to and met and have gained a lot of respect for in a short time.

And to Mr. Duesenberg, I once again say I am truly sorry. Keep up the good work and I look forward to someday working closely with you, be it in or out of class.

God bless and have a wonderful day.

Leon Gbee, student.

The Student Voice is accepting applications for all positions. Pick up an application at 304 North Hall. The deadline is May 2.

Center

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for UW-RF.
“It means we can relocate the herd from Campus Lab Farm to the Mann Valley farm,” Braun said. “This will effectively remove the herd from the city of River Falls and out into the country.”
Bill Connolly, farm director and member of the dairy learning center committee, said the new facility offers many new opportunities to both students and UW-RF.
“It gives us the opportunity to better educate students and creates a good recruiting tool to get students to our university,” Connolly said.
Dennis Cooper, professor of dairy science, said the new center will offer students a chance to work for wages in a new facility.
“It will expand our opportunities to conduct service, outreach, extension and research projects at the lab farm,” Cooper said.
The current facility was built in 1959 and is obsolete and badly in need of repair, Cooper said.
The approval of the project is important to the quality of the new learning center, Murphy said.

“The project, if not fully funded in this budget, would have to be substantially reduced,” Murphy said. “Only the basic buildings and operational facilities would be constructed.”
Under the current plans the new facilities allow students to practice managing the herd in a group.
“The milking parlor will be larger and more modern, cutting down on labor needs,” Cooper said.
The ground-breaking for the Dairy Learning Center is still unknown.
“This project was originally designed in two phases,” Braun said. “It has now been combined into just one project and that means a significant amount of new design work must be done by the architectural team.”
Once the funding is secured into the budget, the plans and bidding documents would be prepared for release and bid opening, Murphy said.
“It is just a guess at this time, but the construction would probably not begin until the late spring of 2004,” Murphy said.
Lydecker said she hopes to keep the project in steady motion to break ground as soon as possible.
“My aim is to keep this moving,” Lydecker said. “We owe that to our students; to our faculty, who need new facilities for teaching; to the greater community use and we also owe it to our cows, to move them into better facilities.”

Parking

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a new parking structure or lot.
Another issue in question is how much tickets would be for cars without hangers that park in the area.
“We want it to be more than the usual \$2 because students are willing to pay that for a close parking spot,” Amundsen said.
He wants the fine to be just high enough to keep the areas open for

those who are paying for it.
Prices in consideration are between \$10 to \$25, much like the ticket prices on campus for parking in a restricted lot.
Sophomore Beth Holman questions the permit concept. The social work major commutes to UW-RF from Woodbury, Minn., and understands the parking problem.
Holman sets aside 15 minutes each morning to find a parking spot.
“I park like five blocks away where no one else parks,” she said.
“Once I park I’m on campus for the whole day so it doesn’t matter if I’m a ways away.”

Holman encourages the city to consider building an additional parking lot specifically for commuters.
“It’s not fair to charge students for parking hangers because we’re already paying so much for tuition,” she said.
One suggestion Holman said was to build a second level onto the meter parking lot across from the student center.
“There are definitely less parking spots than there are students who need to park,” she said. “Someone needs to fix that.”

Award

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and University of California-Berkeley.
Nicole Schoenemann
Getting involved wasn’t something Nicole Schoenemann had planned on doing when she came to college.
“Before I got here I didn’t do anything,” Schoenemann said. “I decided I wanted to get involved in one thing and I kept doing more.”
Like most of her fellow award recipients, Schoenemann has dedicated much of her collegiate career to helping the community. Through organizations such as the newly renamed Campus and Community Fighting Hunger and Homelessness, Gender Equity Council, and the Earth Consciousness Organization, Schoenemann has involved herself with such causes as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, Campus and Community Clean up Day, Take Back the Night and Love Your Body Day.
Schoenemann said when she found out about winning the award, she jumped up and down in her apartment for 15 minutes.
“I honestly didn’t think I had a chance,” Schoenemann said.
Manjesh Gurnani
Manjesh Gurnani, an economics major from Togo, West Africa, is only the second international student to receive the Chancellor’s Award.
While Gurnani was excited to receive the award, he said his work with the international community

was worth it, regardless.
“If I had not won the award I would still be excited,” Gurnani said. “I felt like I paved the way for future international students.”
Like the rest of the recipients, Gurnani has been involved in numerous campus activities.
One of Gurnani’s most notable achievements is being involved in the first Midwest International Student Conference in Minneapolis. Gurnani helped organize the conference. Gurnani is currently the consultant for the International Student’s Association (ISA). He was president of ISA in 2000-01.
As Head of the Campus International Ambassadors, an association consisting of American students who help educate international students into the American culture, Gurnani has accomplished many of his goals.
“During my freshman year I saw international students struggling to make friends and American students eager to learn from international students,” he said.
“I had made many American friends my freshman year and was having extreme amounts of fun. But with other international students and American students I felt there was a wall or a gap and I felt the need to bridge the gap.”
Dawn Puro
Habitat for Humanity takes of much of senior Dawn Puro’s time. But she said her extracurricular activities are essential.
“The things that I am involved with keep me focused on what is really important,” Puro said. “I am most involved with Habitat for Humanity because it keeps me connected with the community and I feel that I have really made and continue to make a difference in families’ lives.”

An elementary education major, Puro felt honored when Registrar Judy George nominated her.
“I was surprised when Judy nominated me, and honored when I started to hear who else had been nominated also. There are so many deserving students on this campus that have done so much.”
In addition to building homes in Santa Fe, N.M. and Jacksonville, Fla., with Habitat for Humanity, Puro is a member of the Honor’s Club and the Student Alumni Association.
Megan Clarke
For Megan Clarke being recognized with the Chancellor’s Award doesn’t feel like an individual award.
“Obviously I have not done this by myself,” Clarke said. “I couldn’t be here without the help of so many others.”
A broadcast journalism major, Clarke served as both the campus radio station manager and as an anchor for Focus on U, the campus television news program. In addition, Clarke has served on the Campus Media Budget Committee and the Dean’s advisors board and is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and Order of Omega. Clarke will be attending the University of Missouri-Columbia next year as a graduate student.
At the award reception, Clarke said that she also was looking forward to the challenge made by the Chancellor to live up to the responsibilities of the award.
Terrence Galbreath
Initially, Terrence Galbreath said he didn’t realize how much of an honor it was to receive the Chancellor’s Award. He was too busy at the time with one of his many extracurricular activities.
It wasn’t until later the news had an impact.
“Later on that evening I had a chance to reflect one the news I was told and I felt it was a honor to be selected among all of the many students who were nominated,” he said.
As an undergraduate, Galbreath has been involved in a number of activities from sports to diversity organizations such as the African American Alliance and the Asian American Student Association.
Also on Galbreath’s list are Student Senate, Falcon Football and the Community Action Theaters Troupe (CAITS).
After graduation, Galbreath plans to keep it simple and “get married, go to grad school in a year and have as many kids as my wife allows.”
Like many other students, Galbreath has his own ways of staying on task. He attributes much of his success to the Navy and football.
“I have to say that the three years I spent in the U.S. Navy before coming here, and playing football at this University has helped me become a person who has enough discipline to stay focus on the task(s) that I have in-front of me,” he said. “This allows me to get the most out of my time.”

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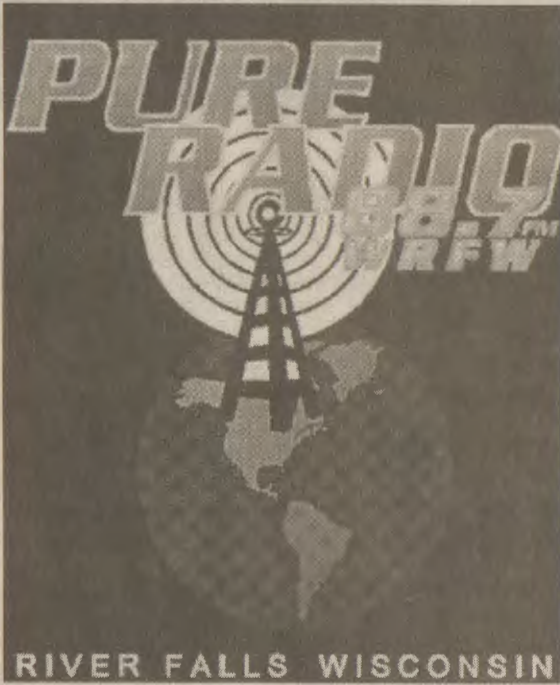
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OPINION



MIKE FOLEY

Let them play

Is it true? Could the Falcon Fastpitch season already be coming to a close. As an avid Falcon sports fan and close friend of Freddy the Falcon, I can scarcely believe UW-RF's final home game of the season is today. The terrible truth is that I haven't made it to any of the softballers' other four home games this season.

In eight short days the team will begin play in the end-of-the-season WIAC tournament at Platteville. The Falcon softball season may be over before any of the church or bar slow pitch seasons start in River Falls. Does this strike anyone else as odd?

What happened to the days when baseball and softball were a summer pastime? Why are these athletes forced to cram an entire softball season into two short months? Now that I've gotten started, how can outdoor track and field athletes be expected to reach their prime athleticism in only three meets before competing in the WIAC conference meet?

What about fall sports? Football, volleyball, tennis, cross country, soccer and golf all last only about two months. Many of the final matches, meets and games of the fall season take place in the bitter cold - much like the beginning of the season for spring sports.

I don't have any easy solutions to this problem, but I do believe it needs to be addressed. Maybe the WIAC should consider adjusting some of these seasons to take full advantage of tolerable Wisconsin weather. It may be a bit much to ask the football fellas to start playing games in the mid-August heat and the softball team to keep playing a couple weeks into June. I think the athletes would get much more out of their sport if it lasted as long as some of the winter sports. Who knows? Maybe I'd even make it to more than one of their home games.

I understand winter sports have to deal with a major break in classes and competition, but all five winter sport teams, competed during J-Term. Why not have some of the other sports compete during Summer Session? Of course, I'm not an athlete or coach myself. I don't know how this would effect the athletes or the competition or if it would maybe even be unhealthy, but the WIAC should start asking itself these questions so athletes don't spend their entire college careers practicing a sport they will only perform a few times on their home campus.

Mike Foley is a sophomore majoring in journalism

Spring track and field season: great outdoors

■ Men's and women's outdoor track and field captains shed some light on the 'second season'

Anna Permann
Sports Writer

Now that the weather is semi-cooperative and spring is here, the Falcon tracksters are braving the outdoors; for the men, this season is their first since the program was cut in the 1990s.

UW-River Falls' outdoor track and field program consists of men's and women's teams, most of whom participated in the indoor track and field season. Indoor track is a separate competitive season

that takes place during the winter months.

Seniors Luke Hansen and B.J. Poore are in charge of the men's team. The women's captains are seniors Sarah Thull and Gina Schindel. Thirty men and 21 women participate.

"We should have some people who will do well in the conference meet," Poore said. "We have already had some promising finishes."

The team started practicing right after spring break and their season opened April 12 with the St. Thomas invitational. No team scores were kept, however.

The event that an athlete competes in determines what each practice will entail, but for the mid-distance runners it means about a 50-minute run each day.

"The distance runners will go anywhere from seven to 11 miles a day, and then do one long run a week," said senior mid-distance runner Meghan McGree.

April 18 the women traveled to St. Olaf while the men took part in a relay meet held at Carleton April 19.

The teams will compete at the Macalester Invitational Saturday. There are no home meets for the Falcons this year.

Two athletes took part in a multi-event meet April 13 and 14. Poore competed in a decathlon and placed eleventh out of 16, and Thull competed in a heptathlon and placed eighth out of 20.

The conference meet is May 2 and 3 at Stevens Point.

"La Crosse and Oshkosh always have excellent teams. They are extremely competitive," said McGree.

The team is hopeful of a good showing when facing other WIAC teams.

"Of course it's a given that we hope to do well at conference," said McGree. "Usually we place around fifth or sixth."

Falcons split up in Northfield; men at Carleton, women at St. Olaf

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls men's and women's track teams competed in different meets last weekend with the women at St. Olaf on Friday and the men at Carleton on Saturday.

The two teams will combine again this weekend to compete at the Macalester Invitational on Saturday. Action starts at 11 a.m.

For the men, Weesayma Kennedy had the top finish for the Falcons at the Carleton Invitational in Northfield, Minn.

Kennedy placed third in the 100m dash in 11.24. In the 200 meters, Lewie Parish placed ninth overall in 23.56. Darrin Soderberg placed 11th in the 400m hurdles in 58.34 and Andy Poturucha placed 12th in the 110m hurdles in 17.02. Eric Olson placed eighth in the discus with a 136-5 effort.

No team scores were kept in the meet.

For the women, Jill Crandall tied for first place in the high jump to help lead the Falcons at the St. Olaf Invitational Friday in Northfield.

Crandall jumped 5-1 3/4. Jen Leis placed fourth in the hammer throw with a 151-7 effort. Steph Dura placed fourth in the shot put with an effort of 39-4. Sarah Thull placed ninth in the 100m hurdles in 18.98. Katie Mitchell placed third in the 200m in 27.62 and took home a fifth place finish in the 100m in 13.31.

No team scores were kept in the meet.

QBs best be dodging the draft

Wanted: A quarterback who will not make this draft day one which will live in infamy

The position of quarterback is the position little kids fight for the right to be as youth football players. It's the glory position. It gets you the money, the fame, the girls, and the hero status that will echo well beyond the living years of an individual. One would think that because everyone wants to be the quarterback, finding a signal caller to lead your team to gridiron glory would be as simple as picking the most talented individual in the first round of the NFL draft. That is where the trouble begins.

As we enter the 2003 NFL draft, there is a precedent with first round quarterbacks that is shakier than any Dallas Cowboy quarterback since Troy Aikman. From 1992-2001, there were a total of 19 quarterbacks drafted in the first round, and only seven of them currently start for their original team, and only one (Steve McNair) has been with his team for more than five seasons.

OPINION



JASON KENYON

What this means is that finding your future hero in the first round is just about as likely as getting straight As without looking at your neighbor's test. Sure, it could happen if you pick right, but for the most part it's doubtful. Fast forward to today as another quarterback in the form of USC's Carson Palmer is widely regarded as the first pick in the upcoming draft. The owners of the first pick, the Cincinnati Bengals, have essentially been on the clock for the first pick since week five of last season. The more important issue here, though, is that the Bengals have traveled down this path before.

Take a look back to 1992. Remember a guy by the name of David Klingler? Me neither, but he was chosen in the first round to quarterback the Bengals that year and oddly enough, no one has heard from him since. Seven years later in 1999, the Bengals rolled the dice again by drafting Akili Smith. Smith's

mission, should he choose to accept it, win with the Bengals. Mission failed.

These past discrepancies in judgement have proven that the quarterback of the future may have a future shorter than the upcoming Monica Lewinsky reality series. Palmer can be heralded as the savior in Cincy, but that could be forgotten by typical Bengals football. My advice to Carson Palmer is to begin drinking heavily. Maybe his stock can plummet, and he can avoid being just another Bengal burnout.

It would be unfair to blame only the Bengals in the poor drafting of on-field decision-makers. The Giants drafted a guy by the name of Dave Brown, who ended up in Arizona after four years wearing his whole name on the back of his jersey. I'm sorry, but anyone who wears their whole name on the back of their jersey deserves to be slapped silly

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"Finding your future hero in the first round is just about as likely as getting straight As without looking at your neighbor's test."

Fastpitch fighting for .500

■ Falcons take one, leave one against both UW-La Crosse and UW-Stout

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls softball team split two WIAC doubleheaders last week to bring its overall record to 13-15 and WIAC record at 4-6.

On Friday at Rader Field, UW-La Crosse won the first game, 5-2, and the Falcons took the nightcap, 4-1.

In the first game, UW-L scored five runs on 10 hits and made no errors. UW-RF scored two runs on three hits and made two errors. UW-L scored two runs in the third and single runs in the fourth, sixth and seventh. UW-RF scored single runs in the second and fifth innings. Meghann Mulligan led the Falcons at the plate, going 2-for-3 with one RBI. Amanda Moxon had the other Falcon hit. The Falcons scored in the second when Moxon singled and later advanced to second on a passed ball. She scored when Mulligan doubled to right center.

In the fifth, Mulligan led off with a single to center. Holly Olson, running for Mulligan, stole second and advanced to third on a sacrifice by Leah Vanderploeg. She later scored on a wild pitch. Amy Brooke took the loss on the mound to put her record at 6-9. She pitched seven innings and allowed three earned runs. She walked two and struck out four. Sally Wenzel got the win for UW-L and is now 9-4. She allowed one walk and struck out nine.

The Falcons hit the ball better and played solid defense in the field to get the win in the second game, 4-1. UW-RF scored four runs on eight hits and made no errors. UW-L, now 18-7 overall and 7-3 in the WIAC, scored one run on five hits and made three errors. UW-RF scored two in the first and single runs in the second and fourth. UW-L scored in the third.

Anna Poulter was 3-for-3 at the plate with a run scored. Tiff Blumer

was 2-for-3. Emily Rodgers was 1-for-2 with two runs scored. Abby Keene had one RBI and scored a run. Moxon was 1-for-2 with one RBI. Mulligan was 1-for-3 with one RBI.

In the first, Poulter led off with a single to right and stole second. Keene reached on an error and Poulter scored on the play. Keene was advanced to second on a Moxon sacrifice. Keene then advanced to third on an infield out. Mulligan

doubled to left center to score Keene.

In the second, Rodgers reached on an error with one out. Poulter singled and Rodgers advanced to third on an error on the play. Poulter then stole second. Keene then laid down a sacrifice bunt that scored Rodgers from third.

In the fourth, Rodgers walked with one out. Poulter bunted for a single and Rodgers advanced to second. Moxon then singled to center to

score Rodgers.

Devanie Bigalk went the distance on the mound to raise her record to 6-4. She didn't walk a batter and struck out two. Defensively, Blumer made a diving catch in left center to rob a UW-L player of a double in the fourth. Rodgers made a running catch of a line drive in the sixth. After UW-L had scored a run in the third, Keene caught a deep fly to

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Shortstop Amanda Moxon puts a tag on sliding Blugold Emilee Planert at second base in April 10's doubleheader against UW-Eau Claire. The Blugolds are currently ranked third in the WIAC; the Falcons are sixth.

Jens Gunelson / UW-RF Photo Services

SCOREBOARD

Fastpitch Softball

WIAC Standings (W-L)

Platteville (18-13)	10	1
La Crosse (18-8)	7	3
Stevens Point (20-11)	6	5
Stout (16-15)	6	6
Eau Claire (12-18)	6	6
River Falls (13-15)	4	6
Oshkosh (6-21)	4	7
Whitewater (14-11-1)	3	8
Superior (9-11)	2	6

April 18		
La Crosse	002 101 0 - 5	10 0
River Falls	010 010 0 - 2	3 2
Win - Wenzel (9-4)		
Loss - Brooke (6-9)		

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Poulter c	3	0	0	0	0	0
Keene cf	3	0	0	0	0	2
Brooke p	3	0	0	0	0	1

Evans 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1
Moxon ss	2	1	1	0	1	0
Blumer lf	2	0	0	0	0	2
Hilpisch ph	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mulligan 1b	3	0	2	1	0	0
Olson pr	0	1	0	0	0	0
Vanderploeg dh	1	0	0	0	0	1
Turbak 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1
Rodgers rf	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals	23	2	3	1	1	9
Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Brooke	7.0	10	5	3	2	4

April 18		
La Crosse	001 000 0 - 1	5 3
River Falls	210 100 x - 4	8 0
Win - Bigalk (6-4)		
Loss - Sennert (8-3)		

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Poulter c	3	1	3	0	0	0
Poulter c	2	1	0	1	0	1
Keene cf						

Moxon ss	2	0	1	1	0	0
Evans 3b	2	0	0	0	1	2
Olson pr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mulligan 1b	3	0	1	1	0	0
Blumer lf	3	0	2	0	0	0
Turbak 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Bigalk p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Rodgers rf	2	2	1	0	1	0

Totals	23	4	8	3	2	1
Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Bigalk	7.0	5	1	1	0	2

Men's Track & Field

April 19 Carleton Relays Results

No team scores kept.

Falcon top-ten finishers	
(Event - Place, Athlete - Performance)	
100m -	1, Kennedy - 11.24.
200m -	9, Parish - 23.56.
10000m -	1, Felling - 36:14.68.

4x200 Relay -	9, River Falls - 1:36.09.
Sprint Medley -	9, River Falls - 3:48.42.
4x400 Relay -	7, River Falls - 3:30.98.
4x800m Relay -	10, River Falls - 8:31.54.
4x1600m Relay -	6, River Falls - 20:02.07.
Discus -	8, Olson - 136-5.

Women's Track & Field

April 18 Manitou Classic Results

No team scores kept.

Falcon top-ten finishers	
(Event - Place, Athlete - Performance)	
100m -	5, Mitchell - 13.31.
200m -	3, Mitchell - 27.60.
100m Hurdles -	9, Thull - 18.98.
4x100m Relay -	9, River Falls - 52.98.
4x800m Relay -	9, River Falls - 10:47.00.
High Jump -	1, Crandall - 5-1.75.
Triple Jump -	4, Skorjanec - 31-9.25.
Shot Put -	4, Dura - 39-04.
Hammer Throw -	8, Leis - 36-11.75.
	4, Leis - 151-7.

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

April 25-May 1 2003	Fri. 25	Sat. 26	Sun. 27	Mon. 28	Tues. 29	Wed. 30	Thurs. 1
Track & Field		at Macalester Invite					
Women's Fastpitch		at WIAC Cluster Tourney	at WIAC Cluster Tourney				

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Anna Poulter
Fastpitch Softball
(Jr., Colfax, Iowa)



Anna Poulter

Poulter, Falcon catcher, played four strong games recently. UW-RF finished 2-2 in the week in four WIAC games. Poulter finished 6-13 at the plate for a .461 average in the games including a triple. She scored two runs. In the field she had 17 putouts and four assists with no errors. She stole four bases in five attempts. She was also named the WIAC Position Player of the Week.



B.J. Poore

B.J. Poore
Men's Track & Field
(Sr., Osseo, Wis.)

Poore performed well in several field events at the Carleton Invitational held Saturday. "B.J. competes in the decathlon and has made great improvements in all of the field events. He's working hard in all of the events," Falcon Coach Don Glover said. At Carleton he threw the shot 28-5, the discus 73-11 and the javelin 96-10.

Fastpitch

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center and threw out an Eagle runner at the plate to complete a double play and end the inning.

Tuesday in Menomonie, the UW-Stout Blue Devils won the first game, 2-1, and the Falcons won the second, 3-0.

In the first game, the Falcons scored one run on six hits and made one error. UW-S scored two runs on five hits and made no errors. UW-RF scored its run in the sixth, and UW-S scored both of its runs in the second.

In the sixth, Keene singled with one out. After another out, Keene stole second and scored on a single by Emily Evans. Keene finished 2-for-3 with the run scored.

Poulter, Moxon and Blumer also

had hits. Moxon had a double. Brooke took the pitching loss. She went the distance and allowed the two runs, both were unearned. She walked none and struck out three.

In the second game, the Falcons had three runs on five hits and made two errors. UW-S had three hits and made no errors. UW-RF scored once in the fifth and twice in the sixth.

In the fifth, Moxon doubled with one out. Olson ran for Moxon and advanced to third on an infield out. Mulligan then singled Olson home.

In the sixth, Poulter led off with a triple and Keene followed with another triple that scored Poulter. Brooke then reached on a fielder's choice and then stole second. Keene scored on a passed ball.

Poulter finished 2-for-4 with a run scored. Keene was 1-for-4 with a run scored and one RBI. Bigalk went the distance on the mound for

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the Falcons and got the win. She struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

Kenyon

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across the face.

This would also not be a valid column if I didn't mention Ryan Leaf. The 1998 draft was an ongoing debate of who the Colts should choose first, Leaf or Peyton Manning. I think they made the right choice. Fans of teams with first round quarterback intentions beware; your new guy could become the next Joe Montana (3rd round) or the next Rick Mirer (1st round), either way it's a dangerous gamble.

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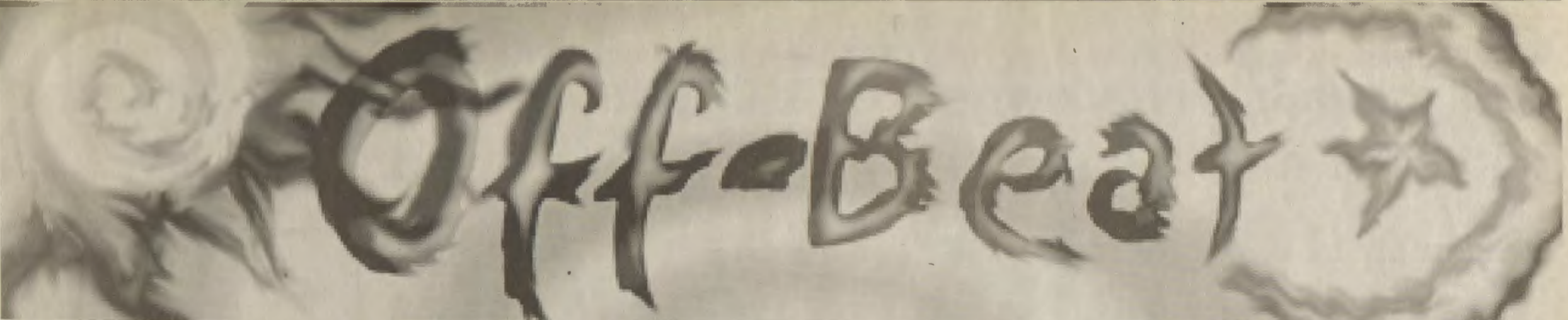
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Student costume designer wins national award



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Moria Clinton pictured with one of her award winning costumes from "Scapino."

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

Walking down the steep theater steps to the stage, Moria Clinton, UW-River Falls senior, remembers seeing only the white lines on the stairs and her orange

shoes; concentrating on not falling. Clinton recently returned from the American College Theater Festival after receiving the Barbizon Award for Excellence in Costume Design for her costumes in the fall musical "Scapino." "The most striking part

of it was the other designers were standing up clapping for me," Clinton said. "You've worked so hard on these projects and you become a family, I never felt like there were any hard feelings."

The national festival was held at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. It is a competitive festival for student designers, actors, playwrights and critics.

Clinton entered the first competition for her "Scapino" costumes when the play entered Region III competition, which includes Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana.

During each competition respondents (judges) come to a performance or presentation and make public comments about the entries.

"It's nice because these people are professors or professionals doing theater," Clinton said. "The judges aren't just looking for the drawn costume, they really want to see where the ideas come from and how they relate to the final project."

Robin Murray, theatre professor and Clinton's advisor, said Clinton gave the respondents a good show, explaining not only her strengths but also weaknesses.

"She showed great passion and commitment in her oral presentation,"

Murray said. "Her display demonstrated clearly the process of research, design and construction of the costumes for the play."

Clinton was one of eight contestants in the costume design competition. Only one other person was an undergraduate student.

"One of the things I had that people from bigger programs didn't, was the support and mentorship from the University," Clinton said. "I wouldn't be where I am without the support from this department."

Clinton will receive an honorarium of \$500 and an all expenses 7-day trip to New York in late May where she will visit studios of distinguished designers and the offices of Barbizon Inc.

"We get to see the big design houses, places where things like 'The Lion King' are produced," Clinton said. "We get to open all those closets."

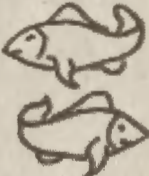
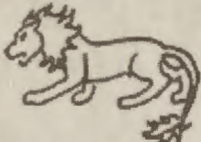
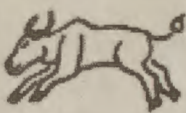
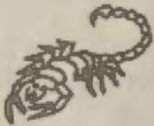
In addition Clinton is invited to the yearly clam-bake put on by Ming Cho Lee, a nationally recognized professional designer.

"He's the reason Yale is Yale," Clinton said. "I was invited to his house to meet with the hot people of today. I feel almost overwhelmed by all these doors opening for me, before this I didn't know I could even knock on them."

Gussied up Greeks



Maisha Downey/ Student Voice
Greek Week activities took place April 21 through 25. Events included a karaoke/talent show Wednesday in North Hall. There was also a Greek Simon Says, chariot race, tug of war and an all-Greek bon fire at the Theta Chi Fraternity House.



-Zodiac graphics by Katey Hoyt.

Horoscopes

By Staff Psychic Craig Corsten
Who's strong to the finish, 'cause he eats his spinach

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

I hope you didn't take my advice to eat General Tso's chicken every day. Turns out that eating it on occasion is great for you, but when you eat it every day it becomes likely that you'll develop gas and maybe even indigestion (if they aren't the same thing...I'm a psychic, not a doctor)

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Your collection of Christopher Cross albums may have immense sentimental value to you, but I would advise you not to sell it on E-bay. I know you're in quite a financial pinch, but sentimental and actual value are two different things.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Contrary to what you've been telling everyone, Bush Light is not "a pretty decent beer." Expand your horizons. Try something new like Miller High Life, or Pabst Blue Ribbon.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Don't be such a brown noser. I'd add more for your horoscope but that's about your biggest problem. If you fix that one thing, things will start looking up.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Remember that Taco Bell commercial with Young M.C.? 'Hello, I'm Young M.C. with a story to tell, I just got a free cup from Taco Bell and MTV makes the whole thing fun, buy a giant sized pepsi and you'll get one. For cups and all, so don't stand still and if you got an empty cup you get a free refill, come to Taco Bell they got these free cups they're just for you. Taco Bell only has 'em for a limited time that's why I'm comin' to you with a limited rhyme. To get these cups you better place your order, so take my advice, better run for the border.' Good commercial. What happened to him?

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Jennifer Garner is a quality human being. You'll find that people will treat you better if you looked more like her. Consider plastic surgery or even a sex change to make you look more like her.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

It was funny the first time you recited that great line from "Caddyshack." It stopped being funny pretty much right after that. It's time for you to see some more great "quote" movies so you can add new quotes to your lexicon.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept 23)

Unpublished and unscientific studies have proven time and time again that you are in dire need of a new wallet. If you only heed one piece of advice from me all year, it should be this. If you don't buy a new wallet, your current one will rip and you'll lose all your money.

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 23)

If you don't get water beds for your cows, there is a distinct possibility that your cows legs will randomly fall off, just like the WNA cow that is sitting on my desk. If only I would've bought her a waterbed...if only.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Next time there is an election for the position of alderman in district four, you should mount a campaign and try to win the position. Your previous lack of political experience and extensive criminal record will not hinder your campaign in any way...that I know of.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Your hair has the makings of an ecological disaster. Wash it. Even better yet, wring the grease out of it. Next time our government wants to go to war for oil, we'll remind them about the abundance of grease we got from your hair. They can use that instead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

You should write/produce and star in a movie about the Great Peshtigo Fire. People tend to really like movies about disasters where lots of people die. The Great Peshtigo Fire had no shortage of death. It took place on the same day as the Great Chicago Fire and has had to live in it's shadow forever, even though it was more destructive and cost more lives. Help Peshtigo. It is now your life duty to make this picture a reality.

The Student Voice is accepting applications for next semester for columnists, proofreaders and page editors. Stop by 304 North Hall for an application.

OPINION

Evil prevails in hardwood battle for media supremacy

Eric Henning
Assistant Editor

In retrospect, maybe we should have practiced more. I am of course talking about the Student Voice staff's basketball skills. It became apparent Monday we could use some work in this area, because we got our butts kicked by WRFW in the annual Student Voice vs. WRFW Basketball Game. The winner's trophy is an old typewriter donated by esteemed journalism professor Mike Norman.

In case you are wondering, WRFW is the campus radio station. Yes, there is a campus radio station! They have microphones and antennas and stuff, so you know they are for real.

This was definitely a legitimate game, unless you consider that someone from WRFW was keeping the score (81-56 for those of you wondering). I'm sure this guy knew what he was doing, but I should point out that radio people aren't known for their math skills (or a whole lot of other skills), if you get my drift.

Another factor that tipped the scales in WRFW's favor was that they had Michael Jordan on their team. He was a rather tall, lanky fellow with a #45 Bulls jersey on, and he nailed a great many three pointers. He was white, but that is beside the point. That jersey was definitely giving him an advantage.

There were approximately 30 radio guys (and one girl) dressed in black, because black is the color of evil. To prove my point, it was not Gandalf the Black, but Gandalf the White who saved the day at Helm's Deep in Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers.

The Voice team, befitting our innocence, was dressed in white T-shirts. Most of us had "Student Voice" written in red marker on the front, and a nickname and number on the back. (I was "Scratchy," #69. Yeah baby!) We looked pretty darn good. If there were points given for looking good, we would have won in a landslide. But, unfortunately, how well you do in basketball is based almost entirely on how many tall guys you have on your team. We had none. WRFW had about 15.



Yeah that's right, WRFW. We stole the typewriter. It definitely doesn't work. Although we didn't plug it in. So who knows.

But we aren't bitter. After all, we had Troy Mallat on our team. Troy doesn't technically go to school at UW-River Falls, but at one point he did, and when he did he was the sports editor at the Voice. We also

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had Max Date on our team, who also doesn't technically go to school at UW-RF. Max used to write off-beat columns for the Voice, which were written in such a way that they offended a great many readers. As a result, his columns were incredibly popular. If it wasn't for these guys (combined weight, 200 pounds) I am fairly certain the Voice would have only scored about 12 points.

Current sports editor Ryan Brinks

was the only other person on our team who knew how to play basketball. The rest of us pretty much just ran up and down the court and maybe jumped around a little. We had no clue what we were doing. It was a grueling workout, especially considering that normally we Voice staffers don't move from our computers, except to get a can of Mountain Dew from the pop machine. I swear, at one point when I was running down the court, one of my lungs almost popped out of my mouth.

WRFW had the benefit of being able to rotate all its extremely tall players for an entirely new set of extremely tall players approximately every three minutes, so they were always fresh. On the other hand, we would have players out on the court until they neared collapse, because we only had eight players total. This, more than anything, is how WRFW was able to beat the Student Voice.

But it's all good. I bet that old typewriter doesn't even work.

Country, cool go hand-in-hand

Craig Corsten
Offbeat Editor

I've never hidden my love for country music and, for that matter, I've never hidden my contempt for the sappy crap that country radio attempts to pass off as country (Faith Hill, Tim McGraw, Shania Twain, Rascal Flatts etc.). I also have a lot of contempt for people who say "Country music sucks" when all the country they know is the crap that gets played on the radio.

I have the inside scoop from "hipsters" everywhere and I can tell you in good faith that country music is the next big hip thing. You best hop onto the bandwagon now, because it's gonna get good and crowded on here soon after all the Dave Matthews fanboys and girls jump on it like they jump on every other bandwagon that comes around.

As an expert on what is good in country music, I'm going to be super nice and recommend a couple of albums that will convince you that country music is cool. If you listen to these albums and decide that country music isn't cool, either:

a) You yourself are decidedly "uncool"

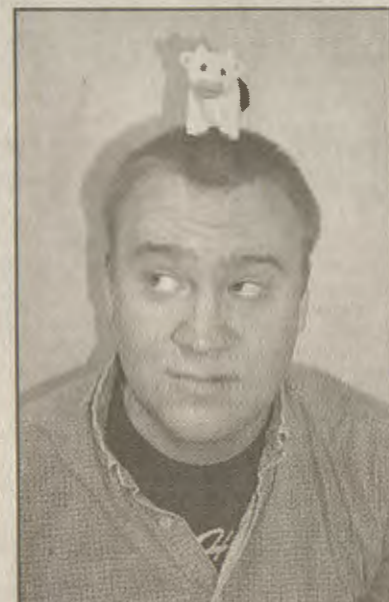
b) You have no soul.

Red Headed Stranger
Willie Nelson

This is generally accepted by anyone who knows anything about any kind of music, to be the greatest country album ever. This is the album that made Mr. Nelson a star back in 1975. The album that made Willie Nelson one of the few country artists of all time to have the admiration and respect of rock fans and artists. This album is cooler than you. It's an almost entirely acoustic album about a turn-of-the-century preacher who goes nuts and starts killing people after he catches his wife with another man. If you like rap, it's got more murder than a Snoo album. The album also contains the all-time classic "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain" and the awesome, awesome album closer "Hands on the Wheel." After you listen to this album and fall in love with it, run out and buy *Stardust*, *Shotgun Willie*, and *Phases and Stages*, the three other excellent albums by Nelson. You'll be a better person for it.

Waylon Live
Waylon Jennings

Willie's counterpart in almost all regards. Whereas Willie sang and played soft acoustic music, the late Waylon played loud electric music and had a rumbling voice. While you could pick up some other albums that are great examples of Waylon's work (*Honky Tonk Heroes* and *The Ramblin' Man* are both excellent) this is the best introduction to his work. This album was recorded at the peak of the 1970s country "outlaw" movement that Waylon and Willie led. The album has many of his hits and some excellent covers of songs by Willie, Kris Kristofferson and even Three Dog Night. It's a sort of swampy,



psychedelic, bluesy, countryish album that starts out rockin' hard on the opener "T for Texas" and never seems to slow down.

Ultimate Collection
Jerry Jeff Walker

You may not be familiar with Jerry Jeff Walker, but you surely are familiar with his biggest claim to fame, the American classic "Mr. Bojangles." Get familiar with this album. Jerry Jeff wrote and/or performed some great quiet poetic stuff, as well as some great loud and rowdy stuff, and this is a good mix of that. If "Pissin' In the Wind" does not become one of your personal drinking anthems, I will eat my hat, provided that it's made out of beef jerky or chocolate. Likewise, "Desperado's Waiting for a Train," may be the single saddest song you've ever heard. It's

the saddest song I've ever heard.

If I Could Only Fly
Merle Haggard

Merle Haggard's career has been varied. He's made a lot of tremendous albums as well as a few crappy albums. This recent album (2000) released by the punk label Epitaph Records, and recorded at the ripe age of 63, goes right to the top of the list of good albums he's made. It's mostly an album that reflects on the topic of being a senior citizen, but the Hag is not a typical senior citizen. The first line on the first song on the album sees Haggard confessing that he wishes he could still do a line of coke while watching his friends snort away. The album, comprised almost entirely of Hag originals, is a top to bottom knock-out, with the sole cover song on the album (the title track) being take-your-breath-away beautiful.

American Recordings
Johnny Cash

Do I even have to mention Johnny Cash? He was cool in 1955 when your Grandpa was listening to him and he's still just as cool today, even though he's just about dead, but I digress. This series of albums, which is up to volume four now, are the result of a collaboration between Cash and famed producer Rick Rubin. Cash takes a bunch of songs from artists as varied as Marty Robbins and Depeche Mode as well as some Cash originals, strips them down and plays 'em Cash style. The result is a haunting group of albums that are among the finest works of his legendary career. You haven't truly heard the NIN classic "Hurt" until you've heard Cash sing it. Same with Soundgarden's "Rusty Cage."

This was so much fun that it'll have to continue. Next week, another group of albums, but by guys who weren't born during the Great Depression.

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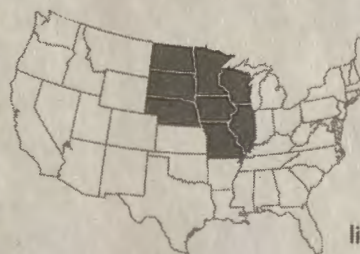
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