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TPA meeting raises concerns from campus, community

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Wisconsin Sen. Sheila Harsdorf and Rep. Kitty Rhoades were on campus Monday to participate in an informational meeting about the Taxpayer Protection Amendment (TPA), which was formerly known as TABOR.

About 75 people attended the event, and raised some serious concerns about how the proposed constitutional amendment would affect the University, community and state of Wisconsin.

"I couldn't agree more that taxes need to be lower in Wisconsin," said Student Senate President Nick Cluppert. "But students are going to end up being priced

out of an education."

Academic Staff Council Chair Sarah Egerstrom said the Council passed a unanimous resolution in opposition of TPA, and Faculty Senate Chair Barbara Werner said Senate did the same.

Werner cited a fiscal analysis based on estimates from 1985-2005, which said the University would have lost \$5.5 million over the last 20 years had TPA been in place.

Director of Enrollment Services Alan Tuchtenhagen spoke about Colorado, which passed TABOR in 1992, as an example when speaking against TPA.

"Right now, Colorado is looked at as a place to avoid for higher education," he said. "The reputation we have nationally

is important as the UW System, and anything we could do to limit that is important."

Richard L. Wells, a 1955 UW-RF graduate who recently moved back to River Falls after teaching for 40 years at Duke University, spoke up to "make an appeal for this institution."

He said the UW System was created so people living in the surrounding areas who couldn't afford college would have an opportunity to get an education.

"We don't want to let this erode any further," Wells said. "Whatever you do, you maintain the integrity of the System."

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Wisconsin Sen. Sheila Harsdorf, left, and Rep. Kitty Rhoades, right, address students, faculty and community members about concerns with the proposed Taxpayer Protection Amendment (TPA).

THE MEMORY REMAINS

UW-RF honors Ed Peterson's legacy

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Following a ceremony April 7 in the Alumni Room of South Hall, former students, colleagues and loved ones made their way to 224 South Hall to view the plaque that will forever commemorate the space as the Ed Peterson Classroom.

Peterson, one of the most revered history professors at UW-River Falls, died of heart failure March 25, 2005, after 51 years of dedicated teaching.

"Dr. Ed Peterson had an incredible history of accomplishments, with over 50 years of highly effective teaching and scholarship at UW-RF," theatre professor Gorden Hedahl said via e-mail. "He spent the vast majority of his career teaching in South Hall 224, and he always called it his favorite room on campus. A record of 50 years of teaching without ever missing a full day of class is simply remarkable and must be recognized."

Chancellor Don Betz, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Terry Brown and Peterson's wife, Ursula, all spoke a few words of remembrance about the late professor.

"There are a lot of people we could hold a reception for and there would be empty chairs," Betz said, acknowledging the large crowd that had gathered. "There aren't many empty chairs here today."

Though he never knew Peterson the way his other colleagues did, Betz is well aware of the legacy Peterson left behind.

"He was some of the walking history of this institution," Betz said.

Many buildings on campus bear the names of prominent figures who have graced the sidewalks of UW-RF, but this dedication was a first.

"This is the first time a classroom has been dedicated to a teacher," Brown said, commending Peterson's dedication to the University and its students over the years.

Ursula took several of those gathered at the ceremony for a stroll down memory lane, reminiscing about the changes the campus had gone through since she and her husband first arrived at UW-RF in 1954. She also acknowledged his special relationship with both his students and colleagues.

"He loved his students and he loved his colleagues, and I thank you very much for dedicating the room," she said.

Hedahl proposed the idea to officially name the room in Peterson's honor shortly after his death and got the ball rolling.



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Ed Peterson's wife, Ursula, speaks to students, faculty and staff who attended the Ed Peterson Plaque Dedication April 7 in the Alumni Room of South Hall. Ursula reminisced about memories of Ed, the University, many students and faculty who touched their lives.

"The Wisconsin System has special procedures to be followed in order to name a room or a facility, so I developed the justification and then had it approved by the governance groups and campus administration," Hedahl said.

During his illustrious teaching career, Peterson touched the lives of many of his students. Leila Albert, a senior history major, had the opportunity to get to know Peterson on a more personal level when he became her mentor.

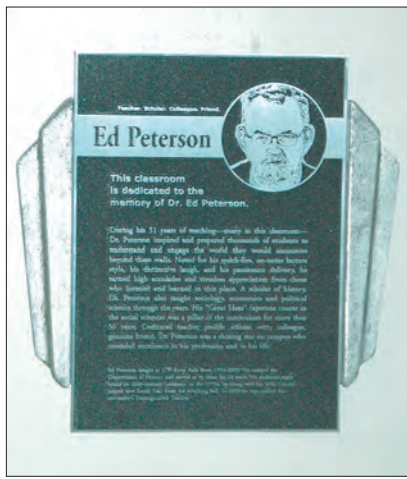
"Ed was valued and admired by so many students because he did not so much teach to them, but more so he learned with them," Albert said. "I valued him as a mentor and teacher because he interacted with me as an intellectual and as an equal."

Although history professor Kiril Petkov only knew him for a short time, Peterson touched his life, as well.

"I loved him and I deeply miss him, as so many of us do," Petkov said.

Hedahl was unable to return from Scotland to attend the dedication, but said he was pleased there was a ceremony to re-

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In remembrance of Ed Peterson, a plaque hangs outside of 224 South Hall.

RF student accepts offer from Yale

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Iris O'Brien is a senior at UW-River Falls who was looking for a good graduate school to go to for a stage management degree. She was offered a full ride to Florida State but passed it up because she had a once in a lifetime opportunity - to go to Yale University.

More than 1,200 people applied for the stage-managing program at Yale, and they accepted only four.

"I had the option of a full ride or end up \$80,000-\$100,000 in debt," she said. She opted for Yale because the school has contacts all over the nation and, according to O'Brien, is the best drama school in the United States and possibly the world.

Stage managers are the organizational tools of the theater world. They make sure everyone is on task and pull all the strings behind the scenes.

"Basically a person that does all the hard work," O'Brien said. "They're the logical voice of reason."

When O'Brien got to UW-RF there were no classes about stage management, which was both good and bad, she said.

Good, because it allowed her to start managing right away as a freshman.

"They threw me right in," O'Brien said. "And in every show after that."

Bad, because her predecessors didn't even know the basics of managing, she said. One of the

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New option available for students commuting to campus



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Commuters park vehicles along Cascade Avenue and Fourth Street. Commuter students have only a few options to park vehicles around campus, including a lot on campus only used by a handful of students.

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Around 5,800 students attend UW-River Falls each semester, yet a high percentage of those students don't live on campus or in River Falls. Students drive and carpool from the surrounding Wisconsin areas and the Twin Cities metro area.

With Earth Day only a week away, a new option to improve the environment recently became available for students traveling from Minnesota.

Great Rivers Transit offers a bus service connecting River Falls with downtown St. Paul. Great Rivers has offered busing from the Hudson area into St. Paul and Minneapolis, but recently added the River Falls route in order to entice students to ride.

"Essentially, we are offering a basic to-and-from ride each weekday from the Twin Cities," Lisa Raduenz of sales and marketing with Great River Transit said. "We also have the possibility of picking up students at the Guardian Angels Church parking lot in Oakdale on our way out of downtown St. Paul."

Great Rivers Transit looked into the amount of commuters going to and from the River Falls area every week, and created a route that accommodates the average student at a discounted cost with a valid UW-RF ID.

For students, faculty or staff a one-way ticket is

\$6; for non-UW-RF riders it is \$8. Passengers also have the option of purchasing a 20-ride punch card for \$70. Tickets and punch cards can be purchased in the Student Center or from the bus driver.

Weekday pick-up is at 7 a.m. from the corner of Fifth St. and Minnesota in St. Paul. The bus drops people off by 7:30 a.m. outside the Student Center. In the afternoon the bus leaves the same place at 4:40 p.m. and arrives at Fifth St. and Minnesota by 5:10 p.m.

Depending on the success of this route, Great Rivers Transit may add pick-up and drop-off times to accommodate more schedules.

The new bus route offered to and from the Twin Cities is a way for students to save money on gas and avoid finding on-street parking.

With Earth Week approaching, ECO (Earth Consciousness Organization) has planned a Drive to Not Drive campaign designed to convince students and staff to keep their cars parked for a day and try alternative forms of transportation. Using the Great Rivers Transit bus service is only one of the options ECO is promoting.

"The Drive to Not Drive event is our centerpiece of Earth Week," ECO Vice President Paul Erdmann said. "The main goal is to promote alternative transportation on campus, including walking, biking, carpooling and busing."

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VOICE SHORTS

LOCAL

Grammy winner performs at UW-RF

Pianist George Winston will perform on April 15 at 8 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall as part of the Wyman Series.

Winston began playing organ and electric piano in 1967, and in 1971 he switched to the acoustic piano. He is a Grammy-winning pianist and a philanthropist.

He is asking each member of the audience to bring a non-perishable food item to the performance, which will be donated to the local food shelf.

Tickets are \$10 for UW-RF students with ID, \$15 for 18 and under, and \$20 for general public.



ECO organizes events for Earth Week

The Earth Consciousness Organization is hosting Earth Week 2006 April 17-21. ECO has organized a series of events throughout the week.

The events include tree seedling planting at UW-River Falls’ nursery and trash clean-up along the South Fork River. Students are to meet in the Student Center Mall at 5 p.m. April 17 and 18.

Other activities include using alternative transportation, such as carpooling, walking and biking, on April 19.

On April 20, Geology professor Robert Baker will speak about global climate change in the Regents Room at 4 p.m., and a contest will be at 12 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room on April 21 to see which residence halls have saved the most energy.

All events are free. For more information, contact matthew.meyer@uwrf.edu.

South Africa lecture to be held April 20

Eleanor Gwynn will host a lecture and video documentary called South Africa: “Life under Apartheid” on April 20 at 9:35 a.m. in the Regents Room.

The lecture is about the people who lived through the apartheid regime, and is part of a residency called South Africa: Traditional Dance and Culture with Gwynn. Gwynn is interim chair in the department of visual and performing arts, and artistic director of Gwynn Dance Company at North Carolina A&T State University.

She has more than 30 years of experience educating students, producing children’s dance performances, reconstructing traditional works and creating contemporary dance works.

She has studied and conducted research in Puerto Rico, Egypt, Jamaica, South America, West Africa and Cuba. For the past three years, she has worked in Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa.

REGIONAL

Badger hockey teams win national title



The University of Wisconsin Badgers Hockey teams have won the national championship.

It is the first time the men have won the championship since 1990. Both the UW women’s hockey team and UW men’s team took the NCAA hockey title, making Wisconsin the first team to have both its men’s and women’s teams capture the national title.

Fishing opener on St. Croix River May 6

The walleye and northern pike fishing season for Wisconsin on the Lower St. Croix River will open May 6 this year, one week after the April 29 opening date for the Minnesota season, according to the *Hudson Star-Observer*.



In recent years the seasons have opened on the same date, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources said. The Wisconsin law governing the opening date was changed in 2001 from the Saturday nearest May 1 to the first Saturday in May.

The DNR says that Wisconsin fishermen must follow state regulations to fish this Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary water. Because Minnesota decided to keep the “nearest May 1” date, the Wisconsin DNR is now proposing that Wisconsin also return to that date.

NATIONAL

More college grads going to cities for jobs

WASHINGTON — Though many of the largest cities in the United States have lost population in the past three decades, nearly all have increased in the number of college graduates, an analysis by the Associated Press found.

According to CNN, the findings are good news for urban areas, many of which have spent decades struggling with financial problems, job losses and high poverty rates.

However, they also may cause trouble for some cities, especially those in the northeast and midwest, which have fallen behind the south and west in attracting highly educated workers.

Nationally, a little more than one-fourth of people 25 and older had at least bachelor’s degrees in 2004. Some 84 percent had high school diplomas or the equivalent.

In comparison to 1970, only more than one in 10 adults had bachelor’s degrees and about half of them had high school diplomas.

Seattle, Wash., was the best-educated city in 2004 with just more than half the adults having bachelor’s degrees.

Following closely were San Francisco; Raleigh, N.C.; Washington, D.C., and Austin, Texas. While most states in the northeast have high percentages of college graduates, their big cities do not.

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SENATE

One-time funding approvals made

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Student Senate approved the following student organization one-time funding requests at its April 11 meeting: Agricultural Education Society, \$685; Abbott Concert Hall Recording, \$5,700; Rugby Club, \$800; National Residence Hall Honorary, \$1,000; Racquetball Club, \$1,500; ECO Club, \$100; National Communication Club, \$225; Snow Crunchers, \$500; and Rodeo Club, \$13,000.

Diversity Issues Director Chee Moua also brought a funding proposal to the Senate, asking for \$5,100 for the Multicultural Programming Center as an amendment to the one-time funding motion.

Finance Director Adam Koski declined acceptance as a friendly amendment.

“There is a process that needs to be laid out,” Senator Joe Eggers said. “They should go through the same criteria other orgs went through - they took time out of their schedules to go through it the right way.”

Senate chose to make the proposal introduction only, so the budgeting process would be fair to other organizations. Other funding requests sit on the table for one week to be reviewed.

Moua said the budget wasn’t brought to the Leadership Development and Programming Board because she wasn’t sure what process to follow.

“It seems like this is much more funding than other orgs are asking for,” Moua said. “But this is a center room; it’s just a little bit different.”

The proposal includes \$2,000 for books, \$600 for videos, \$1,500 for a computer, \$200 for magazine subscriptions and \$800 for a display case.

Senators asked for several amendments to the proposal, including changing the price of the computer request and replacing the display cases with bookshelves.

Alpha Tau Alpha members Jill Hinrichsen and Sara Medick also addressed the Senate, asking for a change in the LDPB decision that declined a \$300 funding request for a digital camera.

LDPB Chair Carolyn Schenk said there were several reasons for the decline, including the availability to use other cameras and a lack of planning.

“The majority of students that came before us had an outline planned,” said Senate Vice President Beth Barnett. “Your organization said it had done no research.”

Senate Advisor Vicki Hajewski said funds were allocated to the Special Technology Committee a few years ago to make two digital cameras available for use by student organizations.

Other Senate news

• Senators attended the United Council General Assembly April 7-9. New leaders for next year were elected, and Executive Director Stacey Hafner announced her resignation. An emergency board meeting is also scheduled for April 29, although Senator Joe Eggers said he had no information regarding the event. As a result of stu-

dents voting to pull out of UC, this was the last General Assembly attended by UW-River Falls students.

• A sculptor will be on campus April 17 and 18 carving a falcon as a gift for Chancellor Don Betz. The work will be done on the patio near Brandy’s.

• Senator Eggers said a Taxpayer Protection Amendment assembly hearing was scheduled for April 12. While there are still some swing voters, he said there are 50 votes in opposition to the amendment, which is enough to vote it down.

• The Campus Safety Walk will be held April 25 or 27 after 8 p.m., said Women’s Initiatives Director Allison West.

• Senate President Nick Cluppert said Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance Mary Halada has asked Senate to take a stance in support of the proposed HHP facility. Cluppert said he hopes that with Senate’s support, the project will move along more quickly.

• The Chancellor’s Inauguration is scheduled for 2 p.m. April 28. Cluppert said teachers are encouraged to have their students attend the event.

• Summer funding budgets are due April 24 at 4 p.m. in the Leadership Center. The Leadership Development and Programming Board will meet at 5 p.m. that day to hear requests and write a motion for Senate to pass the following day. Annual budget appeals are due April 21 at 4 p.m.

Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center’s Regents Room.



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

UW-River Falls senior Rebecca Wadd has her blood drawn by Kathie Sirek during the spring blood drive April 5 in Rodli Commons. Wadd said this was her fourth time donating blood.

Persuading pints from students

Class assignment prompts students to use blood drive to draw first-time donors

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The Persuasive Blood Drive Campaign Committee, a group of five students in a SCTA class at UW-River Falls, urged students to donate at the April 5 and 6 American Red Cross blood drive. The

campaign was aimed toward increasing the number of first-time donors.

A blood drive is held once every semester for students to have the opportunity to donate on campus, said Deb Martin, a non-traditional student and the University’s conference coordinator. Each drive is usually a two-day campaign.

For the SCTA 311 Persuasion class, Martin said her class had to adopt a campaign to promote on campus. Her group in the class decided to use a competition for residential buildings and student

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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April 4

Damage to a vehicle owned by Thomas A. Martin was reported to the River Falls Police.

The right rear of the car sustained minor damage after being struck by an unknown vehicle.

Martin told police he had parked his Dodge Stratus in K-Lot, 595 Spruce St, on March 19, and found the damage on April 4, when he returned.

April 6

• UW-River Falls Public Safety received a report from Veronica Roettger that a window had been broken in the Emogene Nelson Center, 124 E. Cascade Ave., around 8:10 a.m.

Officers found a lower-level window on the west side of the building had been broken. Officers also reported finding a cracked window on the west door of the building.

The cost to replace the two windows is estimated at \$200.

• William T. Reed, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption and \$280.50 for disorderly conduct in Prucha Hall around 3:15 a.m.

Public Safety received a report from a resident assistant in Prucha Hall that Reed had allegedly wandered into Robert L. Boddiford’s room, 219, and urinated on the TV.

Boddiford told officers he initially thought Reed was his roommate. Reed allegedly turned on the TV in the room and was then asked by Boddiford to leave. After being asked to leave, Reed then allegedly urinated on the TV.

According to the Public Safety report, Reed admitted to drinking.

• Several residents on the first floor of Grimm Hall reported harassing phone calls to Public Safety around 9:12 a.m.

The residents told officers they had received the harassing calls on April 3 and April 5 between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. They told Public Safety that other residents on their wing had received similar calls.

• Jeffrey A. Vorwald reported to RFPD that his car had been keyed while it was parked in Q-Lot, 263 E. Cascade Ave., around 9:30 p.m.

Vorwald told police he had been teaching a class at the University and found the damage after he returned to his car.

According to the report, a 2-foot scratch was found along the Lexus IS300, as well as several other scratches along the trunk and bumper.

Damage to the car is estimated around

\$500.

April 7

• A broken window on the northwest side of Crabtree Hall was reported to Public Safety by Paul Stratton around 8:30 a.m.

Officers located the window above the ground-level overhang on the northwest stairwell. Officers report that the outside pane of the double-paned glass had been broken. A shoe was also found on the overhang just below the window.

Stratton estimated the cost to replace the window would be around \$450.

• April R. Sandberg, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in May Hall.

• Adam J. Mattson, 20, was fined \$375 for a second-offense underage consumption in May Hall.

April 9

Custodian Allen Larson reported a broken window on the northeast side of North Hall to Public Safety around 10:30 a.m.

The windows above the northeast exterior door and interior door were broken.

Larson told officers that another employee cleaned up the broken glass around 6 a.m. A bottle of Jagermeister was found along with the broken glass.

The cost for replacing the two windows is estimated at \$450.

TPA: Meeting allows concerned voices to be heard

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Rhoades responded, “The System has convinced most of the legislature that they have money to throw around.”

Frustration was clear at this point, causing the debate to heat up.

“The legislature has had more embarrassing indictments - that’s the pot calling the kettle black,” Tuchtenhagen said. “You want to know why you don’t get respect from us? Look in the mirror.”

Harsdorf said the authors of the amendment are still making changes, and it has been in discussion for seven or eight years.

“I understand what’s driving this legislation,” Harsdorf said, mentioning public outcry to control government spending as a reason for the amendment. “I have great concerns about putting this degree of detail in the constitution.”

Wanda Brown, a River Falls resident and business owner, carried around fluorescent signs that read, “Don’t starve our schools” and “Don’t kill our schools.”

“It’s disingenuous to talk about concern for regular Wisconsin families relative to TABOR when we know from experience in other states that this is a horribly regressive amendment,” Brown said. “It’s going to be worse for us - much worse.”

River Falls resident Phyllis Goldin said she was particularly concerned about the effects on young, elderly, and vulnerable persons, and human services programs in general.

“It’s time for our representatives to sit down and really tangle with the numbers,”

Goldin said. “We cannot substitute a law like this for fiscal responsibility.”

Michael Kahlow, a faculty member in the chemistry department, echoed others’ beliefs that the amendment is a quick fix, which will create more long-term problems than legislators have considered.

“What this might do in the future is limit revenue for the state by decreasing wages because we will not have an educated workforce,” Kahlow said. “No state has increased its income by cutting back.”

When asked about a reason for the lack of information on TPA available to the public, Harsdorf and Rhoades seemed to be as much in the dark as the audience.

“This has been very difficult,” Rhoades said. “We’re told by the authors that they’re making changes, but we haven’t seen them.”

Harsdorf said committee hearings were held last week, and some changes were adopted or proposed.

In response to Student Senator Joe Eggers’ questions about how tuition reciprocity would be affected, both Harsdorf and Rhoades said they haven’t seen any analysis about the reciprocity concern.

No one at the meeting spoke up in support of TPA, but Steve Rohl, a custodian who works in the Student Center, said prior to the event that he supports the amendment because of inconsistencies between income and tax changes.

When he was a farmer in 1980, Rohl said he paid an \$850 tax, while he would be paying about \$3,000 if he were still farming now. The price of milk has gone down, he



Shalena Brandt/Student Voice
Student Senate President Nick Cluppert discusses the need to keep tuition low at UW-River Falls in case TPA passes.

said, leaving dairy farmers with decreased incomes and increased taxes.

Harsdorf said the amendment has to be passed by the assembly and the senate through two consecutive sessions before being handed off to voters. If passed, TPA would go into effect in the 2009 fiscal year for schools, and the 2009 calendar year for the state.

Neither Harsdorf nor Rhoades would take a stance on the issue.

For more information about TPA, visit www.legis.state.wi.us.

Yale: Student teaches stage-managing class

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previous managers didn’t even know how to turn off the stage lights.

She had prior experience at high school managing and acting, but ultimately preferred stage-managing, she said.

“It’s a hard job, so a lot of people don’t like to do it,” she said. “There’s no reward.”

O’Brien said the technical aspect of the shows at UW-RF were lacking, so she decided to start a stage-managing class. Ten students are now in the class taught by O’Brien and a professor.

O’Brien managed this year’s production of “Rocky Horror Picture Show,” with a cast of 45 people and highly intricate timing. The show had two different projectors with videos running to manage.

“Once the show is up, my job is done.”

Iris O’Brien, senior

“I figure if I can get through that show I can get through anything Yale can throw at me,” she said. “We probably haven’t had a show that good at the University



for 10 to 15 years.”

O’Brien has been involved in some capacity in 80 percent of the shows while she has attended the University, except for a few cabaret shows, she said.

Right now, she is switching things up a bit and is directing the University’s last main stage show of the semester, “The Butler Did It.” This time, instead of busily running around the night of production like a stage manager, her job is done when the play starts to run at the end of April and into the beginning of May.

“Once the show is up, my job is done,” she said.

O’Brien will be in River Falls through the summer working on summer theater that incorporates the talents of UW-RF students, River Falls community members and students from all over the state. Then it’s off to Yale.

“I love to stage-manage shows,” O’Brien said. “It’s kind of been my busy life at the University.”

Commuters: Group hopes to offer discounted fare for students

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On April 19, ECO will have a table set up outside the Student Center with a free breakfast, free bike tune-ups and a valet bike service. Students can take advantage of the services offered, as well as communicate with local businesses supporting ECO’s event. There will also be a place to sign up for a prize drawing.

ECO’s table will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the breakfast is first-come, first-serve.

The group is hoping to team up with Great Rivers Transit to offer a discounted fare to and from campus on this day as a way to support the Drive to Not Drive event and convince more students to try the new bus route.

Out of the total number of students attending the University, 46 percent live outside the 54022 ZIP code, according to Jason Haverly of Information Services.

Upon arriving on campus there is a mad-dash for on-street parking spots. Many cars line Cascade Avenue every morning and fill the available side streets that stem north, away from campus. On the UW-RF campus there is only one available lot that

“There are 179 available spots for commuters, but they’re not all taken. Everyone else that commutes must park on the streets somewhere.”

Mark Kimball,
director of Public Safety

is designated for commuters.

Rows eight to 11 of the lot attached to Ramer, Hunt and Knowles is a designated commuter lot. Those rows offer fewer than 200 spaces for students willing to pay \$100 for the year.

Students who purchase the permit for guaranteed parking must then weigh the frustration of the 10 to 15 minute walk against the free-for-all parking on the street.

“There are 179 available spots for commuters, but they’re not all taken,” said Public Safety Director Mark Kimball. “Everyone else that commutes must park on the streets somewhere.”

Plaque: Peterson leaves behind his dedications, memories

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ognize his work and accomplishments.

“Clearly there are other plaques on campus, and Dr. Peterson’s name appears appropriately on both the College of Arts and Sciences Awards wall in KFA, and on the Outstanding Teaching wall in WEB [Wyman Education Building],” Hedahl said. “However, it seemed appropriate to do something special to honor his extraordinary career, and I thought that it would be most appropriate that ‘his favorite room’ in the building that he helped to save would be named for him, and that it would always be the Ed Peterson Classroom.”

Both Hedahl and Albert said they felt the dedication of South Hall 224 was an appropriate gesture, as did so many others who knew him.

“He did more than mentor me. When he shared information, he touched my heart, as well as my mind.”

Leila Albert,
senior history major

“He did more than mentor me. When he shared information, he touched my heart, as well as my mind,” Albert said. “The dedication is certainly due, because he truly dedicated his life to education, to the campus community and to South Hall.”

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GOODBYE SNOW, HELLO SPRING



Submitted Photo/Registrar’s Office

The two pictures show the drastic changes in weather in River Falls during the transition between winter and spring.

INAUGURATION 2006

Students, faculty and staff are invited to join in the

INAUGURATION CELEBRATION

of Chancellor Don Betz
as the 16th Chancellor of UW-River Falls

SUNDAY, APRIL 23
St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra. 3 p.m. Abbott Concert Hall, Kleinpell Fine Arts Building. Adults \$5, Seniors \$3, Students \$2. Guest performers Rich Gaynor, trombone, and Randy Sabien, violin.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26
Unity in the Community. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Hagestad Student Center and Campus Mall. Free. Celebration features Universal Dance Destiny; UW-RF Dance Theatre; El Arco Iris; UW-RF Hmong student performance; and Heart of the Earth Native American dancers.

Creating a World of Tolerance: Esera Tuaolo. 8 p.m. North Hall Auditorium. \$5. This gay former NFL defensive lineman now inspires others to speak to their individual truths without fear.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27
College of Business & Economics Executive in Residence. 2:30 p.m. Rodli Commons. Sang Ik Hahn, a 1975 UW-RF graduate and president of the Silicon Valley real estate development company SIH Investments, Inc., explains his investment strategies.

Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Day. Noon-2 p.m. Falcon’s Nest, Hagestad Student Center. Free. Displays feature current research activities.

All Campus Picnic. 5 p.m. Hagestad Student Center Mall. Tickets available at the Hagestad Student Center or River Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau. Music by Judging Ronald.

The Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. 8 p.m. Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson. Free. Professor Tim Baughman recreates the exploits of the Heroic Era Shackleton expedition and the lessons it teaches in leadership.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28
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EDITORIAL

Bad timing for eSIS upgrade

With advising periods wrapping up, and registration for fall 2006 in full swing, it has become apparent that technology is not always helpful.

The University’s move to upgrade eSIS this semester has caused more than a handful of problems for registering students.

While many students complain about the new interface, problems with rolling over the \$100 deposit and selecting classes have been a few of the challenges faced with the new eSIS.

Although the upgraded version appears to be a much cleaner - and probably better overall - program, the timing of the change has had significant impacts on UW-River Falls students.

Like all new technology, there will be an adjustment period. However, programs to educate and tutor students on the new eSIS could have been helpful when the upgrade was initiated.

It is hard to say whether or not the upgrade would have worked better if it had been installed earlier in the semester, or over J-Term or summer break, but it seems likely that students would have had more time to adjust if the University had gone that route.

Yunge Dutton, interim registrar, said there have been students calling the Registrar’s Office with questions on the new eSIS. She said they expected some minor problems with registering, and that the calls were nothing unexpected.

Dutton said she thinks the main problems have occurred because of the new look and the use of the “wish list” function.

She said students should be able to compile a desired class schedule in their wish list before their registration appointment. This allows for the student to simply accept the wish list at their time of enrollment.

Other students have said they were unable to use the wish list before their registration appointment.

We urge students still waiting to register to go online and play around with the options in eSIS. It will more than likely help when it comes time to select classes.

If you have experienced problems, report them immediately so that they can be fixed and others can be warned.

For more assistance, there is an online tutorial available on the eSIS login page, as well as the Registrar’s home page.

The implementation of this new program has caused some unnecessary headaches for students and staff. After the programming glitches are fixed and current students have adjusted to the program, it will more than likely benefit everyone.

Yet, better planning in the future may make for a smoother and less troublesome transition between programs.


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student newspaper lacks “voice”

While the editorial staff there at the *Student Voice* may not want to “take a stance on abortion,” I strongly encourage them to do so. The press in this country likes to herald itself as the “watchdog of society,” ready to expose injustice wherever it may raise its ugly head.

They pride themselves in “speaking up for the little guy.” They give awards to one another for “defending the oppressed.” But strangely, when it comes to the plight of the pre-born, only silence echoes from their word-processors.

Those of you young men and women at UW-River Falls who are interested in journalism and making a difference in the world rather than just being consumed with one’s own selfish interests, you need to do differently than your predecessors and step forward and be a “voice” for these little ones. These pre-born people are oppressed and suffering injustice. They have harmed no one.

Rather than whining about how you “deserve more protection on our own campus,” you need to take a stance on their behalf. The pre-born are the ones who need protection. While you whine for protection from what you call “verbal assault,” the pre-born are physically assaulted in such a way that it results in their grim murder. They can’t write an editorial. They can’t whine. They can’t appeal to an administrator.

Where is the “watchdog of society?” Where is the great press that “speaks up for the little guy?” Which intervenes on behalf of the “oppressed?” Oh, that’s right; they’ve sacrificed their virtue on a bloody selfish altar called - “my choice.”

Pastor Matt Trehwella
Missionaries to the Pre-born Director

Help out St. Joe’s for a good, clean feeling

Is the stress of the end of a semester getting you down? Do something good for the community to help cheer you up!

A group of UW-River Falls students are organizing a donation drive for the youth at St. Joseph’s Home for Children. St. Joe’s provides both short- and long-term housing for both children and teens.

The collection week is April 17-21, and

boxes will be located at the front desks of each hall. There will also be a table in the Student Center on April 21 from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. for cash donations and students who have items but do not live on campus.

Some popular items to donate are shampoo and conditioner, sweatshirts for both guys and girls, gift cards to McDonald’s and Target, and scrapbooks and journals.

For a full wish list or more information about St. Joe’s, please visit www.ccspm.org/stjoes.html, or for any questions please email Megan at megan.peterson-1@uwrf.edu. Thanks for all your help!

Megan Peterson
Student

Oil endangers wildlife, Bush last to know

On March 25 the press reported the largest leak yet of crude oil on Alaska’s North Slope from a 34-inch pipeline that gathers crude oil from various wells and moves it into the trans-Alaska pipeline.

Although the British Petroleum (BP) subsidiary that runs the network had fitted the pipelines with state-of-the-art sensors that were required to detect small leaks, they didn’t notice this gusher for five days until an employee happened to step out of his truck and smell oil.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation was full of praise for BP’s quick response.

The latest leak covered a two-acre section of tundra with more than 250,000 gallons of crude oil, enough to cover it almost five inches thick. An engineer blamed the spill on environmentalists because the leak occurred in a section buried under gravel for the convenience of migrating caribou.

The operations on the North Slope have averaged better than one spill per day, totaling 1.9 million gallons in eight years, ending in 2004. Yet the Bush White House and Republicans in Congress continue to maintain the fiction that oil drilling can expand across the North Slope and into the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge without environmental harm.

They have to be among the last people who are convinced that oil wells and wildlife can coexist without harm to the environment.

Ray Anderson
Professor Emeritus

Take interest, then take stance

This has been my first year as a voting member on Student Senate. Having attended every Student Senate meeting this year, I have had to sit by and watch as many people have embarrassed themselves by talking about issues that they don’t even know half the story on.

After reading the April 7 *Student Voice*, I have decided to share some important tips of advice for people.

First off, don’t talk on issues that you don’t know anything about. Having read Mr. Conway’s article in the last paper, I appreciate what he is trying to say. However, if he (or anybody, for that matter) would have actually shown up at the Senate meeting, there would have been understanding of the issues that were covered. Nobody was at Senate to state their issues on the smoking ban, TABOR or really anything else.

Second off, newspapers have several different stories on many different subjects. Before you read one article and go off on some tangent, look at the other articles. For example, there is an article in the *Student Voice* every week focused on Senate.

Reading the Senate section may actually inform you about what your elected student leaders are doing. Believe it or not, students do have a voice.

Lastly, don’t pass the buck onto another because of your irresponsibility. It is stated in the paper every week when and where Student Senate meets. When you enter into the real world, you will be notified of meeting times and places. It is your responsibility to attend the meeting and educate yourself on the subject. If you can’t make it or have questions on it, stop in or e-mail the appropriate party. Don’t publish articles or send e-mails until you are fully educated on the matter. I would like to strike a question to anyone suggesting something to Senate: “Have you ever attended a Senate meeting?” If not, don’t blame Senate for the pot-smoking or underage drinking on campus. Last time I checked, both were illegal. What else do you want Senate to do? If you have an idea, I urge you to come into the Shared Governance Office in the Leadership Center and talk to a Senator. Remember - students on this campus do have a voice. I urge you to start using yours.

James Vierling
Facilities and Fees Board Chair

U.S. culture encroaches on EU

The impact of American culture on European culture is much higher than I thought it would be.

In every city we’ve been to there has been an “American Embassy” - a title dubbed for McDonald’s.

When I first saw one in London I wasn’t too surprised, but when the golden arches doubled as streetlights at night, I couldn’t believe it. It wasn’t just McDonald’s either, but other fast food restaurants and big department stores as well.

In ‘Old Europe,’ I always envisioned small ‘mom and pop’ places and little stores. There have been places like that, don’t get me wrong, but I was unprepared for how many there are not.

In Freiburg, a small town in southern Germany, there used to be many small shops selling one type of a specialty item and a big market around the church where people would do all their shopping. The church even had a long line, a circle and a square engraved on the side of the building.

Before a scientific system was adopted, they were used as the standards to sell fabric, a bread roll and butter in the market.

Now there is a tram line that runs through the streets and passes large bustling four-story department stores, chain bakeries and sporting goods stores. The McDonald’s in Freiburg is in the old city gate tower with Subway, Burger King and the T-mobile



Keighla Schmidt

store nearby. In Vienna, Austria, there were two McDonald’s on the same street. These are not just small, little Big Mac-flipping places shoved between old, historically rich buildings. Rather, they are often two or more story restaurant complexes.

Boasting a reputation of overweight, lazy, oil-consuming people, America’s image is not benefiting from world fast food domination.

I had one conversation with a man who told me when he and his friends feel like being American they will go and eat McDonald’s.

I was trying to figure out why McDonald’s took over the world market. The conclusions I came up with are just practical ones.

Here in Europe, lunch breaks often consist of businesses shutting down in the middle of the day for a few hours. They will eat their lunch and take a midday nap before reopening the shop and going back to work for a few hours.

Schools often have the students leave and go somewhere else to eat and then head back to school.

McDonald’s offers something different. It’s quick, easy and convenient to get to. That’s its pull. But what is being sacrificed at the expense of convenience?

The characteristics and charm of ‘Old Europe’ are transforming. Personally, I would have preferred the stereotypical image of street oil lamps illuminating the streets rather than the fluorescent golden arches.

Another poor dating column

So here's a story. I once dated a girl for two years. During that two years, I once asked her what the weather was like outside. She stuck her hand out her car window while going down the freeway and said, "It's really windy."

Huh.

That relationship didn't last. But the greater point here is that all of the relationship columns you have read are all about finding true love and love at first sight, blah, blah, blah. Well, it doesn't happen and they are all full of crap.

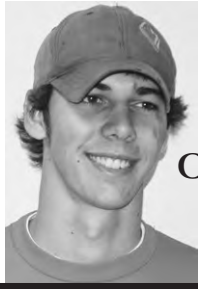
The only reason I bring it up is because my parents recently asked if I was gay because I haven't brought a girl home to meet them since this past summer. I am not, but thought it was interesting because most of the time relationships end up

being a waste of time. I'm not saying that as a cynic, I am saying that because people all too often compromise and try too hard to make things work when they won't.

Here is an example.

My friend, who we will call "Joob."

A while back, Joob had a girlfriend who was really into her Christian religion. Which is fine, just fine, just fine. Obviously he didn't care because he dated her for a few months. But they were an aggravating few months. They went out and passed no bases other than making out.



AJ Oscarson

To each its own, I guess.

But Joob had a hard time with this. Every time he made out with his girlfriend he would have to find an empty room and essentially "finish the job" himself. Every time.

That's just good, funny stuff.

It could be at his house or her parents' house, but regardless of time, date or location, the job would get done.

Months later he saw her plastered on a billboard advertisement not exactly dressed real Christian.

Not exactly the fairy tale and tunnel of love people talk about. Maybe 'cause it's a "fairy tale."

Here is another one.

I had a friend, we will call "Mitzy."

He lived with his girlfriend for a while, but the exact time is fuzzy. They soon moved in together and everything was pretty much fine.

Then things were starting to fizzle.

I can only speculate as to why they started to fizzle, but I am sure there are far too many.

So many, in fact, that one day she moved to Arizona.

With his bed. And his best friend.

Oddly enough both the friend and girlfriend used his bed.

It's funny because it is true.

Not like the crap you read about in those stupid magazines or other columns, just as bad as this one, Stupid, funny columns.

Shocking art does no good

I saw something last week that made me want to vomit.

While heading out of my CBE 200 class, I walked past a scene so disgusting that I simply had to write a column about it.

Placed at strategic locations throughout our campus were children holding anti-abortion signs.

Now normally I try to stay out of political debates. I am an educated liberal who believes in

to force an underage person to stand for hours on end as a tool for a right-wing Christian agenda, but it is also ethically wrong to force a child to take a religious and political stance at such a young age when they haven't lived enough years to form an opinion of their own.

I have to question the integrity of people who would use their children for political and religious gain.



Hans Hage

a woman's right to choose, gun control and opposition to the war in Iraq.

Despite this, I don't believe I've written a single column advocating these beliefs or bashing the other side. If you don't agree with me, that's fine - you have a right to your opinion, just as I have a right to mine.

I believe in this country we all have a right to decide for ourselves what is right and what is wrong. If you're Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Atheist, homosexual, straight or whatever - it is your right to form your own opinion and believe what you want to believe.

This is why it doesn't really upset me that there are people on campus "spreading the word" about their particular abortion beliefs. They have a right to assemble on public property and try to get their point across to college students, most of whom are already consenting adults who are old enough to make up their own minds.

What really gets me is that these people demonstrating on campus have apparently pulled their children out of school, and are making them stand for hours on end holding anti-abortion signs.

Not only is it morally wrong

Why not allow them to make up their own mind?

Surely, if they are raised as "good Christians," they will honor their father and mother - but if given a choice, what 8-year-old boy would opt to stand outside holding a sign of an aborted fetus for six hours a day?

While we're on the subject of the signs - I also have to wonder what these people are hoping to gain with this crusade.

If the goal is to inform students and get the word out about your beliefs, you should appeal to peoples' intelligent side, providing them with facts and information about why you feel your viewpoint is correct.

Plastering pictures of fetus entrails all over campus does nothing but piss off a lot of the people you are hoping to convince. Don't try to "shock" us into believing what you believe; you only insult our intelligence by doing so.

Just to make things clear, I'm not bashing Republicans, Christians or making any sort of generalizations about people as a whole. Every person has their own beliefs and I respect that: I fully support being politically active, but not if it means exploiting children to get your point across.

This type of behavior is wrong and needs to stop.

Lawmakers should oppose TPA

I have always made a conscious choice to not write about the same subject twice, because I feel as though it would be redundant and bore readers.

However, with Sen. Sheila Harsdorf and Rep. Kitty Rhoades on campus this past Monday to speak about the Taxpayer's Protection Amendment (TPA), I thought it was relevant to discuss this amendment (formerly known as TABOR, the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights) again.

Several Republican lawmakers, who state that the intention of the amendment is to protect citizens and taxpayer's from extreme government spending, have pushed the TPA. It does so by placing spending limits on sources of government revenue throughout the state. However, tuition is a source of revenue, which is exempt under TPA.

During Harsdorf's and Rhoades' informational forum, audience members heard both an overview of what the amendment is intended to do and the two Congresswomen's position on the amendment.

Both Harsdorf and Rhoades expressed concern over possible side effects and implications of the amendment, but did not give a clear answer as to whether they were in support or opposition of it.

Based on comments and concerns expressed by UW-River Falls students, fac-

ulty and community members during the forum, I will restate my position that both Harsdorf and Rhoades must oppose TPA.

Students present at the forum, including members of the Student Senate, expressed concerns over unlimited increases in UW-System tuition due to its exempt status under TPA. Students also showed opposition to TPA because of the possible elimination of Minnesota reciprocity in the future.

Both the increase in tuition and the possible end of Minnesota reciprocity would out-price an education here at UW-RF for many students. UW-RF would see a drastic decline in enrollment, which would cripple our great University.

These are two examples of how tremendously negative TPA would be to all students, faculty and staff here at UW-RF.

A second important concern brought up by several members of the UW-RF faculty, as well as others, is the appropriateness of an amendment such as TPA being placed in our Wisconsin State Constitution.

TPA is a very complex bill. There is no way the average citizen, including myself, is able to understand all of the effects that

passing this amendment would have on the state. Any bill dealing with public policy of taxes is more appropriate as a state statute rather than an amendment to the Wisconsin State Constitution.

If TPA were to be placed in the Wisconsin State Constitution, it would be nearly impossible to change and would essentially tie the hands of the state and local governments when it comes to economic development.

It is fiscally irresponsible to place an amendment regulating government revenue in our constitution now, when there is no way of accurately predicting the economic makeup of our state in future years.

While I can only scratch the surface of all the concerns raised during the forum on Monday, I was happy to see so many concerned citizens in attendance.

To conclude, I must restate the position of the UW-RF Student Senate in opposition to TPA. Those concerned with the future of UW-RF should contact the offices of both Harsdorf and Rhoades, urging them to vote against TPA.



Nate Cook

Spring brings unwanted protesters, need for regulations

Last Wednesday I am sure most of you that went to class saw some people on campus passing out flyers.

But these were not the normal people on campus; they were the pro-life group. And they were very offensive.

If you did not grab a flyer, they called you a sinner and called some people even worse. This is distracting to many students, and I question who let these people on campus and why we ever let groups like this on our beautiful campus.

It was the first nice day outside and spring was ... um ... springing, and we have to deal with posters of dead babies and people calling us sinners. This was not the day that I had planned.

Most groups that come on campus are made up of very nice people who treat you with respect. The people that pass

out the New Testament just ask if you would like one and then you are on your way.

The groups that came to campus on Wednesday were just plain annoying, and they threaten you with names and offensive posters. I believe that most groups that come on campus are very nice, and most are groups that have some affiliation with the school.

We should have some say who comes on campus and what they do. If they rumor that the campus is a public place, then I think we should do something about it.

Most of the time when groups like this come on campus they cause a lot of problems. A couple of years ago, this same group came on campus and caused a fight between some students and the pro-lifers.

The police were called and some peo-

ple were told to disperse before anything really bad happened.

Is it not the University's job to supply



Jason Conway

a safe place to study and go to school? Why would we let groups like this come on campus and put students in a position that might end up in them going to jail?

It also makes some other groups from campus come out and protest.

I saw a couple of students with a sign

that said "Pro anti-stupid people" and were walking around campus showing it to the groups out there.

We should, as a student body, be able to monitor the groups that we let on campus, or at least get some benefit from them besides being called a "baby killer."

We should let any groups that are affiliated with campus to pass out flyers and solicit anyone they would like. It is our right as students.

Then we should set up a committee to monitor and give permission to outside groups that come and visit our campus, whether they pass out flyers or just want to have some sort of rally.

It is good as long as we find a happy medium here and stop, or at least monitor, the groups we let on campus.

Or we could just set up some kind of permit system so they have to pay to

come on campus. We would let everyone in, but if we're being called a sinner then we would at least know that the University got some money for it.

I am not trying to stop all free speech on campus, I am just saying that if we have any control and the University is supposed to give us a reasonable safe learning environment, then something needs to be done.

I do not mind most of the groups that come on campus, but when a group starts to cause problems to the point where the authorities have to come and break stuff up then we have a problem.

Groups have to get a permit to use city streets and the city will not give us permission to have a homecoming parade. So why are our streets crowded?



Chris Brunner, sophomore

"I thought it was good. They were trying to get their point across. But their pamphlets were pretty gross."

STUDENT VOICES



Charlyn Schmitz, sophomore

"I thought they were really good at promoting what they believe in. Not that everyone should believe in them. But if they believe in it that much they have the right to promote what they believe in."



Sharon Johnson, freshman

"I thought it was kind of gross to have the pictures out. I didn't like the fact there were kids out there. I don't think that they should have been involved. The posters were disgusting. There were not a lot of women out there."

What did you think about the abortion protesters?



Mike Poterucha, sophomore

"I thought it was crazy how the guy had kids there and the kids look terrified by the opposing people. It was inappropriate to have the big poster, especially right outside where we eat."



Christine Nedner, junior

"I thought they were very graphic but made you think. I think people will definitely remember their campaign."



Derick Leverty, freshman

"It was pretty good. They were trying to get their word out. There was a lot. I got six pamphlets just walking to class."

Brewers look to make a comeback

GUEST COLUMNIST



Chris Schad

The Milwaukee Brewers have been the laughing stock of Major League Baseball for a long time. Before last season's 81-81 finish, Brewers fans endured as much punishment as Minnesota Vikings fans. You think I sound crazy? Well, look at it this way. The Brewers have been to one World Series, but that was before I was born. That year, 1982, is the greatest year in Brewers' history, as the team won the American League Pennant. The city of Milwaukee was crazy over their Brewers, who were dubbed Harvey's Wallbangers after former Brewers manager Harvey Kuenn who lead the club to their first ever playoff berth with players such as current Brewers manager Ned Yost and Hall of Fame pitchers Rollie Fingers and Don Sutton. The only problem is that their first taste of playoff baseball has been their only taste of playoff baseball. Many factors led to the Brewers' tradition of bad years since 1982. They had one of the stingiest owners in baseball, current MLB commissioner Bud Selig. Selig was not a good owner

because he didn't want to put any money into his team. Selig has had his successes, but owning the Brewers wasn't one of them. The other thing was their lack of revenue due to an old, run-down ballpark known simply as County Stadium. Selig was able to build Miller Park in the suburbs of Milwaukee to solve that problem, but Selig wasn't going to use the revenue. The Brewers needed a new owner if they wanted to contend. In January 2005, Brewers fans would receive their wish. Mark Attanasio, a Los Angeles investment banker, led a group that bought the Brewers from Selig for \$223 million. The purchase not only ended Selig's conflict of interest of being an advocate for baseball while owning a team himself, but immediately began to enlarge the payroll. The first major step took place in that off-season, when the Brewers traded for outfielder Carlos Lee. Lee has been one of the important and vital cogs on the Brewers offense as he bashed 31 home runs and 114 runs batted in for his season with the Brewers. The Brewers had laid a foundation and the best was yet to come. Attanasio continued to enlarge the payroll last off-season, going out and snagging third baseman Corey Koskie to continue to make his team better. However, enlarging the payroll wasn't the only good move the Brewers have made over the past couple years. The Brewers pitching staff hasn't been the best in baseball

to say the least during their run of mediocrity, but when Yost was hired as Brewers manager, he hired Mike Maddux to be his pitching coach. **With a strong shortstop, you need a strong second baseman. The Brewers took care of that...** Maddux whipped the Brewers staff into shape almost immediately, and the Brewers turned former no-namers such as Dan Kolb and Derrick Turnbow into superstar closers. He turned Doug Davis and Wes Olbermuller into household names and continues to work with their best pitcher, Ben Sheets. There is more to the Brewers rise than just enlarged payroll and a great pitching coach. With being horrible comes high draft picks. Sure, not all draft picks turn out, but if you look at the Brewers lineup, the scouting becomes evident. First baseman Prince Fielder was probably the most obvious guy to take as he is not only the son of former Detroit Tiger great Cecil Fielder, but was hitting upper deck home runs at Tiger Stadium in Detroit while he was in high school. Prince was taken seventh overall in the 2002 draft. The Brewers could also dig somewhat deep. Shortstop J.J. Hardy was a second round pick for the Brewers in 2001, and

has a lot of potential to be the Brewers shortstop for a long time. With a strong shortstop, you need a strong second baseman. The Brewers took care of that by taking second baseman Rickie Weeks with the second overall pick in the 2003 draft. Weeks also has a lot of potential and reminds fans of New York Yankees outfielder Gary Sheffield. Weeks has tremendous bat speed that was too fast to hit the ball. The Brewers looked at Sheffield's batting stance and had Weeks mimic the stance. The results were good and the stance stuck with Weeks. So, is the Brewers run of mediocrity over? Well, looking at the team through the first week of the season, the answer may be yes. The Brewers are off to a 5-1 start, their best since 1987. They are displaying the resiliency of a championship team in the first week, having two comeback victories over the Arizona Diamondbacks in a series at Miller Park last weekend. The Brewers are still awaiting the return of Ben Sheets who was put on the disabled list before the season started, and when Sheets comes back this will be a very dangerous team to face. Is it possible to be jumping on the bandwagon too early? Well in baseball, anything can happen. And with a good coaching staff, talented players, and an owner willing to spend money, the Brewers just might be for real.

NFL draft excites sports enthusiast



Matt Zinter

The NFL draft is only two weeks away, and there is still a big shuffle with the players in the draft, and who will go first overall to the Houston Texans. The three possible candidates for that pick are Reggie Bush from the University of Southern California, Matt Leinart of the University of Southern California, and Vince Young from the University of Texas. These three players are the top prospects of the draft, and all have the potential of going first overall. The most probable pick will be Heisman winner Reggie Bush. He is the leading candidate for the position. They need both a running back and a quarterback, but with all the hype about Reggie Bush being the best player ever, there is no doubt that he will probably be number one. Let's analyze this a little more though. Two years ago, running back Dominick Davis ran for 1,188 yards and had 13 touchdowns. Last year, he ran for only 976

yards and had two touchdowns. But he had 70 less carries last year than he did two years ago. He did better last year, in my opinion. So why go and get a running back in the draft if Davis is doing better each year? The reason is simple. Bush was a "miracle worker" for USC. He did things that nobody has seen before. He is the total package when it comes to running backs. There is no way that the Texans can pass up someone as great as him. Now, onto the two quarterbacks, Leinart and Young. When the Texans' franchise began in 2002, and with the first overall pick, they took what they liked to call back then "the future" of their team, quarterback David Carr. Over the years, Carr has showed no sign of being "the future" of the team at all. In four seasons, he has not had a quarterback rating of more than 85, he has thrown more than 10 interceptions in each of the past four years, and there has only been one year that he has thrown for more than 3,500 yards. That doesn't sound like a player that can lead a team to victory. So who would the Texans look for in the draft? They would look for a quarterback to replace

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First annual weekend of lacrosse a success for River Falls



Submitted Photo

A member of the UW-River Falls women's lacrosse team attempts to get the ball away from an opponent on April 8. The Falcons played three games that day and went 1-2.

Both men and women play well at home

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On April 8, the UW-River Falls men's and women's lacrosse

teams hosted a day of play for numerous teams from around the area. Games took place starting at 9 a.m. and continued until 6 p.m. Six teams aside from River Falls played including: UW-La Crosse, St. Thomas, St. Olaf, Gustavus, St. Ben's and Carleton

came to play on the women's side. While UW-Stout, UW-Platteville, UW-Lacrosse and the Trombones visited River Falls for the men. Both the Falcon men and women won one game on Saturday. The women lost two other games and the men lost one

other. "We could have beat either of the other two teams," sophomore and Women's Club President Maria Hockert said. "There were a lot of positive points that came out of the weekend. We came together towards the end. Our defense did well." The men's team played against the Trombones and UW-Stout. "We lost 8-5 to the T-bones (Trombones) and we beat Stout 8-2," sophomore and Men's Club President Blake Ashley said. Ashley was very pleased with the big win over Stout. Stout has a very strong program, so beating them was huge. "They have a very competitive team," Ashley said. "They play indoors all winter; they're always practicing." Even though the Falcons only won one game each, they were pleased with the outcome of the day. There are a number of new players for each team this season, and also a lot of players on each team that have never played the game of lacrosse before this year. Ashley, however has been playing for four years and Hockert has been playing for six, easily making them two of the most experienced for their

"They have a very competitive team. They play indoors all winter..."

Blake Ashley,
lacrosse president

teams. On both teams, there are about half new players and half experienced players. The new players are not only new to the sport, some are new to the River Falls program. Over the course of the weekend, there was a handful of players chosen as leaders for the Falcons. Tessa Mattie, Kara Vier and Cassie Rodgers were leaders for the women, and Blake Ashley and Ben Wilson led the way for the men. "Our defense is led by Kayleigh Hum, Megan Sodren and Michelle Zachman," Hockert said of other key players for the Falcon women. This was the first time the Falcons hosted an event like this, and they hope to make it an annual event for years to come. "With all the work Maria and I put into this event, it was an overall successful day with a

great student turnout," Ashley said. "Also, not one player or participant left without a sunburn." Hockert agreed. "As a whole, it was a wonderful day with no complaints," Hockert said. While Ashley and Hockert did a lot to put this even together, they agreed they couldn't have done it without the help of UW-RF Intramurals, the Hunt/Knowles Complex and Kurran Sagan. Throughout the next few weeks, River Falls lacrosse will be wrapping up its season on the road. The women travel to the **"We came together towards the end. Our defense did well."** Maria Hockert,
lacrosse president

University of Minnesota on April 17, and then to St. Ben's for their final game of the season on April 20. Hockert said that Minnesota would probably be the tougher of

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Falcon athletes shine bright at UW-RF Invitational

Christy qualifies for Nationals in events

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The UW-River Falls Falcons hosted their first outdoor track meet of the season on April 7 and 8, and had quite an impressive showing. Even though there were no team scores kept, the Falcons had a strong showing in various individual events. In the 400-meter dash, Dave Jones won for the Falcons. Jason Phillippi won the 1,500-meter run and had a fellow Falcon Scott Degner finish behind him in second. The Falcons also dominated the steeplechase finishing first through third, with Eric Nordgen, Matt Olson and Cary Cardinal. Phillippi described the steeplechase as a very difficult event. "It's a 3,000-meter race with five barriers that are as high as hurdles. Four of the barriers are regular, and one has a water pit

"She's already turned our program around quite a bit."

Jason Phillippi,
sophomore runner

on the other side. So you jump in the water and keep chasing," Phillippi said. The women also had success in their home meet, including Shannon Zwiefel winning the 400-meter hurdles. Jess Reed won the 100-meter hurdles, while Amanda Kozicky won the women's steeplechase. In the field, Vicki Cooper won the hammer throw with her pitch of 143-8. There was a handful of schools at this tournament, but it wasn't as big as it could have been. "Some schools only sent a couple of athletes," Phillippi said. Falcon Clint Christy also qualified for nationals with a score of 6,114 in the decathlon. This season, the Falcons' team

chemistry is something that they have been working to improve. "We're a lot closer than last season," Phillippi said. "We have events where our whole team gets together. We have spaghetti dinners that everyone attends, and movie nights that have a good turnout." The Falcons have a number of goals in mind for the season, and Phillippi outlined a few of them. He said they hope to get more athletes into the finals, and get more points during the meets where scores are being kept and finish higher. Every athlete also has set personal goals they hope to accomplish by the season's end. He also said the whole team meets once a week to go over goals with head coach Martha Brennan. Brennan is in her second year with the Falcons and has prior experience in Div. I coaching. "She's already turned our program around quite a bit," Phillippi said. Stats from meet on page 7.



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

Two members of the UW-River Falls track and field team, including Jason Phillippi, take part in an event at the UW-RF Invitational on April 8. The Falcons did very well hosting their first home meet of the outdoor track and field season.

Steppin' up for fitness

11th annual Health Fair promotes healthy lifestyles

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This Wednesday the Karges Center was 'taking it one step at a time' toward health and wellness with the annual UW-River Falls Health Fair.

The event, which has been held since 1995, combines on- and off-campus organizations to promote proper health with a variety of activities and information, said Natalie Hansen, a Student Health intern.

Visitors including UW-RF students, community members and River Falls High School students walked from booth to booth with the option to participate in demonstrations including free up-dos from Hastings Beauty School, and stability ball exercises offered by the River Falls Area Hospital Wellness Center.

Prucha Hall Resident Assistant Jill Morely could not resist participating in the festivities.

"Everybody talked about it all week long," she said.

For Morely, the Health Fair held up to the constant buzz she had been hearing.

"I think this is awesome," she said.

Booths were not limited to being stationary, as Chewy and Buddy took their health message on the road by wandering around

the Karges Center.

The golden retrievers, led by their handler Sheri Stover from Career Services, provided pet therapy. Benefits of pet therapy are virtually immediate because petting a dog can help lower blood pressure, Stover said.

Chewy and Buddy demonstrated their appeal, as they were constantly surrounded by a crowd, although Stover had an easy explanation for their popularity. "People are naturally drawn to dogs," she said.

Other Health Fair presenters included the Pierce County Health Department with information on tenants' rights, Kinni Valley Chiropractic, the River Falls Medical Clinic, Curves and River Falls Ambulance.

Representing the River Falls Medical Clinic was Finance, Human Resources and Marketing Director Kris Ainsworth. She spent her time at the Health Fair working to educate students about their health care provider.

"We are here for their health," she said.

Along with off-campus organizations, UW-RF groups were also present at the Health Fair. Some students from a wellness class held booths presenting various health topics. Sarah Boyd promoted body awareness and self-image. The UW-RF senior said her goal for the Health Fair was "encouraging people to feel comfortable in their own skin."

As the event continued, it was clear to Alice Reilly-Myklebust



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

UW-River Falls student Kara Nelson is attended to by Nancy Peihl during the UW-RF Health Fair last Wednesday. The fair was held in Karges Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

of Student Health Services that the Health Fair was a success. While trying to count the number of people entering the Karges Center, Reilly-Myklebust was getting overrun.

"We're having trouble keeping up," she said.

River Falls High School student Sam Johnson, 16, was one of the many people passing Reilly-Myklebust at the entrance.

While the Health Fair was "cool" and "fun," he also learned a valuable lesson from the event. "It's better to have safe sex," Johnson said.

Food donations were made by Student Resources for the 2006

Health Fair, and Allina Home Oxygen and Medical Equipment supplied 50 pedometers.

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Blood: Spring blood drive records 79 more new donors than fall drive

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organizations to see who will donate the most blood. Deb Martin, Jim Vierling, Justine Benzen, Kyle Walker, Tyler Kostiuik and Jeffrey Parker are the five members of the campaign.

"There is a pretty good rate of student participation," Martin said. "Students can relate with some issue that pertains with donating blood. It's an easy way for students to give back."

The blood donated from the recent campaign will be going to about 100 hospitals in the Upper Midwest, she said. The demand for blood is an on-going issue.

"Everyone needs it all the time," Martin said. "There's always a need."

According to data collected at the blood drive, a total of 289 people donated. A total of 95 first-time donors were recorded, compared to only 16 at the November blood drive. The number of units collected was 193 over the two-day drive.

"Based on this information, I believe it is safe to say that our campaign to have more students donate blood for the first time is successful," Martin said.

The experience for the first-time donors can be very intimidating, overwhelming and scary, Martin said.

"It's been proven that as a younger adult giving blood, they will continue throughout adulthood on a regular basis," Martin said.

The nurses and volunteers at the blood drive are very respectful of people's privacy and personal health issues, Martin said.

"It's actually kind of a cool environment," she said. "It's kind of like a job fair."

Martin said she has donated numerous times because it is the least she can do.

"I might save a life and it makes me feel good," she said. "I might be helping someone."

A first-time donor in the Karges

Center, freshman Kiel Hausler, said he never had the opportunity before because he was in sports. He wanted to keep his performance up in running cross-country and track.

"I guess it is something I never had the possibility to do," Hausler said. "I felt I should. It's not very difficult and relatively painless."

Since he is injured and unable to participate in track this season, he wanted to donate this time, he said.

Sometimes after donating blood, the body becomes weak and he didn't want to risk it happening while running track and cross country in high school, Hausler said.

As a volunteer at the drive, Kim Schoessow said she couldn't donate because she is on a

prescription, but was at the event to help check in on donors and help with serving snacks.

Schoessow, a senior majoring in marketing communications, said she has donated two other times.

Amanda Cariveau, a junior majoring in animal science with an equine emphasis, said she has donated approximately seven times. Her entire family has been donating for a while, and she said she just wanted to give.

"I can donate, so I feel I should," Cariveau said. "I want to help people."

In the future, she said she wants to continue donating.

Another first-time donor and a senior broad field science major, Sarah Lenz said she couldn't donate in the past because she was out of the country for a peri-

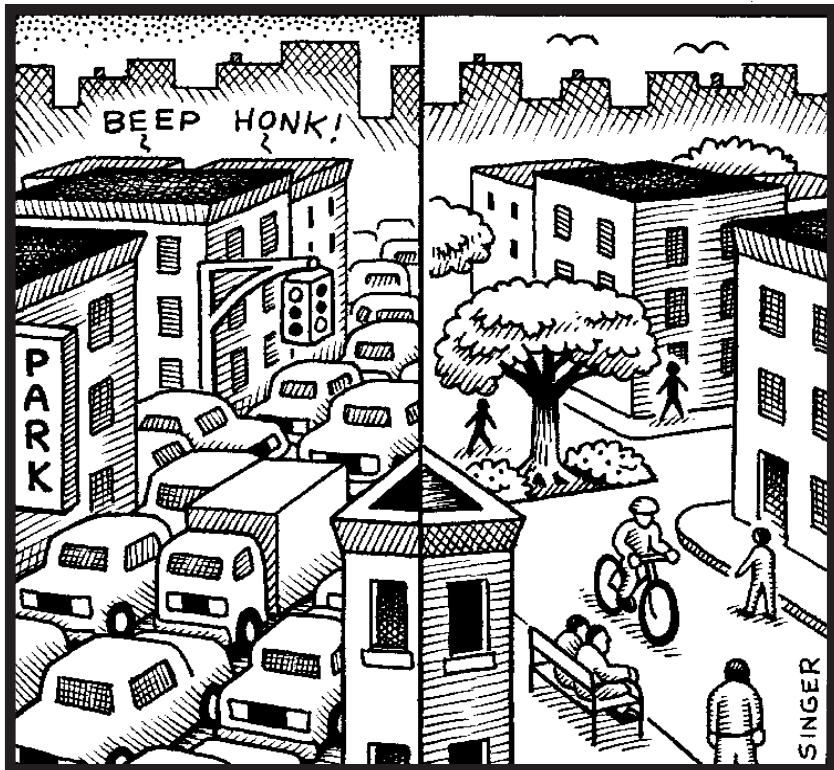
od of time and had tattoos and piercings.

"I'm not really nervous," Lenz said. "I've had blood work done before. Blood doesn't really faze me."

Brandon DeMotts, a freshman and physics major, said it was his third time donating.

"It doesn't hurt me," he said. "It helps people out."

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To someone other than Tiger Woods winning the Masters

To the confusion of registering for classes using the new eSIS system



To campus Earth Week activities

Falcon Favorites



Kelly Browning
DAR coordinator

Browning’s job here at UW-River Falls is to maintain the degree audit reports for students to keep them on the right track for graduating on time. She has worked on campus since December 2004. For one year she also worked in the Academic Success Center as an advisor. Browning graduated from UW-RF in 2001 with an undergraduate degree in communication disorders. She then went on to Minnesota State University-Mankato and received her master’s in education leadership. “My ultimate goal was to work with students in a university setting,” she said. Browning said the best part of her job is the students. “They are so appreciative of the little things, which is unique to our campus,” she said. “I am available any time if anyone has concerns about DAR. I am here for students to be successful and achieve a degree.” Browning’s advice to students is to “Get involved and have fun.”

Campus Calendar

Earth Week Events

Monday, April 17

Tree seedling planting at the UW-RF nursery. Meet on the Student Center mall at 5:00 p.m. and bring gloves. About a dozen tree seedlings will be planted. They will be transplanted to campus when they are large enough.

Tuesday, April 18

Trash clean-up along the South Fork River. With the help of the Resource Management Club, trash will be collected from the South Fork (where it runs through campus). Bring gloves and boots and meet at the Student Center Mall at 5:00 p.m. Bags will be provided.

Wednesday, April 19

"Drive to Not Drive"- Leave the car at home! This is a day promoting alternative transportation- walking, biking, carpooling, or riding the Great Rivers Transit Bus to get to and from campus. Free food and prizes will be given out all day on the Student Center Mall.

Thursday, April 20

Dr. Robert Baker, professor of geology, will be speaking on "The Long and Short Term Effects of Global Climate Change." He is speaking at 4:00pm in the Regents Room of the Student Center. Come and learn about this interesting subject that has been all over the news lately.

Friday, April 21

Announcement of the Residence Hall Energy Conservation Contest winners - Kinnickinnic Room of the Student Center - 12 p.m. Come and find out which halls have been saving the most energy. They will be receiving healthy cash prizes!

FALCON REVIEWS

Tour doesn't disappoint

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To all who take the time to read my band reviews, I have decided to do something different. For the next three weeks, I plan to review live performances by bands I have introduced to readers, and others I have not. This past Friday, the Tooth and Nail Tour stopped in the heart of Minneapolis at The Quest Night Club, a very popular location for punk/alternative rock shows. The line-up included several artists from Tooth and Nail Records, including Anberlin and Emery. The show began promptly at 6:30 p.m. The first band to play, Far-Less, I had never heard of before. Usually when one attends a concert, seeing an artist you’ve never seen can be quite exciting. The band opened with crashing percussion and howls in unison with harmonizing guitars. I really didn’t catch any tracks aside from “Jumping The Shark,” which was phenomenal live. Opening bands usually should possess emotion to pump up the crowd, which Far-Less did. It is definitely a band worth checking out on purevolume.com. The next band, Jonezetta,

almost destroyed what Far-Less had built up. From Jackson, Miss., Jonezetta is classified as indie/rock. The band sounded like a blend of Simple Plan and All-American Rejects. One of the songs that totally sparked boredom was entitled “Back Stabber.” If you think you have heard repetition in music, think again. The phrase “Back Stabber” had to have been repeated at least forty times during the song. Repetition live equals sleeping on a concert floor. When at a show and a band brings the mood down, one tends to expect much more from the next band. The Classic Crime appeared on stage instantly, firing up the crowd. The band hyped up the crowd with insane stage presence, incorporating a back flip or two into their breakdowns. The Classic Crime left the crowd begging for more, with Anberlin and Emery next. It’s kind of cool when everyone around you is saying ‘Wow, Anberlin is amazing live!’ Beginning with “A Day Late,” one of their hit songs, Anberlin continued playing popular songs and even songs dedicated to philanthropy in Africa from Tooth and Nail Records. Other songs worth listening to if you don’t get a chance



Ratings for music reviews are based on a scale from one to five. An album that scores a five is worth a listen, while an album that scores a one is better left on store shelves.

5.0

out of five points

to catch these guys live are “Glass to the Arson,” “Runaway,” “Stationary” and “Days Of Our Lives.” Anberlin left Minneapolis with hints at more new music at Warped Tour 2006 on June 18. Finally, Emery, the band everyone was waiting for, took the stage. Opening with “Returning The Smile You Had From The Start,” the crowd seemed a little disoriented, with Emery possibly not on key. The band played other fan favorites including “Studying Politics,” “In A Win, Win Situation,” “So I Could See My Breath,” and

closing with the much anticipated, “Walls.” The stage presence of Emery was off the hook. With screamers, the keyboard player and second guitarist leaping into the crowd, Emery rocked Minneapolis like none other! Constantly thanking fans, playing new music and lighting things up, Emery has truly established a shockingly amazing live show. They also will be at Warped Tour 2006. If you don’t get to see them live, be sure to pick up any of the bands’ albums.

Du jour

Magic Punch

Ingredients:
1 oz. mango juice
1 oz. papaya juice
1 oz. guava juice
4 oz. vodka (Absolut)
Mixing instructions:
Fill glass with ice, add ingredients and shake. Serve.

Malibu Screw

Ingredients:
1 oz. Malibu rum
1 oz. vodka
3 oz. orange juice
Mixing instructions:
Add chilled orange juice to the vodka and Malibu. Add ice if desired.

Cranberry Newt

Ingredients:
2 oz. orange juice
2 oz. cranberry juice
rum
Mixing instructions:
Shake vigorously. Serve.

The Student Voice does not condone underage drinking. If you are of age and choose to drink, please do so responsibly.

Sandler's bench needs warming

I find it incredibly revealing that “The Benchwarmers” was so bad I almost forgot to write the review for it. Rob Schneider and David Spade did a great job of running Jon Heder (from “Napoleon Dynamite”) right into the arms of obscurity. I’m sad to say, I don’t think he will be able to make a decent movie ever again.



Jenna Lee

But truly, what can one expect from an Adam Sandler production? He centered his whole career on pee jokes and getting hit in the crotch - so why didn’t it work here? Because Schneider isn’t funny. Of all the comedians to come out of Saturday Night Live, Schneider is by far the least deserving of any of them to get this kind of deal. Maybe if someone actually saw “Deuce Bigalow”, they would have thought twice about making this one. It’s just like one day Sandler was sitting around getting drunk with old pals, and decided to put all of them into one movie - just because he could. The three main characters are sick of seeing the neighborhood kids get bullied around the neighborhood baseball diamond. They were also geeks growing up, which they remind us of every five minutes of the film. They reminisce about titty twisters, wedgies and getting farted on almost as if they were a dork’s rite of passage. They join together with the help of Jon Lovitz, a geek that grew up to make billions, to start a tournament against all the bully kids, who happen to be the spawned brats of Spade and Schneider’s old tormentors. Lovitz actually shines in this movie. He is subtly funny throughout the film without over doing it. He seems to understand what a disgusting pile of a movie he’s a part of, and doesn’t mind. The other actors are just clueless. Another thing this movie is missing is a good, memorable scene. All the other Sandler productions, and even most of the other SNL alumni movies, have a great quote that you can say at any moment and people will giggle and know exactly what you’re talking about - “The price is wrong, bitch!”

2.2

out of five points

I was disappointed with Jon Heder, mostly because Napoleon was great for those memorable lines that people love to impersonate - “You idiot.”

“The Benchwarmers” just doesn’t have those kinds of scenes. In fact, most of the time the characters are just whining about how they get treated. No one wants to quote that in the middle of a party, unless you want to get picked on like one of the benchwarmers. It’s not that I am opposed to dick and fart jokes, really. Like baseball, this kind of

humor is a staple of American culture. I just wouldn’t pay \$7 for it. Save that money until it comes out on video and pay \$2 for it. Then take the other \$5 and get a couple of 40s with your friends. That might help when one of your buddies starts really crying about some past childhood trauma.

Jenna is a sophomore studying journalism and music history. She enjoys watching dark comedies.



Ratings for movie reviews are based on a scale from one to five. A film that scores a five is a movie worth seeing. A film that scores a one is a horribly acted or directed film with no substance.



Nick Welsh

In the Sandler-directed “The Benchwarmers,” Gus (Rob Schneider) is disgusted when he sees a baseball team of bullies picking on a little kid. Though he scares them off, the damage is done. Realizing that it’s been ages since he’s played baseball, he calls on his friends Richie and Clark to play a game with him. When the team of bullies comes back to the diamond to practice, the threesome challenges them for control of the field. At this time we learn that these three also grew up being picked on by

bullies. Even to this day they’re considered losers, so the chance to give some payback indeed is attractive. Days later they’re scouted by Mel (Jon Lovitz), a millionaire nerd who is inspired by their act and persuades them to participate in a tournament against the meanest little league teams in the state. Whoever is made champion will earn a brand new ballpark. Right away Gus becomes a role model for outcasts everywhere, but this envy is later threatened when his past is discovered. Though I was entertained, I still couldn’t help but feel this didn’t stand up equally with Sandler’s other past projects. There were positive moments, like when they drove by whacking mailboxes with a baseball bat, but there were also moments that seemed to take the film on a downward turn. Clark’s obsession with eating bugs proved a bit gross for me, and Richie’s brother seemed more embarrassing and ridiculous than funny. For some unknown reason there was a strange obsession with titty-twisters here. Nerds in movies have been known to do it in the past and bullies did it to themselves as self-inflicted punishment. I eventually got to the point where I was saying, ‘Alright we get it. What’s wrong with you? What is it with this obsession?’ Thankfully this film didn’t make the mistake where it broadcasted all of the good parts in advertising. There are plenty of great scenes that weren’t shown in the commercials. The script, which had its tender moments and fun, proved mediocre. But where the film’s writing fell short, physical comedy made up for it. David Spade does well as a wise-cracking, movie geek with low expectations and Jon Heder gives us a textbook example of a mama’s boy. Personally I’d recommend seeing it when it comes out on video, because then I’m sure people will feel they’ve gotten more of their money’s worth. This film wasn’t bad, but it wasn’t necessarily all that good either. I think mediocre would be the appropriate term.

Nick is a junior studying history. He enjoys comic book superhero movies.

2.0

out of five points



Every Wednesday afternoon, Jim King, a UW-RF student, devotes time to reading to children at the campus childcare center. King has has been reading to children on a weekly basis for the past three years. Music majors are required to perform recitals at the end of their college careers to showcase their talents. King will be accepting donations at his recital April 18 to raise funds to purchase new children’s books for the campus.

Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Student to use recital as fundraiser

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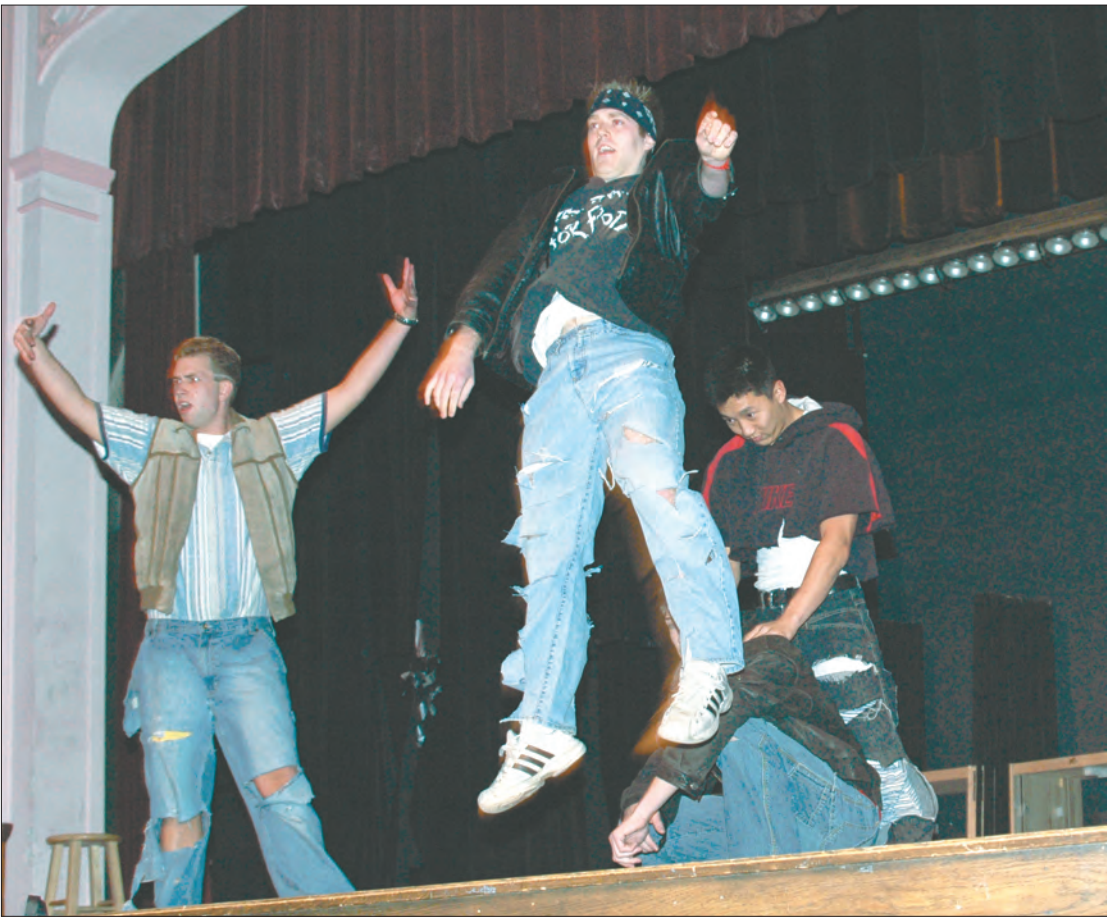
A senior recital is a required performance for all music majors to showcase their skills at the end of their career at UW-River Falls. Business and music double major Jim King is doing things a little differently. He is using his recital to benefit the campus and strengthen the community.
 “I have a little different motive behind my recital,” King said.
 On April 18 at 7 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building, King will be giving his hour-long recital as a fundraiser to purchase more children’s books for the Davee Library. There is no admission fee for the concert, but

donations will be accepted at the door.
 King has been reading for the preschool-age children at the childcare center for three years.
 “The kids love having him come,” Michelle Scheel, assistant director of the childcare center, said. “They especially love the elephant noise he makes.”
 Over the three-year period, King saw the need for books.
 “I realized I had cycled through all the applicable books for 4- to 5-year-olds,” King said.
 Scheel also saw the need for more than just the children.
 Scheel said that new books would not only benefit the children, but also education majors who use books for lesson plans and were faced with a small

selection.
 “They have to go to the public library. There are not very many [books] here that are appropriate,” Scheel said.
 Through donations, King said he hopes to raise between \$1,800 and \$2,000. The UW-RF teacher education students will get to select the books to be purchased with the money that is raised. He will personally receive no money from the project; just fulfill the one-credit senior recital requirement as a music major.
 King’s voice professor Jong Won Park said using a senior recital to raise money has never, to his knowledge, been done before.
 Although King specializes in singing opera, the performance will encompass many different music

styles to make the performance enjoyable for the average listener. He has included two Rogers and Hammerstein pieces, along with a piece by Steven Foster and songs in both French and German.
 There are no requirements in terms of the class as far as music selection; King said he just wanted to provide a good variety.
 “This is for their [the audience’s] enjoyment,” King said. “But believe me, I’m going to enjoy myself too.”
 King will have an accompanist on the piano during the performance, and is planning on a guest appearance from UW-RF’s own barbershop quartet, Beyond Cadence.

GREEK WEEK GOES OLD SCHOOL



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

Members of the Theta Chi fraternity perform to “The Right Stuff” by New Kids on the Block during the lip sync competition April 5. Theta Chi took first place in the event. The theme for this year’s lip sync competition was “I Love the 80s.”

Have a love for music, movies, video games or the arts? Apply to be an entertainment or art reviewer for the *Student Voice* and voice your opinions.

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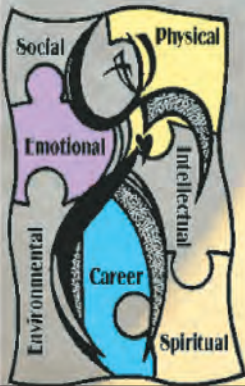
Smashed Up

(Okay, so maybe this isn’t quite what you drive...but you get the picture!)

69% of UWRF Students have never driven a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

88% of UWRF Students have not been in a vehicle with an intoxicated driver.

Data From UW-RF Alcohol and Other Drug Use Survey, Spring 2005



68% of the student body drinks zero to five days per month.

Student Health Services
 715.425.3293
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Larissa Fildes Spring 2006

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Stephen Steinberg
 April 19 & 20, 2006

All Students, Faculty and Staff are Invited!

You won't want to miss this!

Campus & Community Panel Discussion on Race, Ethnicity and Class
 Featuring UW-River Falls Students and Faculty

Panelists:
 Andris Straumalis, Assist. Prof., Journalism
 Kristine Butler, Assoc. Prof., French
 Eric Ebert, Student
 Kader Hussein, Student
 Somorae Smith, Student
 Robert Yang, Student
 Nancy Miller, Director, River Falls Public Library
 Stephen Steinberg, Author and Sociologist

Thursday, April 20th
 3:00-4:30p.m.
 Abbott Concert Hall
 Kleinpell Fine Arts Building

The Melting Pot Revisited
 Race, Ethnicity, Immigration and Assimilation in America

Visiting Scholar Lecture
 Wednesday, April 19th
 7:00 p.m.
 (Doors Open at 6:30p.m.)
 Abbott Concert Hall
 Kleinpell Fine Arts Building

To Read a Chapter excerpt from *The Ethnic Myth* go to:
<http://lib.ualbany.edu/libraries/eresources/items/andrisASG11333.pdf>

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