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Accounting society preps for tax season

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A relatively new program is helping students learn the ins and outs of tax season while benefiting the local community with their knowledge.

The UW-River Falls Accounting Society in conjunction with students from the Accounting 361 course assisted with taxes at WESTconsin Credit Union this spring.

Under Steve DeWald, the director of the Small Business Development Center, students saw firsthand what tax season is really like.

The program was offered on four separate dates: Feb. 17, Feb. 24, Mar. 3 and Mar. 10.

Although students are not allowed to complete the taxation forms because they do not have the necessary license to do so, they were allowed to sit in and assist with the preparation of the documents.

“We are an education facility, therefore we are giving students the opportunity to partake in what they learn,” he said.

The tax program has been active for five years and there are roughly 25 students that participate every year.

“The bulk of the students are from the Federal Income Tax II class as well as members of the student Accounting and Financing Society,” said DeWald.

Other students were allowed to participate as long as they have successfully completed the Accounting 360 class which is taught by DeWald.

The program is tied to WESTconsin by Bob Casey, the active Vice President of the River Falls and Prescott offices, who graduated from UWRF in 1986.

According to the press release from the WESTconsin credit Union, he has been a long serving member of the College of Business and Economics Advisory Board, “...and is presently a member and treasurer of the UW-River Falls Foundation Board of Directors; and this past October, added the role of Chair to the newly formed CBE Dean’s Council to his list of services to the campus.”

Casey was the 2010 recipient of the UWRF Outstanding Service Award in 2010.

The tax help program was aimed at assisting low-income participants that have an income below \$25,000 per year.

Last year the program helped roughly 12-15 people, but

students are hopeful that more advertising will bring in more people this year.

“Many of the lower income participants come early during tax season because they are able to receive their refund sooner,” DeWald said.

“This allows us to take extra time to help them check for any other benefits that they might be able to receive.”

The Accounting Society was established in 1995 at UWRF but was originally named the Institute of Management Accountants.

According to their mission statement, “Our mission is to promote accounting and finance majors to become actively involved in their academic and local community, along with allowing our members the opportunity to become well-rounded business-savvy professionals.”

Membership is open to all students that have an interest in accounting and finance, according to the site.

Those involved also participate in other activities through the society including attending conferences in the Twin Cities

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Faculty vote approves union

Jordan Langer/Student Voice

Donna Robole, employee representative, and Wes Chapin, union representative, sign paperwork verifying the vote. The majority of faculty turned out to vote for union representation by AFT-Wisconsin. 164 faculty voted out of 222. Of the 74 percent of faculty that voted, 148 voted for union representation while 16 voted no.

Proposed budget forces tough decisions on classes

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Cutting courses, increasing class sizes and letting some instructional academics staff go are just some of the ways the College of Arts and Sciences is trying to cope with a proposed 11 percent reduction in state funding.

The biennial budget proposed by Gov. Scott Walker on March 1 severely reduces the amount of funding to the UW-System. Although the budget needs to be approved by July 1, it could take several months before it is hashed out in the legislature and the certainties are known. The administration is therefore making the necessary adjustments now.

Interim Dean of CAS Brad Caskey said that it is imperative to make the course changes now because the fall 2011 course catalog will be available for student to register March 28.

“We need to make sure when students register, they can be confident that the courses will still exist,” added Caskey.

Over 90 percent of the university’s operational budget goes to salary, he said, so in order to work within a smaller budget, courses had to be cut.

The chair of each department in CAS examined the courses and the particularities of their department and sent Caskey a list that contained 5 percent fewer courses.

The 40 or more courses cut, the equivalent of six to eight full-time positions, are sections of general education courses but a few sections of elective courses were cut as well.

The number of instructional academic staff who will be let go will be comparable to 8 full-time positions, Caskey said.

Some instructors already know they will not be teaching at UWRF next year.

Psychology instructor August Hoffman

was told she would not be needed next year.

“I will miss my colleagues and students very much at UW River Falls,” she said. Hoffman said she remains confident that the university community will prevail during these difficult economic times.

The number of students per class will also be increased in many cases. For instance, an online section of astronomy that was capped at 30 was changed to a face-to-face class that can hold 90 students, said Caskey.

Astronomy professor Glenn Spiczak will be teaching the newly enlarged astronomy course. Spiczak, who has taught the online course in the past, said he is altering how he teaches the enlarged course.

“With a class of 90 students, this will be taught almost entirely via in-class lectures in one of the few large lecture halls,” he said. “However, I will use the iclickers to engage students and asses their understanding with occasional interactive questions during each class.”

Students will no longer be using D2L to discuss current astronomical news articles as they did in the online course because Spiczak said he will be unable to monitor and facilitate the discussions with so many students.

The online course implemented other teaching techniques that will no longer be translated to the face-to-face course.

“The smaller online course setup uses the publisher’s MasteringAstronomy online system that includes an eText, tutorials, self assessment tools, interactive figures, simulations, and automatically graded assignments,” Spiczak said.

“I feel badly for the students, since the online experience with a smaller manageable number of students gives them a richer experience,” he said.

The other three colleges are also making the necessary adjustments in order to deal

Bowls For Hope provides aid for needy families

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The 2011 Bowls For Hope, a way to help support the Kinnickinnic Backpack Program, took place on campus on March 22 in the University Center’s Riverview Ballroom.

The Kinnickinnic Backpack Program was created to provide food for children in the River Falls school district for the weekends during the school year.

During the school week, students eat free or reduced breakfast and lunches but at home during the weekend, the groceries may be running short, said Coordinator of the Backpack Program Romaine Hanson, “[the program] just helps them a lot.”

In 2010 the Bowls For Hope event raised \$5,000 in donations and more than 200 people attended.

This fundraiser was specifically geared towards obtaining fresh fruits and vegetables said Hanson.

Art Department Chair, Randy Johnston’s advance studio class donated about 125 bowls to the Bowls for Hope fundraiser to help benefit The Backpack Program.

Johnston said he asked students in the class to make 10 bowls for the program and choose at least five to donate.

“What a great project it is to be apart of and to bring attention to hunger in this community and the country in general. All of our students were more than happy to participate in the project,” said Johnston.

Backpacks are packed by volunteers at Ezekiel Lutheran Church with healthy non-perishable foods and vouchers for produce. The backpacks are discreetly distributed to participating students the day before the weekend, holiday, or school vacation.

“Through falcon followers I chose to be

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Sally King/Student Voice

Romaine Hanson (left) and Mary Van Galen were instrumental with helping the 2011 Bowls For Hope event, on March 22 in the University Center’s Riverview Ballroom. Hanson was the coordinator for the program which raised \$5,000 in donations. More than 200 people attended the event.

Pell changes could spell more debt for students

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When Kaitlin Zander was growing up on her family farm near Cross Plains, Wis., she said her family struggled financially. Zander said there was a serious shortage of large animal veterinarians at the farm during her childhood and adolescence, and she always dreamed of doing something about it.

“I had always seen my family struggle but my parents always tried to give us the best,” Zander said. “My dad works three jobs and my mom has two and we have the farm.”

Zander said her solution to what she observed while growing up was to go to college and study large animal science. There was just one problem. She was going to need a lot of help funding her college education and her parents are not in a financial position to do that.

With several grants and loans under her belt, she is currently enrolled at UW-River Falls, where she is in her second year pursuing her childhood solution to the shortage of large animal veterinarians.

Among the financial aid she qualified for, Zander is a recipient of a federally funded Pell Grant.

The grant has recently been up for debate by the United States Senate and the Obama administration because a portion of the grant’s funds comes from discretionary spending, said UWRF Director of Financial Aid Barbara Stinson.



Tennae Maki/Student Voice
Student Kaitlin Zander is studying to be a large animal veterinarian. Cuts to Pell Grant funding could put that dream in jeopardy.

Last year the Obama Administration proposed to expand Pell Grants incrementally and increase the eligibility requirements. However, with the falling economy, the number of eligible recipients has grown substantially, Stinson said.

In response, lawmakers have proposed cuts to discretionary spending in a budget based on negotiations between the president and Congress.

Unable to come to a decision, Congress has postponed voting on discretionary spending cuts until April 8, said Director of the Academic Success Center Jill Moe.

Students with an Expected Family Contribution, or EFC, of zero were once eligible for a maximum of \$5,550 in Pell Grants. The Senate voted to cut this amount by \$845. This amount leaves a much greater impact for a \$1,000 Pell Grant recipient, Moe said.

An EFC amount of zero means that a student does not and cannot receive any financial assistance from their family, Stinson said.

According to a UW-System report, in the



Sarah Hellier/Student Voice
Financial aid counselors like Anthony Rubis, above, face the difficult task of helping students afford college at a time when tuition is increasing and aid is decreasing.

2008-2009 academic year, 22 percent of UWRF students were Pell Grant recipients. In sum, the University received \$4.2 million dollars in Pell Grants, with an average of \$3,121 per student.

Grant eligibility is determined through a form filled out by students known as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, said Financial Aid Counselor Anthony Rubis.

In the 2008-2009 academic year, 73 percent of students at UWRF received some form of financial aid, according to a UW-System report.

“There is definitely a correlation between financial need and admission standards,” said Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services Alan Tuchtenhagen. “With that, we have a lot of first-generation students.”

Over half of UWRF students are first-generation students, meaning their parents do not have college degrees, Moe said.

As a first-generation Pell Grant recipient, Zander said she picked UWRF because it is affordable.

UWRF continues to be one of the cheapest options in the area for students interested in attending a four-year institution, but chang-

es to Pell Grant funding could change that, Tuchtenhagen said.

“I have heard no serious proposals to do away with Pell, but students may have to incur more debt,” Tuchtenhagen said.

In the current financial climate, student tuition will continue to increase, said Stinson.

According to a UW-System report, in the 2009-2010 academic year UWRF tuition increased \$289 from the previous academic year.

With increasing tuition and decreasing amounts of available financial aid, college student success will inevitably be affected, Moe said.

The most important thing students can do is to vote for government officials that value higher education, Stinson said.

“Now we are dealing with the consequences of who was voted into office,” she said.

Zander said she might have to go back home and find away to immediately work off her debt if she is not awarded enough from the Pell Grant next year. Alternatively, she would have to take out additional loans so she can continue pursuing her career ambitions in large animal science.

Senate Shorts

From the March 22 Student Senate Meeting:

- Appointments:
- Kendall Quandahl was appointed to the Differential Tuition Task Force.

Voice Shorts

UWRF staff member dies

Career Services director Bridget Kenadijian died in her home March 21 surrounded by family. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 26, at First Evangelical Free Church in Minneapolis. Visitation is at 10 a.m. with funeral services at 11 a.m.

Pinkies out: Career Services to host etiquette dinner

Career Services is hosting an etiquette dinner from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. this Tuesday in the UC Ballroom. Besides a five-course dinner, attendees will receive hands-on training for appropriate dining and business etiquette. Business professional attire is encouraged and reservations are required.

Time is running out to apply for WRFW positions

WRFW director applications are due Friday, April 1 to 306 North Hall. Positions available include Program Director, News Director, Sports Director, Music Director, Assignment Editor and Promotions Director. Applications can be picked up in a folder outside the studio in North Hall.

Grant deadline approaches

The Robert P. Knowles International Education Grant deadline is March 28, 2011. The endowment funds will be used to provide scholarships for the students at UW-River Falls to study abroad and Faculty for research and teaching abroad. The Knowles grant was established in memory of Knowles, who graduated in 1938 from UWRF and received the Distinguished Alumnus award.

Corrections/Clarifications

In the March 11 edition of the Student Voice:

- The Student Voice neglected to clarify that Ever After Gowns is a non-profit organization for which four UW-River Falls marketing students are coordinating a dress drive.
- Students will be collecting gently used prom dresses and accessories 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 23-25 in the UC lower level. The Student Voice staff did not originally include dates for this event.
- In the title of the Ever After Gowns in Voice Shorts, the headline read “Ever After Gowns gives less fortunate prom experience.” It should have instead read “Ever After Gowns gives less fortunate the prom experience.”

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Accounting: Experience offers practical job skills

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that open up many opportunities for internships and jobs, said DeWald.

Members of the Accounting Society have found great benefits in the group as well as the tax help program.

The Accounting Society allows students to have the oppor-

tunity to see the CPA requirements as well as participate in volunteer projects while being an active part of the university, said UWRF alumnus, Tyler Orth.

The group brings in presenters to talk about CPA requirements and to give students the opportunity to see what you can do with a CPA license.

“The Accounting Society is an amazing learning experi-

ence,” said Co-President, Jonathan Burks.

“In class we only learn the mathematics of taxes but with the tax help program we get to see the forms first hand and make the connections ourselves from class.”

Bowls: Fundraising goes to Kinni Backpack Program

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with the backpack program,” said freshman Danielle Peterson.

“It only lasts for two years, but I plan to, if the backpack program is needed, stay with the program throughout my four years of college here. It’s a great program.”

The Backpack Program is completely managed by volunteers and funds are acquired through grant writing, donations, and fundraisers.

“It is strictly volunteer, we don’t get any government funding so everything that we do is through volunteers, though fundraising, through grant writing,” said Hanson.

The program is a process we have to continuously fundraise for and see where we can get the next dollar to keep this program going she said.

“It takes quite a bit of help from volunteers to keep the program running successfully.”

An average of 1,350 lbs of food is sent home with participating students in the River Falls School District each month.

And it takes about 15 volunteers to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

“It’s really nice to be out here and to have everyone out here participating, and making it happen,” said Hanson.

“It’s sad that we have to have it, but its nice that its there.”

The backpack program was started in Little Rock, Arkansas when a school nurse asked for help because students were coming to her with stomachaches and dizziness.

There are now about 35,000 backpacks that are nationally distributed through the Backpack program each week.



Sally King/Student Voice

Students, staff and community members took part in the Bowls For Hope program. As part of the event, participants filled backpacks with healthy food. The backpack program, which provides meals to families during the summer, was started in Little Rock, Arkansas when a school nurse asked for help when students were coming to her with stomachaches and dizziness.

Budget: CAS plans to make changes before class selections

with the reduction in state funding.

All of the changes within the CAS will amount to an estimated instructional cost savings of \$400,000 to \$500,000, Caskey said

The Growth Agenda, introduced by the UW System a year ago seeks to increase the number of college graduates in the state. Be-

lieving in the notion that more college graduates correlates with a stronger, more robust economy, the Growth Agenda set a benchmark for the UW-System of 80,000 more graduates by 2025.

In order to accommodate an increase in students UWRF relies on funding from the state, Caskey said.

“The growth agenda is off the table,” he said. “We will not intentionally grow when our resources are diminishing.”

The decrease in state support for public universities, evident in the 2011-13 biennial budget, is part of a statewide trend over the last several years.

“Relative to the total state population,

Wisconsin ranked 37 among the 50 states in 2010 in per capita spending on higher education, down from 34 place in 2009,” according to a report written by President of the Board of Regents Charles Pruitt and former Board of Regents President Jay Smith.

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EDITORIALS

Students should plan for future, internships

We are now in the second part of the semester, which means projects, tests and papers will begin to consume our time. It is necessary to stay on top of the course work because nothing is worse than procrastinating and cramming it all in at the last second.

Another very important thing that should be taken into account is applying for summer internships. Although it may be too late for some, there are plenty of companies that are just now looking through the submitted resumes and cover letters by college students.

In many cases, companies are beginning to see a profit, a sign that the country is slowing coming out of the great recession. Businesses across the country are starting to hire for full-time positions and interns and we are seeing the unemployment rate decreasing slightly. Students should capitalize on this opportunity and apply for an internship.

It should be known that one may not make a ton of money as an intern; some may not even pay a wage at all. That should not be a disincentive to apply for an internship however.

In this job market, where college students are competing for jobs against older, more experienced applicants, having some experience out in the workforce is essential to career success.

Employers are looking for well-rounded, educated and experienced workers. According to a June 2010 report from Georgetown University, the number of jobs requiring postsecondary education will increase to a national average of 63 percent by 2018. That means that as college students, we are already on the right track. However, obtaining a college degree is not enough; one should have completed an internship and other work experience.

Many students will be required to work as an intern in order to graduate. In those cases, the department chairs and professors already know of internship possibilities and can help students navigate through the process. For those students that don't have to complete an internship, hopefully you understand that that does not mean you shouldn't apply for one. Ask your advisor for help finding some possible internships and research online.

Career Services is also a great resource to use. Counselors assist students on a daily basis with resume and cover letter tips and internship and job searches. Career service is also putting on an etiquette dinner at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the University Center's Riverview Ballroom. This is a great way to increase your career preparedness while also enjoying a five-course dinner.

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Lifestyle Enthusiast on the town:

Bookstore hunt leaves two friends mystified



Christopher Pagels

Columnist

Tater and I were racing towards the "Cultural Studies" section of bookstores, but I got there first. Alas, there were no secrets hidden in the books. Tater and I were on adventure I call "The Secret Hunt". This quest is a full action-mode scavenger hunt where we look for loose-leaf secrets in Postsecret books. The master plan was to scour 14 independent and chain bookstores across the Twin Cities.

Postsecret is an art project run by Frank Warren that encourages people to send him anonymous secrets on postcards to his home in Germantown, MD. He receives thousands of secrets each week and posts them on postsecret.com. Subsequently, he has published collections of these secrets into five themed books, being the source of our reward.

Having faithfully checked his blog every Sunday for the past several years, I learned that people also leave extra secrets in these Postsecret books. A quest was born: The Secret Hunt. Done deal, I didn't question the desire, but I would need some assistance. Tater, my good friend, was both willing and just as curious to join this quest.

Before we could leave her apartment one Saturday in October 2010, the adventure became somber because Tater's mother called with devastating news that the family dog had just died. She belied her emotions behind a stoic smile that didn't show her grief as she assured her mother everything was okay. "Maybe another day" I said. She confirmed she still wanted to sojourn on with the hunt. "Besides" she said, "I made a promise and I keep my promises."

The sun bounced off my aviators as we rolled down Highway 35, making our way to the first leg of the Hunt to the Border's bookstore in Woodbury. A couple days prior, I scouted a Barnes and Noble to get a lay of the bookstore. Dewey Decimal System, no. "Cultural studies" and "Art", yes. We didn't find any secrets at Border's. I didn't seriously think we would find any loose-leaf secrets on our first attempt, that kind of luck would set a bad precedent and make us spoiled. The next stop: the Barnes and Noble on the other side of Woodbury. Before we stepped foot in the bookstore, Tater challenged me to a game. The game was called Secret Hunt Race Competition. A point would be awarded to the person who found the Postsecret books first. Now it was on!

Once we push through the wooden double doors, we

Postsecret is an art project run by Frank Warren that encourages people to send him anonymous secrets... he has published them into five themed books.

power walked through the stacks like adult-children. We were criss-crossing, stumbling over, and eyeballing each other through the shelves as we quickly scanned the titles like Google search. I got the first point: Christopher 1-Tater 0. The Hunt was becoming more then finding secrets. After glossing over the Postsecret books, there were no secrets hidden. Next stop: Common Good Books in St. Paul. The brick building, on Western Avenue, housed several stores and a jade fountain pool with brass railings from the 1920's. The Common Good Books had flotsam and jetsam of floating shelves that hugged walls which didn't help with searching. Yet, I found the first Postsecret book:

Christopher 2-Tater 0. There were only two Postsecret books, with zero extra secrets. We began to question the nature of the Hunt and pondered if we should leave our own secrets. I said I would wait until the last store, but the last store would come sooner then later. Even though we had found no secrets, I was still optimistically enthusiastic by repeating "just one secret."

We found no extraneous secrets in the Red Balloon Bookshop on Grand Avenue (Tater point), another Border's (Tater point), and Micawber's Books (no point awarded). Christopher 2-Tater 2. Eight more bookstores left.

We rolled into Minneapolis and parked four blocks away, paying fifty cents for 20 minutes. Now we had a real reason to hurry up as we jogged all the way to the Barnes and Noble on Nicollet. There were two levels in this bookstore, so we scoured the bottom half and ran parallel up the stairs and took a right. We power walked through the stacks glancing at each other between the shelves. We spotted the Cultural Studies section at the same time and we ran towards our goal, but she touched the Postsecret book first seconds before I. We both took a "Postsecret: Extraordinary Confessions from Ordinary Lives" at the same time, opening the books in tandem, they fell open to a dollar bill in each. We looked at each other with gapping faces and flipped our dollars over to find no secret. Twin secrets, but what was the meaning?

This was the time we realized that the dollar bill was where we were to put our own secret. Tater immediately wrote down her secret. It was not my place to ask what her secret was, but someone else would find out. I pocketed the dollar and said I would leave my secret at the last bookstore, but that Barnes and Noble would be our last bookstore. I confused my directions in Minneapolis and finally found driving awareness in Columbia Heights. We scrapped the rest of the bookstores.

What did we learn? In the end, I took the meaning of the dollar as a reward from the unknown stranger and Tater left her secret for another unknown stranger. Tater won The Secret Hunt Race Competition: Christopher 2-Tater 3.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recall of State Senator for nation's education

I've signed the petition to recall State Senator Sheila Harsdorf. This wasn't just a response to recent events but a long-standing disagreement with the senator's voting record.

Harsdorf has never seen a corporate tax break she doesn't like. Before the current legislature got to work on the state's huge budget deficit, Harsdorf voted to deepen the deficit by approving more corporate tax breaks. Then she turned around and voted to make public employees pay the tab. Next she'll vote to further slash funding for local governments and schools. Property taxes will rise to make up the difference. In the end you and I will pay more while corporations get the breaks.

Harsdorf sees corporate tax breaks as the best way to boost the wealth of the state. The truth she chooses to ignore is that teachers in public schools are the single greatest generators of wealth in our world. Think! Where would you be without your education? A nation or a state without high quality universal education is among the poorest of all.

Get recall petition info at: www.recallharsdorf.com/

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Reminder to make your voice heard through Conservation Congress



Elwood Brehmer
Columnist

Complaints about government not hearing the public’s voice are as old as time. Once elected, officials seem to go deaf and grow blinders in the face of public opinion. We can hear the cries from Madison. We heard much the same in Washington when the health care bill became law. In some ways our voices will never be heard, but in Wisconsin we have an overlooked opportunity to participate in the decisions made regarding our wild things.

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress is a unique organization. Its stated purpose is to be, “... an independent organization of citizens of the state and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the natural resources board...” It gives Wisconsin citizens a platform; elected delegates from each county represent their constituents and report public opinion on issues ranging from daily bag and size limits on fish to how public funds are used in state parks.

The public’s voice is heard every spring at meetings in every county. This year the Spring Hearings will be held April 11, at the Ellsworth and St. Croix Central high schools for Pierce and St. Croix counties. Everyone is welcome, not just hunters, anglers, and woodsmen. The Congress has committees focusing on specific topics such as the Mississippi River, public and private land use, forestry, parks and recreation. If you hold an interest in birds, wildflowers, cross-country skiing, basically anything pertaining to the outside of Wisconsin, you can be involved.

Matters concerning the DNR are often ignored until they directly and negatively affect us. The Wisconsin Conservation Congress is designed specifically to prevent that from happening. Take advantage of it or forever hold your peace, at least until next spring.

Elwood is a senior journalism student originally from River Falls. He tries to write about topics from a slightly offbeat perspective. Outside of school he typically dreams about fishing, then goes fishing, daydreams while he is fishing about what he is going to cook when he gets home, then cooks. That is, unless the Packers are on.

STUDENT VOICES

What are you planning on doing over summer break this year?

Lauren Evans, junior



“I plan on starting a farm in Red Lake, MN. It will be turned into an internship. I also am going to China through the China Exploration Research Society.”



Jessica McGraw, junior

“Volunteer, nanny, stay around River Falls, and probably be a regular at Bo’s and Mine.”

Melissa Deardorff, junior



“I’m going to go home and get a job and go to Vegas for vacation.”



Ashley Berner, senior



“I’m going to life guard and help coach my high school hockey team.”

Ally Foley, junior

“I am getting a job, The Pride Fest, going to the cabin, and summer classes.”



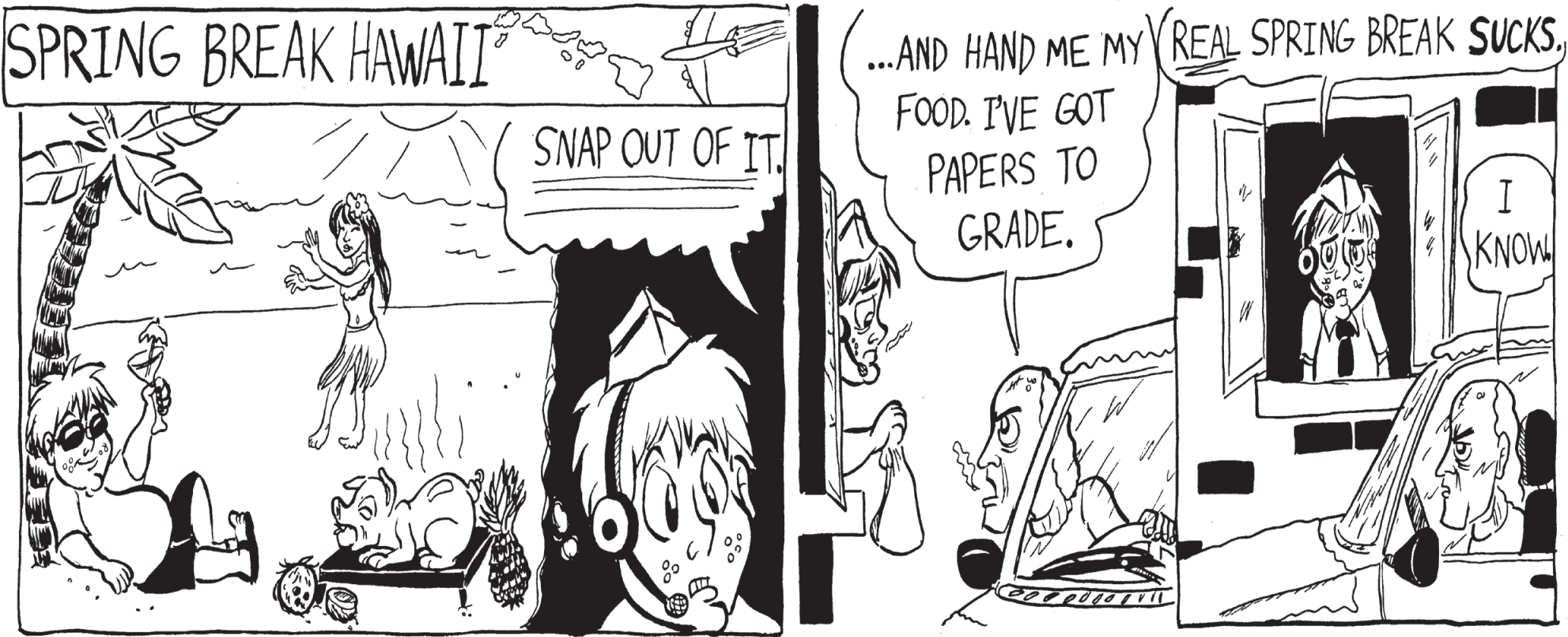
Shelby Rasmussen, sophomore

“I have two jobs and I am going to Florida for my 20th birthday.”

Amber Becker, junior



“I’m going to go home and work at Crocs at the Outlet Mall.”



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Falcons finish strong season 24-2-4

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The UW-River Falls women’s hockey team saw their season slip away on March 12 when the Falcons lost to Gustavus Adolphus in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The Falcons entered the tournament coming off of their only loss of the season, a 4-3 defeat at the hands of Adrian College in the championship game of the O’Brien Cup Playoffs.

While he said the loss was disappointing, Head Coach Joe Cranston stressed that the season as a whole could not have gone better.

“I am super excited and proud of this year,” Cranston said. “If you look at it, we broke every record there is, from the most wins all the way down to power-play percentage.”

Cranston said that the emphasis and pressure of carrying an undefeated record for the majority of the season was something that could have been reversed very easily.

“Even though we lost our last two games, we could have lost six or seven games during the year,” Cranston said. “Maybe then people would not have been putting so much emphasis on the last two games.”

Cranston said that the loss to Gustavus this year actually pointed out some positive things about the team.

“A year ago when we played Gustavus, we just played bad,” Cranston said. “That was not the case this year; we did a number of good things and it was great to end on the note that we know we can dominate a hockey game.”

Junior forward Katie Flanagan said that the year was a huge success, stressing the fact that the Falcons could have lost a number of games along the way.

“We had a lot of close games this year,” Flanagan said. “We had games where we had to come from behind just to force an overtime tie.”

Flanagan said that mistakes ultimately ended the Falcons run for a national title.

“The Gustavus game obviously did not go the way we wanted it too,” Flanagan said. “They capitalized on our mistakes and the better team won.”

Cranston said that the future looks bright for the Falcons, adding that incoming freshman will play a huge role.

“We are going to have a lot of new faces next year,” Cranston said. “Anywhere from seven to nine new faces are going to make us a completely different team.”

Cranston added that the return of a handful of talented juniors would only add to the strength of the team.

“We return three out of our four goalies which will be great,” Cranston said. “We also will have three veterans on defense and a couple of strong freshman coming in that will help a lot.”

Both Flanagan and Cranston said that the season was something to build on and be proud of.

“It was a great season,” Flanagan said. “I could not ask for more, and I am looking forward to making a run at it again next year.”

“I am not concerned with the two losses at the end of the year,” Cranston said. “I am more concerned with the big picture and what a fantastic year we had.”

The Falcons finished their 2010-2011 season with a record of 24-2-4.



Sally King/Student Voice
Top: Judy Daleiden (25) skates through the neutral zone during the Falcons NCAA quarterfinal game. Bottom Right: Emma Nordness (7) takes the puck up ice for the Falcons. Bottom Left: Senior defensemen Kayleigh Bell (4) takes a shot during her final game, a 4-1 loss to Gustavus Adolphus March 12.

Congratulations to the following student-athletes for their success during the winter sports season.

Women’s Hockey

Kait Mason, first team All-American West Region, NCHA first and All-Rookie teams; **Lauren Conrad**, first team All-American West Region, first team All-NCHA; **Kayleigh Bell**, first team All-NCHA; **Jessica Thompson**, first team All-NCHA; **Cassi Campbell**, NCHA honorable mention; **Katie Flanagan**, NCHA honorable mention; **Jamie Briski**, NCHA All-Academic Team; **Bailey Vikstrom**, NCHA All-Academic Team; **Alyssa Jackson**, NCHA All-Academic Team; **Jami Weiss**, NCHA All-Academic Team; **Amanda Ryder**, NCHA All-Academic Team.

Men’s Hockey

Justin Brossman, first team All-WIAC, NCHA honorable mention; **John Bullis**, NCHA honorable mention, WIAC honorable mention; **Scott Lewan**, NCHA honorable mention, WIAC honorable mention; **Alec Hagaman**, NCHA All-Rookie Team, WIAC honorable mention; **Josh Calleja**, WIAC honorable mention; **Sean Roadhouse**, WIAC honorable mention; **Jason Yuel**, WIAC All-Sportsmanship Team, NCHA All-Academic Team; **Eric Babcook**, NCHA All-Academic Team; **Tad Norris**, NCHA All-Academic Team.

Men’s Basketball

Jake Voeltz, second team All-NABC West Region, first team All-WIAC; **Shane Manor**, first team All-WIAC; **Jontae Koonkaew**, WIAC honorable mention; **Danny Johnson**, WIAC All-Sportsmanship Team.

Women’s Basketball

Tiffany Gregorich, first team All-WIAC, WIAC All-Defensive Team; **Maranda Dohrn**, WIAC honorable mention; **Alise Holst**, WIAC honorable mention.

Men’s Track and Field

Scott Jensen, All-American, seventh place 4x400 relay; **Indy Liljevall**, All-American, seventh place 4x400 relay; **Lucas Mueller**, All-American, seventh place 4x400 relay; **Nick Zeien**, All-American, 4x400 relay.

Brewers offseason additions have columnist thinking World Series title



Ashley Goettl
Columnist

There is a buzz around the Milwaukee Brewers’ clubhouse. A buzz filled with optimism and hope as the start of a new season is just days away. With key offseason additions, new manager Ron Roenicke, and three returning all-stars, the Brewers may be favored to win the National League Central in 2011. How these offseason additions fill in will be key in the race to a division and potential World Series title; something that has yet to be done in Brewers history.

After finishing 14 out of the 16 National League teams in team earned run average, it was obvious that changes had to be made to the pitching staff that had a 4.58 ERA. Only Arizona and Pittsburgh finished worst. The key offseason move was the accusation of the 2009 A.L. Cy Young winner Zack Greinke. Greinke comes to the Brewers from a trade with the lowly Kansas City Royals. Last season, he posted a 10-14 record and a 4.17 ERA. While those numbers would make him a third or even fourth starter on most contending clubs, the Brewers are hoping that Greinke can post numbers closer to his Cy Young days, when he went 16-8 with an outstanding 2.16 ERA. Unfortunately for the Brewers, Greinke will not be the Opening Day starter as he broke his ribs while playing pick-up basketball on March 8. The Brewers are hoping he can return around the middle of April.

When the Brewers take on 2010 N.L. Central division champion Cincinnati

Reds on March 31 in Cincinnati to open the 2011 season, they will send all-star and last year’s ace Yovani Gallardo to toe the rubber. Gallardo led the Brewers’ staff last season with a 14-7 record and a 3.84 era. Joining the improved Brewers’ pitching staff is Sean Marcum. Marcum comes to the Brewers from Toronto, where he finished the 2010 season with a 13-8 record and a 3.64 ERA. These stats are certainly impressive considering that Marcum went up primarily against the American League East which includes the Yankees, Rays and Red Sox. However, Marcum is coming off a shoulder injury he suffered during Spring Training. But Marcum has ensured Roenicke that he should be ready to go at the season’s start.

While the pitching staff is anchored down, the Brewers will also be expecting big things from the face of the franchise Ryan Braun. Braun, along with Prince Fielder and Corey Hart provide the meat of the lineup which finished fourth in the NL in batting average, .262. The Reds meanwhile, led the NL in hitting at .272. Braun led the Brewers with a .304 average, with 25 home runs and 103 RBIs.

With the 2011 Major League Baseball season is just around the corner, the Brewers are ready to step out of the shadows of Albert Pujols and the Cardinals, and Joey Votto and the Reds. With an improved pitching staff and a potent heart of the lineup, the Brewers may be poised to make a date with history and accomplish something that hasn’t been done in Brewers’ history: a World Series title.

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'Adjustment Bureau' wins with on-screen chemistry

Dustyn
Dubuque

When young politician David Norris (Matt Damon) is running for governor of New York he is always in the public's eye. His age, along with some college photos, set David at a disadvantage in his campaign. Even

with his loss in his campaign, he still finds a way to stay in the spotlight with a heartfelt speech to the public after a rendezvous in the bathroom with a girl he had only met for five minutes. By chance he runs into this same girl, Ellis Sellas (Emily Blunt), on a bus through the city the very next day.

A group of men in trench coats and fedora hats want to make sure Norris stays away from Ellis because the fact they met up again by chance was a bad thing. This chance meet up altered his life that is essentially planned by these men that work for the Adjustment Bureau. Norris must now either choose to keep living the life he is set to lead or break the rules of his planned future and go find the woman he is so infatuated with. Little does he know that this Bureau has powers that are

beyond any normal human's control. "The Adjustment Bureau" has all the makings of an average thriller, which it is, but there is a part of it that excels the movie past the point of average: the love connection between Damon and Blunt. The bond they share when they are on the screen together is spectacular. I felt like I was involved in their relationship from the moment they met each other in the bathroom to their run for the truth at the top of a skyscraper. It all just worked for me.

As for the Bureau itself, it is a different concept that was done in a very fashionable way. Once the pieces start to come together you start to understand the underlying truth and tones in the movie. The only thing is these tones illuminate how humans should behave with a lot of religious context, which at some points bogs down the film. Often times "The Adjustment Bureau" mixes its thriller/romantic plot with some science fiction that just doesn't work and is not needed. Besides those few gripes, this movie was actually very good. I realized I

became sucked into this film. Not because I was so interested in what the ending was going to be but where it would lead the two lead characters relationship. If you are looking for a good night out at the movies, for sure see "The Adjustment Bureau."



Broken Bells proves James Mercer's and Danger Mouse's musical genius



Rylen
Klieser

Mercer, or Danger Mouse, really ought to check them out on this self titled album "Broken Bells." James Mercer is the head of the ever popular indie group "The Shins" and despite a very successful discography with

the group, recently began collaborating with Danger Mouse.

Now one may think with a name like Danger Mouse, expectations can't really be higher for this musician. Fortunately for him, he backs it up.

He comes from the fantastically soulful group Gnarls Barkley, and makes some of the most powerful jams out there, with none other than Ceelo Green. Furthermore, Danger Mouse is also one of the music industry's most in demand music producers.

To cut to the point, he's a musical entrepreneur and fast growing idol for younger musicians.

With all that said, Mercer and Danger Mouse come from quite different musical

backgrounds with this recent release but sound as if they have been playing together for years. Broken Bells is the epitome of experimentation for both of these musicians and even despite that, the album offers several singles soon to be found on the charts.

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symphony for the ears. Hints of Mercer's brilliant vocals intertwined with Danger Mouse's enchanting piano playing, make this song a must listen!

Broken Bells has really hit the road running with this recent self titled release and portrays a bold attempt at breaking free from past groups and labels. Both Mercer and Danger Mouse left very successful groups when doing this collaboration, and show a great bit of growth as musicians with this production.

In leaving behind such crucial groups as these two did, I have to wonder which band(s) will ultimately survive the test of time. Ultimately, Broken Bells captured the attention of a very wide array of listeners and intrigued audiences enough to wonder what's next for Mercer and Danger Mouse.

All in all, enjoy this group while you can, embrace this talented duo, and hope they stick around for the long run.

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Gov. Walker’s budget threatens congruity of UW Systems

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The Board of Regents is working on an amendment to Gov. Scott Walker’s 2011-13 biennial budget that would give flexibility to all UW System schools, while keeping UW-Madison intact, according to the Wisconsin Idea Partnership.

As a part of Walker’s budget proposal, UW-Madison could be split from the rest of the UW System schools in order to obtain more flexibility. Chancellor Dean Van Galen, along with the majority of other UW System chancellors, traveled to Madison on March 4, to speak out against the UW-Madison split-off.

The Board of Regent’s amendment to the budget proposal focuses on the areas of budgeting, tuition and pricing, human resources, capital planning and construction, financial management, and purchasing. The proposal being worked on by the Board of Regents was passed 16-1 at the Board of Regents meeting on March 10.

The goal of the amendment is to avoid the separation of UW-Madison from the UW System while also providing flexibility to move funds around to address university issues.

It could also provide the Board of Regents with the opportunity to set tuition levels based on the needs of a university’s students and employees to maintain its educational qualities.

“The Wisconsin Idea Partnership would address the need to provide incentives for innovative practices and reward creativity and initiative on the part of faculty, academic staff, and limited appointees, non-represented classified employees, and represented classified employees,” according to the Wisconsin Ideas Partnership.

At the town hall meeting on March 7, Chancellor Dean Van Galen discussed the implications of the UW-Madison spin-off from the UW System.

This separation would give UW-Madison the chance to set its own tuition and have its own board with the majority being appointed by the governor, said Van Galen.

“There are a lot of complexities under the surface,” said Van Galen.

The Board of Regents met with the chancellors across the UW System to allow them to share their opinions on March 4.

Van Galen spoke of the university’s opposition because all universities need the flexibility being offered to UW-Madison.

“I must say I am deeply concerned that the separation of UW-Madison will, over time, result in public resources being disproportionately lost from institutions other than Madison. And I say ‘over time’ because arguments can be made, and actions can be taken in the short term, that may imply that a separate UW-Madison would consume a lesser proportion of state resources. In the long run, I really question this argument,” Van Galen said.

UWRF is looking for similar flexibilities that are being offered to UW-Madison, said special assistant to the chancellor Blake Fry.

“We, as a campus, don’t have ability to set our own tuition,” Fry said. “We don’t have the flexibility to adjust salary to customize per person on campus. There are also restrictions on how many permanent full time employees we’re allowed to have and what can be done with state funding.”

UWRF students, Nikki Shonoiki and Jenna Verhaagh, are

concerned about how the UW-Madison split of could impact all UW System schools.

“The UW System is supposed to work as a group, one college shouldn’t split off,” said Verhaagh. “Many students transfer throughout their college life, what happens then?”

“It will damage the UW System as a whole because we won’t have as many resources. Smaller colleges and other four-year universities will take a big hit. It just wouldn’t be the same without UW-Madison,” said Shonoiki.

There are two major concerns in regards to the UW-Madison spin-off, which include funding and operations.

“With the current budget proposal, UW-Madison is taking a larger budget cut than they would normally take. Our concern is what happens two to four years from now,” said Fry.

Madison has hired 14 lobbyists to help push the spin-off through legislation. UW-Madison has very deep pockets with support from alumni, said Fry.

UWRF is currently facing an 11percent base budget reduction along with the rest of the UW System schools, while UW-Madison is facing a 13 percent base budget reduction, said Van Galen.

“State dollars make up a smaller percentage of their overall budget. They bring out a lot of federal grants. They have raised their tuition significantly with the differential tuition they passed. They’re saying they’ll take a bigger hit, but it is not truly the case. We will still be taking a greater hit to our overall budget,” said Fry.

The lead administrators at UWRF are working hard so that students won’t see a change in their educational experience, said Fry.

“We are identifying programs we should look to grow, maintain, and those that should be consolidated,” Fry said. “We are going to protect the top 20 percent especially our classrooms, study abroad programs, and instructional areas.”

“The UW System is supposed to work as a group, one college shouldn’t split off. Many students transfer throughout their college life, what happens then?”
Jenna Verhaagh
Student

This week in Student Voice history

March 31, 1931

“The mystery concerning the disappearance of Gordon Page, junior, from the college the week previous to exams has at last been solved. According to a report received here last week Page is now in Boston getting ready to enter a school of music. Leaving here penniless on the morning of March 14, Gordon hitch hiked his way to the Massachusetts city in less than two weeks. His whereabouts was not known to his friends here until an aunt of his in New York state reported that he had stopped there to get some laundry work done.”

“An activity that brought out approximately ninety percent of the student body was the masquerade party held in the North Hall gym on Friday evening. According to student opinion the event was the Utopian social affair of the present school year.” Costume clad gentlemen and coeds dressed in every conceivable wearing apparel from elaborate gaudy manners of dress to overalled and “gunny sacked” individuals gathered during the early part of the evening.”

March 28, 1945

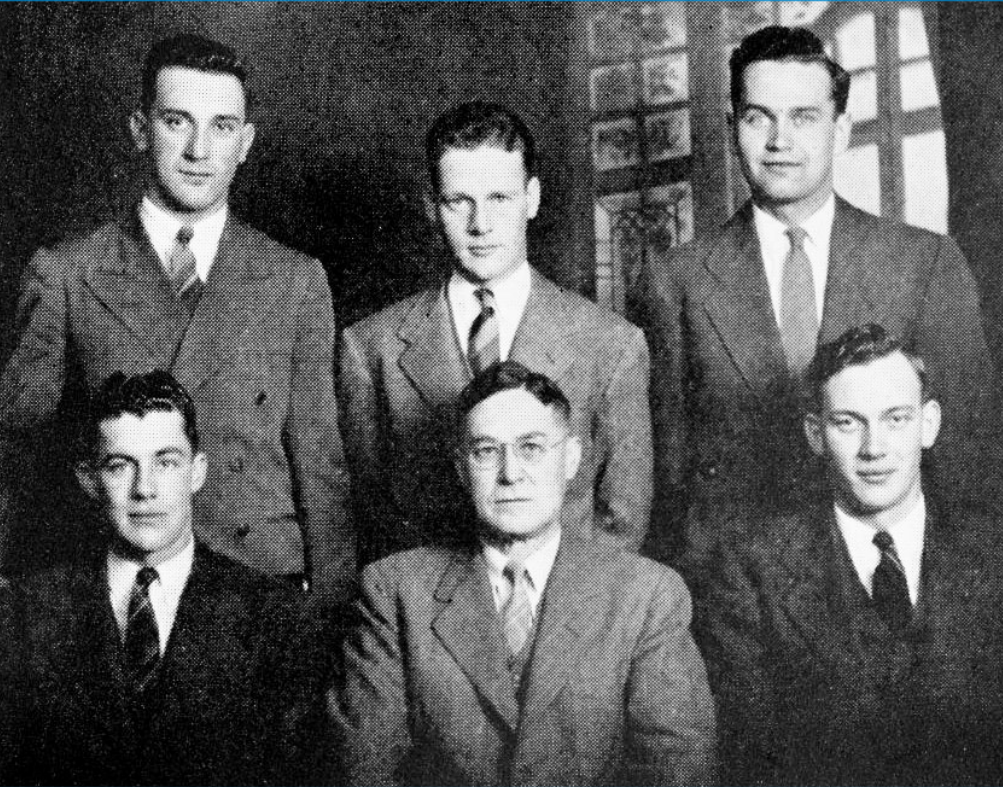
“Lester Dyer, second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, was killed in action on Iwo Jima. Lester was serving with the Fifth Marines division and had landed on the island on the initial day of its invasion.” Dyer was killed on Feb. 24 1945.

The invasion of Iwo Jima began Feb 19, 1945 and lasted until March 26. In the battle, often called Operation Detachment, the United States captured the island from the Japanese Empire.



Archived Photo

The capturing of Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima on Feb. 23, 1945. Photo by Joe Rosenthal.



Archived Photo/1943 Meletean (Yearbook)

Dyer, bottom left, poses with other members of the Future Farmers of America. Dyer was the president for the first half of the year. Back row: Berg, Collier, Skroch. Front Row: Dyer, Mr. May, Afdahl.

March 28, 1966

“Twenty-five WSU-RF students, protesting the war in Viet Nam were attacked, heckled (sic) and jeered last Friday morning by fellow students, as they marched in front of the Student Center. The students carrying signs protesting the war in Viet Nam had their signs ripped from their hands while other students pelted them with ice and snow. The group of protesters were students on our campus who participated in the International Days of Protest in Minneapolis last Friday and Saturday.”

March 29, 1979

“The March 21 Student Senate election was marred by alleged voting violations and a partial recount. According to Senate Vice president Duane Zaborowski, some persons allegedly erased the marks off their IDs after voting and thus were able to vote again. Students’ IDs are marked when they vote as a preventative measure to discourage individuals from voting again.”

Compiled by Jordan Langer

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