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From the President

You might have seen the news in early March that the Faculty Senate approved a resolution that will encourage faculty to contribute to the goal of expanding access to low-income students. This resolution has led to a faculty steering committee to work with the UW Foundation to establish a fund for need-based scholarships, develop lead gifts and promote the initiative across campus.

We all know that access to UW-Madison continues to grow more challenging each year. Tuition is rising as state support continues to decrease. Students from low-income



Ann Dingman
SPA President

families cannot afford to attend UW, or do not even apply due to concerns about costs. Some of you might have attended the conference presentation by staff from the Office of Student Financial Services, and have an even better understanding of the economic challenges faced by students.

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SPA members include not just faculty, but academic staff, classified staff, and students. I hope we can all join this effort to support students with financial need. You will hear more about this exciting initiative in coming weeks, and will receive information about how you can contribute. Gifts to unrestricted need-based scholarship funds will be matched by the UW Foundation.

Finally, thank you to all who participated in our annual conference. I hope you enjoyed the day as much as I did. I look forward to seeing you at the SPA awards luncheon on April 16.

Join SPA at the student-led Affirmative Action Workshop on April 3rd!

SPA is proud to help sponsor an important Affirmative Action workshop by Shanta Driver, Co-Chair of BAMN (By All Means Necessary), a national coalition dedicated to defending affirmative action, integration immigrant rights, and the fight for Equality.

The UW-Madison's minority pre-law student organization, Students for Equal Access to Law Schools (SEALS), has done the ground work on researching Affirmative Action in Wisconsin as well as studying national trends, obtaining funding for the event, collaborating with other groups on campus, and hosting it at the Law School. Supporting organizations also include the Educated Leading Ladies Association, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Black Law Students Association, the Multicultural Council and UHS.

When: April 3rd

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Room 5246, Law School Building

Keep in mind that Ward Connerly, who has successfully helped to defeat Affirmative Action in Michigan, California, and Washington states, has targeted Wisconsin! Please join our students in attending this significant event!

Consuelo López Springfield
SPA Past President

Thanks for attending our 2008 SPA Conference: "Collaborating and Connecting to Shape Our Vision"



Please also see the next page for more on the SPA Conference...

Congratulations to our two conference scholarship recipients, Raul Leon and Cate Batchelder. Both Raul and Cate are graduate students in the Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis department. Raul was also a presenter at the conference. Here are their thoughts on the conference:



As a graduate student and assistant attending the SPA conference, I found the day to be valuable to both my coursework and to my practical work. One of the sessions that garnered much thoughtful reflection was the panel discussion of current topics in student affairs. The variety of perspectives and insights given from the panel, including from the keynote speaker, contributed to a meaningful conversation. In addition, at the conference I enjoyed getting to know my peers who traveled from other institutions as well as those working at my home institution of UW-Madison. The exchange of ideas offers incredible learning opportunities; and yes, the interchange of colleagues may yield job opportunities. I'm looking forward to next year.

-Cate Batchelder

Attending the 2008 Student Personnel Association Annual Conference was a pleasure and an enriching experience, which will benefit me with no doubt in my role as a student, a member of the UW-Campus, and a future student affairs practitioner. The sessions were well organized and interesting, and I could not have asked for a better keynote speaker, as Dr. Renee Barnett Terry reminded us of the importance of inclusiveness for our system of higher education, setting an adequate environment for the purposes of my own presentation on "Institutional Forces: A Racial Perspective of Campus Climate" and other workshops.

As far as the goals and theme of the conference, collaboration indeed was a key aspect of this event, not only allowing me to meet members of SPA, but also encouraging participants to share opinions with colleagues across different administrative, educational, and scholarly fields, bringing together precious aspects that help to shape our vision.

-Raul Leon

SPA Spotlight

What is your ideal of perfect happiness?

Sun, friends, music, mountains, skip-bo, and World Peace... all together.

Which talent would you most like to have?

The ability to sing.

What is it that you most dislike?

Breaking snow fall records and temperatures below 40 degrees.

Who are the heroes in your life?

My parents, for adopting me and my sister and brother.

What is your most treasured possession?

34 ticket stubs from Dave Matthews Concerts!

What is your most marked characteristic?

Saying what is on my mind and shocking those around me.

What is the quality you most like in a person?

Being grounded and balanced.

What is the trait you most deplore in others?

Not listening.

What is your motto?

What comes around, goes around or "that's cool".

What turns you on creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?

Seeing students make a personal connection to the bigger global picture.

What profession other than your own would you not like to do?

Brain Surgeon.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

TBA, still working on that.

Anything you'd like to let SPA Newsletter readers know about?

In the 2nd grade, I was an M-n-M in the Minnesota Aquatennial Parade, my stuffing fell out on route so I had to be a deflated M-n-M with tears. I share this experience with you, as it serves as the root of my issues ☺



Kathy Kruse,
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SPA Awards Luncheon

Celebrating 28 Years of Excellence in Student Affairs



28th Annual SPA Awards Luncheon
Wednesday, April 16, 2008
New Ogg Hall Lounge
11:30 a.m. luncheon, 12:00 p.m. program

Members and friends of the Student Personnel Association are cordially invited to attend this annual recognition of our colleagues' contributions to students and student-related programs on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. Join us to honor this year's recipients of the Chancellor's Award, the Norman Bassett Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Student Services, the Award for Excellence in Student Affairs, the Leadership in Social Justice Award, the Frontline Award, and the Campus Impact Award.

To make your reservation, please complete the form below (copies are acceptable) and return it with your check made payable to SPA, \$15 for SPA members and \$17 for non-members to:
 SPA Awards Luncheon, c/o Jennifer Johnson, Kronshage, Cole and Sullivan Residence Life Office
 1650 Kronshage Dr. Madison, WI 53706

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 7th

All meals include: house salad , beverage, and dessert. The vegetarian option is Vegetable Florentine En Croute; a puff pastry shell stuffed with spinach, carrots, red peppers, cream cheese and goat cheese. The meat option is Chicken Aux Duxelles; chicken breast stuffed with a mushroom and cream cheese filling wrapped in a puff pastry sheet.

Yes! Please reserve a lunch for (please print):

Name: _____ Dept: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

SPA Member? Yes No

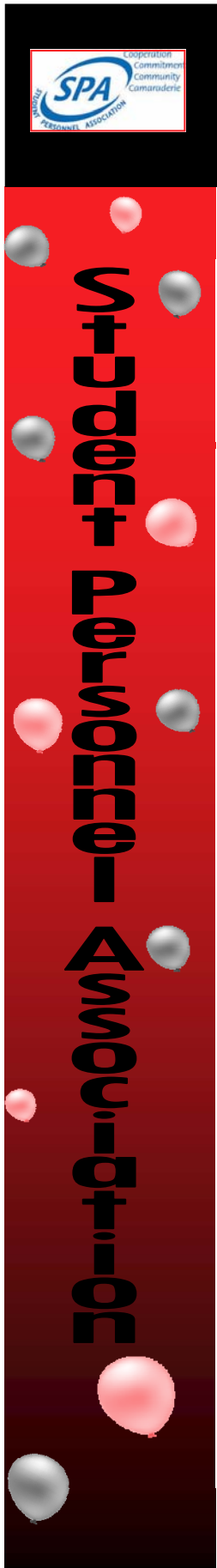
Meal Selection: Chicken Aux Duxelles

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

(\$15/member, \$17/non-member; payable to SPA)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 26, 2008
Capitol

10 a.m. - noon **Make Strides at the Crazylegs Classic Fun Run**

Thursday, May 8, 2008
Memorial Union Hooper Pier

5 - 6:30 p.m. **Thank Goodness the Semester is Over!**

Wednesday, May 21, 2008
Memorial Union Hooper Pier

5 - 6:30 p.m. **Let's Sail Away into the Summer**

Meet SPA's Incoming President, Nancy Kujak-Ford By Ann Dingman

If you have ever worked with the Wisconsin Union's Central Reservations Office, it's possible you have talked to Nancy Kujak-Ford. Nancy has worked for Central Reservations since 2001, helping to organize conferences for campus partners and external organizations.

You also might have met Nancy at an SPA social or another SPA event. Nancy joined the SPA conference committee a few years ago and was elected Secretary/Treasurer on the executive board for the 2006-08 term. Beyond her duties as Treasurer,

Nancy is chair of the social committee in 2007-08.

Nancy's commitment to SPA was demonstrated earlier this year, when I learned that Carlotta Calmese, President-Elect, was leaving campus for a new position at Madison Area Technical College. Nancy agreed to the appointment to fulfill Carlotta's term, and will be SPA President in 2008-09. She brings strong leadership and new ideas to the organization, and I could not think of anyone better to serve alongside.



Nancy
Kujak-Ford

Nancy lives on Madison's east side with her husband Ben and adorable son James. In her spare time, she works part-time at the Overture

Center for the Arts. She also hopes to introduce the exec board to a new type of cheese at every meeting. Doesn't that make you want to be a part of SPA?

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Read *The Tortilla Curtain* with SPA !!



Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, April 2. We will be discussing pages 1-62, or Chapters 1-4.

Due to SPA exec board meetings and the SPA awards luncheon, we will not meet again until Wednesday, April 30. After that, we can look at our schedules to see which Wednesdays we will meet in May (and possibly into June).

Please share this information with your colleagues or anyone else you think might be interested. We still have eight free copies of the books for those who still want to join us!

See you next week!

-Kristin
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