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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

New Year's Resolutions...

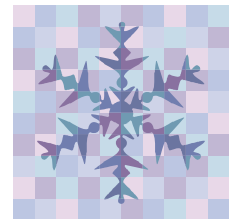
Resolution: a commitment that an individual makes to a project or the reforming of a habit, often a lifestyle change that is generally interpreted as a d v a n t a - g e o u s . So, how are we doing on these? My 2009 mantra was (and still is) "New Year, New Nancy". Sounds good, right? Sure, every year we want to eat healthier,



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exercise more, but these only meet our physical needs. What about our mental and spiritual needs? When do we take time and stock on these? In our busy lives, it is difficult to carve away time for ourselves with all of our other important duties and demands: students, family, work, and etc. As much as we want to, we always put ourselves on the back burner hoping that we will get some time to ourselves soon. "Soon" most often never comes and yet another year has gone by. One thing I have learned with all of my attempts at resolutions (or goals) is that one cannot accomplish them on their own. I always needed someone there to restore my faith on my task, encourage me along, and to even help push me forward. Not all of my resolutions

come to fruition, but it is the journey that is most important. It is with this path that I grow in ways that I didn't know was possible (and often didn't know existed). I hope that SPA can help support you to take time for yourself in the craziness of life. I strongly encourage you to take part in this year's SPA Conference. Take Friday, March 6th to find your new YOU at UW! Your friends will be there to help you.
~Nancy



Don't forget to register for the SPA 2009 Conference:

**Building YOUW: Acquiring Skills and Networking
for Leadership Development**

Friday, March 6, 2009

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Pyle Center

For more information and to register, please visit our website at
<http://www.uw-spa.org>.

Opening Speaker will be Lori Berquam, Dean of Students
Luncheon Speaker will be Damon Williams, Vice Provost for Diversity and Climate

SPA Conference Call for Proposals:

We invite you to consider dedicating your time and knowledge by presenting at this year's conference. Proposals are due by **February 13, 2009**. To submit a proposal, please visit: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228GZD54U94>

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Dingman at 608-265-9954 or
ann.dingman@uwfoundation.wisc.edu

SPA Annual Awards

We encourage you to nominate someone for outstanding achievement in student services to be recognized at the SPA awards luncheon. Following tradition, a committee of past award recipients will select this year's recipients. SPA is indebted to the Office of the Chancellor, the Norman Bassett Foundation, the Ineva Reilly Baldwin and Ira L. Baldwin Endowment for Student Services, Offices of the Dean of Students and our SPA members for their annual support of these recognition awards.

Letters of nomination and supporting material will be accepted through **Friday, March 13**. Nomination instructions can be found at www.uw-spa.org. The awards luncheon is April 15.

Professional Conference Student Travel Grant

Did you know that SPA offers small grants to help students attend professional conferences? In the interest of opening paths to the profession of student affairs, SPA is offering grants to support undergraduate and graduate students' attendance at a conference of a relevant state or national organization (WCPA, ACPA, NASPA, ACUI, ACUHO-I, etc.) that advances student affairs.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until March 31 for a conference scheduled for the spring (between January 1-July 31). Application instructions can be found at www.uw-spa.org.

Openings on SPA Exec Board

There are SIX openings next year on the SPA Exec Board. I would encourage all of you to consider using your knowledge, skills, and talents on shaping SPA. I have been extremely blessed to work with many hard-working and energetic people on the board. This experience has changed how I work every day and has increased my connection with campus. If you are looking for a place where you can gain leadership skills, meet new people, create opportunities for campus, or share your wealth of experience, please put in nomination form. Forms can be found at: http://www.uw-spa.org/pdfs/spa_election_2009.pdf and the deadline is Thursday, April 2nd. I can speak for the board when I say we look forward to working with you. ~Nancy

Available Positions:

President-Elect
 General Executive Member (three positions open)
 Graduate Representative
 Undergraduate Representative

Great People Initiative

University officials estimate that students are eligible for about \$15 million to \$20 million more in financial support than is currently available to them through state, federal and institutional aid. Specifically, the gap between the amount UW-Madison students have with all available funding packages and the cost of tuition, housing and supplies increased nearly 28 percent between 2000 and 2005. Talented students can be accepted by the UW-Madison, but the unmet need gap means their dreams are out of reach.

Last year, University of Wisconsin Foundation Board of Directors voted unanimously to allocate \$20 million for a need-based financial aid challenge program. Your gift to University-wide financial aid will be matched dollar for dollar.

You can make a difference with your contribution. Visit www.greatpeoplegreatplace.org for more information and to make a gift.

Fish Fry Anyone? By Katia Albright

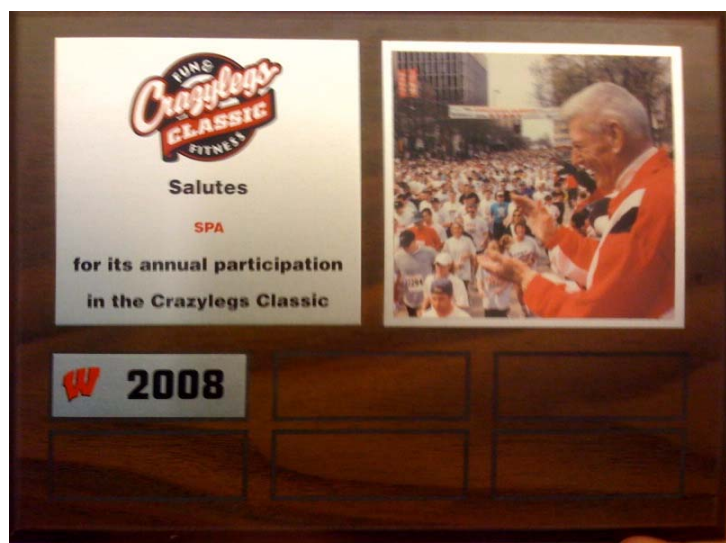
As I sit here thinking about Friday Fish Fry, certain images swim through my mind- warm and cozy ambience, dimly lit taverns, jovial crowds, yummy fish and a side of fries to boot. I must sadly admit this Friday night tradition was not one I grew up with; instead it was one of the many pleasant surprises this California girl discovered upon moving to Wisconsin. True it helps that I love fish and warm and cozy ambiances, but what really makes this tradition stand out, is the genuine cheer and enjoyment that I have observed in those partaking in the experience. I have been informed that this custom originates from the early German Catholic immigrants tradition of not eating red meat on Fridays in Lent. I have also been informed that Wisconsin lakes, which outnumber Minnesota's 10,000 (according to my native Wisconsin hubby) have fed this Germanic Catholic tradition over the course of time.

Hopeful I have whetted your curiosity and appetite enough to have you and yours join the SPA exec board and our families for this delightful tradition. On Friday February 27, we plan to head to Lucky's Bar & Grille for their version of TGIF-Thank Goodness It's Fish Fry. We will have a sign and plan on being there by 5:30pm. You can find Lucky's at 1421 Regent St Food (608) 250-8989. Hope to see you there!

Join SPA at Crazylegs by Nancy Kujak-Ford

You Rah Rah ...You Rah Rah ... SPA! Yes, please join the 2nd annual SPA team for the Crazylegs Race. Last year, we had (2) members (thanks Mary Russell!) and we have nowhere to go but UP! This year, there is a minimum of 10 people to form a team. We can do it! I know, you are saying to yourself... "I am not a runner, I can't do 5 miles...are you kidding me? I am not running up Observatory Drive", but I am here to tell you that you can! The first time I completed the course (notice, I said completed... I jogged, walked, skipped, jogged, walked, sat down...), a 7 year old boy passed me on mile 4. I chased him for a good 1/2 of a block and realized that it was fruitless to chase a kid with unlimited energy. If I can handle that type of challenge, so can you. So, please sign up and join your fellow SPAers on what I can guarantee to be fun-filled morning. Plus the Crazylegs Organization gave us this plaque that has 6 slots, so let's not let it go empty this year! Happy Trails! Nancy

1. Go to: <http://www.crazylegsclassic.com>
2. Click Fun & Fitness
3. Click "click here to register on-line"
4. Click on "Begin Registration"
5. Click on "Fun & Fitness Team"
6. lick "Sign UP with Existing Team"
7. Find your team (SPA)
8. Type in the password (Cheese)
9. Register



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Student Services at 333 East Campus Mall



Many student services are moving to a central part of campus at 333 East Campus Mall, located near Vilas Hall in the new University Square/Lucky building.

As part of the new University Square complex, UW-Madison units can be accessed from a storefront entrance near the intersection of Johnson Street and East Campus Mall.

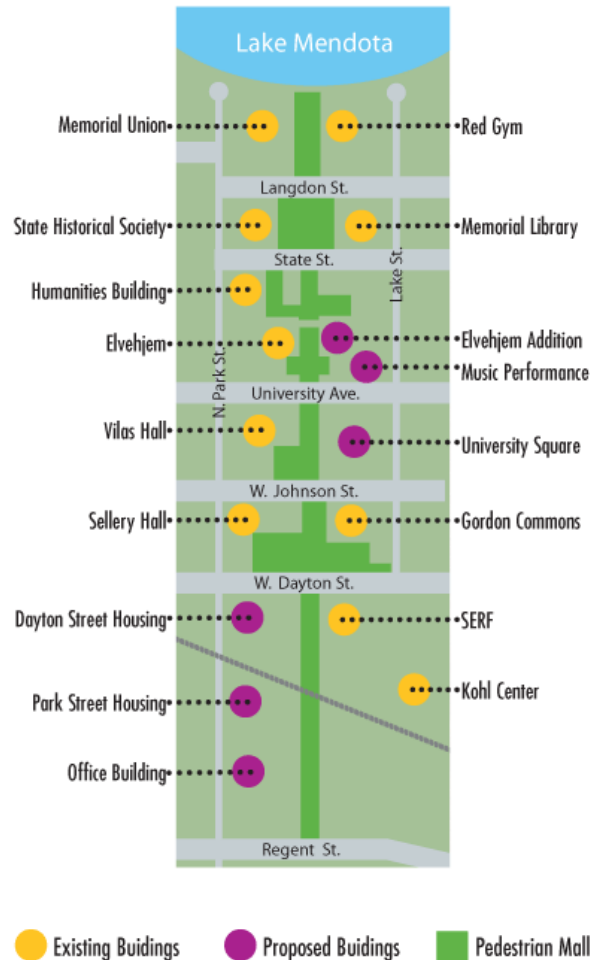
The Student Services Tower is a 250,000-square-foot, multifunction space that will provide many services to students, faculty and staff. University Health Services will occupy several floors of this central location, along with the Office of Student Financial Aid is already in place, closely followed by the Bursar's Office, Office of the Registrar, the Division of Enrollment Management, and ISIS

By the end of the Winter Break, the Associated Students of Madison (ASM), Student Print and WSUM Student Radio will also be in their new homes on the 3rd and 4th floor.

An informational brochure with map, parking details and information about the tenants and services provided at the Student Services Tower is located at <http://www.news.wisc.edu/news/docs/SST333.pdf>

For additional details about the Student Services Tower at 333 East Campus Mall, visit <http://www.news.wisc.edu/15975>.

East Campus redevelopment plan



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