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## From the President:



**Mike Crawford**  
SPA President

Happy November to everyone! The weather has been pretty mild so far this season, but it won't be long before it turns cold. The students are

back in full-swing as they are getting accustomed to their fall schedules, and advising season is upon us. On behalf of SPA, I hope your fall has proven to be a success so far and that you are looking forward to the last few months of the semester. I remember back in grade school when a teacher once told me that time will seem to go faster every year you get older... at

the time they said that I thought they were a little nuts! But not anymore, every year I tend to agree with that statement more and more.

During the past five years, while I have been involved with SPA, I have always been amazed by the dedication and commitment of the executive board members. This year, is certainly no exception. In fact, I am willing to say that this current executive board is on track to be the best one yet! Everyone is so passionate and committed to this organization. Keeping that in mind, the executive board has a lot in store for you in the coming months... watch for our first social on Nov. 3rd, the continuation of

the SPA Forums series, the book club (or in this case, book clubs), Careers in Student Affairs, Field Days, and don't forget about the SPA Annual Conference on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Pyle Center. There is a lot of exciting things that will be available to you – evidence that we are putting your \$10 annual membership dues to good use!

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and enjoying the final weeks of fall. The next time you hear from me, in this newsletter, will be in 2006 where we can officially begin the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SPA. Again, if you need anything, please feel free to contact me at 265-4212 or [mike.crawford@housing.wisc.edu](mailto:mike.crawford@housing.wisc.edu).

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## Join the SPA Book Club!



This year, the SPA Book Club will read two books. One club will meet November-March and the second will meet March-June. This is a great chance to have thoughtful discussions with colleagues about issues relevant to our work.

The Fall-Spring club will read [My Freshman Year: What a Professor Learned by Becoming a Student](#) by Rebekah Nathan.

"After more than fifteen years of teaching, Rebekah Nathan (a pseudonym), a professor of anthropology at a large state university, realized that she no longer understood the behavior and attitudes of her students. Fewer and fewer participated in class discussion, tackled the assigned reading, or came to discuss problems during office hours. Nathan decided to put her wealth of experience in ethnographic fieldwork and applied to be a student at her own university. Nathan immersed herself in student life, moving into the dorms and taking on a full course load. She ate in the student cafeteria, joined student clubs, and played regular pick-up games of volleyball and tag football. By focusing on the actual experiences of students, [My Freshman Year](#) offers a refreshing alternative to the frequently divisive debates surrounding the political, economic, and cultural significance of higher education—as well as a novel perspective from which to look at the achievements and difficulties confronting America's colleges and universities in the twenty-first century." (Review from Cornell University Press). If you are interested in joining the book group to read [My Freshman Year](#), please contact Ann Dingman at [adedingman@wisc.edu](mailto:adedingman@wisc.edu) or 262-8446. The first meeting will be in mid November and will meet weekly thereafter (excluding holidays).

The Book Club Committee is still selecting the Spring-Summer book, but it most likely will be [White Like Me](#) by Tim Wise or [Uprooting Racism](#) by Paul Kivel.



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<http://www.ohrd.wisc.edu/spa>



## Darrell Bazzell, Vice Chancellor for Administration



### What is your ideal of perfect happiness?

Spending a warm summer day with friends and family.

### Which talent would you most like to have?

I love a wide variety of music and wish I could play a musical instrument.

### What is it that you most dislike?

Social injustice.

### Who are the heroes in your life?

Muhammad Ali stands above the rest for me. He was a larger than life sports figure when I was a youth who was willing to sacrifice his

livelihood to take a stance against the Vietnam War and racial injustice.

### What is your most treasured possession?

Family photographs.

### What is your most marked characteristic?

My sense of fairness (might be obvious by reading my responses to other questions).

### What is the quality you most like in a person?

Integrity.

### What is the trait you most deplore in others?

Intolerance of people who are different (i.e., gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, economic status).

### What is your motto?

Reach high, anything is possible.

### What turns you on creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?

An opportunity to help improve the quality of life for others.

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

Politician.

### What do you consider your greatest achievement?

College graduation.

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

I have fond memories of my freshman year in Ogg Hall. I hope all students who live in a residence hall enjoy their experience, as it will provide a great foundation for the balance of their academic career.

## An Invitation to Present Ideas on the Upcoming Spring Conference by Consuelo López Springfield

In 50 years, what will the "face" of our campus look like? Will we all be culturally receptive of Latinas/os, Southeast Asian Americans, and people of diverse experiences and backgrounds? Will our positions remain, be eliminated, or added on to the jobs of others? Will we outsource tasks or increase LTE appointments? Will we "speak" with one another largely through computers? Will we be more segregated, more inclusive, more diverse? These are some of the potential issues we will explore at our spring conference to be held on **February 17, 2006**.

We invite you to join us as we reflect on SPA's five decades of dynamic growth and contributions to the Madison community. Our theme, *The Changing Face of Our Campuses: Recognizing the Past & Preparing for the Future*, will examine diversity, the challenges and opportunities presented by increased technology, and the expectations of our constituents, whether they are students, parents, legislators, or members of the community at large.

To have a successful conference, we will need your help. The Conference Planning Committee would like to ask you to consider topics that interest you. What do you envision as future trends in student services? How will budgetary considerations, corporate influences on higher education, legislative views of the student experience, "helicopter parenting," and creative partnering affect our communities? These, and other salient questions, have been posed by members of the Planning Committee. **Please add your voice to theirs!**

Members of the Conference Planning Committee include Christine Poleski (cpoleski@wisc.edu), Sara Hinkel (slhinkel@wisc.edu), Nancy Kujak-Ford (nmkujak@wisc.edu), Amy Swaska (alzaska@pharmacy.wisc.edu), Carlotta Calmese (ccalmese@wisc.edu), Jackie Scola-Bernstein (jackie.scola-bernstein@housing.wisc.edu), Joey Humke (mijhumke@bascom.wisc.edu), May Lee Moua-Vue (moua-vue@redgym.wisc.edu), Mike Crawford (mike.crawford@housing.wisc.edu), and Ann Dingman (aedingman@wisc.edu). Please communicate with a member of the committee or me ([cspringf@wisc.edu](mailto:cspringf@wisc.edu)). We look forward to hearing from you! Please share your ideas with us!



## SPA SOCIAL

**SPA Social at Fluno Study Pub,  
8th floor of the Fluno Center  
Thursday, November 3, 5 - 7 pm.**

(This is a smoke-free environment.)

Contact Stephanie King at: [smking2@wisc.edu](mailto:smking2@wisc.edu)  
for more information.

## Volunteer with Wisconsin Public Television through SPA!

The Student Personnel Association is organizing a group to volunteer for WPT's Winter Membership Drive. We are going to volunteer on Thursday, December 8, 6:40-10:45 p.m. WPT is located in Vilas Hall at the corner of University Ave and Park St. This is a fun opportunity to serve the community and promote SPA.

If you are interested, please contact Consuelo Lopez-Springfield at [cspringf@wisc.edu](mailto:cspringf@wisc.edu) by Wednesday, November 9 with the following information: name; home street address, city and zip; work phone; and email.



## Northern Tier Caravan Makes a Stop at UW! By Becky Krueger

On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, a group of men and women fighting to end the HIV/AIDS pandemic hosted a speakers event at the Memorial Union and a march to the Capital steps as just one stop on their cross-country journey to Washington D.C., where they will spend four days engaged in prayer, lawmaker visits, protests and a March to End AIDS.

The group is known as the Campaign to End AIDS (C2EA), a national coalition of HIV positive individuals and their allies who demand the necessary resources in ending the AIDS crisis. The journey that this group has embarked on is known as the Northern Tier Caravan, and they have been picking up "riders" from all over the northern U.S. since starting out in Seattle, Washington on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The caravan made stops in Montana, North Dakota, and Minnesota before making its way to Madison and Milwaukee this past weekend, and from Wisconsin it will visit Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia before finally arriving in D.C. on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Its goal has been to raise awareness of the fight against AIDS, as well as to highlight the work in our communities that has helped people with HIV and addressed issues about the virus.

One of the main reasons as to why C2EA (and other groups like it) even came to fruition was on account of the outrage and frustration that so many HIV positive people, their friends, families, and allies have felt at our government's failure to contribute its fair share in helping to end the AIDS pandemic. According to the 2004 UNAIDS report,



there are an estimated 39.4 million people across the globe with HIV, 17.6 million of which are women, and 10 million of which are ages 15 to 24. Also in 2004, approximately 3.1 million people died from AIDS, and there were almost 5 million new infections in the same year (all statistics cited from [www.fightglobalaids.org](http://www.fightglobalaids.org)). What is perhaps most disturbing about these statistics is the fact that HIV is a preventable disease (it is transmitted primarily through unprotected sex and sharing a used needle with an infected person's blood still in it), and for those who have already acquired HIV, generic drugs (which can help delay the development of the virus into full-blown AIDS, therefore improving the quality and length of the individual's life) can be made for as little as \$140 per person, per year. However, gaps exist in the federal funding of programs that provide adequate safe sex education, clean needle exchange programs, or adequate health care for HIV infected persons who must dole out hundreds to thousands of dollars a month just to cover the cost of their medications. Thus, the Campaign to End AIDS is making four demands of the U.S and world governments: 1) Fully fund treatment for

people with HIV/AIDS worldwide; 2) boost efforts to find better treatments and a cure; 3) promote science-based HIV prevention; and 4) protect the rights of people with HIV/AIDS.

C2EA will voice these demands to our federal government once they arrive in Washington D.C., and although they can't be sure that this caravan will bring about the change they are so tirelessly working to bring about, they have no plans on giving up the fight once this caravan returns home. As the caravan's motto states:

*There was a time when we did not know how to end AIDS. That time is over. We cannot end the virus itself-we do not yet have a cure or vaccine. But we absolutely can end the epidemic. We have the roadmap for ending AIDS, through the work in our communities and around the world. We are the answer, not the problem.*

Those interested in learning more about or donating to the Northern Tier Caravan and the Campaign to End AIDS can visit [www.campaigntoendaids.org](http://www.campaigntoendaids.org). Any students and community members who are interested in getting involved in the cause here at home to end the HIV and AIDS crisis can check out the UW Madison Student Global AIDS Campaign (send an email to [uwsgac@yahoo.com](mailto:uwsgac@yahoo.com) or check out the national website at [www.fightglobalaids.org](http://www.fightglobalaids.org)), Students For Camp Heartland ([uwsfch@yahoo.com](mailto:uwsfch@yahoo.com)), or Madison's AIDS Network (<http://www.aidsnetwork.org>). World AIDS Day is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Linking Professionals to Specialized Organizations on Campus

Remember being new on campus? Or how about having an idea and connecting with a colleague who might have the same interest? At our first Executive Board meeting we decided we would like to facilitate that process. If you know of an organization that would be welcoming to new members please send the following information:

Name of the Organization; Contact Person; Web link; A two- to-three line brief description of what the organization is about and what it does.

We will add this to our SPA website. Please send information to **Consuelo Contreras at [ccontreras@wisc.edu](mailto:ccontreras@wisc.edu)**.



## SPA's Golden Anniversary by Stephanie King Norton

In 2006, SPA will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The organization was established on May 3, 1956 with 18 members. Today, with over 220 members, this milestone in our organization gives reason to find those who have contributed to its success and growth over the past five decades, educate current membership about SPA history and celebrate our impact on the University community -- especially on the lives of students and student affairs staff.

We are currently in the process of locating, updating information on and/or involving all past SPA presidents as well as other SPA leadership and members who have retired or moved on. Thank you to those who have already made suggestions for special events and other ways to incorporate this milestone into next year. If you want to get further involved, please consider attending:

### SPA 50th Anniversary Planning

Friday, November 11, 12:00 - 1:15pm, Memorial Union TITU

Your presence is most welcome! You can simply participate in this initial meeting OR continue to stay involved in the planning. If you cannot attend but have an interest, please email me any ideas that you might have and/or what capacity you might like to be involved.

I can be reached at: [smking2@wisc.edu](mailto:smking2@wisc.edu) or 265-4163

# November is American Indian Heritage Month! By Kari Fonstad



This November, join the nation and UW-Madison in celebrating Native American Heritage Month!

All month long, attend a series of lectures, workshops, and presentations about First People's culture. Some of this year's events include:

## Native Nations Project 2005

The "Native Nations at UW-Madison" project on Bascom Hill from November 1st—2nd, 2005, visually represents all of the American Indian & Alaskan Native Nations that create the Native community at UW-Madison.

## "Contemporary Art and American Indian Identity: A Conversation with Truman Lowe."

Sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Press, the College of Letters and Science, the School of Education, & the American Indian Studies Program.

Lowe is a UW Madison art professor, a nationally known sculptor, and curator of contemporary art at the Smithsonian's Museum for the American Indian. He will give a slide presentation on his work with Jo Ortel, Beloit College professor of art history and author of the book *Woodland Reflections: The Art of Truman Lowe*. Thundercloud Singers, a local Native drum group, will perform before the presentation. Afterward there will be a chance to meet Lowe and Ortel, to purchase books, and to have books signed.

November 01, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Memorial Union  
Tripp Commons, Memorial Union TITU

## Sixth Annual Wunk Sheek Veteran's Day Pow Wow

November 4, 7:00-10:00PM, Tripp Commons, Memorial Union  
Grand entry at 7:00PM.

Join Wunk Sheek and the greater-Madison American Indian & Alaskan Native community in honoring veterans of the armed forces.

For more information about events through the month of November and the origins of Native American Heritage Month, visit the American Indian Student Academic Services "Events" web page at <http://www.lssaa.wisc.edu/aisas/events.php>

## 1<sup>st</sup> SPA Forum: Sexual Harassment Defining and Addressing a Community Concern by May Lee Moua-Vue

Thanks to all those who came to the first SPA Forum on Sexual Harassment. Luis Piñero, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce Equity and Diversity and Director of the Equity and Diversity Resource Center (EDRC) did an excellent job bringing this issue closer to home.

Luis started out the forum by asking participants to describe what their ideal workplace would be like. Fun, supportive, respectful, welcoming, friendly, open, and trustworthy were among the suggested descriptors of preferred work environments. Throughout his presentation, Luis was able to bring the conversation back to these descriptors and express how sexual harassment can have a negative affect on our working environment and have a drastic impact on other colleagues who work closely with those involved in the incident. Though sexual harassment is often a complicated issue, one thing became clear in this forum: It is important to realize that we all play a role in creating an ideal workplace environment for all our co-workers.

There are varying degrees of sexual harassment which you can read more about on the EDRC's website at <http://www.wisc.edu/edrc/sexualharassment/>. It is in everyone's best interest to prevent sexual harassment and educate the University community on this issue.



## Diana Maki Awarded Outstanding Professional by Mike Crawford

Diana Maki, from the Cross College Advising Service and former SPA Executive Board member, received the 2005 Wisconsin College Personnel Association's (WCPA) Outstanding Professional Award at the organization's annual conference on October 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>. Claire Peters, who has known Diana for six years since graduate school and now in the CCAS office, submitted a letter of nomination on behalf of Diana.

Here are some excerpts from Diana's nomination letter:

"As one of the two first full-time career advisors in CCAS's Exploration Center for Majors & Careers (EC), Diana quickly assumed much of the responsibility for keeping the Center running smoothly: hiring, training, scheduling, and supervising student workers ("career peers"); creating a system for administering and processing career assessments; developing handouts and compiling resources for students; developing and facilitating workshops on topics such as career exploration, choosing a major, and the helping professions; supervising and mentoring undergraduate interns; overseeing publicity for EC workshops and events; representing CCAS and the EC at campus resource fairs; developing and giving presentations on career planning to groups across campus; and of course, seeing many students in individual career advising appointments.

Diana is an excellent colleague and role model: creative, funny, down-to-earth, involved, and one of the most dependable people I've ever worked with. Everyone at CCAS knows that they can count on Diana to not only get the job done, but to be practical and punctual, and to go above and beyond expectations. She has become one of the most well-liked and respected advisors at CCAS and, more impressively, on this huge UW-Madison campus." - Claire Peters.

Congratulations to Diana, if you have ever worked with Diana you know that Claire's comments are right on! Recognizing outstanding efforts of student affairs professionals is one of the core values of SPA. With that in mind, SPA also wants to thank Claire Peters for taking the time to nominate Diana for this well-deserved award.

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