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State picks Kerry, nation delivers Bush

Voting rookies brave long lines at Rodli

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It sounds like a pilot for a network reality series: throw a group of young people together from different walks of life, some strangers and some friends, with a wide spectrum of political views and have them live in a confined space during a presidential election year. Yet this is no reality television show. Instead, this is what happened across the residence halls on the UW-River Falls campus this week.

From Johnson Hall to Crabtree Hall, UW-RF students showed their participation in the election. Windows and doors were adorned with Bush and Kerry signs and stickers while some others students declined to state their political affiliation and instead hung up signs that said, "I'm a Registered Voter."

Residents paid close attention to news leading up to election, sometimes with the help from their respective halls.

"I know our hall has kept up-to-date on the debates and we

have aired them in the lobby of the hall," Stratton Hall manager Nicole Smith said.

While some residents watched the debates on television, others went out and found additional information.

"I researched online," Prucha Hall resident Susan Ingalls said.

With such a heated election, there were equally heated conversations going back and forth among residents.

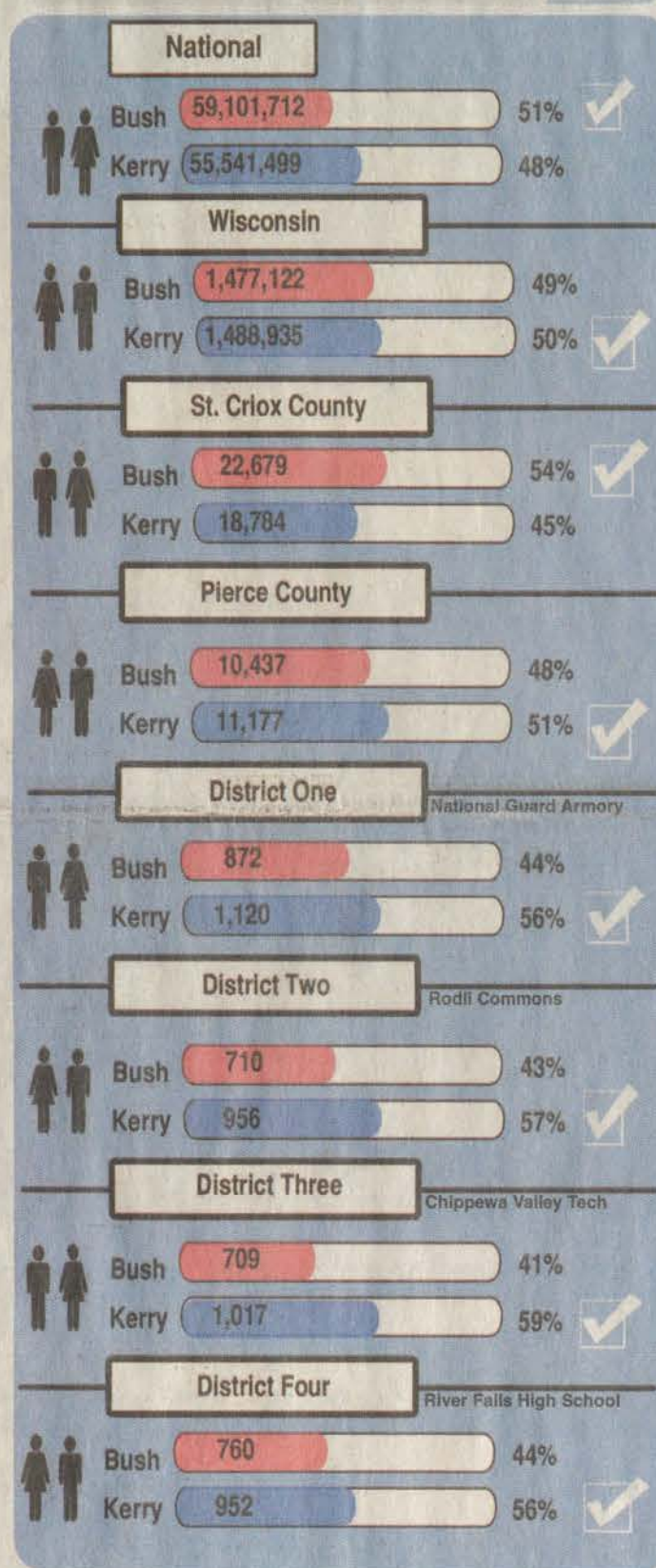
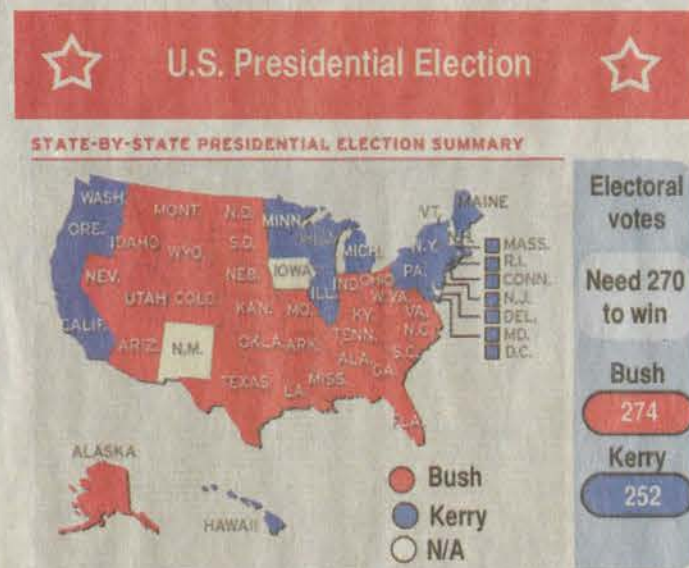
"Some people have been at each other's throats," Grimm Hall resident Jamie Johnson said.

Smith braced herself for lots of debating going on in her building while the results rolled in Tuesday night.

"I think if you came through our hall the night of Nov. 2 you would be sure to find some heated opinions and high interest," Smith said.

Many of the residents discovered how close the election was going to be and this spurred them to make the trek out to Rodli Commons to wait in line for up

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Each district in the City of River Falls chose Kerry, along with Pierce County and the state as a whole. Voters in St. Croix County chose Bush.

Some commuter students face problems at polls



Photo illustration by Eric Ebert

Some commuter students found voting lines at polling places and information gathering difficult.

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Commuter students tend to live a life that deviates from the normal college student. Voting for a typical commuter student on campus was no different. A long drive, a longer line and an even longer wait for a result.

Students who commute to UW-River Falls generally waited until their classes were done for the day to go home and vote.

Sophomore Jamie Motschenbacher voted in Somerset, Wis., where she lives and commutes from.

"I voted after my classes at like 5:30 p.m.," Motschenbacher said. "I waited in line for like an hour and a half so I could vote."

Brian Dobbs, a recent graduate from the political science department at UW-RF, who was also a commuter student while he was here, thought that lines were predictable.

"Working adults and students all waited to vote 'til after class," Dobbs said. "It is no wonder there were lines considering how many people were projected to vote."

Dobbs also thinks there should be more communication for ways to alleviate lines in elections. "Many people didn't know that they can get paid to vote," Dobbs said. "There is a federal rule that says employers must allow people to go vote during work hours without loss of pay or breaks. It should work the same for students in that professors shouldn't make a student wait till the last minute to vote."

Students living closer to St. Paul, Minn., didn't seem to have as long of lines as those students who lived deeper in Wisconsin.

Tammy Scollick, a sophomore from South St. Paul, Minn., didn't have any line whatsoever when she voted. Neither did Katie Champion, a senior from St. Paul.

Becky Davis, a sophomore from Clear Lake, Wis., reported a small line where she voted. Darwin Novek, a sophomore from Arkansas Wis. said there was a small line there too.

Another problem facing commuter students was that many of them don't go home between classes, so many didn't get election results until word of mouth made it to them.

"It looked like Bush was winning last night, but I've been here all morning and haven't seen what is going on now," Motschenbacher said.

Heidi Conrad, a sophomore from north River Falls who drives to campus had trouble getting results too.

"I turned on the television this morning and nothing had changed," Conrad said. "I've been here ever since."

Champion also found getting information this morning difficult.

"I sort of expect Bush to win, but I haven't had a chance to see what is going on this morning," Champion said. "It was a good night though, my boyfriend is from Ohio but he never filled out an absentee ballot or anything. He was freaking out all night even though we didn't know who was winning."

Though many commuter students weren't abreast of the latest election news, many didn't seem to mind.

"The whole election was about what I expected," Novek said. "I voted for Kerry, but I assumed that Bush would win."

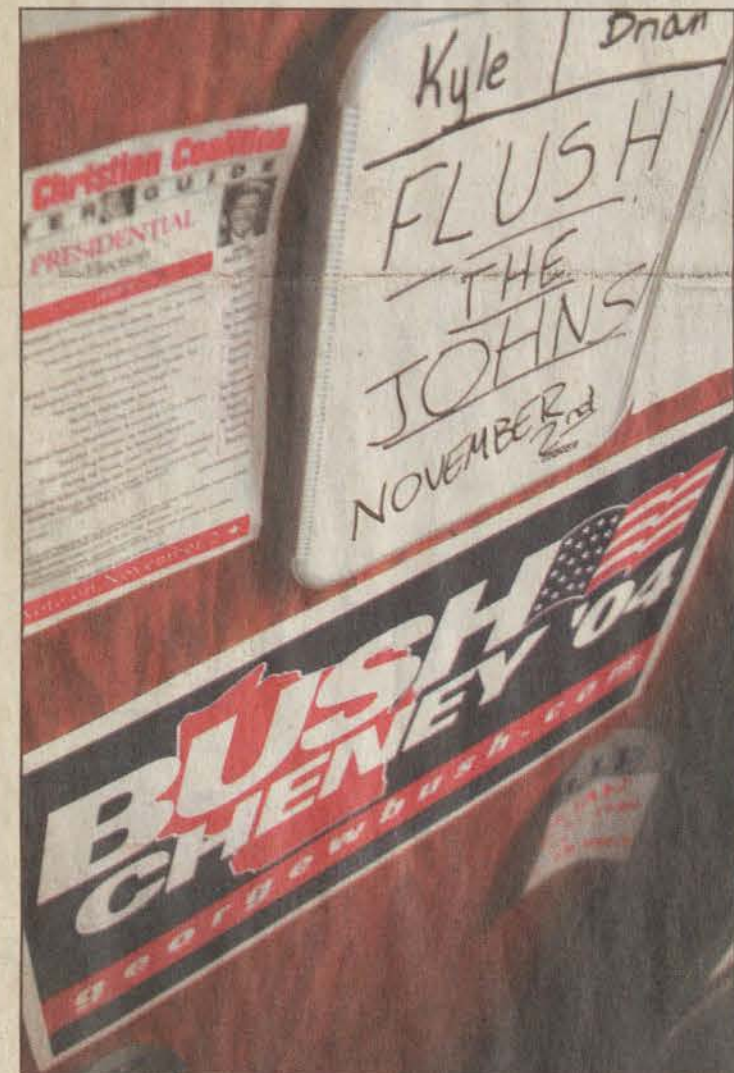


Photo by Eric Ebert

The residence halls have turned into a political battleground for freshmen and sophomores who have never voted in a presidential election.

International studies has major potential

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Pending approval from the powers that be, UW-River Falls may soon offer a new international studies major.

Now in its 10th year as a minor, the interdisciplinary program could become a major after about six years of work.

"There's a lot of demand for it on the part of the students in the minor," said Wes Chapin, political science professor and member of the international studies program advisory committee. "They really wanted to do it as a major."

Composed of various faculty members, the committee is the core group that evaluated the minor years ago and saw its potential to become a major.

It has taken some time due to the nature of the application and approval process and because, thanks to the ever-decreasing budget, the UW System temporarily suspended all new programs a few years ago, Chapin said.

But the proposal was put back on the table here a few weeks ago. After some legwork among committees and colleges across campus, Faculty Senate passed a motion to seek the UW System Board of Regents' approval.

"This is a program worth having that would help our students, that would help our campus, that would help our region and state," said Gordon Hedahl, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "We're hopeful that [the UW System] will support a new major here."

Senior Leon Gbee, an international studies minor, would like to see it happen too. An international student from Sudan, Gbee brought the issue to Student Senate last year as a member of its diversity issues committee.

"You have to be more diversified and connect with people outside your area to be successful in the world," Gbee said.

He said he would have majored in international studies had it been offered when he started here.

Senior Alyson Gerstmann would have also liked the option to major. She transferred into UW-RF with some international studies credits already under her belt.

"I think there's students out there who have a real interest in international issues," Gerstmann said.

She feels students are becoming more aware of the world around them and that the

program does a great job of capturing their interest. Chapin said the program will undergo some minor adjustments if the major is approved. Studying abroad, which is an option in the minor, will become a major requirement. At least two years of modern language will be required as well.

Brent Greene, director of the study abroad program, said campus could become more global if the new major requires international experience.

"It'll put pressure on us to develop more projects or absorb [students] in existing projects," Greene said. "It's all a good thing."

Many programs throughout campus already offer courses that could apply to the major, so UW-RF will just build on the resources it already has, Chapin and Hedahl said.

At least five other campuses in the UW System currently offer international studies as a major. The University of Wisconsin-Platteville is the only other western Wisconsin campus that offers the program, so UW-RF could entice more students if the major is approved.

The process is well on its way. A three-person panel will review the proposal and draft a response this week. The provost will then make a summary statement and send it to the UW System Office of Academic Affairs. Final approval then rests with the Board of Regents.

If all goes well, then the University hopes to offer international studies as a major in fall 2005.

"For now I'm like most students," Gbee said. "Keep your fingers crossed and hopefully things turn out the way you want it to be."

Leadership Center loses leadership

Eric Ebert
Photo Editor

The Leadership Center staff had to take on some extra tasks this year. The once full, seven coordinator offices have diminished to only five full offices half-way through this semester causing a shortage of leadership in the Leadership Center.

The shortage began in June with the resignation of leadership training coordinator Emily Ronning and the promotion of west area coordinator Mike Stifter to director of student life facilities.

With two newly vacant positions, the Leadership Center promoted former recreational leadership coordinator Lance Ross to Ronning's vacant position. They also hired Jason Neuhaus, to replace Stifter, as the new west area coordinator. Also joining the team is Tim Ryerson as the new recreational leadership coordinator, replacing Ross.

However, to add to the confusion, since the beginning of the

semester, student organization coordinator Judy Herhold and Ross have resigned, taking jobs outside of UW-River Falls.

This sudden loss of personnel has left the Leadership Center's coordinator staff with the longest standing employee being there only 16 months. However, Leadership Center co-director Terry Willson said the quick transition of coordinators is normal but the timing is unusual.

Willson said the coordinator positions are normally entry level positions for people after graduate school and that they are expected to commit for two to five years.

"We adapt and we get by," Willson said about the shortage and change of coordinators.

However, the coordinator changes have not just affected the Leadership Center. Many of the Leadership Center coordinators are also advisers for student organizations.

One such committee is the

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Parking problems plague on-campus students

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Underclassmen might have a hard time getting parking spots on the East side of campus next year.

With a new residence hall opening, the parking in O-Lot right now barely fits enough cars for the current students on the east side of campus. Adding 240 more students can cause even more of a problem.

"When the plan originally started, the parking lot was extended but filled up with the students this year," Dale Braun of the campus planning committee said. "The new hall will affect not just O-Lot but all of the lots around campus."

Some students think there could be an easy remedy to this parking problem.

"I think they should extend the lot if they have the space for it," freshman Amy Christensen said. "It's stupid that they don't extend the lot when they know that they'll eventually have to."

The campus planning committee is well aware of the parking problem, but if a plan would be ready to go today, then completion would take a year to a year and a half, Braun said.

Currently, UW-River Falls is trying to see what, if anything needs to be done.

"We are doing a comprehensive study to figure out a parking situation," Public Safety director Priscilla Stevens said. "From that we will be able to determine future plans."

So far, the study has only consisted of counting cars around the campus and no student survey is scheduled to be conducted, Stevens said.

Parking needs to be addressed near the east side of campus because students count on having the

spot for their car when they move into the nearby residence halls.

"I wouldn't live in these dorms if I had to keep my car at another lot, like out at Ramer," sophomore Carissa Malecha said. "Being a suitcase campus where students leave every weekend to go home, they should be guaranteed a convenient spot."

For most students, this won't be the case of having a convenient spot. Parking is decided by current class status, giving upperclassmen in South Fork first dibs on the lot, Wendy Penny of the parking office, said.

"First, class status is looked at, then location of hall, then timeliness," Penny said. "Timeliness is important when requesting a parking pass. If you don't make the deadline for requests, your class status has no effect."

Passes are a problem but it is the space that is the concern of most students. The idea of a parking ramp out in O-Lot is something that has been mentioned, but the cost to have a one-level ramp with 500 spaces is somewhere between \$6 million and \$7 million, Braun said.

"This payment, more than likely will come partially from those who would use that lot, costing around \$1,200 per year for a pass, which no one will pay," Braun said. "We want to get the parking solved so it doesn't put a burden on the next set of students."

"If something doesn't happen, students will find another way to get around," Christensen said. "The campus will lose money, because students won't have to buy a pass, because they will find a way to not have a car with them at school."

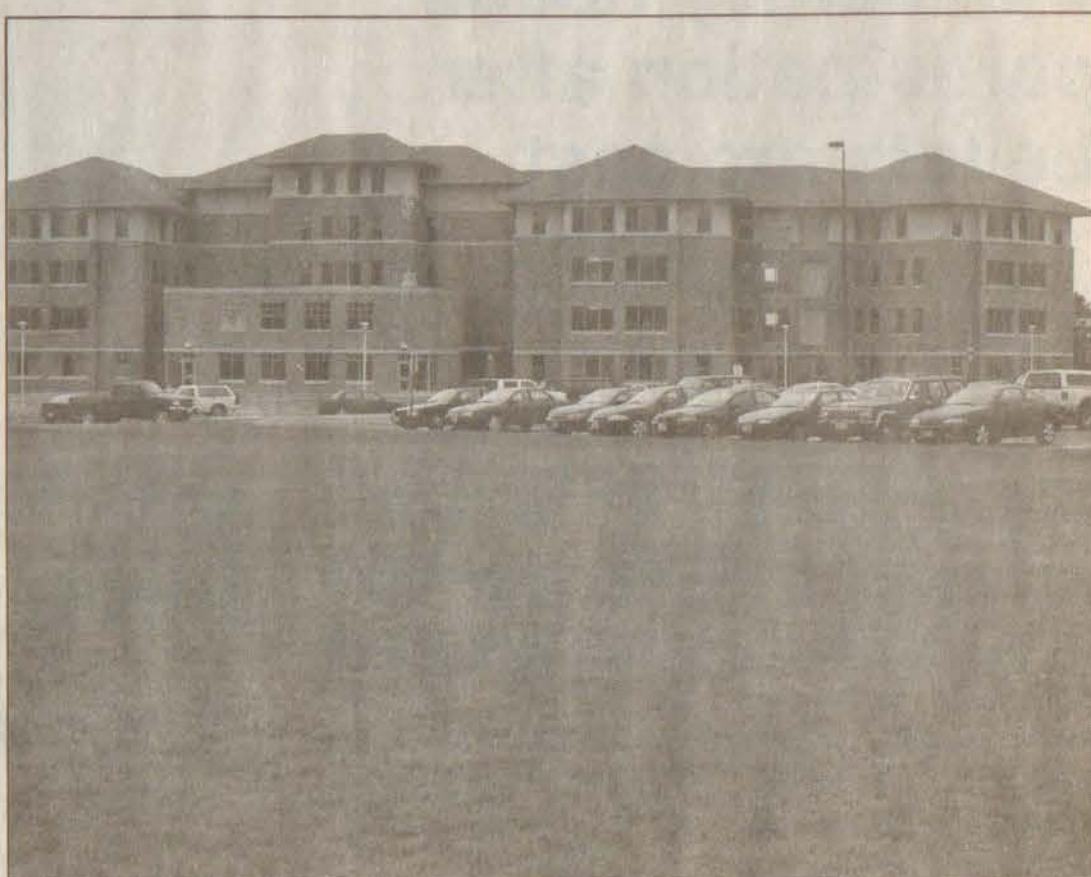


Photo by Eric Ebert

With the expansion on the East side of campus from South Fork Suites, O-Lot might not be big enough to house all the cars. The grassy area on the side of the lot could be an option for more parking spaces, however, no plans are in the works yet.

Students attend classes while serving community

Nick Koecheler
Staff Writer

Some students go to class and have fun, while others serve their community in addition to going to class.

Bobby Moody Jr. is a second-year student at UW-River Falls.

He is currently a full-time student with 15 credits at UW-RF, while also taking a four-credit class for emergency medical technician (EMT).

EMT class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and some Fridays, eight to 12 hours a week of class time.

Moody joined River Falls

Ambulance in September, but has been a practicing first responder since May 2003.

"Studying is no harder now than it ever has been," Moody said. "You simply have to plan to be done with everything early so that when something comes up, it doesn't take you away from getting your school work done."

Moody also works as a reserve police officer for the River Falls Police Department. He has been a reserve officer since June 2003.

Reserve officers do a variety of things including the photograph and direct traffic at accident scenes and special events, take statements, assist in transport,

ride alongs, take mugshots and fingerprints.

Reserve officers can also handcuff suspects when ordered to do so by a full-time police officer.

Reservist officers also lend their assistance at a variety of events. They assist with parades such as Memorial Day, River Falls Days, Holiday Lights and others. The reserve officers also lend their assistance for campus athletic events and high school athletic events. In the summer, this also help at events when the Kansas City Chiefs are in the city for summer training camp.

"Basically we are the eyes and ears of the police department,"

Moody said.

Sean Froelich joined the River Falls Police Reserves in January 2001. He stayed on as a reservist until he graduated from UW-RF in 2002. After graduating he became a full-time officer with the River Falls Police Department. Froelich said he was always a full-time student while attending the University.

Both the EMT and reserve officer positions are paid, but students who partake in assisting the community do it to help serve those in need in their community.

Students making difference abroad

Carla J. Cornwall
Staff Writer

Tomorrow's Educators, a student organization of education majors, has decided to stop holding book fairs after not making any money at the fair held in Wyman Education Building lobby Oct. 11-14, club president Amanda Deering said.

The organization had planned to use the profits from the fair to assist in funding Education in Afghanistan, a service program the club is a partner in sending school supplies to Afghanistan.

Tomorrow's Educators signed a contract with Partnership for Education of Children in Afghanistan (PECA) after PECA founder, Ghafar Lankanwal, spoke to the club last fall. The contract does not

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Jeff Swanson
Former Tomorrow's Educators club vice president

The book vendor for the fair, Scholastic, has a threshold of \$1,500 that a book fair must raise in order to be profitable and return cash to an organization. Because the fair only took in \$1,270 this year, compared to \$2,300 last year, the club received 40 percent of the amount collected in the form of books, not cash.

"We are definitely not doing the book fair again if we're not going to make enough money," Deering said. "It's a lot of work."

The club speculated the profit of the fair was lower this year because it was the third year of the book fair and interest on campus is starting to die down, said publicist for Tomorrow's Educators Erin Averbek.

Other possible causes Averbek cited were that this year the club has more members who order from book orders at the meetings rather than buying at the fair, and that teachers did not bring students to the fair as in previous years.

Student procrastination may have been a factor as well. Club members working at the fair heard browsers' surprise that Thursday was the last day of the fair and they wouldn't be able to buy books on Friday.

"If we had it open on Friday we might have made it, but we didn't realize until too late," Averbek said.

Deering stressed the Education in Afghanistan is the club's first priority for allocation of funds. The club is not for profit and wants to put the money collected in dues and fundraisers toward educating children, she said.

When Lankanwal visited campus last fall, he convinced the club's officers that PECA was the organization they wanted to send their funds to help educate children.

Lankanwal's speech focused

on the many obstacles facing the reconstruction of Afghanistan and highlighted the troubles that rural towns and villages have in receiving funds and supplies from the government. The speech and visit was summarized in an article in the River Falls Journal written by former club vice president Jeff Swanson.

Lankanwal said there is a dire need for an improved and well-funded school system in order to prepare the next generation to lead Afghanistan, according to the article.

As a partner to PECA, Tomorrow's Educators is working to send supplies to the new schools in Afghanistan.

Last year the club raised \$250 to buy supplies. The officers went to Wal-Mart in Hudson

with calculators in hand to see how much they could buy. They were surprised how far the money went.

"That was the best part of the whole thing, going down the school supplies aisle and clearing it out, basically," Swanson said.

The supplies were brought to PECA's headquarters in Bloomington, Minn., and Lankanwal delivered them to Afghanistan.

Deering found great satisfaction in the project.

"It's nice to know little River Falls can make the difference," Deering said.

She is looking ahead to spring for more profitable fundraising activities to continue to support the Education in Afghanistan program. The club may do a bake sale.

Both Deering and Swanson want to involve the whole campus community in getting school supplies to Afghanistan. The club is considering having donation boxes set up throughout campus to drop off school supplies.

Swanson and Deering said they thought students and club members would find it easier to donate a small school supply item instead of donating money or time to the project. Everyone can afford a box of crayons, Swanson said.

The club's dues would then be used to buy the more costly supplies, such as reams of paper and backpacks and pay for shipping. "Shipping is insanely expensive," to Afghanistan, Deering said.

Both are confident of the success of future fundraisers and supply drives.

"If we decide to do the donation (collection), we will get a lot of support," Swanson said.

Swanson said some things are so big you feel like you can't do something about it, but Education in Afghanistan is something everyone can do a small thing toward making a big difference.

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LOCAL

Police and Public Safety looking for Flasher

Public Safety and the River Falls Police Department are looking for a male who exposed himself to a female on the trail between Knowles and the amphitheater. Police are looking for a white male, approximately six feet tall of slim to medium build. He was seen wearing a black trench coat, black hat and a black scarf to cover his face. If you have any information on regarding this, please contact Public Safety at 425-3133.

Stargazing

On the first clear night of Nov. 8-11 UW-River Falls physics department is opening the Observatory in Centennial Science Hall. There will be a talk given by Eileen Korenic about what to expect called "The Sky is Falling: Meteor Showers", the talk begins at 8:30 p.m. in room 271 of CSH. The event is free and open to the community, as well as UW-RF students.

UFOs and the U.S. Government

Robert Hastings, UFO researcher and speaker, will give a presentation concerning the United States Government's secretive response to nature's mystery of UFOs. His presentation "UFOs: The Hidden History," is based on documents that have been previously classified and his research. Hastings does not have goals to condemn government; rather he is on a mission to get the facts out to the American public. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 10, in the North Hall Auditorium.

Video game tournament: Halo 2

For students who really enjoy video gaming, a tournament has been set up to compete to win a Halo 2 game. UW-River Falls chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery is sponsoring the tournament that will be held on Nov. 9 at 5 p.m. in 210 South Hall. At the tournament there will be snacks and drinks provided and the games will be played on projection screens. The fee is \$5 for registration at the door, or \$4 if registered before the games begin. To pre-register visit AMC's website at www.uwrf.edu/amc-chapter.

Odd/Even Parking

Starting Nov. 1, parking in River Falls will be odd/even parking. Odd/even parking means vehicles will be parked on the odd side of a street designated by property addresses on odd days of the month and on the even side of the street on even days of the month. Cars must be parked on the correct side from 1-6 a.m. Odd/even parking will stay in effect until March 31.

REGIONAL

Amish not voting

Voting can be enough pressure for citizens, but when there is added pressure for being in a swing state, people want everyone to vote. There is one group of people who collectively oppose voting. The Amish feel there are better ways to spend their time than voting. In Harmony, Minn., an Amish community, people there do not even know who is running for president and would rather pray to the Lord about it. Most don't know the simplest details, such as the candidates or the election date. They choose to place it in the hands of God and allow Him to be the ultimate decider. So these people find it odd that some other Amish communities are not responding the same way.

One Amish man from Pennsylvania supports voting by thinking that no matter how hard one would pray about milking it wouldn't get done unless the physical labor took place. So he feels voting is good and he brought 3,000 Amish voters to register from the 50,000 Pennsylvania Amish population. In Ohio a horse and buggy is available to the Amish to bring them to the polls to vote.

President George W. Bush met in Pennsylvania secretly with 30 Amish leaders in an attempt to get them to vote for him by claiming that God works through him. When Harmony community members heard that claim, they showed some of the basic knowledge that they do have of the candidates by claiming that Bush supports the Iraqi war and that he can't be a messenger because God doesn't support war. They didn't chose to side with Kerry either because he supports gay marriage and they do not believe in that.

Poker Celebrity at UW- Madison

UW-Madison will be playing host to one of their own alumnus in an intramural activity- a Texas Hold 'Em tourney. Phil Hellmuth Jr. has won the World Series of Poker nine times, and won \$3.6 million in winnings since leaving the university to pursue his professional career. He attributes his winnings to his innate ability to tell when people are lying.

At the tournament the prizes were not monetary, only T-shirts, or books or CDs from Hellmuth.

NATIONAL

Last minute arrangements and voter incentives

Both candidates ran across the country in attempt to get all the votes the could the day before the election before heading back to their hometowns to cast their ballots.

In swing states volunteer campaigners did last minute door to door visiting, telephone polls, and sent out snail and e-mail to voters. They also provided incentives to vote such as free daycare, free rides, free food, free underwear and T-shirts and free admission to swimming pools.

Employers and professors are making it hard for voters to have an excuse for not voting. Some are giving an extra vacation day, extra credit, and if it's rainy, then some volunteers will stand in lines with the voters to keep them dry with umbrellas and ponchos.

Some organizations are not looking to support one candidate or the other, but rather to get more of a certain group of people to be better represented in the democratic process.

Democrats and Republicans have, however, worked very hard to get voters to vote their way in the presidential race. Some voters have reported getting telephone calls from both sides just minutes apart. The campaign headquarters in selected cities worked hard to get signs in multiple languages as well as do all the other last minute things to get voters to the polls.

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate takes back seat to election

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Student governance was put on the back burner this week so more attention could be focused on the national presidential election. The Nov. 2 meeting lasted only 10 minutes, according to the start and end times recorded in the minutes.

In open forum, Nick Cluppert, student affairs and academic service director, addressed the Senate and moved to limit the Shared Governance Reports to one minute each. These reports are a time when committee chairs and directors inform the rest of the Senate what they are working on.

All of the Senators present, except one,

managed to squeeze in what they had to say until President Matthew Schuelke, watch in hand, cut them off.

Women's initiatives director Kendra Plant was allowed extra time because she had more to report on. Cluppert moved to allow her two extra minutes. Senator Katy Leisch seconded and they motion passed by acclamation.

In other Senate news:

•New Senator Georgia Wagner was voted in to fill the diversity issues director position and passed by acclamation. The motion was made by Schuelke and seconded by Vice President Emilee Driscoll. "It is important for the University for this position to be filled," Schuelke. Cluppert said that Wagner

would be a good fit for this position after working with her in a resident hall last year. Georgis is "very capable for this position," Cluppert said.

•The last United Council General Assembly of the year will be held at Marathon County from Dec. 3-4.

•World AIDS day is Dec. 1 and Plant is working on some events on campus for that day and would like some help. Contact her if anyone is interested.

•UC organizing and communication's director Brian Tanner said UW-River Falls has the highest campus voter per capita compared to UW-Superior, UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-Parkside and UW-Platteville.

More students choose campus food

Bridget Bohl
Staff Writer

Off-campus students are eating on campus in record numbers.

"This semester, there are approximately 600 students on meal plans who are not required to be," Gerda Benedict, director of food services, said.

Numbers in the past have been as low as 350; each year the numbers of off-campus students with meal plans grow, Benedict said.

Benedict credits the various food locations and times, along with food quality as the reasons off-campus students are opting for meal plans. The meal plans for upperclassmen and off-cam-

pus students are also priced reasonably, Benedict said.

"There are many challenges with keeping quality standards high especially when you are feeding hundreds of people each day; I believe the Chartwells' employees take pride in what they serve and work hard to provide a quality product," Benedict said.

Campus meal plans are semester long and can range in size from five to 19 meals per week.

The majority of off-campus students opt for either the five or 14-meal plan, while the 10-meal plan comes in a close third, Benedict said.

Generally female students select smaller meal plans and

male students choose larger ones, though there are exceptions, Benedict said.

Benedict predicts the increasing trend will continue.

"As we continue to add features to our meal plans and with the addition of a new student center in the next couple years offering many different options in the future, I can't see the trend going any way but up," Benedict said.

Benedict points to several features that have been added to meal plans in recent years. These include the Blimpie Cart at Rodli Commons with a meal plan transfer, extended food hours in Rodli Commons and Char's Grille dinner meal transfers.

Benedict recalled a time when the only meal plans on campus were the 19 and 14 meals per week, with no bonus points. At that time, all meals were eaten at Rodli Commons, since the Student Center did not have a meal plan service.

In order to meet student demands, the Joint Food Services Committee has discussed the possibility of late night dining and a convenience store, Benedict said.

Benedict encourages any students with feedback to contact the Joint Food Services Committee.

Off-campus student, Nicholas Hall, credits the convenience of food services as his reason for being on the 14-meal plan.

"It is easier; (I) don't have to make anything myself and this way I don't have to come home between classes for lunch," Hall said.

Hall also participates in basketball and eats some meals with teammates.

"There just isn't any time to come home and cook, so it is just easier to have a meal plan," Hall said.

For these reasons, Hall plans to continue with his meal plan next semester.

Mark James is also an off-campus student on the 14-meal plan.

James cites his sports involvement as the main reason for being on a meal plan.

Although James does like being on a meal plan, he would like to see food portion sizes increase.

"As an athlete if I don't go to Rodli, I'm hungry after an hour on Chars or Freddy's meals. Why is it that Freddy's dinner(s) cost more than lunch but you get the same amount of food?" James said.

Despite his dissatisfaction with portion sizes, James plans to be on the 14-meal plan next semester.



Photo by Sarah Gestson

About 600 students who don't need a UW-RF meal plan currently chose to purchase a meal plan and eat on campus. This number is up from 350 students in previous years.

Students express health concerns

Katrina Schmidt
Staff Writer

The American College Health Association (ACHA) National College Health Assessment conducts a survey designed to track college students' behaviors in terms of general health; alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; sexual behavior and contraception; mental and physical health; body image, nutrition and exercise.

The survey was mailed randomly to 1,420 students on campus in spring 2000 and again to 1,398 in spring 2003. UW-River Falls Student Health Services hopes to be able to continue to conduct the survey every three years. The survey results from 2000 and 2003 are being compared to see what Student Health Services can do to improve student services, and work on improving student health overall. The survey is also done in hopes

to show students that they are not necessarily the only ones dealing with certain issues.

"With this survey, students can also realize 'I'm not the only one with issues and feelings like this,'" senior counselor Gretchen Link said.

The survey results will be distributed to students in residence halls, faculty and staff and will be available in Student Health Services. The results also will be available at information tables during events such as the student health fair, and anyone can view the survey results on-line at www.uwrf.edu/student-health-service.

"What a lot of this really helps us with is target services and target programming by identifying needs that students have and the best way for us to get the data is to do a survey," student health educator Keven Syverson said.

The survey enables Student

Health Services to do things like apply for grants, improve services and basically use the data to attach dollars to the services offered.

Conducting this survey in the campus community costs about \$2,000 and is financed through Student Health Services.

The survey is also used to look at certain policies and issues on campus.

"As far as smoking and second-hand smoke, students said 'hey, we don't like second-hand smoke,' so this enabled the 25-feet in front of buildings smoking ban," Syverson said.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to use survey results to keep them aware of services they think need to be added, or to make a referral of a student who they think has a problem in one of the student health behavior areas. With a 19 to 1 student/faculty ratio, professors may be able

to pick up on student behaviors and attitudes more and send that student in the right direction toward help, if needed. Professors also hear first-hand about students' worries making it easier for Student Health Services to add or improve services to fit students' needs.

"The bottom line is we provide services, programming and events, we have an idea of what of what the issues are with our students, but it's really good to have actual data about what issues are impacting students," said Alice Reilly-Myklebust, director of Student Health Services. "This survey not only gives us data about our students but also compares it nationally which really helps kind of put it in perspective and to see how we compare nationally with issues that are impacting our students and other students."

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE

Oct. 26
Probation officer Amy C. Klarkowski reported a probation violation by Eric J. Corbine. River Falls police took Corbine into custody outside 551 S. Spruce Street.

Reann M. Flood reported harassment by computer at May Hall.

Oct. 27
Christine M. Bender reported damage to two windows (valued at \$75) at 1430 Cemetery Road.

Duane J. Ledin was cited for an illegal U-turn.

Sara M. Fleming was fined \$243 for underage consumption at 306 Stratton Hall.

Oct. 28
Jessica J. Pries slid in wet conditions and

rear-ended Sarah B. Braden at North Main and Division Streets. Both vehicles sustained very minor damages.

Lee C. Vandermarliere and Jessica L. Haase collided at the intersection of South Second and Walnut Streets. Haase was fined \$77.20 for failure to yield right of way while making a left turn.

Christopher R. Wiberg was fined \$102 for sale of tobacco to a minor at 700 North Main Street (BP Amoco).

Marcus C. Fields was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at 106 Stratton Hall.

Oct. 29
Krista L. Russell was fined \$243 for underage consumption at North Hall.

Oct. 31
Michael S. Larson backed into an illegally parked vehicle owned by Sean P. Slaikeu at 772 Sycamore St. Larson was fined \$705 for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and \$705 for operating with a prohibited alcohol content. Larson initial blood alcohol content was measured at .17.

Timothy M. Dwyer was fined \$102 for public urination at 302 S. Main St.

Andrew J. Riggle was cited for failure to obey a sign.

Nov. 1
Jonathan A. Fisher reported the theft of about 120 CDs with a case (valued at \$960) from a locked vehicle. He also reported damage to the vehicle's door and window.

EDITORIAL

Democracy needs participation after ballots are cast

Another election is in the books - now let's close them. That's not to say voters shouldn't look back and be proud of themselves and their fellow Americans for voting and making history. Think about why you voted. Think about the impact you had on the slim margin, especially in swing states like Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Take the time to really think about the impact of having such a close race. The damaged political signs and intimidation were a direct result of left-wingers and right-wingers taking up sides in the recent political war. Supporters wore buttons, T-shirts and hats everywhere they went, just like rival gangs show their colors and protect their territory.

What everyone needs to do now is move past this and realize the war is over and their neighbor never really was the enemy.

Sidewalk chalkings were stomped on, signs were torn down and a feeling of separation between the College Republicans and the College Democrats set us up for further division. People wearing buttons supporting "the wrong" candidate were frowned upon by their peers.

We need to listen to what our leaders said in their post-election speeches. We must believe in them when they ask us to help create a unified nation - not a bi-polar, separated one. Only together are we able to accomplish this goal as a nation.

Republicans have the right to celebrate but must be aware of what lies ahead. They are representatives for the entire United States, meaning they will need to listen to both conservatives and their liberal counterparts. Four years of divisiveness and ignorance will not accomplish anything.

We as students, faculty and staff at UW-River Falls can begin joining together and forgetting about the political mud that has been slung around campus. Sidewalk chalkings were stomped on, signs were torn down and a feeling of separation between the College Republicans and the College Democrats set us up for further division. People wearing buttons supporting "the wrong" candidate were frowned upon by their peers.

Yes, the Democrats have the right to mourn but not to give up on their goals or get angry. They can be proud of their impact in this election and know that they made the presidential race one of the closest in history yet again.

Just as Republicans need to compromise, Democrats also need to keep an open mind and offer to trust our elected officials. Four years of whining will accomplish nothing and slide the party further down the vortex.

No matter the results, we need to be responsible citizens and go beyond voting once every four years. Respect our differences in opinion as Americans and say what we want to say. Remember that unity is not created with intolerance.

President Bush and the Republican party may have the keys to the car, but that doesn't mean voters can't sit shotgun, offering a road map or a whisper of directions when applicable. Democracy goes beyond elections and our involvement shouldn't end when the last ballot is counted. The people must constantly make demands on their government, from city council to state department. Freedom is fragile and perishable - don't neglect exercising rights as an American citizen.

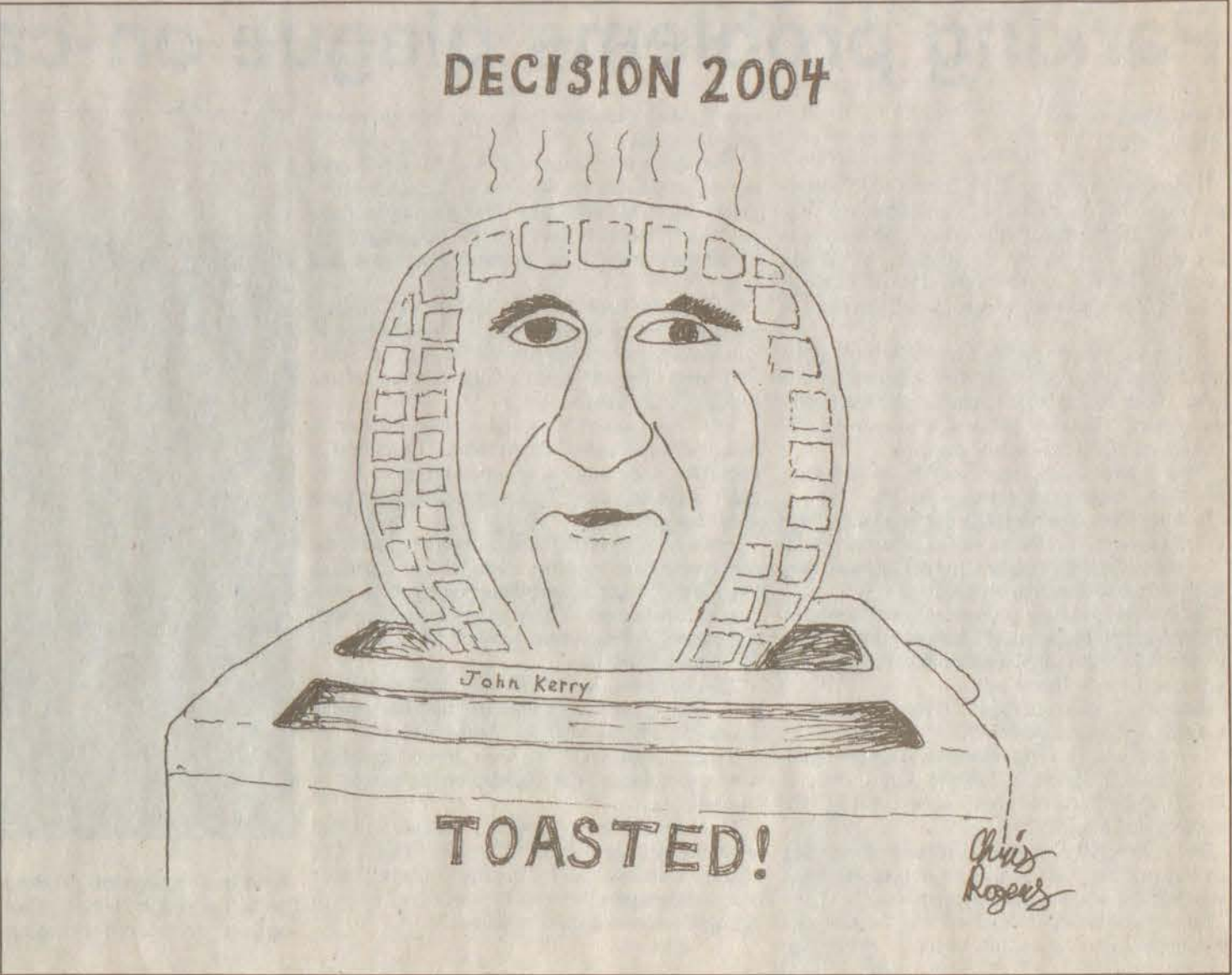
You went and voted — good for you. You should be proud of that. But don't take for granted the four years until the next election. Petitions and letters can be written and voices can be heard in lobbying. Just voting isn't going to do enough if you really want to make a difference. One campaign slogan the New Voters Project used was "make them pay attention to us." This doesn't need to stop now that the election is over. Government officials should not be allowed to forget about the overwhelming voice that people from ages 18-25 have. Start locally and work your way up.

In the end, we are Americans and we should always take pride in this fact. Stop worrying about who is left or right, red or blue, right or wrong. Accept the results of this election year and be a responsible, respectful American.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Faculty weigh in on morality, courses

Pro-life advocates should consider more than just death of fetuses

A recent River Falls Journal article discussed emergency contraception as an appropriate response to unprotected sexual intercourse. Emergency contraception may in most cases prevent or delay ovulation, inhibit tubal transport of the egg or sperm, or interfere with fertilization. However, depending on the timing of ovulation and the sexual act, the timing and type of the emergency contraceptive, and on the effectiveness of the emergency contraceptive, one other potential means of action is the prevention of implantation of a newly fertilized ovum. If we believe (as I do) that life begins with fertilization, then this creates a moral issue.

But my concerns are also much broader. As you read this, we will know the outcome of the elections. Regardless of the outcome, I've been greatly distressed over the controversy about abortion. Since I've been labeled one of the "campus radicals" more times than I can count, I'd like to share my views.

I am pro-life when it comes to abortion, as I am pro-life on all issues. I believe that abortion is violent and that it characterizes our society as one that would support the easy way out of a pregnancy (though certainly not easy for the mother), rather than spending additional money on programs that support families, including single parent ones.

The irony is that so many pro-life advocates are pro-life only when it comes to the important issues of abortion, euthanasia and stem cell research. Their "family values" do not extend to supporting families in need due to poverty, unemployment, discrimination, homelessness and lack of health insurance. These are life issues as much as abortion is. Certainly supporting families would go a long way toward reducing abortions by women who feel they have no other choice. And of course, capital punishment and the thousands of civilians killed in Iraq constitute life issues.

As an economist, I think in terms of "opportunity cost." What are we giving up when we spend enormous amounts of money on a war in Iraq while millions of poor people around the world go without food and parents are forced to watch their precious children die? And by focusing on Iraq, we are sitting by and ignoring the genocide taking place in the Darfur region of Sudan, just as we ignored the genocide in Rwanda ten years ago.

If I had my wish, pro-life advocates would be pro-life in all aspects of life, and pro-choice advocates would recognize that their social justice positions on other issues should extend to unborn human life.

Jackie Brux
Economics professor

History professor's classes borne out of department's vision - not 9/11

I would like to express my gratitude to the Student Voice and to staff writer Jonathan Majak for the front page article about me and my position and teaching plans. Majak and photo editor Eric Ebert did a great job and a service to the university community. However, there is a point that is somewhat overlooked and I would like to draw student readers' attention to it.

I did not just decide to offer a course in Middle Eastern history because the tragic events of 9/11 and the war in Iraq made us much more aware of the existence of that part of the world. In fact, I was hired by UW-River Falls to teach Mediterranean and Middle Eastern History. My position reflects the vision of the Department of History and Philosophy and the administrative leadership of UW-RF that the Islamic world and its interaction with the West in our global world have a long tradition and it is high time we acknowledge this and get to know more about it.

The position expresses the deep conviction of the History and Philosophy Department that our engagement with the Middle East is not a historical contingency but a long-term relationship with a past, a present and a future — and these three components influence each other to a significant extent. It is my primary goal and my heavy responsibility to UW-RF leadership and student community to make that vision a tangible academic reality by developing and teaching a curriculum in this field. I am looking forward to it.

Kiril Petkov
History professor

Newspaper jobs open to all students

The Student Voice needs non-journalism majors for newsroom diversity

This isn't my paper. It doesn't belong to the University administration, the journalism department, or even the Editorial Board or the rest of the folks who work in the newsroom. This newspaper belongs to its readers.

When trying to recruit the best and brightest students to work at the Student Voice, they often decline and give reasons that suggest the newspaper is affiliated with a group other than the general student body.

Students say, "I'm an English major," or "I'm an art major," suggesting that only journalism students work to put out the newspaper. Some people say, "I can't write," or "I don't know how to use Macintosh computers," suggesting that only writers work at a newspaper.

The truth is that the Student Voice needs quality non-journalism people just as badly as it needs journalists. The newspaper is more than just another club or student organization. It is a business. It needs business-savvy people, people who know computers, people who know art, people who know politics, sports, entertainment and anything else readers could be interested in.

While it's true the staff writers are provided by an advanced reporting journalism class, those positions are non-paid and only make up about a quarter of jobs available at the Student Voice.

The paper also needs: editors, page designers, proofreaders, columnists, cartoonists, Web designers, graphic artists, business strategists, advertising representatives, billing clerks and circulation clerks.

Though it probably won't pay most people's rent, all the positions are paid enough to fill their gas tanks every couple weeks or cover their bar tabs. Some positions require no previous experience, though it is preferred.

The paper needs variety in thought in the office. If everyone there thinks and acts the same, readers are misrepresented.



MICHEAL FOLEY

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UW-RF COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

Republicans have a long history of lying about welfare. Ronald Reagan based much of his presidency on holding imaginary "welfare queens" accountable. These welfare queens were having multiple children with multiple fathers, sitting back in collecting the checks and laughing all the way to the bank while driving their Cadillacs. Reagan once said, "facts are stubborn things." The fact is that there's no such thing as a welfare queen.

Depending on whether or not you consider Social Security and Medicare to be welfare, for this discussion we won't, welfare is a little over 1 percent of the budget. Meanwhile, Bush just signed over \$140 billion dollars of corporate

giveaways, or welfare.

It makes more sense to give a helping hand to the needy when they have periods of tough luck than it does to give welfare to billion-dollar corporations who aren't paying their fair share of tax dollars to begin with.

So at a time when people are losing their jobs, health care is out of reach for many Americans and wages are going down, we are told that giving a helping hand is wrong. But we can pay for AT&T's ceiling fans. Oh please,

TWO SIDES OF Welfare

Welfare as we know it needs to change.

While there are people who need welfare the system is heavily abused by individuals who do not want to work but have every capability to work. It is important that we tighten our purse strings and conserve the money for people who truly need it or

have earned it.

The workers and entrepreneurs who, at one point, furthered our economy and nation may be down on their luck and in need of help. Single

UW-RF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

mothers, who are looking out for their children's best interests and are trying to move to the next tax bracket, truly need help. The physically and mentally handicapped truly need help.

However, there are people who abuse the goodwill of others. That is why we need welfare reform. According to the White House, welfare reform "helped to move 4.7 million Americans from welfare dependency to self-sufficiency within three years of enactment, and the number of welfare caseloads has declined by 54 percent since 1996." The reform, unfortunately, expired at the end of 2003. Call your elected officials and ask them to renew the reform so the people who truly need it are able to gain access to it.

Even an abridged version of the Golden Rule will do at this point

I love America but this whole election cycle really has me down. I don't like the candidates and I don't like where our country is headed, regardless of the outcome. I hate being submerged in a sea of propaganda that seeks to fragment the nation rather than bring it together. What we have seen was not a campaign, rather a war. Our election cycle has made our country worse not better, just as it did four years ago. Why can't we all just get along?

A fanatical devotion to the notion of our own moral superiority has painted our complicated situation in black and white. Crusades have been launched and the infidels are near, and all

that matters is their defeat. In a world filled with uncertainty we need passion to succeed but we do not need these new religions of hate.

The sanctimonious anger that both sides have leveraged to swell

KEVIN DINSMORE

their ranks disgusts me. We live in a setting where hatemongering is the most effective tool with pompous, righteous indignation taking a close second. The only hope we see in this world is the hope that the "other side" will not come into power, but we seem to forget that the enemies are our neighbors. If the nation really is in turmoil, then it is because we have forgotten to include one

another. We don't have to agree but a little consideration would not hurt.

If we cannot maintain a semblance of respect for one another, then there is no good way to address the multitude of problems that face our nation. To effectively govern a nation with an enormous population and vast resources, a little diplomacy is needed, and no one seems much interested in bringing people together.

Whoever wins the now concluded election governs the entire country, not just its own disciples. With the bad feelings remaining from 2000, the situation will only escalate. It is a tragedy. Millions of dollars have been spent to provide an after-election environment of bickering and partisanship, and the powers-that-be are benefiting at

our expense. The fear that has been generated serves to drive us into the hands of groups that are owned by society's wealthiest members, our lives merely a game for them.

Maybe it is unfair to present such a problem without providing a means of escape, I don't know. I have to ask what cure is there, really? As a nation we love to indulge in hatefulness, it seems a part of our nature. We always want to get our way, and because we are strong we almost always do. I would like to tell you to love your neighbor, but in the past men have been crucified for such requests. Maybe as a favor you could just hate "them" a little less.

Whatever the case, our votes are cast, and now it is up to the courts to decide our president. Let's get on with our lives.

It's high time to realize race was between two losers

Sir Winston Churchill is quoted as saying "When asked to

name the chief qualification a politician should have, it's the ability to foretell what will happen tomorrow, next month, and next year; and to explain afterward why it didn't happen."

I'm writing this column in the days preceding the election, and you will be reading it after what will probably be another blunder in America's attempt at democracy. I've decided to take this opportunity to give you an idea of what I plan on doing now that my entertainment from the past year is over.

Obviously, the first step is actually getting out of bed on Tuesday and going to the high school to vote. I'm looking forward to some radical Republicans challenging my local address or the fact that, however close, I am not a felon. I have a feeling I'll be disappointed in that respect, but I will be wearing my "I voted" sticker with pride. Then it's off to Emma's for a beer

or two for no reason other than just needing a beer at 3 p.m.

Scenario one, President Bush wins and defies the almighty Packers and nulls their victory Sunday over the Redskins. If I were to have a soundtrack to my life, a familiar song would slowly fade into the background - "I'm leaving on a jet plane." In all actuality, I can't leave because I need to graduate if I want to compete for a job not

yet outsourced. Honestly, my true worry of another Bush administration is if our country has another terrorist attack then more of our civil liberties will be stripped in the name of freedom.

Furthermore, we can try for an impeachment but that would only put the real president in power then.

However, we can return to our Protestant roots complete with witch hunts and scarlet letters.

Scenario two, Senator Kerry wins and several thousand Neocon Republicans keel over with disbelief. Several months ago I would have liked to see Kerry win but as we all know this election is one of the two-headed beast serving corporate America and the privileged. About all we have to look forward to is Halliburton getting its no-bid contract revoked, Cheney being subpoenaed and go on life support and Iraq will still be a sea of blood that no one in the world is going to help us with. Oh yeah, Canada might start shipping down some cheaper prescription pills when in reality we could be saving a lot more money by using medical marijuana and also decriminalizing it to clear non-violent criminals out of prisons. Not to sell Kerry short - his

election would bring about the utopian wonderland full of diversity where we all hold hands and grow flowers in our yards year round. Either way, this election gave no choice to the undecided or unaffiliated everyday American voter.

Scenario three, Ralph Nader wins and I roll up a fat joint, which I smoke while watching pigs fly and hell freeze over.

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Bush's win promises a brighter future

President Bush's message was exactly what the doctor ordered. There are several reasons why Bush will be staying in Washington another four years.

The war on terrorism was the most important issue to the American public. Our country was attacked on 9/11 where we suffered one of the greatest tragedies in the history of the United States. Without hesitation, Bush responded by using our powerful military to hunt down and capture key members of Al Qaeda's leadership. He passed the U.S. Patriot Act to secure the homeland and created the Department of Homeland Security.

Iraq was another salient issue in the election. Instead of allowing the deceitful regime of Saddam Hussein to become stronger, Bush invaded his borders and removed him from power. Once again the U.S. military performed tremendously in conquering its objective. Although there is

a struggle to secure the peace, it appears that Iraq will one day be a nation free of terror.

The U.S. economy, like in many elections, was a key reason to vote for one of the two candidates. Democrats believed that this was a weakness of the Bush Administration; however, the facts showed the opposite. Following the recession caused by Bush's predecessor, GDP growth has been outstanding. Unemployment rates are low and other indicators, like homeownership, are phenomenal. The people of this country understood this and voted accordingly.

Dignity and honor are a pertinent characteristic of the Bush White House. He is a man of faith, integrity and respect. Bush has remained firm in his beliefs and consistent in his policies. Voters were cognizant of these characteristics.

All of these reasons are why the American people voted for Bush Tuesday. He is a clear leader, which is not what could have been said about his opponent.

John Kerry was wrong on defense and the

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war on terror. A flip-flopper is dangerous as the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Armed Forces. The American people knew a candidate who cannot hold a steady position on the war effort will fail greatly as a war-time president. They also understood victory in the war on terror requires a president who will wage a strong offense and defense.

Bush's victory was well deserved and is a mandate from the American people. During the next four years we will see a prosperous economy. The country of Iraq will hold open elections and the security will fall into the hands of a newly trained internal military. Osama bin Laden's reign of terror will nearly be demolished and his ability to attack the United States will be minimal. As a handful of Supreme Court Justices retire, new justices will be appointed that will strictly interpret the law.

America will be safe. Our economy will thrive. More of the same fulfilling hope is on the way.

Support our troops. God bless our president. And have a great Republican year.



JAKE DUSENBERG

Labels, political correctness diminish American dream

My friend said to me the other day "I don't want to be called 'foreign.' It makes me feel like an alien." She went on to inform me that the politically correct reference should be "foreign-born," "international" or "Asian-American."

Well, I thought, you have been a citizen of the United States for more than 20 years, why not simply "American?"

Frankly, I don't understand the need to label and classify citizens of this nation according to their heritage.

I have been plagued with labels. For instance, I am classified, by the federal government, as "West Indian American" because I was born in Trinidad. I am an older student so I fall into the University's classification of "non-traditional" student - whatever that means.

I have lived in the United States more than 36 years and consider myself

American, not a "Trinidadian American." I also consider myself a student just like the 18-22 year-olds with whom I am in school. I do not expect to be given special consideration because I happen to be born in Trinidad or because I am 50 years old and in school. My only expectations are of myself - to work, study hard and be taught with other students.

I think it is unnecessary and inaccurate for Americans to be labeled or to label themselves. For example, what does "African-American" mean? Most "black" Americans are descendants of African slaves brought to America many generations ago.

Although some may maintain some of the traditions of their ancestors,

most have been born in America and have never set foot in Africa. It is the same for "German-Americans,"

"Asian-Americans," "Italian-Americans" and many other Americans as well.

Labeling suggests to me "dual-citizenship." I find it hard to comprehend how a person who is an American citizen can be committed to two countries worlds apart. I don't see the effectiveness or any advantages.

Furthermore, blind political adherence to political correctness creates labels, which only serve to further separate and divide us. And I think the federal government has fostered such labeling. For example, census forms require an indication of background. Labeling and separation by the gov-

ernment breeds discrimination by creating distinct groups or classification of people. Logically, such groups must have different expectations and, therefore, must be given different considerations. This translates into discrimination against the rest of society.

The idea that labels are a form of protection against discrimination is ludicrous. In fact, labeling creates separateness, and a labeled group will sooner or later be discriminated against - and discriminators themselves!

For example, we are in the midst of experiencing "reverse-discrimination" against "white" Americans. Employers are required to give special consideration to African-Americans and other minority-Americans when filling jobs and letting contracts.

I am not suggesting that American citizens should surrender or abandon their heritage or background. As a mat-

ter of fact, the freedom to express and enjoy disparate cultural backgrounds, and integrate them into our everyday life, is one of the greatest benefits of American life.

Americans come in all shapes, sizes and colors and with diverse backgrounds. As citizens of the United States, we should strive to embrace our diversity and not let it divide us. It is bad enough that our political ideologies are already pulling us apart.

Our nation would be better off if we avoid the labeling and classification - the distinctions - that political correctness requires. We are, and should be, a nation of Americans - plain and simple.

Heritage, ethnicity and disparate cultural backgrounds add interest to life in America. No label is required - honest, unpretentious expression of diversity will be acknowledged, respected and appreciated.



PATRICIA BRUHN



Jaci Horwart, freshman

"I would like to see more variety for vegetarians. All there is are soup and rice and the salad is not good."



Travis Greiman, junior

"It's pretty good. I like Cascade Cafe. They always have different meals."



Lindsay VanBeek, senior

"The food quality is poor. I don't know how they think people could function after eating the stuff."



Travis Kapisak, junior

"I don't eat here too much. There's not much variety, but I like that they have a Blimpie's."

Photo poll by Sarah Gestson

What do you think about the quality of food services?

Volleyball team can't reach WIAC semifinals



Lindsey Mace dives to save a ball in Tuesday's match against UW-La Crosse. The Eagles swept the Falcons out of the playoffs. UW-RF ended its season with an overall record of 24-11 and a 5-3 WIAC record.

Photo by Micheal Foley

Mike Klees
Sports Information

The Falcon volleyball team most likely saw their season come to an end on Tuesday night, with a loss in the first round of the WIAC tournament. The Falcons were swept in three straight games by a tough UW-La Crosse team, 31-29, 30-19, 30-23. The only way the Falcons can make the NCAA playoffs is by getting an at-large berth, but that seems highly unlikely.

The Eagles dominated the Falcons on the defensive end, with 80 digs and 11 total team blocks. UW-RF managed just 37 digs and two total team blocks. The Falcons were led in the match by senior outside hitter Nina Petersen with 13 kills and by sophomore Andrea Geehan with 12 kills. The Falcons also got 11 digs from sophomore libero Lindsey Mace.

This past weekend, the falcons were unable to beat UW-Stout in the title match of the UW-RF Trick or Treat Tournament.

On Friday, the Falcons started the tournament with a win against St. Thomas, 30-32, 30-27, 30-24, 30-18. Then UW-RF went on to beat St. Scholastica

30-27, 30-28, 30-22. "We came out very strong against St. Thomas and I was pleased with our play overall," head coach Patti Ford said.

Against St. Thomas, the Falcons were led by senior outside hitter Logan Kiesch, with 11 kills and 13 digs. The Falcons also got good matches from Andrea Geehan, with 13 kills and sophomore Tressa Gustafson, who had 16 digs filling in for the injured Katie Thompson.

Against St. Scholastica, the Falcons were led once again by Kiesch, with 13 kills and 16 digs. Senior outside hitter Nina Petersen led the team on offense with 15 kills and Geehan had another solid match with 12 kills.

The Falcons opened up on Saturday with a win against UW-Superior, 30-17, 30-19, 28-30, 27-30, 15-2. The match seemed to shift after the Falcons dominated the first two games, and Superior took it all the way to five games. In the title match the Falcons fell to UW-Stout, 30-21, 27-30, 30-28, 30-24.

"We started off slow against St. Scholastica

See VOLLEYBALL, Page 7

WIAC runners invade campus for conference meet



The women's team finishes its season with an eighth place finish out of nine teams. The Falcons were led by Amanda Kozicky placing 26th overall.

Photo by Jens Gunelson

Katie Bild
Proofreader

The UW-River Falls men's and women's cross country teams held this year's WIAC Meet on Saturday.

The men placed seventh of nine teams in an 8,000-meter course around the UW-River Falls campus. Finishing first for the Falcons was Zach Vircks, who placed 19th overall, and earned All-Conference honors, with a time of 26:28.4. Following were Jason Phillippi, who placed 34th overall with a time of 27:21.2, and Zach Moe, who finished in 27:37.5, placing 42nd.

"The top three finishers were freshmen ... which looks good for the future," head coach Don Glover said.

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Don Glover
Cross country coach

The women ran a 6,000-meter course and placed eighth of nine teams. Amanda Kozicky led the Falcons, with a time of 24:04.2 and placed 26th overall. Finishing second and third for UW-RF were Maria Michaud who placed 39th overall (24:46.5) and Laura Murphy who placed 43rd overall (24:56.2).

"Amanda ran well, but took it out too fast. She got a little aggressive," Glover said.

Erica Berrisford, Angie Kveene, Maria Michaud and Steph Jicinsky had extraordinary times and ran very well, Glover said.

For most, the meet was the last of the season. However, seven runners will be chosen to go to the Midwest Region meet on Nov. 13 in Illinois.



The men's cross country team started the WIAC conference meet together, but only a few qualified for regionals.

Photo by Jens Gunelson

Fans heavily support hockey, cheer for free ice cream



This last weekend was what all Falcon fans expected while being in attendance at the hockey game.

During the hockey game, the students were into the it. Good luck finding a spot in the student section this year if you get to the game late. If you are one of those fans who listens to the game on the radio, then the student section is not

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for you, because there is an ongoing chant and cheer every second of the game. By far the best was the "we want ice cream" with nearly 10 minutes left in the game. Knowing that if you get seven goals scored against you the opposing students get ice cream was just enough to get UW-Eau Claire to try near the end. After all, Dan Lohr for the Blugolds might as well have had ice cream waiting for him in the penalty box with all the time he had spent in there during the match.

But back to the basics, fans make the game and are necessary as the season rolls on. Cheers and the usuals around the boards back for another season are what make Falcon's hockey what it is.

The next home game is coming up this weekend on Nov. 6 against Concordia-Moorhead.

Last year, the Falcons beat Concordia-Moorhead, 3-1.

I hope to see the same number of students

in attendance as there were this last weekend. As long as Stephan "Animal" Grandpre is leading the cheers, hockey will have a crowd.

Being a fairly decent match up, even though this isn't Halloween weekend, stick around and cheer on the team because fans do matter to the players and to the coaches.

Not to be greedy, but I want the team to win, so support the Falcon hockey team because I'm a poor college student, and ice cream is sounding really good right now.

Men's hockey remains perfect

Falcons turn Blugolds black and blue in NCHA face off game

Mike Klees
Sports Information

The season could not have gotten off to a better start for the UW-River Falls men's hockey team. It completed its opening home stand with a 2-0-0 record, while outscoring opponents 13-1.

"I was pleased to get off to a fast start," head coach Steve Freeman said. "We made leaps and bounds in practice last week, especially on special teams."

The Falcons opened the season with a 7-0 shutout against the Milwaukee School of Engineering Oct. 26.

UW-RF got goals from seven different players, including one by freshman Jason Usher.

Six Falcons had one goal and one assist in the game. Junior goalie Dan Meneghin got the shutout with 40 saves.

On Saturday night, the Falcons took on conference rival UW-Eau Claire, in a non-conference game.

Junior goalie Andy Scanlon got the start for the Falcons and was very impressive, giving up just one goal in a 6-1 victory.

The Falcons went 5-15 on the power play in a game that saw the teams rack up 74 penalty minutes. The Falcons got two goals each from senior Josh Schlipp and junior Aaron Degerness.

The only negative coming out of the games was the 26 penalties committed.

The slew of penalties being called by the referees is part of a new plan by the NCAA to enforce the rules better and hopefully

make for a smoother game.

Both the Falcons and their opponents seemed to be having a tough time adjusting to the new plan.

"Everything is being called to the letter," Freeman said. "There will be a huge adjustment period for all the teams."

The Falcons will continue to have a two-goalie rotation with Meneghin and Scanlon. Freeman believes the goalies will make each other better, as they push each other in

practice. He feels that the team is lucky to have two great goaltenders.

The student body will get a new banner for their section, "The Hunting Ground," sometime in the upcoming week. The purpose is to give the students a sense of belonging while in attendance at each home game.

UW-RF will go on the road on Friday night against Augsburg College at 8 p.m. Then they play host to Concordia-Moorhead on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena.



Freshman forward Matt Jackson was willing to take a penalty to prove his point, in the Oct. 30 match against UW-Eau Claire.

Photo by Micheal Foley

Soccer advances on to WIAC semis

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The Falcon soccer team beat UW-La Crosse, 4-2, in the first round of the WIAC playoffs Tuesday afternoon at Ramer Field and advance to the semifinals on Friday.

The Falcons led 3-2 at the half and scored the only goal of the second half to secure the win.

UWRF's Sarah Carlson and Ashley Peterson teamed up to score the first two Falcon goals. UWRF started the scoring just 1:25 into the contest when Carlson scored off a cross from Peterson. The two combined again at 23:30 to give UWRF a 2-0 lead. The goals were Carlson's 11th and 12th of the year.

But UWL got right back in the match with two goals to tie the game. Cynthia Fudzinski scored her eighth goal of the year at 30:41 with an assist to Mandy Rue. About 10 minutes later Ashley Kumlien scored her second goal of the season to tie the game.

Just over a minute later the Falcons took the lead for good. Peterson scored what proved to be the game-winner at 41:39. Peterson also scored the only goal of the second half, at 66:08. The two goals give Peterson a team high 13 for the year.

Falcon goalie Hannah Tvedt improved her record to 6-2-1 with the win. She made four saves in the game. UWL goalie Stephanie Harbaugh also made four saves.

The UW-River Falls soccer team lost its final regular-season game, 3-2 in overtime, at Nebraska Wesleyan Saturday afternoon.

Nebraska Wesleyan's Liz Baltzell scored in the 91st minute to give her team the win.

The teams each scored goals in both halves. UW-RF started the scoring at 18:41 when Amy Piersak scored on a free kick. It was her second goal of the year. Nebraska Wesleyan tied the game at 29:09 when Lindsay Priefert scored on a cross. Baltzell and Megan McCarville assisted. Nebraska Wesleyan took a 2-1 lead at 72:20 of the second half when Jenna Knapp scored with an assist from Roya Niazi. The Falcons tied the game at 78:42 when Ashley Peterson scored her team-leading 11th goal of the year, unassisted.

The Falcons, now 11-4-1 overall, play in the WIAC semifinal on Friday at UW-Stevens Point.

The Falcons will play the Pointers at 11 a.m. UW- Oshkosh, 2-1 winners at home against UW-Whitewater today, will play UW-Stout in the other semifinal. The championship match will be played at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

Football

WIAC Standings

Eau Claire(3-2)	6-2
Whitewater (3-2)	6-2
Stevens Point (3-2)	5-3
La Crosse(3-2)	4-3
Oshkosh (2-3)	5-3
Platteville (2-3)	5-3
Stout (2-3)	4-3
River Falls (2-3)	2-6

Oct. 23 results
UW-Oshkosh..... 6 6 6 10 - 28
UW-River Falls..... 0 3 15 7 - 25

1st Quarter

09:34 OSH - Aaron Chaltrey 1 yd run
 (Lucas Raschke kick failed), 14-70

2nd Quarter

01:34 RF - S. Bodurski 41 yd field goal, 12-40 5:42, OSH 6 - RF 3
 00:08 OSH - Joe Patek 2 yd pass from Nick Wara (Lucas Raschke kick blocked), 11-65 1:19, OSH 12 - RF 3

3rd Quarter

11:40 RF - Nathan Anderson 15 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 8-78 3:13, OSH 12 - RF 10
 06:36 OSH - Nick Wara 4 yd run (Lucas Raschke kick blocked), 15-65 4:58, OSH 18 - RF 10

4th Quarter

12:17 OSH - Lucas Raschke 25 yd field goal, 19-69 6:52, OSH 21 - RF 18
 06:49 RF - John Peterlik 1 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 11-61 5:21, OSH 21 - RF 25
 03:01 OSH - Nick Wara 4 yd run (Lucas Raschke kick), 8-81 3:42, OSH 28 - RF 25

	RF	OSH
First Downs	17	24
Rushing	60-381	64-254
Passing	0	147
Total Offense	60-381	85-401
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	2-1
Interceptions	1	0
Penalties	6-47	4-27
Possession	27:58	32:02

Individual leaders

Rushing
 RF - Peterlik 18-175; Affeldt 23-113; Anderson 17-92; J Wolff 1-2;
Passing
 Affeldt 0-0-0-0.
Receiving
 RF - none
Tackling (Solo-Assist)
 Buker 8-7; Gray 4-10; Farmer 3-9; Gillett 7-4; Meyer 4-4; Johnson 4-1; B.

Baillargeon 2-3; Jordan 3-1; Hanson 3-1; Cassellius 3-0; Graham 1-2; Haughian 2-0; Retzlaff 2-0; Barney 1-1; Neumann 1-1; Hoegh 1-1; Hampton 1-1; Dabrowski 0-2; Renk 1-0; Nesvig 0-1; Anderson 0-1; S. Bodurski 0-1; Acosta 0-1

Volleyball

WIAC Standings

Whitewater* (7-1)	32-4
Stout (6-2)	27-4
Platteville (5-3)	26-6
La Crosse (5-3)	26-5
River Falls (5-3)	24-10
Eau Claire (4-4)	20-10
Oshkosh (3-5)	22-10
Stevens Point (1-7)	21-13
Superior (0-8)	8-24

*WIAC Champion

Nov. 2 Results

WIAC Postseason Tournament

LaCrosse..... 31 30 30 - 3
UW-River Falls..... 29 19 23 - 0

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)

Kiesch	6-2-1-9-0
Gustafson	0-0-0-7-0
Thompson	10-0-0-4-0
Krtnick	4-39-0-3-1
Geehan	12-0-0-4-2
Mace	0-2-0-11-0
Petersen	13-0-1-3-2
Sagami	0-0-0-0-1
Vandenberg	0-0-0-0-0

Oct. 29 and 30 Results

UW-RF Trick-or-Treat Invite
Team finished 2nd of 8

UW-Stout..... 30 30 28 30 - 3
UW-River Falls..... 21 27 30 24 - 1

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)

Kiesch	13-1-0-17-2
Gustafson	3-2-1-10-0
Anderson	2-0-0-0-1
Krtnick	3-44-0-12-2
Geehan	13-0-2-4-2
Mace	0-2-0-31-0
Petersen	15-1-2-11-1
Sagami	3-0-0-1-1

UW-Superior..... 17 30 28 27 15 - 2

UW-River Falls..... 30 19 30 30 2 - 3

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)

Kiesch	10-1-0-18-2
Gustafson	0-3-4-17-0
Anderson	4-0-0-1-3
Krtnick	7-51-3-12-2

Geehan 15-0-1-1-6
 Mace 0-0-1-14-0
 Petersen 19-10-1-6-10
 Sagami 1-0-0-0-0

St. Scholastica..... 27 28 22 - 0

UW-River Falls..... 30 30 30 - 3

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)

Kiesch	13-0-0-16-0
Gustafson	5-1-1-13-1
Anderson	7-0-0-0-3
Krtnick	3-51-1-10-1
Geehan	12-0-1-2-6
Mace	0-2-0-10-0
Petersen	0-2-0-9-6

St. Thomas..... 32 27 24 18 - 1

UW-River Falls..... 30 30 30 30 - 3

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)

Kiesch	11-1-0-13-6
Gustafson	5-2-1-16-2
Anderson	11-0-0-0-6
Krtnick	5-43-2-15-4
Geehan	13-0-1-5-7
Mace	0-2-0-16-0
Petersen	7-3-1-8-2
Soine	0-0-0-2-0

Soccer

WIAC Standings

Stevens Point* (7-1)	13-4-1
Stout (6-1-1)	13-2-2
Oshkosh (5-1-2)	14-3-3
River Falls (4-3-1)	12-4-1
La Crosse (4-4)	11-7-1
Whitewater (3-4-1)	9-9-1
Eau Claire (3-4-1)	7-10-1
Platteville (1-7)	8-12-0
Superior (0-8-0)	6-8-4

* 2004 WIAC Champion

Nov. 2 Results

Postseason Tournament

UW-La Crosse..... 2 0 - 2

UW-River Falls..... 3 1 - 4

1st Half

1:25 RF Carlson (11) (Peterson)
 23:30 RF Carlson (12) (Peterson)
 30:41 LC Fudzinski (8) (Rue)
 40:17 LC Kumlien (2) (Unassisted)
 41:39 RF Peterson (12) (unassisted)

2nd Half

66:08 RF Peterson (13) (Unassisted)

Oct. 30 results

UW-River Falls..... 1 1 0 - 2

Nebraska Wesleyan... 1 1 1 - 3

1st half

6:10 18-41 RF Piersak (Unassisted)
 29:09 NWU Priefert (Baltzel/McCarville)

2nd Half

72:20 NWU Knapp (Niaz)
 78:42 RF Peterson (Unassisted)
 OT
 91:39 NWU Baltzell (Shields)

Cross Country

Oct. 30 results

WIAC Meet

Men

Team Place: 7th of 9
 Individual results:
 19. Zach Vircks, 26:28.4
 34. Jason Phillippi, 27:21.2
 42. Zach Moe, 27:37.5
 50. Ben Kirmse, 28:07.5
 51. Bobby Hanson, 28:08.6
Women
 Team Place: 8th of 9
 Individual results:
 26. Amanda Kozicky, 24:04.2
 39. Maria Michaud, 24:46.5
 43. Laura Murphy, 24:56.2
 50. Angie Kveene, 25:14.1
 52. Gina Schindel, 25:15.1

Men's Hockey

NCHA Standings

River Falls (0-0-0)	2-0-0
Lake Forest (0-0-0)	1-0-0
UW-Stout (0-0-0)*	1-0-1
UW-Stevens Point (0-0-0)	1-0-0
St. Scholastica (0-0-0)	1-0-1
St. Norbert (0-0-0)	1-1-0
UW-Superior (0-0-0)	0-0-0
UW-Eau Claire (0-0-0)	0-2-0

Oct. 30 results

UW-Eau Claire..... 0 1 0 - 1
UW-River Falls..... 2 2 2 - 6

1st period

08:56 RF Tiberio (1) (Harstad/Lalande)
 13:32 RF Lalande (2) (Usher)

2nd Period

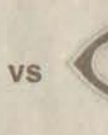
11:25 RF Schlipp (1) (Sikich/Jackson)
 15:51 RF Degerness (2) (Larson/Dahl)
 14:04 EC Quimette (1) (Eloranta)

Third Period

04:18 RF Degerness (3) (Larson/Usher)
 07:11 RF Schlipp (3) (Dwyer/Cooper)

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Men's Hockey



UW-RF

Con. Moorhead

7:05 p.m. Saturday

On Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena the Falcons put their unbeaten record on the line against Concordia Moorhead. The Falcons are currently leading the NCHA conference after two games with a 2-0 record and they have outscored their opponents 11-1.

VARSITY SPORTS WEEK

Friday, Nov. 5

Women's hockey at St. Catherine, 7 p.m.

Men's hockey at Augsburg, 8 p.m.

Swimming at UW-Whitewater, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6

Women's Hockey vs. St. Benedict, 1:05 p.m.

Men's Hockey vs. Concordia-Moorhead, 7:05 p.m.

Football at UW-La Crosse, 1 p.m.

TOP PERFORMERS



Josh Schlipp
Hockey



Logan Kiesch
Volleyball

Forward Josh Schlipp helped lead the Falcons to two wins to open the season. He came through with a huge weekend, scoring two goals and two assists including two goals in one game and two assists in another.

Senior outside hitter Logan Kiesch helped her team to a second place finish at the River Falls Trick-or-Treat tournament with 47 kills and 64 digs. She tallied six kills and nine digs in the team's season-ending loss Tuesday.

Berkhof named Coach of the Year

Brian Hogenson
Sports Information

In his third year as Falcon golf coach, UW-River Falls alumnus Jeff Berkhof was named the WIAC Coach of the Year after leading the Falcons to a third place finish in the WIAC conference, a three spot improvement over last year.

"He is very deserving of this award because of the dedication, hard work and perseverance that he displays for the UW-RF athletic program," junior golfer Kara Coughlin said. "He is a phenomenal coach!"

Not only is Berkhof a good coach, but other golf coaches in the conference also have respect for him as a person. "I met Jeff this year," UW-Stevens Point coach Joe Battaglia said. "It was my first

year coaching at UW-Stevens Point. Jeff is very personable and I found it easy to approach him with any questions I had regarding our tournaments. He was very deserving of this award. He's a great individual and as far as coaching goes, he is good for the WIAC."

Berkhof hasn't let his award give him a big head and declined to comment.

Junior golfer Nina Englund

believes Berkhof is the perfect choice for the award. "He's a motivator to us as a team and knows how hard to push us in competition."

I can't forget to mention that he is one of the only people to have



Jeff Berkhof

enough patience to put up with six loud and out-of-tune girls in a van for hours at a time on road trips," Englund said.

Senior golfer Casey Ambers said, not only has Berkhof's coaching helped to improve the team in the standings; but it also helped in gaining respect for this young program in the conference.

"Without Coach Berkhof, we probably would not have gained as much respect as the team has in the last three years," Ambers said.

Berkhof was named the first coach of the Falcon women's golf program in 2002 and has spent the last 10 years as the assistant men's basketball coach at UW-RF.

"The difficult transition he makes from coaching the Falcon men's basketball team to coaching the women's golf team shows his loyalty to the UW-RF athletic program," Coughlin said.

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Stout," Ford said. "It was a back and forth battle and I think if we just played a little steadier we could have forced a fifth game."

Petersen, who was named to the All-Tournament team, led the Falcons against

Superior, with 19 kills and 6 digs. The Falcons also got solid play from senior outside hitter Kiesch, with 13 kills and 17 digs and from sophomore setter Kat Krtnick, with 20 digs.

Capping on the season, Patti Ford is happy with how the team worked through the season.

"We had many question marks as we started the season, losing eight seniors," Ford

said. "Those question marks were answered as the season went on."

Among those who Ford looks to contribute to the team next year are those of the current sophomore class.

"The girls in the sophomore classes can only get better," Ford said. "The shoes of Nina, Gina and Logan, need to be filled and it will be from those on our team, and through our recruiting in the offseason."

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Hole in ceiling poses no danger to students

Removal of a support wall during remodel 8 years ago is to blame

Sarah Matara
Staff Writer

As Chicken Little of nursery rhyme fame said, "The sky is falling. The sky is falling!"

Or as is the case in the UW-River Falls Davee Library, the ceiling in the basement near the computer labs is falling. Students may wonder what the canvas drop cloth is when they walk into the Information Technology Services area.

When the basement of the Library was remodeled seven or eight years ago, the construction company that did the work, took out a support wall, said Robert Rust, microcomputer support specialist in ITS whose office is located next to the hole.

"The company that did the work removed the wall to create the ITS area," Rust said.

ITS moved to the basement of the Library in January 1997; it used to be located in North Hall where the Math Lab is now.

What the construction company didn't take into account was the fact the wall was a support wall, helping to hold up the ceiling. When the wall was removed, support beams should have been put in place to support the ceiling, Rust said. No one realized that the wall was a support wall at the time.

"After seven years, gravity has its effects," Rust said.

During the remodeling of the Library, many changes occurred in the structure of the building,

said facilities engineer Jim Murphy.

The lobby was added to the southwest corner of the building and then the main entrance was moved from the left side of the building to the southwest corner. The basement was then opened

up and outside access into the basement was added, Murphy said.

The wall that was removed was a common wall that had been part of a previous addition to the Library in the 1960s, Murphy said. The Library

was built in the 1950s.

ITS first noticed the problem in August, when a piece of steel fell from the ceiling, Rust said, who was on vacation at the time.

Murphy said the piece of steel that fell was part of an old window in the original wall.

Facilities management has secured the area by putting in steel and wooden braces until it can be fixed.

"That's why there's a shroud around all the scaffolding," Murphy said.

Rust said facilities management came in last week to assess what needs to be done and that the ceiling will be fixed during the winter break.

"It would be very disruptive to do it during the semester," Rust said.

Some of the computer labs may have to be closed down while the work is being done.

Rust said the hole hasn't been too disruptive to the ITS staff. The only thing he could think of were some minor changes in moving the computers from the workroom to the labs. Instead of cutting straight through, the staff uses the hallway more now, he said.

"You get used to it," Rust said.

Miron Construction from Neenah, Wis., is coming to make the repairs. It is the company that did the remodeling work and is responsible for the removal of the wall.

The repairs will cost UW-RF nothing because the company was responsible for not making sure the ceiling had proper support, Murphy said. Direct State Facilities, which is in charge of all the major building projects on UW campuses, has been negotiating with Miron.

The hole has not been a danger to people in the basement, Murphy said.



Photo by Sarah Gestson

A hole in the ceiling of the Davee Library basement is the result of a support wall being removed eight years ago. Miron Construction from Neenah, Wis., is coming to make the repairs. They are the company that did the original work.

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to three hours to cast their vote.

"I feel pretty strong politically," Prucha Hall resident Andy Engel said. "It's a close election."

Fellow Prucha Hall resident Shanna Breault agreed about the closeness of the election and had another reason for voting.

"I feel very strongly against one of the candidates," Breault said.

While some residents were motivated to go out and vote, others decided not to for a variety

of reasons including the long lines or a generally wary attitude towards the election process.

Others also showed their dislike of the major candidates by voting but wrote in someone they preferred.

"I voted for my dad," Crabtree Hall resident Cody Wendt said. "I'm not voting for a lesser of

two evils."

Most of the residents who did vote, though finding the long lines a little tiresome, were nevertheless happy they did it.

"It's our civic duty," Grimm Hall RA Georgia Wagner said.

Crabtree Hall RA Tiffany Martin agreed.

"Waiting an hour and one

minute was so worth it," Martin said.

Crabtree resident Amy Piersak, who waited for two hours to vote, agreed with Martin.

"It was worth it to exercise my American right," Piersak said.

With voting done, residents milled about their residence halls and engaged in conversations about the election with many of the rooms tuned to CNN's coverage of the election.

Prucha Hall took it one step further and had an official post-election viewing party in its tele-

vision lounge. With refreshments and food on tables and balloons floating up by the ceiling, residents, along with hall manager Diane Zassenhaus, watched election results and talked about their Election Day experiences.

"It was a pretty crappy two hours," Prucha Hall resident Tiffany Dayton said.

Prucha Hall resident Shanna Breault agreed with Dayton and summed up the general mood of the residents.

"I waited for two hours," Breault said. "My vote counts."

STAFFING from Page 1

leadership and training committee. Previously advised by Ronning, the leadership and training committee was advised by Ross at the beginning of the semester, but involvement coordinator Miriam Huffman has filled in since his resignation.

"It's kind of been difficult," Angela Wadzinski, chair of the leadership and training committee said. "It's become just more student oriented."

Even with the barrage of changes, Wadzinski said it hasn't affected the progress of the committee because they've stuck together. The committee still tries to get the advisers up to date and also adjust to their leadership styles, Wadzinski said.

Yet, even with two vacant positions, Leadership Center codirector Vicki Hajewski said having all of the coordinators beneath one roof makes it easier when someone leaves.

"Most people think you get better service by bringing them all together," Hajewski said.

Hajewski said this not only allows other opportunities for

coordinators, but also helps keep the coordinators from programming over one another.

Staff turnover is by design and provides for fresh energy and ideas in the workplace, Hajewski said.

However, with the Leadership Center staff running with two fewer employees, Hajewski said the coordinators have to work as a team to take over the newly vacant positions.

"There's additional work and fewer hands to do it," Hajewski said.

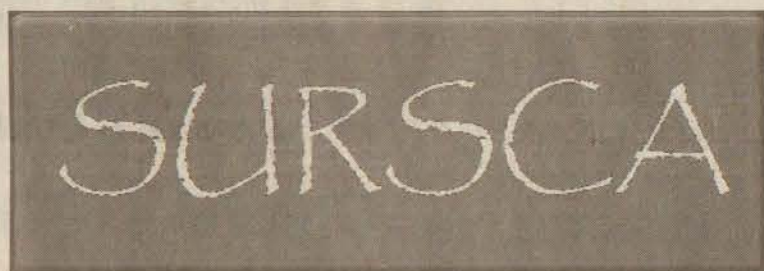
Hajewski said the coordinators work in teams and gain experience by working in groups, which in turn makes it easier when someone leaves.

However, the Leadership Center is not wasting any time in filling these vacant positions. The Leadership Center is currently in the final sages of interviews and is in the process of selecting one of three final candidates for the vacant student organization coordinator position.

Although the Leadership Center is still searching for candidates for the leadership coordinator position, Willson said they hope to have both positions filled by next semester.

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Comic Strips Of the week

By: Neng Yang

Out 'n' About Zane Williams



Acoustic Series: Zane Williams
When: Tuesday Nov. 9 at 8 p.m.
Where: Brandy's
Fee: \$2 UW-RF students, \$5 non-students
Zane William's music draws from a variety of influences, including country, to achieve a unique style. This simple 27-year-old is a singer and storyteller who feels a bit of humor is an important part of everyday life. For more information visit his Web site at www.zanesadventure.com

FLICK PICKS

Ladder 49 blows smoke not fire

Last Saturday marked the first time I saw a movie at the Falls Theatre. Nice place - I'll have to go back. As for the movie, well, once was enough.

Going on accounts that "Ladder 49" was innocent of all the charges levied against its predecessor, 1991's, "Backdraft," I figured it was worth a look.

I hate it when I get lied to.

Although the firefighters in "Ladder 49" are significantly smarter than the "Backdraft" fellows — no one's dumb enough to run headlong into a fire without buttoning their coat or wearing a mask — it's still a cheesy hero's tale steeped in idealism and glossed-over characterizations of firefighters.

The plot is aggravatingly simple. While working an intense industrial fire, Baltimore firefighter Jack Morrison (played by

a cottonmouth-dry Joaquin Phoenix) falls several stories to the basement of an old factory building. (A fall, by the way, that would have killed anyone not deploying a parachute.) But as the ridiculously resilient Morrison hovers in and out of consciousness, he recalls his career as a firefighter. Eventually he gains the strength to try and find a way out of the fire, but that subplot is even less compelling than the main one.

The story of Morrison's career is the focus here and director Jay Russell spoon-feeds us all the ingredients that make hearts bleed for Morrison as the All-American boy.

Russell shows Morrison righteously achieving all the goals of a young man in the sappiest of ways. He finds a job he loves, a woman he loves and a band of brothers in such a standard way,

we're wondering where the white picket fence is.

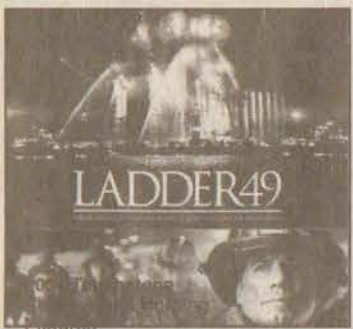
The problem is that we have no idea where this golden child comes from, what he did before joining the fire department or why he even decided to become a firefighter. It's as if he was puked from the heavens and landed on Earth as a grown man standing outside a fire station with a duffel bag and a whole lot of "can-do" spirit.

Frank Capra would be delighted.

Yep, this movie is full of more processed cheese than all of Ellsworth. Take the scene where Morrison braves an apartment fire to save a young girl for example. Just as Morrison finds the girl, the apartment explodes sending a massive plume of flames blasting from the place. Apparently no one told the firefighters there was a cache of C-4 explosives in the apartment. No matter. Morrison and the girl make it out alive.

What, you want more?

How about all the smokeless



fires these guys go to? As the son of a 25-year firefighter, I'm confident my dad and all his smoke-eater buddies would love to find a working fire where they could see 12 inches - let alone 12 miles - in front of them. Like "Backdraft," most of this movie makes structure fires look like a Disneyland ride, with fireballs intermittently puffing here and there and clear sightlines throughout.

If you're looking for a "rah-rah" celebration of firefighters without any depth or non-manufactured emotion, have at it.

Me, I'd rather set my hair on fire.

Saturday

2004 Turkey Trot
When: 9 a.m.
Where: Knowles Lobby
Fee: \$15
The sports, fitness and recreation management class is holding the 2004 Turkey Trot. There are various age divisions and all are welcome to participate.

Thursday

'I've Always Wanted To' Week
When: Deadline to sign up is Nov 11. The week-long event is Nov. 15-20
Where: Sign up in the Leadership Center. Events will be held around campus.
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UW-RF Menu: Pig on a Plate

Photo by Micheal Foley

The pigs from the swine operation on Lab Farm No. 2 will be used for the student-run project Pig to Plate. Students will create a business to direct market pork products.

Sara Tischauser
News Editor

Cut out the middle man and produce a product from start to finish. That is exactly what some students will be learning next semester.

This spring, students can take Direct Marketing in Agricultural Products (Agricultural Economics 497) and learn the legal aspects of marketing production, promotion of products, how to choose what to sell and how to grow a customer base market over time, said Gary Onan, animal and food science professor.

The new class is part of the pig to plate program, which is meant to let students create a small business owned and run by students, CAFES Dean Steve Ridley said.

The name of the business is Falcon Farms. Although the Pig to Plate program deals specifically with pork products, the class will also deal with a wide array of products - meat, dairy, fruits and vegetables, Onan said.

"I am interested in taking this class because it involves direct marketing of agricultural products," said Michelle King, College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) student. "I believe that this class is one that will actually be useful after graduation. Even if the class is about swine, the concepts can be applied to all agricultural products."

Students participating in the program would be working directly with the UW-River Falls swine operation (located on Lab Farm No. 2) on producing and marketing pork products, Onan said.

Onan and Brenda Boetel applied for a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Challenge Grant to help fund the program.

The grant is primarily for the purpose of developing agricultural curriculum, Onan said. Next fall the second course in the program will be offered, a practicum in direct market.

Students will take charge in the decision making process for the operation.

"Students will attempt to market pork products

from the UW-RF swine operation," Onan said.

When deciding where the product is going to be sold, students will have to take into account what the law is.

By law, if a meat plant is federally inspected then the meat products can be sold across state lines. However, if the meat plant is state inspected then the meat products can only be sold within that state.

There is some interest in offering the program in conjunction with Falcon Foods.

"It could work hand-in-hand with Falcon Foods," Ridley said.

Besides possibly selling the products at Falcon Foods, there might also be an interest in processing the pork products in the on-campus meat pilot plant.

"I would like to keep it in-house as much as I can," Onan said.

However, it may not be possible to process the pork in the on-campus meat pilot plant if students decide they want to sell the product outside of Wisconsin.

The on-campus meat plant is state inspected, so the products made in the plant can be sold in Wisconsin only, Ridley said.

If the students decide to sell the product outside Wisconsin, then they may have to look at other meat processing plants to process the pork products.

Besides deciding where to market the product and sell it, students must arrange for people to work for the business.

The plan is to have students in clubs provide the labor. In return, the club would share the profits of the business.

"It is a no-risk fundraiser for clubs because they don't need to put up any money, just the labor," Onan said.

The program has funding through fall 2006. After that, it is unsure whether the program will continue. It will depend on how high the interest is and if funding is available for the program.

"Maybe some of the profits could be used to support the classes," Onan said.

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4. Klempell Fine Arts was built backwards.

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