



Four men contend for top city spot

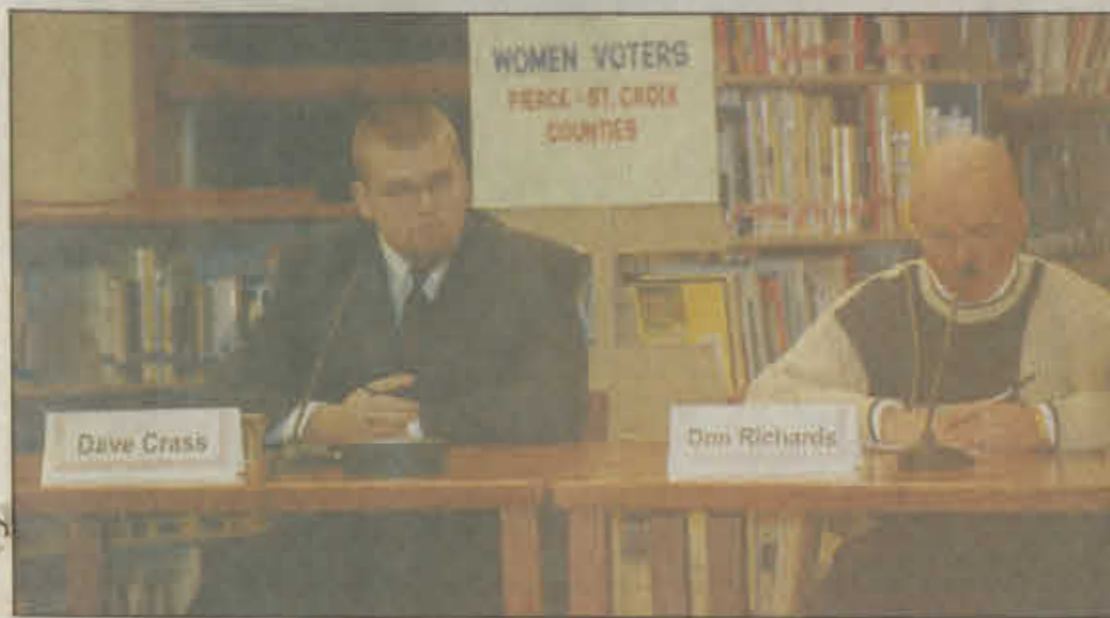


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UW-RF sophomore Dave Crass and Don Richards respond to questions from community members during the Feb. 2 mayoral forum held at River Falls high school.

Crass, King bang heads on city growth, offer mixed solutions for uniting University with community

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For the second time in two years, UW-River Falls students are seeking the city's highest political position.

Junior James King and sophomore Dave Crass hope to be chosen as River Falls' mayoral candidates in the Feb. 17 primary election.

Currently, there are four candidates vying for the office, two of which will be eliminated in the primary. The general election will be held April 6.

At a Feb. 2 candidate forum sponsored by the Pierce-St. Croix Counties League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women, the mayoral candidates laid out their visions for the city.

The candidates' priorities ranged from restricting city growth to starting a mayor's fun run.

There was some disagreement concerning allowing large-scale retail into the city but for the most part, the candidates were in agreement about retaining River Falls' small-town atmosphere.

King, an economics major and native of Sacramento, Calif., has lived in River Falls for one

year. King became interested in local politics because he was angered by the city's uncooperative position concerning parking around UW-RF.

"Mayor [Eric] Amundsen said he would fix the parking problem two years ago but it's worse than ever," King said. "The problem is not a parking issue but one of driveway accessibility."

Dave Crass, a political science major, said if elected, he'd take both the listening skills and political savvy he learned while a member of the Student Senate with him to the mayor's office.

With the primary election looming, Crass recently resigned from Student Senate to focus his energy on campaigning.

"I figured I could help the students more by getting involved in the city government than I could at Student Senate," Crass said. "Most of my time has been spent talking with people and getting ready for the primary."

King also decided the best way to make changes would be to work from within City Hall. As mayor, he hopes to benefit both city residents and University students alike.

"The people need a mayor who will listen to

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River Falls city council member, former high school teacher round out field in race to Feb. 17 primary

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On Feb. 17, River Falls will hold a primary election to narrow the mayoral candidates from four to two. Two city residents, Tom Parent and Don Richardson, will square off against UW-River Falls' candidates.

Tom Parent has lived in River Falls since 1996. He grew up in Madison, Wis., and will turn 50 in July. He currently holds a city council seat and is the general manager of Whole Earth Grocery. Parent feels that the most important issue facing the city of River Falls is the amount of growth it will face in years to come.

"I think that River Falls is facing a tremendous amount of pressure with growth," Parent said. "As mayor I would want to

make sure that with growth we do not lose the qualities that make us want to live and work in River Falls."

Parent has served on the River Falls Planning Commission for three years and believes in the work it does. He sees the need to enter into agreements with townships so the city can direct its growth.

"I am the only candidate with any practical experience on the issues," Parent said.

Parent knows students think parking is a large concern but hopes they will look at the big picture when deciding whom to vote for.

"I think that students need to consider what is in the long term best interest of the city," Parent said. "If their primary concern is where and how to park, they may vote differently."

Parent noted that the parking issue is up for review in June and that he has never been a big fan of it.

Parent's other concerns for the city include preserving the Kinnickinnic River, maintaining downtown economic growth and making sure the city and university work together.

Parent is married to Molly Pulzier and has two daughters who attend Greenwood elementary school.

Don Richards was born and raised in River Falls. He is retired after teaching at the high school for 27 years. Since retirement, he volunteers with the YMCA, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Kiwanis Club, Habitat for Humanity, the Simpson Homeless Shelter in Minneapolis

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Photo by David Misselt

James King, UW-RF junior, and city council member Tom Parent sound off at the Feb. 2 mayoral forum in preparation for the Feb. 17 primary election.

Winter carnival heats up UW-RF's 'Tropical Tundra'

'Whose Line is it Anyway?' contest debuts

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Below-zero weather, a snow-covered campus and leafless trees are all signs that winter has hit River Falls full force. However, during the week of Feb. 16 that will change as UW-River Falls will be hit with a heat wave. "Tropical Tundra" is this year's theme for Winter Carnival.

Winter Carnival is organized by the UW-River Falls Special Events Committee and its advisor, Student Organizations Coordinator, Judy Herhold.

Herhold said the committee started organizing the event immediately following Homecoming in October.

"Winter Carnival is the time to show spirit and pride with organizations," Herhold said. "It's a really cool tradition."

Student organizations and residential halls participate in many activities throughout the week which concludes with the crowning of the king and queen.

"It shows hall spirit and it's a good vibe in halls," May Hall Manager Ed O'Keefe said. "It creates energy around campus."

The Special Events Committee organized many new events in addition to the traditional ones. However, Herhold said this year they tried to have mostly indoor events because it's usually too cold outside.

Winter Carnival kicks off Feb. 16 with the traditional medallion hunt. Students can look for clues all week each morning in the Student Center.

Dollar Wars—like last year's Penny Wars—will start at noon on Monday and go until 4 p.m. outside the Student Center all week. Each student organization will have a jar designated for its money. Each type of bill is worth a certain amount of points. No

coins will be counted this year.

Monday will also feature the returning snow sculpting contest—an organization competition. Sculpting will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. outside the Student Center.

Each organization must supply its own tools and no electric tools are allowed. The sculptures should be designed around the theme "Tropical Tundra."

The evening royalty competition will be the Ms. Tootsie Pageant. The contest begins at 7 p.m. in the North Hall Auditorium.

The Ms. Tootsie Pageant will be hosted by Morgan Taylor. Taylor has been the Master of Ceremonies at Gay 90s in Minneapolis for the last year working full time, five nights a week.

Taylor has been the host for shows for the Minnesota Twins, North Stars and numerous other events.

Royalty voting will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Student Center and again from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Rodli Commons.

The king and queen candidates must be sponsored by an organization or a residence hall and must have a grade point average of 2.25 or higher.

The evening competition for Tuesday will be a "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" competition at 7 p.m. in the North Hall Auditorium.

The UW-RF Improvisational Club will play host to the competition.

When the Special Events Committee came up with the idea of having a "Whose Line is it Anyway?" contest, Herhold said she wanted the improvisational group to be in charge.

"Improvisational Club hosting a 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?' UW-RF Improvisational Club president Geoff Molander said.

He said the club accepted the job to get its name out.

"The more people who know us, the more they will come to the shows and support us," Molander said.

Wednesday evening's activity will be the lip sync competition at 7 p.m. in the North Hall Auditorium.

"Lip sync is my favorite event because I always laugh until I almost pee in my pants," said Hathorn Hall Social Chair Megan Olson.

There can be no more than eight members of an organization and they have a three minute time limit. The group must perform something related to the "Tropical Tundra" theme. Organizations must register their song and turn in a CD at the front desk of the leadership center by

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FALLING ON FRESH FLAKES



Photo by Eric Ebert

A consistent snowfall during the past two weeks has created over a foot of turf for UW-RF freshmen Joe Ayers (left) and Matt Hallas (right) as they enjoy a game of snow-football behind Crabtree residence hall. The area has received 53 inches of snowfall—three inches short of the entire seasonal average.

BRIEFS

Spring Graduates

Applications for spring graduation are available at the Registrar's Office in 105 North Hall. The \$40 application fee is due Feb. 13. For more information contact Judy George at 425-3581.

Student Organizations Budget Requests

The Leadership Development and Programming Board annual budget funding request forms are available at the Leadership Center front desk for any recognized student organizations requesting money for the 2004-05 academic year. All requests are due by noon, Feb. 27. Contact Jeremy Tilsen at 425-4911, extension 128 or jeremy.a.tilsen@uwrf.edu with any questions.

China Study Tour

The International Programs office and the Department of History and Philosophy invite students to participate in the international study tour to China program. The tour is from May 17 to June 4 and the cost is \$2,970. Students can also earn class credit for the trip. The informational meeting is Feb. 19, 7 to 8 p.m. in KFA 350. Students should contact Zhiguo Yang at zhiguo.yang@uwrf.edu or 425-3164, if attending the meeting.

Black History Month

Multicultural Services and The African American Alliance invite students to watch a 3-part video series on 'Race-The Power of an Illusion' in celebration of Black History Month. The second video will be held Feb. 18 at the Student Center in the Falcon's Nest at 7 p.m. The third video will be Feb. 25 at the same time and place. For more information contact Terrence or Linda at 425-3531.

CAFES Internship Informational Meeting

There will be a meeting for any students interested in an agricultural internship Feb. 17, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in room 114 in the Agricultural Science building.

National Poetry Month

The Library Exhibits and Presentations Committee is looking for student poetry to be showcased in the library during April, which is National Poetry Month. Submit work to Linda M. Alvarez in 107 Davee Library by March 26. All submissions will be returned. For more information contact Linda at 425-2842.

Sliding Extravaganza

Kinni-Connections invites students to Hoffman Park sledding hill at dusk for sledding Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. Sleds and candles are provided. Meet in the Leadership Center at 6:45 p.m. to carpool. Everyone is invited to this free event.

Prologue Writing

Prologue writing submissions are due in KFA in the English office room 241-A by Feb. 20. Students are welcome to submit poems, short stories and creative essays. Students can also submit artwork such as drawings, photographs, and pictures of metal and glasswork.

Primary Elections

Vote at the Primary on Tuesday Feb. 17. Polls open at 7 a.m. at local polling stations.

Visiting Author

Author Betsy Brown will be reading poetry in the Library breezeway, Feb. 13 at 3:30 p.m. For more information contact Jenny Brantley at jennifer.s.brantley@uwrf.edu

STUDENT SENATE

Senator resigns, spirits lifted by Men's Chorus

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Women's Initiative Director Barb Lind was not present at Tuesday evening's meeting. Lind was asked to resign from her position as director and as senator due to poor grades. In a letter read by Senate President Matt Schuelke, Lind thanked fellow senators for allowing her to finish "her baby," the "Vagina Monologues." Lind also expressed to fellow senators how much she is going to miss them but that they should keep their spirits and heads held high. Due to Lind's resignation, there is an opening for the Women's Initiative Director but Schuelke is unsure whether the Senate will fill it by the end of the semester. In conjunction with keeping spirits high, Schuelke paid for a singing Valentine from the UW-River Falls Men's Chorus for the Senators.

"I was trying to support student orgs," Schuelke said. "It was partially Barb's idea."

In other senate news:

-United Council (UC) representatives Vicky Bomben and Stephanie Hilton attended the meeting. Hilton reminded senators of the retirement of the UW-System President Katharine Lyall. Lyall held the position for 12 years, something Hilton said was a "big deal" because most presidents only stay for five years. A search and screen committee begins in March and will appoint someone by July, Hilton said.

-At the UC general assembly in December, the UC teamed up with the New Voter's Coalition, Bomben said. This coalition plans to increase the numbers of 18-24 year old voter turnout at the next presidential election. A campus organizer will be assigned to each school in the System.

-The Board of Regents is also looking into potentially changing tuition from the current

plateau system, where students pay a set amount if they have 12-18 credits, to a per credit system.

Nick Cluppert, student affairs and academic services director is trying to get student input. At last week's Hathorn Hall council meeting, Cluppert brought the possible change to students in attendance.

-Cluppert and Schuelke questioned why the \$1 fee from USSA is still being charged if they are currently not members. Schuelke said he will look into where the money is being held and if it will be refundable.

-Katie Kneissel, legislative affairs director reported that Rep. Ron Kind will be on campus Feb. 23 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. A room has not yet been designated for his visit.

-Kneissel also reported that this week's discussion at the River Falls City Council meeting was very heated. The Kansas City Chiefs bill proposal needs additional money. City Council is proposing room taxes on the five lodging facilities. Kneissel said the council and community were very bitter and angry. She urged other Senators to think of ways they can persuade the City Council and community this is a needed tax.

-Jeremy Tilsen, leadership development and programming board chair, reported the vice chancellor of administration and finance search and screen committee has selected four finalists: Peter Angstadt, president of Colorado Northwestern Community College; Herbert Brown, counselor for management affairs with the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia; Waldo Hagen, director of facilities management at UW-RF; and Mary Halada, interim vice chancellor of administration and finance, assistant to the vice chancellor and the University budget officer at UW-RF.

Senate will meet again next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regent's Room of the Student Center.

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Snow falls, grounds crew call

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While Mother Nature wages war upon Wisconsin this winter, UW-River Falls grounds maintenance provides the best means of defense for its students, faculty and staff. As snow, ice and extreme cold invade campus, four groundskeepers and three student workers from grounds maintenance fight back with plows, sweepers, shovels, salt and sand.

"During the winter snow, and ice control is our first priority," said Manny Kenney, grounds maintenance supervisor. "We still have to perform moves on campus, support for special events and maintain trees and shrubs, but first and foremost is snow removal."

When snow falls on campus, groundskeepers are responsible for removing it from campus roads, sidewalks and parking lots. Oftentimes groundskeepers have to start plowing at 4 a.m. and put in as many as 12 hours a day, though they normally work from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. While they put in more hours when it snows, groundskeeper Mike Polta believes it is worthwhile.

"It's a lot easier to work in the early hours," Polta said. "You can get work done without a lot of people walking around and you don't have the same safety concerns. You don't even have to worry about brushing snow on parked cars."

Outside regular working hours the groundskeepers remain on call 24 hours a day in case of snow or ice emergencies, Kenney said.

Groundskeepers begin the huge task of snow removal by clearing 3.5 miles of campus streets. Clearing 9.5 miles of campus sidewalks is next, followed by 20 acres of faculty and student parking lots. The lab farms are usually plowed last.

"This job means working long hours in stressful conditions," Kenney said. "Our job is different from the county highway department. They are out there clearing roads, but we're performing these duties sometimes around 5,000 pedestrians. Our people really have to be on their toes. It's not an easy job. When we go home after a full day of plowing and snow removal we are physically and mentally exhausted."

Meanwhile, student workers remove snow and ice from stairways and curb cutouts with shovels and salt. They also pick up litter around campus and empty outdoor trash cans.

"Our student help is invaluable," Kenney said. "They average 10 hours a week. They are essential to our operations. They ride around and look for icy spots and on occasion they operate a brush, which frees up one



Photo by Eric Ebert

With recent snowfalls, the UW-River Falls grounds maintenance staff has been keeping busy clearing 3.5-miles of campus streets, 9.5-miles of campus sidewalks and 20-acres of parking lots.

of our full-time workers to operate some of the bigger machinery."

Sometimes students work side-by-side with the groundskeepers but other times they perform their tasks alone.

"I really like working with the groundskeepers because it's kind of an independent job," student worker Bud Arnold said. "Most of the time I just drive around in the [utility vehicle] to find and fix icy spots so people don't slip. Plus there's always trash to pick up. Students do some of the more tedious jobs that the groundskeepers might not have enough time to do."

While student workers use small utility vehicles and shovels, the full-time groundskeepers use trucks, plows and sweepers.

Though they have enough equipment to do the job, the condition of the equipment prevents them from doing better. Sometimes lack of manpower also hinders them. Polta said during a recent heavy snowfall, one day they had enough equipment, but only three groundskeepers. Another day, seven workers

were on hand, but only one truck was running.

"They spend enough money to maintain the equipment but most of it is old and fragile," Polta said. "We've got a lot of money pits down there. They'll take a \$500 truck and put \$3,000 into it to maintain it instead of updating the equipment."

Though groundskeepers may be underfunded and under-staffed, they are not totally left out in the cold. Working outdoors in Wisconsin winter conditions sounds cold, but most groundskeepers don't have to feel the brunt of the elements.

They depend on their vehicles for protection from frigid temps and unrelenting winds. The groundskeepers stay cozy, while Mother Nature pounds her icy fists on their equipment.

"The cold weather doesn't affect us as much as it does the equipment," Polta said. "We have to keep our trucks running or they don't start. When possible we get them inside so they stay warm."

Faculty offers expertise to community

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The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) at UW-River Falls recently began its Community Lecture Series at the River Falls Public Library. The next of the three remaining lectures is March 11 in the lower level of the library.

"These lectures should be of great benefit to both the University as well as the community," said Gorden Hedahl, CAS Dean.

The idea for the lectures stemmed from lectures CAS did after Sept. 11, 2001.

"After the attacks, we thought it would be a good idea to give presentations on campus and use the College of Arts and Sciences' resources to better inform people of what was happening," Hedahl said.

Hedahl said because the attendance and response to those lectures was good, they thought it would be a good idea to speak more often.

"We feel that the knowledge we have can help others understand things better in the world,"

Hedahl said.

So Hedahl, along with CAS Program Manager Linda Jacobson, set out to organize more lectures on a variety of issues.

"There are a lot of very good lectures here on campus already," Hedahl said. "But we really wanted to be organized with our promotion to help make people more aware."

Hedahl received more than a dozen applications from professors to speak about a variety of issues. Then, along with the chairs

of the departments, he heard the professors' proposals and narrowed the field down to four lectures for the spring semester.

"We needed to show the range of disciplines we have here at UW-RF, and I think we did a good job in doing that," Hedahl said.

The first lecture took place Feb. 11. Biology professor E. Katherine Miller spoke on Alzheimer's disease, a topic she has been researching since 1984.

UW-RF Chancellor Ann Lydecker is excited that faculty are willing to share their exper-

tise, talents and insights with the general public through these community lectures.

"Encouraging and supporting lifelong learning is one of our University's priority goals, and this series is an excellent example of how individual faculty members help us meet our goal," Lydecker said.

At the March 11 lecture, Nicholas Karolides, associate dean of the CAS and an English professor at UW-RF, will speak about a book he is revising titled the "Encyclopedia of Censorship," written by Jonathon Green in 1988.

Because Green did not want to revise the book at this point, the publisher came to Karolides. The book is an alphabetical listing of all types of media that have been censored throughout the years, Karolides said.

"From A to Z, I'm updating everything from authors to movies to agencies and governments," Karolides said. "It has been an extraordinary task but it has also been very fascinating and a major learning experience."

Karolides is almost through the T's in his updating and has written more than 300 pages so far to be added to the book.

Both Karolides and Hedahl said the lectures will not be too specific.

"These lectures will be geared

toward people with a broad understanding of the specific topic, and will be presented in a broad sense," Hedahl said.

Hedahl hopes to make these lectures a fixture in the community.

"Our goal is to hold three lectures per semester," Hedahl said. "We don't want to diminish the meaning of them by holding too many, though."

The lecturers don't get paid for their time but they are compensated for supplies by UW-RF.

"Because they are doing this for free and on their own time, we hope people realize they have a vested interest in their topic and are really into it," Hedahl said.

The third lecture features Robin Murray and Kenneth Stofferahn, speech professors at UW-RF, talking about their upcoming involvement in the UW-RF Theater Department's production of "The Laramie Project," a drama detailing the death of a gay student at the University of Wyoming in 1998.

UW-RF speech professor James Pratt will speak at the May 6 lecture about rhetorical criticism and its use in everyday life.

For more information about the lectures contact the Outreach and Graduate Studies office at 425-3556.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Library money stolen; drug fines issued

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Viewpoints Editor

- One hundred \$1 bills were stolen from a coin box in Davee Library Tuesday. There are no suspects at the time.

- An RA in Prucha Hall had a possible drug complaint Wednesday. When the officer arrived, the door was already open and the residents admitted to smoking marijuana. Analee T. Voorhees, 18; Mitchell J. Field, 19; and Elizabeth G. Evans, 19, were issued \$305 citations for possession of THC paraphenelia.

- Danielle J. Weisensel, 18; and Brandon C. Palesh, 18, both received \$243 underage consumption citations in Parker Hall Thursday night.

- After an RA had suspicions of underage

drinking in Stratton Hall Thursday, an officer arrived and issued \$243 tickets to Alyssa M. Kuntz, 20, and Michelle K. Davidson, 20.

- Christine M. Brandtner, 19, received a \$349 underage consumption citation for her second offense in Prucha Hall Friday.

- An RA in Crabtree Hall smelled alcohol in one of the resident's rooms Saturday and called Public Safety. When the officer arrived, Gregory J. Neumann, 19, and Tyler J. Hasse, 19, received \$243 underage consumption citations. Nathaniel R. Jacobson, 18, was issued a \$349 citation for his second offense.

- Benjamin S. Simonsen, 19, and Dain C. Olsen, 19, both received \$243 tickets for underage consumption.

- Katie M. Clothier, 19, was issued a \$243 underage consumption citation in Stratton

Hall Saturday because she was seen having trouble walking. Crystal E. Keifer, 18, was also seen stumbling in Hathorn Hall and got a \$243 ticket.

- An RA smelled alcohol in the hallway out of a room in Crabtree Hall Saturday. An officer responded and found a bottle of liquor in the room. Kayla R. Zimmerman, 19; Carrie A. Hauge, 18; and Kelsey A. Felles, 19, received underage consumption tickets for \$243.

- An RA in May Hall saw a female stumbling early Sunday morning and called Public Safety for a welfare check. After admitting to drinking at an off campus party, Kale E. Keneven, 18; and Bradley J. Skrukud, 18, were issued \$243 underage consumption citations.

Equine judging team surpasses competition



Submitted Photo
The Equine judging team finished second at the National Reining Horse Association. Left to right are, Mandy Arndt, Ted Chapman, Bree Ann Burgy, Kris Hiney (Coach), Trisha Keller, Jess Montour and Rhea Bretl.

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In past years UW-River Falls was relatively unknown in the collegiate horse judging arena. The team competed in only one or two competitions a year with mediocre results.

However, new talent and a new coach have raised UW-RF into the elite ranks of judging teams.

This year the team finished second at the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Futurity and fifth in the Quarter Horse World Championship, both in Oklahoma City. The team also competed at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio.

"I just wanted them to be respectable in competition," Kristina Hiney said. "And they did better than that."

Hiney is an animal science professor who coaches the team as part of her teaching responsibilities but said it is more of a perk than a duty. After competing on the equine judging team at University of Illinois in Champaign, Hiney coached teams in graduate school.

"Coaching the judging team is something I enjoy a great deal," she said.

The team came from the advanced equine evaluation class, offered for the first time this year. Five students participated in the class. More than 20 students are participating in another equine judging class this semester.

Hiney emphasized that any student can take the equine judging class and join the team.

"It's definitely not limited to animal science majors," she said.

Before competitions, practices are intense, senior Trisha Keller said. Keller is an animal science major from Hartland, Wis.

Though the class is scheduled for two hours twice a week, team members often put in hours beyond the class.

"We practice twice a week for three hours before the event," she said. "Then we practice the two days before the event at the show, judging classes that run during that time."

The team practices primarily from videotapes off the two shelves in Hiney's office. They also practice giving oral reasons for their placings, often visiting the coach on their own time.

Before UW-RF received national success as a team, Keller had already placed high as an individual. Animal Science Professor Larry Kasten encouraged her to be on the team her sophomore year. That first year, Keller took second high individual honors at the NRHA futurity. She placed tenth last year and second again this year.

Senior Bree Ann Burgy, an animal science major from Eagle River, Wis., grew up with horses, but got her first taste of competitive judging in college. She judges for the hands-on learning experience.

"I like learning about all of the different disciplines of riding and how to judge them," Burgy said.

Preparation for competition takes a lot of time and commitment but, in the end, the many hours are worth it, Keller added.

"Our hard work and dedication contributed to our second place finish at the NRHA futurity," she said. "And I am thankful to have

been invited by Kris Hiney to be on such a talented team."

Hiney said she is "extremely proud" of her previously unknown team and all their accomplishments this year. Two members stand out in her mind for working far beyond her expectations: Mandy Arndt, an animal science major from Prescott, Wis., and senior Rhea Bretl, an animal science major from Appleton, Wis.

"Mandy did an amazing job at improving her reasons," Hiney said. "She had a lot of personal growth."

Bretl contributed by helping with team fundraising. The team received \$750 from the University for travel but spent \$3,000 on their three trips. Students made up the difference by soliciting donations from alumni, writing letters to sponsors and fundraising.

"Rhea did everything I asked her to and then some," Hiney said.

Bretl is also assisting with this spring's evaluation class.

Team members agreed that participating on the judging team was not all fun. Hours of practice and long van rides were some of the least favorite parts of judging.

"My least favorite part was practicing giving reasons to Kris until late evening hours in the hotel," Bretl said.

However, the success the team achieved overshadowed all the negatives, she said.

"It felt incredible to place as well as we did," Bretl said. "At the world show when they announced our team as fifth place, we all just sat there and stared at each other. I think we were in shock."

Burgy agreed.

"The reality didn't hit us until later on," she said.

Bretl attributes hard work as the key to their success.

"The team succeeded because we put ourselves into it 100 percent," Bretl said. "Kris had us well prepared and we knew what we needed to know, all we had to do was apply it, and we did. We studied hard long hours and it really made it worth it in the end."

With strong successes to build on, Hiney said she is looking forward to the coming year.

"My goal is to keep going up," she said.

Specifically, Hiney would like to bring home top honors at the NRHA futurity.

"I want to win that pretty bad," she said.

Students polled on important issues

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Staff Writer

Students in journalism professor Pat Berg's fall Public Opinion wrote, administered and tallied results from a poll taken by 300-320 students on several issues important to the University, community and the country.

In order to present a fair representation of the entire University, students are chosen to be proportionate to the school's population according to gender, year, age bracket and academic college.

This is the third year the survey has been administered. Berg said it is a chance to give her students practice collecting public opinion.

"I hope my students leave the experience with a better understanding of important issues," Berg said. She hopes the questions and topics chosen by her students will cause people to think more about important issues.

One of the issues important to students this year has been the tuition increase. According to the survey, more than half of the student body did not feel it was adequately informed about the tuition increase, with freshmen being the least informed.

The increase has resulted in more than three-quarters of students becoming worried about how to pay for college. More than half of the students feel the administration has other options than raising tuition.

Another issue raised in the survey was the imposition of a 25-foot no-smoking radius. While the majority of the students supported the proposal, the support dwindled as students got older. Only 11 percent of students said they were smokers. Of that number, half of the men and three quarters of the women said they would honor the 25-foot radius. A majority of students agreed ordinances that limiting smoking were fair.

The parking problem was another important issue on campus last semester. About half the student body parks on city streets. Of the number surveyed, three-fourths said the ordinance, passed during the summer, is unfair. Ninety percent of students feel there are more fair solutions. Students almost unanimously agree that it's the University's responsibility to provide parking for its students. Upperclassmen and non-traditional students—those most likely to commute—feel strongest about it. Sixty-five percent of students also feel the

city has some responsibility.

The survey also focused on issues being widely discussed around the country. One such issue was gay marriage.

Ninety-six percent of students said they were heterosexual. Sixty-five percent of students felt society should recognize same-sex partnerships the same as heterosexual marriage. However, not as many think married homosexuals should receive their partner's legal and financial benefits with men having the most opposition.

President Bush's performance is another subject that's debated around the country and campus. Only about half of those surveyed who voted for Bush in 2000 would like to see him re-elected in 2004. Men are more likely to approve of Bush's performance in Iraq, but women are more likely than men to trust him. Eighty percent of the students have friends or family members in the military, while three-fourths of those are in Iraq. An overwhelming majority of students feel the United States should turn over some authority in the rebuilding of Iraq to the United Nations, with Democrats being the most likely to think it should be done as soon as possible.

Finally, the matter of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in schools, and especially the reference to God, is a subject that has been hotly debated around the country. An overwhelming majority of students recited the Pledge when they were in elementary and secondary school and think it is a meaningful expression of patriotism. The 18-22 age group feels the strongest about patriotism. A majority also felt that referring to God in the Pledge doesn't violate the separation of church and state.

Berg will continue making the survey a part of the curriculum for her Public Opinion class. She continues to compare the survey results to national opinions.

"It's important to see how issues here stack up to national trends," Berg said. "So far they're right in tune with the opinions in the country."

Survey says:

- 25-foot smoking radius
 - 11% are smokers
 - 1/2 men & 3/4 women said they would honor the radius
- Parking
 - 90% feel there are more fair solutions
 - 3/4 of those surveyed said the ordinance is unfair
 - 65% feel city has responsibility
- Gay Marriage
 - 96% said were heterosexual
 - 65% feel U.S. should recognize same-sex partnerships the same as heterosexual

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EDITORIAL

Students need to demand attention with voter turnout

A poor resident-student relationship has prompted four ambitious undergraduates to run for city office—two for mayor and two for City Council seats. Unfortunately, the rest of the student body is wrapped in a swathe of apathy regarding local politics.

Students often begin to complain about city issues that affect them most. Parking, disputes with absent landlords and even potential infrastructures along Cascade Avenue should all be goals in student minds across campus. However, the biggest city issue students face every week is the decision to stay in town to spend their money or venture to Hudson, Woodbury, St. Paul, or where ever they call home.

"On this campus, everyone hears the same complaints, but no one, except for the four students running for office, is willing to hold the city accountable to its 5,800 students."

Instead of escaping in droves, students need to stand up and be heard. Rather than being college students who have a say and are not afraid to scream it across town, they are quiet as a mouse until the cheese is taken away. Students in River Falls have no representation and that must change, otherwise they need to stop whining about issues they may have if they didn't try to do anything about them.

During the 1960s students were not so easily suppressed. They banded into groups like the Students

for a Democratic Society (SDS) or Youth International Party (YIP) to ensure political decision-makers paid attention to the young. These organizations were nation-wide and lobbied politicians to the brink of revolution.

The only difference at UW-RF, the changes students wish to bring about are not sweeping changes in national policy. It won't take a national army of student protestors to bring about the reasonable changes students want in River Falls.

On this campus, everyone hears the same complaints but no one, except for the four students running for office, is willing to hold the city accountable to its 5,800 students.

If students are unwilling to seek out information concerning candidates, then they shouldn't bother voting. A wasted vote by an ignorant student is a vote for the wrong person.

Of the nearly 13,000 residents of River Falls, about 4,000 are students who live in campus residence halls or rent property within city limits. It may look like the students are outnumbered 9,000 to 4,000 but students have enough votes to dramatically sway election results one way or another.

But because students can sway the results doesn't mean they should. Two candidates for the mayoral primary on Tuesday are students, but every person must decide for himself if either of these candidates represents them properly. Nobody should go to the polls blindly and choose a person based solely on his affiliation with the University or the community.

Everyone needs to do homework before just checking a box during Tuesday's primary.

Students aren't the only people who are failing in the homework department, however. Members of the River Falls community need to step back and listen to what students have to say. They may just have an idea a community candidate doesn't.

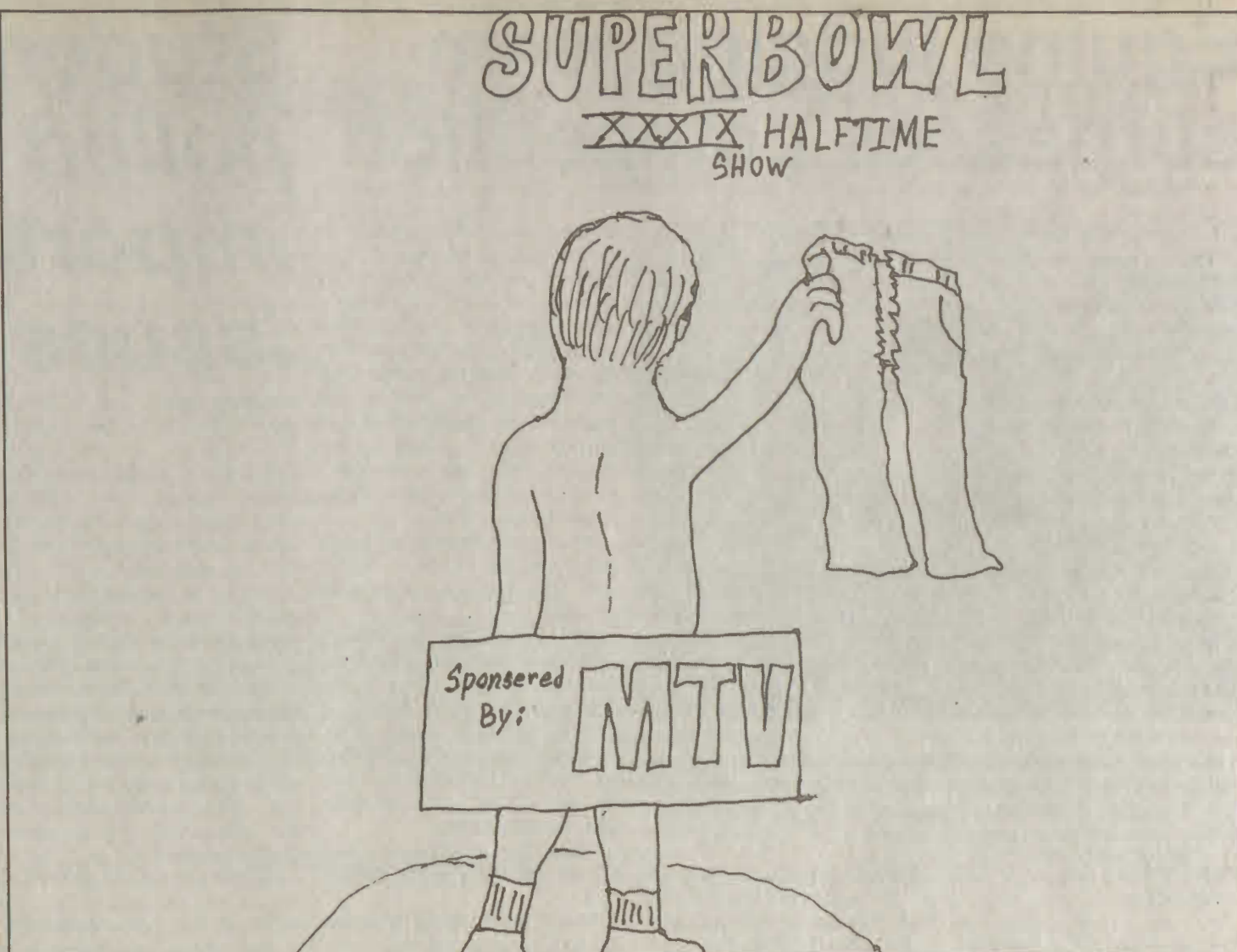
People need to read all the news and opinion articles about the candidates in this paper and in the River Fall Journal. They need to watch the mayoral candidate debate that airs regularly on the city cable access channel.

Voters shouldn't stop there. They should call candidates or ask them questions in person, if possible. They need to decide what is most important to them—University affiliation, student rights, experience, fiscal responsibility, city growth or other main concerns.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No guns needed for self-defense

I am writing this letter in response to the two pro-gun columns in the Voice last week.

First, I disagree that guns are the answer to the problem of violence against women. I would recommend that any woman or man who feels in danger should join a martial arts or self-defense class. There, he or she will learn physical ways of defending him or herself as well as a more important weapon in my opinion: Self-confidence. Being confident and self-assured will make many predators, who in my understanding tend to prey on "easy targets," look for more attractive prey. If the attacker is bolder, then good training in self-defense could get rid of him without running the risk of having a gun turned against its owner. My little sister - 14-years-old, 104 pounds, Tae Kwon Do student - could almost certainly fend off all but the most determined attacker without the use of a gun.

Second, pro-gun advocates very rarely quote the second amendment in its entirety. "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

In 1916, all state and local militias were federalized and renamed the National Guard (www.arng.army.mil/history/). Even before 1916, militiamen didn't carry their guns everywhere with them. They hunted with them and took them off their mantles to defend the community when needed. The second amendment can be interpreted in a pro-gun way also but I think the context gives gun control advocates a reasonable argument, it's just a matter of interpretation.

Brian Estervig, student

CRs have right to criticize faculty

The last time the College Republicans (CRs) ticked off the faculty was in 1994. Naturally, the CRs were called Nazis and racist so we were embarrassed to discover that the CR treasurer was Hmong, and their ringleader was married to a black woman. UW-River Falls nearly got sued by the National Association of

Scholars, looked ridiculous in the national press and received a black eye in books such as *The Shadow University* (an excerpt is at: www.uwrf.edu/~brian.j.huffman).

Let's not repeat that episode. First, let's recognize that we professors are the big kids and the *Student Voice* is the little kids' playground. Can we stop attacking students in their own publication, especially when we don't know the facts? It smacks of bullying.

Everyone knows the CRs sent a letter to several professors asking them to reduce political bias in their classes. The Republicans naively thought the letters - also posted at the website - would be received as constructive criticism.

They weren't.

Many members of the faculty—consistent with their political bias—jumped to the erroneous conclusion that the CR letters were only sent to women or minorities. The English Department Chair responded with a letter to the Chancellor—also posted at the website. Though his intentions were honorable, his letter accidentally mischaracterized the situation.

The words "charges," "publicly" and "anonymous" were incorrectly used to describe mere criticism made directly to the faculty members on signed CR letterhead. Ironically, his letter was itself a "charge,"—sent to the CRs' superior, not to them—and was "publicly" made as nine people were copied on the letter. Thus, the letter was not only guilty of the very thing of which it complained, but incorrectly implied that the CRs were sexist or racist - unless white males are a protected class.

Andy Parish (CR) interviewed one of the letter-receiving professors on his radio show and a listener complained to the station management that Andy was "disrespectful."

Station management responded by putting Andy on a short leash. Andy believes he was respectful but more significantly the interviewed professor was nice enough to tell me that Andy had treated her "fairly."

At least the station kept Andy on the air and the *Student Voice* kept his column. Student free speech still exists at UW-RF but some professors would like to see it curtailed, arguing that CR free speech is a threat to academic freedom. Free speech threatens free speech?

Let's be honest. We professors

are angry because the criticism is valid. No professor is so arrogant or so deluded as to believe that he/she argues both sides of every issue with equal vigor.

Brain washing may be in poor taste but academic freedom protects it. Are we also demanding the right not to be criticized?

Brian Huffman,
associate professor

No one should bash America

After reading a letter to the editor from A.J. Oscarson dated Feb. 6, 2004, I would like to state my opinion on the three issues that were brought up.

I question why "democrats, students and faculty" should stop bashing their country. Does this mean that my Republican father, who is neither faculty or student, is free to bash America? What about the independent store owner? Does Oscarson have this right? I am confused to why Oscarson has singled out such a group. Interestingly enough, Oscarson mentions that "democrats, students and faculty" say America wants to "take over the world." I have never heard any faculty or students, regardless of political affiliation, mention anything of this sort. Most of those who I know talk about the lack of rights in Iraq, for both men and women and how we are now faced with the dilemma of changing their world to be a better place. Do we impose our beliefs or allow them to formulate their own system? Can we help them rebuild their country without adding such an immense cost that they will not be able to recover quickly? How can we help these people who have been run by a man who was less than honorable become a democracy?

America's national GDP in 2000 was more than \$9 trillion and since World War II, according to Oscarson, we have given \$500 billion in foreign aid. This means that in the almost 60 years since the war we have averaged less than \$9 billion, or less than one tenth of one percent per year in foreign aid. Does this mean that Republicans have so little compassion for those less fortunate that they cannot give anything to those who request our aid?

As to coming up with lies and misconstructions, a closer look at the statistics that Oscarson uses shows that he too is doing

just this. Oscarson said women make 75 to every man's dollar. This statistic is misused. He seems to have left out the words that with people in equal careers, doing very similar work, women make 75 cents to every dollar made by a man. I do believe that if a job is dangerous, workers should be compensated. As to the statistic "men make up 92 percent of deaths in the workplace." According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the largest percentage, or 25 percent, of those fatalities are either farmers or truck drivers. As neither of these positions pay well, Oscarson's conclusion that more dangerous jobs should hold a greater compensation is not valid. And what does anorexia have to do with any part of this discussion?

E. Nelson, Student

King must learn economic ways

As a concerned student, citizen and registered voter of this community, I attended the mayoral forum to learn more about the candidates running for mayor.

I was mesmerized by Jim King's stellar performance in dodging his questions and the real issues at hand. When asked what he would do if economic hardship fell upon River Falls, his reply was to avoid experiencing the hypothetical economic hardship in the first place.

Perhaps King should take the time to register for an economics class. There he would learn that an economy can't experience a large stage of growth indefinitely; it will unavoidably plateau and decline. I'm no economic expert but King is clearly not one either.

Despite my criticism, King did have an idea that held some validity to me. He provided a creative idea to raise money for the River Falls YMCA: a "fun run" in which the mayor and townspeople would jog and donate funds to help the private-run organization. Perhaps when the city's employees experience a lay-off or pay cut because of King's economic oversight and lack of preparation, he can run that race to raise money for their families.

To all the registered voters on campus: Watch the forum, which airs on RFC-16 and educate yourselves before the primary.

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Organized religion not necessary

Death. Hatred. Revenge. These are things you would normally associate with a Mel Gibson movie. Apply them to organized religion. From the beginning, man has been looking to a higher power. This blind belief has led to some of the most deadly events in recorded history. Let me remind you of some of them.

The Crusades. Though it is debatable how many of the wars during this time were crusades, it is estimated that nine million died as a result. There was also a children's crusade. Children actually tried to march on the Holy Land to take it back. Approximately 30,000 children made for the Holy Land and only 5,000 survived. Of those 5,000, most were sold into slavery.

The Spanish Inquisition. By judicial decree, Pope Sixtus IV gave rights to the inquisitors to question possible heretics. If they swore allegiance to the church they would not be killed. If they did not, they

would be tortured and executed. The ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This conflict has been raging for many years, with both sides sustaining enormous casualties. All this horror and bloodshed for what, The Holy Land?

Sept. 11, 2001. Nineteen hijackers carry out a plan to attack the "infidels" in the United States and succeeded. Protestants aren't free from blame. In Northern Ireland, for religious as well as other reasons, Protestants clashed with Catholics in a conflict that lasted decades.

I'm not saying religion is a bad thing. I'm just saying that I believe organized religion is a bad idea. Anything organized leads to a power structure; power structures ultimately lead to abuses of power and corruption.

Why is it that anyone feels compelled to go to church? Can't you worship in the confines of your own home?

According to what scholars believe is the closest actual words of Jesus Christ, the gospel of St. Thomas, a gospel not recognized by the Roman Catholic Church, Jesus

did not want to be worshiped in any church. According to St. Thomas "Jesus said: The kingdom of God is inside you, and all around you, not in mansions of wood and stone. Split a piece of wood and you will find me. Lift a stone and I am there."

It also seems humans have become stuck on this idea of belief. In the movie Dogma, Chris Rock's character Rufus, the thirteenth apostle, put it into words beautifully.

"I think it's better to have ideas. You can change an idea," Rock's character said. Changing a belief is trickier. Life should be malleable and progressive; working from idea to idea permits that. Beliefs anchor you to certain points and limit growth; new ideas can't generate. Life becomes stagnant."

I do know, however, that many organized religions do a lot of good through charity and the establishment of morals in youth. But, to me, organized religion has done far more harm than good and anything charitable that could be done within an organized religion could also be done in the name of your god outside the church, synagogue or mosque.

Experience should determine mayoral race outcome

In just four short days, the first round of campaigning will end and the field of competitors vying for the River Falls mayor's seat will be narrowed from four candidates to two.

In this issue of the Voice there are not one, but two stories about each of the candidates. One story is about the two UW-River Falls students who are candidates. The other contains information about the people who are actually qualified for the position.

And by qualified I mean "have lived in River Falls for more than a few years," and "know a thing or two about what's best for the city."

Mayoral candidates Tom Parent and Don Richards are both city residents and have been for a long time. Richards has lived here his whole life.

On the other side, you've got Jim King, a UW-RF junior and Dave Crass, a sophomore. Between them they've got three years of residency in River Falls.

Of course, living in River Falls doesn't necessarily mean certain knowledge of how to run a city. Knowing how to run a city requires experience.

While King and Crass have both been on Student Senate for roughly a semester, neither has been involved in the city's politics for very long. King has been attending city council meetings for only about a year. Admittedly, King has been a good voice for students, especially about parking. But beyond that, neither has really done a heck of a lot for the city.

Between them, they're a one-trick pony.

Now consider Parent and Richards.

In his eight years in River Falls, Parent has been on the City Council for a two-year term as an at-large member. As a member of the council, Parent served on the city's Planning Commission. Parent is a local

business owner

and a family man.

Richards, a retired River Falls High School teacher, has volunteered with the YMCA, Habitat for Humanity and several other groups. A UW-RF alumnus, Richards graduated in 1955 and served in the military for two years.

Both Richards and Parent have invested interests in the city. Both are going to do what's best for the school system.

King and Crass, on the other hand, have little to nothing invested in this city. Their families don't live here. They don't own businesses here. Their candidacies seem more like bids to win a popularity contest or extra

credit projects for a political science course than they do bids to run a city. It seems like much more of a gamble, where the good government of a city is at stake.

Now, don't get me wrong, in this city students and the University are extremely impor-

tant and deserve to have their opinions heard. But there are better ways. Instead of voting for King or Crass for mayor, elect one of the students who are running for a seat on the City Council. Mike Pearson and Edward O'keefe, both UW-RF students, are running for the seat, which will also be contested at the primary Feb. 17. A vote for mayor should be a vote for the city. And it's a vote that will be best for everyone, not just students.

America's current war on the taxpayer

Americans love the notion of war, but not its reality. We've euphemistically attached it to everything from our modern-day battle of the bulge, to the annihilation of our country's worst enemy, the SUV.

There is no enemy, real or imagined, we won't do battle with as long as we don't actually have to get our fingers dirty. There is an army out there filled with do-gooders who miraculously know what's best for each of us.

These relics of the hippy era really don't care if humans live or die; sometimes I suspect they hope for the latter, as long as there's at least one old-growth tree left in the forest for a family of spotted owls to live a long and happy life in.

Deep inside their bleeding hearts these self-appointed saviors really don't care if people quit smoking, driving trucks, using CFC's, get off welfare, get off drugs or get off in the bedroom.

As long as the omniscient ones have something to complain about, they can continue to slink along in the shadows with their greedy mitts wrapped around Mao's red book, waiting to intrude into the next unsuspecting person's life.

Enough about my family.

The wars that have concerned me for the past several years now are not being fought in the deserts of the Mid East, in the Balkans, in Africa or in the jungles of Southeast Asia, for that matter.

The wars that bother me most are allegedly being fought right here in America; the wars on poverty, drugs and terrorism.

Since President Johnson first declared

war on poverty during his 1964 State of the Union Address, the American taxpayer has been getting poorer each year to the tune of \$5 trillion-plus.

The pathetic reality of this war is that poverty has not been reduced. In fact, it would appear that the enemies are the same people who have been involuntarily funded the taxpayer.

And like any vanquished foe, the taxpayers remain under the boot of their oppressors only to have their pockets picked in an attempt to help those who do not wish to help themselves.

On the second front of America's three-front war, we again find ourselves losing the battle to win the hearts and minds of our drug-addicted countrymen. This has cost the taxpayer more than \$400 billion.

According to the Office of National Drug Policy, the government spent a hefty \$19 billion fighting the good fight against drugs in 2003. During the same year, state and local governments spent another \$20 billion to make sure little Suzie didn't get knocked off during a sudden bout of reefer madness.

Cato Institute statistics show that in 2003, 19.5 million Americans used drugs of all types and another 14.6 million admitted to smoking dope. If nothing else, these figures should prove just how stupid drug users are. Why would anyone admit to strangers they use illegal drugs?

U.S. federal courts have assured political correctness will reign supreme as the government's primary strategy in fighting terrorism. God forbid Muslims are profiled by law enforcement agencies and the military as possible terrorist suspects. After all, radical Islam teaches only love and understanding, doesn't it?

Loopholes in criminal profiling will obviously be filled by the Patriot Act. This set of laws all-inclusive when it comes to expanding the power of the government and further limiting our rights.

What's fair for the terrorists is fair for all.

We wouldn't want to single out any group for additional scrutiny based solely on probable cause and legal mandates.

Instead, why not give a few million illegal aliens amnesty as a reward for their efforts to thwart our laws and national sovereignty, in exchange for cheap labor and a few votes. I'll bet there won't be any terrorists in that lot.

By now the glitch in the system that a few years ago allowed the last group of al-Qaeda members to gain amnesty and U.S. citizenship by pretending to be Mexicans must have been fixed.

It's too early to tell how many dollars will become cannon fodder for this war. If the war on terrorism is as successful and its predecessors, we still have several decades to find out.

The problem is the real enemy, the taxpayer, may have surrendered. Carry on.

Jackson incident exposes FCC's contradiction in censorship

A tale of two outrages; One a titillating bit of exhibitionism that has media and bureaucrats agog, and another a comparatively unnoticed act of censorship, symptomatic of larger threats to our democracy.

Of course, the first "outrage" is Janet Jackson's half-frontal nudity during the Super Bowl half-time show. Being someone who doesn't fear breasts, I'm not phased by the Super Bowl hijinks, even if it represents another pathetic example of American culture slouching toward junior high school. Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael Powell, all atwitter, promises a "thorough and swift" investigation.

Meanwhile in the real world, during the same Super Bowl, CBS censored MoveOn.org's anti-Bush deficit ad and PETA's pro-vegetarian, anti-

meat ad. Why? CBS doesn't broadcast controversial issue ads.

Of course, this hypocrisy does not extend to airing the \$12.6 million in ads for the Bush administration's Medicare prescription plan. The non-partisan National Taxpayers Union calls this a "political and fiscal insult to taxpayers" as it advertises

for a program that won't actually take effect until 2006 [and] has all the timing of an election-year ploy, rather than a genuine public service announcement."

Consistency doesn't matter when a corporation seeks favor with politicians who hold the keys to deregulation. Congress, the White House and the FCC have been very good to media conglomerates, it's best not to upset them so frenzied merging can continue. Today most broadcast information is controlled by a handful of outlets: Viacom, Disney, News Corp, General Electric, Clear Channel, Liberty Media, AT&T, Vivendi-

Universal and AOL Time-Warner.

Expect CBS, owned by Viacom, to apologize profusely to Powell for Janet's boob, since Powell has been a staunch advocate of monstrous media mergers. Don't expect to see much information from megamedia detrimental to their political and business interests. Speech, coming from a self-interested, corporate point of view, is unlikely to serve democracy well.

So what? CBS is private and can do as it pleases, you may respond. Not quite. Government regulation makes airwaves orderly and since the birth of the Communications Act of 1934 and its progeny the FCC, broadcasters have been obliged to "serve the public interest, convenience and necessity."

A landmark, unanimous 1969 Supreme Court decision, Red Lion v. FCC, supports this idea. Justice Byron White wrote, "[The] people as a whole retain. . . their collective right to have the medium function consistent with the ends and purposes of the First Amendment. It is the right

of the viewers and listeners, not the right of the broadcasters, which is paramount."

Former FCC Chairman Reed Hundt stated the FCC has interpreted "public interest" to mean "the use of TV to develop 'an informed public opinion through the dissemination of news and ideas concerning the vital public issues of the day.'" Powell said, "vital public issues" would be boobs, not budget deficits.

Speaking about TV, legendary journalist Edward R. Murrow said, "[historians] would there find recorded. . . evidence of the decadence, escapism, and insulation from the realities of the world in which we live. . . This instrument can teach, it can illuminate; yes, and it can even inspire. But it can do so only to the extent that humans are determined to use it to those ends. Otherwise, it is merely wires and lights in a box." Fifty years later, CBS and Powell are hypnotized by blinky lights, well insulated from the larger issues of the real world.

Speaking of democracy, don't forget to vote.

Who is the more promising presidential candidate: Bush or Kerry?



Lori Anderson, Junior

"Bush, I can't imagine the state of our country if Gore was elected. Trust him to finish what he started."



Jake Swift, Senior

"Kerry, I think that he represents change, I like his stance on the military."



Nicole Smith, Junior

"Kerry, because he's not an idiot."



Indira Jerome, Sophomore

"Bush, I am a Republican, and I feel that being in a conservative society will help build a stronger foundation for our economy."



Ben Linker, Senior

"Kerry, because Kerry hasn't lied to the American people yet."

CARNIVAL from A1

4 p.m. on Feb. 17 to be eligible. The king and queen will be announced during a skating party and coronation on Feb. 19 from 8 to 10 p.m. Junior and Hathorn Hall Manager Nicole Smith was Parker Hall Queen her freshman year and she said she will

continue to participate until she graduates.

"The whole week always brings such a sense of community to campus and the spirit and fun is absolutely amazing," Smith said.

Other students agree. "Winter Carnival is great because it brings organizations together and they become friends and they all share the same common interests," Molander said.



File Photo
The theme for this year's Winter Carnival is 'Tropical Tundra.' Events are scheduled Feb. 16-19.

STUDENTS from A1

everyone," King said. "That hasn't been happening."

Crass, a Madison, Wis. native, also cited the sometimes-tenuous relationship between students and city residents as a chief concern.

"The people in the city aren't very friendly to the students and the students can be not very friendly to the people in the city," Crass said. "You can't really see it, but if you live here and

live in this climate, then you can kind of understand it. And I think if you can get that out of the way, there's no limit to what this community can do."

Crass suggested a downtown street dance as a way of bringing students and community members closer.

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Dave Crass
Mayoral candidate

King, a Marine Corps veteran, believes in being disciplined and efficient in dealing with city issues. If elected, his first priority will be to manage city growth. "The city must be ready for growth," King said. "You can't put an iron

fence around the city."

At the forum Crass spoke in favor of restricting city growth. He said the "town is not ready for a population explosion."

Crass would like to see River Falls retain its downtown character, with subdivisions built around it.

While Crass is admittedly short on experience in dealing with city issues, he said he'd use his ability to hear both sides of an argument to get a better handle on residents' concerns.

"What I lack there, I'm going to make up in listening skills," Crass said.

King believes River Falls would greatly benefit by luring professional businesses into the city; businesses such as consulting firms and those relating to medical technology that could employ UW-RF graduates.

King said he is a River Falls resident first and a student second. He would like to remain in the city after graduation.

"Win or lose, you'll see me involved in the community," King said. "If Dave Crass loses, you'll never see him again."

MAYORAL RACE from A1

and the Kinnickinnic Land Trust.

Richards is running for mayor in hopes of making a contribution to the city he has called home for so long.

"I was asked by a couple of people to be mayor and at first I disagreed," Richards said. "But I thought about it and decided it would be a good contribution to a place that I really care about."

Richards also feels development is the most pressing issue facing the city.

"Development is inevitable and we are going to move forward," Richards said. "Right now, Kinnickinnic Township has sued the city because they claim they have been annexed illegally."

Richards would like to see the issue resolved quickly to ensure a "reasonably smooth transition into further development." Through continued communication, Richards feels a compromise can hopefully be reached.

Other topics high on Richards' list include an improved downtown business climate and improved Kinnickinnic River health, appreciation and usage.

The relationship between students and the city is something Richards values and hopes to contribute to.

"I could see myself on campus in August helping to welcome students to campus and to the city," Richards said.

Richards and his wife Eleonore have four adopted children ranging in age from 24 to 31.

Mayor Eric Amundsen said his initial response in deciding who to vote for will be to ask why the candidates want to be mayor.

"It is the question that I asked myself two years ago," Amundsen said.

Amundsen knows that being mayor means listening to the concerns of a diverse population.

"I really hope that the candidates have more concerns than just growth issues," Amundsen said. "If they do, they have just touched on them a bit."

Amundsen said he would vote for Richards and Parent before the two student candidates because of the amount of time they have spent in River Falls. "In all honesty how much can you know about a city if you have only been here for a couple of years?" Amundsen asked. "Your time here in River Falls is very important in making decisions. New ideas are good but having an understanding of the history is also important."

"I think that River Falls is facing a tremendous amount of pressure with growth. As mayor I would want to make sure that with growth we do not lose the qualities that make us want to live and work in River Falls."

Tom Parent
Mayoral candidate



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240 LBS	4.0	6.0	7.1	8.0
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Section B

Falcon men pull within one game of WIAC-leading UW-W

Eric A. Page
Sports Editor

Two weeks ago, after going 2-2 on a road trip, UW-River Falls men's basketball coach Rick Bowen said he thought his team still had a shot at the WIAC title if they won their final seven games.

Exit Bowen the coach; enter Bowen the prophet.

The coach's optimistic forecast a fortnight ago needed some assistance from another conference team in order to take shape.

After the Falcons beat UW-Eau Claire 68-60 Saturday at home and made their debut in the D3Hoops.com top 25 poll, they still remained two games behind WIAC-leading UW-Whitewater. Tuesday the Falcons had a date at UW-Superior while the Warhawks played host to UW-Stevens Point.

In a strange twist of events, Bowen found himself pulling for the hated Pointers.

"It's going to be tough," Bowen said with a boyish smirk before his team's game at Superior. "We have to hope for a favor down there and we need to take care of business up here."

The Falcons did take care of business, though not without graying their coach's hair in the process, as they pulled out a 79-76 overtime win. The win was the 250th of Bowen's career.

The victory was sweetened by the news that the Pointers had knocked off the Warhawks 79-59, setting the table for a seven-course meal-of-a-game this Saturday when the No. 25 Falcons play at No. 7 Whitewater.

The Falcons (16-6, 9-4 WIAC) can move into a three-way tie for first place and take control of the tie-break with a win over the

Warhawks (19-3, 10-3).

The Falcons, who have won 14 of 16 games since starting the season 2-4, beat the Warhawks 81-72 at home Jan. 3.

Tuesday the Falcons scored only nine points in the first 10 minutes as they fell behind the Yellowjackets 21-9. A 16-4 run, capped by an Eric Kossoris three-pointer with 3:17 to play in the first half, gave the Falcons a 25-24 lead.

The Yellowjackets came back to take a 29-28 lead with less than a minute to play but with two seconds on the clock Billy Halter heaved a full-court pass to Kossoris who pump-faked, side-stepped his man and calmly buried an 18-foot jump shot to send the Falcons into half-time with a one-point lead.

"Eric came in and filled some positions for us tonight," Falcon senior Rich Melzer said.

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Photo by Eric A. Page
Micah Helfrey fights for a loose ball during the Falcons' 68-60 win Saturday over Eau Claire.

NHL should follow NCAA

Last weekend in St. Paul, the NHL's crown jewel took place at Xcel Energy Center in the form of its All-Star Game. Most years, the weekend is a chance for the league to showcase its stars for the world to see and to promote a game that has fallen off in recent years.

Because of that falloff, this year's weekend was hampered by a dark cloud. That cloud being that this may be the last weekend of its kind for a while, as the NHL's collective bargaining agreement with the Player's Association expires Sept. 15 of this year. And if you listen to the barbs being thrown from both sides of

this fence, a prolonged work stoppage seems almost unavoidable.

Why is this you ask? Rising player salaries coupled with owners of almost every team ending up in the red come year's end is the main - and most obvious - reason. The question then becomes why is the league losing money?

The lack of a big-time television

deal certainly hurts. Because the league cannot draw viewers, they miss out on potential revenue that other professional leagues cash in on.

The style of play that has been spawned in the NHL during the last decade is reason enough for viewers to check out what Nick and Jessica are doing this week. The amount of goals scored per game has dropped by more than two per game since the 1992-93 season. On most nights, 1-1 ties litter the scoreboards. And scoring chances are few and far between to say the very least.

But any UW-River Falls student who has found his or her way over to Hunt Arena to see the Falcon men's team play knows that boring hockey does not have to be a snooze-fest. Last Friday, when the Falcons took down St. Norbert, the No. 2 team in the USCHO.com poll, the two teams combined for 10 goals and 61 shots.

Those numbers are not much of an aberration either. So why is there such a difference in play between college and the NHL? The answer is twofold. First, the NHL still employs the two-line pass rule, which means if the puck crosses two lines on the ice, the play is blown dead.

Why have a rule that limits the skill of your players? Many NHL teams clog up the space between both blue lines because they know the opposing team cannot complete a pass behind them. At the college level, defensemen are able to hit streaking forwards from their own end creating excitement in the form of break-aways and goals.

Would this simple change be the fix-all the NHL is looking for by itself? No. But many of the other problems - no room to skate, "creative" stick work, and smaller ice sheets - are all still there, and implementing a simple rule change like this would limit the consequences of the aforementioned maladies.

The NHL is certainly not in a position to dig for excuses not to attempt changes. The position they are in is a dire one and because their stubbornness has led to the unwillingness to evolve, they may not have any rules to worry about at all come September.



RYAN CARDINAL

Good Knight!



Photo by Micheal Foley
The Falcon bench erupts behind Josh Schlipp after his first-period goal put the Falcons ahead 2-0 over St. Norbert Friday night at Hunt Arena.

Micheal Foley
Assistant Editor

The No. 5 UW-River Falls men's hockey team (16-3-4, 7-2-3 NCHA) collected two wins against nationally-ranked NCHA foes at Hunt Arena Friday and Saturday. The Falcons defeated No. 2 St. Norbert 6-4 on Friday and No. 8 Lake Forest 7-2 on Saturday.

"We really didn't change that much over the weekend," head coach Steve Freeman said. "We played consistent and we finally saw some rewards from it. It seems like we hit our stride this weekend."

The wins kept the Falcons in second place with 17 points, one ahead of UW-Superior and two behind St. Norbert with two games remaining. St. Norbert and Superior must also face each other next weekend. After the Falcons downed the Green Knights Friday night, UW-Stout skated to a 4-4 tie against St. Norbert Saturday opening the door for the Falcons going into the final weekend of NCHA play.

Against St. Norbert, Falcon defenseman Tony Sikich earned four points on two goals and two

assists to help lift the Falcons to the big win. The Falcons led 2-0 after one period and 3-1 after two.

Steve Moe got the first goal early in the first period, his sixth of the season, with Rob Novak and Aaron Venasky assisting. Midway through the first period, Josh Schlipp netted his sixth of the season. Jess Johnson and Sikich assisted.

"All 20 guys who were in the lineup this weekend really contributed something to the cause."

Steve Freeman
Men's hockey coach

Assists went to Sikich and Johnson. Just 16 seconds later, Venasky put the puck past the Green Knight goalie. Moe and Novak assisted on the eventual game winner.

St. Norbert added another goal while on the power play but it wasn't enough as Sikich stole a pass in the Falcon zone and sent it all the way

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Women drop two in WIAC competition

Eric A. Page
Sports Editor

The UW-River Falls women's basketball team lost two close games last week.

Wednesday the Falcons jumped out to a 37-24 halftime lead at UW-Superior before losing in overtime 69-64. Saturday they held No. 22 UW-Eau Claire to 51 points but scored a season-low 40.

On Wednesday the Yellowjackets' Stephanie Janigo made 2-4 free throws in the final 30 seconds of regulation to tie the game 58-58. The home team scored first in overtime and never trailed on their way to victory.

The Falcons cut the lead to one at 65-64 after Sarah Kochevar made two free throws with 1:46 remaining in the overtime.

The Yellowjackets went a perfect 4-4 from the line down the stretch to secure the win as the Falcons failed to score in the final 1:46.

The loss dropped the Falcons to 11-11 on the year and 2-11 in the WIAC with three games remaining in the regular season. It was the second time this season the Falcons have dropped a close decision to the Yellowjackets. They lost 73-70 at the Karges Center Jan. 13.

Erin Effle led the Falcons with 18 points and six rebounds. Darcy Olsen and Chantele Melgaard scored 12 points each and Traci Reimann pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds. Megan Lindman had eight points and eight rebounds for the Falcons.

The Yellowjackets were led by Heidi McKay with 17 points and 11 rebounds. McKay was one of four Yellowjackets in double figures.

On Saturday the Falcons fell behind 32-21 by halftime and weren't able to make up the difference in the second half as the Blugolds went on to a 51-40 win at the Karges Center.

The closest the Falcons got in the second half was pulling within nine on two occasions and the Blugolds increased their lead to 16 with five minutes to play before the Falcons cut into the final deficit.

Erin Effle led the Falcons with 10 points on 5-15 shooting from the field. Traci Reimann finished with seven points and led the Falcons with eight rebounds. The Falcons shot 17-52 from the field, or 32 percent and only shot seven free throws all night, making just three.

The Blugolds were led by Toya Banks who scored 16 points and Katie Murphy who added 15. Brooke Schmidt led both teams with 12 rebounds. Although the Blugolds shot just 33 percent from the floor, they made 15-26 free throws.

Both teams were plagued by turnovers as the Falcons committed 24 and the Blugolds 23.

The 51 points the Falcons allowed was a season-low by an opponent.

The Falcons will travel to UW-Whitewater Saturday night to play the second game of a double-header. After the weekend, they return home to finish their season with match-ups against UW-Platteville and UW-Stout.

The Falcons lost to Whitewater at home earlier this season 63-60, they lost to Stout 73-52 at stout and they won a 58-55 decision over Platteville on the road.

Tip-off of the Falcons' game at Whitewater is set for 7 p.m.



Photo by Micheal Foley
Leah Baron eyes the puck before a face off during the Falcons 5-2 over Superior Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

Women's hockey climbs into top 10

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team swept the No. 9-ranked UW-Superior Yellowjackets last weekend at Hunt Arena and with the two wins moved into second place in the NCHA standings.

The Falcons won 5-1 Friday and grabbed a 5-2 win Saturday. The Falcons, now 13-8-1 overall, are 9-4-1 in NCHA play in second place.

In Saturday's win the Falcons led 1-0 after one period and 3-1 after two.

Ali Slinden gave the Falcons a 1-0 lead at 13:54 of the first period when she scored her second goal of the year. She

was assisted by Nicole Magnuson and Lou Paulson. The Falcons went ahead 2-0 at 1:02 of the second period when Paulson scored her 10th goal of the year while UW-RF was on the power-play. Leah Baron and Lindsay Carlson assisted. Carlson gave the Falcons a 3-0 lead with another power-play score. She netted the goal at 12:02 with assists to Jodi Hensch and Paulson. UW-S made it a 3-1 game at 16:13 when Erin Kegley scored. Kegley scored at 14:37 of the third to make it a 3-2 game. Lindsay O'Keefe scored an empty-net, power-play goal at 18:51, her 12th goal of the year. Magnuson scored the final goal of the game, her team-leading 15th of the year, at 19:34. Slinden got

the lone assist.

Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger made 36 saves. Jacket goalie Elyse Dowdell stopped 36 shots.

Friday the Falcons got a goal and two assists from Slinden in the 5-1 win.

The Falcons led 1-0 after one period and 3-0 after two.

UW-RF grabbed a 1-0 lead at 3:40 of the opening period when Slinden scored her first goal of the year with an assist to Paulson.

The Falcons went ahead 2-0 at 9:41 of the second period when Kelly Hurley scored her eighth goal of the season with

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SCOREBOARD

Men's Hockey

NCHA Standings

	W	L	T
St. Norbert (19-2-2)	9	2	1
River Falls (16-3-4)	7	2	3
Superior (14-6-3)	7	3	2
Lake Forest (16-5-2)	6	5	1
Stevens Point (12-9-2)	5	6	1
Stout (13-9-1)	4	7	1
Eau Claire (13-9-1)	3	8	1
St. Scholastica (6-13-4)	1	9	2

Feb. 7 results

Lake Forest	0	0	2	-2
River Falls	0	4	3	-7

1st period

No Scoring

2nd period

04:57 RF Murphy (10) (Dwyer, Steinert)

10:07 RF Steinert (8) (Dwyer, Elsen) (pp)

10:47 RF Moe (7) (Jurek, Hansen)

17:35 RF Schlipp (7) (sh)

3rd period

01:01 RF Johnson (8) (Jurek)

04:54 RF Murphy (11) (Dustin, Johnson)

05:59 LF Bilcox (1) (Schapinello) (pp)

09:40 LF Bilcox (2) (Francone)

17:01 RF Schlipp (8) (Degerness, Dwyer)

Feb. 6 results

St. Norbert	0	1	3	-4
River Falls	2	1	3	-6

1st period

03:28 RF Moe (6) (Novak, Venasky)

11:48 RF Schlipp (6) (Johnson, Sikich)

2nd period

03:53 RF Sikich (4) (Lennartson, Headrick)

14:40 SN Hergott (9) (Switzer)

3rd period

03:50 SN Cote (13) (Derton)

06:52 SN Carbery (17) (Duthie, Deitsch)

13:19 RF Kostuli (Sikich, Johnson)(pp)

13:35 RF Venasky (4) (Moe, Novak)

15:09 SN Deitsch (17) (Carbery, Duthie) (pp)

19:50 RF Sikich (5) (en)

Women's Hockey

NCHA Standings

	W	L	T
Stevens Point (14-5-4)	9	2	1
River Falls (13-8-1)	9	4	1
Superior (15-5-1)	9	3	0
Eau Claire (8-11-2)	3	9	0
Lake Forest (2-18-1)	0	12	0

Feb. 7 results

Superior	0	1	1	-2
River Falls	1	2	2	-5

1st period

13:54 RF Slinden (2) (Magnuson, Paulson)

2nd period

01:02 RF Paulson (10) (Baron, Carlson) (pp)

12:02 RF Carlson (8) (Hensch, Paulson) (pp)

16:13 SUP Kegley (17) (Dahl, McCormick)

14:37 SUP Kegley (18)

18:51 RF O'Keefe (12) (en)

19:34 RF Magnuson (15) (Slinden)

Feb. 6 results

Superior	0	0	1	-1
River Falls	1	2	2	-5

1st period

03:40 RF Slinden (1) (Paulson)

2nd period

09:41 RF Kelly Hurley (8)

(Nierenhausen, O'Keefe)

14:08 RF O'Keefe (11) (Kelly Hurley, Carlson) (pp)

07:11 SUP Kegley (16) (Thibideau)

09:10 RF Baron (8) (Slinden)

16:30 RF Magnuson (14) (Slinden, Paulson)

12:13 EC Hawkinson (Schultz)

Men's Basketball

WIAC Standings

	W	L
Whitewater (19-3)	10	3
Stevens Point (18-4)	9	4
River Falls (16-6)	9	4
Platteville (14-8)	8	5
Stout (12-9)	6	7
Oshkosh (13-9)	7	6
Eau Claire (10-13)	4	10
Superior (9-13)	4	10

swing and we didn't play with as much energy. It seemed like we were out of gas, therefore we took way too many penalties.

This weekend I feel like we played with a lot more discipline and that was a big factor in our success."

Against Lake Forest on Saturday, Jim Murphy and Josh Schlipp each scored twice in the Falcons' 7-2 rout over the Foresters. The game was scoreless after one period and the Falcons led 4-0 after two.

Murphy broke into the scoring column with a goal early in the second period off assists from Murphy Dwyer and Jamie Steinert. Steinert got a goal of his own on a power play midway through the period. Dwyer and Matt Elsen got the assists. Just 40 seconds later, Moe netted his second of the weekend off assists

from Andy Jurek and Nate Hansen. Schlipp put the finishing touches on a great period with an unassisted shorthanded goal at 17:35.

Johnson scored early in the third period to make the score 5-0 off an assist from Jurek.

Murphy netted his team-leading 11th goal of the season at 4:54. Joe Dustin and Johnson got assists on the play. The Foresters scored the next two goals but Schlipp lit the lamp again at 17:01 for his eighth goal of the season. Aaron Degerness and Dwyer assisted on the power-play goal.

The Falcons, who have struggled to score this season despite posting 35 shots per game, put up 13 goals against some of the stiffest NCAA competition.

Yellowjackets slowly carved away at the Falcon lead until they finally tied the game 71-71 with 16 seconds to play.

The Falcons inbounded the ball to Melzer who advanced up court. When met at mid-court by a defender the ball appeared to bounce off the defender's foot out of bounds but the official indicated it had gone off Melzer.

"People in that gym know that that ball never touched my foot," Melzer said. "That was a ridiculous call for that ref to make at that point in the game."

The Yellowjackets missed a three-point

attempt at the buzzer and the game went into overtime.

Melzer scored four of his game-high 32 points in the overtime period, including two technical free throws with three minutes remaining, to help secure the win. He also finished with nine rebounds.

C.J. Becker scored 15 points, grabbed five rebounds and handed out seven assists. Halter scored all 10 of his points, including two three-pointers, in the second half.

Marc Rothschild led Superior with 27 points, including seven three-pointers. Cody Kastern had 18 points and 11 rebounds.

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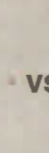
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SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Men's Basketball



UW-RF

UW-Stout

Tuesday at 7 p.m.
at Karges Center

Depending on the outcome of their Saturday showdown with Whitewater, the Falcons may have a chance to move into sole possession of first place with a win over Stout. UW-RF defeated the Blue Devils at Stout back in January 71-63 behind 36 points and 8 rebounds from star forward Rich Melzer.

VARSITY SPORTS WEEK

Friday, Feb. 13

Men's Hockey at Eau Claire 7:05 p.m. **

Saturday, Feb. 14

Track and Field Falcon Invite 11:15 a.m.
Men's Basketball at Whitewater 5 p.m. **
Women's Hockey at Lake Forest 7 p.m.
Women's Basketball at Whitewater 7 p.m. **
Men's Hockey at Stevens Point 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 15

Women's Hockey at Lake Forest 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Men's Basketball vs Stout 7 p.m. **

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Women's Basketball vs Stout 7 p.m. **

** Indicates game is broadcast live on WRFW

TOP PERFORMERS



Tony Sikich
Men's Hockey



Lindsay O'Keefe
Women's Hockey

Sikich scored two goals and assisted on two others in a 6-4 win over No. 2 St. Norbert at River Falls Friday night. Sikich is fourth on the Falcon scoring list with 18 points on five goals and 13 assists.

O'Keefe helped the Falcons win two NCHA games over No. 7 UW-Superior last weekend. Friday she assisted the game-winning goal and finished with two goals and one assist on the weekend.

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assists to Emily Nierenhausen and O'Keefe. The Falcons went ahead 3-0 at 14:08. O'Keefe scored the power-play goal in a scramble in front of the Yellowjacket net. It was her 11th goal of the year and her team-leading fifth power-play tally of the season. Hurley and Carlson picked up the assists.

Track competes at Mankato

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls men's and women's indoor track and field teams participated in the MSU-Mankato Open Saturday.

Steph Dura placed second in the shot put with a put of 43-3 3/4 and Jen Leis finished second in the weight throw with a 50-4 3/4 effort. Both efforts were NCAA provisional qualifying marks. Leis finished sixth in the shot put with a put of 39-0 1/2 and Dura was seventh in the weight throw with a 43-9 1/4 effort while Jill Crandall tied for third in

Swimmers set for WIAC meet

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls men's and women's swimming teams lost at UW-La Crosse Friday night. The women lost, 202-34 and the men lost, 181-39.

For the women, Kelly Deters placed second in the 50 free in 26.18. Rachel Clark was second in the 200 IM in 2:22.24 and second in the 100 fly in

1:01.4. The 200 free relay of Deters, Clark, Lucy Williams and Laura Schultz was second in 1:46. Brandon VanVleet won the 50 free with a time of 21.98 and the 100 free in 47.96. Chad Goetsch won the 1000 free in 10:39.27 and he placed second in the 500 free in 5:12.12. Ryan Hawke placed second in the 100 back in 1:00.45.

The Falcons will next compete in the WIAC Meet that will be Feb. 19-21 at UW-Oshkosh.

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Rarely spoken words: Vagina, Violence

Play evokes multiple emotions; raises money to stop rape, abuse

Anne Cloeter
Viewpoints Editor

What's a good way to get an organized response against violence toward women? Talk about vaginas.

Though it may sound odd, "The Vagina Monologues," a program seen throughout the nation, premiered at UW-River Falls Thursday night in an effort to continue the fight against persecuting women.

A series of real women's experiences acted out by UW-RF students, faculty and staff included titles such as "My Angry Vagina," "The Little Coochi Snorcher That Could" and "Reclaiming Cunt."

The play contained some graphic content but it provided an honest and true depiction of what these diverse women throughout the world were going through or thinking.

"I know there will be some people hesitant with 'The Vagina Monologues,'" said Barbara Lind, student director and producer of the play. "People think, 'Oh my gosh, the word vagina is in it.'"

But the word vagina didn't seem to bother many people Thursday night.

The monologues delivered a variety of emotions to the audience. Some dealt with humorous issues about what your vagina would say if it could talk, while other monologues gave testimonies of rape and abuse.

The performance celebrated women's sexuality and strength and exposed violence endured by women throughout the world.

Eve Ensler, creator of the nationally known play based it on interviews with more than 200 women. She started to use performances of

the play to raise money for organizations helping to stop violence.

The monologues are now given to a variety of colleges, organizations and theater groups to perform.

When Lind saw that "The Vagina Monologues" was available to be performed at UW-RF, she jumped at the chance to direct a play that has been performed by famous actresses such as Calista Flockhart, Salma Hayek and Glenn Close.

Through the college campaign agreement,

UW-RF got the rights to the play for free. Ten percent of the proceeds went to the women of Juarez, Mexico, and 90 percent went to Turning Point, a domestic abuse center in River Falls.

The play saw a turnout of more than 100 people on opening night.

"We weren't expecting this many people," said freshman Samantha Hanson, one of the student actors. "This was just a really great experience with the girls on stage."

Though women performed the play and the majority of the audience was made of women, some guys braved the estrogen and came to the performance.

"At first, it felt a little weird," said freshman Mark Ellefson. "But the play was really good."

In support of his friends who were performing some of the monologues, freshman John Gavin also enjoyed the play.

"I thought it was excellent because it was funny and serious," Gavin said. "It looked inside the violence of women and opened my eyes."

Another eye-opener at the end of "The Vagina Monologues" was the chocolate vaginas for sale at the door.

"I don't know what I'm more excited about," Lind said with a laugh. "The fact that I spent \$200 on chocolate vaginas or that we're actually doing the play."

Valentine's Day secret behind roses, Victoria's Secret lingerie

Most people go out and buy their sweetheart a mushy card with fancy words like "endearment" and "devotion" that neither one of them understands but it is how- ever big, expensive and red, yet much cheaper than a car.

According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion Valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card- sending holiday after Christmas.

But does anyone really know the history behind the holiday?

Some people might have guessed that Valentine's Day is named after a saint. According to the History Channel Web site, Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. Though the exact history of the day is unclear, most believe that St. Valentine was a priest who served during the third century

in Rome. Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families so he out- lawed marriage for young men.

Valentine, however, continued to perform mar- riages in secret. When

Valentine's actions were discov- ered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

According to legend, Valentine sent the first "valentine" greet- ing. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young blind girl named Augustine who may

have been his jailer's daugh- ter and who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed "From your Valentine." This expression is still used today.

Here are some of the different customs and traditions of Valentine's Day.

In some countries, a young woman may receive a gift of clothing from a young man. If she keeps the gift, it means she will marry him. If this is true I'm sure all guys will be stamp- ed to Victoria's Secret. You still have about 24 hours to return it. Somehow I'm guess- ing marriage is not what most guys were thinking of when they wandered into Victoria's Secret and were spotted by a salesclerk who steered them toward the most expensive item in the store. If your eyes just got

big at the last state- ment, yes, you were taken by a short- skirt- wearing girl named Christy and make sure to check your ATM balance.

Red roses mean, "I love you." In other words don't send these

unless you are prepared to have "the talk" or if you are in a fight and need to grovel. Beware: Roses are only a temporary escape, it will also ultimately lead to "the talk."

I suggest chocolate. This will buy you as much time as you can supply the sweets. Stock your fridge.

White roses mean "Our love is pure." I'm just going to smile. Moving on.

Orange blossoms represent everlasting love. Really, really think before you do this. Nobody likes a stalker.

Yellow roses mean, "I love you, but I don't know if you love me."

Take a chance. The worst thing she can do is say no. If she says this, ship them to me; my favorite color is yellow.

However more than likely 99.9 percent of girls will have no idea what any of these flow- ers mean so I say go cheap. Chances are most of you won't have any money if you went to Victoria's Secret first. But we already discussed that. You returned the clothes, right? They sell mints at the front counter; that's always a safe bet.



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Ceramics Presentation
Feb. 13- March 2
KFA Gallery 101
Monday - Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.,
Sunday 2-4 p.m.

The UW-River Falls Gallery 101 is hosting a major ceramics display from two artists, Dan Anderson and Chuck Hindes. Anderson is a retired professor from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Hindes is an art professor at the University of Iowa. Both are graduates of the UW-RF art program where they studied under the guidance of Kurt Wild. In the late 1960s after earning their undergraduate degrees, both went on to graduate programs. Anderson went to the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan while Hindes went to Rhode Island School of Design. Both artists have international reputations as ceramic artists and as influential teachers.



Courtesy of FYI, University of Iowa
Chuck Hindes positions a pot in the kiln resting it on a piece of wadding to keep the pot from sticking.

EVENTS

Soul Food Dinner
Feb. 17
Fee: \$3
Location: Rodli Commons River Room
February is Black History Month. Tickets will be on sale in the Student Center Atrium Monday through Friday. You may also purchase tickets during office hours at the Academic Success Center in the Library. Everyone is welcome

China Study Tour
Informational meeting held on Feb. 19 from 7-8 p.m. in KFA 350. e-mail Dr. Yang at zhiguo.yang@uwrf.edu if you plan to attend

Afton Ski Trip
Feb. 18 meet in the Leadership Center at 5:15 p.m for a fun filled night of skiing or snowboarding with friends. Lift ticket \$19, ski package \$15, snowboard package \$20. Event sponsored by Kinni-Connections

HOROSCOPES

By staff psychic Rachel Gaynor with help from Jen Cullen who are both single for this crappy "holiday"

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Today is the day to remember all of the crappy relationships you've had and how it was always the other person's fault for your misery. Get a bottle of good wine and toast yourself to being perfect but still single.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Valentine's Day is a day to spend with someone you love the most. Spend it with yourself because you're just that self-centered and can only love yourself.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Stop kidding yourself. You're fat, ugly and that's the real reason you're alone on this so-called holiday. It's not everyone else's fault. Stop binging on junk food late at night and maybe next year someone will find you dateable.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The only person sending you treats is your mom. That's pathetic. The candy hearts taste like chalk and the chocolate is bitter. Use the candy and try to bribe someone to take you on a date. It's the only way you can get one.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Your favorite little rascal is Spanky, isn't it? The only action you'll be getting this weekend of love is from your hand or from the blow-up doll in the closet. Betty doesn't kiss back but it doesn't stop you, does it? Sinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

You haven't gotten a date all year. Why do you think today is any different? Stick to the usual plan of finding some random drunk from the bar to take home. Their standards are lowered from the drinks you bought them all night, so you won't have any problem staying over.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The only people who want you are old perverts. It's time you think about taking them up on their offer before you turn into an old pervert too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You're mushy, happy roommate is buying chocolate covered raisins for his sweetheart. Replace them with rabbit droppings and he won't know until it's too late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Some roses are red but they might as well be dead. Valentine's day is for saps, couples and your parents if they aren't already divorced. Just face it, flowers lose their luster after a week and you really don't want to take the time to stop and smell them anyway.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 20)

Isn't it strange how Friday the 13th and Valentine's Day fall on the same weekend this year? No, it's not. They are both bad luck. It's better just to stay at home alone, safe from all the wierdos.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Your decision to finally wax your hairy bikini line was a wise one Cupid. Unfortunately, your complete lack of personality and charm will forever preclude you from getting a date.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Haven't you learned by now that Valentine's Day was made only for the flower and candy businesses to make an extra dollar between Christmas and Easter? You're cheap, save the money. Money can't buy you love.

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Faculty quintet toots horns in sunny Hawaii



River Falls Brass Quintet visits Hawaii for International Conference during winter break. Pictured from left to right are Charles Wazanowski, tuba; Andrew Parks, French horn; Rick Gaynor, trombone; Tom Barnett, trumpet; Craig Hara, trumpet.

Sarah Day
Assistant News Editor

While most students braved the chilly Midwest weather during winter break, five faculty music teachers were soaking up the sun in balmy Hawaii. The UW-River Falls Brass Quintet played at the Second Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities. And Gordon Hedahl, dean on the College of Arts and Sciences couldn't be more proud.

"I'm proud of the quintet," Hedahl said. "They work on an extremely high level. They are getting the name out about the University to people in the area and now the world."

The quintet members are Tom Barnett and Craig Hara, trumpet; Andrew Parks, French horn; Rick Gaynor, trombone and Charles Wazanowski, tuba. They perform about a dozen times a year at high schools, weddings and the annual University commencement ceremony. They hold performances

campus once each semester.

The group, formed in 2001, included Parks, Hara and Gaynor along with two students. The following year Barnett and Wazanowski replaced the students. They have been playing together ever since.

Barnett said the River Falls Brass was formed as an outreach and recruitment program for the music department. He adds that Hedahl was influential in his support for the group.

"During a time of large budget cuts, he was instrumental in allowing the group to form and then continue," Barnett said.

Hedahl offered support to the group's goals to promote the University. The group funded its trip through the professional faculty/academic development grant and the music department.

Hedahl said the quintet has positively influenced the students as well.

"They really had an impact on the quality of student ensembles," Hedahl said. "They have raised the students' understanding, appreciation and qual-

ity of their music."

Hedahl said the quintet is a significant contribution to the campus and community.

"They are very talented people and it's nice to provide a way for them to work together and to benefit the University," Hedahl said. "I thought it was something worth doing."

The quintet gets more exposure with every performance. In March they performed at the Society of Composers International, held at Macalaster College in St. Paul.

This fall the group was selected as the only brass quintet to attend the Wisconsin State Music Conference for faculty, which was held in Madison. The conference features new educational trends, new compositions and new technology with an array of performances from professionals from around Wisconsin.

Following the performance, Barnett applied to the Hawaii International Conference on a whim and the group was selected. This was the first time the group played at an international level. They performed "Music from around the World," which included works from American composer Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story," and music from English and Italian composers.

Barnett said the International Conference on Arts and Humanities was beneficial because he was able to play in front of a diverse audience and he felt it was a big step forward for the group professionally. He believes the most important aspect of the trip was the bonding of the quintet.

"The conference allowed us to spend more time rehearsing and getting to know each other," Barnett said. "Our performance was definitely better because of it."

Hara agreed that when the group plays together they create magic.

"Music is a technical challenge, which is in itself satisfying, but that is transcended by those times when the musical performances of each of us creates something that is far more than the sum of its parts," Hara said. "That can be for any number of reasons but it can have a tremendous emotional effect."

Artists and Teachers

The quintet has to strike a delicate balance between being teachers and performers. They all agree that time management is a must.

"Somehow you find the time to do it," Barnett said. "Just like with any deadline, you plan it out so you get it done."

Barnett added that it is crucial to be in "top-notch quality" for any and all performances to properly represent UW-RF and to perform the quality of music the audience expects.

Gaynor said most musicians work 12 to 14 hour days, teaching during the day and practicing at night to fit everything in. He said finding time to practice is always important, Gaynor practices about two hours a day.

"The hard part is getting there, then you just maintain it," Gaynor said.

Parks said finding time to be a performer and teacher can be difficult but he makes it work by scheduling practice into his daily routine.

Personal practicing is something that must be done everyday regardless of what else may be happening that day, Hara said. "Even when I have a fuller load like this semester with teaching four classes, the practicing is a must," Hara said. "Rehearsals with the quintet are scheduled on a regular basis and we tackle the scheduling of performances as they come along."

All members of the quintet have played with several distinguished musical groups and are well traveled. Gaynor played at the London Jazz Festival, with Luciano Pavarotti, the Three Tenors, Charlotte Church, The Temptations, The Canadian Brass, with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Minnesota Orchestra.

Barnett studied with Fred Mills, one of the founding members of the Canadian Brass. He has performed as a guest artist at two musical festivals in Brazil and also performed at the Aimes music festival in Austria.

Parks played with the Madison Brass and the Rockford Symphony. He has also performed with orchestras around the U.S. and in Great Britain.

Hara has played with the Minnesota Orchestra, the Minnesota Opera and the Minnesota Sinfonia. He also plays with the Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra and the Asia America Symphony. He played on the score for the TV Movie "Netforce" and on the original television soundtrack for the series "Chicago Hope."

The River Falls Brass Quintet will hold a recital on campus on March 25 at Abbott Concert Hall.

For more information about the River Falls Brass Quintet visit the Web site at www.uwrf.edu/brass.

Faces and Aces: Renters play roommate game like blackjack



NELS THORESON

There are two kinds of people in the world; those who see the glass half-full and those that see it half-empty. Those who fit the description and see people as one or the other but there are always exceptions to the rule.

It is that time of year again. Landlords, property managers and even university officials are wondering about students' living plans for next year. This brings an important decision to students

on who to live with. Decisions need to be made and made with little knowledge of the everyday happenings or quirks of the people they may live with.

It's like sitting down to play blackjack. Sometimes the cards are in your favor and sometimes they're not. It could be aces and faces all night, or it could be a 10 and a two lying in front of you, and with the dealer smirking with a king up. It's a chance one

has to take in the decision of a roommate.

It is after living with your chosen roommates for awhile that you find out who they truly are. This is where the exceptions to the rule come into play. Some don't see the glass as half-full or half-empty at all. One may see it as an opportunity to give the glass to a girl for a peck on the cheek, another may try to sell it for 50 cents needed to buy a

chew, another may try to figure out how many atoms are in it, another will argue with him about that number, the next may be mad for someone drinking half of it, the next may be very appreciative for having half a drink and another may only drink it if the alcohol content is more than 70 percent.

It is those differences that bring roommates together. I'll grin when my roommate gets a peck,

scold another for chewing, be proud of Mr. Physics, laugh at Mr. Sarcasm, tell another I didn't drink half of it, admire those who are appreciative and catch those from falling who drank too much.

It was a great day at the casino. I came out ahead, lucky and able to make this month's rent. It was aces and faces all night, and came home to find a glass half full. I was thirsty, so I drank it.

BE MY VALENTINE



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

Junior Jamie Wise chooses Bachelor No. 1, freshman Seth Rooney, after his stunning rendition of "I'm a Little Teapot" in his sexiest voice. The Dating Game was Wednesday in the basement of Hathorn Hall at 8 p.m. Winners received gift certificates to restaurants including Applebee's and Green Mill for a night of winning and dining, a heart-shaped box of chocolates and a flower.

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