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Groups maintain respect for each other despite opposing viewpoints

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

One group marches. One group stands. At some point, they meet on Main Street Thursday afternoons because of one thing; the possible war with Iraq, yet their purposes are very different.

In response to the anti-war protests that began last semester, UW-River Falls sophomores Jake Duesenberg and Nick Koeheler, both members of the College Republicans at UW-RF, organized what they call the "Pro-America Rally."

The idea was a joint thought that started last semester, Duesenberg said. When the anti-war protests began the two men began tailing the protesters debating their side.

"We think war is what should be done with Iraq right now," Koeheler said. "We are supporting our troops. We believe that people going over seas are going for a worthy cause."

During the first Pro-America rally, veterans and members of the community joined the group.

Across the street, Jackie Brux, professor of economics at UW-RF, and the anti-war protesters continue to march each Thursday afternoon.

While their viewpoints are opposite, members of both groups say they have respect for each other.

"I really respect them for speaking out for what they believe, and for doing it in a peaceful, respectful fashion," Brux said.

Koeheler also said he respected the anti-war protesters.

"They are very peaceful," Koeheler said. "I have never seen a protest before, but they are peaceful."

Duesenberg, a soldier in the National Guard, said the war protesters don't represent the voice of soldiers being called to duty.

Brux disagreed.

"We do support the troops," Brux said. "We feel the best way to support the troops is to argue against going to war. We have a number of veterans in our group and they feel the same way."

Both groups said the rallies will continue until troops come home.

"Rain or shine, hot or cold we are out there," Duesenberg said. "It will take place until soldiers are pulled out of Iraq."

Brux said protesting in essential. "In the event that we do go to war,

See "Protests" on A6



Submitted Photo from the River Falls Journal

Anti-war marchers and a Pro-America rally group express their views on opposite sides of Main Street every Thursday afternoon. Both groups say they will continue until troops are sent home.

Staying safe while getting away during spring break

Quick travel tips for spring break

- Don't drink beverages that haven't been canned, bottled or boiled.
- Vaccinations should be obtained a month in advance.
- Avoid animals, such as dogs or cats.
- Bring necessary medicines; they may not be available.

- Use a buddy system
- Never leave drinks unattended. If you're not sure, don't drink it.
- Always use a condom or other latex barrier to prevent the transmission of STD's.
- Blend in. Avoid the illusion of wealth.
- Avoid political rallies and protests.
- Leave and maintain an itinerary with friends or family.

Kyle Weaver
Viewpoints Editor

You're on vacation. You're surrounded by warm weather and sunshine. But rather than lounging on the beach, you're stuck in your hotel room with a nasty stomach ache and a case of diarrhea.

For UW-River Falls students Adam Puhl and Sara Stewart, this is a familiar story.

Puhl and Stewart both got sick on the UW-RF interim in Mexico trip last January.

"I guess I wasn't careful enough where I got my food," Stewart said.

With spring break just a week away, many UW-RF students are planning similar vacations. Though getting sick is always a possibility, there are precautions students can take to decrease their risk.

UW-RF Health Education Coordinator Keven Syverson said it is important for students to plan ahead for vacations and take special precautions concerning their health.

"Many people think, 'oh nothing is going to happen to me,' but the reality is that it could," Syverson said. "Taking extra precautions is never a bad idea."

Syverson said there are numerous things that students should consider

when planning their vacations, such as precautionary vaccinations, health insurance and availability of medicines and clean drinking water.

For most typical spring break destinations, students should consider getting vaccinations at least a month in advance, Syverson said.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Web site recommends that travelers destined for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean be vaccinated for Hepatitis A and B, typhoid, rabies and yellow fever.

Spring break travelers should also avoid drinking untreated water in these locations, Syverson said.

CDC recommends that only bottled or canned beverages and those that have been made from boiled water such as tea or coffee should be consumed. Beverages with ice in them should also be avoided.

Students traveling abroad should also know whether their health insurance policies will cover them in another country, Syverson said.

"Policies can vary," Syverson said. "If you get sick you may not be covered somewhere else."

Students should be taking extra care in situations where alcohol is involved.

See "Break" on A6

Car vandal gets four years probation

Jen Cullen
Editor-in-Chief

UW-River Falls student Joanne M. Sander was found guilty Feb. 24 of four counts of criminal damage to property that stem from a rash of vehicle vandalism that occurred Sept. 27 at the River Falls park-n-ride.

Sander was originally charged by the St. Croix County District Attorney with fourteen misde-

meanor counts including criminal damage to property, entry into a locked vehicle and misdemeanor theft.

Ten of the original 14 charges were dismissed.

Sander was sentenced to 120 hours of community service and four years probation. She must also pay a fine of \$135 and complete let-

See "Guilty" on A6

Recent STD outbreak spurs sex education

Maisha Downey
Photo Editor

The most common STD in the United States, particularly among adolescents and young adults, is said to have made its way through the halls of the River Falls High School.

Principal Elaine Baumann said several teachers approached her with concerns that they had overheard students talking about their peers having the STD chlamydia.

Baumann addressed the issue school wide.

In a letter sent to parents last month, Baumann explained her concerns and included information about chlamydia, its symptoms and treatments.

"A number of our junior students tested positive for the sexually transmitted disease (STD) chlamydia," Baumann wrote.

The bacterial infection can scar the fallopian tubes and affect a woman's abilities to have children if gone untreated. Similar scarring

See "STD" on A6

Johnson Hall residents become Big Brothers, Sisters



Maisha Downey / Student Voice

Johnson Hall residents help students from Greenwood Elementary with arts and crafts. The students are part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Every second and fourth Wednesday of each month the students will visit UW-RF. The pilot program is the first to take place on a college campus.

Falcon's pilot program a first for any college in region. Helping kids community service for hall residents.

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

Students from Greenwood Elementary School ran into the Johnson Hall TV lounge last Wednesday, taking off winter jackets, hats and mittens. Following the two claps by the adults to call quiet time the kids were told to go help themselves to a cookie and milk.

As part of the Northwestern Wisconsin Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) program, the Falcons, a name the children voted on, come to UW-River Falls every second and fourth Wednesday of each month for homework help, board games, arts and crafts and snacks.

The 13 children are referred to as the "Littles" and the adults, a number of Johnson Hall residents, are the "Bigs."

Pat Millfelt, the case manager and regional contact for the BBBS of St. Croix and Pierce Counties said students at UW-RF approached her about the Falcons program.

"This is the first time any college in the regional area has approached us," Millfelt said. "I think it's awesome."

BBBS is a mentoring program, said Nick Sirek, co-

organizer of the Falcons.

"The Big gets together with the Little and they can do a variety of things," Sirek said. "It gives the Little another positive role model."

Tolea Kamm, senior resident assistant in Johnson Hall and co-organizer with Sirek, said this is a pilot program.

"Johnson Hall wasn't known last year for doing very good things," Kamm said. "We wanted to change the image and give students in the building opportunities to do community service."

Sirek said this idea came up while brainstorming last summer.

"Our program is unique because it is a group setting and it is the first one that takes place on a college campus," Sirek said.

About half of Johnson Hall staff members are involved in the BBBS program. The other 15 Bigs are residents, Sirek said.

"All the volunteers had to have criminal background checks to make sure they were safe for the students to be around," Millfelt said.

On Wednesdays, the Littles arrive at Johnson Hall directly from Greenwood School. The Bigs are devoted to spending time helping students with homework and playing games.

During the Littles' first visit to UW-RF they were asked to say what they expected from the Bigs. The expectations, which are hanging on the wall in the TV lounge, include "don't treat us like little kids," "be fun,"

See "Mentoring" on A6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for Prologue extended to March 14. Writing submission forms and guidelines are available outside the English office, 240 KFA and art submission forms and guidelines are outside the Art office, 172 KFA.

Free ID card pictures. If you wish to have a new picture on your new ID card, please stop by the Campus ID Card office, 211 Student Center before spring break.

Summer Registration is open. Register now to secure your seat in a priority class.

The new Live TV show is looking for crew and audience members. For more information, contact Nick Kesler at nickalus.h.kesler@uwrf.edu

If interested in participating in the University Veterans Club contact Mike Foley at micheal.o.foley@uwrf.edu. The next meeting will be held April 1 in the Kinnickinnic Room at 6 p.m.

Career Services has three student assistance positions available for next semester. For more information, contact Career Services at 425-3572.

Looking for a summer job? Become a Summer Registration Facilitator. If interested pick up an application at 112 South Hall. For further information, contact the Admission Office at 425-3500.

Looking for a job? The office of University Advancement is looking for communicators to contact alumni, family and friends. Stop by 310 South Hall for an application and to schedule an interview.

Office Assistant. The office of University Advancement is looking for an office assistant for spring semester. If you are interested and eligible for work study, stop by 310 South Hall.

Family Day. If interested in being a co-coordinator for Family Day, contact Emily Wenger at 425-3530.

If interested in participating in the Paintball Club, contact Chad at chad.r.goetsch@uwrf.edu.

EVENTS

Celebrate Women's History month. A documentary film, Calling the Ghosts, will show March 12 from 3-5 p.m. in room 271, Centennial Science Hall.

Winter Wear Sale. The University Bookstore is offering 25 percent off selected winter wear through March 14. Stop by and receive a fantastic deal.

The 7th Annual Women's Leadership Conference is at UW-Platteville March 28-30 and Student Senate is sending 16 people. All costs are covered except food. If interested, stop by the Student Senate office.

Want to promote advocacy in cancer research for the American Cancer Society? If so, get ready for Relay for Life, April 4 and 5. For more information contact a representative at each residence hall.

International Film Festival, "See the Originals" showcase is on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. in 141 KFA.

The Bean Bag Coffee House, Live Music
245 Knowles Ave. S., New Richmond, Wis., (715) 246-5800
Saturdays, 7-9 p.m.
March 8: Jon Sunde
March 15: Paddy Rose
March 22: Joe Nirmaier
March 29: Mike Driscoll and Jonell Lauck
April 5: My Cousin Dallas

Riversides, Live Music
500 First Street, Hudson, Wis., (715) 386-5507
Saturdays, 9 p.m.-midnight
March 8: Justin Bell and Lazy Susan
March 15: East of Eagan, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
March 22: Jeff White
March 29: Hungry Horse
April 5: Jim Steinworth
April 12: Justin Bell and Lazy Susan, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
April 19: East of Eagan, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
April 26: Awkward Silence, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

MEETINGS

A Harlow Shapley Lecture featuring Dr. Robert Gehrz, Professor of Astronomy at the University of Minnesota, will lecture on March 11 at 7 p.m. in 152 Centennial Science Hall.

Amnesty International is sponsoring weekly anti-war marches. If interested meet at the Student Center Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

College Republicans sponsor weekly pro-American rallies. If interested meet at May Hall Thursdays at 4 p.m.

A Tactile-enriched environment in Gallery 101 features several graduating senior artists. The gallery hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7-9 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. in KFA.

Want to get in shape for just \$20 a semester? There are aerobics classes Monday through Thursday, 4 and 6 p.m. at the Aerobic Studio, Emogene Nelson (connected to May Hall). Register at any class anytime throughout the semester.

Campus Ministry Network has Interfaith Prayer Services at the St. Thomas More Newman Center and Catholic Chapel Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Amnesty International meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the St. Croix room, Student Center.

Habitat for Humanity meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the International Room, Student Center.

Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in North Hall Auditorium.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the International room. For more information contact cc4cuwrf@hotmail.com

Got an announcement?

If so, add a brief to the Student Voice. Drop off the written announcement at the Student Voice office at 304 North Hall or e-mail tsveditor@uwrf.edu

Novelist/journalist describes the allure, dangers of covering war

Pat Berg
Guest Writer

Masha Hamilton saw her first dead body as a reporter some 20 years ago and it made her feel like a vulture.

Hamilton was then working in Indianapolis for the Associated Press. Her editors sent her to the scene of a multiple murder-suicide, where she was the only female reporter. She immediately outwitted the police barricades, got the story ahead of her competition, accepted the congratulations of her editors, and went to bed exhilarated by her success.

The vulture feeling came over her the next morning, when it dawned on her that she'd just earned accolades for being witness to unspeakable human misery.

The feeling gnawed at her, she recalled. But it led to a decision. "I realized that I could either let this horror overwhelm me, or bury it so I could keep reporting," Hamilton told a standing-room-only crowd in Davee Library Wednesday afternoon. "I buried it."

Hamilton, who now lives in New York City, visited UW-River Falls as the first speaker in a month of Women's History Month activities. Her visit was sponsored by the Women's Studies Committee and the Journalism Department.

During the late 80s and 90s Hamilton reported for the Associated Press and Los Angeles Times from Moscow, Israel, Lebanon, Egypt and other spots torn apart by war and misery. She also wrote a self-syndicated column, "Postcard from Moscow."

Soon after she documented the collapse of the Soviet Union in the early 90s, Hamilton started "dreaming fiction." And then she started writing fiction.

"I really felt there was a piece of the truth I was missing and I thought fiction was a chance to get there," she said.

Today the mother of three is a full time novelist, with two novels on the market and a third underway. Her first, Staircase of a Thousand Steps, was named a Barnes & Noble 2001 "Discover Great New Writers" selection and has won other awards. Her second book, Lust of the Eye is forthcoming. It follows a war correspondent "after the bloodshed she covers unexpectedly engulfs and overwhelms her."

Hamilton creates fictional journalists who confront the potentially paralyzing emotions that swept over her in Indianapolis. Her characters are drawn, as she was, to the addictive rush known only to those who witness

carnage and live to tell about it.

In Lust of the Eye, one character claims to be "too hooked on reporting to ever be satisfied with real life."

But, as another character responds, "Reporting is real, but the way perfume is a bottled form of odor."

That's the dirty secret of war, as Hamilton calls it.

"War is addictive, lyrical. It's distilled experience," she said. "You feel alive in a very profound way."

Journalists, like soldiers, are susceptible to what she calls the "superman disorder."

"You don't much buy the cliché about your number eventually coming up," she said.

But journalists do die on the job. Hamilton has lost more than one friend in the field. It's something every war correspondent must come to terms with, she said.

And it's not just inexperienced reporters who die. Hamilton said that Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street Journal reporter murdered a year ago in Pakistan, was a savvy reporter chasing a story using sources he trusted. Any seasoned reporter could end up as Pearl did, given the right set of circumstances, she said.

War reporting is still dominated by men, but women can often get access where men cannot, she said. That's true in part because sources in the field are often men with big egos who enjoy the attention of a woman.

That can lead to dicey situations for women reporters. Hamilton told the story of Jineth Bedoyah, a reporter in Columbia whose stories raised the hackles of a right wing paramilitary group. They set a trap for her, got her alone, beat her, raped her, bound her hands and abandoned her in a garbage dump.

"She took two weeks off work and then went back out into the field," Hamilton said.

Not surprisingly, female war correspondents feel they have to be even tougher than men, she said.

Hamilton said that war reporting often glamorizes war. The story of war renders it a sugar-coated toxin, but a toxin nonetheless.

"War is a poison that slowly kills the system that ingests it," she said.

Which is why, after nearly two decades of confronting human suffering around the globe, Hamilton has come home to write what she calls the "deeper truths" about war.

"The biggest lie about war is that there is an us and a them," she said. "Pointing out that this is a lie is an act of bravery."

Student Senate

Senate promotes campus gender equality

Gender Equality Council members present scenarios to demonstrate sexism

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

Members of the UW-River Falls Gender Equality Council presented a sexism workshop at the Student Senate meeting Tuesday night in the Regent's Room of the Student Center.

Gender Equality Council members Cora Opsahl and Kendra Plant presented scenarios to generate responses based on participants' perceptions of whether each scenario was sexist or not sexist.

An example scenario the speakers presented was a case in which a professor addressed a class of female and male students as "you guys."

The majority of participants said they thought the scenario was not sexist.

Participants were made up of student senators and guests to the meeting.

Senator Emily Wenger said she did not consider the scenario sexist. She said her reasoning was that the word form for addressing groups consist-

ing of both genders is oftentimes the masculine form of the word and is used the same way in other cultures around the world.

Other participants that considered the scenario sexist said that female members of the group might feel excluded with the use of "you guys."

The presenters also asked participants if they thought sexism existed at UW-RF.

Plant and Opsahl said they thought it does exist on campus.

Dean of Students Roger Ballou said he also thinks sexism exists at UW-RF. He said that whether it occurs overtly or covertly, UW-RF and American society in general is far from being gender neutral.

The presenters ended by saying that while not everyone believes sexism exists at UW-RF or as a whole, at least one or more people do think it exists.

The speakers offered ideas on how people can help end sexism, including standing up and speaking out against sexist jokes, not objectifying women and not making excuses for sexism, or in-

other words not carrying on the idea to "deal with it [sexism]."

"I hope we don't just have to deal with it," Plant said. "I hope it can change."

In other Student Senate news

The Student Senate budget rally will take place March 10 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Regent's Room of the student center. Chancellor Anne Lydecker, Vice-Chancellor Virgil Nylander and Provost Coombs will address students' questions and concerns dealing with state budget and tuition issues. The rally is open to students, faculty and staff.

Eric Dodge, co-chair of the Gay/Straight Alliance, announced information regarding the UW-RF Day of Silence set for April 9. Day of Silence is a nationally recognized day for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual students and supporters. Dodge said GSA is also planning an equality dance that night in Brandy's. Day of Silence is one of many campus events commemorating diversity month taking place in April.

Students volunteer with ski marathon

Anna Permann
Staff Writer

The one thing a person who has just skied for 31 miles through drifts of snow in northern Wisconsin wants is warm socks. Warm anything, for that matter. That's where UW-River Falls comes in.

Four UW-RF students were involved with The American Birkebeiner as volunteers through the Student Alumni Association Feb. 21.

The American Birkebeiner is North America's largest cross country ski marathon. It begins in Cable, Wisc., and ends in Hayward, Wis.

"They really made the difference. If the students hadn't been there, those skiers would have been in a big mess."

—Bryan Sanders,
Student Alumni Association advisor

Approximately 7,000 anxious skiers participate in this 50-kilometer event every year across the United States, Norway and Canada.

This is the first year the students were involved, but it will not be the last. UW-RF is the only school that has volunteered, and the students from the Student Alumni Association did it as a community service project.

Under Bryan Sanders' advising students Aaron Mancl, Kris Steiber, Sara Young and Jon Hill all helped out. Sanders is the assistant director of alumni relations at UW-RF.

It was the student's task to keep track of the skiers clothing bags, 7,000 total, and make sure they got transported by van from the start to the



Submitted Photo

UW-RF volunteers (from left) Aaron Mancl, John Hill, Sara Young, Kris Steiber, and two local volunteers helped with North America's largest cross country ski race.

finish line, as well as organizing them by number, ensuring that each skier quickly got the right bag after the race.

"They really made the difference," Sanders said. "If the students hadn't been there, those skiers would have been in a big mess."

Typically the skiers are responsible for locating their own bags and after a long race it can be a tiresome task, said Paul Eckerline. Eckerline is the race director for the Birkebeiner.

"I haven't been to other races, but my impression is they sort the bags and let the skiers fend

for themselves," Eckerline said. "The look on the exhausted skiers faces when we presented them with the bags made it all worth while. We couldn't have done it without the students help."

The race features all types of skiers, Sanders said. People from all different levels and backgrounds participated. Some of the top skiers in the world also took part. Among the masses there were 40 UW-RF alumni, including Keven Brochman, who was a member of the Olympic cross country team in both 1984 and 1988.

Talk about traveling abroad



Maisha Downey / Student voice

Freshmen Nancy Tech and Jesica Anderson speak with Director of International Programs Brent Greene about the possibilities of studying abroad. The Study Abroad fair was held Monday in the Student Center. Students were given the chance to view booths and sign up for information from each different study abroad country.

Campus Security

Underage drinking fines continue

Aaron Kenealy
Staff Writer

On Feb. 26 in O-lot a River Falls Police officer witnessed a male subject stand up from a bench and then fall down. According to the police report, the officer then went to talk to the subject, who was identified as Frank G. Lorenz, 19. The officer then noticed that Lorenz had vomited near the bench. The officer said he could tell Lorenz was very intoxicated and proceeded to pat him down. The officer then said Lorenz became uncooperative and told the officer he felt violated. The officer, now assisted by Public Safety officers, attempted to place handcuffs on Lorenz, who resisted. After cuffing him the officer took him to the police station.

At the police station, while arranging transportation to detox, the officer heard an unusual sound coming from the garage where Lorenz was. Upon opening the back door of the squad car, Lorenz lunged at the officer in an attempt to escape and struck the officer in the shoulder. Lorenz continued physical resistance all the way to the Pierce County Jail.

On Feb. 27 River Falls Police were called to Tom Thumb where a cashier had suspected use of false identification. The cashier had gotten the plate numbers, which were traced back to a female student. The female subject admitted to giving a ride to Charles J. Packard, 18, who had tried to obtain alcohol with a fake identification. Packard was then questioned and admitted to using the identification. He was cited \$348 for attempting to procure alcohol with false identification.

On March 2 Public Safety was called to May Hall where a male subject was apparently vomiting in the bathroom. Public Safety contacted the subject, Jonathan P. Finnegan, 19, and gave him a Breathalyzer test. Finnegan was cited \$225 for underage drinking.

On March 1 Public Safety was called to 107 Johnson Hall where a resident assistant had heard vomiting. The subject, Ryan N. Anderson, 19, opened the door, admitted to drinking and was cited \$225 for underage drinking.

On March 1 Public Safety was called to Hathorn Hall where a R.A. had noticed a female subject vomiting in the bathroom. Once at the scene, officers found Megan M. Olson, 18, cleaning up the vomit in the bathroom. Olson stated that her friend later identified as Kelly L. Hansen, 18, was the one who had vomited. Olson smelled of alcohol and admitted to drinking. They then went to room 70 and contacted Hansen and one other subject, Karen E. Wolf, 18. All three admitted to drinking and were cited. Hansen and Wolf received \$225 citations while Olson received a \$349 citation for her second offense.

On March 1 Public Safety was called to the fourth floor bathroom of Johnson Hall where a male subject was vomiting. Upon making contact with the subject, Clayton M. Schneider, the officer said it was clear that he was very intoxicated. A Breathalyzer test was given and Schneider was cited \$349 for his second underage drinking offense. He was then taken to Hastings for detox.

In E-lot on Feb. 26 a Public Safety officer heard a loud noise and saw two males running from an overturned garbage can. The officer made contact with the subjects and smelled beer on their breath. Owen T. Smith, 19, and Kurtis L. Olson, 19, were both given Breathalyzer tests and subsequently cited \$225 for underage drinking.

Two vandalism incidents occurred over the past week. One vehicle was damaged in W-lot and received \$200 in damages. On March 4 there was a report of damage to a door and frame on 3rd floor East Hathorn Hall. Damages were estimated at \$300.

The Student Voice received second place recognition last weekend for newspaper of the year (4-year weekly broadsheet) at the Best of the Midwest Newspaper Convention.

Scott Wenthe and Jen Cullen received honorable mention for their news story entitled "Poll asks male students to rate women."

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Editorial

Different viewpoints
good for healthy debate

With a war against Iraq on the horizon, it has become apparent there are nearly as many sides to the war debate as there are people who express their views.

There are people who say we should not go to war under any circumstance. There are people who say we definitely should go to war. There are still others who say we should not go to war, but if we do, the war effort should be supported. Some are die-hard liberals; some are ultra-conservative in their beliefs.

The ways people express their views are also varied. There are marchers. There are protesters. There are signs, there are flags. Some quote the Bible to support their argument. Some come up with catchy slogans, like "No war for oil." There are people like the "Women in Black" demonstrators on campus earlier this week, expressing their views in a unique way. These are all good things.

It's great to see the diversity of opinion and the wide variety of expression. The prospect of war warrants a discussion of all viewpoints. The men and women of our armed forces are overseas putting their lives on the line for us, and it is important to let our leaders know how we feel about this. It's too bad that not many people take advantage of this opportunity. Too many people find it easier to complain about a situation rather than trying to have some kind of influence.

Writing a respectful letter to the editor is a great way to express your opinion on going to war with Iraq, or any other issue. They are easy to do, read by many and open up a forum for political debate.

The protesters and ralliers on Main Street are also doing a great job of exercising their democratic right to freedom of speech, while at the same time remaining respectful to all viewpoints, even those that are on opposite sides of the political spectrum. Let's keep it that way.

War is always a heated topic, and tempers tend to flair. But let's remember to respect everyone's right to have an opinion. This week, Student Voice columnist Blythe Criswell shares her experience with those who didn't respect her opinion on going to war with Iraq. Not respecting the opinions of others can lead to intimidation, and a subsequent repression of people's views. Now that is truly un-American.

"It's great to see the diversity of opinion and the wide variety of expression. The prospect of war warrants a discussion of all viewpoints."

Caught in conflicting protests' crossfire

I cannot believe I did that. Yep, those are familiar words to me, and in my 21 years I'm sure I've said them a thousand times. I even uttered them two weeks ago; right after my column came out. For almost 24 hours, I actually regretted my decision to become a columnist, and my last-minute decision to write a real opinion column instead of the happy fluff piece I had originally written.

But, that's not the part I really regret. What I really, really regret is that I apologized for it. You heard me right; I actually apologized for having an opinion. When I was faced by a certain group of people who strongly disagreed with my sarcastically written humor piece, I backed down and tried to make nice with them. You have to understand, this is new to me. Never before have I actually voiced my opinions. Yet, what do I do when the first sign of trouble comes along? I bail on my beliefs, choosing instead to try and still have everybody like me. Well, forget that.

If I'm able to listen to and respect other people's opinions, then I don't think I'm out of line if I decide to have views of my own. So, at the risk of offending people, I'm actually going to state my real opinion on an issue that seems to be in the news a lot lately.

I am pro-America. I also don't want to see us go to war with Iraq.

Now it starts. I can hear the critics screaming now: "You must pick one or the other." Why does loving my home country necessarily mean I have to want a war with Iraq? Or why does being willing to say I wish there was an alternative to an all out war in Iraq—like maybe just assassinating Saddam—make me a

will not happen on my watch.

How am I doing so far? Have I successfully managed to tick off all sides of this subject yet? The other day, someone accused me of sitting on the fence on this issue. I don't agree with that statement at all because that implies that there are only two sides. Why only two? If I

Both of these accusations burn me up. How dare someone accuse me of not supporting my country just because I don't agree with everything that person dictates to me? Or how dare someone accuse me of pushing for a deadly war because I won't shun those who are in the military. From what I've seen, the idea of respecting someone else's opinions is not widely accepted. Maybe I'm just weird, but I actually like listening to others who have different opinions than mine. I don't argue or accuse, because I don't fear others' opinions. I just listen, and I've learned a great deal.

Those are my real feelings on this issue. And you know what? I'm not alone in this stance. I've talked to people who have said the exact same words I have: "I wish I could literally stand out there in the middle of the street, somewhere between the protesters and the ralliers." I can see it now: We'd get yelled at by both groups who, for once, would agree on something.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm not dissing either one of these two groups. In fact, I envy them. I wish I could have found the courage to actually state (and defend) my beliefs before now.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I think I'll go see what other mayhem I can cause today.

For the record, yes, this was a serious column, and I do mean what I say.



BLYTHE CRISWELL

"I wish I could literally stand out there in the middle of the street, somewhere between the protesters and the ralliers"

"flag-burning un-American?"

So there is no confusion as to where I stand, let me clarify my position: I wish there was no need to send out troops overseas for this potential war. But, if we do go to war, I will whole-heartedly support our country, and the men and women who are willing to go to the frontlines to fight for us. What happened to our soldiers after Vietnam

followed the rules set by some people, I would be forced to choose only one view. And to me, that is unacceptable. The idea of "all-or-nothing-at-all" really bothers me. What happened to respecting other people's opinions? From my experiences last week, that concept is dead. Apparently, I am either "un-American", or I am a "war monger."

Alligators make poor back seat passengers

Today we bring you a special edition of "Ways wild animals can land you in jail," the feature with the scoop on illegal doings between people and wild animals. This is the sort of news that makes you sit up and go, "That's weird, not to mention illegal in many states!"

First we go to Florida, a state filled with a great many people doing a great many illegal things, quite often felonies.

Such was the case with Leslie Strickland, who, according to a CNN.com article, stated after her arrest, "I had a felony in the back seat, and I just didn't know what to do."

The felony she was referring to was an alligator, which, according to Florida law, you cannot have in your back seat.

Q: Why did Leslie Strickland, who seems like a nice enough person, decide to put an alligator in the back seat of her car, in clear violation of state law?

A: I guess sometimes things just get out of hand.

Q: But in the back seat? Of her car?

Strickland hit the alligator—which was six feet long—with her car. In a wave of guilt, she returned to the accident site the next day, put the alligator in the back seat of her car, and took it to her home. Once home, she wet the injured alligator down with a hose in an attempt to make it feel better. (In case you didn't know, injured alli-

gators should always be wet down.) She then realized having an alligator in her possession was a felony. She once again loaded the suffering alligator into the back seat of her car so she could drive it to a pond

and release it. She then realized having an alligator possession charge, she was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and driving with a suspended license. The alligator wound up dying.

like a real bone chilling crime, but it has put Minion behind bars more than once in the past few years. She spent 45 days in the slammer in 2000, and served 8 days of a 30-day sentence this year. You might think that after the first sentence, she would get a new hobby, like feeding pigeons in the park. But no, she continues to feed wild deer oats and barley.

"When they saw me they were so happy that they ran right over and crowded around," Minion said. "They wanted their ticks picked before they ate the grain."

Q: She picks ticks off wild deer?

A: You know how it is with those Californians. They'll do just about anything for a little pleasure.

The California Department of Fish and Game is keeping a close eye on Minion's activities, which is a big relief to me. Anybody who picks ticks off wild animals for fun is bad news. My guess is Saddam Hussein routinely picked ticks off wild animals when he was a child, and now look at him.

You may have already noticed that these incidents occurred during Bush's presidency. Clearly something has gone wrong under Bush's leadership if American citizens are lifting gators into back seats and picking ticks off deer. Next year, do America a favor and vote for a presidential candidate running on an anti alligator-lifting, tick-picking platform, such as John Kerry.

ERIC HENNING

"Clearly something has gone wrong under Bush's leadership if American citizens are lifting gators into back seats and picking ticks off deer."



and release it.

Q: Who is she, Hercules?

She was making her getaway when the alligator started thrashing its tail. Strickland, no doubt wondering what it means when a six-foot long alligator starts thrashing its tail, didn't keep her eyes on the road. She wound up hitting a mailbox and getting stuck in a ditch. Not wishing to stay in a stuck car with an alligator thrashing its tail, she abandoned the vehicle and fled the scene. She opted not to take the alligator with her. She was later

Q: Isn't that sad?

A: Yes, but on the upside, there might be an increase in Florida's wallet and belt supply.

Q: Does California have any wacky wild animal-related incidents?

A: Of course. California is overflowing with wacky people doing wacky things. For example, the "Deer Lady of Copco Lake."

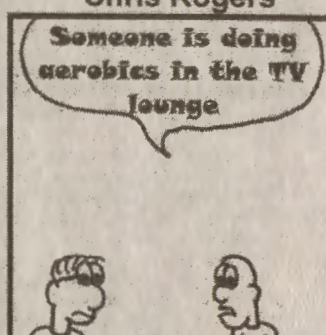
The "Deer Lady," whose real name is Thana "Deer Lady" Minion, likes to feed deer, out there in California. This doesn't seem



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Letters to the Editor

Bush should make love not war

To the editor:

President Bush claims to be a Christian, yet his actions speak to the contrary. Jesus said, "This I command you, to love one another" (John 15:17). Notice the finality of the commandment. "Love one another," period. No ifs, ands or buts. It seems that the president has not read this commandment. The sending of hundreds of thousands of United States troops to Iraq does not seem to be in the spirit of love. Not in the spirit of love for Iraqis, or for American soldiers who will kill and be killed. I don't claim to be a theologian, yet claiming that you follow the commandment "love one another," and then wanting to wage war seems paradoxical to me.

Again, Jesus says, "...love your enemies, do good to those who hate you" (Luke 6:27). Last time I checked, the definition of love was not to kill with war and sanctions. Not only should President Bush follow this passage by the fact that he says he is a Christian, it is common sense. The United States should spend money on aid for Iraq, not for war. If the United States were to spend the tax dollars that it is now spending on troops for schools, food, health needs, ect., the Iraqi people (and the rest of the world) would see the United States as caring and helpful. The Iraqi people would see that their own government is not providing these things. They would see that the United States is not that bad. At that point they might ask for help to form a new government.

As bad as the government in Iraq may be, the choice

to form a new government is theirs, not the United States'. It is audacious, imperialistic and unprecedented for the United States government to tell another government what is best for them. Invading Iraq will only alienate the Iraqi people, and make for more anti-American sentiment. War will create more war. Peace will make peace.

It seems to me, just from my own personal understanding, a large part of the New Testament has to do with loving one another. I could be the fact that Jesus commanded it. Last time I checked, I never saw anything favoring war, such as, "If your neighbor has done nothing to you it's okay to wage war and kill him." Or, "If the economy is bad, it's okay to have an unneeded war to keep the public mind off the economy." In fact, Jesus speaks in favor of peace, "Blessed are the peacemakers..." (Matthew 5:9).

I'm not radical in thinking that a war with Iraq is the wrong answer. Here are a few of the many Christian denominations that believe a preemptive war with Iraq is unjustified and morally wrong: Roman Catholic, Unitarian, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Moravian, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian (www.nccusa.org).

Jesus commanded, not suggested, that we love one another. I have trouble following a leader who says he follows the command "love one another," yet is tenaciously hateful. President Bush, practice what you preach.

Noah C. Schultz, junior

Critical Americans still patriotic

To the editor:

When did an American patriot become only someone who unconditionally supports the policies of the United States? What about a person who speaks out against policies that they believe are harmful to the United States or its citizens? It seems that this type of person is automatically labeled anti-American by the media and many people. They seem to be saying that to be pro-American is to blindly follow and believe in the policies of the ruling party. A true American patriot should think long and hard about all of its government's policies to make sure that what is being proposed will lead to the best scenario possible. If we disagree with what is going on in our government, it is

our democratic right and patriotic obligation to make our opposition known to others and our elected officials. To agree with the American policies just for the sake of not disagreeing is very unpatriotic. People who do not support a unilateral American war against Iraq are not unpatriotic or unsupportive of American troops; they are simply in disagreement on how the government is handling this issue. You can certainly support American military while not supporting the policy makers. I am not necessarily against a war against Iraq, but I think it is wrong to demonize people who critically look at their government.

Torey Kauth, IT Services staff

Prologue still taking submissions

To the editor:

As co-editors of this year's issue of *Prologue*, the student literary magazine, we want this issue to be the best one yet. The magazine is only as good as its submissions and we know that many creative writers and artists have work but have not submitted. Because of this, we are extending the submission deadline to March 14. We want to encourage all students to take a chance and submit their creative work for consideration. All writing submissions are anonymous and are reviewed and voted on by a student staff. Writing submission forms and guidelines are available outside the English department office, 240-A KFA. Art submission

forms and guidelines are available in the art office, 172 KFA. All submissions must be dropped off in the English department office. Please contact either of us by e-mail if you have any questions.

Prologue has been criticized in the past for containing too much staff writing. But we have a magazine to fill and if we do not receive enough submissions, we have to include more of our own writing. So please take the time to submit your writing and artwork. Seeing your name in print is worth a little effort.

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Parking dilemma solved



CHUCK SWEEN

This week, I have two items to take issue with. I hadn't planned on writing this, but I read an article last weekend about Andrea Wright, who was suspended from school for wearing a t-shirt with a Confederate flag emblazoned on the front. Wright believes the flag represents the history of the South and is part of her heritage.

Our country has risen to its present state in part because of its foundation on civil rights and liberties. We have freedoms guaranteed to us by the Constitution, including freedom of speech and expression.

She has the right to wear any t-shirt she pleases. I can't deny her that right, but I can try to make it clear what the flag represents.

The Confederate flag is the swastika of America. It represents a time of hatred, oppression and murder. People were beaten, shot and hanged because of the ideals embodied in that symbol. It does not represent a rebellious nature, unconformity or free spirit. It is does not represent a time of history to be proud of. Ponder that the next time you think it would be cool to put a Confederate flag in the back window of your vehicle or on your clothing. Oh, and I'm white. Think about what it represents to an African-American.

On a lighter note, I have solved the parking problem that has been a source of heated discussion of late. Here is my proposal: unless you are a commuter, don't drive your vehicle to class. Ride a bike. I have ridden to class every day this semester, including when it was ten below zero and snowing. I have never fallen. Yes, it is cold, but it takes less than five minutes to ride from my apartment by Moody's Chevrolet to the Ag Science building. There is not much a human cannot endure for less than five

minutes.

I bring this up because driving to class without extenuating circumstances does not make sense. My roommate drove to class every day. We lived five blocks from the heart of campus; he would drive his vehicle four blocks to park two blocks from his building. I don't see the logic, especially when gas is \$1.75 a gallon. I also understand that it is necessary sometimes. Maybe you have a lot to carry or need to go to work right after class. Just ask yourself before starting your car, "Why do I need to drive today?"

I have considered the ramifications of my proposal. There would be more bikes around campus, which is bad from the pedestrians' perspective, so I make this addendum. If you ride to class, stay on the road as much as possible and leave the sidewalks for the walkers. When you do have to ride on the sidewalk, give pedestrians the right of way by riding in the grass beside the sidewalk, and most importantly, do not come up behind some person at 30 miles an hour and pass them without warning.

No, riding a bike is not easier. Sometimes it's alright to reject the path of least resistance.

'Reality' TV reaches new low



TIFFANY
SHELMAN

FOX broadcasting has hit an all-time low. I really thought with the reality series "Joe Millionaire" the American public could no longer be fooled. I was dead wrong.

I am sure some of you may have heard of the newest mockery of reality: marriage by television.

That's right, there is now a show called "Married by America" that allows the American public to choose a mate for someone. The twist: The prospective bride or groom will not see or hear their mate until the day of the engagement, which will happen between a screen. The answer must be made before looking at the person.

What have we come to?

Okay so I am not totally against

the whole idea. An arranged marriage may work for some people.

In the 16th and 17th century this was the way it went. The family would start looking for a potential mate practically at birth and when the day came to marry, the two would meet and live happily ever after.

So the happily part may not be so true, but people married for many reasons other than they simply couldn't find the right person at the local bar. The arrangements were usually for economic and class reasons.

Back to the show.

During the very drawn out, not particularly exciting pilot episode, we, the American public, met five potential brides or grooms to be; three women, two men and 25 single perspective mates.

The thing I found to be most interesting were all these people are very well-to-do beautiful individuals. It seemed more than anything to me to be a popularity contest.

When the brides and grooms-to-be were secluded in the isolation booth, three people, both friends and family of the individual, were asked to select from five of the 25 singles that were called out of the crowd like a visit to "The Price is Right." Mr. Right come on down.

Finally we are down to the nitty-gritty. The friends and family got to choose the mate after many months of examining annual income, past relationships, education level and career path, right? Wrong.

After less than 10 minutes the family and friends were asked to eliminate two singles on first-impression alone. Well they got to ask a couple questions but these seemed to be the most insignificant things.

"Will you love my daughter's cat as much as she does?" I am not kidding—this was an actual question. Let's really get to the heart of the man: love for a cat.

Following the intensive interview backstage, to which I can only imagine the friends and family probably inquired about the way the singles shave their beards or something equally important, the singles are narrowed down to two.

America can call in and make the final decision. Hopefully the decision is made very thoughtfully because the couple won't receive the luxury car, \$100,000 and a new house if they don't stay married.

Did I forget to tell you that these already well-to-do couples receive a prize if they stay married? I know it is understandable that we need to reward people for staying married because the divorce rate just can't rise any more. Give me a break.

Unfortunately, the conclusion of this horrible show is Monday. I will probably sit in front of the television awaiting the results, like thousands of other reality watchers just because it is so repulsive to see and I can't stop watching.

Do you think the U.S. should take military action to remove Saddam Hussein from power?



Ryan Wilkinson, senior
"Yes. Saddam is a danger to us and his own people."



Chuck Rickard, Student Services staff
"I'm not against it. I think it's important that we at least support our troops."



Melissa Ludack, senior
"It is a slap in the United Nation's face for us to ignore what the Security Counsel is saying."



Caitin Callister, freshman
"We know Saddam is a bad guy, but we shouldn't take action without a lot of support from other nations."



Kendra Plant, sophomore
"I think the inspections should be tougher. We can win without war."

Joseph Ott, senior
"The threat Saddam poses to the world isn't great enough to warrant us going in alone. We should at least wait for U.N. support."

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Protests

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I think we will continue indefinitely," Brux said.

Although the Pro-America rally has been meeting for only a short-time, they, like the anti-war protesters, have seen an increase in attendance.

"The first two weeks eight to 10 people showed up and it tripled last week," Duesenberg said.

Since the anti-war protest pushed back the starting time from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Brux said the number of participants has increased.

"It's been increasing over time," Brux said. "I think there is also an increased concern as we get closer and closer to war."

Being part of a group that exercises its first amendment right of free speech has come at cost for the members of the Pro-America group. Shortly following its first rally, Koecheler and Duesenberg began receiving "hate-mail" via e-mail.

"We've been compared to Nazis,

murderers and war-mongers," Duesenberg said.

The anti-war group has not received any of this mail but disagrees with it, Brux said.

"I haven't received any backlash at all and I don't think that it would be anyone from our group," Brux said. "I think both sides respect each others views. There shouldn't be any name calling or harassment by anyone."

The main thing that both groups have in common is they are both gathering to support America as a whole.

"The people in our group are making it clear that we are not anti-American; many people are carrying flags now," Brux said. "Our group includes a lot of veterans, people of the community, community leaders, students and faculty."

Duesenberg and Koecheler said the rallies are not meant for themselves.

"It's not what we want out of it," Duesenberg said. "It's what we want the community to get out of it. We are College Republicans and people in this rally. We are people who love America."

STD

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affects a man's urethra and leads to infertility.

Chlamydia is underdiagnosed because 75 percent of women and 50 percent of men don't experience the symptoms. The only way to know, said UW-River Falls health nurse Linda Vigers, is to be tested.

UW-RF students said they are aware of the risks of chlamydia, yet often did not know how it is contracted.

"I don't think this disease should be concentrated on more than other STDs," said one sophomore. "It could be a problem in the dorms though since we share everything from showers to sinks and toilets."

A comment like this illustrates how common ignorance about STDs is among college students.

In reality, chlamydia is not contracted through touch, but rather through sexual intercourse.

Vigers said the University isn't planning on increasing awareness on STDs.

"We always have something going

on," she said. "Speakers to the different resident halls and different groups on campus."

Wednesday Keven Syverson of student health services spoke to residents from McMillan hall about STDs and safer sex.

High school health teacher Dave Dietrich was concerned students were naïve about this as well.

At the high school each focus group, or homeroom, of about 20 students talked about the disease and severity of having chlamydia.

Baumann said all four grades discussed the different aspects of chlamydia, including symptoms, testing, treatment and prevention.

Dietrich put together the information to each focus.

"The information on STDs was the same as what is taught in our ninth grade health class," Dietrich said.

Baumann found that the informational sessions solidified students' understanding of chlamydia.

"For some it was a review, but it goes in one ear and out the other for the rest," Baumann said.

Baumann's goal for the small groups was to create a positive environment where students could ask questions and voice concerns.

"It's been an uncomfortable situa-

tion," Baumann said. "In a way it would be easier for the school to turn its head, but we're thinking in the best interest of the students. If this education helps one student change their lifestyle or to seek testing, then it's worth it."

School board member and UW-RF sociology professor Brian Copp doesn't feel the school should have any reason to be embarrassed.

"I'm pleased that the school responded quickly and thoroughly," Copp said. "Yes, River Falls has gotten attention because of the situation, but overall the reporting has been fair."

Copp discussed his feelings on the coverage in some of his classes. Except for a sensationalized preview for the 10 p.m. newscast on WCCO, Copp feels the situation was treated as a story and not a crisis.

Both Baumann and Dietrich said the school-wide awareness sessions have gone well.

"We're here to help the students," Dietrich said. "The last thing we want to do is single them out."

For more information on chlamydia or other sexually transmitted diseases, contact the National STD hotline at 1-800-342-2437.

Symptoms of Chlamydia

- **Men and women:** Inflamed rectum and urethra.
- **Women:** Vaginal discharge and burning sensation during urination
- **Men:** Milky discharge from penis, pain or burning during urination and swelling of the testicles.

Prevention

- Abstinence
- Latex condoms
- Dental dams

*Information gathered from the American Social Health Association.

Mentoring

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"no baby nicknames," "be nice," and "be helpful." The Bigs were also responsible for coming up with expectations. Their most important expectation was to "have fun."

During the Littles' most recent visit, they developed consequences if the expectations set up by the Bigs were not followed. Many of the Littles brought up ideas such as standing in the corner and a time out chair. One Little even mentioned yoga as a consequence. Instead they decided on a three strike rule.

As a first strike Littles are given a warning and asked not to misbehave. The second strike is five minutes in a time out chair in the corner. As the third and final strike the Bigs will call the Littles' parents and explain the behavior.

Along with learning to follow

rules, the Littles are also given chances to experience many venues on campus.

"The next time the Littles are here we are going to visit the radio station, weight room and take a tour of campus," Sirek said.

Millfelt said the most moving part

"This is the first time any college in the regional area has approached us. I think it's awesome."

—Pat Millfelt, BBBS case manager

of the new program is the childrens' excitement and willingness to learn.

"The part that pleases me the most is all the kids now want to go to UW-RF," Millfelt said. "We are

building our future college students."

Sirek said it is important to bring the Littles to UW-RF to give them a chance to see what they can do with their lives.

"We are positive role models and hopefully by interacting with us, they will want to succeed in school and then go to college," Sirek said.

Both Millfelt and Sirek hope the program will expand to the entire campus.

"It would be wonderful if other dorms would pick up this idea to meet the needs of middle school kids who get out of school one hour earlier," Millfelt said.

Sirek agreed.

"It would be awesome if we could make it a campus wide program," Sirek said.

If interested in this pilot program or the Northwestern Wisconsin Big Brothers Big Sisters program e-mail: info@bbbsnw.org or by phone: (800) 648-1696 or contact Nick Sirek at nicholas.j.sirek@uwrf.edu.

an itinerary and maintain regular contact with home."

Current conflicts with Iraq make the world a more dangerous place and it is a good idea to take extra care, Greene said.

Maintaining a low profile and blending in should be priorities.

"You don't want to advertise that you're American or that you have a lot of money," Green said.

Greene said student travelers should also avoid being around any kind of political rally or protest.

But that doesn't mean you shouldn't have fun, Greene said.

"There's always a fine line between being afraid and being aware," he said.

Syverson agreed.

"You want to have fun, but it is a good idea to have some of these mechanisms in place."

For more information about travelers' health precautions and warnings about travel destinations visit www.cdc.org/travel or www.travel.state.gov.

Guilty

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ters of apology to the victims.

Sander was also charged with one felony count of being a party to criminal damage to property in connection with a string of vehicle vandalism that occurred in O-Lot dur-

ing the early morning hours of Sept. 18. This felony charge also stems from the park-n-ride incident.

A plea hearing for Sander's felony charge is March 7.

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Drop them off
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Hall.

Break

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"When alcohol mixes with different surroundings there is a greater potential for issues to arise," Syverson said. "Maintaining control of your drink and yourself is very important."

But the most important thing students can do is to rely on their social networks, Syverson said.

"Staying with a buddy or a group of friends is going to help keep you safe," he said.

Brent Greene, director of International Programs, said that staying in groups is the best way to avoid all sorts of trouble.

"If you're going to go off somewhere, make sure the people you're with know about it," Greene said. "Leave

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OPINION



RYAN BRINKS

I thought it was 'Sports' Illustrated

Just like ESPN and Sports Illustrated are considered the print standards for national sports coverage, the Student Voice sports section is a mainstay in the athletic scene here at UW-River Falls. When you think Falcon sports coverage, you probably think about four things: The Student Voice, Sports Information, WRFW, and the St. Croix Sports Channel.

When's the last time you saw something non-sports related on our pages (besides ads)? When's the last time you saw something other than sports on the Sports Info Website? Or heard on WRFW's sports roundtable?

Maybe you get what I'm hinting at. If it's not sports, what's it doing in Sports Illustrated?

Sports Illustrated recently unveiled its 2003 edition of its infamous swimsuit issue with its barest models sporting the least athletic moves in the wide world of sports.

So it's cold in February in Wisconsin — and a lot of other places. So it's bitter cold. So a lot of people are

"If it's not sports, what's it doing in Sports Illustrated?"

dreaming about Spring Break and warm beaches. That doesn't change anything.

SI's swimsuit issue is not sports. It's not remotely close to sports. Sports fans won't even claim cheerleading as a sport. Think about that.

But the swimsuit issue still exists. Maybe thrives. SI has had an annual swimsuit issue for 39 years. And it seems society has finally caught up with it. You can't watch a game or race today without seeing overexposed bodies in commercials, not to mention the exposure level of some of the recent TV programs themselves.

The pornography that SI's swimsuit issue has become is also now on billboards, Internet banners, newspaper and magazine ads, and it fills your inbox in no time. It's no wonder why marriage and relationships don't seem to last anymore. Society has made men's sexual expectations unattainable.

If the SI models are commonplace sights for men in this country, what woman will measure up in her man's eyes?

Furthermore, what does the swimsuit issue say about SI's sports coverage? It's not good enough to pay for itself? They have to illicit subscription money with their own equivalent to Playboy? If the swimsuit issue exists for the same reasons the WWF renamed itself to the WWE — all for entertainment — how far behind is the rest of SI magazine?

ESPN The Magazine doesn't have a swimsuit issue. The Student Voice certainly doesn't have a swimsuit issue. If we did, I'd bet it would meet a similarly negative response as the 'Hottie' poll did last semester.

I guess the biggest problem about it is that we think it's normal. We think it's okay. But is it?

Does it take away from the essence of sports? Is it even about sports anymore?

Hockey honor roll

Falcons take everything but the Peters Cup



Stensrud, Yaeger voted Player of the Year; Freeman, Cranston named Coach of the Year

Sports Information

UW-River Falls forward Evan Stensrud has been named the men's 2003 NCHA Player of the Year while goalie Marlene Yaeger shared the women's NCHA Player of the Year award with UW-Stevens Point's Jackie Schmitt.

Both head coaches, Steve Freeman for men and Joe Cranston for the women, were chosen to receive NCHA Coach of the Year honors.

Stensrud, a 6-1, 180 pound senior

forward from Minnetonka, Minn., leads the Falcons in scoring with 12 goals and 27 assists for 39 points. He has three power-play goals and one game-winner. He finished second in the NCHA in scoring and led the league in assists.

The award is voted on by league coaches. Stensrud is the fourth UW-River Falls player to win the award. UW-RF's Adam Kragthorpe won in 2001, Brady Alstead in 1996 and Aaron Scott in 1988.

Yaeger, a 5-8 sophomore from

Medina, Minn., led the NCHA with a 1.26 goals against average and a .951 saves percentage in 15 games played. She finished second in saves with 371 and tied for the league lead with three shutouts. She played in 25 games for the Falcons and had a 1.51 goals against average and a .942 saves percentage. She recorded five shutouts. She is the first goalie to win the award in the NCHA and is the second UW-RF player to win the honor. Lindsay Carlson won the award after the 2001 season.

Freeman led the Falcons to a 22-6-1 overall record. The Falcons placed in a tie for second place in the NCHA. Freeman was also named the NCHA Coach of the Year in 1999.

Cranston led the Falcons to the 2003 NCHA regular season and playoff championships. He has a 54-37-8 career record in four years with the Falcons. The Falcons have a 19-4-4 overall record in 2003.



Jacques Vezina



Lindsay Carlson



Adam Kragthorpe



Jodi Hensch



Marc-Andre Lalande



Ali Slinden



Jim Murphy



Meghan Wahlstrom



Mike Salmela



Rob Novak

All-NCHA Men

Seven members of the UW-River Falls men's hockey team have been named to the 2003 All-NCHA teams.

Named to the first team were goalie Jacques Vezina, defenseman Adam Kragthorpe and forward Evan Stensrud. Defensemen Mike Salmela and Marc-Andre Lalande and forwards Rob Novak and Jim Murphy all received honorable mention.

Vezina, who was named to the first team in 2001 and given honorable mention in 2000 and 2002, has a 1.70 goals against average and a .932 saves percentage. He has a 9-4-1 record and has recorded three shutouts. Vezina set a school record for career shutouts

See "Men" on page B2

All-NCHA Women

Five Falcon women's hockey players have been named to the 2003 All-NCHA team.

Goalie Marlene Yaeger, defenseman Lindsay Carlson and Jodi Hensch and forward Ali Slinden were all named to the first team. Forward Megan Wahlstrom-Ramler was given honorable mention.

Yaeger has been named to the first team for the second straight season. She played in 25 games and had a 1.51 goals against average and a .942 saves percentage. She recorded a school record five shutouts. Carlson has been named to the first team for the third straight season. She finished sixth on the team in scoring with seven

See "Women" on page B2

Men finish fourth in Peters Cup playoffs

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

In the NCHA finals weekend, UW-Superior played spoiler once again. On the last day of January, the Yellowjackets helped take the Falcons out of contention for the NCHA regular season title, and Friday they took UW-River Falls out of contention for the Peters Cup.

The Falcons lost 6-3 to the Jackets Friday in Ashwaubenon and then stumbled against UW-Stevens Point 5-2 Saturday to settle for fourth place in the NCHA playoffs.

Despite the two losses, the Falcons (22-6-1) still maintain the No. 2 position in the USCHO.com PairWise Rankings, which mirrors

the NCAA tournament selection process. St. Norbert and St. John's are No. 1 and 3 and both have automatic berths into the tournament. Superior is fourth.

UW-RF appears to be the forerunner for the NCAA at-large bid, but the final word will come from the NCAA selection committee on Sunday.

"It's frustrating to have one tough weekend when we played five months and had so much success," head coach Steve Freeman said. "We won 22 games. That's almost as much as anyone in the nation."

The Falcons got on the scoreboard 22 seconds into Friday's game and led after both first and second peri-

See "Playoffs" on page B2

Olympic aspirations

Anna Permann
Sports Writer

To Do List: Travel the world, compete in three ski jumping events at the Olympics, graduate from college in only three and a half years.

This may seem a bit ambitious for just anyone, but former UW-RF student Bryan Sanders, now the assistant director of alumni relations in the office of university advancement, has accomplished just that.

"It was always a dream of mine, to make the Olympics one day," Sanders said.

"My dad jumped too. I started when I was really young, jumping little bumps in the snow."

His dad was his coach until he was about 14 years old. Throughout high school he was trained by a variety of different people.

In his senior year of high school Sanders made the junior national team and in the whirlwind that followed he was the 1989 Junior National Champion, a U.S. Ski Team Member from 1989 to 1993, spending summers in Lake Placid, New York, as well as in Germany and Norway for training, and a member of the 1989 and 1991 World Championship Teams.

And that's not all.

Over the course of time spent on the U.S. Ski Team, Sanders jumped in three consecutive World Cup tours. The tour visits a number of countries. Starting in the first weeks of December in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, the tour travels through the United States, and Japan before taking a break for the holiday season.

On Christmas day the tour resumes covering

venues in Germany, Austria, the former Czechoslovakia, Poland, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Italy, and finishing in Slovenia.

In 1992 Sanders also made a trip to Albertville, France, for the Winter Olympics. He competed in the normal hill, large hill and team event placing 35, 36, and 12 respectively.

While competing in Japan in 1993, Sanders, at the age of 23, decided to forego his plans of traveling to Europe to jump and instead returned home to attend college at UW-RF.

"I felt like I had reached my goal of competing

"It was always a dream of mine, to make the Olympics one day."

— Bryan Sanders

in the Olympics. I was ready to come back," Sanders said.

Sanders became the youngest inductee into the St. Paul Ski Hall of Fame in October 1994. Since then he has also been a United States Ski Association Central Junior Development coach.

When he came back, Sanders said that he fell in love with the area all over again. It was close to home and convenient.

Sanders took full credit loads throughout school, as well as summer classes. He finished in three and a half years, graduating in 1996 with a physical education degree.

Next, he got a job as a physical education teacher at Mahtomedi High School in Minnesota. For three years he taught and for a year he was the dean of students.

"I was on a mission," Sanders said referring to his speedy graduation. "I knew I wanted to be in education."

Sanders currently resides in Afton, Minn., with his wife, Sara and their one-year-old daughter, Paige.

"I love being back here," Sanders said. "It's very meaningful to be a part of this office, promoting the school, and helping alums stay connected."

"I love hearing the stories that people have to share about the past. They are great ambassadors for the school and their stories are great as well."

Sanders has been active on campus in the Health and Human Performance Club for physical education majors and minors, intramurals, and the Fellowship for Christian Athletes. He is the advisor of the Student Alumni Association and helps with event planning for the University.

But Sanders hasn't left ski jumping in his past. Last January, he competed in the National Master's Class in Bloomington, Minn., which is for skiers 30 years of age and older, as well as the Silver Mine Competition in Eau Claire, Wis.

He has also thought about the possibility of participating next year in the International Master's Competition, which is held in Germany.

"It's hard with a sport like ski jumping," Sanders said. "It's really not one of those things that you go out and do on the weekends with the family. You have to stay sharp."

OPINION



DAN SCHULTZ

Minnesota's showcase

This week marks the greatest high school hockey tournament in the nation. Teams with nicknames such as the green wave, awesome blossoms and Zephyrs started a couple of weeks ago vying to play in the largest and most recognized amateur hockey tournament in the nation.

Unfortunately, the tournament a decade ago took away the greatest part of it, David versus Goliath. The Minnesota High School League changed the single class format to a two-class tournament meaning teams such as the Rams from Roseau could upset the big Jaguars of Bloomington-Jefferson.

The tournament which first began in 1945 has grown with every year. In the beginning the northern-most schools dominated in the single class division. They dominated due to the fact that there wasn't much else to do in places such as International Falls, Eveleth and Roseau but play hockey. The second is that those towns also were the first to have indoor ice. They could practice longer and

it gave them the advantage for the travel down to St. Paul. The northern towns dominated until the "Cake Eaters" of Edina rolled in and behind coach Willard Ikola went on to produce six championship teams. Thanks to the suburban dominance of the 1980s and the national trend to make high school athletes bloat their egos of amateur dominance, Minnesota changed to the two-class format.

I miss the days of the little guys upsetting the less prepared big schools."

I miss the days of the little guys upsetting the less prepared big schools. Now we see the hockey tournament have two teams essentially share the State Championship title. It's even worse in basketball where schools share a quarter of the title. Yes, many smaller schools would get smoked by the larger schools, however, everyone gets behind a "Hoosier" story and some of the smaller school star players get more recognition when they score a hat trick or drop 30 points on a city powerhouse school in the regional or state tournament.

I haven't missed a state hockey tourney in eight years and one year I raised money at my high school's games collecting spare change for a "Jumbo-Tron." Since we only came up with a little more than \$40 a buddy and I instead spent it on a day pass for the '99 championship games and a very nice dinner. What is interesting to know is that I have watched hockey greats from all over the state of Minnesota these past years who went on to play for the beloved University of Minnesota Gophers and on to the NHL. I have also, by coincidence, seen players from the Falcons play in the tourney. So if you want to catch the next Evan Stensrud (Minnetonka), Adam Kragthorpe (Robbinsdale-Armstrong) and Joe Dustin (White Bear Lake), or young guns like Aaron Degerness (Roseau) and Jess Modahl (Roseau), come to see the greatest hockey tourney in the nation. That's my take. I am out.

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

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What people do when there is nothing to do in River Falls

Maisha Downey
Photo Editor

If it's near campus and it's cheap, UW-River Falls students probably enjoy it. In the hibernation months of winter, students scramble to find things to do when it's obvious there isn't anything going on. Sophomore Hilary Lamon, a dairy science major, said she finds herself spending all of her beloved free time at Perkins where she is a waitress. When she gets time away from the restaurant Lamon enjoys biking around River Falls and people watching in the Student Center. "I basically like to do anything but study," she said. "I tend to procrastinate."

Doug Rusch, a freshman chem-

istry major, spends all of his time away from school watching movies with friends in McMillan Hall. Occasionally he'll sneak off campus to grocery shop at Econofoods. Other students spend their hard-earned cash at Shopko. Heather Moyer, a sophomore, makes frequent trips to the discount store. "I find myself buying junk I really don't need," she said. Moyer also makes time out of her busy schedule to dine at both Chinese restaurants in town with her boyfriend, sister and friends. "The buffet at China Moon is great," said senior Jen Wilder, a broad area business major. "You can't go wrong with all of that food for a set price." Wilder also enjoys hiking in Glen Park and rock climbing at Knowles Center. "Cheap activities are

always a bonus," Wilder said. Junior Kristie Dickman, along with many other students, takes advantage of the Falls Theatre. "The two-dollar theater is always an option," Dickman said. Sophomore Pam Thomas is well acquainted with the hot spots in River Falls. A 2001 graduate of the high school, Thomas knows her way around town. Her weekend activities can range from bowling at Bud's Lanes, to playing pool at K.C. Billiards. Thomas and her friends dine at restaurants like Luigi's and Steve's Pizza and Perkins. Most students feel they will have more things to do once the snow melts and they are able to break out their shorts and tank tops. Until then, indoor activities will have to suffice.

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OPINION

Frenchies cramping our style

Craig Corsten
Offbeat Editor

The French have been on the minds of Americans lately. More than they deserve to be. Working as the big roadblock to Dubbya's war on Iraq, the French government has earned itself the disdain of Dubbya's administration and his fellow hawks and the love of doves everywhere. The love-hate relationship between America and France is nothing new. As long as there have been Americans, they've hated the French and the French have hated the Americans right back. Of course, the two have been there for each other over the years. Without the French there would be no America and without America Germany would be a much larger country. The current spat with France doesn't so much have me upset with the French government (I buy into that whole "Peace, love, I am a dove" b.s.) as I'm upset with the French people. I've had it up to here with the French holier than thou attitude towards us Americans. The French run around calling us Americans "Marlboro smokin' big mac eatin'-

Budweiser drinkin' - John Wayne movie watchin'-cowboys with no culture."

In the meantime, the French fail to see that they are a bunch of "Frog eatin'-Jerry Lewis movie watchin'-no deodorant usin'-croissant eatin'alcoholics."

What really upsets me the most is the French groundless accusation that America has no culture. No culture? That's one of the most absurd things I've ever heard. For a country that is only about 225 years old, I'd say America has quite a nice culture.

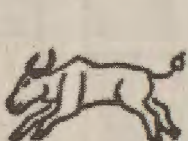
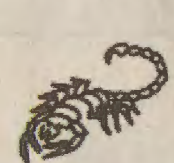
I'm not sure how the French define "culture," but I would assume that by culture someone means the arts and food of a nation. To say America has none of either is just plain wrong.

Just America's music is enough to make it a cultural powerhouse. Sure there have been very few great American symphonies (save the song from the beef commercials), but America is the birthplace of jazz, the blues, country and rock n' roll. If you're real artsy-fartsy you can cross rock, blues and country off the list and America is still the birthplace of jazz, one of the most complex artistic expressions in the field of music.

Speaking of art, how about the lit-

erary arts? Are the frogs implying that we have no literary art here as well? I could name about fifty great American writers and I'd still be leaving some off the list; Frost, Faulkner, Hughes, etc. The French apparently aren't aware of any of those writers' contributions, as well as the 10 American writers that have won the Nobel Prize for literature. Then the French want to insult American cuisine? Get real. When they stop eating snails and frogs all day, then they can start talking. The American cuisine is as varied as the American people. Every corner of the country has its own different take on American cuisine. Heck, the American cuisine varies not only state to state, but even from city to city on such a level that I can eat a dish in Green Bay and drive 60 miles south to Sheboygan order the same thing and they'll have no idea what I'm talking about, but America has no culture.

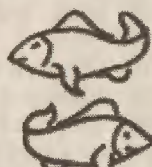
I don't know what France wants from America, but in order to have culture, in the eyes of the French you have to wear a beret, have a funny little mustache and drink wine like prohibition is coming back. If that's what the French think is culture, then I'm glad we don't have any.



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Horoscopes

By Staff Psychic Craig Corsten,
Who enjoys a nice glass of merlot



AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Your Backstreet Boys poster you have hanging up next to your Rage Against the Machine poster is not funny in the ironical sense that you were shooting for. It's just plain stupid.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

If you were born on the day of this publication, which could be if you are a Pisces, then you share a birthday with country legend Merle Haggard and famous sidekick Ed McMahon. This psychic shares a birthday with Ditka.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

If you look like Jennifer Garner you should stop by the Student Voice office one of these Wednesdays and hang out. The males on the staff would really appreciate it. I would appreciate it if you would also bring some orange juice, country style.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

DUCK!
Thank god you ducked. If you hadn't that steel beam would have hit you in the head and rendered you stupid.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Your claim that Dan Rather represents a left-wing bias in the media is a bunch of b.s. if I ever heard it. The idea that the media is run by a bunch of left-wingers is the most preposterous thing I've ever heard. Kerry in 2004.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Everything is good if you're a Cancer. No doom or anything like that. In fact I see nothing but good for you for the next couple of weeks. Boy, this is really different from any other horoscope that I've written. Optimism is good once in awhile.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Your boycott of McDonald's has been rendered null by your weekly patronage of Chipotle. McDonald's, as any halfway non-dumb person knows, is the majority interest holder in Chipotle, so when you eat Chipotle you support McDonald's. So much for your ethical stand.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept 23)

Your mom.

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 23)

While you were sleeping last night someone stole your horse from the lab farm and it's on the way to the glue factory, just like Boxer from "Animal Farm." Ha, ha.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

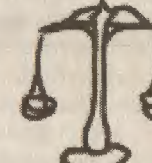
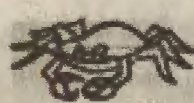
"Where's the fire, chief?" This is what everyone on the sidewalk asks you. Seems your fashionable yellow and black ski jacket is causing people to mistake you for a fire fighter. Invest in a fashionable tan canvas jacket to avoid any fights.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Your SUV not only supports terrorism, but it also makes you look like a total jackass when you drive around like a madperson weaving in and out of traffic while talking on your cell phone. Buy a station wagon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Someone will blindly propose marriage to you today. Say "no."



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MOVIE CRITIC

Russell's talent wasted on shallow 'Blue'



Courtesy MGM Pictures

Kurt Russell stars as bigoted LAPD officer Sgt. Eldon Perry Jr. in "Deep Blue." The crime drama focuses on the corruption of the LAPD during the Rodney King trial era.

Chris Anderson
Movie Critic

Kurt Russell has played many diverse roles through the years, so he is probably a better actor than most people give him credit for.



Unfortunately, his talent is wasted because almost everything he has been in is usually restrained, clichéd, or dumbed-down for the younger set and/or masses.

And the trend continues in "Dark Blue."

The movie takes place in 1991 while the Rodney King verdict is being decided (by an all white jury) and focuses on the LAPD, which is notoriously racist and corrupt. Even though I'm sure most of us are aware of this, the movie never fails to hit us over the head with this point every five minutes.

The main characters are Sgt. Eldon Perry Jr. (Russell) who takes after his bigoted deceased father, and his partner Bobby Keough (Scott Speedman), who is new to the force

and quite bewildered by the widespread corruption, but nonetheless able to follow orders.

In their short partnership both men are soon before the shooting board after an incident that should result in severe discipline, but the predominantly white members of the commission are willing to look the other way.

This outrages the only black member on the board, Deputy Chief Arthur Holland (Ving Rhames), who is also one of few colored police personnel in the LAPD who all the white officers are trying to get rid of before he can advance. Holland makes it his mission to get Perry and Keough off the force.

The romantic subplot that bogs the film down is that one of the people helping Holland, Sgt. Beth Williamson (Michael Michele, who isn't a very good actress, but that's not suppose to matter because she "looks good"), happens to be dating Keough.

The romance story on Perry's side is that he has a wife (played by Lolita Davidovich, another not-that-great but wrinkle-free actress) who is a near alcoholic due to her husband's racism which embarrasses her and their son and drives her to the point of leaving.

One of the main problems with

this film, not to mention every other film being released today, is its inexplicable obsession to act overly machismo and subliminally put women in their place. All women seen in this picture are thin and have hourglass figures, wear enough makeup to suffocate and seem to show a lot of skin.

Then there is all the excessive profanity used in the film, almost always used by men to assert that they're in control.

Anyhow, back to the movie. Perry and Keough, freshly off their majority acquittal are investigating an armed robbery. It turns out the heist was committed by two police informants which we are made aware of quite early because as all executives who make movies know, we are all too stupid to appreciate plot twists. The solution to this problem, ordered by their superior, Jack Van Meter (Brendan Gleeson) is to bust someone else, and in one of the better-staged scenes Perry makes Keough knowingly shoot an innocent "suspect."

Nonetheless, Van Meter is still convinced Perry poses a threat to all his criminal interests, and so he sets him up to be executed just about the time the King verdict is coming in.

Deducing he's going to get shot but going to the scene with ideas of

his own, Perry is quite confused when normally docile blacks on the street (all of the lower class black people seem to be played by rappers in this movie; if it wasn't bad enough that fashion models thought they could act) attempt to pick fights with him by hitting his car.

After about an hour at his would-be execution scene there is finally some shoot-em'-up and Perry goes in pursuit of the suspects, through the escalating LA Riots.

But even these scenes, although a few incidents are well staged, fail to be compelling or go as deep as they could.

The only reasons I can think of recommending this film are its not big-budget special effects and Kurt Russell showing us he can act equally well on the side of evil, in its eternal battle against good, but he's let down by most of the rest of the cast.

The LA Riots seemed to confirm our worst fears about racism: that nothing has changed. The way films have been looking so far this year could confirm these same fears about Corporate Hollywood.

"Deep Blue"

Starring:
Kurt Russell, Scott Speedman, Ving Rhames

Rated: "R"

Rating: ☆☆

Shake your bon bon



Kyle Weaver / Student Voice

A student does his best impersonation of Ricky Martin after being hypnotized. Hypnotic Intoxication brought hypnotist Keith Karkut and approximately 300 students to North Hall Auditorium Wednesday night. Karkut had a group of men acting like they were N'SYNC and convinced a young woman she was Britney Spears. Along with hypnotizing the audience, Karkut incorporated a strong message about the dangers of alcohol into his show.

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The University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF) proposes to construct a 7,800 square-foot Child Care Center in the 1000 block of East Cascade Avenue, River Falls, Wisconsin.

The project site is located in the northeast corner of the UWRF campus in an area currently occupied by basketball/tennis courts. The site is bounded by Crabtree Hall to the west, single-family residential properties to the east, residential hall parking lot to the south, and Cascade Avenue to the north.

The new building will be light commercial construction with a pitched roof using an energy efficient design. Colors will blend with the traditional red brick and buff-colored stone materials characteristic of UWRF buildings.

The University has made a preliminary determination that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required for this action. Copies of the University's Environmental Impact Assessment that led to this preliminary determination will be available at the UWRF Library and City of River Falls Public Library. Comments should be directed to:

Mr. Dennis L. Johnson, P.E.
Ayres Associates
P.O. Box 1590
Eau Claire, WI 54702-1590
(715) 834-3161

OR

Ms. Terri Reda
Environmental Affairs Officer
Capital Planning and Budget
UW System Administration
P.O. Box 8010
Madison, WI 53708-8010
(608) 263-4410

Public comments on the proposed project should be received by Mr. Johnson or Ms. Reda no later than 4:00 p.m., March 13, 2003. Comments can take the form of either verbal or written communication. A public information meeting will be held at UWRF in the President's Room, Hagestad Student Center, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2003.

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