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Mayoral race narrows; Richards, Parent advance

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In an overwhelmingly high voter turnout for the city and state primary elections Feb. 17, unofficial results show Don Richards and Tom Parent as the two River Falls mayoral candidates on the ballot in the April 6 election.

The unofficial totals show Don Richards received 1,030 votes; Tom Parent 642 votes; James King 260 votes; and David Crass 113 votes.

"We had a good turnout compared to what we usually have," said Deputy City Clerk, Jan Linehan. "Sometimes we only have two or three percent voter turnout. For last year's primary, we had .019 percent when only 142 people voted."

Of the approximately 7,450 registered voters, 1,655 showed up, a turnout of about 22 percent.

These numbers were high enough for polling locations to run out of scannable ballots. Poll workers had to hand count the paper ballots that took their place. Counting lasted into the early morning. Results will be official following the meeting of

the city election committee on Thursday Feb. 19.

Many agree the high voter turnout can be attributed to a combination of the city primary and the state democratic primary.

"I bet that there were more people voting yesterday than will be in the actual election in April," Parent said.

Still, others voted to support students running for the highest office in the city.

"It is the most important thing that a person can do as a citizen of a community," said Jessica Erickson, 19, and a sophomore at UW-River Falls. "I decided to vote for Dave Crass for Mayor."

Regardless of their reasons for voting, Parent is satisfied with the results.

"I am delighted to be on the ballot," he said. "Of course I would have been happier to have won."

Parent said he expected to have done better and will campaign very hard to become mayor.

Richards had been hoping for the results that his supporters told him he would receive and is looking forward to the upcoming

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Students registering to cast their votes in the primaries at Rodli Commons helped boost voter turnout to 22 percent — up from less than one percent in last year's primary elections. The new mayor will be elected April 6.

Photo by Eric Ebert

'Campus watchdogs' clash with faculty Letters to faculty 'non-threatening,' says College Republicans chair

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Front Page Editor

In response to charges from the UW-River Falls English department that the UW-RF College Republicans issued threatening letters to faculty "publicly but anonymously," the student organization has undertaken a media blitz to clear the air.

Plans to appear on campus television and radio to clarify its position on letters charging faculty with infringing upon students' "academic freedom" will continue over the next couple weeks, said College Republicans chair Jake Duesenberg.

"The English department did a horrible job with how they received it," said Duesenberg, a political science and business administration double-major.

Last October, six faculty members were listed by "campus watchdogs" in the "UW-RF College Republican Chronicle" newsletter, charging them with letting their political leanings disrupt a balanced learning environment.

In his letter to Chancellor Ann Lydecker, English department chair Marshall Toman said "To publicly but anonymously make such charges was not deemed appropriate."

Personally addressed letters signed by UW-RF College Republican Matt Wolf were also sent to the faculty members, charging them with failure to adhere to an "Academic Bill of Rights."

The Academic Bill of Rights was created by Students for Academic Freedom, a national organization dedicated to ending "the political abuse of the university and to restore integrity to the academic mission as a disinterested pursuit of knowledge."

"The letters were non-confrontational and non-threatening," Duesenberg said.

Threatening, however, is just what UW-RF history department chair and College Republican letter recipient Betty Bergland

said her letter felt like.

"Of course historically there are other moments in time when this kind of thing has been used in blacklists in the 50s," Bergland said. "So it conjures up efforts to silence dissenting positions or controversial knowledge. It's unfortunate, I think."

UW-RF economics professor Jackie Brux agreed, saying the campus watchdogs' list "reminds me of McCarthyism."

Brux said that she, without taking ownership of the idea, presented a viewpoint to a class that was discussing the war in Iraq. She said some students misinterpreted the viewpoint as her opinion.

"If one of my students has a problem with me, I'm very sensitive to that. I want them to come and talk to me," Brux said. "But to have some other student quoting a student in my class, even inaccurately, and then publicizing it—I find it kind of hostile, and it offends me."

Brux said that though her job is not in jeopardy, she's concerned whether her untenured colleagues might be uncomfortable with the charges of bias.

"I'm fully tenured and fully promoted," Brux said. "They can't hurt me; I'm not vulnerable and I'm not intimidated, but some people are."

Lydecker has issued no warning or reprimand to the College Republicans, which Duesenberg called "honorable."

"We stand on this campus having free speech," Lydecker said. "Having free speech is part of the tradition of higher education and people need to remember that."

While Brux agreed that freedom of speech should be upheld, she said University admin-

istration should have taken a stand asserting that faculty "should not have to worry about what they're saying in classes coming back to them."

Pat Berg, a UW-RF journalism professor accused in the "UW-RF College Republican Chronicle" with "allowing political affiliations to affect classroom discussions," said she thought Lydecker took the appropriate stance.

"I don't agree that the University should publicly disapprove of the College Republican newsletter," Berg said. "The key here is academic freedom for everyone and freedom of speech for everyone."

Brian Huffman, UW-RF associate business professor and adviser to the College Republicans, said professors who attended college in the 1950s and 60s may have been revolting against conservative university leadership at the time, hoping to change academia's political landscape.

"They thought that when they took over that things were going to be different, that we'd look at both sides of the issues and there would be heaven on earth. I think some professors are naïve enough to think that they really are open minded and they really do hit both sides of the issue. To me it's incredible that someone with a Ph.D. could believe something like that, but they do," Huffman said.

Bergland, accused by College Republicans with — among other things — "expressing viewpoints in [an] inappropriate manner," said students benefit from learning a "range

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Lyall steps down from UW-System post after 12 years

Replacement candidates may be selected as soon as March

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The first female president of the UW System, Katharine Lyall, announced her retirement Feb. 4, ending one of the longest and most productive presidencies in UW System history.

"Hers is a very demanding and difficult job, but she has made it look easy because of her impressive ability to work with people and get things done," said Gov. Jim Doyle in Feb. 4 press release.

The national average tenure of a system president is less than five years; Lyall maintained her presidency for 12.

After acting as president for eight months, Lyall was officially given the position in April 1992. Before that, Lyall served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and also Executive Vice President of the UW System.

The UW System isn't the only place Lyall has worked, however. She served as director of the Graduate Program in Public Policy at Johns Hopkins University and has held faculty

appointments at Syracuse, Cornell and Johns Hopkins Universities.

Beside her presidential duties, Lyall chairs the board of The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and finds time to teach freshman micro-theory at UW-Madison.

Lyall also serves on other state councils including Gov. Doyle's Economic Growth Council, the International Women's Forum, Forward Wisconsin and Competitive Wisconsin. Although Lyall filled her time with other things, the UW System was not ignored.

"She has competence, foresight and ability to make decisions to keep everybody happy," said Cary Heyer, Director of University Relations at UW-LaCrosse.

Chancellors from every campus said how much they are going to miss Lyall's guidance, both on a business and personal level.

"She has done a great job. It will be hard to replace her," said UW-Eau Claire Chancellor Donald Mash.

Other chancellors said Lyall knew how to advise, while still respecting individual campus needs.

"She has a style of bringing together diverse campuses," said

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Former Falcon hoopster killed in car accident

21-year-old's number worn, honored by point guard Micah Helfrey in game against UW-Stevens Point



Submitted Photo
Glazier was remembered by teammates for his laughter.

Anne Cloeter
Viewpoints Editor

A wannabe point guard trapped inside a 6-foot-9-inch body.

That's how former UW-River Falls student and men's basketball player Grant Glazier was described by his high school coach at his funeral Feb. 7.

Four days earlier at the UW-RF men's basketball game against Stevens Point, senior point guard Micah Helfrey fulfilled that statement by wearing number 40, Glazier's old jersey.

"I wanted to wear it in Grant's honor," said Helfrey, a friend and former roommate. "I know I'll always remember Grant, but I wanted everyone else to remember him at the same time."

A junior transfer student from Ridgewater Community College in Willmar, Minn., Glazier came to UW-RF last year to continue his basketball and college career.

With his size 13 shoes, Glazier left a huge impression on the friends he made in that short year.

"He was a warm-hearted, outgoing person," said Nick Byl, a senior who played

three years of basketball with Glazier. "He thought a lot of his family and friends and gave everything he had for them."

It was Glazier's selflessness and soft smile that often drew people to him.

"There was always a smile on his face," said C.J. Becker, Glazier's friend and former teammate. "He just made people feel better about themselves."

Even after his death at 21 years old, Glazier continues to put smiles on people's faces. The car accident in Annandale, Minn., Feb. 1, left Glazier's body unharmed, but severe brain damage caused his death. As a result, his family donated his organs. Eight matches have already been found.

Glazier also carried his kindness and smile onto the court.

"A team needs leaders and sometimes a serious tone," Helfrey said. "But Grant brought laughter and you need that, too. He made everyone relaxed."

Glazier's charisma brought a high-spirited environment to the locker room, Byl said.

After playing basketball for most of his life, Glazier demonstrated a love for the game.

"His love for basketball was enthusiastic,"

said Connie Glazier, Grant's mother. "He was just so excited to be a part of it all. It was his life."

Glazier will be missed by teammates not only from UW-RF, but Annandale and Ridgewater, too, as his love for basketball spread from school to school.

With his towering 6'9" frame and boyish smile, Glazier stood out from the crowd.

"You always knew he was around because he was loud," Helfrey said. "He had a great laugh."

That great laugh often followed one of the many pranks Glazier would play on his friends.

"He wasn't the one to mess with for pranks," Byl said with a laugh. "He always made sure he won."

Playing cards with his family also brought a lot of laughter.

"I'll miss playing cards with him," Connie Glazier said. "It wasn't even about winning. It was about who could make the other one laugh more. We would just laugh."

Glazier left UW-RF and returned home to Annandale in the summer of 2003 to work. He planned on eventually finishing his final year of college at St. Cloud State University.

BRIEFS

Copenhagen

The University Theatre presents *Copenhagen* Feb. 26-28 at 8 p.m. in the Blanche Davis Theatre in KFA. Tickets are \$3 for students. For more information call 715-425-3114.

Rep. Ron Kind Visit

Rep. Ron Kind will be on campus, Feb. 23 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for a "town hall" visit. Kind will answer questions relating to the re-authorizations of the Higher Education Act. The meeting will take place in the President's Room of the Student Center.

National Poetry Month

The Library Exhibits and Presentations Committee is seeking student poetry to be showcased in the library during April; National Poetry Month. Submit work to Linda M. Alvarez in 107 Davee Library by March 26. For information contact Alvaraz at 425-3842.

Black History Month

The African American Alliance is sponsoring events to celebrate Black History Month. March 23 at 6 p.m. there will be an Open Mic Night and Step Show where students can present poems, songs and skits in the Falcon's Nest in the Student Center. April 25 there will be a B96 Dance Party with DJ Eric James at Brandy's in the Student Center from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Habitat for Humanity Spring Break Trip

There are four spots open to go to California, March 13-21. Students will get to sight-see as well as help to build a home. Interested students must pay a \$100 to 130 donation fee to California Habitat affiliates. Transportation costs are \$285. All other expenses are up to the individual. If interested, contact amanda.m.frank@uwrf.edu.

Immunization Clinic

There is an Immunization Clinic on Feb. 25 in the Kinnickinnic Room of the Student Center from 12:30-2:30 p.m. No appointments are necessary. Additional clinics will be on the last Wednesday of every month from 12:30-2:30 p.m. For more information contact UW-RF Student Health Services at 425-3293.

Vice Chancellor Candidate Forum

There will be an open forum for candidate Waldo Hagen in the North Hall Auditorium Feb. 24 from 4 to 5 p.m. for students and Feb. 25 from 9-10 a.m. for faculty and staff. There will be a forum for Mary Halada in the North Hall Auditorium Feb. 25

for students from 4 to 5 p.m. and one for faculty and staff on Feb. 26 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Gay/Straight Alliance

Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. there is a Gay/Straight Alliance meeting in the Alumni Room on the second floor of South Hall. For more information contact Gayle Poepping at gayle.a.poepping@uwrf.edu

International Programs

Informational sessions for the Wisconsin Scotland Program, The Abbey Program in France and the National Student Exchange Program will be held every Thursday in February at 12:15 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room in the Student Center. For more information contact 425-4891.

Colonial History Tour

Students are invited to participate in a tour of historical sites on the east coast June 20 - July 4. Tour costs are \$1,250 which includes travel, lodging and entrance fees. For more information contact David Riggs at david.riggs@uwrf.edu or 425-3164.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Tomorrow's Educators Club will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair Feb. 23-26 in the lobby of the Wyman Education Building. The fair is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. every day.

Student Disorientation

Disorientation will be held March 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Rodli Commons. The event includes workshops on job searches, mock interviews and a networking lunch provided by the Alumni Foundation. The event is open to all students. For information visit, www.uwrf.edu/ccs.

Summer Session

Summer session enrollment for students begins Feb. 23. Students can register for classes using eSIS. For questions contact Outreach and Graduate Studies at 425-3256. For more information contact the Registrars Office at 425-3231.

Dairy Club Reunion

Former UW-River Falls Dairy Club members are invited to reunite with fellow alumni at the Silver Showcase sale Feb. 21 at Mann Valley Farm. The reunion is sponsored by the Dairy Club and CAFES.

UW-RF Jazz Ensemble

The UW-RF Jazz Ensemble, directed by Craig Hara offers a free concert Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. in the Abott Concert Hall in Kleinpell Fine Arts.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fine issued for reporting false emergency

Anne Cloeter
Viewpoints Editor

•Kelly C. Bolton, 19, received a \$243 underage consumption ticket in the McMillan Hall last week. The same night, she was issued a \$336 citation for misuse of telephone for reporting a false emergency in the Ag Science building.

•An RA in Hathorn Hall reported underage drinking in one room Sunday morning. An officer arrived and found an open bottle of alcohol in the room. Courtney D. Larson, 19; Lance R. Forrest, 20; Christina M. Carlini, 19; and Matthew E. Hessler, 18, all received \$243 citations for underage consumption.

Undergraduate grants help CAS students learn in their own ways

Michael Foley
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The UW-River Falls College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) is offering \$500 undergraduate grants for the second time this school year to students who participate in research, scholarly and creative activities. Grant proposals are due at the CAS Dean's Office by 4 p.m. March 12.

The grants are funded by money raised for CAS by the University Foundation during last spring's alumni telethons. The Foundation plans to conduct the telethons for each college again this spring. The Foundation plans to call more than 7,000 CAS alumni between March 25 and April 15 to raise money for future grants.

"With all the budget cuts hitting the departments pretty hard, we wanted to try to bring back some of the opportunities lost and put some money back into the colleges for their own discretionary use," said Kimberly Gould Speckman, director of Annual Giving and Advancement Services.

This year the telethon will test the waters to see if alumni generosity was on a one-time basis or if the colleges can begin to count on this money annually.

Last fall, CAS Dean Gordon Hedahl began the college-wide program by using \$5,000 the Foundation raised for "educational opportunities go beyond the classroom."

"I hope the grants were very

successful," Hedahl said. "We're pleased we can help students go to national conferences to present their research. That's often something students have to pay for out of their own pockets. Most times student pockets don't go that deep."

Last year, the Foundation raised more than \$23,000 for CAS from 542 alumni. More than \$18,500 went to the CAS Fund for Excellence. While \$10,000 of that fund is going to the special student grants, Hedahl said the rest goes toward students in the form of scholarships.

Last fall \$5,000 in grants went 12 different ways for CAS students in six departments. Art, biology, chemistry, English, music and psychology students all received up to \$500 for special projects outside the classroom.

To select which students received funds, Hedahl required students, not their professors, to write grant requests based on posted criteria. Hedahl is using the same criteria for this semester's grants.

"We want to encourage undergraduate research and learning beyond the classroom," Hedahl said. "But also, we wanted students to write their own grants. It gives them experience writing grants and many of them will have to learn to do that in graduate school or in their careers after graduation."

In the grant requests students must include what they are planning to do, why the project is

important and how much money they need. Hedahl expects several students to apply for the grants this semester based on last semester's success stories.

Four biology students and a chemistry student were awarded grants to help pay for lab equipment and elaborate DNA sequencing processes at the University of Minnesota.

Without the grants, students would not have been able to perform the experiments at the same level.

"We could have done the experiment without the grant, but we would have been short on supplies," said Jeni Ness, a biology student and grant recipient. "This grant has given me the opportunity to work in a lab as an undergraduate and get hands-on experience in the field I want to pursue."

Biology professor John Wheeler also recognizes the benefits of undergraduate research and applauds the Foundation and Hedahl for awarding grants to help interested students.

"It's grants like these that are keeping undergraduate research alive at UW-River Falls," Wheeler said.

Psychology students were also awarded four grants for various psychological experiments. Though almost all of the research is already completed, these students will use the grant

money for travel and lodging to present their findings at regional and national psychology conferences. Psychology department chair Brad Caskey said attending these conferences is invaluable to a student's learning experience.

"These students will have a chance to attend several presentations of cutting-edge experiments," Caskey said. "It also makes these students more marketable to grad schools and gives them an opportunity to meet grad school students and professors."

These grants helped several other students as well. An English student will attend the Wisconsin writing conference and present an essay. An art student used the grant to purchase materials to help her design and present her senior exhibition. Several music students joined together and will use grant money to purchase new music literature and recordings so ensembles can perform outreach concerts at area high schools.

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Gorden Hedahl,
College of Arts and Sciences dean

A watchful eye: Falcon coaches monitor student athletes' classroom performance

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Sports Editor

As the UW-River Falls men's basketball team loaded the bus for a recent road game, head coach Rick Bowen had other things than basketball on his mind.

Red-shirt freshman Ellery Burks was seated four rows from the front of the bus. Bowen, with the grin of a man who knew the answer to the question he was about to ask, began to interrogate Burks.

"How many classes you missed so far Ellery?"

"Not many."

"Come on, how many?" Bowen pressed. "I've missed three so far. I wasn't feeling well."

"Ellery, if you're alive you're well enough to go."

This is a conversation Bowen has had scores of times during his 18 years at UW-RF and it's as much a part of his job as anything he does during a game.

The practice of academic monitoring of athletes is something that every coach implements into their program and it starts before an athlete ever sets foot on the UW-RF campus.

According to University records, the average GPA of the 673 student athletes on campus was 2.83 last fall. That is right on track with the 2.84 average for the entire undergraduate population. During the 2002-03 school year, 239 UW-RF students qualified as WIAC scholar athletes which requires a 3.0 minimum GPA.

Behind the statistics are the efforts of countless people involved with UW-RF athletic programs that watch over athletes' academic progress.

Falcon softball coach Faye Perkins said she lays the groundwork for success right away.

"I tell them that academics have got to be their number one priority when they come to school," Perkins said. "Athletics can be a strong component in their college experience, but they are here first to get a degree."

Perkins, along with many other coaches, said they feel participation in athletics has a very positive effect on a student's academic

performance. Being involved with a peer group translates to success in the classroom.

Several coaches also said participating in athletics is an extra incentive for otherwise indifferent incoming freshmen to do well in order to remain eligible.

Current requirements call for a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average while carrying at least 12 credits per semester.

Rob Novak is a senior on the Falcon hockey team majoring in elementary education. Novak has carried a 3.918 GPA while playing hockey for four years. He said staying eligible is a driving force for most athletes.

"I don't think I would have finished four

years of college if it weren't for hockey," Novak said. "For the guys that struggle with the grades, I think it makes them have to study. The guys on our team are doing what they love. They came here to play hockey and getting an education is something they have to do to play."

To make sure their athletes get that education and stay on pace to graduate, coaches hold organized team study sessions, collect periodic grade reports to check players' progress and attendance, and keep an open line of communication as Bowen showed with Burks.

Coaches also encourage athletes to seek assistance from the Academic Success Center, which they say can be of great help. "I would hope they would take advantage of the things we have over there," Falcon volleyball coach Patti Ford said. "With tutors in each academic department, it is a very valuable resource for them to be successful in the classroom."

Despite the resources and their coaches' efforts, some athletes fall short of the standards and become academically ineligible the following semester.

Ali Slinden was an All-American for the

women's hockey team last season as a freshman. While she dazzled on the ice, she floundered in the classroom falling short of a 2.0 in the spring. She spent her summer taking classes to raise her GPA above a 2.0 and then took the fall semester off from school to "refocus." She rejoined the team over winter break.

"A lot of people have offered to help," Slinden said. "My teammates and coaches have all helped keep me focused."

Mark James, a junior and basketball player, transferred to UW-RF from Scottsdale Community College in Arizona where he said he earned Bs and Cs in the classroom.

James, who grew up in Miami, had trouble adjusting to cold Wisconsin temperatures.

"I would wake up in the morning and not feel too good and just say, 'Oh, I'll go tomorrow,'" James said. "I would do well on quizzes when I was there but I didn't realize that I was missing quizzes on the days I was gone."

The experience has taught James to stay in touch with his professors, something that coaches say is very important.

"Mark got off to a good start in the semester and built himself up a little comfort zone and thought this was going to be easy," Bowen said. "Now he is paying the consequences for that."

The consequence for James is watching from the sidelines as the Falcons make a run at a conference championship.

"It's the most painful thing I have had to go through in my entire life," James said.

James, a psychology major, did say that his performance was not for lack of Bowen's monitoring.

"He did everything he needed to do. I just got lazy," he said.

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Faye Perkins
softball coach

STUDENT SENATE

King resigns to focus on economic planning

Tiffany Shelman
Editor

Jim King addressed his fellow senators at the Feb. 17 Student Senate meeting open forum with a resignation speech.

King said his resignation had nothing to do with his current mayoral campaign. King said he was involved in economic development planning with Gary Smith, UW-River Falls chief information officer and felt Senate needed someone else to take his seat.

"I have a lot of exciting things to look forward to," King said. "This chair is meant for somebody who wants to come in and learn how to be a leader."

At age 32, King said he was already a leader when elected as a senator.

"I really need to turn it over to some-

body who has the ability to learn and expand," King said.

Following King's "thank you's" to fellow senators, Matt Schuelke, senate president, addressed King.

"Thank you for the work that you have done," Schuelke said. "We're sad to see you go and wish you luck in your other endeavors."

In other Senate news:

•Schuelke talked to Mary Halada, interim vice chancellor of finance and administration, about United States Student Association (USSA) money. UW-River Falls has paid dues for summer but not for fall. The money paid during the summer session equaled one dollar per student and amounted to \$1,288 plus an additional 9 percent that remains in a campus account, for use when USSA comes to UW-RF. Schuelke said he would continue to look into the matter.

•Driscoll announced that Senate is helping choose spring commencement speakers. Graduating seniors are welcome to add input during a meeting Feb. 24 at 12:30 p.m. in the St. Croix room of the Student Center.

•Legislative Issues Director, Katie Kneissel brought up the proposed room tax. Kneissel said if the community chooses not to support and impose the room tax, the money from UW-RF would not be taken out of the already proposed bill in the Legislature.

•Rep. Ron Kind plans to stay 45 minutes following his presentation on Feb. 23 to answer questions.

•Amber Horn, facilities and fees board chair, reported bids for the new furniture for residence halls should be coming in soon. The top three inventors will give a formal presentation. The top bidder will be chosen and by

2009 all of the resident halls will be completely refurbished.

•Faculty Senate decided to meet every Thursday night to get through the revisions and recommendations for general education requirements.

"They all were talking about nuisances and nit-picky things," Schuelke said. "They didn't even get through the first proposal."

•The senators narrowed their original nominations for the Chancellor's Award from 16 to six. The nominations are due Feb. 23.

•Prior to adjourning the meeting, Schuelke also thanked the Senators for their hard work in attending meetings.

"I am somewhat disappointed about seeing no discussion on some of the motions tonight," Schuelke said. "I would like to see some of the discussions we had last semester."

Story Ideas? Send them to the Student Voice, 304 North Hall

WINTER CARNIVAL HEATS UP

Photo by Eric Ebert
UW-River Falls students Vanessa Zamzow and Nick Cluppert represent Hathorn Hall during the Mr. and Ms. Tootsie Pageant. The event was the kick off too this year's winter carnival week. The host of Ms. Tootsie was Morgan Taylor, the regular master of ceremonies at the Gay 90s in Minneapolis. Winter Carnival events began Feb. 16 with the annual medalion hunt. New this year was the dollar wars, a new twist on the old penny wars. Also new this year was a "Whose line is it anyway?" contest. Coronation and announcements of organization winners is Feb. 19 during the skating party.



Photo by Teresa Schmitt
Senior Leslie Shuler adds finishing touches to a snow shark created by Delta Theta Sigma and Delta Theta Sigma Little Sisters. The sculpture is part of the organizational competition for this year's winter carnival titled "Tropical Tundra."

Winter Carnival History

1984: Alpha Gamma Rho won the men's division of the 1984 Falconian Wint-O-Lympics. Theta Chi took second and Delta Theta Sigma finished third. In the women's division, Alpha Gamma Sigma won the event. Sigma Sigma Sigma got second and Parker Hall finished third. In the Co-Ed division, Johnson Hall was first, Newman Community was second and McMillian Hall took third.

CBE: Vying for program accreditation

Dave Misselt
Staff Writer

In November 2000, the UW-River Falls' College of Business and Economics (CBE) began a seven-year accreditation process with the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

If accredited, the college will be one of two in the Twin Cities metro area and the eighth in the UW System. Currently, the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Business is the only AACSB accredited business college in the local area.

"It's unique to be in the accreditation process," CBE Dean Barbara Nemecek said. "We've only been a separate college for two-and-a-half-years. That means the process was started two years before we became a college. I think that's unique."

The accreditation process begins with a year long self-study of CBE programs to help in putting an accreditation plan together.

During year two through five of accreditation candidacy the plan is implemented and progress reports are submitted to AACSB each year. Year six consists of another self-study to put the finishing touches on the program. In year seven, a three-member AACSB visitation team will conduct an inspection of the College and submit their findings to the accreditation committee. If the College meets AACSB's standards it receives accreditation.

Organized in 1916, AACSB has a worldwide membership of 469 accredited business schools.

According to the association's Web site, AACSB "is the premier accrediting agency for bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs in business administration and accounting."

CBE's accreditation plan was accepted by AACSB in Jan. 2001. The college has been operating under AACSB accredita-

tion standards ever since, said CBE Associate Dean Brian Schultz.

"Accreditation provides assurance of program quality," said Glenn Potts, one of the plan's developers. "It also provides opportunities to highlight our program and gain outside support."

Accreditation comes at a cost, however.

According to AACSB's Web site, accreditation fees range from a \$3,000 deposit for team travel expenses to \$17,000 for the initial business and accounting accreditation application.

The initial accreditation process could cost UW-RF as much as \$54,800 total. If accredited, there is an additional annual accreditation fee of \$5,800.

The money to pay for these costs comes from general funds allocated by the chancellor or provost.

Besides the possibility of increased internships, job recruitment and financial donations, Potts said students will now be required to obtain half of their credits outside of CBE.

Incoming freshmen will also be required to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 in order to remain in CBE. Admission standards to the University may also be raised.

AACSB accreditation requirements mandate higher standards for academic staff as well.

Sixty percent of tenure track positions will require professors to be academically-qualified in their teaching area. This means professors must have a doctorate or terminal degree in their specialty and actively conduct research.

The remaining 40 percent of instructors must be professionally-qualified. This requires a master's degree in their teaching area as well as practical experience working in a specific field. Professionally qualified professors must also remain intellectually active.

"We're shooting for 90 percent

academically qualified faculty over the next few years," Schultz said.

AACSB also mandates a minimum acceptable number of staff in a specific field.

These requirements may prove to be a weak point for CBE's accreditation chances.

"We're at bare bones right now as far as accreditation," Schultz said. "We could use more staff."

Because of the current job market for those with a business degree, Schultz said it has been difficult for UW-RF to recruit teaching staff.

In May 2004, CBE may fall below AACSB minimum faculty requirements if the college cannot hire a business professor, Nemecek said.

"Because of the job market, CBE has to pay more to recruit and retain professors," Schultz said. "Accreditation may mean paying even higher salaries on a limited budget."

Nemecek agreed but said UW-RF is paying CBE professors less than any other business school in the area.

"The market place determines salaries," Nemecek said.

"There's a shortage of Ph.D.'s and that drives up costs."

Another possible benefit of accreditation is the increased enrollment of outstanding business students, Nemecek said.

"Potential students seek out accredited programs," UW-RF Chancellor Ann Lydecker said. "Accreditation can also open doors to employment."

Not everyone agrees about the importance of accreditation in hiring.

"The primary concern for employers is the reputation of the school," Patty Murphy-Ridley, marketing consultant said. "Student performance and job skills are more important than whether a program is accredited or not."

Ultimately, it must be the student who benefits from accreditation.

How To Avoid a Hangover...

Most UW-RF students avoid hangovers by drinking in moderation

Most women drink 1-3 drinks per week, if any at all

Most men drink 1-5 drinks per week, if any at all

One DRINK equals:

- 12 oz. Beer
- 4 oz. Mixed Drink
- 1.25 oz. of 80 Proof Liquor

The chart below can help you identify how many drinks you can consume to maintain a safe level of drinking, and help prevent hangovers.

WEIGHT	YOUR WEIGHT	TIME YOU WILL BE DRINKING			
		1HR	2HRS	3HRS	4HRS
MALE	120 LBS	2.0	3.0	3.6	4.0
	150 LBS	2.5	3.8	4.5	5.0
	180 LBS	3.0	4.5	5.4	6.0
	210 LBS	3.5	5.3	6.3	7.0
	240 LBS	4.0	6.0	7.1	8.0
FEMALE	90 LBS	1.2	1.8	2.2	2.4
	120 LBS	1.6	2.4	2.9	3.2
	150 LBS	2.0	3.0	3.6	4.0
	180 LBS	2.4	3.6	4.3	4.8
	210 LBS	2.8	4.2	5.0	5.6

According to the 1997-98 Alcohol and Drug Survey taken by UW-RF in 2002, 54% of males drink 4-5 drinks per week and 20% of females drink 1-2 drinks per week. For more information, contact Student Health at 715-425-3293.

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EDITORIAL

Difference in opinions fosters higher learning

In response to the letters recently sent to faculty members at UW-River Falls by the College Republicans (CR) and the subsequent backlash, students and faculty need to remember the issue at hand: opinion. Professors should be able to voice their opinions during classes, just as the students have a right to do, as long as it is done in a non-threatening manner.

In the same breath, CR has every right to send letters to the faculty members of their choice explaining how they feel about the opinions being voiced. Neither side is infringing on free speech.

Chairperson of the Campus watchdogs Matthew Wolf wrote the letter, "not in criticism but instead to convey the idea of academic freedom to all professors of the University."

More than one professor said they felt the letters were threatening, hostile and offensive.

Nowhere in the letter is a threat of any kind.

CR expressed a need for professors to be aware of teaching styles and opinions that make students feel "less inclined to state their own

Students should constantly keep a close eye on professors words and actions for inconsistency and bias. Professors alike should continuously speak freely in classrooms. Both actions promote vigorous educational discussions.

opinions." The letter further states, "by exercising caution when expressing opinions, we can create a teaching environment where professors and students feel comfortable in expressing opinions without concern for repercussions."

This is not a threat. It encourages professors to work with students who may have opposing viewpoints during educational discussion about "touchy" subjects in class.

On the other side of the coin, the professors in question are exercising free speech when they decide to guide a controversial lecture or discussion down the path of their preference. CR shouldn't expect professors to censor themselves during classes. Professors are not left out of

the freedom of speech granted to all Americans in the Bill of Rights.

Any educator has the right to talk to their students about their fishing trip during the summer, how much they like rodeos or even their political and ideological preferences. Professors begin to blur the line when they begin to present their opinions as facts. Just like in the pages of the *Student Voice*, opinion should be differentiated from fact-based content. The *Voice* does this by dedicating two pages to viewpoints and labeling them as such. Further, the bylines and text are varied to make the columns of text look different than news content. This is most apparent on the sports and offbeat pages where opinions run in the midst of news content.

Like the pages of the *Voice*, bias is not completely obscure in the classroom. College Republicans advisor Brian Huffman said professors should not think they can truly teach a class with a completely open mind.

This is true for everyone, no matter what social class, ethnicity, age or profession. It needs to be understood that bias is everywhere. It is not something that can be turned off, just turned down. There is no way for someone to be totally without opinions or influences, whether journalist or professor.

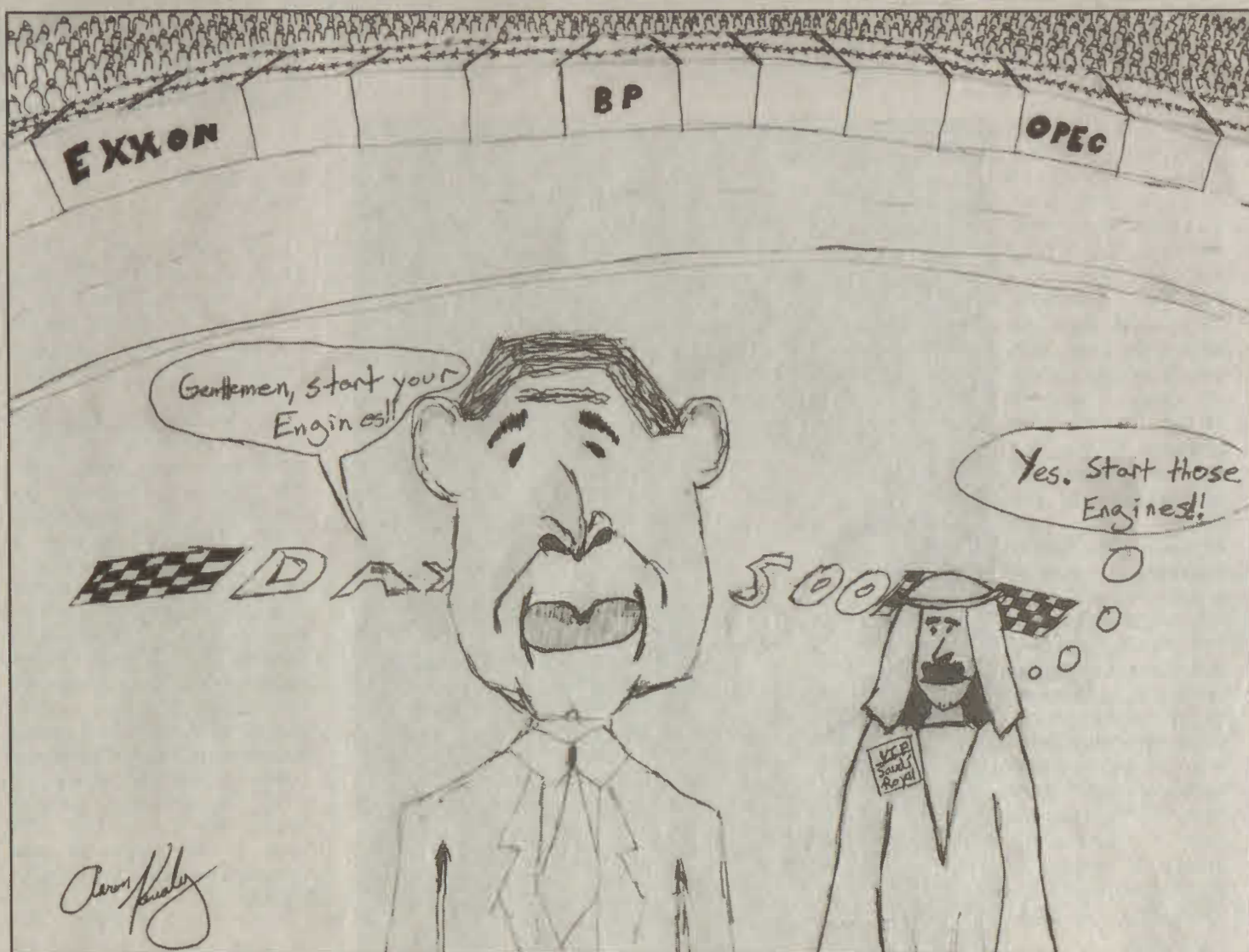
This type of criticism from both sides is healthy for a University setting. Students should constantly keep a close eye on professors words and actions for inconsistency and bias. Professors alike should continuously speak freely in classrooms. Both actions promote vigorous educational discussions.

Chancellor Ann Lydecker hit the nail on the head when she said, "We stand on this campus having free speech. Having free speech is part of the tradition of higher education and people need to remember that."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soul Food Dinner brings campus together

On behalf of the African American Alliance, I would like to wholeheartedly thank all who attended our annual Soul Food Dinner Feb. 17. We were very glad to see our campus community work together to make the event a huge success. This was just one of the few events we have planned in celebration of Black History Month. On Feb. 25, from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Brandy's there will be another great event, a dance with the DJ Erik James from B96. This will be an alcohol-free dance filled with music, snacks and a lot of new and old faces to meet. Invite all your friends and family. Admission is only \$3. This will be a dance to remember. To those who missed the Soul Food Dinner, don't worry, there will be one next year. Again, thanks for all the support. Have a safe and wonderful week.

Leon Gbee, student senator

Big businesses financially help Republican aid

I am writing in response to E. Nelson's letter to the editor that was printed Feb. 13. I apologize to the other E. Nelsons who go to school here. Apparently this Nelson doesn't feel strongly enough to identify his/herself.

I pointed to the liberal student and faculty because they are the perpetrators of this American hating rhetoric. Not Republicans. Why would I harass them for something they would never do? Nelson's Republican father can set them straight on this, provided he is really a Republican.

Anorexia is a tool the left uses to try and point out the patriarchy they supposedly live under. The male society is trying to push a certain view on

women, they say. That is why they use this non-existent March of Dimes research involving 10,000 girls dying from anorexia. One hundred girls dying annually is much closer to the truth. Again, it is much smaller but unfortunately none-the-less.

Nelson claims the fact about women making an average of 75 cents to each male's dollar in equal careers and work. If this were true women would get hired before men at an astronomical rate. But that is not the "fact" the left uses. They claim that women, on average, make 75 percent then that of men across the board. There is nothing to debate here. It is nothing but a lie that sounds good to feminists and therefore is sprung on the unwitting innocent public. Someone needs to call out the liars of these groups.

Nelson explains that America gave out \$9 billion in foreign aid in 2000, which is actually about a billion dollars shy of the truth. Then Nelson goes on to say that Republicans have so little compassion that they cannot give anything in aid to those who need it. Can't give anything? I thought we gave \$9 billion. Nelson makes an argument and in the next sentence refutes that very argument.

Not only did the federal government give \$10 billion in aid in 2000 but big businesses gave \$2.8 billion. This kind of flies in the face of the left's view of a greedy, cold, covetous Republican. At the same time, big businesses are donating billions of dollars annually. MoveOn.org is saying the Bush administration and big businesses are stomping on the unfortunate people of the world. So MoveOn.org puts millions upon millions of dollars into bashing Bush and big business in radio, internet and TV ads, yet they have not put forth one dollar to help these people that are supposedly being stepped on. Who is truly uncompassionate? Bush and big business equal roughly \$12.8 billion in aid. Anti-Bush

hippies equal roughly zero dollars donated.

I applaud Nelson and the liberals; it must be taxing to be so hypocritical.

The only thing I have left to ask is directed to those on the left. If Nelson's letter to the editor last week is the best argument that can be produced, you may as well just give up the 2004 elections and all upcoming elections in the future.

Alex Justin Oscarson, student

Religion based on beliefs, not ideas

After reading the inaccuracy and inconsistency in Aaron Kenealy's column against organized religion, I had to counter it.

Kenealy said religion is not bad and then said it's better to have ideas than beliefs. So if religion isn't bad but beliefs are, how can the American Heritage College Dictionary define religion as "belief, a system grounded in...belief," and "a set of beliefs?" The word "idea" is not included in the definition. Kenealy also speaks of "the idea of belief." If a belief is just an idea, shouldn't it be legitimate?

Kenealy makes the assumption that all organized religion is wrong based on the wrongdoing of members of four major religions. As a Protestant myself, I know many Protestants are right and day on many issues. I'm sure this is true of the other three main religions mentioned. If someone who calls him/herself an "Evangelical Christian" murders an abortionist, should I stop being an Evangelical Christian?

Remember, you can say you believe anything but that means nothing unless your actions reflect it.

Kenealy quotes from St. Thomas to prove Jesus said church isn't required. However, his quote regards the kingdom of God, not church. Those are two entirely separate issues. The kingdom of God is everywhere

God reigns. St. Thomas simply notes that God reigns everywhere, not just in a building. And what does Christ mean when He says in Matthew 16:18, "I will build My church?" Why does Jesus tell us to take certain problems "to the church" in Matthew 18:17? A church isn't a building. A building simply facilitates the people in the church.

The word church appears 112 times in the Bible, which contains endless instruction on how a church is to function. That's enough evidence for me, as a Christian, to remain and grow in my church.

We cannot grow in our religion without the encouragement of others. For me and countless others, this is facilitated through church—a church that has never bombed anyone; a church that doesn't have "blind belief" in "a higher power," but has solid belief in God.

Joey White, student

Contradictory statements lead to liability issues

Last week the *Student Voice* published an opinion piece despite existing material facts, of which Kyle Weaver was fully aware, contradicting the published opinion.

I believe in freedom of press. However, when a self-titled professional journalist makes defamatory statements in such passive-aggressive manner, for whatever reason, he or she opens up a world of liability to their self and their host publication. I would highly recommend Mr. Weaver's confinement to a very short leash, or better yet, termination from employment at the *Student Voice*. Kyle Weaver, I understand "the pen may be mightier than the sword," but it is your deceitful pen that requires men to retain swords.

James W. King, student

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Parking violators Morality lost with gay marriage approval are not criminals

To serve...and protect, are the bold words that appear on UW-River Fall's Public Safety home page. You'd think with all the serving and protecting of a campus with more than 5,000 students there would be little time for anything else.

Lately, however, Public Safety officers have been going above and beyond the call of duty.

Since classes have resumed from this semester, Public Safety officers have been going to great lengths to ensure parking violators are ticketed, at an unnecessary rate. They have gone so far as to babysit parking lots waiting for violators. Although it is in their job description to cite parking violators, I highly doubt they need to do it with the urgency and promptness they have been recently.

The most recent occurrence of over-the-top ticketing occurred because of University-mandated snow removal.

As a resident of Crabtree Hall, I was fully aware that O-Lot vehicles were to be moved to the Ramer lot by no later than 8 a.m. Feb. 11. This seemed like a reasonable request until I realized that O-Lot was bigger than the Ramer lot. Driving through Ramer lot the next day I noticed a row of cars with tickets lining the windshields. Not surprisingly, some of my fellow residents complained that they had been ticketed for parking in the wrong rows at Ramer or for parking in undesignated spaces.

These tickets are outrageous. As residents, we were ordered to move our cars so the University could plow the parking lots. It doesn't seem fair to ticket people for something you required them to do. Especially when the lot they moved to wasn't plowed either, which

makes it nearly impossible to tell where the designated spots are.

Needless to say, this wasn't the only incident. Later Wednesday night a resident assistant in my building was ticketed in Ramer lot while playing broomball at Knowles.

Although the previous coincidences could be passed off as petty mistakes, what burns me most is that Public Safety even gives a parking ticket before attending to potentially more harmful situations. If Public Safety spent as much time babysitting the residence halls for underage consumption as they do babysitting the parking lots for parking violators, they would not only create a safer environment for the residents but they would also make nine times as much from the citations. Let's face it, a \$243 citation for underage consumption easily dwarfs a \$25 parking fine.

However, even with this mindset, earlier this month a residence hall staff member reported smelling a suspicious odor to Public Safety. Although Public Safety officers responded

promptly to the call, they tended to more important business, first ticketing a car parked illegally across the street from the hall. By the time the Public Safety officers came to the call, the smell had faded and nothing could be done.

To me incidents involving harmful or potentially dangerous toxins and odors should take a much higher priority than ticketing an illegally parked car. I know I wouldn't like to walk out of my room and smell marijuana. I certainly wouldn't feel safe knowing someone could be getting stoned next door and potentially start a fire. Public Safety should spend more time protecting us and less time serving up tickets for parking incorrectly because, frankly, they aren't protecting anyone by issuing petty parking tickets.

Where has morality in this country gone? The Massachusetts' Supreme Court has decided that banning gay marriages is unconstitutional.

As a conservative Christian, I am outraged that any court in this great nation would allow a "marriage" between two individuals who are the same sex. I spoke of morality, and for me it comes from my choice to be a Christian, but how about the folks from Massachusetts? I researched their constitution and they make exactly eleven references to "God." A little more research shows the founders of Massachusetts framed their constitution around God because they were Protestant, God-fearing men. Let us examine the preamble to their constitution:

"We, therefore the people of Massachusetts, acknowledging, with grateful hearts, the goodness of the great Legislator of the universe, in affording us, in the course of His providence, an opportunity, deliberately and peaceably, without fraud, violence or surprise, of entering

into an original, explicit, and solemn compact with each other; and of forming a new constitution of civil government, for ourselves and posterity; and devoutly imploring His direction in so interesting a design, do agree upon, ordain and establish the following Declaration of Rights, and Frame of Government."

The supreme legislator they speak of. It is God, of course. Article II.

"It is the right as well as the duty of all men in society, publicly, and at stated seasons to worship the Supreme Being..."

God Again...The great Creator and Preserver of the universe.

Give it up for God one more time.

"And no subject shall be hurt, molested, or restrained, in his person, liberty, or estate, for

worshipping God in the manner and season most agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience; or for his religious profession or sentiments; provided he doth not disturb the public peace, or obstruct others in their religious worship."

Some have said the state has

no right to legislate morality.

This has been selectively prescribed by those who want the state to protect them. On the other hand, they don't want the state telling them what to do. In fact, the state legislates morality all the time.

The state says, you cannot steal, lie under oath, murder, cheat on your taxes and so on. The state has the duty and obligation to protect its citizens against those behaviors that are detrimental to us all.

Jeffrey Satinover, M.D., in his book: "Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth" (Baker Book House, 1996) claims from extended research. If we multiply this rough measure of the

transmissibility of the AIDS virus by the average risk of encountering an HIV positive heterosexual, this means that in the absence of any information about one's partner's status, age, demographic group, and so on, that a single act of heterosexual intercourse of any type carries an average AIDS transition risk of roughly 1 in 715,000. But a single act of unprotected intercourse with a 20 to 30-old male homosexual carries with it a transmission risk of roughly one in 165. (p. 57-58)

Those are some pretty scary numbers by anyone's measurement. As tragic as HIV and AIDS are, the burden of this behavior is being reflected in research, insurance pricing, and human misery. We all pay in so many ways when this behavior becomes acceptable.

The Massachusetts' Courts have failed all of us when they condone gay marriages. It puts a stamp of approval on a risky behavior and legitimizes a sacred act that was meant to be between men and women.



ANDY PARRISH

Bush campaign spends America's money

Should President Bush be allowed to use Air Force One to make official campaign stops? If you ask me, that would be like former Governor Jesse Ventura using an airplane, paid for and run by the taxpayers of Minnesota, to travel to Los Angeles to be in a soap opera.

Not only did President Bush use my tax dollars to make an "official campaign stop" so he could mingle with "NASCAR Dads," and help along his re-election effort in the south but he also screwed Ben Affleck. Ben Affleck was the Grand Marshal for the race, meaning he was going to utter the most famous words in racing: "Gentlemen, start your engines." But Bush trumped him and asked if he could do it. Obviously sticking to their guns, race officials told Affleck they were sorry and that he could drive the pace car instead.

OK,, I'm not a racing fan, nor an Affleck fan, though I feel bad for him. I mean geez, J-Lo, now this. I think it is a bit boring to watch cars make left turns for five hours. But when I learned that Bush was traveling to the race, I thought it might be unpatriotic not to watch.

I remember back in 2000, while campaigning, Bush said he was tired of "politics as usual." That is a novel idea. I think the vast majority of people are tired of it, too. Way to hit a hot button. Apparently Bush was so tired of "politics as usual" he went back to "politics from the past" and pulled out some of the dirtiest tricks ever used.

After the 2000 New Hampshire primary where Senator John McCain destroyed

Bush,

Republican voters in South Carolina,

the next primary state, began getting phone calls assessing their stance on issues pertinent to the election.

An example of a question asked: "If you knew Senator John McCain was a cheat, a liar and a fraud and if you knew he fathered an illegitimate black child out of wed-lock, would you be more or less likely to vote for him?" This is an example of "push polling." Lee Atwater, a special assistant to the Bush campaign in 2000, first concocted it. It should be mentioned that Bush denies any involvement in the polls.

With the trip to the Daytona 500, the Bush campaign announced he was beginning his 2004 re-election effort. His theme is "steady leadership for times of change." Wait a second. Didn't he already start his

re-election effort? He has a \$150 million war chest saved up for the campaign already. How can he just be starting his campaign effort?

With the launch of his 2004 bid for the White House, Bush started airing ads in some of the biggest markets in the country, as well as on the Internet. In addition to highlighting what Bush officials believe are the president's positive traits, the ads will also focus on the front-runner in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Bush campaign spokesman, Terry Holt, said they are going after John Kerry and hope to paint him as "hypocritical" for taking special interest money yet scolding Bush for doing so. Holt also said the Democrats have had all the positive news coverage. Yeah, the "Dean scream" and John Kerry's intern affair are really positive.

All this comes after White House press secretary Scott McClellan made it abundantly clear in December that Bush would not participate in attacks against the democrats until the primaries were over and a candidate was chosen. Uh-huh.

Bush wanted to cut our taxes, choke on a pretzel, make a bottomless hole we call the deficit, get involved in a war with bad intelligence and then he turns around and uses the money he has left to fly to Florida to try and get re-elected? Poor Ben.



DERRICK WILLIAMS

Snowmobiling, drinking make life-threatening combination

When the wind is bitterly

cold and the snow drifts are past your knees, there aren't many things to do outside in Wisconsin.

One of the most popular winter sports in our winter wonderland is snowmobiling. Snowmobiling and drinking. I don't know how many times I have heard, "What else is there to do in Wisconsin

in the winter?"

One of my friend's friends died the day before Valentine's Day in a snowmobiling accident. We aren't sure if alcohol

was a factor but

he died after colliding with a tree at high speed in the dark. His girlfriend, who was traveling behind him, found him lying in the snow beside his sled.

I work at a bar and grill in Prescott and I've noticed quite a few snowmobilers who come in and slam a few drinks before they go out again. A lot of these

people have their kids with them, which is even more frightening. I wonder if any of them realize that drinking and driving a snowmobile is just as stupid as drinking and driving a car.

After what happened this weekend, I started wondering how many people actually drive snowmobiles drunk. The numbers I found were disturbing. I am definitely not in a hurry to get on a sled and go racing through the dark.

According to the Wisconsin DNR's snowmobile fatality report for the 2002/2003 season,

58 percent of the 26 deaths were due to operating a snowmobile while drunk. Nearly half of the 200 people killed on snowmobiles in Wisconsin in the last 10 years were legally drunk; at least two-thirds of them had alcohol in their systems.

Sixty-one of Wisconsin's 72 counties have had snowmobile fatalities in the last decade. Sixty percent of the people killed did not reach their 30 birthday. Almost every one of my friends knows someone who died snowmobiling. Now I'm one of them.

The DNR said Wisconsin has

16,000 miles of trails that were built to link bars, restaurants, gas stations and towns. A snowmobiler starting in Wausau can travel 120 miles north to Hurley completely on trails.

One of snowmobiling's most popular activities is the poker run. Snowmobilers drive from one bar to the next, picking up playing cards and having a few drinks. The best poker hand at the end of the run wins a prize.

Snowmobiling drunk is so deadly because most trails don't have speed limits. Many people ride at speeds up to 100 mph. Out of the 200 fatalities studied

by the DNR in the last decade, 80 of them were collisions with trees at high speeds.

I got a joke the other day in my e-mail that said Wisconsin residents' number one pastime is drunken driving. I used to smile when I heard jokes like that. Not because I agreed with it or thought it was cool but because Wisconsin's culture has always consisted of beer, cheese and the Packers.

After this weekend and seeing my friends feeling so much pain because of one fleeting moment, I don't find that joke one bit funny.



SARAH MATARA

How do you feel about Public Safety ticketing during the snow emergency?



Kevin Hartwig, freshman

"I am angry, flabbergasted, and downright outraged, because they wanted to fit 400 cars into 100 spots."



Beth Berzelius, senior

"I think that's really not fair. They should have plowed a long time ago and got those kids out of there. I don't think they gave adequate time."



Jeremy Zitzow, senior

"They could be better serving their time by dealing with actual campus policy violations rather than petty parking infringements."



Adam Swanson, sophomore

"I can see both sides of the issue, but I think Public Safety should be more understanding because there were limited parking spots."



Jessica Grant, freshman

"Seems like it's unfair because people might not have been informed well enough. They should put information out earlier."

PRIMARY from A1

election. He is grateful to those who voted for him but expected more support for King.

"I was a little surprised that Mr. King didn't do better because he campaigned quite extensively,"

Richards said. "Maybe it shows a disinterest by students to get involved. I am not sure

about that though."

King was impressed with the turnout though and excited at the aspect of free time.

"My congratulations to Parent and Richards," King said. "The first thing I thought of is that now I will have the time to organize the fun-run to raise money for the YMCA."

Dave Crass, who came in a distant fourth, is disappointed with the results but happy with the high voter turnout. He has decided to support Richards.

"I believe in him and in a lot of the things that he wants to do in River Falls," Crass said.

"I was a little surprised that Mr. King didn't do better because he campaigned quite extensively."
Don Richards
Mayoral candidate

LYALL from A1

UW-Stout Chancellor Charles Sorensen. "She treats campuses fairly, prioritizes the programs for what we think is best for our campus."

Though the state has cut money from the UW System, during Lyall's tenure the overall UW System budget has increased by 50 percent, from \$2 billion in 1991 to more than \$3 billion today.

"She has led this system though some incredible pressures at times when there are budgeting problems," said UW-River Falls Chancellor Ann Lydecker. "She has kept the system at a world-class level."

Lyall planned to retire last year, but continued with her duties to prepare for the 2005-07 state budget process, said Board of Regents President Toby Marcovich.

Lyall thought first and foremost about students and how each decision would affect education in Wisconsin.

"She has created and maintained a strong and efficient system of higher education in

large part by allowing each UW campus the autonomy to develop unique programs that enhance student learning and research, and then ensuring that those programs receive the support they need to succeed," UW-Madison Chancellor John Wiley said in a press release.

Lyall said in her retirement announcement that she feels "this is an appropriate time for new energy and fresh leadership of the UW System."

In her announcement she also stressed the importance of a Wisconsin statute that says "basic to every purpose of the system is the search for truth."

In the coming months Lyall said she will try to help the Board of Regents and individual institutions make her retirement as smooth a transition as possible.

The Board of Regents is in the process of putting together a process to find candidates as quickly as possible. In the next two to three weeks they hope to choose the top candidates.

Lydecker said she wouldn't be surprised if the board had something decided by the first week of March.

Regardless of her replacement, many people will miss Lyall in the system.

"She has the incredible ability to bring people together," Lydecker said. "I will miss that human level."

Though she will be missed, some members in the system are a little apprehensive but maintain faith in the Board of Regents and the search committee to find a suitable replacement.

"I am hopeful there will be a smooth transition that Katharine's several months of notice will provide," Mash said in a prepared statement. "My thoughts turn to the future and the important task of attracting a new leader of the same caliber as Katharine Lyall."

Lyall be missed not only at the system, but at the state level as well.

"President Lyall has had a remarkable tenure at the UW [System]. A leader always wants to leave an institution in better shape than he or she found it, and Katharine Lyall has done just that," said Gov. Doyle in a press release. "The University of Wisconsin is stronger than ever, and its future is bright. On behalf of our entire state, I thank President Lyall for a job well done and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors."

Primary polling results

Don Richards	1,030
Tom Parent	642
James King	260
David Crass	113

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of ideas."

"I teach 20th century U.S. history," Bergland said. "I try to present a history that

is accurate, complex, diverse, in-depth and may not always represent the prevailing views that students have coming into a university history class."

In response to the fact that the first six letter recipients were females and an African-American man, Duesenberg quickly pointed out that a letter was later sent to political sci-

ence assistant professor Wes Chapin.

"Not all who received the letters were women and minorities," Duesenberg said. "That rhetoric is absurd."

The College Republicans list its current membership at 118—60 percent of whom Duesenberg said are women. He added that half the Republicans leadership is female.

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Section B

Falcon women finish season with seven-game win streak

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team closed out its regular season Wednesday night with a 3-1 win over St. Olaf at Hunt Arena.

The win improved the Falcons record to 16-8-1 heading into the NCHA conference tournament.

Wednesday's win was on the heels of a weekend sweep at Lake Forest that closed out the conference season.

The Falcons jumped ahead of St. Olaf 1-0 in the first period when Ali Slinden scored her third goal of the season off an assist from Nicole Magnuson.

St. Olaf tied the game 1-1 at 6:55 of the second period, nine seconds into a power play, when Lindsay Weier scored off a rebound.

The Falcons were held in check for nearly

ten minutes before Lou Paulson scored the game-winning goal at 15:06 of the second. Nicole Magnuson provided the insurance goal at 5:11 of the third period for the Falcons off an assist from Kelly Hurley.

Goalie Marlene Yaeger made 29 saves for the Falcons.

The Falcons took a 3-1 win Saturday and scored only once but it was enough for a 1-0 win Sunday.

The Falcons are assured a spot in the NCHA playoffs for the fourth straight year. They won the playoff title in 2001 and 2003 and finished second in 2002. The Falcons won the NCHA regular season title in 2003.

The series will be played at either UW-Stevens Point or UW-Superior. Those two teams play in a two-game series this weekend at UW-SP. One UW-S win will send the tourney to Superior while UW-SP needs a win and

a tie to gain home ice advantage. Two ties would put the series in Superior.

The Falcons are currently in first place in the conference but because they are off this weekend have no chance at winning the title.

Saturday UW-RF led 1-0 after one and 2-0 after two.

Leah Baron started the scoring for the Falcons with a goal at 5:09 of the first period. It was her ninth goal of the year. Slinden and Jodi Hensch picked up the assists.

The Falcons went ahead 2-0 at 14:30 of the second period when Hurley scored her ninth goal of the year. There were no assists on the power-play goal.

The lead stretched to 3-0 at 5:01 of the third period when Lindsay Carlson scored her ninth goal of the season, unassisted. Lake Forest

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Photo by Eric A. Page
Freshman Kelly Hurley (12) puts pressure on the St. Olaf goalie during the Falcons' 3-1 win Wednesday.

With a little bit of luck

When I look back on the 2003-04 UW-River Falls men's basketball season, I am overcome by "what if."

What if Rich Melzer wouldn't have dunked that ball after the whistle against UW-Oshkosh? What if Platteville's Brad Reitzner wouldn't have played out of his Nikes in the second half — he scored 19 points and hit a 25-foot buzzer-beater — of the Falcons loss at Platteville? What if Oshkosh wouldn't have buried every shot they took at the end of the shot clock in the second half of a three-point road loss?

What if Falcon coach Rick Bowen would not have tried to convert his team from the classic motion offense to a flex early in the year when the Falcons picked up four of their six losses?

What if? All of a sudden the Falcons go from clawing their way to their first WIAC title in 54

years to walking away like Tom Hanks on Oscar night.

Up until last week the Falcons had a 1-5 record in games decided by five points or less, or about as successful as birth control in a rabbit cage.

It seemed, as Bowen put it, that the Falcons were "a little snake-bitten."

Since their 2-4 start, the Falcons have won 16 of their last 18 games and have already become the winningest team Bowen has ever coached. Tuesday's win over Stout was the 18th of the year and the 11th in the WIAC, both marks Bowen had never reached.

Saturday night the Falcons have a chance to complete a turn around of epic proportions.

Which got me thinking, what if?

What if Superior had managed to knock the Falcons off last Tuesday when instead they lost a 79-76 overtime decision? What if the official of the Whitewater game had decided it was 55-55 Saturday, instead of correcting the score to give the Falcons a one point advantage?

What if Bowen wouldn't have substituted Hans Hoeg into Tuesday's game in overtime — an admitted defensive substitution — where the freshman calmly buried two threes to help the Falcons win?

What I have come up with is that it is simply dumb luck.

Any championship team, especially in a conference of such parity, needs to have good players, they need to stay healthy and they need to be well-coached. They better also be rubbing a horseshoe at halftime because nobody is good enough to win without a few breaks.

Early in the season all of the balls were bouncing against the Falcons. They couldn't buy a break with 100 shares of Microsoft. Their curse however, was another team's comfort.

That is the beautiful symmetry of sport. The balance that brings in one team's tide and sends another's to sea.

So has the Falcons' luck finally changed?

Consider their last three wins, two on the road, all by three points or less. Consider how many weapons they have on offense.

Eric Kossoris twice scored 11 points when the

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Chasing history

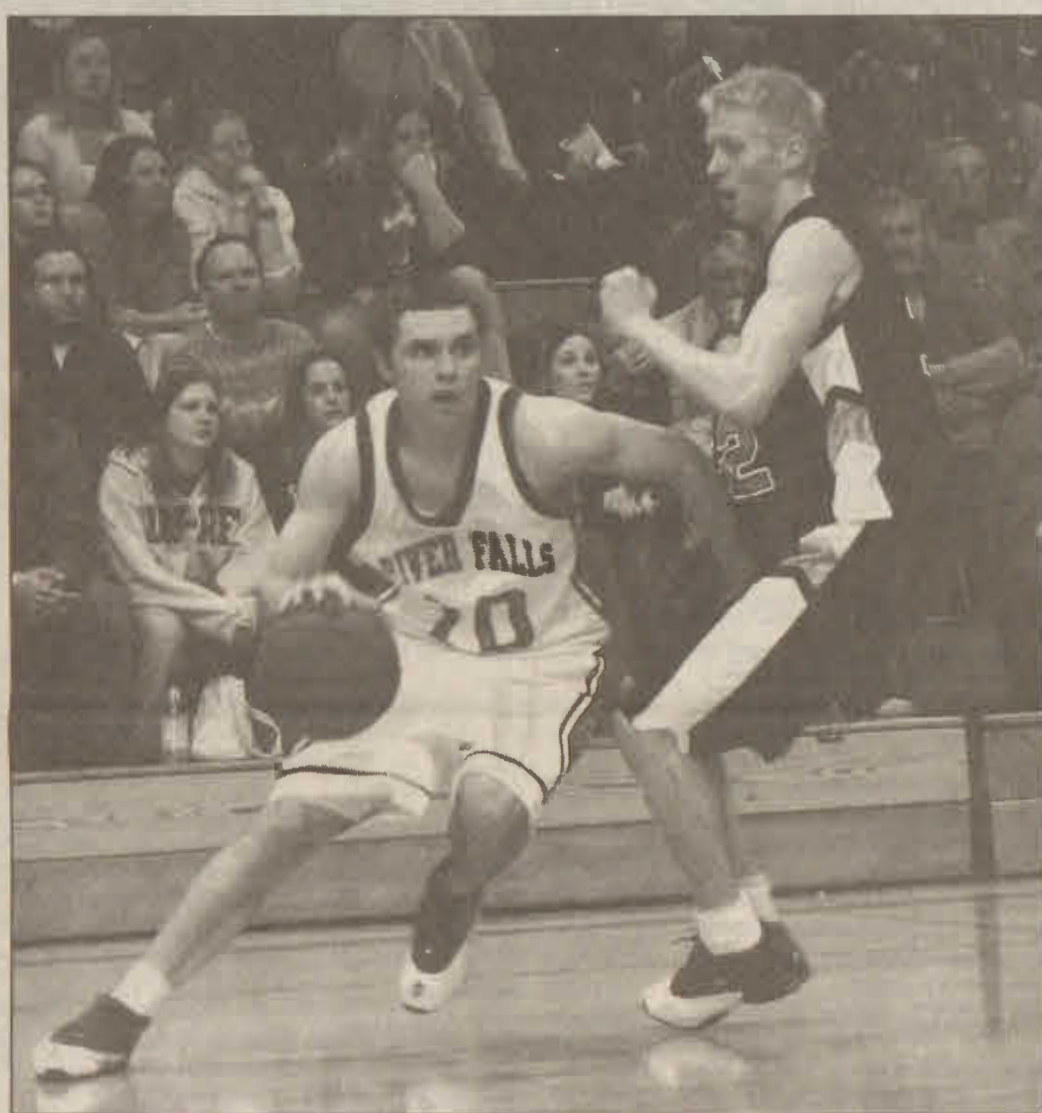


Photo by Eric A. Page
Micah Helfrey drives past Stout's Jeff Vandenberghe during the Falcons' 64-61 overtime win Tuesday night at the Karges Center. Helfrey scored eight points, grabbed seven rebounds and handed out five assists in the win.

Eric A. Page
Sports Editor

Two years ago the UW-River Falls men's basketball team cruised to a 10-3 start in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and needed only one win in their final three

games to clinch a share of the conference championship. They lost all three games and finished tied for third place.

That is why Falcon coach Rick Bowen is a little edgy heading into the final weekend of the regular season needing to win their final game to clinch their first conference title since 1950.

"I am not at all comfortable," Bowen said. "We have come so far and we have put so much into this, it would just be so heart-breaking to not be able to finish it. Fifty-four years is a long time."

At this point in the season the Falcons are no stranger to pressure. They have won 16 of 18 games after starting 2-4. They vaulted to No. 18 in the D3Hoops.com top 25 this week and broke into the NCAA West Region top six at No. 6.

"When the ball rolled off the rim, I just couldn't believe it. I couldn't believe we won the ball game."

Rick Bowen
Men's basketball coach

After upsetting then No. 7 UW-Whitewater 72-70 on the road Saturday night to move into a three-way tie atop the conference, the Falcons fought off UW-Stout 64-61 in overtime Tuesday at the Karges Center.

Tuesday Rich Melzer was held to 14 points on 3-9 shooting as the Blue Devils double and triple-teamed him in the post all night. Though the Falcons shot just 32 percent from the field, including 18 percent in the second half, they got hot in overtime.

Freshman Hans Hoeg hit two three-pointers and Billy Halter followed with another and the Falcons went 4-4 from the free throw line to outscore the Blue Devils 13-10 and escape with

the win. "You need a lot of things to be a championship team," Bowen said. "One of them is luck. We may have gotten a little lucky tonight. It's our time. It's just our time."

Halter led the Falcons with 19 points, including 5-11 from three-point range. Freshman Eric

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Men's hockey stumbles into post-season

Micheal Foley
Assistant Editor

The No. 4 UW-River Falls men's hockey team (17-4-4, 8-3-3 NCHA) split two road games in the final weekend of NCHA regular-season play. Friday the Falcons fell to UW-Eau Claire 4-2. Saturday they thumped UW-Stevens Point 8-1.

"I think Friday we just overlooked Eau Claire after coming off a really strong weekend at home," head coach Steve Freeman said. "There's no way to flower it up. We just didn't play well. On

Saturday morning we had a team meeting and it wasn't pleasant. Everyone left knowing that playing like that wasn't acceptable."

The Falcons clinched the second seed in the Peters Cup playoffs with the split and will play seventh seed UW-Eau Claire in the first round, Feb. 20-21. Top seed St. Norbert will play host to eighth seed St. Scholastica, third seed UW-Superior will play host to

UW-Stevens Point and fourth seed Lake Forest will play host to UW-Stout.

Though the Falcons beat the Blue Devils 4-1 at Hunt Arena early in the season, they couldn't beat them in Eau Claire. The loss may come back to haunt the Falcons during NCAA at-large bid selection process.

"It's hard to say how much it will hurt us," Freeman said. "We have to see how things come out in the wash. Losing to Eau Claire was probably the best thing to happen to us. We play them in the first round of the playoffs and now they have our attention."

Friday night Falcons Matt Elsen and Tony Sikich each scored in the 4-2 loss. Freeman called the performance the team's "worst of the season."

Elsen opened the scoring at 4:15 in the first period with assists going to Jim Murphy and Jamie Steinert. The Blue Devils answered in the second period at 7:36 with a power-play goal. The Falcons reclaimed the lead in the third period with a goal from Sikich off another Murphy assist. The Blue Devils tied the score just seven seconds later and took the lead 3-2 after that. They added an empty-netter with just one minute left to seal the win.

UW-RF goalie Andy Scanlon made 22 saves on 25 shots while UW-EC goalie Stefan Braunlich saved 27 of 29 Falcon shots for the win. The Blue Devils were 1-3 on the power play while the Falcons went 0-4. Both teams served five penalties for 10 minutes.

The Falcon offense was stifled in Eau Claire Friday but flourished in Stevens Point Saturday. UW-RF out-shot UW-SP 41-17 and eight different Falcons scored goals in the team's 8-1 win over the Pointers.

"It was really unusual to get that many goals from different guys," Freeman said. "We were really focused and got a lot of good bounces when we were right on top of their goalie."

In Stevens Point Saturday, the Falcons led 2-1 after one period and 5-1 after two. Josh Schlipp

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Photo by Eric A. Page
Megan Lindman and Traci Reimann position themselves for a rebound during the Falcons 81-70 win over Stout Wednesday.

Lowly women knock off Blue Devils

Nathan Lo Cascio
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls women's basketball team snapped a four-game losing streak with an impressive 81-70 win over UW-Stout Wednesday at the Karges Center. It was the Falcons' first home win since beating Beloit Dec. 30.

"It was a great team effort offensively, defensively and especially rebounding," Falcon coach Cindy Hovet said.

The Falcons (12-12 overall, 3-12 WIAC) outrebounded the Blue Devils 46-36, led by Traci Reimann's 12 points. Last time the two teams played, on Jan. 20, Stout killed the Falcons on the glass by a 54-36

rebounding margin.

The Falcons went into intermission with a 32-27 lead, thanks to 12-23 shooting from the field compared to Stout's 10-39.

Stout grabbed a five-point lead nearly seven minutes into the second half and led until the halfway point when Gina Astedt scored five straight points for the Falcons and as a result never trailed the rest of the game.

Astedt scored all nine of her points in the second half and also pulled down seven rebounds and dished out four assists. Darcy Olsen led the Falcons with 17 points, followed by Reimann's 16. Megan Lindman added 13 points off the bench along with five rebounds and four

steals.

As a team, the Falcons shot 25-46 from the field while the Blue Devils finished 27-78. Stout was 3-24 from 3-point range and the Falcons finished 4-10.

Laura Verdegan led Stout (16-8, 9-6) with a game-high 21 points. Erin Churchill added 15, while Molly Hendricks tossed in 10. Sara Kahl, who torched River Falls for 23 points in the team's first meeting, was held to four points and fouled out with more than nine minutes remaining in the game.

"Gina provided a spark for us in the second half and Traci's rebounding effort

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SCOREBOARD

Men's Hockey

NCHA Standings	W	L	T
St. Norbert (21-2-2)	11	2	1
River Falls (17-4-4)	8	3	3
Superior (14-7-4)	7	4	3
Lake Forest (17-5-3)	7	5	2
Stevens Point (12-10-3)	5	7	2
Stout (14-9-2)	5	7	2
Eau Claire (14-10-1)	4	9	1
St. Scholastica (6-15-4)	1	11	2

Feb. 14 results	
River Falls	2 3 3 - 8
Stevens Point	1 0 0 - 1

1st period	
01:55 RF Schilpp (9) (Degerness, Johnson) (pp)	
06:22 RF Sikich (7) (Venasky, Novak)	
09:53 SUP Brolsma (8) (Kostichka, Zebro) (pp)	
2nd period	
12:48 RF Johnson (9)	
14:02 RF Moe (8) (Novak, Venasky)	
14:20 RF Murphy (12) (Steinart, Elsen)	
3rd period	
04:22 RF Steinert (9) (Murphy, Elsen)	
15:24 RF Elsen (9) (Degerness, Murphy) (pp)	
19:07 RF Sailer (2) (Lennartson, Hansen)	

Feb. 13 results	
River Falls	1 0 1 - 2
Eau Claire	0 1 3 - 4

1st period	
05:15 RF Elsen (8) (Murphy, Steinert)	
2nd period	
07:36 EC Manny (11) (Chemeski, Luceniti) (pp)	
3rd period	
06:38 RF Sikich (6) (Murphy)	
06:45 EC Eloranta (8) (Manny, Dunleavy)	
07:18 EC Ouimette (15) (Chambers, Luceniti)	
19:00 EC Chambers (3) (en)	

Women's Hockey

NCHA Standings	W	L	T
River Falls (16-8-1)	11	4	1
Superior (17-5-1)	11	3	0
Stevens Point (14-5-4)	10	3	1
Eau Claire (8-13-2)	3	11	0
Lake Forest (2-20-1)	0	14	0

Feb. 18 results	
St. Olaf	0 1 0 - 1
River Falls	1 1 1 - 3

1st period	
12:40 RF Slinden (3) (Magnuson)	
2nd period	
06:55 SO Weier (9) (Barnett, Schultheis) (pp)	
15:06 RF Paulson (12) (Magnuson, Carlson)	
3rd period	
05:11 RF Magnuson (11) (Hurley)	

Feb. 15 results	
River Falls	0 0 1 - 1
Lake Forest	0 0 0 - 0

1st period	
No Scoring	
2nd period	
No Scoring	
3rd period	
RF Paulson (11) (Nierenhausen)	

Feb. 14 results	
River Falls	1 1 1 - 3
Lake Forest	0 0 1 - 1

1st period	
03:05 RF Baron (9) (Slinden, Hensch)	
2nd period	
14:30 RF Hurley (9) (pp)	
3rd period	
05:01 RF Carlson (9)	
16:08 LF Erin McGrath (5) (Darby McGrath)	

Men's Basketball

WIAC Standings	W	L
River Falls (18-6)	11	4
Stevens Point (20-4)	11	4
Whitewater (20-4)	11	4
Platteville (14-10)	8	7
Stout (13-10)	7	8
Oshkosh (13-11)	7	8
Superior (11-13)	5	10
Eau Claire (11-14)	5	11
La Crosse (10-13)	3	11

Feb. 17 results	
Stout	24 27 10 - 61
River Falls	31 20 13 - 64

Scoring (Pts.-Rebs.-Asst.-Steals)	
Holt 0-4-0-0, Helfrey 8-7-5-0, Becker 6-6-2, Halter 19-3-2-1, Melzer 14-11-2-0, Kossoris 11-5-1-4, Lam 0-0-1-0, Hoeg 7-2-1-0.	

Feb. 14 results	
River Falls	33 39 - 72
Whitewater	31 39 - 70

Scoring (Pts.-Rebs.-Asst.-Steals)	
Holt 7-1-0-0, Helfrey 15-3-6-0, Becker 7-4-3-2, Halter 7-2-1-0, Melzer 36-8-2-1, Kossoris 0-1-0-0, Lam 2-0-0-1, Hoeg 9-1-1-3.	

WIAC Standings	W	L
Stevens Point (21-3)	12	3
Oshkosh (18-5)	12	3
Eau Claire (20-5)	12	4
Stout (16-8)	9	6
Platteville (14-10)	8	7
Whitewater (9-15)	5	10
Superior (10-14)	4	11
River Falls (12-12)	3	12
La Crosse (9-15)	3	12

Feb. 18 results	
Stout	27 43 - 70
River Falls	32 49 - 81

Scoring (Pts.-Rebs.-Asst.-Steals)	
Preiner 7-3-1-0, Olsen 17-2-3-0, Reimann 16-12-1-2, Melgaard 7-2-1-2, Effle 6-7-1-0, Astedt 9-6-4-2, Biteler 0-1-1-0, Kochevar 6-3-0-0, Lindman 13-5-0-4.	

Feb. 14 results	
River Falls	22 49 - 71
Whitewater	34 45 - 79

Scoring (Pts.-Rebs.-Asst.-Steals)	
Preiner 3-6-1-2, Olsen 11-1-4-0, Reimann 4-4-0-1, Melgaard 9-6-1-0, Effle 28-5-0-2, Astedt 2-8-4-1, Biteler 2-2-0-2, Sickels 0-0-0-0, Kochevar 0-0-0-0, Lindman 12-6-0-0.	

Track and Field

Women	
Feb. 14 results	
Falcon Invite at River Falls	
Team Finish: 4th out of 11	
Falcon Top-five Finishers (Place, Name, Event - Time)	
2. Christen, 1,000 meters - 3:09.90	
2. Reber, 55 meter hurdles - 8.78	
3. UW-RF, 800 meter relay - 1:54.71	
1. Dura, shot put - 13.69 meters	
2. Leis, wight throw - 15.42 meters	
1. Crandall, high jump - 1.68 meters	
3. Sagami, high jump - 1.58 meters	

Men

Feb. 14 results	
Falcon Invite at River Falls	
Team Finish: 2nd out of 9	
Falcon Top-five Finishers (Place, Name, Event - Time)	
3. Booth, 600 meters - 1:25.40	
2. Reise, 800 meters - 2:01.39	
2. Kirmse, 1,500 meters - 4:11.04	
2. Quarford, 5,000 meters - 16:28.94	
2. UW-RF, 800 meter relay - 1:38.93	
2. Christy, long jump - 6.45 meters	
3. Olson, shot put - 14.08 meters	

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Men's Basketball



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With a win, the Falcons can guarantee themselves their first WIAC conference title since 1950. It won't be easy, as the Pioneers beat UW-RF 57-56 back on Jan. 17. The Falcons were up four in that game with 10 seconds to play and lost on a buzzer-beating three-pointer by Brad Reitzner.

VARSITY SPORTS WEEK

Friday, Feb. 20

Swimming	at Oshkosh	10 a.m.
Track and Field	at Stout	4 p.m.
Men's Hockey	vs. Eau Claire	7:05 p.m. **

Saturday, Feb. 21

Swimming	at Oshkosh	10 a.m.
Men's Basketball	vs. Platteville	5 p.m. **
Women's Basketball	vs. Platteville	7 p.m.
Men's Hockey	vs. Eau Claire	7:05 p.m. **

Monday, Feb. 23

Women's Basketball	at WIAC First Round	7 p.m. **
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Tuesday, Feb. 24

Men's Basketball	vs. WIAC First Round	7 p.m. **
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Wednesday, Feb. 25

Women's Basketball	at WIAC semi-finals	7 p.m.
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Thursday, Feb. 26

Men's Basketball	vs. WIAC semi-finals	7 p.m. **
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** Indicates game is broadcast live on WRFW

Track teams excel at Falcon Invite

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls men placed second and the women fourth at the Coca-Cola track & field Invitational held Saturday afternoon at the Knowles Building.

In the men's meet St. Cloud won with a score of 197 followed by River Falls with 115, Bethel 110, Augsburg 88, Minnesota 81, Superior 34, Northwestern 23, St. Mary's 13 and North Central 13.

In the women's meet Winona won with a 193, followed by St. Benedict 117.3, St. Cloud 108.3, River Falls 100, Augsburg 55, St. Mary's 51.5, Bethel 29.5, Superior 20.3, St. Catherine 14, Northwestern 6 and North Central 4.

For the men, Michael Zander placed fifth in the 400m in 51.84. In the 600m Dan Booth placed third in 1:25.4 and Jake Kocak placed fifth in 1:26.96. Scott Reise placed third in the 800m in 2:01.3 and Matt Dalrymple placed fifth in 2:10.84. Ben Kirmse finished in 4:11.04 in the 1500m and placed second. Jason Quarford placed sec-

ond in the 5000m in 16:28.94. In the long jump Clint Christy placed third with a leap of 21-2 and Gregg Greene placed fourth with a leap of 20-8 1/2. In the shot put, Erik Olson was the top Falcon finisher with a put of 46-2 1/2 and a third place finish. Steve Berg placed fifth in the shot with a put of 39-1. Andy Poterucha placed fifth in the high jump with a 6-0 effort.

For the women, Stephanie Dura won the shot put with a put of 44-11. Jill Crandall also placed first in the high jump with a leap of 5-6, a NCAA provisional qualifying leap. Jen Leis placed second in the weight throw with a 50-7 1/4 effort, also a provisional qualifying effort. Sara Rudesill placed fifth in the 600m in 1:47.44. Amanda Kozinsky placed fourth in the 800m in 2:27.15 and Amy Schultz placed fifth in 2:28.73. Marian Christen placed second in the 1000m in 3:09.9 and Angela Kveene placed fourth in the 1500m in 5:14.78. Tiff Reber placed second in the 55m hurdles in 8.78. Kiah Sagami placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 17-3 1/2. Gina Anderson placed fifth in the pole vault with a vault of 10-6 3/4. It was a NCAA provisional qualifying effort.

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was awesome," Hovet added. "Team-wise the intensity and focus was there. We're a much better basketball team than our record reflects."

Saturday the Falcons dropped an 79-71 decision to UW-Whitewater.

The Falcons fell behind the Warhawks 34-22 in the first half and 43-26 early in the second.

A 17-4 run during a six-minute stretch later in the half narrowed the gap to four points at 47-43. Eric Effle scored eight points

during the Falcon run.

The Falcons ran out of gas and the Warhawks made 8-10 free throws down the stretch to secure the win.

Effle led the Falcons with 28 points on 11-18 shooting. Lindman scored 12 points and grabbed six rebounds while Olsen chipped in with 11 points and four assists. Astedt led the Falcons with eight rebounds.

The Falcons close out their regular season Saturday against Platteville at 7 p.m. at the Karges Center. They defeated Platteville 58-55 on Jan. 17.

The Falcons need a win to stay afloat in the race for the No. 8 seed in the WIAC tournament.

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rest of the team was struggling last week.

Eric who?

C.J. Becker played the first 37 minutes of the Whitewater game like he'd missed the bus, then

all of a sudden he was gravy.

The Falcons are suddenly stone-faced in clutch situations. Their weaknesses early have become their strengths of late.

What if the Falcons never would have lost those early games by making crucial mistakes?

I don't know. What if?

What if?

M. Hockey
from B1

started off the scoring at 1:55 in the first on a power play. Aaron Degerness and Jess Johnson assisted on the play. Sikich netted his seventh goal of the season with assists from Aaron Venasky and Rob Novak at 6:22. The Pointers scored their only goal of the night at 9:53 on the power play.

In the second period, Johnson scored an unassisted goal at 12:48. Steve Moe netted his eighth of the season at 14:02 with assists from Novak and Venasky. Just 18 seconds later, Murphy netted his team-leading 12th goal of the season with assists going to Steinert and Elsen.

Steinert put the puck home at 4:22 in the third period with Murphy and Elsen assisting. It was Elsen's turn at 15:24 while on the power play. He scored his ninth of the year off assists from Degerness and Johnson. With less than a minute remaining, freshman Jared Sailer netted his third with Cory Lennartson and

Nate Hansen assisting.

The Falcons were 2-7 on the power play while the Pointers were 1-3. UW-SP served nine penalties for 26 minutes including a game misconduct while the Falcons served four totaling eight minutes.

UW-SP goalie Ryan Scott stopped 33 of 41 Falcon shots. Scanlon saved 12 of 13 Pointer shots while Dan Meneghin picked up four saves in the third period. Meneghin replaced Scanlon after he made a tough save on a breakaway. He stretched his groin a little too much on the play and Freeman took him out to keep him from injuring it further.

Sophomores Scanlon (9-2-3) and Meneghin (8-2-1) will begin the push for the Peters Cup against the Bugolds Feb. 20-21 at Hunt Arena. The puck will drop at 7:05 p.m. on what could be the team's last home games this year.

"I hope everyone comes out for these two games," Freeman said. "They should be good games. Eau Claire proved that they can play with us. It will be a very emotional match-up. Playoff hockey is always do or die."

saves and improved her record to 9-1 this year. The Falcons had 47 shots on goal.

On Sunday, Paulson scored the only goal of the game at 13:02 of the third period. It was her 11th goal of the year. She was assisted by Emily Nierenhausen. The Falcons outshot the Foresters 38-17. UW-RF had 13 shots in the first two periods and 12 in the third. UW-

RF finished 0-4 on the power-play while Lake Forest was 0-1. The Falcons were called for four minor penalties while Lake Forest was called for six.

Yaeger made 17 saves to record the win. It was her second shutout of the year.

The NCHA tournament will be held Feb. 28-29 at either Superior or Stevens Point.

W. HOCKEY
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made it a 3-1 game when Erin McGrath scored at 16:08.

Falcon goalie Amber Lindner made eight

M. BBALL
from B1

Kossoris tied his one-week old career-high of 11 points and pulled down five rebounds. Micah Helfrey scored eight points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished out five assists. C.J. Becker, playing through a case of mononucleosis, scored five points, grabbed six rebounds and handed out six assists. Melzer led the Falcons with 11 rebounds to complete the double-double.

If Melzer was contained Tuesday, he ruptured Saturday night at Whitewater. The senior scored the first 13 Falcon points on his way to 36 on the night, which moved him past Dean Cook into second all-time on the

UW-RF scoring list. He now has 2,285 points.

The Warhawks kept a revolving door of defenders coming off of their bench to try to stop him but Melzer's aggressive play got 6-foot 8-inch Angelo Griffin into early foul trouble. With Griffin on the bench, Melzer had his way in the lane.

After the Warhawks jumped out to an early 11-4 lead, the Falcons battled back to go ahead 13-11 on a jumper by Melzer.

The Warhawks tied the game 13-13 which sent the Falcons on an 11-2 run to build the biggest lead of the first half at 24-15. The Warhawks carved away at the lead, eventually narrowing it to 33-31 at halftime.

The second half featured 10 ties and seven lead changes as neither team could open up more

than a four point lead. Each time the Falcons would score the Warhawks found an answer.

With six minutes remaining and Melzer on the bench with four fouls, the Warhawks had a chance to extend their lead. Four missed free throws kept the Falcons in it and bought enough time to rest Melzer.

With three minutes left and the Falcons still trailing by one, Becker and Helfrey emerged from the Falcon backcourt.

Becker scored five points in the final two minutes and Helfrey hit a jumper and two free throws.

After Melzer hit a jumper to put the Falcons on top 71-70, the Warhawks failed to score and Becker was put on the line with 11 seconds to play. He made the first and missed the second.

The Warhawks opted to go for

the tie with a two-point shot. Griffin got the ball in the post, worked against Melzer and put up a shot that hung on the rim for what seemed like an eternity, and missed.

"When the ball rolled off the rim, I just couldn't believe it," Bowen said. "I couldn't believe we won the ball game."

Along with Melzer's 36 points, he pulled down eight rebounds and blocked two shots. Helfrey scored 15 points and handed out six assists. Becker and Jeff Holt scored seven points each.

The Falcons final regular season game is Saturday at 5 p.m. when they play host to UW-Platteville. If the Falcons win, they will be the No. 1 seed in the WIAC post-season tournament.

Win or lose, they will play at home Tuesday night.

TOP PERFORMERS

Rich Melzer
Men's BasketballErin Effle
Women's Basketball

Melzer was named the WIAC player of the week after averaging 34 points and 8.5 rebounds in two conference road wins. Saturday at Whitewater, Melzer scored 36 points and moved into second on the all-time scoring list at UW-RF.

Forward Erin Effle had two strong games for the Falcons last week in two losses at UW-Superior and UW-Whitewater. She scored a season-high 28 points at UW-W, and shot 65 percent from the field in the two games.

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ACTORS INVOKE DEEP THOUGHT IN 'COPENHAGEN'



"Copenhagen" cast members (left to right) Nathan Messina-Anderson, who plays Werner Heisenberg; Bradley Jennings, who plays Niels Bohr; and Marissa Olson, who plays Margarethe Bohr will perform the play Feb. 26-28 and March 4-6 at the Blanche Davis Theatre. It is a mystery about an undocumented meeting among three colleagues who developed quantum theory but were in opposition about World War II.

Shannan Allen
Staff Writer

Starting Feb. 26, the University Theatre will begin performing "Copenhagen," a fictional play revolving around a historical event. "Copenhagen," written by Michael Frayn, focuses on three former partners in the development of nuclear fusion who have found themselves on separate sides of World War II. But the play has a strange twist. The characters are dead.

Professor Jim Zimmerman, who is directing the play, said it is more than just a history lesson.

"It's a fascinating examination on philosophical thought and what we are able to perceive or not able to perceive," Zimmerman said.

The play has three characters, Niels Bohr, Margarethe Bohr and Werner Heisenberg. Bohr and Heisenberg were close friends and colleagues. The two men were instrumental in the development of quantum theory but found themselves on opposite sides of World War II. In 1941, the Bohrs and Heisenberg arranged a meeting in Copenhagen. What occurred at that meeting was never documented and remains a mystery to this day.

In "Copenhagen," the characters try to solve this mystery and in the meantime, question why we do what we do.

Zimmerman initially suggested performing the play and was selected as its director. He felt the play would add to the variety of shows the theatre would perform

this season by offering comedies with dramas.

"If you like to come to the theater and think, this is a wonderful show," Zimmerman said. "It's like an onion, you just keep peeling away the layers."

Nathan Messina-Anderson, who plays Heisenberg in the production, agreed.

"If you're looking for a light-hearted comedy, or even a light-hearted drama, you shouldn't come," Messina-Anderson said. "But if you want to use your brain and think really hard, then come."

Zimmerman said one of the things that makes the play so complex and interesting is the inclusion of so many areas of life.

"It employs all the liberal arts, sciences, history, music, art, of course, theater," Zimmerman said. "It's like a capstone class in liberal arts rolled into two hours of entertainment."

Messina-Anderson said the complexity of the play also affected the cast's performance as rehearsals went on. He said sometimes thinking too hard about a certain aspect of the play would lead to a change in the way he portrayed his character.

"It affects your performance and the way you perceive things," Messina-Anderson said.

Bradley Jennings, who plays Niels Bohr, said it was up to the cast members to change their characters to fit their perceptions of the play.

"You get into the psyche of these people and wonder if they're thinking of past, present

or future," Jennings said. "It's so open to interpretation every time you look at it."

To help deal with all the complexities of the play the cast received some lessons and tips from various sources. Monika Johansson from the modern language department gave them tips in German pronunciation. Eileen Korenic from the physics department and Dr. Ed Peterson from the history department helped out with the scientific and historical aspects of the play.

Messina-Anderson said those lessons were a big help, especially considering that Korenic is also an actor and Peterson once met Heisenberg.

Despite the training the cast underwent, Jennings said the play will not be hard for people to follow, even if they aren't familiar with the story's background.

"The beauty of this play is not only in the wording," Jennings said. "It's also in the fact that it's both intellectual and easy to understand. Once the actors understand they can make the audience understand. Most of the audience will probably come out feeling a lot smarter."

As an added supplement to the play there will also be a discussion offered opening night, at 4 p.m. The discussion, which is free, will feature Zimmerman, Korenic, and Peterson as speakers to give insight into the theatrical, scientific and historical aspects of the play. Each will give a 15-minute presentation followed by a question and answer period. Those who attend will receive a coupon for a dollar off a show ticket.

"It will enrich the exposure to the show itself and be a lot of fun," Zimmerman said.

"Copenhagen" runs from Feb. 26-28 and March 4-6 at 8 p.m. at the Blanche Davis Theatre in the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building.

Love of music never quits for one organist

Ryan Cardinal
Assistant Sports Editor

Most UW-River Falls students have probably never heard of Kathryn Moen, who teaches applied organ for the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). If they do know her, they'd see a person who has travelled the world playing and learning music and is continuing to pursue her love of music.

"This is my life and I love it," Moen said. "When dealing with music, you can never really retire, since you're always involved with it."

On Feb. 26, Moen will be playing the pipe organ as part of the Thursday Musical of Minneapolis series, a bi-weekly performance done by professionals from October to April. The free show will be at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 1200 Marquette Ave. in Minneapolis.

A resident of Roseville, Minn., Moen officially retired about 15 years ago from playing but still plays nearly each week as a fill-in at Lutheran churches in the Twin Cities. Most of her time is

spent at Ezekiel Lutheran Church on South Second Street in River Falls.

Moen, along with three other organists, will perform from 10:30 a.m. to noon. She will be playing from three pieces of music.

CAS Dean Gordon Hedahl is very thankful of what Moen brings to UW-RF.

"She brings an incredible richness of experience and knowledge of the organ and its capabilities," Hedahl said. "She seems to sincerely enjoy her work with our students, and all reports indicate that the students are very appreciative of the learning experiences that she provides."

Moen has been teaching pipe organ at UW-RF since 1975. She is considered a visiting professor and only teaches on a private basis. Before coming to UW-RF, Moen traveled to Norway with scholarships to study music.

"I actually studied the cello while in Norway, which was a great experience," Moen said.

In the early 1970s, Moen travelled to Paris and then to the Netherlands to study the pipe organ.

"There were 60 people from around the world studying there (the Netherlands), and it was very specialized since the teachers were all famous musicians from around Europe," Moen said.

Moen said perhaps her best experience came while studying in Prague in the former nation of Czechoslovakia, where she spent several weeks learning in a communist country.

"I was the only American there and most of the others were from communist countries," Moen said. "It was a very gloomy time for them, and you could see it in their faces."

Moen said their emotion was very evident in the music, and you could see and feel the oppression.

After hearing that music, she compiled her own recording of it, Czech Organ Music and released it in 1986.

At her performance Feb. 26, Moen will be playing a piece from a Nigerian composer, the late Fela Sowande, who also helped write the Nigerian national anthem.

"His music is very unique and it also helps tie in with February being Black History Month," Moen said.

She will also be playing a form of "Lord of the Dance" from John Burge, a famous Canadian composer, as well as a song by another Canadian, Denis Bedard, entitled "Variation on the Old Hundredth."

Carol Bjorlie, a lecturer at UW-RF and teaches String Techniques with the cello and Music Appreciation, said it's a privilege to know Moen.

"She has verve, joy of life, and a love of adventure. She is as generous with her Scandinavian cooking as she is her jolly laugh," Bjorlie said.

For more information about Moen's lessons call 425-3183.

City not as safe as assumed

College students can't take blame for all the crime

Living in a small town, I believe we are often lured into a false sense of security. No one wants to disturb the image of quaint little River Falls, with tree-lined streets and a downtown area that hasn't been updated in at least 30 years.

KARYN NELSON To find out the horrible things that happen, read the newspaper. Even in the *Student Voice* Public Safety Report, there is underage drinking, vandalism and theft. When I lived on campus, my car received \$300 worth of damage from someone's key in O-lot.

But college students get blamed for more than their share of trouble in this town. Admittedly, we probably bring more incidents like drunken driving, noise disturbances and disorderly conduct, but city residents contribute as well.

For example, as mayor of

River Falls, shouldn't Eric Amundsen be a model citizen? I wouldn't call him that. Not after two separate criminal trials stemming from incidents while he was serving the city. One of the incidents involved UW-RF students, so I wouldn't be surprised if they took the brunt of the blame in some residents' minds.

Various residents may believe UW-RF students are invading River Falls. But what about residents raiding campus? It was just a few semesters ago when local youth—some who may have been in high school—reeked havoc on O-lot, slashing tires and busting out windows.

I recently got a good taste of residents invading my own apartment building. Living primarily with college students, I had enjoyed living here despite the occasional drunks making their presence known in the parking lot below. Generally, I believed my building was safe.

Then I received a call from a River Falls police officer. They found a charge card bearing my

name in someone else's possession at the high school. I looked in the backseat of my car to discover a case of CDs, two purses missing. One contained my passport and the charge card in question, a total value of more than \$400.

The alleged thief is my 15-year-old female neighbor, who took the items from my unlocked car in my locked garage. After speaking with my landlord, I learned things had been disappearing from cars since last June. One of my roommates also lost a CD case last fall.

Students on or off campus, and city residents all need to be more careful. Per capita, I would guess River Falls has just as many incidents as the next town but what makes it more vulnerable is the explosive growth rate.

With more people comes more diversity: ethnically, economically and criminally. We want to keep that small town mindset but we need to learn how to live in a city. I still believe River Falls is safe for residents and students alike but we can't be as trusting as we used to.

After the WCCO investigative report last fall, administrators said the campus would begin locking doors to the dorms 24 hours a day. For the safety of students, let's get that ball rolling.

"This is my life and I love it. When dealing with music, you can never really retire, since you're always involved with it."

Kathryn Moen
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Nicaraguan professors learn techniques, culture, share ideas with CAFES professors



Five visiting professors deal with cold and missing their culture to learn about UW-RF.

Lucas Pokorny
Staff Writer

On Jan. 18th five Nicaraguan professors from the Universidad Nacional Agraria (UNA) came to UW-River Falls to participate in an exchange program with the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES). The professors will stay until March 5th.

The five professors participating in the program are Matilde Samorriba, Bryan Mendieta, Pedro Torrez, Ricardo Araicia and Gerardo Murillo.

Each professor has a mentor from UW-RF. UW-RF CAFES professors: Kelly Cain, Lou Greub, Don Taylor, Dennis Cooper, Lewi May and Nate Splett will each mentor one of the Nicaraguan professors.

The five Nicaraguan professors will shadow the mentors, sit in during classes, gather sources of information, conduct classes, meet with labs, work on research and work with student organizations.

Mendieta said they had three goals in this program: to learn academic techniques, share ideas with faculty about Nicaragua and learn more about the American culture.

The program is directed by the chair of animal and food science Anthony Jilek and retired professor Jerry Nolte.

Jilek has been working with UNA for 20 years and said he saw an opportunity to get a grant for a mentor program. He wrote a grant but got rejected, so he wrote a second and third grant. The third grant was accepted.

According to Jilek, the program will have seven Nicaraguan professors come to UW-RF and then about seven UW-RF professors will go to Nicaragua in May and June.

The professors from UW-RF that will go to Nicaragua are Jilek, Taylor, Cooper, Greub, Butler, Olson and Mike Crotser from the

Plant and Earth Science department.

According to the Institutional Partnerships Program Annual Progress Report, an objective is to have mentoring relations continue for a number of years via e-mail and travel.

"They will go home with experiences that are not attainable any other way," Jilek said.

The Nicaraguan professors said the hardest thing, was adapting to the cold. In Nicaragua the weather is about 90 degrees warmer.

"It's beautiful," Mendieta said. "I never saw snow before."

However, the Nicaraguans have adapted to the snow.

Mendieta said they walked all the way to ShopKo and back without being bothered by the cold.

"Just observing them with the cold is an unique experience," Jilek said.

The Nicaraguans recently went snowmobiling, attended the Ice Palace in the Twin Cities and went ice fishing.

"We don't have any ice back home, except for the ice on the fridge," Mendieta said.

Samorriba and the other professors said snowmobiling was a great experience.

Because the Nicaraguans have never experienced cold weather before, they had no winter clothes. Therefore, Jilek and Nolte donated all the hats, gloves, jackets and sweaters, Murillio said.

When comparing UW-RF to UNA, Samorriba said there is little difference.

Just like Nicaraguan students, UW-RF students on the first day of school, are shy about answering questions.

The only big difference, Samorriba noticed was here we have a lot of computers and reading material.

One thing, Samorriba said she got out of the experience was how some classes have competitions that help the kids learn better. Samorriba said she was going to use this technique back home because she thinks it's a great way for students to learn.

Mendieta agreed.

However, Mendieta also said they are looking for grants to improve the classes and get more supplies.

Another difference that Mendieta noticed was that UW-RF has more students compared to UNA. He also noticed that everything here is on a schedule, but at UNA not every thing is scheduled.

Mendieta said his country is much poorer than the United States.

"In our chest we are similar," Mendieta said. "We may be dark skin but behind we are all the same."

Another difference that Torrez noticed was that in Nicaragua there were always people out in the streets, where here everybody is inside by 6 p.m. He also said that in Nicaragua the students are always dancing, sharing and working.

"There's so much activity," Torrez said.

Murillio said there are three things every young person should do: first they should be a student, second they should be dating and third they should be playing.

All five professors said one of the hardest things about this program was being away from their families.

Murillo celebrated his 41st birthday Feb. 10.

Murillo said it was different because in Nicaragua they spend birthdays dancing with their families. Because he was away from home, he celebrated with the other Nicaraguan professors.

The Nicaraguan professors have spent most of their free time with UW-RF faculty's families where they had dinner, went snowmobiling, and visited Hudson and St. Paul.

Samorriba said she enjoys going to the families' houses because she shares stories about the Nicaraguan culture with them.

Mendieta said this has been a wonderful amazing experience for him.

"Beautiful people, beautiful place, happy people," Mendieta said.

Jilek said the program is going well.

"From a director's stand point the results are better than we could have expected," Jilek said.

"They will go home with experiences that are not attainable any other way."

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Anthony Jilek
Chair of Animal and Food Science

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The Limbo was an event at last year's bash.

The Annual Beach Bash (sponsored by Prucha Hall, and East/West Area Council) is coming up fast. The dance floor will be covered in sand and Casey Rentmeester will be the DJ. There will be games, food and prizes including two \$300 travel vouchers, two \$100 Mall of American gift cards, a \$50 Best Buy gift card, a \$50 Target gift card and more. Tickets will be on sale Feb. 18-24 in Rodli from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. and the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

EVENTS

International Film
Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m.
Fee: Free
Location: CSH 271
Inch Allah Dimanche, a film set in the 1970s in France that depicts and example of a family that is rejoined.

B96 Dance Party
Feb. 25, 8 p.m. to midnight
Fee: Free
Location: Brandy's, Student Center
DJ Eric James will be spinning some tunes for students to come dance the night away. Come boogie.

African Drummer
Feb. 26, 3-3:50 p.m.
Fee: Free
Location: Abbott Concert Hall
UW-RF graduate Sosthenes Kwasi is offering an interactive drumming presentation. He will perform and share stories. Concert goers will be encouraged to join him in playing as well. The event is sponsored by the Wyman Fund.

HOROSCOPES

By staff psychic Rachel Gaynor who's slowly learning the fine art of being cynical and ornery

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Saying goodbye is hard to do. Especially when one of your best friends is leaving. Let's face it, you both grew apart and seven months really isn't that long. Maybe you can find other friends to put up with your crap. Maybe not.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Once again you had too many mixers at the bar and can't really remember the last part of your night. After you're done puking up something you ate earlier that you aren't really sure what it is, make sure you use a breath mint or try to rinse your mouth before you kiss someone.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Walking through a cloud of smoke disgusts you when people smoke right next to the door. But you'd be walking through smoke if the smokers were 25 feet away, right? Hold your breath and remember it's their cancer, not yours. Let them worry about that, you have more important things to do with your time.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Work presents you with many troubles this week. Your boss is a pain in the neck and you are getting scheduled too much. Pick a busy night and call all the people you know and inform them of a pretend special that really isn't running so the business picks up at a humongous rate. Call in sick that day, then your boss will realize how valuable you really are.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Senior-itis is hitting you really bad right now even though you may not be a senior. You find it really hard to attend class and finish your work on time. When skipping class make sure you justify it with yourself by saying that you're just too busy. Then you won't feel bad when you get an F.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

The warm weather is bringing out feelings of springtime and love. Don't you remember what I said last week? Love is for saps. Forget about it before you wind up getting hurt again. It will happen; you aren't lucky in love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You are getting ready for spring break by hitting the tanning salons to get a base tan before you go. The bulbs will burn you and it will hurt really bad. Your body feels like it is on fire. Don't worry, your lobster shade of red will tone down if you find a hot-tie to rub lotion on your body.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You have noticed a kid in your class who cannot keep his mouth shut when he feels he has something important to say that really has nothing to do with anything in the class. A good way to shut him up and practice your aim at the same time is to sit within throwing distance and throw a random object in the middle of one of his ramblings. It will keep him quiet, at least when he is trying to take whatever you have thrown out of his mouth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

All of your hard work is not paying off. Just face it. You have never really accomplished anything worthwhile. Try being a quitter. You're good at that. Besides, anything else takes too much effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Secrets don't make friends but they make for some really funny inside jokes. Just watch who you tell your secret to. If you tell the wrong person, or too many people, all hell will break loose and it will be chaos.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

You have no job, no friends and don't go to class. Nothing in your life is going right. The least you could do is pick yourself off the couch and try. Though it may take a little more effort than reaching for the remote, you will feel better about your miserable life in the end, I promise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

It is the end of the week and clean laundry is hard to find in your pile of clothes on your bed, floor and anywhere else you have strewn them. Using body spray to make them smell better is OK, but just don't be that person that wears way too much cologne/perfume and people can smell you coming from a mile away.

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