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Hard Times undercutting new campus project

Half of all papers not being taken

Anne Cloeter
Viewpoints Editor

Though *The New York Times* pilot program at UW-River Falls is off to a slow start this semester, the University hopes to increase the newspaper's readership here as faculty and students become accustomed to using it in the classroom.

Returns for UW-RF are a little higher than average for a university but Paul Wilson, education manager at *The New York Times*, said high return rates aren't unusual for the first stage of a pilot program.

The return rate average is slightly higher than 50 percent, leaving plenty of room for improvement at UW-RF.

"It takes awhile to work out the kinks and find the best way to distribute the paper," Wilson said.

The pilot started with six professors using the *Times* in the classroom. A few more professors have joined the program within its seven-week existence.

"Obviously [the pilot] has had a positive effect early on," Interim Chancellor Ginny Coombs said. "I'm pleased and we definitely want to continue it next year."

Many faculty members are cur-

rently trying to help lower return numbers and increase readership by using *The New York Times* as an educational tool in the classroom.

Political science professor MaCherie Placide uses the newspaper in two of her classes and finds that it provides students with another resource besides a textbook.

"Using *The New York Times* gives us the opportunity to talk about current events relative to politics," Placide said. "Given this is [an] election year, there have been a lot of articles related to things studied in political science."

Not only can students learn more directly about politics by coverage of the presidential election, they can also make connections between history and current events.

"This helps students see that what they're learning connects to the real world," said Kurt Leichtle, history professor who also uses *The New York Times* in some of his classes. "The *Times* opens a window for students to be more engaged with the world."

In Leichtle's film history class, he found a series of articles writ-

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WINDS AND STRINGS RING IN THE SPRING



Photo by Eric Ebert

UW-RF students as well as students from around the community congregated on the Student Center mall April 28 and 29 for the annual Unity in the Community event. This year's event, "U better recognize," celebrated diversity in the community. The two-day event featured global jazz, Dungen Trio, Latin Sounds Trio, flamenco dance music and Native American storytelling. The event wrapped up April 29 with comedian Preacher Moss' End of Racism Comedy Tour at North Hall.

Window debate far from sealed up

Rachel Gaynor
Offbeat Editor

Sitting in an office working on a warm spring day is the last thing that most people want to do. To remedy the anxiousness of getting outside some people like to crack open a window to feel a breeze, smell blooming flowers and hear birds chirping in the spring.

However, cracking a window might not be an option for some offices in North Hall depending on the outcome of a new project set to replace all its windows.

One possibility being considered by UW-River Falls facilities engineer Jim Murphy would be installing fixed — or unopenable — windows in order to increase efficiency.

The existing windows in North Hall can be opened but are more than 30 years old. The

windows in place are succumbing to three decades' worth of wear and tear.

"The project was done before and it was done cheaply," Murphy said.

North Hall had two main renovations done in the earlier part of the 1900s, leaving two different window sizes and finishes.

In all, 346 windows in North Hall will be replaced. The windows are in classrooms and offices throughout the building and many people have opinions about what kind of windows will be put in place of the existing windows.

Murphy said right now the windows are not the best for conserving energy which is something that the University takes very

seriously.

"UW-River Falls is one of the best campuses at conserving energy," said facilities director Waldo Hagen.

The state has already approved funding for the project, but the North Hall window replacement isn't the only project in the budget. This project will also replace the exterior doors on the east and west side of South Hall and the doors of KFA. The total budget is more than \$1 million and includes architect fees and supervision of construction as well as the building materials. Murphy said the aluminum on the

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Victims of violence honored at Take Back the Night rally



File photo

Turnout for the eighth annual Take Back the Night rally has averaged about 150 people. This year's event was attended by about 30 people. Organizers cited the Laramie Project play as a possible reason for the disparity in numbers.

Ryan Cardinal
Assistant Sports Editor

On April 22, UW-River Falls played host to the eighth annual River Falls area Take Back the Night event, designed to end vio-

lence in the community who had been killed by acts of domestic and/or sexual violence. These displays came in two forms; one version was white T-shirts decorated by

Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women.

O'Neel said the shirts are done annually by the group to bring awareness to the issue. The ones displayed were from 2000

"There is still domestic and sexual violence happening all the time. Events such as this are great to get people involved."

Teresa O'Neel
UW-RF Gender Equity Council chair

and 2001, and featured artwork from Twin Cities artists. The Council is also starting up a T-shirt collection done by UW-RF students.

"There are four shirts done

The event, which was funded by donations and student fees,

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Ceremonies recognize students, faculty

Micheal Foley
Assistant Editor

With year-end award ceremonies from April 13 to April 28, UW-River Falls celebrated the achievements of students, faculty and staff. Each college held its own formal reception or banquet to showcase its brightest people but the University-wide award reception was the first to take place.

On April 13 at the Rodli Commons River Room, Interim

Chancellor Ginny Coombs held the UW-River Falls award reception to honor the 2004 Chancellor's Award Recipients for students, classified staff and academic staff.

Student recipients were JoAnna L. Arguello, Brandon Bruder, Amanda Bryan, Ashley Hawke, Mindy Naef and Angela Roggenbuck. Lurene Johnson from central stores and Monica Voiles from admissions were given the classified staff awards and Admissions Director Alan

Tuchtenhagen brought home the academic staff award.

Also recognized were psychology professor Brad Caskey as the Advisor of the Year and history professor Ed Peterson as the Distinguished Teacher of the Year.

University scholarship winners were recognized at each college's reception. Financial Assistance Director Dave Woodward said the University gave students nearly \$338,000 in scholarship money for the 2004-

05 school year. He said the figure was divided into more than 400 different scholarships.

CAFES

The College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) held its annual awards banquet April 20. After a dinner CAFES Dean Stephen Ridley presented the award for Distinguished Agriculturalist to Virgil Martinson. Other key awards were the Dr. Earl Hildebrand Memorial Award, given to the outstanding senior in the college, and the CAFES Outstanding Teacher Award.

Ag engineering professor Jerry Nechville received the Outstanding Teacher Award and Brenda Johnson, a senior environmental science major, received the Hildebrand Award.

The college also took a moment to remember Chancellor Ann Lydecker, who died in a March 25 car crash, by naming a new cultivar of plum after her. The plum was developed by horticulture professor Brian Smith and the name was recommended by plant and earth science professor Terry Ferriss.

Ferriss said she thought the plum should be named Lydecker "because she stood for excellence" and because "she moved this institution forward in a difficult time for higher education."

COEPS

The College of Education and Professional Studies (COEPS) met at the Rodli Commons River



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

College of Arts and Sciences Dean Gorden Hedahl greeted Associate Dean Nicholas Karolides in front of the newly-created CAS awards wall on the first floor in KFA.

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BRIEFS

Jammin' with RF Live and Mr. Sticky

Get free food from River Falls Live, Channel 19. The last show of the year will be filmed outside KFA May 5 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Meet Student Senators

Student Senate will be host to an annual end of the year get-together for students and members of the Senate May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center. Show up to meet with senators, offer comments, enjoy snacks and hang out.

Journalism Service-Learning Projects

The campus community is invited to a presentation of service-learning projects from the UW-RF Journalism 261 Public Relations Methods class on May 2 from 5:45 to 8:45 p.m. in 141, KFA. Refreshments will be served.

Honors Recital

The UW-RF Music Department would like to invite the public to an Honors Recital, May 8 at 3 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall, KFA. Performers include student instrumentalists and vocalists, all nominated by instructors and selected through an audition by a panel of judges. UW-RF alumna Mary Ella Jerome will be honored for her many contributions made by her philanthropic foundation.

Gay/Straight Alliance Meetings

The Gay/Straight Alliance meetings are a safe place for anyone who is gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning or a straight ally to the GLBTQQ community. Meetings are Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Room of South Hall. For more information contact Gayle Poepping at gayle_poepping@hotmail.com.

Colonial History Tour

The department of history and philosophy invites students to participate in a tour of historical sites on the East Coast this sum-

mer spending three days each in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. The tour leaves River Falls June 20 and returns the morning of July 4. Tour costs of \$1,250 include travel, lodging and entrance fees. Students will earn class credit for the trip, however, a non-credit option is available. Contact David Riggs for more information at david.riggs@uwrf.edu.

Walking for Animals

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 1 at Hoffman Park in River Falls, the Humane Society for Pierce and St. Croix County (HSPSC) is offering a benefit walk for the HSPSC animals. Walkers may choose the one-mile or three-mile walk. Please ask others to sponsor your walk and bring collected donations to the event to help the homeless animals. The fee is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under 12.

Visiting Scholar

Elena Yakushkina, a visiting scholar from Voronezh State University in Voronezh, Russia, will be on campus May 3. At 3:30 p.m. she will make a public presentation, "Teaching Gender to Build a Civil Society" in the Alumni room of the Student Center. Everyone is welcome, refreshments will be served.

Belize Study Tour

Belize presentation. Students who participated in this year's spring break Belize study tour will present a multi-media look at their exciting experience. The presentation will run continuously in the Falcon's Nest of the Student Center from 11-2 p.m. May 5. Everyone is invited.

Intramural Golf Scramble

Spring has sprung and it's time to hit the links. The annual Intramural Golf Scramble, May 5 from 11-4 p.m. at Kilkarney Golf Course. Students, faculty and staff are welcome. To sign up call Kilkarney at 425-8501 to set up a tee time and sign up in the Leadership Center by May 4 at 4 p.m. Spots are limited.

In other Senate news:

•Shared Governance Director Emilee Driscoll said the shared governance banquet that was in the works was cancelled due to lack of interest. Driscoll said her committee didn't feel comfortable spending \$250 of students' money on a banquet that only seven people had reserved space for.

•Cluppert said SAAS and Legislative Affairs have teamed up to work on the Tax Payers Bill of Rights (TABOR). Both committees have been making phone calls and drafting letters to state legislators urging them to vote against TABOR. Sen. Eggers presented information about TABOR to the River Falls City Council at the April 27 meeting.

"They seemed really enthusiastic about working on it with us," Eggers said. "I didn't hear any voice any opinion for TABOR."

•Joan Weirzba, finance director, said there is \$29,740.50 in the Senate account.

•Facilities and Fees Board Chair Amber Horn said the committee is currently working on the Knowles project. They are planning to begin upgrades next October.

•Building crews plan to demolish Ames as soon as the new CHILD care center is completed. Ground breaking for the Student Center should soon follow, Horn said.

•Senators voted 3-6-3 against a motion to combine the diversity issues committee and the women's initiatives committee.

"I feel in theory yes, this looks great on paper," Weinreich said. "Ultimately the person heading up the group has to tie up all the loose ends. I feel that issues might become overlooked."

The next Student Senate meeting will be May 4 in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

Damaged clock tower repaired



The Kleinpell Carillon Tower clock is now back in full operation. Snow from a March storm caused one of the clock's hands to break. Biology professor Doug Johnson and electronics technician Dan Asp found the missing parts.

Photo by Micheal Foley

David Misselt
Staff Writer

Standing as a testament to man's obsession with time, the three faces of the Kleinpell Carillon Tower peer down at passersby from their perch some 40 feet above the ground.

The hours marked by the sound of bells billowing from its electronic lungs.

But even the hardest of structures can succumb to the forces of Mother Nature, and that is what happened to the tower's east-side clock during a March snow storm this year. One of the clock's mighty hands, torn from its anchor during the storm, was found lying on the ground near the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building (KFA) by biology professor Doug Johnson.

The battered hand was turned over to UW-River Falls maintenance staff for some in-house repairs. Unfortunately two crucial parts could not be found in the surrounding snow cover.

Without the lead weight used to assist in the movement of the clock's hands and a small nut used to secure the hand to the clock's face, the needed repair would have been delayed indefinitely while new parts were being fabricated. The repair would have also cost the University hundreds of dollars.

"It's an old clock and many parts are obsolete," UW-RF Building Maintenance Supervisor Greg Koehler said. "It would cost \$200 to \$300 to have a new hand made."

"It's an old clock and many parts are obsolete. It would cost two to three hundred dollars to have a new hand made."

Greg Koehler
building maintenance supervisor

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Scholarly day allows students to showcase research projects

Shannan Allen
Staff Writer

For some UW-River Falls students research is an important part of their college experience. The annual Research, Scholarly

"The UW-RF physics department is great because it has tons and tons of activities for undergraduates to get involved with. It's a chance for students to see where their interests lie."

Patrick Fillmore
physics major

The presentations varied on subjects from Crohn's Disease and home alone safety to the political influences on students studying abroad. For some students this is the first time they've been able to present their find-

ings to others. For some, it's old hat.

Nicole Holm, senior chemistry student has been working on her current research for the past semester, but has been working on similar

research since her sophomore year. She presented the last project she worked on at the University of Minnesota.

Holm said the presentation is

just as much of a life exercise as it is actual research.

"I want to make it readable to non-chemistry people," Holm said. "It's a good idea to be able to translate what you do."

For some students their research is a short-term experience. For others it's been going on for years.

Patrick Fillmore is a physics major who was researching some optical traps off and on for two years. He inherited the four-year-old project from a previous student and will pass it on when he graduates.

Fillmore got involved in his research by attending an event like the RSCA and said the event is a chance for students to see what's available in their discipline.

"The UW-RF physics department is great because it has tons and tons of activities for undergraduates to get involved with," Fillmore said. "It's a chance for

students to see where their interests lie."

Most of the students spend a great deal of time working on their research. Junior Jessica Martin, a biology major, said she spends about 10 hours a week working on her research which she began last fall. Her dedication paid off when she was able to present her research at the National Convention for Undergraduate Research, which was attended by people from all over the country. Martin said events like the RSCA are important because they introduce people to other disciplines.

"It shows people what other students are doing on campus," Martin said.

The research many students work on can be eligible for awards. Fillmore said if the findings are significant enough, it could even get published; a major achievement for any student.

STUDENT SENATE

Fraternity shares concerns about freshman move-in day requirement

Tiffany Shelman
Editor

During the open forum of the April 27 Student Senate meeting, President Matt Schuelke informed fellow senators about a situation members of Theta Chi had approached him about.

In the past, Theta Chi fraternity, other fraternities and campus organizations at UW-River Falls have helped freshmen move into the residence halls in the fall, Schuelke said. It is customary for Theta Chi members and other volunteers to wear shirts supporting their organization during the moving-in process. This year Theta Chi was told that they would be unable to wear their shirts; instead they will be asked to wear a shirt provided to them.

Although there was not a motion about the situation on the table, Schuelke and other senators discussed it at length.

Student Affairs and Academic Services (SAAS) Director Nick Cluppert said the organization should be allowed to wear their letters.

"They're doing something for their sorority or fraternity or any student organization," Cluppert said.

Lisa Weinreich, diversity issues director, agreed with Cluppert.

"We used to wear our nametags when we wanted people to know Student Senate was helping at an event," Weinreich said. "I don't think it's a bad idea to let them wear their title."

As a freshman, Sen. Joe Eggers said he might remember more vividly than the other senators moving into the dorms. He also said allowing student organizations including fraternities and sororities to wear their letters should be allowed.

"When I think about moving in, all I remember is guys in OX shirts and cute girls helping me move in," Eggers said.

Tennis program holding court

Eric A. Page
Staff Writer

For years the UW-River Falls women's tennis team has been playing home matches on a fault line of concrete hardly suitable for a parking lot. With cracks and craters galore, the Falcons' home court advantage had turned into a superstitious person's worst nightmare.

Falcon coach Lee Lueck has spent his better part of the four years at UW-RF penning requests for a new facility. In March, the state approved \$210,400 to construct a new six-court complex beginning this fall.

"It has not been a good situation since my arrival," Lueck said. "We have only had four courts which limited us during practice and hurt our singles players."

With 16 players on the roster, simple math dictates four to a court which has led to strong doubles teams during Lueck's tenure but a lack of court time for singles.

The Crabtree courts had long since given way to basketball and roller hockey when Lueck arrived on campus and the Ames courts are so mangled they have been condemned by the WIAC.

"They should have been shut down a long time ago," Lueck said of the Ames courts. "I was out there last week blowing leaves off the courts and pieces of the surface were blowing away with them."

With the Falcon program hovering in the middle of the pack in the WIAC and its four remaining courts sitting in the shadow of new residence hall complex, Lueck thinks the addition of the new courts will give new life to the program.

"This is a huge step for our program,"



The UW-River Falls tennis team will no longer play on its unsuitable courts. In March \$210,400 was approved to build a new six-court complex this fall on the former Ramer baseball field.

Lueck said. "It will help so much in recruiting. When I bring someone in now, I don't take them anywhere near the courts because it is embarrassing. Now we will have a nice facility as added incentive."

The new facility, which will be built at the Ramer Field complex in place of the old baseball field, will include a viewing stand where fans and parents can have unrestricted view of play. There will be electricity at the site, as

compared to the old courts where an extension cord needed to be run from the dorms.

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Lee Lueck
Tennis coach

Lueck's assistant coach Tim Thum, who also works for Facilities Management, has been assigned to design the new complex. Thum said that having a designer with a background in tennis will help maximize the benefits of the new facility.

"We are going to make sure that everything is in just the right place," Thum said. "The design will make everything more convenient and really help our program."

The courts are scheduled to open for the 2005 season. Lueck said it could be done earlier but they want the ground to settle during the winter to avoid cracking in the future.

The vacancy of the old tennis courts behind Crabtree Hall will leave more court time

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Marijuana found

Cameras help make pot bust

Anne Cloeter
Viewpoints Editor

•An officer was watching UW-RF security cameras in O-Lot April 21. He saw a van pull up and, after reviewing it for a while, suspected the driver to be smoking marijuana. A River Falls police officer was called and approached the van where they found Lorin R. Jacobs, 22, in the driver's seat. Jacobs said he hadn't been smoking but the officer asked to look in the van. Jacobs agreed. The officer found a bag of marijuana and pipes. Jacobs received citations for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•On April 22 Renee N. Vadnais,

19, and Rosalee V. Busker, 19, each received a \$164 disorderly conduct ticket at a party on South Third Street. A verbal agreement led to hair-pulling and scratching until people broke the quarrel up. Vadnais later called the police department to report the incident. However, both females received citations.

•Christopher S. Stenum received a \$77.20 ticket for possession of open container April 24 in the Holiday store parking lot. Stenum passed out in a vehicle with an open pack of beer. Another can was sitting in the center console still cold and nearly full.

•A Public Safety officer was called to Grimin Hall April 25 because a male was seen stumbling in the hallway. When the officer arrived, Christopher J. Delmedico, 18, received a \$243 underage consumption citation

Kid's Night raises money for Habitat

CHILD care center children participate in night of games, fun

Sarah Day
Assistant News Editor

The UW-River Falls Habitat for Humanity sponsored a Kid's Night April 23 from 5 to 10 p.m. in the Creative Hours In Learning Development or (CHILD) care center in the Ames building on campus. Children ages 3 to 10 were invited to participate. This event enabled parents to have a night to themselves.

Deborah Ryan, coordinator of the CHILD care center and Minda Matthys, a licensed lead teacher lead the event. Eleven Habitat for Humanity members who are elementary education and early childhood majors also helped.

Parents dropped off their children between 5 and 6 p.m. and all children had to be picked up by 10 p.m. However, adults were invited to stay and participate.

Amanda Frank, Habitat for Humanity president, said 13 children participated.

The only cost was a donation to the UW-RF Habitat For Humanity. The organization made more than \$200 from the Kid's Night. Money goes to help eliminate poverty housing.

Both Frank and Sarah Brahy, member of Habitat for Humanity, work for the CHILD care center and helped out with Kid's Night.

Frank said this night was planned because there were so many elementary education majors in Habitat for Humanity. And all members agreed it was a good idea for a fundraiser.

"I love kids so it's a fun fundraiser for me," Brahy said.

The night's activities consisted of games, a room for quiet time with movies and stories and snacks. There was also Play Doh and painting for the children. The children could also play outside on the playground.

Frank believes the night was a success.

"The kids had fun while they were there and were each sent home with a fun bag filled with treats," Frank said.

Frank said Habitat members had a good time and many parents contributed to its success by giving donations to the organization.

"It was definitely a success, although I believe it would have been an even greater success had we advertised around the community more," Frank said.

Ryan feels the event was beneficial to the community.

"It was good for the community to see an outreach from the University," Ryan said.

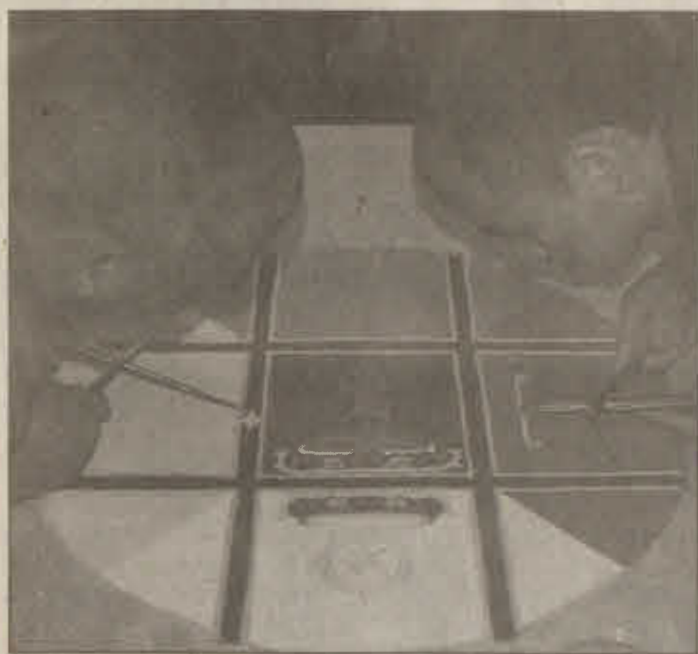
Currently the CHILD center cares for about 50 children with the majority of the parents being either faculty and staff or students at the University.

A few of the children are from the community however.

For Kid's Night, half of the children's parents were not faculty or students at UW-RF and half were.

"It was good for the community to see an outreach from the University."
Deborah Ryan
CHILD care center coordinator

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY



Photos by Teresa Schmitt and Eric Ebert
The UW-River Falls Unity in the Community event was held April 23. The day is designed to embrace cultural, sexual and religious differences and educate the campus about topics such as diversity, discrimination and tolerance. The day was filled with performances, workshops, discussions, presentations and resources.



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The responsibility for finding the missing parts was given to electronics technician Dan Asp, a 16-year UW-RF employee.

"He searched on his hands and knees until he found the missing nut," Koehler said. "Dan takes good care of that clock, he's pretty protective of it."

On April 23, the weather was cooperative enough to allow Asp an opportunity to repair the east-side clock and make necessary adjustments to the others.

Each clock must be adjusted manually from the basement of KFA which takes nearly two hours, Asp said.

The Kleinpell Carillon Tower was built in 1984 at a cost of \$85,000 to honor Dr. Eugene H. Kleinpell who had served as University president from 1946-

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Greg Koehler
building maintenance supervisor

1967. As the University's president, Kleinpell was instrumental in establishing the first UW System foundation - the UW-River Falls Foundation.

In addition to the three clocks, the tower is home to a 400-pound bell which was cast of silver and bronze in 1888, by the Centennial Bell Foundry in Milwaukee.

The UW-RF Foundation purchased the bell in 1984. The bell was then delivered to the Alpha Gamma Rho house, where fraternity members had agreed to polish it "for the princely sum of 1/4 a barrel of the beverage of their choice," according to a 1995 memo from Charles Britson, then director of the UW-RF Foundation.

Time is no longer standing still in front of KFA, at least until the next time a hand falls off one of the clocks.

"This is the third time hands have fallen off," Asp said.

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available to students. Lueck said that will be a noticeable change.

"Everyday when we go out to practice I have to kick kids off the courts and every day when

we are done kids are waiting to come on," he said. "Tennis is taking off, it is growing in popularity and hopefully this will give the students an opportunity to get out and play."

Next season the Falcons scheduled only a third of their matches at home and borrow space from the River Falls School District.

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EDITORIAL

Absent senators need punishment, not leniency

It's time for the UW-River Falls student body to wage war on its imperialistic leaders—the members of the Student Association Student Senate. These Senators are practicing a form of taxation without representation—the same problem that sparked the Revolutionary War.

UW-RF's student senators are busy people as are most full-time college students. If senators can't handle the little bit of extra responsibility it takes to make it to a meeting every week on time, they should step down.

Though senators are in control of student money, some senators don't attend meetings to properly represent student interests. In fact, at its April 27 meeting, not enough senators made it to the meeting to conduct business by the 7 p.m. start time. Senate President Matt Schuelke, obviously put-off by the lack of attendance, quickly realized that at least two-thirds of the voting senators must be present at the meeting for a quorum according to the Student Senate constitution. That means at least 11 of 16 voting senators must be present for students to be properly represented.

Senators pleaded with Schuelke to wait for more senators to show. One even said that the senators should wait because "we wait for professors for 10 minutes, we should wait 10 minutes for senators." Senators Leon Gbee and

Lisa Weinreich arrived within the grace period and the meeting was then conducted.

Though Schuelke showed understanding for the tardy and missing senators, he shouldn't have to. Senators should be responsible enough to make it to their meetings, and on time. If a similar situation occurred on the floor of the U.S. Senate, no votes would be cast and the matter at hand would fall to the wayside.

UW-RF's student senators are busy people as are most full-time college students. If senators can't handle the little bit of extra responsibility it takes to make it to a meeting every week on time, they should step down.

The Senate's constitution states, "A member of the Student Senate is automatically removed from membership after absence from more than two regular meetings without justifiable cause during any term. Justifiable cause shall be determined by the President, subject to the approval of the Student Senate."

This sounds like a fair policy, one that should keep student representatives honest. But in reality the policy is inconsistently enforced. For Schuelke, a justifiable excuse to miss a meeting is easy to come by.

"Almost anything goes besides a really stupid reason like, 'I don't want to show up.' That doesn't fly," Schuelke said.

Perhaps even more disturbing is the Senate's merit/demerit system. The governing body works on a demerit system for excused and unexcused absences. An unexcused absence is two demerits. An accumulation of 10 demerits in one semester will result in removing someone from Senate, Schuelke said.

But Senators have a chance to earn back their merit points by holding additional office hours. Essentially there are no punishments for senators as long as they sit in their office a little more than the one hour per day prescribed by their policy.

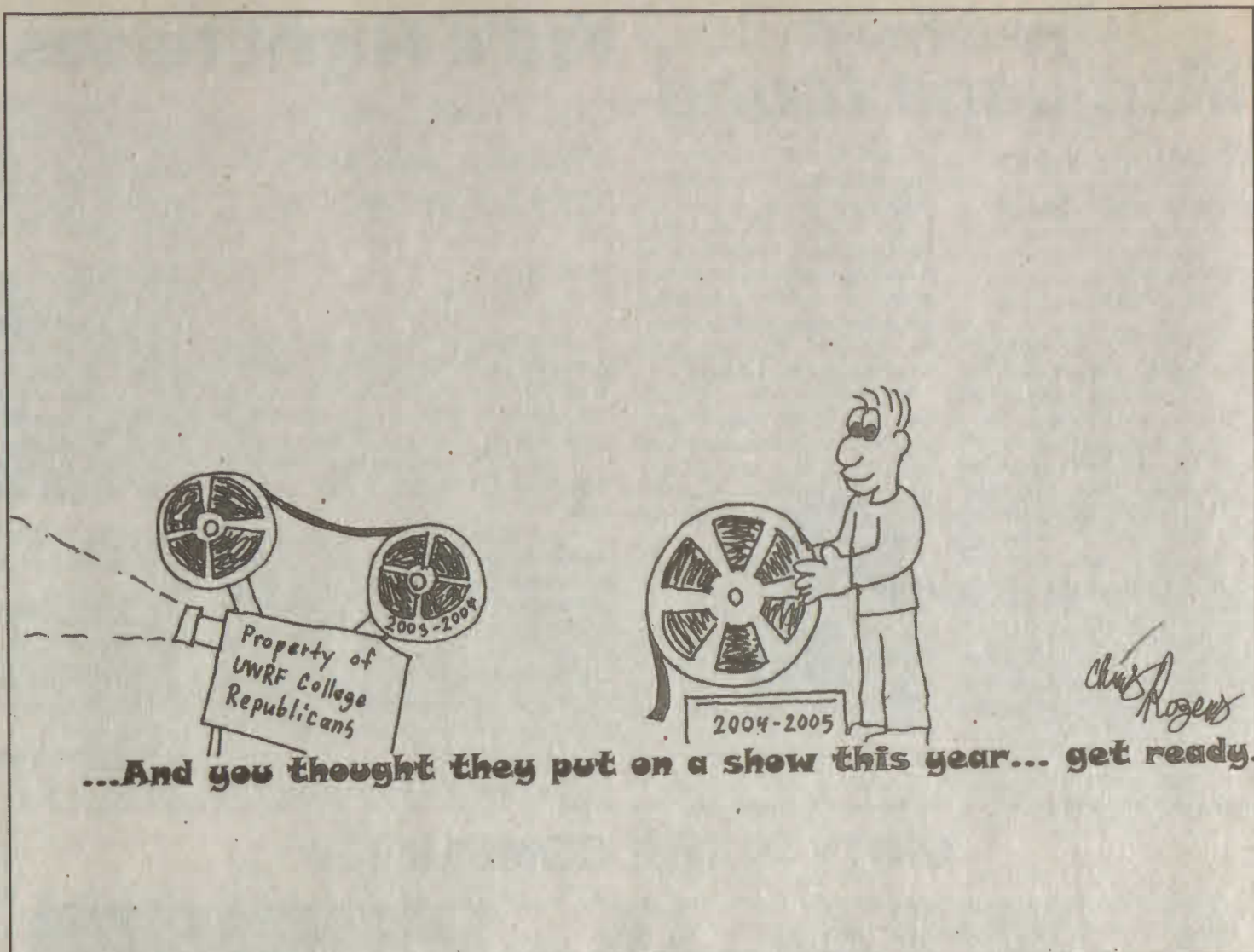
Doing the math shows that a Senator can miss five meetings in a semester as long as they sit in their office a little more than they normally would. Five meetings constitutes about a third of the meetings in any given semester. This is against the constitution which states a senator is "automatically removed" after more than two absences.

The attendance policy is ineffective and needs to be updated, or at least upheld more strictly in the future. The student body deserves better representation for its taxation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democrats sponsor "Class for Kerry" day

May 4 the College Democrats will be sponsoring a "Go to Class for Kerry" Day. It's easy to show your support for presidential hopeful John Kerry — simply show up to class and wear your own "Class for Kerry" Day button. Buttons can be purchased in the Student Center May 3 and May 4.

Mara Bryan, student

Bush chooses to protect polluters

The spring 2004 issue of *The Defender*, a publication of Clean Wisconsin, an environmental advocacy organization, contains an article that describes what may be the most serious case of the Bush Administration caving into polluters' demands.

Clean Wisconsin exposes corporate polluters, makes sure existing environmental laws are enforced and educates citizens and businesses in an effort to protect Wisconsin's clean water and air.

In December 2000, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decided to regulate toxic power plant pollution from every power plant in the country. The administration was under a court-ordered deadline to propose a federal mercury standard for the United States power plants by December 2003 based on the largest possible mercury reduction that is achievable from technology.

The EPA decided on a standard that would achieve a 90 percent reduction in power plant mercury pollution by 2008. Before the new standard was released, the Bush Administration proposed only a 30 percent cut in emissions from coal-fired plants by 2009.

Mercury is a potent neurotoxin that interferes with the development and function of the central nervous system. Elevated mercury levels in pregnant women can cause permanent brain damage to the fetus, infants and young children.

According to data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's 1999-2000 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, EPA estimates that one in six women of

childbearing age have mercury levels in their blood that pose a risk to their unborn child. That means 630,000 children born each year are at risk for lower intelligence and learning problems because of mercury exposure in the womb.

But rather than protecting your health and that of your child, the Bush Administration has chosen to protect polluters. This is another example of actions taken by the most anti-environmental president in modern history.

Ray Anderson
UW-RF professor emeritus

CHILD Center receives positive feedback

As graduation nears for me, I would like to express my gratitude for the campus institution that has helped me most in pursuing my degree: The CHILD Center. For the majority of students who aren't parents, the CHILD Center provides on-campus daycare for the children of students.

Having my children on campus has provided me the peace of mind I needed in order to concentrate on my studies. This is particularly true in the case of my daughter who is legally blind. Three years ago, when I was looking for daycare for her and my baby son, she was in unstable health and was considered delayed in all areas as well as being visually impaired. Most daycare centers wanted nothing to do with her. I was feeling a bit desperate about finding a place for her when the CHILD Center called and told me they had openings for both my children.

Our three years at the CHILD Center have been a great experience for all of us. They have been positive and enthusiastic about working with my daughter and have been part of her miraculous transformation from a timid and terrified two-year-old to a bright and bouncy nearly five-year-old who will be in mainstream kindergarten class next year. They have helped her with situations she has difficulty with and expected her to do for herself the things that she can do.

Both my children have thrived under the predictable routine and compassionate care of Deborah Ryan, the director, 'Miss Jane,' 'Miss Minda' and 'Miss Katie,'

the toddler, preschool and baby room teachers, as well as the many student caregivers who give hugs, change diapers, read stories and rub backs at naptime. I want you all to know that you have had a very positive impact on the lives in this family.

Sadly, this is the end of an era for us. We will not be moving with them to the new center this fall. We wish you all the best as you move to your new home and continue your good work with student parents and their children. We will miss you all. Good luck in your new home.

Nancy Chinander, student
Eva Malm (age 4 and a half)
Erik Malm (age 3)

Some Senate officers power hungry

I must give Kyle Weaver credit for hitting the nail right on the head when he addressed the problems surrounding Student Senate's election. I agree with some of the issues he addressed.

I joined Senate to see if what everyone told me was true, that Senators only focus on issues that affect them and their little communities. Now I know why they felt that way. It is true in a way. Many senators use their position to promote their own interests and for their own selfish gains. From what I observed, some senators have been on Senate so long that they feel it is a right instead of a privilege to be voted to represent their fellow students. Many use Senate as a way to constantly get their faces out there and always want to be in charge of everything that has to do with their name or picture being put in the *Voice* or on television.

One reason why the election last week yielding 86 votes for the top candidates is because some senators have become so power hungry. They ignore the students they represent and rely on telling their friends and their friends' friends to vote them back into office.

Senate has become a place where people form small alliances and vote yes or no on important issues because the majority are voting a certain way. Gossip, power and rear-end kissing are key to gaining enough favors and votes on motions. Everyone thinks their

issue is better than the next person's.

I must add that, like everything, there is always an exception. There are actually some senators who do care about student issues and try to vote on issues and voice their opinions, whether or not it is the view of the majority.

Leon Gbee, student senator

Taking candidate quotes out of context not good

I would like to comment on a poster that has been hanging in Rodli Commons the last couple of weeks. It says, "I actually voted for the \$7 billion, before I voted against it" — John Kerry. If this doesn't make sense then vote Bush/Cheney 2004."

It makes sense in context. The U.S. Senate voted on the \$87 billion bill and John Kerry voted for it. The bill didn't pass on that vote and there was an amendment added that Kerry didn't agree with. Then there was another vote and he voted against it.

Now that I've explained it you'll all vote for Kerry, right? If I give a "Bushisms" quote will you not vote for him? There are whole books of them.

While I know it is fun to make fun of the stupid things an opposing candidate says and both sides are given ample opportunity for it, I don't think quotes taken out of context should be used as campaign issues.

Can't you find something better to attack?

Brian Estervig, student

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Split nation bad for democracy

There is a disturbing trend in American politics today called polarization. We see it on our campus just as it is seen across the country. Extreme liberals and extreme conservatives seem to be running the show. Just go back to the anti-war and pro-war rallies of last year and you can see it happening.

Also, it seems this polarization only furthers itself. To say it more plainly, once the left goes further left, it pushes those on the right further right. When this happens, free flow of ideas, a necessity of democracy, ceases. The right and the left are no longer able to communicate ideas, making it more difficult to accomplish any good for the country.

During one of, if not the most tumultuous times in American history, the Great Depression and World War II, Franklin D.

Roosevelt led this country with one of the greatest administrations. One key trait about this administration was the diversity of thought that allowed it to make the best decisions.

One thing the left needs to understand is that it is not a higher being, or by any means more enlightened, than the right. Wasteful spending runs rampant on the left, hiking the average American's tax bill, and in general, dissatisfying the public.

Hypocritical behavior tends to breed suspicion.

One thing the right needs to understand is that not everyone who attacks the United States is a "terrorist." If the United States was being ruled by an imperialist force,

wouldn't we fight back? Multinational companies based in the Western World are turning into the new imperialists. Instead of governments being the rulers, corporations are taking over the world using governments as their puppets. If you look back at the American Revolution, weren't the revolutionaries "terrorists" or a group of people violently fighting for equal rights by means of guerilla warfare?

One thing that seemed to moderate this polarization in the past were political parties. Discussion within the party resulted in centrist Democrats and centrist Republicans. We still have these people today and I believe they

are actually the majority. However, it seems the extremes are much more vocal than the center. Could this possibly be because they are too busy thinking things through rationally to be able to scream and shout at the opposition? Personally I believe along the lines of George Washington that political parties are an enemy to a true representative democracy. It puts too much power in the hands of too few groups and leads to limited choice in a system that should be full of choice.

Remember, there are times for conservative thought, to be cautious or to do things the way they have been done in the past and there are times for liberal thought, when change is needed and new ideas need to be tried. Our campus and our country need to recognize this and start agreeing to disagree.



AARON KENEALY

Nice weather leads to decision-making

The final weeks of the semester are upon us. And, depending on who you talk to, it may be one to three weeks shorter. Less time means fewer days to procrastinate in attempts to finish papers, presentations and finals. The list of things to do seems to take over the lives of the college student and with that list comes decisions.

To do or not to do? To do now or to do later? These are the questions. It again is a nice idle afternoon in the city of River Falls. Two deadlines are creeping up but your crazy roommates are drinking and playing bocce ball. It is 1 p.m. You conclude that they are insane but must decide to either conform to the insanity or be studious.

You look on your right shoulder and see a little man dressed in white. He whispers in your ear, "Your take home test is due in two days. If you get it done now you can play later. It'll also be a relief to get it done and then you won't procrastinate and be up until

4:30 a.m. Just finish your test. It won't take that long anyway."

The little man dressed in white disappears and a little dude dressed in black and red appears on your left shoulder. He

knocks what he just heard. The little dude says, "Man, is there even a question? Are you crazy? Here's the plan. Go get a

forty of HG (High Gravity) and hang out with your friends. The paper can wait and you work better under pressure. The paper won't mean a thing in five years anyway. Tomorrow is sup-

posed to be overcast anyway and you won't even want to go outside."

The little dude dressed in black and red disappears and leaves you with a decision. These next few weeks will test each and every one of us. The weather will be getting nicer but the assignments

will be piling up. The chances to play will be greater, but the presentations will be creeping up on you, and final exams will be staring you down.

The man dressed in white will be there whispering and the dude dressed in black and red will be knocking. They'll be battling in your head. Battling you with decisions upon decisions.

I've seen those on both sides during my time here and a lot of it has to do with numbers. One set is the grade point average and the other is blood/alcohol percentage. I do not believe there has been a study to find a relationship or correlation between them, but we'll let the causation happen on an individual basis.

To each their own. Good luck to all who are choosing what little man to follow. Be careful with congratulations to those who hang out with the little man dressed in white. Have a good rest of the semester.

"These next few weeks will test each and every one of us. The weather will be getting nicer but the assignments will be piling up."



NELS THORESON

Be a columnist next year. Applications are due May 4.

Military dedication proves more important than paycheck

Pro football player turned Army Ranger Pat Tillman was killed in action April 22. He was 27.

Tillman gave up a multi-million dollar contract with the Arizona Cardinals to join the Army and fight for his country in the War on Terror. Both he and his brother, a pro athlete, volunteered for duty in Afghanistan because they felt it was important to give something back to America for all the opportunities she has given to them.

This is the antithesis of the usual stories athletes the likes of O.J. Simpson, Pete Rose, Kobe Bryant, Randy Moss and others too numerous to list that fill front pages of newspapers. Murder, rape, drug abuse, illegal betting, or just plain arrogance

run amuck is unfortunately the norm.

But, in Tillman's case, we are all reminded why so many Americans have proudly served their country — a sense of duty and honor.

Democrats like to say the military is little more than a clearing house for the country's underclass, an institution where those of us who have no other choice go to for a paycheck and an education.

Believe me; no one in their right mind joins the military for the pay

and as for a college education, the opportunity to obtain a degree does exist, but nowhere near to the extent many outside the military would have you believe.

To succeed in the military, no matter the branch, a GI must possess a sense of duty, selflessness and responsibility almost unheard of in the civilian world. Yes, the military does have its perks, but without the internal fortitude to excel and a belief in

what one is doing, all the freebies in the world mean very little.

The Tillman brothers and tens of thousands of not-so famous GIs know that. They spend their military careers defending their Constitution and the ideals that

make this country so great. To say they did anything less is a slap in their faces.

After all, if life in the military was the cake-walk many people who have never served believe it is, there would not be an 85 percent turn-over rate among active duty personnel.

Enter the politicians. Rep. Charlie Rangel is once again touting the benefits of returning to a military draft. The New York Democrat feels instituting a draft is the only way to ensure there is equal class representation in today's armed forces.

Rangel points to issues of racial discrimination concerning who does the front line fighting; he also said the military is suffering from a lack of volunteers and low morale among those

who are currently serving as reasons a draft is needed.

But like most politicians, Rangel is full of clichés and sound bite slogans, few of which have any validity.

The fact of the matter is military recruiters are filling their yearly enlistment quotas within months. There are waiting lists filled with names of people who wish to sign on the dotted line. And as for the alleged morale problems, re-enlistments are actually on the rise, especially among those serving in the Middle East.

But I guess since the draft worked so well during the Vietnam Era, it only makes sense to return to it.

If the morale problem in the military is even close to the magnitude Rangel and his ilk

say it is, how on earth would morale be improved by forcing unwilling draftees into military service?

The American military is the most formidable force the world has ever seen and if left to its own devices, without interference from politicians and politically correct special interest groups, the war in Afghanistan and Iraq would have been over long ago with far fewer American casualties.

The strength of our military is built upon the dedication of its members. They are people from all over this great nation and all walks of life who feel giving of themselves is more important than big paychecks, fame, or even playing pro football.

Tillman was one of them. Carry on.

UW-River Falls is up in arms over the parking issue. And while I am certainly no expert and have no real solution to this problem I will offer some suggestions.

1) Park at Dairy Queen and eat every half-hour.

2) Park at the gas station across from Johnson Hall and fill your tank a half a gallon every hour or two.

3) Convince the home owners along Cascade to rent out their lawns, state fair style. True, they won't have a nice lawn but it will eliminate having to mow it and they can make a nice side salary. They can give out parking passes for each individual lawn.

4) Allow commuters to buy any leftover parking passes in the different lots such as O-Lot.

5) If we have to park three blocks from campus, make it worth our while. Let it count for our two half gym credits. I'm sure we walk enough to make it count for the walking class.

6) Buy lots of extra car batteries. Hook them up, park in a 20-minute zone and leave your flashers on.

7) Carpool with a commuter who lives near you, or just steal your neighbor's car and let them worry about the ticket.

8) Keep your dorm parking pass from last year and park in the same lot on campus.

9) Join AGR and park in their lot. I'm sure they would be open to having a female mascot; this means you won't have to park on the street. I suggest com-

muters apply and I hope they like the color green.

10) If people would invest in scooters there would be ample room for everyone to park.

11) Ride your horse to school and drop it off at the University Lab Farm.

12) Join the cross-country team and have your run to school count as practice.

13) Cross-country ski to class in the winter.

14) Ride your snowmobile to class. They take up less room than cars.

15) **SARAH DAY** Carpool with a teacher. They always

have the best parking spots and might give you hints about when the next pop quiz is.

16) Graduate early so you won't have to deal with the parking problem on campus.

17) Only take summer classes; however it might take a few years.

18) Work for a family who lives on Cascade so they will let you park in their driveway.

19) Each college should have a spot reserved for a student who excels. There could be a new one chosen every one or two weeks. This would promote and

reward good academic standing. The Chancellor's office could pick an overall winner as well.

20) Split the campus into day and night classes; half the campus goes during the day, the other half at night.

21) Remove the "don't park between here" signs.

22) Chop off your arm and get a handicap pass.

These are just a few suggestions I thought might ease the parking situation. Of course UW-RF could just bite the bullet and build a parking ramp; that might help.



How do you feel about Unity in the Community week?



Mike Zellmer, junior

"I think it is helpful and it is a great idea. We should spend more than one week on these issues."



Amanda Wieland, senior

"I think it's important especially on this campus that isn't diverse."



Kris Clauss, senior

"What is the meaning to Unity in the Community. It's not advertised; I don't know what it is."



Carrie Hanson, senior

"I think it's a good idea because it brings different backgrounds together."



Nick Moen, freshman

"I thought it was a very great atmosphere for people to get involved and experience other cultures."

AWARDS from A1

Room April 21 for its awards reception. After COEPS Dean Connie Foster made introductions, health and human performance professor Debra Allyn, 2002-03 Outstanding Faculty Member, spoke to the college.

Then the college recognized several achievements and award winners including academic honors, department and program awards and scholarships.

The Phi Delta Kappa Award went to Wynn Davis, a MSE of art student, and the Rochelle Junkman Seymour Award went to Sarah Vande Berg, a senior communicative disorders major. The Irene L. Blanchette Memorial Achievement Award winner was Kari Bollig, a junior elementary education major.

COEPS also unveiled two new awards this year.

"We didn't put them in the program because we wanted them to be a surprise," Foster said.

Communicative disorders professor Gary Cottrell was chosen by COEPS students for the

Advisor of the Year Award and COEPS academic advisor Mike Martin earned the Dean's Recognition for Outstanding Service Award.

CAS

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) held its annual awards reception at the Abbott Concert Hall in Kleinpell Fine Arts after a dessert reception in Gallery 101 April 27. The college also dedicated an awards wall for the college before the formal ceremony.

CAS Dean Gordon Hedahl presented Outstanding Advisor Awards to music professor Thomas Barnett, physics professor Earl Blodgett and political science professor Tracey Gladstone-Sovell.

Director of Faculty and Student Academic Support Programs Nanette Jordahl recognized the honors program and Associate Dean Nicholas Karolides read off the scholarship and academic award winners. Each department was also given an opportunity to recognize its achievements.

CBE

The College of Business and Economics (CBE) had its awards reception at the Rodli Commons River Room April 28.

CBE academic advisor Ellen Schultz recognized students with Academic Merit Awards while a host of other CBE faculty and administrators named scholarship winners and college award recipients.

Deanna Weinberger, a computer science major, earned the Ethel McDonald Award for the graduating CBE with the highest grade point average. Economics major Mark Quade earned two prestigious awards — the Gilbert Smith Award and the Wall Street Journal Award. The Smith Award is given to the economics major graduating with the highest grade point average while the Wall Street Journal Award recognizes a CBE student for "service to the college in a variety of ways" CBE Associate Dean Brian Schultz said. Quade will receive a paperweight and a year subscription to the Wall Street Journal.

Forty-two CBE students were inducted into the Sigma Beta Delta-Honor Society — an international honor society in business management and administration. One faculty member, business administration professor Megan Sun, was also inducted.

AWARENESS from A1

right now and we hope to add to that to display at next year's event," O'Neel said.

The other display came in the form of wood silhouette cutouts of area victims of sexual or domestic violence, provided by The Silent Witness Project. They were painted red and had the person's full first and last name along with their age. Their story was displayed on the front as well. O'Neel said their goal was to eliminate sexual or domestic assaults in Minnesota by 2010.

"Tonight is about taking back courage and diminishing fear," said Roger Ballou, UW-RF dean of students.

While the event's emphasis is on helping women, both O'Neel and Ballou stressed that children are also a very important element to keep away from violence.

"No child should ever have to go through any form of abuse," O'Neel said.

Representing Turning Point, a local domestic violence shelter, was Amanda Schumacher, Turning Point's sexual assault victims services coordinator.

"My hope is that someday events such as this one won't have to take place," Schumacher said. "Community education is just as important as helping the victims themselves."

She said that Turning Point has been around since 1979 and has increased its clientele each year. In 2003 they had approximately 6,000 students from Pierce and St. Croix counties involved with their program.

The final speaker was Emily Williams, vice president of action for the National Organization for Women's Wisconsin chapter.

"Rape is not a issue just for women but rather an issue for all humans," Williams said. "The male community needs to mobilize to end sexual violence."

O'Neel said 150 people usually attend Take Back the Night, although this year's total was far less — totaling about 30. O'Neel said the reason for low attendance was likely due to "The Laramie Project," UW-RF theatre's

spring play, which was occurring at the same time. The evening finished off with a open mic session, where people got up in front of the assembled crowd and shared opinions on the subject of violence and how it touches River Falls. Some speakers, who wished to remain anonymous, chose to speak about personal experiences about domestic violence, while others recited poems.

The event commenced with the assembled group marching through downtown River Falls and then back up through campus.

"It's time for us to stand up for our rights," Williams said. "We will take back the night."

WINDOWS from A1

existing windows is low quality and inefficient. Aluminum will still be used, but it will be of higher quality.

In 1992 the windows in South Hall were rebuilt with wood, causing problems with maintenance. Some have even been replaced, Murphy said.

The process of choosing windows is far from complete. It will take Frisbie Architects, the architect firm working on the project, time to decide what exactly is needed, then there is the bidding process where the actual brand of window will be chosen, then it could take another six to eight months to manufacture the windows.

Still, the actual discussion about having fixed windows has caused concern for faculty, staff members and students whose offices and classrooms are housed in North Hall.

Kathleen Holleran, who works in the publications office, was concerned when she heard the windows might not be operable.

"I was told we would have input but I didn't hear anything," Holleran said.

Holleran then decided to start a petition gaining signatures to support operable windows, as opposed to fixed windows.

"If we were to have input we would have to do it ourselves," Holleran said.

The ventilation system in North Hall is older, and if the windows were to be fixed, would have to be updated as well.

The petition that was submitted for review by facilities management had roughly 80 signatures on it. There were many different reasons why people wanted operable windows.

Faculty who teach in the math department, for example, have classrooms on the second floor that are not air conditioned.

"The classrooms are filled with stagnant and hot air which is unbearable in the summer," said Sherry Reis, mathematics program assistant.

The petition also contains opinions of staff who have offices without windows that deal with the lack of air already.

"I know how unpredictable the building temperature is," Sue Walton from the Registrar's Office said. "It is really hard to regulate the temperature. Some days it is freezing in here and some days it is hot."

Other responses to the petition were pleas to have operable windows while some noted the temperature inside on a hot day. Those responses ranged from 70 to 80 degrees. Some people just like the breeze.

"I am a fresh air person and love to have the windows open," said chancellor's office program assistant Dianne Monteith.

"The classrooms are filled with stagnant and hot air which is unbearable in the summer."

Sherry Reis
Mathematics program assistant

NEWSPAPER from A1

ten about the current film "The Alamo" in *The New York Times*

business section. Reading these in class provided another dimension to the discussion, Leichtle said.

As Placide, Leichtle and about half a dozen other professors on campus are making the newspaper part of their courses, they

hope other professors and students will begin to appreciate the paper's presence on campus.

"As students get used to where to find it, next fall I expect to see it used more," Leichtle said. "It's a habit that may take a little while to get into."

Lydecker memorial online opinion poll results

Student Center: 104 votes

CHILD Center: 29

7 write-in

Student Senate conducted an online opinion poll April 27-28 to gauge students' opinions on how best to honor Chancellor Ann Lydecker. The winning suggestion will be submitted to the UW Board of Regents.

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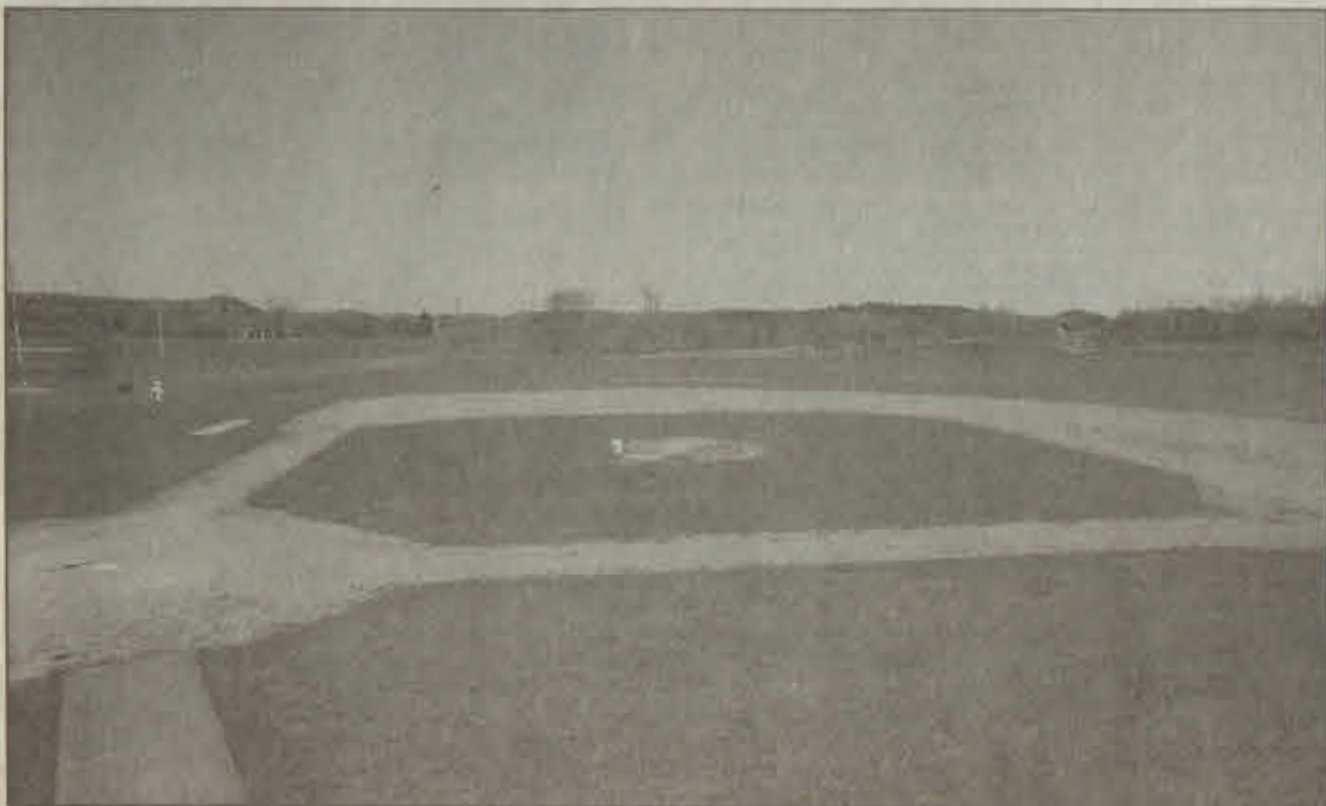
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UW-RF baseball team's field of lost dreams



The idle Ramer baseball field is set to be revamped into tennis courts. The field holds many memories for those who were able to once play in a Falcon baseball uniform.

Corey Hargreaves
Sports Editor

UW-River Falls, has seen numerous sporting events succeed. At the same time, in the last few years the student body has missed out on one sport in particular, the great American pastime: baseball.

The freshmen and sophomore classes on campus were not able to see the baseball team play, because the program was cut due to budget reasons. The final season was in 2002. The team was 14-25 overall and 1-16 in WIAC.

A 1-16 record may not be strong but

that record doesn't show heart and true strength of those who were fortunate enough to play in a Falcon's baseball uniform.

Looking back at the past memories, some of the players mentioned their fondest memory as being on a weekend trip in Oshkosh. During that time the team was able to win three of four games against the always-dominant players from Oshkosh. The team played in snowy conditions that even kept them in Oshkosh for a night.

One player in particular, senior Josh Eidem, said he had fond memories about the team.

"Being a part of a group of guys that were as close as we were was the memory I have," Eidem said. "Being able to hang out nearly seven nights a week with the same guys is unlike any other team in WIAC."

It was during this time that the players were able to find out about each other and develop relationships based on the organization they were all part of.

"When we [the campus] lost baseball, we lost friends," Eidem said.

Many players, like UW-RF junior Josh Thygesen, came to UW-RF to play baseball, because of their love for the game.

"The coaches at the time were willing to come and watch my high school games and showed interest," Thygesen said. "I was attracted to UW-RF more than any other school."

Some were even willing to transfer to play elsewhere once the program was cut.

Recent graduate of River Falls, Brian Bosch, transferred to UW-Stout the year after the program was cut. During that time Bosch had to go through extensive work to be allowed to play with UW-Stout. After his eligibility was up, Bosch returned to UW-RF to finish his degree and pursue a Twin Cities job.

But not all players transferred and some only see baseball at UW-RF as a thing in the past. Some old players think the team will never return.

"No, I don't think the program will return unless the campus decides to readjust some things in the next five years," said UW-RF junior Ryan Christenson. "If nothing happens in that time and with the rumors of tennis courts going where the field is, I don't see the program coming back once the field is gone."

The only way some of the old players, like UW-RF junior Andy Gunderson, see the team coming back is as a club sport.

"Once the University sees the club, then they will realize that there is an interest in baseball on campus and may reconsider," Gunderson said.

A lot of planning and preparing is needed to run a club sport some players said.

"It would be tough as hell to organize but in the end it'd be worth it," Thygesen said.

"The chance of getting a group of guys as dedicated to getting the program back

as the team in 2002 was is very slim," Bosch said.

In the eyes of the players, the University has not made a conscious decision as to why they chose to boot the baseball program.

"It felt like while we were presenting our case to the board to keep the team, we were just giving lip service and not being taken seriously," Eidem said. "It seemed that the board already had a decision before we even argued our case."

Some players did dislike the athletic department after the decision was made but didn't necessarily want to see another team cut in place of their program.

"I would like to see the team come back in an addition, rather than come

back because of a subtraction of another team," Eidem said. "That would just be passing the same problem on to another program."

Bosch refuses to ever attend a track meet since the team was cut but most players said that

they don't support other programs any differently than before.

"I only attend the other teams' games if I know someone on the team, or if it is basketball," Gunderson said.

Other players choose to show even more support for the other athletic teams.

"I support the other programs more, because I don't want to see another team cut," Christenson said.

In the end most of the guys continue to play in summer leagues. While some go to play in Red Wing or other towns, most of the guys stuck together and play for the Spring Valley Hawks. The team is able to carry on its relationships even if it isn't on the mound of a UW-RF field.

*"When we lost
baseball, we lost
friends."*
Josh Eidem
Former UW-RF
baseball player

Women's track places sixth at Macalester Invitational

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls women's track and field team finished sixth in the Macalester Invitational held April 24 in St. Paul.

Shannon Zweifel led the Falcons with a first-place finish in the 400 hurdles in 1:04.58 while Jill Crandall finished second in the high jump with a leap of 5-3 1/2.

Three Falcons placed third in their events. Katie Mitchell finished in 27.23 seconds in the 200, Steph Dura had a shot put of 42-6, and Jen Leis had a hammer throw of 152-11 and a throw of 131-4 in the discus. Leis also placed fourth in the shot with a put of 38-11 1/2 and Haylee Hall placed fourth in the discus with an effort of 130-3. Dura placed fifth in the discus with a throw of 125-11 and ninth in the hammer with a throw of 121-6.

Gina Anderson and Holly Kromray tied for fifth place in the pole vault with vault of 9-8 while Dana Martin placed fifth in the 10,000 in 45:11.9. Mitchell added an eighth-place time of 1:03.58 in the 400 while Anderson finished eighth in the javelin with a throw of 87-10. Placing ninth in their events for the Falcon women were Sydney Hall in the 100 (13.41) and Marian Christen in the 1,500 (4:59.65) while Jody Ewert took 10th in the triple jump (31-0).

St. Thomas won the team title with 153.5 points followed by St. Olaf (126.5), Minnesota (118), Macalester (112.5), St. Benedict (95.5), River Falls (87), Carleton (47), St. Catherine (29), Hamline (23), St. Scholastica (23), Bethel (19), La Crosse (6) and North Central (4).

The Falcon women and men will next compete in the La Crosse Invitational Friday with action starting at 4 p.m.

Fastpitch closes regular season with victory against Oshkosh

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls fastpitch team played its final six games in four days last week and came away with one victory to move to 18-20 overall and 3-13 in the WIAC.

The Falcons got bad news last week. Shortstop Jessamy Schwartz broke her finger in practice and is out for the remainder of the year. The good news is that the game against UW-Superior was switched from an away game Thursday, to a home game Friday due to weather conditions in Superior.

But Superior felt at home as it beat River Falls twice by a combined score of 28-8. In the first game the Yellowjackets had 21 hits and scored in five out of seven innings including putting up eight runs in the seventh to cap off the 17-4 victory.

Anna Poulter drove in one of the Falcons' four runs and was 3-for-4 at the plate. Erin Wood, Breamer Syverson and Emily Rodgers each had a RBI.

Leah Vanderploeg took her fourth loss of the season, giving up seven earned runs on eight hits while striking out two in four innings pitched. Molly Arends pitched three innings of relief allowing 10 runs, nine earned, on 13 hits while striking out two.

In the second game River Falls jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first due to Rodgers' single to center to score Poulter. Superior's Courtney Pulsifer tied it up at one apiece in the fourth with a solo homerun. The Yellowjackets seized the lead in the fifth scoring four runs on five hits to go up 5-1.

The Falcons scored one run in bottom of the fifth and two in the sixth with an Emily Evans single to right center cutting the Superior lead to one run. In the seventh, Superior exploded, scoring six runs on four hits to secure the 11-4 victory. Eight Yellowjackets had a hit and drove in at least one run.

Abby Glawe earned both victories for Superior pitching two complete games allowing a combined seven earned runs on 18 hits while striking out eight to move to 25-4.

Evans led the Falcons at the plate in the nightcap, going 2-for-3 and driving in two runs. Wood and Rodgers each had an RBI.

Devanie Bigalk fell to 9-12 on the mound, giving up five earned runs on 10 hits while striking out six in four and two-thirds innings of work. Vanderploeg assisted with two and one-third innings of relief, allowing six runs, four earned, on five hits.

Poulter stole four total bases in the two games to give her a total of 47 stolen bases, a new single-season record for River Falls and the WIAC. Poulter also owns the UW-RF and WIAC career records for steals with 115.

The Falcons traveled to La Crosse during the weekend for the WIAC Cluster Tournament, opening up against UW-Whitewater.

In a low-scoring game River Falls got on the board first with a Melissa Turbak RBI double down the left field line in the top of the third. The Warhawks tied it up in the bottom of the fifth with a Colleen Boilini single through the left side. Whitewater put an unearned run up in the seventh to get the 2-1 win.

Bigalk got a no decision after

pitching five and one-third innings and allowing one earned run on five hits while striking out three. Vanderploeg took the loss in 2 1/3 innings of relief, giving up one unearned run on three hits. Katie Brunner picked up the win for UW-W pitching a complete game with six strikeouts on five hits and one earned run.

The Falcon bats couldn't get going in the second game of the day against UW-Platteville as the Pioneers shut out River Falls 6-0. UW-RF had three hits and three errors in the loss while Platteville had 10 hits and no errors.

Vanderploeg went two and two-thirds innings, allowing three runs, one earned, on three hits while striking out two and walking four in the loss. Bigalk went the rest of the way in relief allowing three runs, two earned, on seven hits while striking out three.

Sunday's games were postponed until Monday due to rain.

It was another pitchers' duel against UW-Stevens Point in which both pitchers went the distance. The Pointers got out of the gate quick with a Rebekah Bauer

See FASTPITCH, B2

All-sport time of year

Sports fans are able to watch game of choice

If you're a jersey-wearing, road trip-taking rube like myself, this is the very best month of the year when it comes to sports. And even if your commitment is less than obsessive, and you're not a complete dork like me, it's still all good when April rolls around.

The month starts off with the conclusion of the

two best sporting events of the year: NCAA hockey and basketball tournaments. The hoops version takes over televisions, office printers and inevitably the lives of millions of Americans. The FBI recently released data

See CARDINAL, B2

Bird watching season begins

With the days of summer slowly coming around, one can't help but notice all of the activity outside. Anything from basketball to football can be found on campus this time of year. One sport on the minds of some of the students is the sport known as bird watching.

Bird watching, otherwise known as "pretending to be playing a sport while looking at the scenery of those trying to capture a tan," is the best campus has to offer this time of year.

This is not the easiest sport to play. Proper gear usually consists of shorts, no shirt, no shoes, unless playing on the courts, and a decent tan, which could be easily earned in 20 minutes at a tanning salon.

Of course it does help that the new basketball courts were placed where they were, allowing bird watching to increase around the east side of campus.

I have noticed as the weather gets nicer out and the ladies around campus are laying out more often, the number of guys studying and playing pick up

games has dramatically increased. Coincidence? I think not.

I also noticed that while these bird watchers are found outdoors, there tends to be an increase of these athletes indoors. You may recognize these indoor watchers as the guys peering out the windows looking for a reason to go outside, be stupid and attract attention.

While some do actually succeed in getting the attention they were looking for, most find themselves far from their goal and just appear really stupid, scaring away what they once set out to watch.

As the year comes to a close, we must pay tribute to all the athletes who succeed and also to those who came up a few steps short. Those few extra steps might have earned you the goal you were trying to achieve, whether it was to set a conference goal, or simply have an end of the year hook-up, only to

See BIRDS, B2



RYAN CARDINAL



COREY HARGREAVES



Freshmen pitcher Molly Arends delivers a pitch in the first game against UW-Superior April 23. The fastpitch team finished the regular season with a 3-13 WIAC record.

Photo by Micheal Foley

SCOREBOARD									
Fastpitch									
WIAC Standings									
Eau Claire (24-15)	W	L							
Stout (26-14)	12	4							
Superior (28-7)	11	5							
Whitewater (26-12)	10	6							
Shkosh (19-16)	9	7							
La Crosse (16-23)	7	9							
River Falls (16-20)	7	9							
Platteville (13-22)	3	13							
April 26 Results									
UW-River Falls	001	302	01	-	7	13	0		
UW-Oshkosh	600	000	00	-	6	6	3		
Player									
Poulter c	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO			
Turbak 2b	4	3	3	1	0	0			
Rodgers rf	5	1	2	4	0	1			
Evans 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0			
Kelley pr	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Vanderploeg dh/p	5	0	1	0	0	0			
Syversen ss	2	0	1	0	0	0			
Bigalk p/dh	3	0	1	0	0	0			
Wood pr	0	1	0	0	0	0			
Guisinger 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0			
Heuser lf	4	2	1	0	0	0			
Falk cf	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Totals	35	7	13	6	0	1			
UW-River Falls									
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF		
Devanie Bigalk	0.2	5	6	6	2	0	7	9	
Leah Vanderploeg	7.1	1	0	0	0	6	22	23	
UW-Stevens Point									
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF		
UW-River Falls	010	000	0	-	1	5	0		
Player									
Poulter c	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO			
Turbak 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1			
Rodgers rf	3	0	0	0	0	0			
Evans 3b	3	1	2	1	0	0			
Kelley pr	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Vanderploeg p									
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF		
Devanie Bigalk	4.1	7	3	2	0	3	22	23	
UW-Whitewater									
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF		
UW-River Falls	000	010	1	-	2	8	0		
Player									
Poulter c	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO			
Turbak 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0			
Rodgers rf	3	0	1	0	0	1			
Evans 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1			
Kelley pr	2	0	0	0	0	1			
Vanderploeg p	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Syversen dh	3	0	2	0	0	0			
Stahl ss	2	0	0	0	0	2			
Guisinger 1b									
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF		
Devanie Bigalk	2	1	1	0	1	1	3	18	20
Leah Vanderploeg	1.2	3	1	0	1	0	8	10	
April 23 Results									
UW-Superior	000	140	6	-	11	15	1		
UW-River Falls	100	012	0	-	4	8	3		
Player									
Poulter c	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO			
Turbak 2b	2	2	1	0	0	0			
Rodgers rf	3	0	1	1	0	0			
Evans 3b	3	0	1	1	0	0			
Kelley pr	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Guisinger pr/1b	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Bigalk p	2	0	0	0	0	1			
Vanderploeg p	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Syversen dh	3	1	1	0	0	1			
Blakeley 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0			
Wood ss	3	0	2	1	0	0			
Heuser lf	2	0	0	0	0	1			
Falk cf	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Totals	24	4	8	4	0	3			
UW-River Falls									
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF		
Devanie Bigalk	4.2	10	5	5	0	6	26	26	
Leah Vanderploeg	2.1	5	6	4	1	0	12	15	
UW-Superior									
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF		
UW-River Falls	203	202	8	-	17	21	2		
UW-River Falls	210	001	0	-	4	10	2		
Player									
Poulter c	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO			
Turbak 2b	4	1	3	1	0	0			
Rodgers rf	4	0	0	0	0	0			
Evans 3b	4	0	1	1	0	1			
Kelley pr	3	1	1	0	0	0			
Vanderploeg p	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Arends p	2	0	1	0	0	0			
Syversen dh	2	0	1	1	0	0			
Wood ss	3	1	2	1	0	0			
Guisinger 1b	2	0	0	0	1	2			
Heuser lf	3	0	0	0	0	2			

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homerun in the top of the first to make it 1-0. River Falls answered right back in the second with an Evans homer to tie the game at one. The score remained tied until a Liz

Boettcher two-out double brought in the winning run for the Pointers in the top of the seventh.

Vanderploeg dropped to 7-7 with the loss, giving up two earned runs on six hits while getting two strikeouts.

The Falcons rebounded in the final game of the tourney against UW-Oshkosh, topping the Titans

7-6 in extra innings.

Bigalk gave up six earned runs on five hits in the first inning but the Falcons started the comeback in third by putting up one run.

A Turbak three-run homer in the fourth cut the Titan lead to two.

The Falcons cut the lead to one when a Poulter triple brought in a run and then a Turbak single

scored Poulter to tie the game at six. In extra innings an Evans single scored Poulter to give UW-RF a 7-6 victory.

"The win was absolutely a boost to our confidence, in the last four games we played three very good games," Falcon coach Faye Perkins said. Overall the Falcons had 13 hits and no errors.

Vanderploeg got her eighth victory of the season pitching seven and one-third innings in relief while giving up no runs, one hit and striking out six. Poulter led the team by going 3-for-4 with an RBI while Turbak went 2-for-5 with a homer and four RBI.

With the regular season finished, River Falls will now play in the WIAC Tournament Friday

and Saturday at the River Falls High School.

"It's a huge advantage to be playing at home," Perkins said. "It is more comfortable, players get to sleep in their own beds, more parent support and we don't have to travel."

The Falcons will play UW-Platteville in their first game at 9 a.m. on Friday.

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The sport of bird watching is difficult to master but for those who do, with a beer in my hand, I salute you, bird watcher.

The Voice applauds Anna Poulter on her 47 stolen bases for a UW-River Falls and WIAC record.

CARDINAL

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that says more than \$2.5 billion is gambled annually on "March Madness," roughly 3 percent of which are of the legal variety. Maybe it's not a great sign for the country as a whole but that clearly spells out the madness that engulfs more than just your average hoops fan.

College hockey clearly does not come close to matching the hoopla surrounding the basketball tourney, though its popularity is blossoming. Div. I hockey trails only the basketball tournament in terms of profitability. Die hard fans of the sport are a different breed for sure, and with four overtime title games since 1996, the only direction its popularity will go is up.

Those two events transition nicely into Major League Baseball's opening day. Opening day is akin to a national holiday, as it captures the imagination of large sectors of the nation.

As if that weren't enough, the only sport which is not actually in play during the month, football, makes its mark in a giant way via the NFL Draft. The event gets endless play from the ESPNs of the world and is televised all weekend long with nonstop analysis of each and every pick mixed in intermittently. Football is the most popular sport in America without a close second and this one week-average hoops fan.

Sandwiched between the start of baseball season and the NFL draft are the NBA and NHL playoffs. The first round of the NBA playoffs make the NFL draft seem like the blink of an eye, with some first round matchups taking possibly more than two weeks to wrap up. The reason this is done is so the maximum amount of games can be on television. As a fan I can't complain too much about that. While effort can be virtually non-existent during the

regular season, the NBA Players' effort is unquestionable come the postseason.

Speaking of effort, NHL players are the toughest cats out there. Their brains may be mush by the time they turn 50 and they will walk like a 12-year-old Forrest Gump but they put it on the line each night. The NHL's popularity is hurt by several things but one of the main ones is that on any given night a lesser team can pull the upset. Short-term that is a good thing-but long-term it damages the league by not having its best teams play more. There are few things more exciting than an overtime NHL playoff game, as those are en vogue more than ever with the tight, defensive play on display.

Although some of these events have passed, three of the four major sports are still going on a daily basis. So sit back, relax and enjoy the most wonderful time of the year.

"The NBA playoffs make the NFL draft seem like a blink of an eye."

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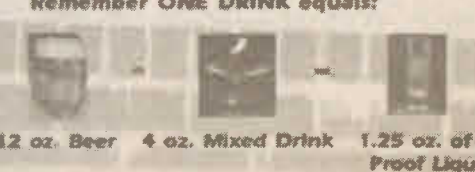
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BAC	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.28	0.29	0.30	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.39	0.40	0.41	0.42	0.43	0.44	0.45	0.46	0.47	0.48	0.49	0.50

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No more old fashioned home cooking



Eating habits for on-campus students vary from eating pizza, making own meals to eating Chartwell's food using meal plans.

Lucas Pokorny
Staff Writer

Being away from home means adapting to new things and new habits. One of those new things students have to adapt to is their eating habits. They no longer have the old fashioned home cooking parents offer. Instead, they eat the old fashioned cooking of Chartwells. However, students also have other eating habits besides Chartwells.

"It's called Domino's," Stratton RA Stephanie Verhelst said.

Like Verhelst, Stratton resident and junior Dave Underwood often orders pizza from Domino's. However, Underwood has a

schedule for his habits.

He orders pizza Tuesdays and Thursdays, Subway on Sundays and the rest of the week Underwood uses 10 of his 14 meals at the Student Center for lunch and dinner.

Though breakfast is known as the most important meal of the day, most students tend to leave breakfast out of their eating habits, student health nurse Linda Vigars said.

"I'm not going to get up early

just to eat breakfast," Stratton resident and sophomore Patrick Connolly said.

Sophomore Nathan Dulon agreed. With 8

a.m. classes, Dulon said he has no time to eat breakfast.

However, some students find time for breakfast.

"I like breakfast. It's not too bad at Freddy's," Prucha resident Travis Cordie said.

May Hall resident Stacy Blaha enjoys breakfast too; she eats a bowl of cereal each morning in her room.

While most students order pizza or use their meal plans, Stratton resident junior Brenda Thompson makes her own food.

"Living three years on campus, I got tired of eating their food," Thompson said.

Thompson makes her own dinner every night and makes all her meals on the weekends. She usually has Chinese food, rice, some kind of pasta or a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

"I really like to cook and I enjoy making the food," Thompson said.

Sophomore Amy Bee, like Thompson, enjoys a break from campus food on weekends. Bee usually gets food from Econo Foods or orders pizza.

While most students adapt to new eating habits at school, Dulon sticks to his wrestling eating habits. That habit includes not eating much at all, usually only one or two meals a day and some fruit.

"My body can't handle any more," Dulon said.

When late nights come, and Hathorn resident Steve Nurmi gets a hunger crave, he goes to the gas station to get frozen foods.

"I like the fried chicken," Nurmi said.

Between meals students can be seen eating granola bars, Easy Mac, Ramen Noodles, peanuts, candy, jerky or fruit snacks.

Vigars suggests that students eat healthy snack foods such as fruit, veggies, unbuttered popcorn, peanut butter and crackers.

"Students should make sure they drink a lot of liquids throughout the day," Vigars said.

However, some students, like Prucha resident Kayla Olson, are too busy with school and activities to eat snacks and only have time for two meals a day.

Vigars said students should start off with a good breakfast, a mid-morning snack to get them through the day, lunch, supper and then a snack before bed.

"Students should pay attention to eating throughout the day," Vigars said.

While some students adapt new eating habits, Stratton resident, sophomore Katie Holmstrom enjoys old fashioned home cooking.

Holmstrom said, "When I go home on weekends I bring back home cooking to last me half the week."

Photo by Eric Ebert

SHERIDAN RESIDENTS HAVE LAKE IN 'FRONT YARD'

Katie Camplin
Staff Writer

One of the many apartment complexes that students dominate, Sheridan Court, shows the wear and tear that a high turnover rate creates.

Sheridan Court apartments sit to the east of Main Street south of campus. The three buildings are filled with UW-River Falls students and sit conveniently between campus and the recreational facilities of Hunt Arena, Knowles and the football field.

Most famous for its parking lot lake in the winter, many tenants do not find it too much of a hassle.

"A lot of people tell me 'hey, you have a lake in your parking lot,'" said Pam Thomas, a UW-RF student and resident in Sheridan Court Building A. "But when it gets big, they siphon it out into the street. It's really not that bad."

Residents seem to have gotten used to the lake's annual appearance and make due with the shrinking, rough parking lot.

"It doesn't really bother me," said Andy Jurek, also a resident in Building A. "You can usually go around it."

Aside from the lake that some say can be as deep as 12 inches, residents have two assigned parking spots per apartment.

"If someone parks in your spot we just have to go across the street," said Sarah Raabel, a UW-RF student and resident in Building A.

The apartments have two bedrooms and anywhere from two to four residents.

"It's pretty close to campus and the rent is good," Raabel said. "It's nicer than we expected."

The buildings have an on-site manager and a River Falls landlord; a feature many residents find convenient.

"They do a really good job," Raabel said. "We left him a note at 11:30 p.m. once and he came up right away."

The layout of each apartment may vary a bit but one common hope for many is that some day

they will receive new carpet.

"It's almost like an indoor/outdoor carpet," Thomas said.

Jurek agreed.

"I would rather have something more plush and thick," Jurek said.

Like other student-dominated apartment buildings, the noise level fluctuates depending on the day of the week, but is generally not

disturbing.

"It's pretty mellow," Raabel said. "People have had parties here but it isn't overly loud."



Photo by Teresa Schmitt
Sheridan Court Apartments, located on South Main is home to many college students.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

May 3, 7 p.m.
Fee: Free for students,
\$5 for non-students
Location: North Hall
Auditorium

Striking a balance



Submitted Photo

Wyman Series presents speaker Nadine Strossen. Strossen's is speaking on "Protecting Civil Liberties and National Security: How to Strike the Balance." Strossen is a law professor at New York Law School. Strossen is also President of the American Civil Liberties Union. She is the first woman to hold a position like this. For more information visit her Web site at <http://archive.aclu.org/about/strossnw.html>

EVENTS

Jazz and Fiddle Music

May 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
String players of all ages are invited to attend Randy Sabien's jazz and fiddle workshop. Contact Kristin Tjornehoj, at 425-3490, in the music department for more information.

Music filled day

May 2
Fee: Free
Location: Abbott Concert Hall, KFA
3 p.m. New American Symphony and St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra.
8 p.m. Piano Ensemble Concert.

National Day of Prayer

May 6, noon to midnight
Fee: Free
Location: Wall Amphitheatre
Activities all day long including free dinner at 5 p.m., a campus prayer walk at 9 p.m. and worship music at 11 p.m. All are welcome.

HOROSCOPES

By staff psychic Rachel Gaynor whose car is getting a little too messy and because of the hot weather is starting to smell like a garbage can.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

It is nearing the end of the semester and everyone else is excited to be getting out of school for a fun-filled summer. Your feelings are a little hurt because you don't have anything planned. You have two options, either make plans or make them up. Nobody will ever know.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You have a sixth sense and are always thinking something bad is going to happen to you. This is making you paranoid to even leave your house. Don't worry so much. What's the worst that could happen?

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

All your friends planned a pick-up game of softball and invited you to come. The only thing is that when you got to the field, nobody else was there. Maybe everyone else forgot. Weird.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Charming is not a word to describe you. You fumble over your words and have a hard time talking to other people. Spend one hour every day holding conversations with yourself in the mirror. You will learn the art of eye contact and facial expression. Either that or you'll break your mirror.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

You get nervous when speaking in public. There is always the old trick of imagining someone in your audience is in their underwear. Just don't choose your 50-something year old professor. That is just sick and wrong.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Are you kidding me right now? You actually did it, didn't you? This is just too embarrassing for anyone to know about. You'd better spend some serious quality time thinking about what you did. There is a reaction to every action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Quoting movie lines can be funny at times but let's get serious. If you aren't imaginative enough to come up with your own material you should consider quoting obscure movies so nobody knows how unoriginal and boring you truly are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You are so psychic that sometimes you scare yourself. You made up something you thought was a lie and it turned out to be true. Maybe you should try to predict other people's futures in the form of a horoscope for a newspaper. It can be arranged.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

It's about time to treat yourself to a night out on the town. Just remember that you really don't have any money and you already borrowed \$1,000 from your parents for your summer trip and you have maxed out your credit cards. Insist that you really need the money. Your parents will probably think that funding your college education is more important than supporting your drinking habit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Springtime means the birds chirping, bees buzzing and flowers blooming. You too need to come out of your winter hibernation. Take a stroll, romance somebody. But remember, bees sting and so does lust.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Sometimes arguing till you are blue in the face is not worth it. There is a point when it is OK to just let go. Even if you are right, which you probably are, it is time to face the facts that the person you are fighting with is too dense to even understand what you are saying.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

There is a massive amount of half-naked people sitting outside everywhere you go. It is OK to take a look when you are walking by but it is crossing the line a little bit to photograph them for "a project." Stalker.

CORRECTION

In the April 23 issue of the *Voice*, the neighborhood series implied the featured apartments were owned by Moody's, they are not. In fact Sawdust City Real Estate owns them. We apologize for any confusion.

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Explore Area Art

Another world in local backyard

Rachel Gaynor
Offbeat Editor

A magical garden is something straight from a children's storybook but a local artist is bringing her magic garden to life and wants to share it with everyone.

Wouterina de Raad, known as Riana, lives eight miles outside River Falls but her backyard is a whole new world.

The Holland native grew up on her parents' coffee and rubber plantation on the island of Java in the Indonesian jungle. Raad said she considers herself 100 percent Dutch. Her name, which has been mispronounced more often than not, is a combination of her mother's and father's names, Walter and Rina. Her parents were separated in the concentration camps in World War II. Since she was born shortly after the war, her parents combined their names in remembrance of their four-year separation.

Her love of gardens comes from growing up living with her mother and having an exotic garden in her backyard.

"I don't even think of myself as an artist. I am just passionate about what I do."

Wouterina de Raad
Local artist

The statues she creates start with a welded steel frame. She welds her own frames then uses metal mesh for strength. The metal mesh is then covered in concrete. On top of that is a mosaic of pieces to create color and texture.

The differing color and texture come from pottery, glass, pebbles and anything else she finds. Each piece takes different amounts of time to complete but she said she usually spends no more than two months.

Although she describes herself as self-taught, Raad attended UW-River Falls from 1973 to 1977. Her major was fine arts and she specialized in fibers. She would go to the Ragstock warehouse in Minneapolis for rugs when the owner approached her about opening a Ragstock store in the area. He proposed other places but Raad was adamant about staying in River Falls.

She said she opened the first Ragstock store in River Falls and kept it open for 18 years and decided that was too long.

"After doing 18 years of 9 to 5,

I wanted to do my art," Raad said. "I decided to garden and make art for a living."

She said it's hard to figure out how to make a living as an artist. "Unless you're famous, it is hard to get the amount of money you should get for a piece," she said.

Art is one of her passions and she shares it with other people through workshops and garden design. Raad has taught workshops at The Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson and offers workshops out of her studio during the summer months.

"My income is pretty much

June through October," Raad said.

As an extra source of income, Raad also designs gardens for other people. Although she has drastically cut back this work and would eventually like to just focus on her own garden, she has kept two clients on for this year.

The pieces in her garden range from fountains, people, animals and mythical creatures like mermaids. She feels that art is trendy and mosaics are popular right now.

"I don't even think of myself as an artist," Raad said. "I am just passionate about what I do."



Local artist Wouterina de Raad opens her Magic Garden to the public during the summer months.



The sculptures are made with a metal and cement base covered in a mosaic style.

Art programs enhance sense of community

Katie Camplin
Staff Writer

While it may not compare to the scene in New York City or Minneapolis, the arts in Western Wisconsin have many avenues through which to flourish.

"We have a wealth of talent in the region," said Anastasia Shartin, the visual arts director at The Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson. "In all media."

And by all accounts, the arts are being seen as an important contribution to communities. Both River Falls and Hudson have community arts programs. Some, like The Phipps, have been around for 20 years while in River Falls there is a program in its infancy.

Gregori Starrett, an art student at UW-River Falls, plans to begin a new non-profit community arts program.

"What I want to accomplish is a more diverse art scene in River Falls, and to have a venue for art to be shown," Starrett said.

With Starrett's addition and the growing River Falls Community Arts Base (CAB), River Falls can expect opportunities in the arts to increase.

"In the last year we have more than doubled our membership," said Dianne Erickson, the coordinator at CAB.

CAB currently has more than 275 members.

Like most community arts programs, The Phipps and CAB promote the arts throughout the year with gallery shows, community classes and art crawls. The Phipps also offers music, theater and dance programs.

Funding for community arts programs can vary and usually comes from a wide variety of sources. Wisconsin is ranked as one of the lowest states in the country for per capita donations to the arts. Minnesota is ranked in the top five.

"The arts as an industry have a \$289 million economic impact," said Anne Katz of the Wisconsin Assembly for Local Arts.

Although receiving money for community arts is important, the avenues through which the money is allocated is equally valuable.

"It's always wonderful to have more funding," Shartin said. "But what I would really like to see is more project specific funding; a network of foundations that support local

artists and organizations." According to the Wisconsin Assembly for Local Arts, overall, the state of Wisconsin gives about \$2 million to organizations and artists around the state.

While money may be tight, volunteerism is popular and contributes to the success of these programs. Volunteers at The Phipps log in more than 2,500 hours a year in the visual arts program alone.

"We are so deeply and richly supported by the members of our community and (in turn) they feel a sense of ownership," Shartin said.

In addition to the arts, organizations like The Phipps and CAB promote a sense of community and neighbors in a way others can't.

"A place like The Phipps is different than a place like the YMCA," Shartin said. "At the YMCA you are there to use the facility. That is the involvement. I think that the knowledge and understanding that what you are coming here to visit is coming from the people you live next to or the people you walk by every day provides a sense of belonging."

Getting involved in community arts is easy. "Typically people look at the arts for a select few; grade school children or someone those that are especially gifted. But everyone needs art for a happy, well rounded life," said Erickson.

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Dianne Erickson
CAB coordinator

Top Ten Ways to Enjoy the Arts this Summer

1. Cruise over to "Harley Nation" at The Phipps.
2. Go see the Minnesota Orchestra at Waterfront Park in Hudson on June 28
3. Take a class during one of the art weeks at Pigeon Lake Field Station
4. Enjoy one of the Summer Concert Series performances at the amphitheatre on Tuesdays
5. Catch a film under the stars at Stillwater's Movies in the Park series
6. Stroll through Franconia Sculpture Park
7. Paint, draw or sculpt during your free time
8. Celebrate at CAB's Spring Arts Gala
9. Attend one of the St. Croix Valley Summer Theatre's performances
10. Go to The Phipps "In Full Bloom" on May 7

UNDERGROUND TREASURE: LOWER LEVEL OF LIBRARY OFFERS ART GALLERY



Rachel Gaynor
Offbeat Editor

From 1997 until September 2003, the basement of the River Falls Public Library was just a cement cave. Now it is home of the Eugene H. and Dorothy Kleinpell Gallery that features local art on a monthly basis.

The funding for the project came from cash gifts, local businesses and community members. The fundraising committee raised \$1.7 million to complete the project.

Although this gallery has a new show every month, the amount of visitors is not consistent and is usually scattered.

Employees suggest that the inconsistent hours of the gallery are to blame.

The goal of this gallery is to eventually have the lower level open during all library hours, but is not possible right now due to staffing shortages.

They are currently looking for volunteers who would be willing to monitor the area.

Former River Falls mayor Katie Chaffee was recently named the new events coordinator.

Chaffee is trying to find events to bring to the gallery but is running into difficulties due to the limited budget.

"Because the events coordinator position was just created, they are in transition right now on and figuring out what is going to happen."

During the month of May, the gallery will feature art from all of the schools in River Falls. Elementary, middle school and high school artists will have a chance to have their work displayed somewhere other than the fridge.

In June, Stephen Mohring, assistant professor of art at Carleton College, will be showing his sculpture pieces.

Call 425-0905 for more information about volunteering and shows in the gallery.

The exhibit in the month of April art featured from the Town and Country Art Club. The club was founded in 1957 by a group of local artists. The club provides educational meetings, field trips, art classes and annual exhibits.

Photo by Katie Camplin