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Glitch delays election

Student Senate election rescheduled for Oct. 14-15

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Senate elections should have gone on without a hitch but because of a technical glitch, they did not go as planned. "Students were able to cast a ballot; however the results did not register in the program, and students subsequently received error messages," said Student Senate Vice President Emilee Driscoll.

Each fall Senate election is held to give freshman the opportunity to run and get involved in the fall, said Student Senate President Matthew Scheulke. This fall there were only four candidates on the ballot with many more open positions that needed to be filled. The election was held "just to follow the rules," Scheulke said. If everything is fixed, voters will have another chance to recast their votes 8 a.m. Oct. 14

through Oct. 15 at noon. "It is our understanding that the technical error has been fixed, however, we will oversee with due diligence that the online balloting works without complications," Driscoll said. If the electronic elections don't work senate will hold the vote the old fashioned way. According to Student Senate Election by-laws, if the errors should resurface, the voting will take place by paper ballot.

UW System president criticizes state audit

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On Sept. 17, a teleconference was held with chancellors and other administrators in the UW System to review a report put together by the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB).

The 110-page audit report, which was authorized by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, looked at salary and staffing data from March 1998, March 2003 and March 2004.

According to the bureau's calculations, 15 percent of the UW System spending – about \$495 million – was administrative.

UW System President, Kevin Reilly criticized the report, saying there are no other systems in the United States to compare the findings of the UW System with. Due to this problem, there is no way of discerning whether or not the UW System's administrative costs are high.

"There are no measures by which to benchmark this kind of assessment of our staffing against other universities," Reilly said. "Thus, we cannot determine whether our 15 percent administrative cost is high or low."

Reilly also said he hopes data from other parts of the country will become available for comparison to the UW System.

Another issue in the report is that the UW System has about 8,038 positions which are considered to have administrative functions. That is almost 25 percent of the UW System employees.

Reilly also challenged these findings and said the non-partisan audit bureau's measurements, in what counts as "administrative," aren't to the standards

Report Recommendations

1. Provide the legislature with complete periodic reports on executive salaries, fringe benefits, and cash and noncash compensation from outside sources.
2. Provide all University of Wisconsin institutions with guidance on coding contractual expenditures in their accounting records to ensure accuracy and consistency.
3. Seek statutory changes to streamline and improve its (UW) position reporting to ensure accuracy, transparency, and timeliness in reporting the number and type of UW positions.
4. Report to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee by Feb. 1, 2005, on its administrative staffing and service delivery costs by institution, and provide specific proposals to reduce administrative expenditures and increase operating efficiencies in the 2005-07 biennium.

used by universities nationwide.

"One of the challenges with the review is the LAB used its own unique method of assessing our administrative staffing," Reilly said. "For example, they counted positions that have supervisory responsibilities and all clerical and secretarial positions as administrative costs – positions in student affairs, admissions, career planning, athletics and financial aid that most student and citizen do not generally associate with 'university administration.'"

Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Mary Halada, who participated in the teleconference, agrees with the criticisms Reilly issued in his statement, such as classifying athletic and career planning positions as administrative.

"They are lumping a whole lot more people into administration than what college and universities do," Halada said.

Halada said independent researchers who come in are also

classified as administrative.

Halada guessed the reason researchers were classified as administrative was possibly due to the fact that these researchers are not teaching students while they perform their research.

When students want a certain activity, such as intramurals and are willing to pay for it, someone is hired to help the students with that service. Even though the students are paying for this position, LAB is lumping these positions together and coming to the conclusion that a school has increased the amount of administrative positions.

As a result of the report, an issue that is likely to be discussed at the October Regents meeting will be about how much control the State should have over administrative positions in the UW System.

Despite differences of opinion, the UW System will embrace the audits recommendations and work to implement changes, Reilly said.

NOT A BIRD OR PLANE, IT'S ART

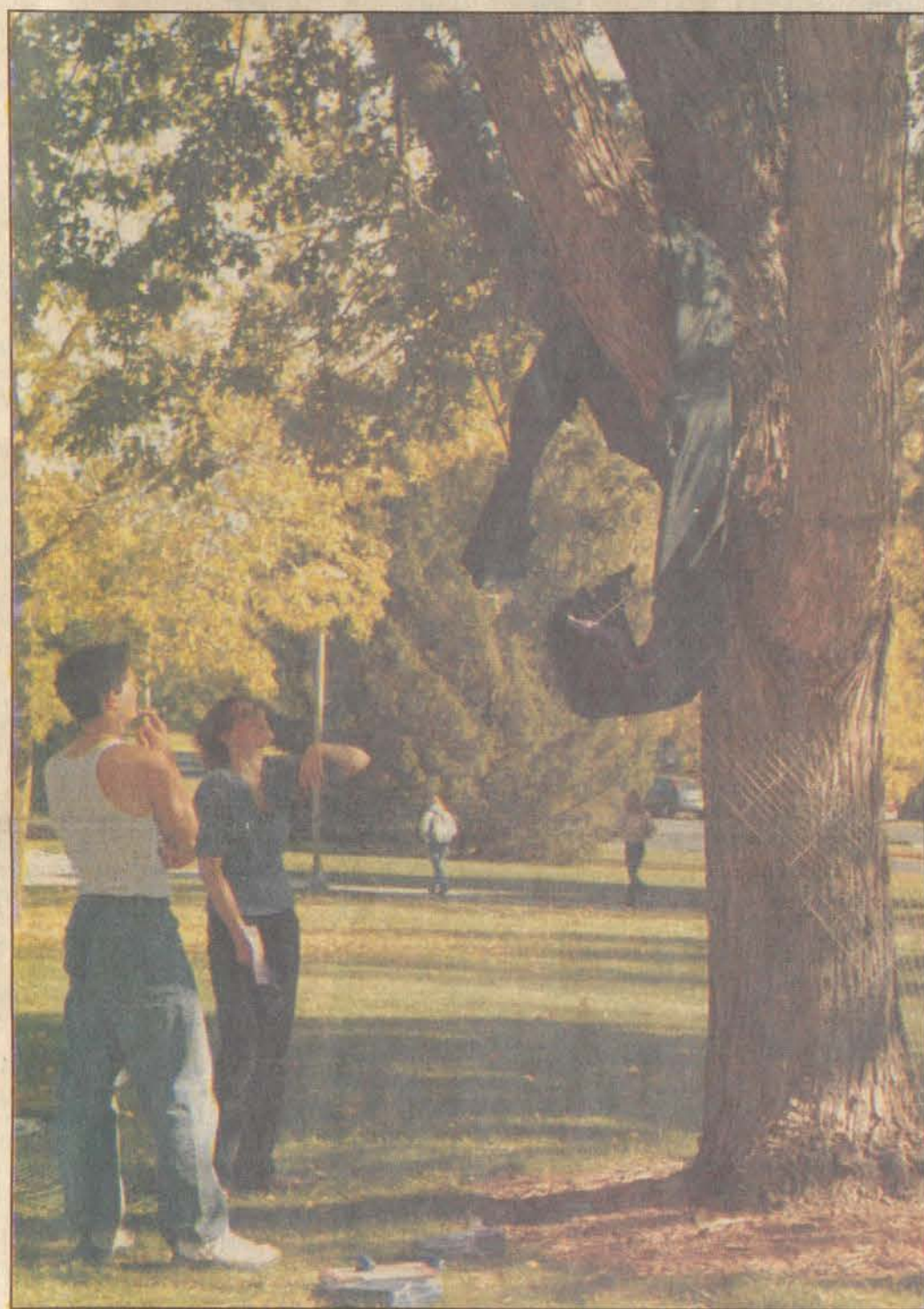


Photo by Sarah Geston

The 13th annual Outdoor Art Installation is being held Oct. 6-8. UW-RF art student projects, are at outdoor locations that are less than a 5 minute walk from the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Sophomore Lindsay Exworthy and freshman Gabe Williams check out one of the projects in front of KFA.

Local education student resists 165 credit policy

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Staff Writer

If students think \$2,376.95 is enough to pay for tuition, then they should be careful not to accumulate too many credits or the price may double.

UW System Policy 02-1, Excess Credit Policy, adopted on Dec. 5, 2002, takes effect for the first time this fall, charging undergraduate students a surcharge equal to 100 percent of the regular resident tuition for each credit above 165, in effect doubling the student cost of each credit taken over the threshold once it has been met.

Four students from the College of Education and Professional Studies (COEPS) received letters in August from the COEPS Dean's Office stating they were approaching the credit limit and may be affected by the ruling and surcharge this fall.

The students prepared appeals with the help of the COEPS Dean's Office and all four appeals were approved by the COEPS Dean's Office, said COEPS Associate Dean Mary Manke.

"We will support students to the utmost," Manke said.

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Philosophy program in peril; budget forces understaffing

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The UW-River Falls philosophy program and the College of Arts and Sciences is having problems with its differing philosophies with the administration about the program in light of state budget cuts.

UW-RF had two full-time professors but is now down to one full-time professor, Imtiaz Moosa, and retired professor David Peters as an adjunct instructor. The University may not hire a full-time after Peters stops teaching

his two philosophy classes, which Moosa said may happen as early as after the next academic year. "The University must invest in a full-time professor," Moosa said.

Moosa teaches four classes and, according to his figures, has around 220 students. A part of those 220 students are 40 students who Moosa

took on as a part of an overload which, he said, shows there is a demand on the student's part.

Moosa said that the students are not getting the full benefit of the philosophy program without having another full-time professor.

"If I had another full-time professor I could establish a philosophy club and debates," Moosa said.

Moosa also said he believes without another full-time professor, the philosophy program runs a risk of being cut.

"Administration might not consider philosophy essential since philosophy courses don't lead to a professional degree," Moosa said.

CAS Dean Gordon Hedahl said he understands Moosa's complaints. "No one working hard believes their program should be cut," Hedahl said.

Hedahl also said the issues with the philosophy program point to

a larger problem affecting universities in Wisconsin.

"There is a difficulty with the state budget cuts," Hedahl said. "The legislature created a budget that included a cut of 600 positions. They added over 550 positions to prison corrections. State is not placing priority on education."

Hedahl said the University is trying to adhere to the budget cuts with as little impact on the students as possible. It is made hard, Hedahl said, with departments being short a number of faculty positions and there are limitations with resources.

"I hope the state will provide the support," Hedahl said.

Hedahl said there are no plans to eliminate the philosophy program and also said he believes it should be a part of the education.

"It will be very sad if we don't teach philosophy," Hedahl said.

There is a plan in the preliminary stages to help both the philosophy program and interested students. According to a draft proposal, a history major with a philosophy emphasis could be created to replace the philosophy minor. The history major with a philosophy emphasis would, according to proposal, "strengthen both the history and philosophy

programs by making them more attractive to a wider range of students."

"I don't know how it will play out," Hedahl said.

Moosa said he hopes the phi-

losophy program is not cut because he believes it is a cornerstone of liberal arts and adds to the richness of choices.

"It will be a tremendous loss for students," Moosa said.

"Philosophy is a corner of liberal arts. It adds to the richness of choices. Unless students voice their concern there is a danger that the University won't give a damn."



Photo by Eric Ebert

Imtiaz Moosa is the last full-time philosophy professor at UW-RF. Budget cuts have made it difficult to hire a replacement for retired philosophy professor David Peters.

LOCAL

Cheerleading tryouts

Any students interested in participating on a cheerleading team representing the Falcons can go to the tryouts on Oct. 11-13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Knowles Center. The tryouts will be for the basketball, hockey and competition teams. Meetings for the organization are held on Thursday evenings in the St. Croix room at 6 p.m. in the Student Center. The competitive team will be participating in competitions this winter at the Mall of America and Wisconsin Rapids.

Drive for the troops

Phi Mu Fraternity ladies will be placing boxes in the Leadership Center, McMillan Hall and Prucha Hall for items to be sent over to troops in Iraq. Items to donate include magazines, stationary, envelopes, blank cards, pens and other simple forms of entertainment to improve living conditions. This drive is in response to the deployment of Wisconsin National Guard Company D, based in River Falls.

Racquetball shootout

People looking to compete in a cutthroat racquetball shootout on campus must sign up by submitting a registration form that can be picked up at dropped off at the information desk in the Student Center by Oct. 12. The competition is on Oct. 14 at 4:45 p.m. in Karges Center. A \$2 fee is required to cover the cost of racquetballs and Gatorade. There are three levels of competition for the tournament; advanced, intermediate, and beginner.

Speakers

-Wong How Man, distinguished alumnus, was a photojournalist for National Geographic Society and will be speaking about his latest developments. The event will be on Oct. 12 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall with a reception in Gallery 101 to follow.

-Thomas Patterson, professor of political science at Harvard's Kennedy School for Government and the author of "The Vanishing Voter" and "Out of Order," will be speaking on the importance of voting and being involved. The event is part of the Wyman Series and will be held on Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall. For more information visit www.vanishingvoter.org

-Brandt Williams, as part of the Working Journalist Seminar, will speak about reporting on race and justice issues. Williams, a journalist with Minnesota Public Radio's Urban Affairs Unit, will speak on Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

REGIONAL

Rape charges at Bemidji State University

Three students at Bemidji State University have been accused of raping an 18-year-old female student after slipping some drugs into her drink at a party on Sept. 19. While the alleged rape was happening, an off-duty sheriff's deputy recorded the incident on a cellular phone.

One of the three men was a star hockey player for BSU who was suspended after the incident. Other athletes at the university have been advised to be extremely cautious. In a required class for freshmen at BSU named Responsible Men Responsible Women advises students on the ways of college life and how to deal with the new pressures including the party scene. Women are showing special caution now.

One of the accused rapists, Tyrone G. Orde, 23, has also been receiving advice, this coming from his attorney. As a criminal justice major who wants to go into law enforcement his lawyer has told him to take some time off from school to avoid fellow students being uncomfortable with him and assuming his guilt. All of the men have pled not guilty.

The deputy has been placed on paid leave while the case is being examined by an outside source. All of the men have been released on bail pending later court appearances.

Kerry honored in wife's obituary

Roger Buffett is a John Kerry fan, as was his wife, Jane Buffett, and when she died in September her husband urged voters to vote for Kerry, saying that his wife had fought long and hard to try and live until Nov. 2 to vote but because she did not, people should honor her and vote for Kerry.

Buffett had died of a form of bone cancer and was an advocate for political issues as well as being a loving mother and grandmother. She felt that it was outrageous that her grandchildren were going to have to pay for the war with Iraq and also upset by President Bush's decision to invade in the first place. She was confident that Kerry would conserve her values.

After the obituaries were published in Madison's two daily papers there was a variety of responses from readers. One man left an anonymous message on Buffett's answering machine saying he wished that when Bush wins his dead wife rot in hell. This, however, did not surprise Buffett; he understood the risks that needed to be taken in order to get a message out. Other people who knew the woman before she died, just simply identified the obituary with the type of person that she was and understood the message.

NATIONAL

Florida schools to re-open

In the aftermath of the hurricanes, Florida's schools have been re-opened. Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne together are estimated to \$50 million in damage to schools in just two Florida counties.

Damage to the schools has prevented them from being in use sooner. Still some buildings have been demolished and will not be replaced until later. Other problems are bussing and athletics. Some students will have to use a ferry service to get to an area where bussing is available until something else can be done. Some field houses for sports have been destroyed so some extracurricular will be rescheduled, postponed, or even cancelled. Colleges have been re-opened as well as all other schools.

Teachers allowed students to talk about the hurricanes and everything that went around them when going back to class because they felt that the students would have a hard time getting back into the routine of math and English after such a tragic event so close to their lives.

Michael Moore's college appearance cancelled

George Mason University in Richmond, Va., has decided to cancel a scheduled appearance by Michael Moore, director of "Fahrenheit 9/11" a movie criticizing and ridiculing President Bush's response to the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001.

The event cancellation came after University President Alan G. Merten, received a letter from a Republican state legislator complained about the partisan speaker appearing at a college campus just five days prior to the election. The letter explained how he thought it was a poor use of public money to pay Moore \$35,000 of taxpayer's money. In another letter, delegate Richard L. Black, who has one of Virginia General Assembly most conservative voting records, also encouraged the George Mason to reconsider the lavish amount of money.

Moore promised to exercise his right of free speech and free expression and appear anyway on the campus Oct. 28. Moore was unaware of the cancellation before it was made public.

The University did not discuss if it had attempted to make arrangements with Moore to come and speak if the fee was waived, nor was it said it had tried to get student organizations or private organizations to raise the money Moore was contracted for.

STUDENT SENATE

Senate takes stand against draft

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Editor

The Student Senate, at its Oct. 5 meeting, voted unanimously to approve a motion to take "a strong stance against HR 163" - a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives calling for all young Americans to perform military or civilian service.

The bill, authored by New York Democrat Rep. Charles B. Rangel, states "to provide for the common defense by requiring that all young persons in the United States, including women, perform a period of military service or a period of civilian service in furtherance of the national defense and homeland security, and for other purposes."

Senator Nick Cluppert brought the matter to the Senate, asking his fellow Senators to take a formal stance against the bill.

"It was starting to circulate around campus that this could happen and a draft may be called," Cluppert said. "The (United Council) took a stance against it last year, and the (United States Student Association) is working on it now. This is something that could potentially affect almost everyone on this campus."

While speaking on behalf of the motion, Cluppert said the military is an all-volunteer force right now, and that's how it should be.

According to an Oct. 6 *New York Times* article by Carl Hulse, HR 163 was overwhelmingly defeated 402 to 2 with even Rangel voting against it. Both Republicans and Democrats in the House accused each other of using the issue purely for political gains during an important election season.

California Republican Representative Duncan Hunter called the Democrat move "the hoax of the year, which has been needlessly scaring young people," according to the article. The article also quoted Ohio Democrat Representative Tim Ryan, who said, "the president's foreign policy is scaring the kids of this country."

Because UW-River Falls Student Senators were unaware of the bill's defeat until the morning after the meeting, they decided to forward their motion to state and regional legislators and candidates running for those offices.

Though Cluppert's motion passed rather quickly, another matter took much of the Senate's time at the Oct. 5 meeting. Nearly every Senator chimed in to give comment on what should be done about the ride boards in Rodli Commons and the Student Center.

Currently there are two boards in Rodli Commons and one in the Student Center which are used to help people find carpool companions, especially for long trips on

weekends. Senate is looking into the issue because administrators are looking to take down the board in the Student Center to use the wall space for other purposes. Possible actions may include creating a ride share Web site, finding another place for the board in the Student Center or using boards only at Rodli Commons.

In other Senate news:

- Senate President Matthew Schuelke received an e-mail of resignation from Senator Emily Taubel. Taubel cited her duties as a military spouse of a deployed Marine and a recent promotion at her campus job as reasons for her resignation.

- UW-RF had two students appointed to UW System committees. Schuelke said that having two appointments at the state level is "pretty good representation for River Falls."

- Student Senators will be making appearances on "The Live Show" to urge students to get out the vote in the Nov. 2 presidential election.

- Cluppert said he attended a General Education Committee meeting recently where faculty were discussing which courses would double count toward degree requirements. Cluppert said he reminded the faculty of the new 165-credit policy and asked them to keep it in mind while creating double counting policies.

Academic Success Center offers

programs to help students flourish

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Staff Writer

The UW-River Falls Academic Success Center has been creative with federal funding to maximize its reach with the Student Support Services (SSS) Program.

The SSS program provides supplemental advising to low-income and/or first-generation college students. Individualized tutoring is also available through the SSS. SSS advisors also work to ensure students are getting all the financial aid they qualify for.

Currently, 370 students participate in the program that is only funded to support 200 students,

said Phil George, director of the Academic Success Center.

Another 300 students are inactive but are still being tracked by UW-RF. Federal grants provide UW-RF with \$250,000 annually to help first-generation and/or low-income students make the college transition and walk away with a degree, George said.

Federal funds are used to fund the SSS program, but SSS staff may also work on University projects, allowing them to be paid from both federal and University funds. By doing this, the SSS federal grant money can be stretched further to meet much of the SSS student demands.

Even with some budget creativity, qualifying students are turned away from the program, George said.

A federal quota with two-thirds of students being both first-generation college students and low-income students must be met. Criteria that UW-RF is graded on by the federal government include retention and graduation rates.

Currently, there is over an 80 percent first-year retention rate, George said.

Students qualifying for the program are identified and contacted as incoming freshmen. The SSS program tracks them and offers them support until graduation.

tion. "We've been fairly effective with this program; we're in our 13th year," George said.

For students not in the SSS program, tutoring is still available.

"We're here for everyone. If someone has a question or a problem, we'll help them any way we can," George said.

If a student needs a tutor, he or she can go to the Academic Success Center and fill out a tutor request form.

General tutoring comes out of state funding, which is limited, tutoring coordinator Rose Rude said. Because of this, individualized tutoring is used only when there is no help room available.

About 137 students are being tutored so far this semester and Rude predicts 350 by the semester's end.

Tutors also visit Parker, Crabtree, Prucha and Hathorn residence halls on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings to offer assistance in chemistry, math and biology.

The Academic Success Center currently has 62 tutors and is looking to recruit more through its Web site.

Tutors must have been at UW-RF at least a semester, have an A or B in the class they are tutoring and have a faculty recommendation for each class they tutor. If hired, a tutor must attend an orientation session. A variety of classes need tutors, but accounting, finance and biochemistry are often the most difficult to find tutors for, Rude said.

"I don't guarantee that I'll find a tutor for 300 level plus classes," Rude said.

Other services the Academic Success Center provides are: outreach advising, pre-major advising, multi-cultural services, personal counseling and disability services.

"It's (Academic Success Center) a resource that lots of students aren't aware of and underutilize," George said.

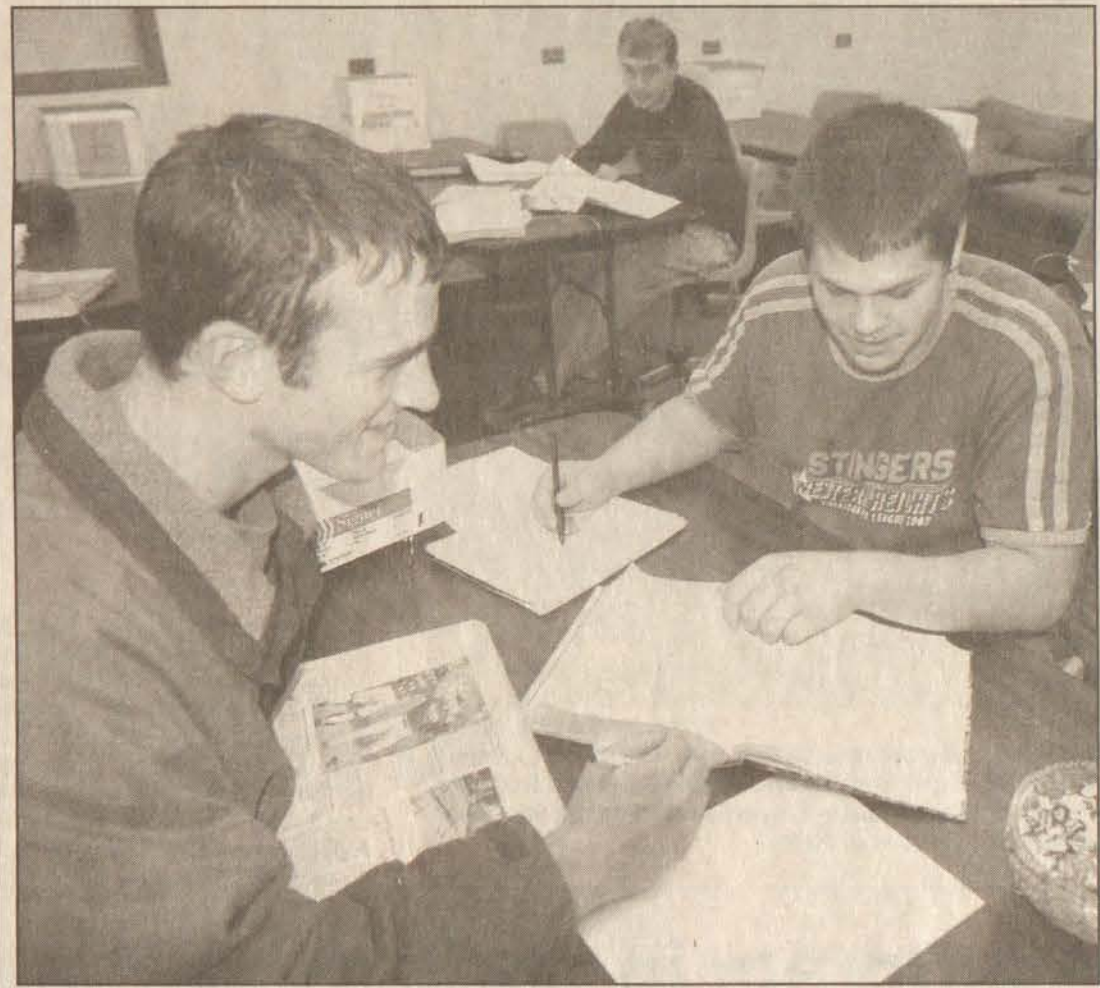


Photo by Sarah Gestson

Mike Majer (left) serves as a tutor for student Sam Ausen. The Academic Success Center offers tutoring and other services to students.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE

Sept. 24
Yu-Ting Lu reported her wallet stolen from outside the dining area at Rodli Commons.

Hillary A. Plain reported damage to her vehicle's windshield, valued at \$500, at W-Lot.

Sept. 28
Justin K. Larson was taken into custody for possession of marijuana at 1025 S. Main St. Denise S. Hughes reported a tire-slashing to her legally-parked vehicle at 550 S. Sixth St.

Eli Eschenbauch reported finding Peter Henslin unconscious due to alcohol in a restroom in Hathorn Hall. Henslin was taken to the River Falls Area Hospital via ambulance. Henslin was fined \$243 for underage consumption.

Sept. 29
Danielle K. Arntz hit a legally-parked vehicle owned by David Hutton at Foster and Bartosh. Arntz was fined \$89.60 for inattentive driving.

Nathan D. O'Brien and Leah M. Massey collided in an auto accident at Cascade Ave. and Fourth St. O'Brien was fined \$89.60 for inattentive driving.

Angela M. Nelson and Kelsey A. Berg collided in an auto accident in the Q-Lot.

Tyler W. Liedman and Emily R. Brost were each fined \$367 for possession of marijuana at Parker Hall. Police took into evidence a multi-colored pipe and two baggies contain-

ing a total of 17.2 grams of a green, leafy substance.

Sept. 30
Andrew M. Nortrup was fined \$164 for disorderly conduct at 642 S. Main St. Nortrup was also taken into custody for a St. Croix County warrant. Bail was set at \$319.

Oct. 1
Rebecca R. Helgeson reported a burglary in her dorm room in May Hall. Helgeson's wallet, valued at \$20, was stolen. The wallet was recovered from Rolanda Wallace.

Janell R. Hagens was fined \$243 for underage consumption at 620 S. Third St.

Michael G. Solberg, Adam R. Richter and Michael A. Becker were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

Jean M. Madden was fined \$243 for underage consumption at 512 S. Sixth St.

Kevin L. Kienlen, Deann R. Wedel and Jamie L. Kersten were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

Peter J. Grimm was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.

Oct. 2
Amber L. Watterson was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Stratton Hall.

Megan Ireland was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at Stratton Hall.

Kevin J. Hartwig was fined \$243 for underage consumption at 581 S. Spruce St.

David L. Vazquez was fined \$243 for

underage consumption at 620 S. Third St.

Laura L. Murphy was fined \$243 for underage consumption at 515 S. Spruce St.

Laura N. Warren, Michelle A. Crawford and Ryan D. Godfrey were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at McMillan Hall.

Andrew J. Sevcik was fined \$164 for underage consumption at Main St. and Vine.

Michael A. Huber was fined \$102 for public urination at 128 N. Main St.

Oct. 3
Kendra J. Knutson was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

David P. Laschansky was fined \$243 for underage consumption at May Hall.

Ryan T. Zylstra was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Parker Hall.

Lisa A. Toftely was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.

Rose N. Davey was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

Jessica R. Krautkramer and Jamie L. Kersten were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at May Hall.

Paula J. Matuszak reported a stolen wallet at the Regional Development Institute on campus. The wallet was later found in a nearby parking lot.

Oct. 4
Marran A. Lange rear-ended Jessica A. Schneider at Main Street and Mounds View Road.



Photo by Sarah Gestson

Justine Reyes owns The Coffee Shop of River Falls and is a student at the University. Reyes finds time between work and classes to socialize and relax.

Student business owner manages classes and work

Corey Hargreaves
Sports Editor

Going to college and having to take on a world of responsibility is a big challenge for many.

Justine Reyes, a UW-River Falls art student, not only has the same challenges many students face, but also has the responsibilities of being a business owner.

Reyes, along with her husband Martin, are the owners of The Coffee Shop of River Falls, the new restaurant across Cascade Avenue from Karges Center.

Being a business owner takes a lot of time and planning, so with these tasks, along with schoolwork, Reyes has to juggle assignments between working and sleeping.

"I feel I do a pretty good job with both," Reyes said. "If anything, I think I'm more sleep-deprived than anything. When I go to bed, usually the people I live with stay up, making it hard for me to get the sleep I need."

Reyes, a Spanish minor, feels the workload hasn't been too tough and doesn't see it being a problem as the year progresses.

"So far in my women's studies class I haven't seen a ton of work to do, but there may be papers in other classes towards the end of the semester that might bring the workload higher," Reyes said.

With running a business, Reyes feels that later on down the road she might pursue a business degree.

In an average week Reyes and her husband put in about 40 hours each at the coffee shop. Reyes' daily shift usually starts around 6:30 a.m. and goes until she has class around 1:30 p.m. During that time she organizes guest musicians and artwork featured at the coffee shop.

"We try to have art from the college and the high school on display around the coffee shop," Reyes said. "We try to change the art around every week to change the scenery."

When Reyes finishes her shift at work, she goes to campus for her two classes per day

and then returns home or to the restaurant to complete her homework. Shortly after that, Reyes uses the little time that's left to socialize and relax from a busy day's work.

"Overall, I think our business is holding up well and will improve as the year goes on," Reyes said. "We like to tie in our restaurant with the college by putting ads in the playbills at the performances on campus."

Reyes feels it is important to provide a student menu to give students an affordable option for a meal.

"Most students do have a meal plan, but they can only eat at a food court for so long," Reyes said. "We provide that alternative at an affordable price."

Reyes and her husband see the business heading toward a successful future. Not only has Reyes chosen to take a challenging step in being a full-time college student, but she has also taken on the responsibility of owning and running The Coffee Shop of River Falls.

Dairy producers converge in 'Dairyland'

Sara Tischauser
News Editor

MADISON, Wis. — From around the world people came to experience the pride of the "Dairyland." People from Mexico, Japan, Germany, the Netherlands and all over the United States came to take part in the World Dairy Expo at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Sept. 28 - Oct. 2.

Every year, thousands of dairy farmers, agricultural companies and others interested in the dairy industry attend World Dairy Expo. According to promotional material put out for Expo, there were more than 65,000 attendees representing 79 countries last year. There were 640 companies exhibiting booths and seven breeds of dairy cattle exhibited by 745 people from 31 states.

For the second year, there was a section that focused on products from Wisconsin, said Bonnie Walters, UW-River Falls animal and food science professor.

This section contained more than just the typical dairy products of milk and cheese. It also contained emu oils, emu meat, organic milk and hot mustard.

UW-RF was asked to have a booth in the new section because of the Falcon Food Store, Walters said.

"(The booth) is a way to promote the food

science program and training specifically in the dairy industry," Walters said.

Besides the booth in the Wisconsin products' section, UW-RF students were in charge of a booth promoting the University.

Besides being in charge of booths, some students participated in judging contests or showing cattle.

Erik Blaser, Keith Christen, Lance Nelson and Chris Peterson competed in the National Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Evaluation Contest.

This is a contest that consists of 12 classes with four cows in each class. The student's job is to rank the cattle in each class from best to worst based on accepted type standards for dairy cattle.

For six of the classes, students had to give a set of oral reasons. In this part of the contest, the student must give a persuasive speech explaining why they ranked the cattle as they did to a judge.

Twenty-five teams competed in the contest, said Steve Kelm, UW-RF animal and food science professor. The UW-RF team placed 13th overall and in the top 10 in the Ayrshire and Holstein breed.

Besides judging, some students showed cattle at the Expo.

Luke Buttles showed for the first time at Expo and was showing a Brown Swiss, a

breed of dairy cattle, for someone else.

While Buttles was showing for the first time at Expo, Sarah Day was showing cattle for a seventh year.

Although Day now goes to school at UW-RF, she showed cattle at World Dairy Expo when she was living in Pennsylvania.

Now, Day sees Expo as a time to see friends.

"It is the only time I see my friends from Pennsylvania," Day said.

Everyone has his or her own favorite part about Expo.

"Being able to see all the good cows from across the country," is Day's favorite part of Expo.

Buttles also likes looking at all the animals.

"I like looking at all the quality animals that are brought down for the show from all over," Buttles said.

Besides the animals, some people come to see the new products displayed. Leonard Johnson, a UW-RF graduate who now works for a company in agricultural products to help farmers get the best performance out of their herd, is one of those people.

"I like seeing all the different displays and all the innovations and new products," Johnson said. "It is a good place to exchange information."

Diversity plan to add 'spice' on campus

Katrina Schmidt
Staff Writer

At UW-River Falls there are students from all walks of life passing each other every day. By 2008, UW-RF hopes to be an even more diverse environment, welcoming each and every person's diverse lifestyles.

Plan 2008 is a program that began in 1998 when the UW System Board of Regents decided the system needed to be more accountable for increasing diversity and multiculturalism.

The plan consists of two parts, each lasting five years, aimed at increasing diversity on every UW campus. The first phase of the plan was aimed at educational equality through racial and ethnic diversity. Each campus is now entering the second phase of the plan. The Board of Regents concluded in June 2004 that no UW campus was as successful as it needed to be.

"The UW System gives us certain goals that we have to strive for," Dean for Student

Development and Campus Diversity Roger Ballou said. "Each of these goals, if you do it and do it right; will increase the numbers of people of color on campus, the attention to diversity topics in classroom teaching; it kind of sweeps across everything."

The Plan 2008 Committee, which met last spring and will be meeting again on Oct. 11, decides how these goals are going to be put in to action and what objectives to follow.

"We are given seven goals and we decide how many objectives we are going to put under each of those goals, and we have to do what we say," Ballou said. "We have to also define how we will know things have changed. We have to put in what we call outcome measures into the plan."

This plan consists of seven steps.

"The committee is going to revisit the steps to meet these goals with particular emphasis on steps to close the achievement gap with particular attention paid to retention and graduation rates," Phil George, Chair of the Plan 2008 committee said.

Based on a six-year graduation rate, overall, 54 percent of River Falls' students start and graduate from UW-RF.

"Students of color across the UW-System do not graduate or are retained at the same rate," George said. "We are particularly concerned about the graduation rate. That's where the gap is the greatest."

The ultimate goal of this plan is to increase diversity overall.

Other Plan 2008 objectives include making UW-RF a more hospitable, welcoming environment, where fear of uniqueness is low and in the process, increase the number of students of different races that graduate from this institution. "Where our current on-campus enrollment of students of color stands at about 6 percent of full-time enrollment, I would be thrilled to see this climb to 10 percent or higher within a few years," Ballou said.

The best place to start in making that happen is the River Falls community of faculty, staff and students. Whether it is in residence halls, classrooms, you name it; diversity is moving in to stay.

"Variety is the spice of life and it's far more interesting and rewarding to live and work and socialize in a community that is very heterogeneous," Ballou said. "Lots of different types of people, interests, orientations towards life, cultural backgrounds, and ethnic backgrounds. It's a much more exciting way to live."

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Seven goals of Plan 2008

- increase the number of Wisconsin high school graduates of color who apply, are accepted and enroll at UW System institutions
- encourage partnerships that build the educational pipeline by reaching children and their parents at an earlier age
- close the gap in educational achievement by bringing retention and graduation rates for students of color in line with those of the student body as a whole
- increase the amount of financial aid available to needy students and reduce their reliance on loans
- increase the number of faculty, academic staff, classified staff and administrators of color so that they are represented in the UW system workforce in proportion to their current availability in relevant job pools, and in addition, work to increase their future availability as potential employees
- foster institutional environments and course development that enhance learning and a respect for racial and ethnic diversity
- improve accountability to the UW System and its institutions

EDITORIAL

Stagnant Student Senate needs some stimulus

In a contest with four winners, one would assume that there would be more than four contestants participating for the prize.

Try-outs for sports, theatre, musical groups and other student organizations can be selective and get the best of the best, the cream of the crop, the people with the most votes.

This is not the case however with our student government. With many seats to be filled and only four qualifying applicants, the Student Senate candidates are all "winners" by default.

Senators have different committees that work on different things. One such committee was an election committee that frankly dropped the ball this year with its lack of advertisement about the search for candidates and the election itself.

When students walk into any building, especially the Student Center, their eyes are drawn to the multitudes of posters hanging all over about different groups on campus trying to get more participation.

Student Senate has the resources of the Leadership Center literally three feet in front of their office to make the posters. It would just take somebody with initiative to do it.

Though it may be difficult for election signage to stand out among the barrage of other posters in the Student Center, it would at least send the message that someone cared enough to try.

Of course, there's always word-of-mouth campaigns - not that we've seen any of that. If senators, students, faculty and staff would just talk about the Student Senate, they would be more visible.

The campus is set up much like the national government where the students are the checks and balance system for the administration. Without an active full-senate, administration could pull the figurative wool over the students' eyes without anyone ever knowing.

Student Senate is supposed to deal with issues close to our campus and with the administration here to make sure the voice of the students is a scream, not a mess of whispers.

The Senate that exists now can only do so much because of the low levels of participation. If a strongly bonded group were to form, students could actually make a noticeable difference, not just tow the line.

The years of ineptitude have created a void of legitimacy and power that the governing body is supposed to have.

This University, like every other higher educational facility, is meant to prepare students for their lives after school. Students preparing themselves for public service, such as some political science majors, should consider getting involved with student government. Student Senate experience could be a solid stepping stone on the way to a career in politics.

There is so much focus on the upcoming presidential race and controversies spurred by the College Democrats and College Republicans on campus that our own government gets put on the back burner and not taken seriously.

At any rate, a fire needs to get lit and the spark needs to come from somewhere. The faculty in the political science department should take the time in their classes to discuss the importance of student government and campus elections. Who knows - maybe someone might even care.

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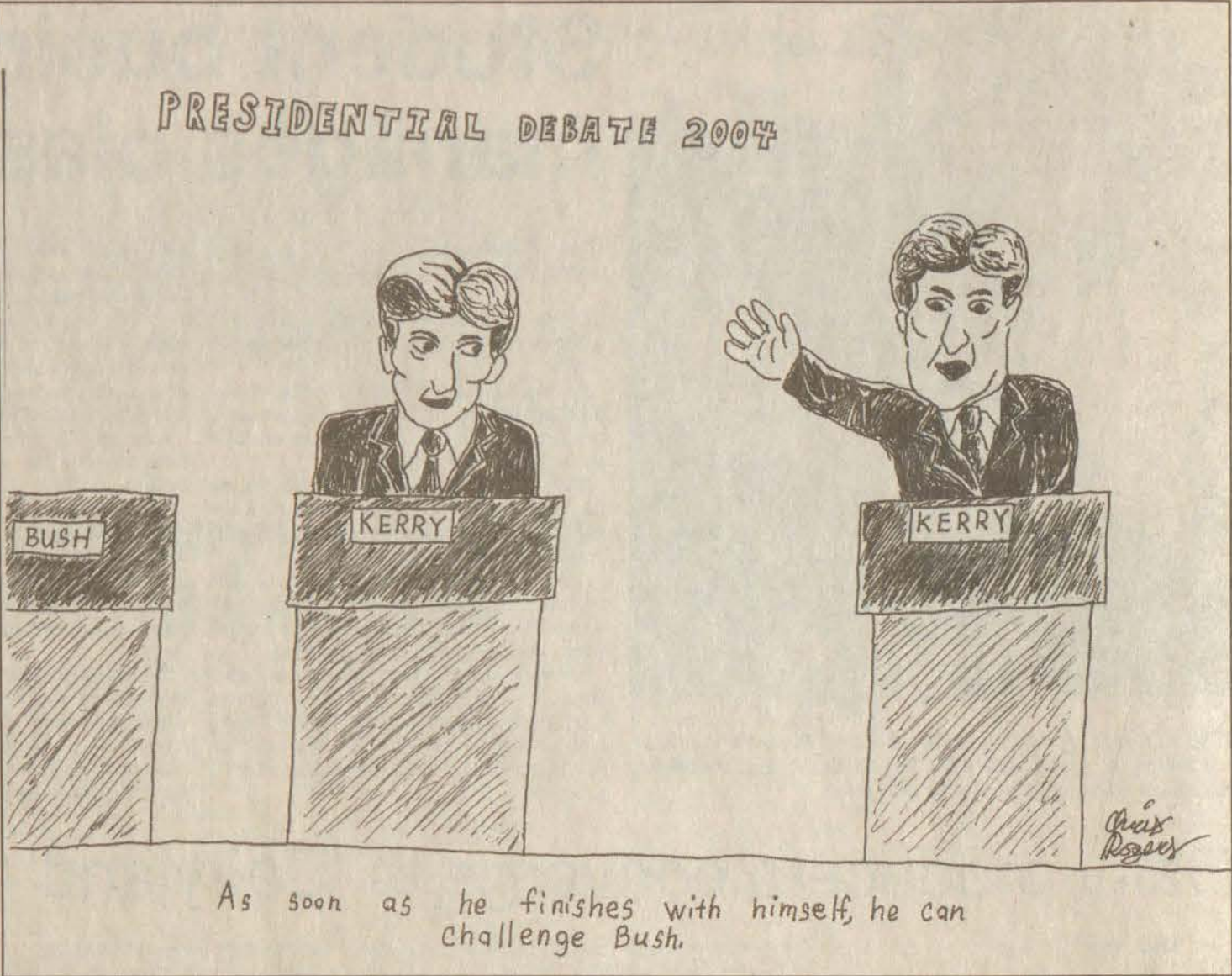
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VIEWPOINTS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Resident Evil' cartoon in poor taste

It is interesting to me that one of the letters in last week's *Student Voice* pointed out that the "Democrats of this campus [don't] work to rile up people and attack people and groups the way our College Republicans do," when it was printed underneath a cartoon of a dismembered College Republican. I am not saying that I am well informed enough of all the goings-on between the College Democrats and College Republicans to make an assumption, but the cartoon definitely does not earn my vote of confidence to the fact that the College Democrats, or Democrats in general are "sugary sweet" and completely passive toward people who have dissimilar views than their own.

I am a complete believer in the right to express your opinions, views and ideas (controversial or otherwise) but I also think that it is hypocritical to accuse others of voicing their own opinions as well. It makes you look hypocritical and discredits any kind of argument you have made.

I am also not against "free speech," which includes expressing our views within a piece of artwork, such as the cartoon "Resident Evil: The Election of Terror," that was in last week's *Student Voice*, but I do think that good taste should be applied, especially in such a sensitive and controversial topic. The dismembered carcass of a College Republican, an organization that several UW-RF students belong to, is very offensive and alienates some members of the University's own body.

I do not believe that a student paper, written by and for the students, should print such distasteful and offensive material. It undermines the unity and spirit of the campus and I would venture to believe that all individuals in attendance at this school would not want to worry about an illustration representing their dead and rotting body printed and distributed to the rest of the students at UW-RF.

Lindsay Hutton
Student

Artist should apologize

Apparently I missed the part in the student handbook where it discusses that targeting a group of students that share a set of viewpoints, and showing them dismembered is a good way to get your point across.

Last week's cartoon in the Viewpoints section did just this. It portrayed individuals and groups who stand behind President Bush as zombies. This was in very poor taste. However, to take it another step further and show them being dismembered - especially targeting the College Republicans - is reprehensible!

On a campus working to promote diversity, I was astounded to find a student was allowed to portray fellow students marred. You may not agree with the views held by the College Republicans, but to attack them in this fashion does not promote diversity of opinions and views on this campus.

Whoever drew such a distasteful cartoon owes this campus an apology for using this paper as a dumping ground for what they consider to be art and to the College Republicans for expressing such hate towards them.

Katherine Sorenson
Student

Respectful approach is best

Upon reading the column by A.J. Oscarson I've come to a realization that others may agree with. Jake Duesenberg should get some tips from Oscarson on how to express his viewpoints in a non-attacking manner.

Oscarson seems to have the same opinion as Dusenber when it comes to who he wants elected president this next term, but the way that he presented his opinion was much more professional and fair. He stated the facts, acknowledged the other side's opinion, and made some reference to when he was stating his opinion instead of fact.

Duesenberg's column didn't quite display those features. He had many written contradictions to the way that he has actually treated people when he's talked

to them about politics. He also inadvertently bashed professors, classes and the radio station on our campus. Honestly, no one wants to listen to anyone who's just going to preach and yell without acknowledging or respecting the other person's point of view.

I'll give Duesenberg some credit. He knows a lot about viewpoints. It's also great that he has a strong passion for his beliefs and stands strong in them. But the fact that he constantly attacks those who try to express their opposing viewpoint will get him nothing but more people who will strongly dislike him. And I don't know about you, but I don't think a person can be a successful politician if they are just going to attack the people who don't agree with them. Everyone's point of view deserves to be heard and considered.

Even President Bush gave John Kerry some credit where credit was due in their debate Sep. 30. Duesenberg needs to give people more credit and substitute the negative presentation of his views for a more positive one.

Ellie Buckentin
Student

Beware pending draft legislation

News stories are beginning to buzz with the real possibility of a military draft soon in 2005. The reality is that our military is stretched thin. The New York Times reports the Army is considering shorter combat tours to offset the declining rate of recruitment. The need for several thousand young recruits is essential in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. Backup military personnel may also be needed in other trouble spots in the world. Demographics indicate that there are more than 40 million young adults ages 18-29, in the United States-a sizable pool.

The *Charleston Gazette*, on Sep. 22, published the following: "Two bills pending in Congress would launch a new draft for all young Americans ages 18 to 26, both male and female, with no college exemption. Also a new border agreement with Canada is designed to prevent young

Americans from fleeing northward to elude the draft."

Our President said there will be no draft, but the reality strongly suggests otherwise. Assuming the President wins re-election, could we then, and only then, be told there will be a military draft? The President needs to be up front with the American people now, before the Nov. 2 election, not afterward.

Robert Pionke
Professor Emeritus

Columnist wrongly targeted

I would like to send this letter in defense of Jake Duesenberg. Throughout the time I have been a student at UW-RF, I have heard some horrible things about this student around campus, either printed in the *Student Voice* or in conversations around campus. I have heard him referred to as a racist, bigot, Nazi, that for him "everything is political," and that all he does is spread "liberal hate talk." If I had never met Jake, I would definitely assume that he is some sort of right-wing extremist who is filled with anger and hatred. However, if you meet Jake you would probably agree with me - Jake Duesenberg is one of the most friendly and intelligent people I have met, and the common attacks against him are simply not true. I would disagree that "everything is political" for him, but it is all the public sees of him because he is a political science major and he happens to write a political column, not a column about the weather or some other topic.

I feel that the endless attacks targeted directly at Jake are completely disrespectful and unwarranted. He has every right to show his political opinion, since freedom of speech is guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution. If you do not like freedom of speech, then please move to another country where citizens do not have the right to express themselves.

Of course, I also agree with the rights of people to criticize Jake, since this is also guaranteed under the constitution. However,

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UW-RF COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

Ah, the economy. A Democrat debating a Republican on the economy isn't fair. Why? Democrats have the record on their side. The top six presidents as far as job gains were Democrats. The bottom of the list was filled with Republicans.

Bill Clinton created nearly 23 million jobs during his presidency, fixing the trickle-down mess created by the Reagan and Bush administrations. George W. Bush on the other hand, has turned a projected \$5 trillion surplus into projected deficits in the trillions. Bush is the first president to preside over net job losses in a term since Herbert Hoover. Does the Great Depression ring a bell? That was another Republican adventure.

And it took a Democrat, FDR, to get us out of that mess.

Even economically inept presidents like George H.W. Bush and Ronald Reagan had gains in jobs during their terms.

George W. Bush likes to piss on our boots and tell us it's raining.

"The economy is strong, and it's getting stronger." Sure it is, George.

Don't like getting pissed on? Looking for a way to clean up this mess? Vote Kerry Nov. 2.

Two Sides Of Economy

UW-RF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

John Kerry doesn't hide his intentions of raising taxes. This increase will hurt America, as most of it will be redistributed rather than invested in an infrastructure that promotes growth.

The Kerry-Edwards plan is anti-growth and anti-ownership.

Instead of rewarding those who incur more risk and are more productive, they will penalize success and outsource jobs.

Following the 2001 recession and 9/11, President Bush has resurrected a dead economy.

In light of corporate scandals and poor accounting practices, Bush has chosen to enforce Securities and Exchange Commission rules ignored by the previous administration to protect investors and employees. Due to President Bush's policies, the unemployment rate is the lowest in 20 years, and personal income has experienced the greatest three-year gain.

Tax cuts have permitted companies to hire more workers, providing an increased tax base, and injected money into the economy through greater personal consumption. Some 750,000 jobs were created in the last half of 2003. Re-electing Bush ensures a prosperous economy for all Americans.

Former 'Pickle' reveler pays homage as old friend rides off into sunset

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, a piece of River Falls aura faded away into the memories of students and authoritative figures alike. "The Pickle" as it has been affectionately referred to during the course of at least the last three decades, will be survived by the some 12,000 residents of River Falls and more than 5,000 students at the University.

"The Pickle" is preceded in death by the party house scene in River Falls. She was a window back to a not-so-distant past of a college town that threw parties. She was a beacon not only to police officers trying to meet monthly quotas, but also to a way of life I remember encountering my

first year on this campus. It was a time when a student could get drunk at a house party any day of the week. If I recall correctly, there was "the Garage" on Cascade Avenue for Tuesdays, "the Ice House" on



MIKE SONN

Wednesdays, "the Attic" on Thursdays, and my favorite, "the Green House" on Friday and Saturday.

Not only does "the Pickle" hold a place in my college experience, she has been part of hazy drunken nights since the 1960s. I've heard stories from past graduates our parents' age and older who once partied in that very basement. A former resident's father used to stumble out

the back door 20 years ago just as we did last year.

I call for the passing of "the Pickle" not to be in vain. The students on this campus must take back their nightlife from the police and campus security. A battle has quietly been waged against the fundamentals of college stupidity and drunken debauchery. Listed every week in this very paper are the wounded of this crusade. We have let the city succeed in diminishing our choice of house parties to the football and rugby houses. There was a time when you had a choice of where to party on a given night.

For those of you who know the whole story behind the fall of "the Pickle," last Wednesday night holds much humor. But for all of us; those red and blue lights in the yard marked the

end of an era. Not only that of "the Pickle's," but also of our freedom to party in other people's houses while being underage. I remember how it was to be stuck in a dorm with several friends, a bottle of whiskey, and the ever-present fear of an overzealous RA.

Be diligent though, my friends, and don't be deterred by the police state in which we live. There is fun to be had in River Falls on the weekends and for those of you with less self-control, the middle of the week. Remember that a staple of being a student in this great state is that we'd walk twice as far for a keg of beer than a class.

So raise your glass this weekend, pour a little out, slam the rest, and give an "Oye!" to good times and new and old friends alike.

Rich folks earn right to reap Republican tax break benefits

The U.S. economy will play a significant role in the upcoming election between Sen. John Kerry and President George W. Bush. Several political scientists believe that our "pocketbooks" drive us to the polls in November. There's no question that the majority of Americans do not want to pay a lot of taxes.

They would prefer to have control of their own fortunes.

John Kerry's record in the Senate has been very unfavorable to the American taxpayer. He consistently votes for larger tax bills and more government programs.

In 1994, Kerry cast a vote to raise our gasoline tax by 50 cents. Furthermore, on several instances during his tenure, he supported higher taxes on social security benefits.

Today, Kerry acknowledges he is the man for the "middle-class." On his Web site he states that his tax cut proposal would benefit 98 percent of the American public. Kerry's problem is that he discriminates against our wealthiest individuals. The Democrats have successfully led this country into a belief that "the rich" should be punished financially.

When tax cuts are the issue, the wealthy deserve the largest portion. The top 20 percent of wage earners in this country pay 80 percent of federal income taxes. Giving a lump sum of our revenue back to the lower middle class would, in essence, be a redistribution of wealth (i.e. socialism).

Look at it this way: A student who receives an A in a class probably earned the grade through hard work and dedicated study time. Another student who pulled in a C did not com-

mit the time and effort that is required to earn a better grade. Would it be fair to the A student if the professor decided to gather all of the grades in the class and redistribute them so that both students ended up with a B?

Bush understands this simple principle. Our wealthiest Americans are good, hard working people too. They help make crucial decisions for corporations that boost employment



JAKE DUESENBERG

rates and increase stock prices (owned by millions of Americans). The U.S. economy survives because of our wealthiest citizens.

Our economic success is also dependent on a middle class and that is why Bush introduced another tax cut bill into law on Monday. An estimated 94 percent of American taxpayers will benefit from this bill. In other words, the Bush Administration will once again relieve the financial burden of taxes and give the American people control of their own money.

In this country, we are taxed on our income, our purchases, our gasoline, our cell phones, our utilities and the list never ends. That is why it is extremely important for America to have a president and legislature that will help eliminate the overall pain of paying Uncle Sam.

Bush has delivered a tax break four times in his term as president. Kerry says that he will also cut taxes for the middle class, but he cannot be trusted. It's very unlikely that a politician will chronically vote to raise taxes and then suddenly change his policies. Bush is consistent and puts the trust into the hands of the people. When our pocketbooks are at stake, one candidate clearly stands out.

Support low taxes. Support our president. And God bless America.

Time at a premium thanks to technology

I keep hearing the refrain, "I have no time, I have no time," over and over, from myself and others.

Why, I wonder, when we live in an age when modern technology is supposed to give us so much free time? Time to spend with our families and to do the things we are passionate about.

It seems as though technology has only freed us so we could get busier. Things that once would have waited are now more urgent and immediate than ever. We are expected to know and produce more.

Cell phones and computers make us always accessible. Everybody needs something right now. It is almost impossible to prioritize and determine what is really urgent. It all becomes a big blur.

I don't think any other form of technology has affected how we communicate like the cell phone. Introduced in 1983, cell phone usage has increased at a rate of 40 percent per year. There were an estimated 80 million U.S. cell phone users in 2000.

We are living on a very fast treadmill - one on which our cell phones are setting the pace. These are not just phones; they have become mini-computers as well. They are



our new appendage. It seems as though a cell phone is always pressed to our ears.

For instance, I was walking behind a couple who were holding hands and strolling across campus, but they were talking on their cell phones and carrying on two different conversations.

Hello, what's up with that?

We have a love-hate relationship with these phones. Besides constantly interrupting the moment we are in, they don't work very well. The answer to the commercial for the wireless company that asks, "Can you hear me now?" should be a resounding "NO!"

According to Consumer Reports Magazine, 80 percent of users experience service problems with their cellular providers.

I can't count the number of times my calls are dropped or end abruptly. Static that makes a conversation sound like it is between two Martians is not uncommon.

These problems, and the fact that when I need to reach someone because I have "urgent" information to convey their phone is off, make me angry and anxious. I end up with a bad case of "cell phone rage." Yet, I must admit, I need to have that phone.

Because communication and information

are so readily available, I think we are overstimulated and have difficulty processing it all in an orderly manner.

Besides cell phones and computers, television is another culprit in our addiction for information.

For instance, when I watch television news, I can't simply watch and listen because the TV stations run lines of captions below the image of the reporter while he/she orally delivers the news. I don't know about you, but I find it difficult to concentrate on what a reporter is saying while trying to read the text below, not to mention comprehend the substance of the insets on the screen. Further, the stories are never the same. I end up trying to process several different sources of information at the same time.

Talk about sensory overload.

And we wonder why our children suffer from Attention Deficit Disorder. Time spent simply reading a book or playing a game of chess is almost nonexistent. Instead they sit for hours playing video games on their cell phones and computers.

I think the technology we use to convey and amass information, and to amuse ourselves, only makes us tired and stressed. We are like the Energizer Bunny. We just keep going and going. It's no wonder we "have no time."

Technology has only freed us so we could get busier.

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it is truly disrespectful and negative to paint him as the Antichrist or some horrible person when, clearly, this is not true. I also don't understand why Jake has become the single important target of liberals on this campus. Jake will criticize the liberal ideology, but does not single out specific people as people do against him since he realizes this would be disrespectful. If you want to criticize Jake's opinions, please do so in a respectful manner.

Unfortunately this is not the only case of the political left being incredibly negative and against democracy. The

Republican office in Hudson is urging people to bring their Bush/Cheney signs inside at night, since if they are left in the yard they will be stolen or defaced. Stop signs have had "Bush" spray painted below "stop." A large Bush/Cheney sign near my hometown had words spray painted on it which are not suitable to print in the *Student Voice*. What kind of a message does it send to steal or vandalize signs? Does anybody really think that this behavior will help John Kerry get elected?

Overall it would seem a party called the "Democratic Party" would support the ideals of democracy, including the right of others to express their opinions, even if it is at odds with their own. I realize that most democ-

rats do not behave in this childish manner, but this behavior reflects badly on all democrats. If you are a democrat, you should suggest to others to stop this sort of behavior since it is counterproductive and is doing more harm than good to the John Kerry campaign.

Louis Muench
Student Senator

Silence on left shouldn't mean quiet on right

As I sit here and listen to all the squabble about Jake Duesenberg's removal from his WRFW radio show, I have to put

into question the validity of the station's policy on how every opinion presented must be given an equal opportunity for rebuttal.

Since when has having a biased viewpoint ever kept someone else with an opposing opinion from speaking his or her mind against it? Jake has just as much right to give a viewpoint he believes is inherently right to him as does someone on the opposite side of the issue. But the fact is, there simply happens to be no person out there with those opposing views at this time willing to speak his or her mind as loudly as Jake does on the air. In fact, I challenge others who might have those opposing viewpoints to make an effort to voice their opinion, either on the air or through other venues.

But do we silence one viewpoint just because another is not willing to step forward and present the other side of the argument? That is absurd. If I had an opinion on an issue, I would gladly wish someone else with an opposing view to my own to exercise their inherent right to speak their mind just as vocally. However, just because there is no one on the other side to question my belief on a certain subject, does that now mean I'm not entitled to the same right to express that belief? That would be like saying to a gun control activist, "Sorry. You can't express your views on gun control because we can't find any NRA members for you to debate with."

The fact is, all news is biased.

CNN is biased. Fox News Channel is biased. The Star Tribune is biased. WRFW is biased. And yes, even the New York Times is biased. We are all, by human nature, biased. I guarantee there are no two people in this world who hold the same exact viewpoints 100 percent of the time on every situation they come across in this world. To deny our God-given right to express our viewpoints would be taking away from what God intended for His creation and mankind.

By the way, this letter was written with bias.

Jeremiah Zitzow
Student Senator

What would keep students on campus on the weekends?



Kate Werdin, junior
"More bands and events at night, and more late night restaurants."



Michael Bell, sophomore
"Not as strict drinking rules. That's why most people don't stay that drunk."



Andy Peterson, junior
"More stuff to do, like clubs."



Becky Kallinen, senior
"More restaurants and fun places to hang out. More job opportunities wouldn't hurt."

Photo poll by Sarah Gestson

Early goal leads soccer to 4-1 victory over UW-Eau Claire

Andy Sinykin
Sports Information

Emily Rodgers scored only 3:08 into the first half giving the Falcon soccer team a lead they would only relinquish for two minutes throughout the rest of the game.

At 5:50 Becky Sitter scored for Eau Claire, tying the game, 1-1. Only two minutes later Falcons leading goal scorer, Ashley Peterson, scored on an assist from Sarah Carlson, giving the Falcons a 2-1 lead. They never trailed again. At 27:22 Miranda Pogulis scored her second goal in as many games and only seven minutes after that Heather Morgan scored her second goal of the season to give the Falcons a 4-1 lead.

Both teams went scoreless in the second half, with Eau Claire out shooting the Falcons nine to two. Falcon goalie Hannah Tvedt had five saves in the second half. The Falcons finished with 11 shots in the game. Eau Claire finished with 19. Andrea Dudley had six first half saves and increased her win total to five.

The UW-River Falls soccer team beat the University of

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Photo by Sarah Gestson
Meghan Pedersen dribbles the ball away from a UW-Eau Claire defender in the Oct. 5 game. The team looks to attack UW-Platteville Oct. 15 at Ramer Field, with kick off at 4 p.m.

Football team no contest for UW-Eau Claire

Nathan LoCascio
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls football team (0-4, 0-1) couldn't spoil the UW-Eau Claire (3-1, 1-1) Homecoming as it lost its WIAC opener 37-15 at Carson Park in Eau Claire.

The Falcons gave up 30 points in the second half after giving up just seven in the first. Eau Claire scored 17 in the third quarter.

"For two and half quarters things were the way we wanted, and then we just wore down," Falcon coach John O'Grady said.

The Falcons kept the game close for the entire first half and part of the second. River Falls recovered a fumble by Eau Claire punt returner Derek Sikora in the third quarter at the Blugold 27-yard line. Long snapper Brad Malpert recovered the ball for the Falcons. Senior running back John Peterlik capped off the five-play 27-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run to tie the game at seven with 9:18 to play in the third quarter.

From there the Blugolds went on a 30-point run to seal a 37-15 Homecoming victory.

"Our kicking game played well, except for the Peterlik fumble, they gave us good field position," O'Grady said. "Our defense played well, our offense just didn't play well. We did not pick up first downs."

Falcon quarterback Dave Affeldt scored a one-yard touchdown late in the game. The late touchdown capped off a 12-play 58-yard scoring drive, UW-RF's longest of the afternoon.

One of the reasons for the Blugolds' success was junior running back Joe Gast. Gast carried the ball 30 times for 135 yards and scored four touchdowns. The junior earned the yards the hard way averaging 4.5 yards per carry with a long run of only 21 yards.

"They dominated time of possession, which is a major concern because we cannot have our defense on the field that long," O'Grady said.

Eau Claire senior quarterback Nels Fredrickson threw 26 times, completing 16 for 188 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Wide out Tony Hull had

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Volleyball team splits against weekend WIAC competition

Mike Klees
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls volleyball team went 1-1 on a difficult weekend road trip against two ranked conference foes, UW-Oshkosh and UW-Whitewater. With a 2-3 conference record, the young team is learning how tough the WIAC can be. All five of the conference games the Falcons have played so far were against ranked opponents. UW-RF started the weekend with a big 3-2 win against Oshkosh then went Whitewater

and were swept, 3-0.

"On road trips like this one our goal is to at least get a split, and we accomplished that," said Coach Patti Ford.

The Falcons went into Oshkosh expecting an emotional match, due to the sudden retirement of Titan coach Marty Petersen. They got the best that the Titans had. The Falcons scored the last four points of the match to pull out a tough win in five games. Game scores were 30-25, 26-30, 30-27, 15-30, 15-12. UW-RF was led by sophomore outside hitter Katie Thompson with 21 kills and

a .354 hitting percentage. Senior outside hitter Logan Kiesch led the Falcons on the defensive end with 19 digs.

"I think we've learned a lot in the last few weeks," Ford said. "We played extremely well against a team that always gives you a tough match wherever you play."

The Falcons then headed south to take on 12th-ranked Whitewater and lost a match they were never really in. Game scores were 30-25, 30-18, 30-22. The Warhawks won a close first game and then ran over the Falcons for an easy

win. UW-RF was led once again by Thompson with 10 kills and 14 digs. Senior right side hitter Nina Petersen also had a good match with seven kills and 14 digs.

"If you make errors, especially against a team like Whitewater, you're going to lose," Ford said.

Petersen reached a personal milestone in the match against Whitewater by recording her 1,000th career kill. She became the 10th Falcon in school history to achieve the feat and will be honored in a ceremony at the UW-Superior

game at 7 p.m. on Oct. 13 at the Karges Center.

"It is a wonderful career achievement for Nina," Ford said. "She is right up there among the best Falcon players of all time."

The Falcons go to Platteville this weekend to participate in the UW-Platteville Tournament. There the Falcons will get another opportunity to play UW-Stout and UW-Platteville, two teams they lost to in conference play earlier this season.

VanDyk leads golf team at Whispering Springs

Tara Sowle
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls golf team played at the Whispering Springs Golf Club in Fond du Lac, Wis., last week at UW-Oshkosh. The team started in fifth place shooting a 360, but trailed UW-Platteville, which was at 357. UW-Oshkosh was in third with a score of 352 and St. Mary's was second with 332. Leading the match after the first round was UW-Eau Claire with a 324.

Casey Ambers was the Falcons' top shooter after the first day of play with an 84.

Gabe VanDyk came in next with an 88 and Ellen Berndt followed with a 90. Jenna Gutzwiller shot a 98, Kara Coughlin shot a 102, and Nina

Englund shot a 118.

The team finished the match one place higher, in fourth place, with a final score of 721. UW-Eau Claire won the tournament with 675 strokes. St. Mary's came in second with a 683 and UW-Platteville took third, shooting a 707.

VanDyk was the top Falcon scorer shooting a 88-85 - 173. Ambers (84-94) and Berndt (90-88) both ended with 178 strokes and next for the team was Gutzwiller shooting a 98-94 - 192. Coughlin finished 102-94 - 196 and Englund had 118-117 - 235. Par for the course is 72.

"The team played very well," coach Jeff Berkhof said.

The Falcons will end their season at the WIAC meet in Stevens Point Saturday and Sunday.

Tennis chasing UW-Whitewater

Team adds three wins to record, two from WIAC play to move one win away from conference-leading UW-Whitewater

Jenna J. Campbell
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls tennis team had a 3-0 week, raising its overall record to 10-2. Two out of the three victories were WIAC matches against UW-Stevens Point and UW-Oshkosh, bringing the Falcons' WIAC record to 3-1.

The Falcons began their week playing Hamline University on Sept. 29. The Falcons defeated Hamline 7-2.

The Falcons won five of the six singles matches and two of the three doubles matches. The Falcons played without their No. 2 singles player Leah Baron because of injury.

"I was very impressed how the team moved up and achieved a victory," said head coach Lee Lueck.

In WIAC play the Falcons faced UW-Stevens Point Friday afternoon. The Falcons

swept the Pointers 9-0.

This match was a great confidence builder for the big match against UW-Oshkosh the following morning.

The Falcons played UW-Oshkosh Saturday and won in a close match, with a score of 5-4. Going into the match the Falcons had many factors working against them. One was the Falcons win over Oshkosh last fall with a score of 5-4, and this year losing No. 1 Jordan Anderson and No. 2 Amanda Gray, the team had its work cut out for it. The Falcons were also playing their second match of the weekend, while Oshkosh was rested.

Despite the challenges, the Falcons rose above Oshkosh. The Falcons swept the doubles matches. No. 1 doubles team of Megan Knobloch and Leah Baron came back from a score of 1-5, to beat Oshkosh 9-7.

No. 2 doubles Becky Briese and Sarah

VandenHoek won in a tiebreaker, 9-8. In singles, play the Falcons won two of three matches. VandenHoek, playing at No. 6 won in straight sets with a score of 6-4, 6-0.

The pressure was on Baron in the deciding No. 2 singles match. With a score of 4-4 for the match Baron went into her third set.

"Leah is one of our strongest players. She is emotionally strong and the strongest conditioned player we have on the team," Lueck said. "I believe her physical conditioning and focus gave her the edge in the match."

Baron won her third set 6-2, bringing the Falcons to an exciting victory.

"With back-to-back conference wins this was a fantastic week; the players never cease to amaze me at how deep they can dig to achieve a win," Lueck said.

The Falcons look to take on UW-Eau Claire on Oct. 13. The match is set to begin at 3:30 p.m. on the Crabtree courts.

McClanahan refuses to give up despite injuries



Photo by Sarah Gestson
Molly McClanahan leaps for the ball earlier this season. Even with major injuries, McClanahan has managed to stick with soccer and looks to lead the team to another successful soccer season.

Andy Sinykin
Sports Information

As a senior at St. Anthony, Minn., High School, Molly McClanahan broke her leg. A year later as a freshman at the UW-River Falls McClanahan broke her leg again.

After two serious injuries many athletes would decide that it was time to give it up, but despite her mother's wishes McClanahan recovered and came back for her sophomore season.

"My mom was a little worried about me coming back to play ... but not playing was never an option in my mind," McClanahan said.

Since breaking her leg as a freshman, McClanahan has played all 90 minutes in nearly every game. The last three seasons she has played as a defensive midfielder, but when teammate Jessie Olsen went down with a broken ankle earlier this year she moved to the stopper position.

"[Molly] provides experience at almost every position ... she's very versatile," said Falcon head coach Sean McKuras.

Although she hasn't received many accolades in college soccer, McClanahan is very impor-

tant to the team's performance. As a defensive center midfielder, and now as a stopper, McClanahan is in the middle of the action, controlling much of the game.

Last year, in the Falcons WIAC championship season, McClanahan was named co-captain. This season she has taken on the sole position of captain.

"I take things harder when we don't play well," McClanahan said, emphasizing that she is passionate about the team's success.

"[Molly] has been an effective leader both on and off the field," McKuras said.

McClanahan credits much of her success to her family.

"My mom and dad have been huge supporters," McClanahan said. "They have only missed a few games and one of them was for my sister's wedding."

McClanahan also gives credit to her oldest sister who played college soccer at Hamline University.

"Going to her games with my mom and dad reinforced me wanting to play at the college level."

In high school McClanahan earned numerous awards and achievements as a Huskie, including: all-conference as a

sophomore, junior and senior; academic all-conference as a senior; and also team captain. She also earned the Athena Award as a senior. As well as playing soccer, McClanahan played softball and basketball for the Huskies.

Academically, McClanahan is majoring in elementary education with a minor in health.

Like most college seniors she is unsure what she will be doing after she graduates.

"I'd like to teach. I don't know where. I'm really looking at first or second grade, somewhere in Wisconsin or Minnesota," McClanahan said.

During the winter McClanahan coaches girls basketball at St. Bridget's in River Falls.

Last year she coached eighth graders, but this year she will probably be coaching fifth or sixth graders.

As far as playing soccer after college, McClanahan was pretty sure it was time to give it up and change her focus.

"I'll turn my focus more towards coaching," McClanahan said. "I've had too many injuries to keep playing, but who knows, next summer, I might keep playing. I might miss it."

SCOREBOARD

Football

WIAC Standings

Platteville (1-0)	4-0
Stout (1-0)	3-0
La Crosse (1-0)	2-1
Whitewater (1-1)	4-1
Oshkosh (0-1)	3-1
Eau Claire (1-1)	3-1
Stevens Point (0-1)	1-2
River Falls (0-1)	0-4

Oct. 2 results

UW-River Falls..... 0 0 7 8 - 15
UW-Eau Claire..... 0 7 17 13 -37

2nd Quarter

00:05 UWEC - Joe Gast 1 yd run (Andy Schneider kick), 11-54 5:04, RF 0 - UWEC 7

3rd Quarter

09:18 RF - John Peterlik 1 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 5-27 1:46, RF 7 - UWEC 7

07:09 UWEC - Joe Gast 1 yd run (Andy Schneider kick), 6-48 2:01, RF 7 - UWEC 14

02:37 UWEC - Andy Schneider 25 yd field goal, 4-4 1:19, RF 7 - UWEC 17

00:14 UWEC - Tony Hull 10 yd pass from N. Fredrickson (Andy Schneider kick), 5-52 0:58, RF 7 - UWEC 24

4th Quarter

11:10 UWEC - Joe Gast 5 yd run (Andy Schneider kick), 6-43 2:57, RF 7 - UWEC 31

09:01 UWEC - Joe Gast 1 yd run (Andy Schneider kick failed), 5-20 2:01, RF 7 - UWEC 37

03:32 RF - Dave Affeldt 1 yd run (Nathan Anderson rush), 12-58 5:03, RF 15 - UWEC 37

	RF	UWEC
First Downs	11	22
Rushing	55-180	49-205
Passing	0	188
Total Offense	58-180	75-393
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	4-2
Interceptions	1	1
Penalties	3-24	4-41
Possession	27:53	32:07

Individual leaders

Rushing

RF - Anderson 21-100; Peterlik 19-62; Affeldt 8-26; Wolff 1-0; Kolstad 6-minus

Passing

RF - Kolstad 0-3-1-0

Receiving

RF - None

Tackling (Solo-Assist)

Agrimson 9-2; Farmer 7-2; Hoegh 7-1; Retzlaff 6-1; Jordan 5-1; Buker 4-2; Cassellius 3-3; Hampton 3-1; Gray 2-0; Arcand 2-0; Baillargeon 2-0; Johnson 1-1; Meyer 0-2; Dabrowski 1-0; Dorner 1-0; Acosta 0-1; Hasse 0-1; Larson 0-1; Gregg 0-1.

Volleyball

WIAC Standings

Whitewater (4-1)	19-2
Platteville (5-2)	14-2
Stout (4-2)	12-3
Eau Claire (4-2)	15-4
La Crosse (3-2)	14-3
River Falls (2-3)	14-5
Stevens Point (1-3)	15-7
Oshkosh (0-3)	12-7
Superior (0-5)	4-14

Oct. 2 Results

UW-River Falls..... 25 18 22 - 0
UW-Whitewater..... 30 30 30 - 3

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

Jude 2-0-0-7-1
Kiesch 2-0-0-6-0
K Thompson 10-0-2-13-0
Anderson 2-0-0-3-1
Krtnick 2-27-0-14-0
Geehan 6-0-2-4-0
Mace 1-0-1-10-0
Petersen 7-1-1-14-3
Mosneg 0-0-0-0-0
M Thompson 0-0-0-0-0
Sagami 0-0-0-0-0

Oct. 1 Results

UW-RF.....30 26 30 15 15 - 3
UW-Oshkosh.....25 30 27 30 12 - 2

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

Jude 1-1-0-6-2
Kiesch 7-0-3-19-1
Thompson 21-0-1-6-1
Anderson 3-0-0-2-4
Krtnick 1-56-1-12-1
Geehan 14-0-0-4-7
Mace 0-0-0-8-0
Petersen 13-2-2-11-3
Sagami 1-0-0-0-1
Mosneg 1-0-0-0-0

Soccer

WIAC Standings

Oshkosh (3-1-1)	7-2-1
Stout (3-0)	9-0-1
Stevens Point (3-1)	7-3-1

River Falls (2-1-1)

La Crosse (2-1)
Platteville (1-2)
Eau Claire (1-2)
Whitewater (1-3)
Superior (0-5-0)

Oct. 5 Results

UW-Eau Claire..... 1 0 - 1
UW-River Falls..... 4 0 - 4

1st half

3:08 RF - Rodgers (5) (Unassisted)
5:50 EC - Sitter (4) (Meisinger)
7:50 RF - Peterson (9) (Carlson)
27:22 RF - Pogulis (2) (Unassisted)
34:35 RF - Morgan (2) (Unassisted)

Oct. 1 Results

UM-Morris..... 0 0 - 0
UW-River Falls..... 2 1 - 3

1st half

15:33 RF - Peterson (8) (Penalty kick)
44:41 RF - Pogulis (1) (Peterson)

2nd half

73:28 RF - Hawkins (2) (Unassisted)

Tennis

WIAC Standings

Whitewater (3-0)	5-2
River Falls (3-1)	10-2
Eau Claire (1-2)	1-3
La Crosse (2-0)	2-0
Oshkosh (0-2)	2-3
Stevens Point (0-2)	0-7
Stout (1-3)	3-6

Oct. 2 results

River Falls 5, Oshkosh 4
Singles
No. 1 - Blanch (UWO) defeated Knobloch (RF), 6-4, 6-4
No. 2 - Baron (RF) defeated Young (UWO), 2-6, 6-4, 6-2
No. 3 - Michelle Baur (UWO) defeated Amber Weissing (RF), 6-3, 6-3
No. 4 - Jamie Simon (UWO) defeated Jen Kersten (RF), 6-0, 6-1
No. 5 - Tina Wiesner (UWO) defeated Becky Briesse (RF), 7-6, 6-2
No. 6 - Sarah VandenHoek (RF) defeated Andrea Nauer (UWO), 6-4, 6-0

Doubles

No. 1 - Knobloch-Baron (RF) defeated (UWO), Blanch-Young 9-7
No. 2 - Briesse-VandenHoek (RF) defeated (UWO), Baur-Simon 9-8

No. 3 - Weissinger-Kersten (RF) defeated (UWO), Salo-Wiesner 8-3

Oct. 1 results

River Falls 9, Stevens Point 0
Singles
No. 1 - Megan Knobloch (RF) defeated Tiffany Serpico (SP), 6-1, 6-3
No. 2 - Leah Baron (RF) defeated Angie Brown (SP), 6-3, 6-1
No. 3 - Amber Weissinger (RF) defeated Kim Goron (SP), 6-2, 6-2
No. 4 - Jen Kersten (RF) defeated Emily Bouche (SP), 6-2, 7-6 (7-4)
No. 5 - Becky Briesse (RF) defeated Jada Fenske (SP), 6-0, 6-0
No. 6 - Sarah VandenHoek (RF) defeated Liz Ganshert (SP), 6-0, 6-2

Doubles

No. 1 - Knobloch-Baron (RF) defeated (SP), Serpico-Bouche 8-4
No. 2 - Briesse-VandenHoek (RF) defeated (SP), Brown-Goron 8-6
No. 3 - Weissinger-Kersten (RF) defeated (SP), Fenske-Ganshert 8-2

Golf

Oct. 2 and 3 results

Oshkosh Invite
Team Place: 4th
Individual Scores:
UW-RF Avg 96.6- 95.3 - 192

Berndt	90- 88 - 178
VanDyk	88-85 - 173
Ambers	84-94 - 178
Gutzwiller	98-94 - 192
Coughlin	102-94- 196
Englund	118-117- 235

Cross Country

Oct. 1st results

Pre-Nationals

Men

Team place: 18th of 23
Individual results
78. Jason Phillippi, 27:32.0
89. Bobby Hanson, 27:45.1
90. Kevin McDonough, 27:46.1
103. Matt Olson, 28:02.6
105. Chris Wenig, 28:05.2

Women

Team place: 16th of 22
Individual results
45. Amanda Kozicky, 23:58.4
93. Sara Rudesill, 24:44.6
100. Angela Kveene, 25:00.5
103. Lindsey Tessier, 25:10.4
107. Laura Murphy, 25:15.8

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Tennis



UW-RF vs UW- Eau Claire

3:30 p.m Wednesday at Crabtree Courts

The Falcons (3-1, 10-2) will face Eau Claire (1-2, 1-3) at Crabtree Courts Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in a big WIAC conference match. The Falcons look to extend their WIAC record to 4-1 and stay at the top of the WIAC. However Eau Claire is right behind River Falls in WIAC play.

VARSITY SPORTS WEEK

Friday, Oct. 8

Volleyball at Platteville Tournament, TBD
Swimming Falcon Time Trials, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 9

Golf at WIAC Meet (at Stevens Point), TBD
Football at Platteville, 2 p.m.
Volleyball at Platteville Tournament, TBD

Sunday, Oct. 10

Golf at WIAC Meet (at Stevens Point), TBD

Wednesday, Oct. 13

Tennis vs. Eau Claire, 3:30 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Superior, 7 p.m

TOP PERFORMERS



Nathan Anderson
Football



Katie Thompson
Volleyball

Runners finish in middle of pack

Katie Bild
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls cross country teams ran hard Friday in Colfax, Wis., at the NCAA Div. III Pre-National meet. The men's team placed 18th of 23 teams and the women's team placed 16th of 22 teams.

Leading the Falcon men was freshman Jason Phillippi, who placed 78th overall with a time of 27:32. Sophomore Bobby Hanson, who placed 89th with a time of 27:45, closely followed.

Leading the women's team was Amanda Kozicky, a sophomore, who placed 45th overall with a time of 23:58. The second

Falcon finisher was team captain Sara Rudesill, who placed 93rd overall with a time of 24:44.

Despite head coach Don Glover's decision to rest two of the men's team top runners, Jason Quarford and Zach Vircks, the team still finished strong. Phillippi had a 1:42 improvement over his last race, and Dan Kessenich, who placed 109th overall and was the sixth Falcon in, finished 2:22 faster than last week at Griak (28:10). Matt Olson, Chris Wenig, and Hanson did well, Glover said. Zack Moe, a junior varsity runner, also had a good performance.

In addition to the top two Falcon runners - Kozicky and Rudesill - the women's team as

a whole also finished strong. Lindsey Tessier and Laura Murphy are running well, Glover said.

"The women's team ran together as a pack; this was the best meet for that," Glover said. "We strive to get the top five to finish within one minute of each other. This meet was 1:16, which is good."

The cross country teams only have a few meets left until the big conference meet. In preparation, the runners are "trying to put things together and get everyone healthy," Glover said. His expectations are for "the men to improve and the women's team is pretty young, and I hope they also just keep improving."

Fullback Nathan Anderson (Fr., Marinette, WI) had his best game as a Falcon in the team's 37-15 loss at Eau Claire on Saturday. He carried the ball 21 times and finished with 100 yards rushing. The 5-10, 210 pounder averaged 4.8 per carry and had a long run of 16 yards. He was not thrown for a loss in the contest.

Outside hitter Thompson started her season on the bench, but recently cemented her place in the starting lineup. Over the weekend WIAC road trip to Oshkosh and Whitewater, Thompson helped the Falcons to a 1-1 record with 31 kills, 20 digs, and three service aces. She led the Falcons in kills and hitting percentage in both matches.

Baron, Carlson earn WIAC athlete of week honors

An All-American Night

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

Falcon soccer player Sarah Carlson and tennis player Leah Baron have both been named WIAC Athletes of the Week for their efforts last week.

Carlson, a junior forward from Plymouth, Minn. (Armstrong HS) helped the Falcons to a 14-0 win over UW-Superior and a 3-0 win over UM-Morris last week.

She set a team record in the team's win over Superior with 14 points in the game. Carlson tied the school record with four goals

and broke the team record with six assists. She contributed to 10 of the 12 first half goals for the Falcons. Carlson now leads the team in points with 28, including eight goals and 12 assists.

"She not only showed that she can put the ball in the net herself, but she showed she's a definite force in setting up other players as well," Falcon coach Sean McKuras said.

Baron, a junior from Hermantown, Minn. (Proctor-Hermantown HS) helped the Falcons to a 7-2 win over Hamline, a 9-0 win over Stevens

Point and a 5-4 win over Oshkosh last week. She plays at No. 2 singles. She earned a crucial point against Oshkosh. Baron, playing the deciding match and beat her Oshkosh opponent in a three set match, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2. "Leah's emotional control and focus brought her to a victory rising above the pressure of playing the last match of the night," said Falcon coach Lee Lueck. She also defeated a Stevens Point opponent, 6-3, 6-1. Baron's overall singles record is now 8-2.

Regardless of what your choice might have been, I hope you took the time to show your true American spirit this last Tuesday. If you were, then you were sitting in front of your TV watching the Vice President debate, which I strongly encourage due to the upcoming election. While most of the candidates do have a scripted answer that they can somehow relate back to their party's beliefs, they still must show their confidence in front of the entire nation through most networks.

If debates aren't your style, you always have baseball. The great American pastime was filled with action on the FOX network. What better teams to be watching on an American-based night than the American League Yankees from the "United We Stand" city of New York, and the red, white and blue Minnesota Twins. Behind their candidate for the Cy-Young award, Johan Santana, the Twins pulled out a win

from the ever-so-stacked Yankee ball club in their park.

Maybe you were one of those people who flipped through the stations to catch both of the events, which probably made the others in the room hate you even more, which helps to explain the cold shoulder you've been getting all day. I hope you gathered the information you needed and it was worth it, because you will never control the remote again.

This year it is important to be informed on certain American issues. Whatever your style may be, make sure you take the time out to realize how important it is that you live in America. Whether you choose to watch the candidates, baseball, or both from time to time, just remember not to yell at the TV, because like the remote thing, your yelling days are almost up.



COREY HARGREAVES

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five catches for 55 yards and one touchdown to lead the Blugolds in receptions. Receiver Darin Kryzanowski led Eau Claire in receiving yards with 63 on four catches. Eau Claire put up 393 total yards, 205 on the ground and 188 in the air. Eau Claire converted all six of its red zone chances and were 10 for 16 on third down conversions.

On defense Eau Claire held UW-RF to 11 first downs and 180 total yards, all on the ground. The Blugold defense had one interception and forced three UW-RF fumbles, recovering all three. Linebacker Jared Roeker led Eau Claire with 11 total tackles, seven solo. Senior defensive end Brent Crank led the Blugolds defense with one sack, one fumble recovery and four tackles for losses to go with seven total tackles. Sikora got his first interception of the season.

"I believe we went three-and-out five times. We need more first downs on offense otherwise the defense is going to get tired," O'Grady said.

Freshman fullback Nathan

Anderson accounted for 100 yards on 21 carries. Senior running back John Peterlik fumbled once and was held to 68 yards on 19 carries, but scored one touchdown. Quarterback Dave Affeldt started the game at quarterback, ran eight times for 26 yards and lost two fumbles. Sophomore quarterback Andy Kolstad alternated under center and threw three incomplete passes and an interception while losing eight yards on six carries. In the first half the Falcon offense had the ball for a little more than 10 minutes. The stagnant offense forced UW-RF's Jovin Kroll to punt the ball seven times, with an average of 34.3 yards per punt.

The UW-RF defense gave up 393 yards but forced three Eau Claire turnovers, two fumbles and an interception. Senior safety Matt Farmer made the pick and had nine tackles. Linebacker Ryan Agrimson led the Falcons in tackles with 11 while filling in for injured linebacker Ben Gillett. The Falcon defense played a solid first half allowing Eau Claire only seven points even though the Blugolds had the ball for 20 minutes.

UW-RF will look for its first victory of the season at 2 p.m. Oct. 9 at UW-Platteville.

son on an assist from Peterson to give the Falcons a 2-0 lead.

At 73:28 the Falcons struck again, this time off the foot of Gina Hawkins. It was her second goal of the season.

The Falcons had 19 shots on the day and limited Morris to 11. Andrea Dudley had nine saves for the Falcons.

"[It was] one of the best 90 minutes we put together this year," head coach Sean McKuras said.

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Faculty believe drugs, alcohol produce problems for students

Sarah Matara
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls Student Health Services recently administered a survey to find out how much faculty and staff know about the alcohol/drug policy on campus and found that while some didn't know one existed, they do believe alcohol and other drugs are problems on campus.

A majority also believes the University is concerned about the prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse.

Keven Syverson, health education and alcohol coordinator, worked on the survey along with Alice Reilly-Myklebust, co-director of the personal and professional development center.

"We're trying to bring people up to speed," Syverson said. "That shows a pretty caring environment."

The survey was done in collaboration with the Core Institute at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, which is a non-profit organization whose main purpose is to help other institutions of higher education in drug and alcohol prevention efforts.

The survey consisted of five subscales developed to assess faculty and staff:

- Perception of alcohol and drug use problems on campus
- Awareness of drug and alcohol policy and policy enforcement
- Support for programs aimed at helping students with drug and alcohol problems
- Awareness of university assessment efforts
- Perceived ability to identify students who are experiencing a problem and refer them for help

The survey was administered via regular mail to all current UW-RF faculty and staff in the fall of 2003, with 220 usable surveys being returned (31.5 percent).

In spring 2004, qualitative follow-up focus groups were analyzed by the UW-RF survey research center. In total, three groups were conducted; one consisted of seven faculty while the other two consisted of a total of eight staff.

"Focus groups are more quality than quantity," Syverson said. "We tried to get them from a variety of departments and colleges. We've used focus group before with students."

Here are some examples of the questions asked of the focus groups:

- Do you consider the current

alcohol and other drug use on this campus to be more of a problem than that experienced by other campuses?

- Are appropriate disciplinary actions taken when alcohol and other drug policies have been violated by faculty/staff? Students?
- Have you ever provided information concerning alcohol and other drugs to students (i.e., class, advisement?)
- Do you believe this university is concerned about the prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse?

General survey results
As for awareness of policy and policy enforcement, 79.1 percent know the University has a policy concerning alcohol and other drugs, while 86.9 percent of students know the University has a policy. Students took a similar survey in 2002.

About half of the respondents have read or seen a copy of the University policy concerning alcohol and other drugs, while less than half knew where to find a copy of the policy.

Approximately 80 percent of respondents believe this campus is concerned about the prevention of alcohol abuse. "We do take this seriously as a University," Syverson said. Nearly 60 percent of faculty and staff did not feel appropriate disciplinary actions were taken when faculty and staff violated alcohol and other drug policies, but only 7 percent felt this was the case for students.

"Many faculty and staff feel students are held accountable for their actions and they want to see that with faculty and staff as well," Syverson said.

Syverson said the faculty and staff would like to be more consistent when enforcing the policies with faculty and staff, especially due to some high profile cases involving UW-RF staff members. For example, head football coach John O'Grady was charged with reckless driving after rolling his vehicle between Prescott and River Falls. He had been drinking in a Prescott bar with friends.

Nearly 40 percent of those surveyed did not know how to refer a student or colleague with alcohol or other drug problems for help but nearly 95 percent answered they would if they knew how.

Sixty percent of those surveyed have been aware of a student whose academic performance

has been affected by alcohol and other drug use.

Syverson said this number might be as high as it is because of UW-RF's small class sizes. Students get to know their professors, or at least one professor, pretty well.

Focus groups results and recommendations

Focus group participants maintained that the amount of contact a faculty or staff member has with students corresponds with how comfortable he or she would feel in addressing a student's possible problem.

The focus groups also suggested that the University should make sure everyone knows about the alcohol and other drug policies via e-mail, flyers, memos or posters and implement a referral process so everyone knows where to send someone who may need help.

"Students are falling through the cracks," Syverson said. "We need to continue to do more outreach."

As for the focus groups attitudes about alcohol and drug use, this was what was found:

- Alcohol use is seen as a rite of passage on campus
- Students drink with the explicit purpose of getting drunk
- Marijuana use has gotten increasingly more acceptable
- Secondhand effects of binge drinking are common: unplanned sexual activity, disease, injury and death
- The majority of alcohol-related problems witnessed by faculty and staff are missing class and falling behind in course work

Resources

Syverson said it's important to make sure faculty, staff and students know the resources available to them.

There are three on campus professional personal counselors for students, faculty and staff available at no cost.

Alcohol and other drug assessments (three sessions) are available at no cost for currently-enrolled students at the Kinnic Falls Alcohol-Drug Abuse Services.

Several efforts are underway to inform people of the policy and their resources for help, Syverson said.

Plans include offering information on alcohol and other drug abuse and resources at new faculty and staff orientations and working to make referrals an easier process.

Dropouts get second chance

Brea Beaudoin
Staff Writer

Hundreds of UW-River Falls students who've applied for graduation in the past 30 years but haven't received their degrees, may still get their chance.

UW-RF has become one of a select few public colleges in the country to participate in a Graduation Project, an idea that was born at the University of New Mexico (UNM) in 1996.

The program's objective is to somehow get diplomas to those who have applied for graduation, but left the University without receiving their degrees.

"I'm hoping that we can identify a number of students who we can help complete their education," said Interim Chancellor Virgil Nylander. "That's the goal here."

Registrar Judy George, who is compiling the students' information into a database, said the Registrar's Office has identified about 750 UW-RF students from the past 30 years.

Since UNM began its project eight years ago it has identified nearly 3,000 students. Of these, nearly 2,000 re-enrolled on campus. Thus far, 1,068 returning students have received degrees.

UW-RF's Graduation Project is still in its preliminary, information-gathering stages, Nylander said, so it's too early to tell how students here will respond.

"A lot of things in higher ed are tried and true," said degree audit report (DAR) coordinator Sue Walton, who is also involved in the project. "This is a new concept, so it's hard to make estimates of what kind of results to expect. It's new territory."

The idea was brought to Nylander's attention by UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Richard Wells. He decided to try the Graduation Project on the Oshkosh campus after learning how much success UNM had, Nylander said.

UW-Oshkosh project coordinators have set up the program on a pilot basis. After narrowing their field of eligible dropouts from the last five years to those with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher and within one semester of graduation, they eliminated those who had transferred to and graduated from other schools. The initial group of 750 stu-

dents became a pilot group of 100. Academic advisors are now reviewing their DARS.

Because the UW-RF Graduation Project is still in its infancy, the Registrar's Office is currently working on compiling the students' information in a database to see what kind of tangible results can be gathered.

"It won't happen overnight," Nylander said.

Once the data is reviewed, those involved will need to sort out which students need what in order to receive their degrees. Some may need classes, others may need their old quarter credits converted to semester credits and a few may just need a signature here or an approval there.

"We're looking at lots of options to help these people get their degrees," Nylander said.

Doug Johnson, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is also involved with the project. He thinks it has lasting potential.

"If it goes well and seems to be something we can do with the resources we have, it might be an ongoing project," Johnson said.

Nylander said the other UW System chancellors think the project has the potential to become a System-wide program. He said it's moving in that direction because Gov. Jim Doyle is interested in increasing the number of state residents with baccalaureate degrees, which could potentially bolster the state's economy. Nylander said Wisconsin currently ranks about 32nd in the nation in terms of adults who hold bachelor's degrees.

Walton said she's expecting success.

"I really think we'll have a good response rate if we can provide a helpful, consistent and available support system," Walton said.

She also feels it's up to the University to try to better the statistics before students leave.

"I'm hoping that one of the things that comes out of this is that we'll be more proactive," Walton said.

Nylander said he wanted to start the project here because he's always been particularly interested in retention and graduation rates.

"I'm very excited about this project," Nylander said. "It's a win-win for everyone."

George thinks so, too.

"It helps the University and it helps the person," George said. "It's just a good thing to do."

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One of the reasons the dean's office has been so supportive is that the ruling went into effect while the four students were already well into their studies, Manke said.

"There may be a more vigorous application of the 165-plus credit rule in the future," Manke said, pointing out that students have a responsibility to meet with their advisors about the implications of adding or switching majors and minors.

The policy was created in response to former Gov. Scott McCallum's instructions to the Board of Regents to report "on how to ensure that students progress toward their degree in a manner that minimizes the cost to the state without adversely affecting their ability to complete degrees at resident rates," according to the minutes from the Dec. 5, 2002, Regents meeting.

According to the minutes, Regent Toby Marcovich pointed out that less than 2 percent of the students in the UW System in 2002 had more than 165 credits.

Regent Patrick Boyle referred to those students as "professional students" who should be charged a surcharge, according to the minutes.

Manke said her opinion is "the purpose of the rule is to prevent people from becoming perpetual students. There are very few

'professional students' at UW-River Falls."

"I am not a slacker," said one student who received a letter this fall and wished to remain anonymous.

This student did not present the appearance of someone reluctant to face the cold, cruel world outside of academia as she listed her accomplishments at UW-River Falls, which include maintaining a 3.86 grade point average while taking 18 credits each semester since she was a sophomore. The elementary education major with a double minor in Spanish liberal arts and general science - biology emphasis, has studied in Scotland, Mexico, Greece and Egypt and will be participating in the Consortium For Overseas Student Teaching, which requires nine weeks of student teaching in the United States and nine weeks abroad.

"That is a goal the regents have set: to give UW students global experience," Manke said.

Despite all of the experiences and classes, the student will still graduate in five years.

The student said she was confident the appeal would be successful, "considering the facts of what I've done and how soon I'm getting out."

A parent of another student appealing the ruling contacted the dean's office, Manke said. The parent is a guidance counselor at a high school who is concerned about the effect post secondary options would have under the 165 credit rule. Students who take post sec-

ondary options, such as calculus, receive college credit that goes on their transcripts. The problem in this example, Manke said, is that calculus is not a required class to go toward an education degree but is still added credits on the transcript.

The policy does address exceptions to the rule. The last sentence in the policy states: "Furthermore, implementation rules should provide flexibility for UW institutions to provide exceptions where appropriate to ensure students are able to complete their degree requirements."

At the time the policy was implemented, Boyle stressed that decisions about individual student exemptions should be made at the campus level and that the campuses be given flexibility "so that those with good reasons for taking that many credits are not punished for doing so," according to the minutes. Boyle also said in 2002 he was concerned about the administrative cost that would be incurred because of the ruling.

This fall the COEPS Dean's Office put approximately 40 hours into the appeal process for one semester, identifying 27 students originally, reviewing each transcript, sending letters to four, assisting with the appeal process, and having students come in to see their advisor, Manke said.

"The Dean's Office was very proactive and I am very grateful," the student said, referring to her expectation that she would not be penalized for her work at UW-RF.

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Comic Strips of the Week

By: Neng Yang



Out 'n' About Wong How Man



Where: Abbott Concert Hall
When: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Cost: free

Wong How Man, a Chinese explorer who has received international acclaim for his work in conservation, Wong is a former photojournalist and expedition leader with the National Geographic Society. Wong is known as China's most accomplished living explorer" by Time Magazine. A UW-RF alumni who received the 2002 Distinguished Alumnus Award, Wong's boundless curiosity leads him to the most remote regions of China to document and conserve the rich heritage of volatile societies. Wong's presentation will offer insight on CERS achievements and current and future projects. A reception and exhibition in Gallery 101 of the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building will follow the presentation.

No need to remember 'The Forgotten'

Don't let anyone else trick you into thinking the twist in "The Forgotten" is a mind-bender. "The Sixth Sense" it ain't.

In fact, I felt like I had my own "sixth sense" working less than halfway through the movie when I figured it out. And judging by the lack of

gasps when the lackluster twist is finally, mercifully revealed, I suspect everyone else in the audience was gifted with the same sense.

But that doesn't mean "The Forgotten" won't try to scare the living bejeezus out of you.

As star Julianne Moore carries out her perilous quest to prove her sanity, she undergoes all kinds of frightening events meant to jar moviegoers out of their seats. And on that front director Joseph Ruben ("Return to Paradise," "Money Train") succeeds. There are some scenes — like a heart-stopping car crash — that will leave your fingernails stuck in the armrests.

Moore plays grief-stricken Telly Paretta who, after 14 months, still can't get over the death of her son Sam. Telly's memory tells



MIKE LONGAECKER

her that Sam was killed in a plane crash with a bunch of other kids.

Everyone else — including her husband and her psychiatrist — tell her that Sam never existed.

According to their story, Telly's just having a vivid case of post-traumatic stress syndrome stemming from a miscarriage.

Uh huh.

So rather than giving into their assertions, Telly runs and finds a former hockey player whom she believes also lost a child in the same plane crash. After a little convincing, Telly gets the man, played by Dominic West ("Mona Lisa Smile," "Chicago") to join her on a quest to find their children.

But once things start getting a little, ahem, supernatural, the movie starts to lose its credibility. Before she knows it, Telly is wrapped up in an out-of-this world conspiracy that's replete with government agents and some guy who just doesn't die.

Right.

I don't know why, but screenwriters are increasingly relying on "supernatural" phenomena to bail out weak scripts. It's almost

like the thought process goes, "Well, this script has become totally implausible, but if I can pin it on aliens I'm off the hook!"

Wrong. It's just plain lazy. If you can't pump out a believable script, save yourself the time and find a career where your skills will be more useful. Maybe see if the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth are hiring.

"The Forgotten's" noir-ish style is pretty effective at letting us know there's something lurking in the darkness. But when the shadowy figures are finally revealed for who — and what — they are, we're already way ahead of them and checking our watches.

And even though Ruben tries to blend "X-Files" with Hitchcock, he only succeeds in giving mild heart attacks — which leaves just enough blood pumping through our skulls to know the ending is a no-brainer.

And even though Ruben tries to blend "X-Files" with Hitchcock, he only succeeds in giving mild heart attacks — which leaves just enough blood pumping through our skulls to know the ending is a no-brainer.

Hopefully you'll just have "forgotten" about it anyway.

JOY RIDE



Brandon Pease, River Falls resident, gets some big air as he jumps the steps near the Ames building. Pease who started riding on a BMX bike, has been riding for five years and said he was out enjoying the day.

Photo by Eric Ebert

Tuesday

Thomas Patterson
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Intramurals aim for large participation



Above: Nate Radue practices pool in Crabtree Hall. Pool is one of five new events offered by intramurals and is apart of Brandy's Madness.

Right: Men play Frisbee behind O-Lot. The Ultimate Frisbee League is new to intramurals with more than 11 teams. There are 12 different leagues offered through intramurals.

Eric Ebert
Photo Editor

Whether your interest is in a competitive basketball league or in the cyber world of fantasy football, the UW River Falls intramural program is working to provide entertainment, exercise or just an escape from class.

This fall the intramural program is offering 12 leagues and events, many of which have already begun competing.

However, this year's intramural program also offers some new events. One of those new events is fantasy football, which currently has 19 participants.

"That's going great," said Tim Ryerson, recreational leadership coordinator.

Another new event offered this fall was Brandy's Madness that featured four events: ping pong, pool, euchre and foosball.

"We had 54 total participants," Ryerson said. "It was a really fun night."

Events aren't the only new things being offered by the intramural program. The Ultimate Frisbee League, new this year, is also being supported well and currently has 11 teams competing.

"It's great," said Kris Evans, captain of a team called Up-and-Win. "It's the best intramural sport so far."

Team Up-and-Win has 15 participants, which is more than twice as many than needed. Evans said participation in the new league is great.

However, starting new programs is also challenging for intramural staff and referees.

"Starting a new sport is a little scary because you never know how it's going to turn out," said Lisa Watkins, intramural manager and senior at UW-RF.

Watkins, who also participates in intramurals, encourages students to use intramurals to get away from books, for exercise or just for something to do.

"It's a great opportunity to get to know people," Watkins said. "Especially if you are a freshman."

Leadership Center Co-Director Vicki Hajewski has been a part of UW-RF intramurals since it became a stand-alone program in 1977.

"In many strong ways it hasn't changed at all," Hajewski said. "We have over 40 women's broom-ball teams. That's phenomenal."

Although throughout the years many events have changed, one remains constant, according to Hajewski, is strong student participation.

Recently, more playground-style games like Wiffle ball and kickball are back in an organized fashion, Hajewski said.

However, Hajewski says competition is important and people need to build time into their



schedule to just play. The intramurals program tries to provide that competition and play time.

"We really try to make it as easy as possible to participate," Hajewski said. "A controlled, safe environment for people to play."

Ryerson says intramurals are also a great way to enjoy your life on campus.

"We're the cheapest program of all the UW schools," Ryerson said.

Ryerson said it costs between \$25 and \$50 at some UW schools for team sports and between \$2 and \$10 for individual sports. At UW-RF it costs \$10 for team sports and everything else is free.

Ryerson estimates around 800 students participated this fall; similar to last year.

With all of the new events and changes from last year, Watkins is still confident in the program.

"I'm really happy with the way things are going," Watkins said.

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