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UW-RF's Jim Murphy makes pro hockey debut for Greenville Grrrowl

## Richards wins mayor race; O'Keefe stymied at polls



Photo by Eric Ebert

River Falls resident Roger Hammond heads toward the ballot box after casting his vote in the April 7 elections. Don Richards defeated Tom Parent in the mayoral race with 904 votes, while Joleen Larson and David Cronk won the open City Council seats.

Sarah Day  
Assistant News Editor

Elections in River Falls April 6 were disappointing for UW-River Falls student Ed O'Keefe who failed with only 241 votes to obtain the River Falls City Council at-large seat he was looking for.

River Falls' new mayor Don Richards won with 904 votes.

Newly elected Mayor Don Richards, however, was impressed with O'Keefe.

"I am encouraged by his campaign; he has a future," Richards said. "If he's interested in the city, I'm all ears."

The two open City Council seats went to Joleen Larson (823 votes) and David Cronk (801 votes). Richards beat out Tom Parent by more than 400 votes for the city's top spot.

Larson said O'Keefe has a bright future and was impressed that he got as far as he did.

"I thought it was great that he ran. I was impressed that he made it through the primaries,"

Larsen said. "I have a lot of respect for him."

Larsen said O'Keefe shouldn't let the loss get him down.

"I hope he's not discouraged by the loss; he should see it as a stepping stone," Larsen said. "I want to get him involved with the city and keep him involved. He's very bright."

Parent agreed with Larsen.

"If I had been elected I would have found a place in government for him," Parent said. "He's very sharp and intelligent."

Larsen, 46, is the assistant manager of Treasures From the Heart resale shop in River Falls and an insurance agent. Larson has lived in River Falls her whole life. She has served on the River Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, was president of the Main Street Project and served three years on the city Plan Commission.

Larsen said she was glad to have won the majority of the vote.

"It came out pretty much how I wanted it to; I wasn't surprised,"

Larsen said. "I'm looking forward to keeping the things in place that we have already started."

Larsen plans to focus her attention on her master plan — a vision of River Falls for the next 50 years and the boundary agreement with the townships.

Larsen looks forward to working with Cronk.

"I have known him a long time and he's a good asset to the council," Larsen said. "I think we will get along perfectly."

Cronk, 61, is a retired teacher who obtained his bachelors degree in education from UW-River Falls. He has a master's degree in education and counseling from UW-Stout. Cronk has lived in River Falls for about 40 years and was the Wisconsin Supreme Court nominee to the regulatory commission.

**NEW MAYOR GRATEFUL**  
Richards said he was humbled by the results.

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## Student Senate candidates gear up for April 13 elections

David Misselt  
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls Student Senate elections will be held April 13 and 14. Since there are only 13 candidates vying for 20 Senate vacancies the results of the election may be moot considering everyone on the ballot who receives at least one vote will become a senator.

"More people are running this year than last," Election Committee Chair Joan Wierzbza said.

This year there are four first-time candidates on the ballot, each of whom said they are looking forward to serving the UW-RF student body as members of the Student Senate.

Senior Jeremiah Zitzow, a bio chemistry major, is not new to student government. He served on his high school's student council for three years.

Zitzow said he decided to throw his hat into the student senate ring because he would like to bring a conservative perspective to what he perceives as a campus that is too liberal.

"There is a liberal slant on campus," Zitzow said. "I want to be a voice for conservative policies."

During his tenure at UW-RF he has been involved in numerous campus clubs and activities.

Zitzow is treasurer of the

Honors Club, a member of the jazz band, the entertainment committee and the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. He also hosts a weekly radio show on WRFW.

"I will vote for what's best for the students," Zitzow said. "I want both sides of an issue to have a voice."

Junior Louis Muench, a food science major, recently transferred to UW-RF from UW-Barron County.

Like Zitzow, Muench entered the race with student government experience. He was a member of his high school's student council for two years.

Muench said he came to UW-RF with every intention of running for Senate and getting involved in student affairs.

"I want to do my part to help other students," Muench said.

Muench described himself as a leader who is dedicated to supporting his fellow students by working well with others and using his experience and knowledge of student government for their benefit.

Muench said he is most interested in accomplishing the Senate's agenda through consensus and taking all points of view into consideration before making decisions that affect the entire student body.

"My overall goal is not to make enemies," Muench said.

Sophomore Emily Taubel, a marketing communications major, decided to get involved in student government after speaking with a current member of the Student Senate. Taubel realized the potential existed for her to impact campus policies by providing a "voice for her fellow students" as a member of Senate.

"I want to let students know they are just as important as Senators when it comes to student governance," Taubel said.

Taubel said she would bring fresh ideas and a new perspective to the Student Senate. She hopes to provide a stronger voice for the women on campus. Taubel stressed she is not a "huge feminist with a huge feminist agenda to match," but she feels women's issues are important considering more than 50 percent of UW-RF students are female.

Taubel considers herself a hard worker willing to fight for what she believes in. Taubel said she is someone who would be able to get students what they want.

"I believe I am one of those people who can create solutions that make everyone happy while maintaining the bottom line," Taubel said.

Junior Joanna D'Amelio, an elementary education major, is running for senate for the first

See SENATE, A6

## DON'T LIFT A FINGER



Photo by Eric Ebert

Onelinedrawing, a solo act led by Jonah Matranga, performed April 6 at North Hall. Matranga performed songs off his new album "The Volunteers."

## UW-RF soldiers don't stand united on war debate



Former UW-River Falls student Nik Kennedy (upper left) poses with members of his unit near Tikrit recently. More than 20 alumni and students left UW-RF for active duty since the war in Iraq began more than a year ago.

Micheal Foley  
Assistant Editor

Every week newspapers and news broadcasts across the nation highlight violence in the Middle East. For some UW-River Falls students, the news of another U.S. soldier dying in Iraq is half a world away. For others, it's a lot closer.

UW-RF student and Army reservist Luke Oldenburg returned to school this semester after serving at Camp Arif Jan, a base in Kuwait for six-and-a-half months.

"I feel really bad that people are dying and, like a lot of people, I don't think we should be over there," Oldenburg said.

As students enjoy the scenery of the South Fork of the Kinnickinnic River, Nik Kennedy, a soldier who recently attended UW-RF, is nearly 64,000 miles away looking for possible enemy threats along the Tigris River.

Kennedy is now in Iraq serving near Tikrit on a quick reaction force and has a different perspective on the Iraq war. He said members of his unit act as "hired guns" for convoys and armed escorts for top officials. They also conduct regular patrols of their area of operations "just to keep the Hajji on their toes."

Kennedy has a much different take on Operation Iraqi Freedom. He uses the American deaths as motivation to keep alert for himself and his comrades. Kennedy strongly believes the United States needs to maintain its presence in Iraq.

"It's worth it when you go through the villages and little children blow kisses at you or salute you," Kennedy said. "It's the greatest feeling to know that you're helping to make their world that much better. I only wish every soldier could walk

in my shoes and see the conditions here and how we are improving them."

Though the war has been rewarding for Kennedy so far, it had the opposite effect on Oldenburg and several other UW-RF students who were pulled out of school to answer the nation's call.

UW-RF Veterans' Service Coordinator Lidia Mullenax said about 20 students and/or recent alumni have been called to active duty for the conflict in Iraq. At least 14 of them were forced to withdraw from classes during a term to fulfill their military obligations, including Oldenburg.

"Some of us were opposed to going over there but we have to serve. They really have you by the balls," Oldenburg said. "I missed two semesters. It really mixed up my plans and I resented it."

The peak of Oldenburg's resentment came just before he was deployed last May. He was called up in mid-February and was forced to sit idle at Fort McCoy, Wis., until May 31. In May, Oldenburg realized he could have finished his semester before going overseas, despite being called up.

Kennedy didn't have the same problem. He left school to tutor students in a welding class at Rosemount Intermediate High School a semester before he was called up. Though he left a job and fiancé behind when he was called, Kennedy's life wasn't drastically altered.

"My boss was a Vietnam vet so he understood 100 percent," Kennedy said. "In fact, he was able to get me a week's paid vacation so I could spend the last week with my family."

Though he was called to active duty Dec. 7, Kennedy spent more than two months idle on American soil waiting to deploy, just like

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BRIEFS

**Immunization Clinic**  
The final immunization clinic is April 28 in the Kinnickinnic Room in the Student Center from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. The clinics are sponsored by Student Health Services and the Pierce County Public Health Department. For more information, visit [www.uwrf.edu/student-health-service/](http://www.uwrf.edu/student-health-service/) or call 425-3293.

**Mexico J-Term Trip**  
Any students interested in the 2004-05 winter interim in Mexico class/trip are invited to attend one of the upcoming informational meetings April 28 or April 29 at 4 p.m. in 281 KFA. Students who can't attend the meetings can contact the modern language department at 425-3121.

**Racquetball**  
Students interested in racquetball should check out the new web site at [www.uwrf.edu/racquetball](http://www.uwrf.edu/racquetball).

**Tryouts for Stuntmen, Cheerleaders, Mascots**  
Falcon Cheerleading is seeking stuntmen, cheerleaders and mascots for fall football. No experience is required. Tryouts are April 13-15. Practices begin the 13 and 14 at 6 p.m. Judged tryouts begin at 5:30 p.m. April 15. Interviews for Freddy the Falcon will be conducted all three days. For more information contact Sara Conrad at 425-2850 or [sara.l.conrad@uwrf.edu](mailto:sara.l.conrad@uwrf.edu).

**Health/Wellness Fair**  
Students and faculty interested in making healthy choices in the future or need help getting there are encouraged to attend the Health and Wellness Fair April 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Karges. The event will provide information about a variety of health-related issues with several activities and booths.

For more information contact Tom Pulford at [thomas.t.pulford@uwrf.edu](mailto:thomas.t.pulford@uwrf.edu) or call him at 821-0393.

**Historical New England Tour**  
Visit Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. this summer and earn credits by participating in the Colonial Study Tour, June 20 - July 4. The deadline is May 1. For more information contact the Outreach and Graduate Studies Office at 425-3256.

**Coffeehouse Concert**  
Musician Ari Hest, who recently signed with Columbia Records, will be performing April 12 at 8:30 p.m. in Brandy's. Students in for free.

**Careers in Student Affairs Organization**  
Students who are interested in career options within the field of Higher Education should attend an informational meeting for the new Careers in Student Affairs student organization. The first meeting is April 19, 3 to 4 p.m. in the Regents room of the Student Center. For more information contact Michael Stifter in the Leadership Center at 425-4911.

**Take Back the Night**  
Take Back the Night for the River Falls community unify women, men and children in awareness of violence against women, men and families. On April 22 at 5:30 p.m. there will be a rally. There will be two musical performances. Survivors of violence will have a chance to speak at the open microphone at 7:15 p.m. At 8:15 p.m. participants will be marching through campus and the city of River Falls.

**Dance Marathon**  
The annual Dance Marathon is being held April 17 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Knowles Center. This event will help raise money for Gillette Children's Hospital. Students can sign up in the Leadership Center. Teams consist of no more than 10 people. There is a \$15 registration fee per participant. \$85 will go to Gillette. Students can raise the \$85 as a team or individually. Other activities at the event include bands, a DJ, volleyball, basketball, \$10 hair cuts, food and more. For more information contact Amber Kieffer at [amber.m.kieffer@uwrf.edu](mailto:amber.m.kieffer@uwrf.edu).

**Devils Lake Rock Climbing Adventure**  
Students will leave for Devils Lake State Park near Baraboo, Wis. April 30 at 4 p.m. and return May 2 at 5 p.m. The cost is \$70 per person. There will also be lots of hiking opportunities. The trip includes transportation, food, climbing gear, tents and entrance fees. No experience needed for this trip.

Sign up at the Leadership Center front desk by April 22. For more information call 425-4911.

STUDENT SENATE

# Naming buildings after Lydecker raises discussions

**Tiffany Shelman**  
Editor

After a lengthy discussion and tie-breaking vote, UW-River Falls student senators tabled a motion that gave support in naming the new student center after Chancellor Ann Lydecker. Senate president Matt Schuelke explained to senators that Interim Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Mary Halada had spoken to UW-RF faculty and staff about naming a building after Lydecker. The faculty and staff were split as to whether the building should be the new student center or the new child care center.

"I wish we would have voted on it last week," Student Affairs and Academic Services Director Nick Cluppert said. "Ann is known as the students' chancellor. I just think it's fitting [the student center be named after her]. 'I think we should not table this, we're not here representing the faculty and staff.'"

Schuelke, who co-wrote the motion with Vice President Brandon Bruder, said the motion didn't need to be decided today.

Other senators said the motion needed to be looked into further.

"As much as we're representing the students, we need to represent Ann," Katie Kneissel, legislative affairs director said. "Kids were her life just as much as the students were her life."

Emilee Driscoll, shared governance director and the deciding vote maker, said there would be no harm in tabling the motion until next week.

**In other Senate news:**  
•Driscoll said Ed O' Keefe, broadcast journalism student,

# UW-RF Chancellor's Award takes on special meaning

**Mike Longaecker**  
Front Page Editor

Communicators of Tomorrow. His work with the fraternity has meant many hours in community projects and volunteering.

Bruder has been a River Falls School District tutor and is currently employed by the UW-RF Public Safety office.

**Amanda Bryan**  
Bryan is a senior biochemistry major from North Branch, Minn. She currently serves as president for both Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and the Student Advancement Association.

Bryan got news of her award from a voice-mail message left by Lydecker, which she said she still has saved. She has not listened to the message since Lydecker's death, as she said "it's kind of hard" to hear her voice again.

"It's hard to win an award from someone who's not here," Bryan said.

Bryan was one of two student ambassadors selected by the Chancellor to represent UW-RF at UW-System ambassador conferences. Some of her other accomplishments include dance theater participation, serving on the Relay for Life committee and volunteering for the campus blood drive.

**Ashley Hawke**  
Hawke is a senior art education major from Little Canada, Minn., with minors in coaching and outdoor recreation. He said he was "shocked" to learn he was nominated and even more so after winning the award.

"I was really happy," Hawke said. "But I thought there were more people on campus who do more than I do."

Hawke is a resident assistant in Crabtree Residence Hall. He has initiated and has been president of the Ultimate Frisbee Club, volunteered for Dance Marathon, Gillette Hospital Charity, the campus blood drive, the Relay for Life cancer walk, represented the student population on the Residential Life Committee and participated in the Art Society.

**Mindy Naef**  
Naef is treasurer of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, which has meant the senior from Monroe, Wis., has spent much time contributing to life outside campus boundaries.

She has twice been the fundraising chairperson for her sorority which raises, collects and distributes funds for the Robbie Paige Memorial - a foundation supporting pediatric patients.

She is double-majoring in agriculture business and German, and has volunteered for programs ranging from abused women's shelters to local food drives.

Naef has been accepted into Alpha Zeta the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences academic honors society as well as being selected as an



AGStar Financial Services Scholar. **Angela Roggenbuck**

As a two-year resident assistant who has since become a hall manager at Johnson Residence Hall, Roggenbuck is truly dedicated to the on-campus community.

A senior in liberal arts music and women's studies major from Bloomer, Wis., Roggenbuck has been part of Johnson Hall's Big Brothers/Big Sisters program as well as a liaison between the program's Hudson branch.

Roggenbuck has reached beyond the UW-RF campus to serve on committees for the National Residence Hall Honorary and the Wisconsin University Residence Hall Association.

She has also participated in Relay for Life and served as a social/morale committee member for Dance Marathon.

# University preschool to expand next fall's afternoon sessions

**Shannan Allen**  
Staff Writer

Angela Kaiser, director of the University Preschool, said part of the reason they are offering a new afternoon session is to utilize their new location in WEB.

"We were lucky enough that they built this room just for us with children in mind," Kaiser said. "We'd like to use it more."

The Preschool takes 21 children for its morning program, including five special needs students.

Kaiser anticipates it will take 15 more for the afternoon session. They are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The majority of Preschool's students are the children of community members. Only a few are children of students or faculty.

"It would be great if we could get more [children of] students or even faculty," Kaiser said. "I just don't think too many students know that we're here."

Foster said one of the valuable things about the Preschool is that it's connected with the teacher education department and offers a place for education students to observe and help out. The Preschool also offers a student teaching opportunity for an elementary education student. The afternoon session will expand this opportunity.

"It's a great opportunity to have students observe," Foster said.

Kaiser, who is the lead teacher during the morning session, said she hopes to be able to hire a new lead teacher for the afternoon session and she will take a more directive role.

The morning session for fall 2004 is already full but Kaiser said there are still openings in the afternoon session. Foster doubts they'll have any problem filling that session also.

"They've always had a great reputation because of the work they do with children," Foster said. "And they've always had a waiting list."

Kaiser said some parents will even register children at birth.

Children enrolled in the Preschool get involved in a variety of activities to help prepare them for kindergarten. The classroom has learning centers to help the children develop large motor, art, writing, sensory, cognitive and fine motor skills.

Foster said by being located at the University, the Preschool is also able to take advantage of what the campus has to offer.

Kaiser is able to invite dance, music, communicative disorder and early childhood classes to come work with the children.

"We also venture out to campus for field trips to various buildings," Kaiser said.

Foster feels this atmosphere adds to the appeal of Preschool.

"They can go over to the pool in Karges or have people from the music department come over," Foster said. "It's a well-rounded experience."

# Classes must go on, holiday or not

**Balanced academic calendar dictates semester class hours**

**Rachel Gaynor**  
Offbeat Editor

For the entire spring semester classes are held Monday through Friday and this week is no exception. April 9 is significant to students and faculty of the Christian faith, since it is Good Friday.

This is the first time the University has had classes on Good Friday but this is also the first year on a balanced calendar, said Don Taylor, chair of the calendar committee.

The balanced calendar was created so fall and spring semesters would match with the amount of hours for classes and spring semester would end a week earlier than in the past.

The committee's goal was to have "as many complete weeks as possible," Taylor said.

Another goal was to facilitate classes with labs, especially those held only on Fridays.

When working on the schedule, the committee realized this conflict might arise.

"The committee projected negative impacts to having classes on Good Friday and that it would be an issue for a fair amount of students," Taylor said.

The issue fell to the students and faculty to hold and attend class.

Taylor said students should talk to teachers individually if they need to miss class.

Some faculty members were lenient and some were not.

This is not a religious institution; this is a public institution, said Bill Anderson, plant and earth science professor. If an exam is scheduled and a student was to miss it, they won't be able to make it up.

Other professors had different policies for their classes.

David Alperin, from the political science department said it is a student's prerogative to miss class for any reason. If she is only holding lectures a student can get notes from a classmate if they miss.

Some faculty had not been approached by any student on an individual basis and would deal with the issue if it were to arise.

David Delphenich, from the physics

## BEAUTIFUL BRASS



Photo by Eric Ebert

University faculty members Thomas Barnett, Rick Gaynor, Andrew Parks and Charles Wazanowski performed in a Chamber Brass Concert April 6 at the Abbott Concert Hall. The group as a variety of backgrounds, performing in symphony orchestras, jazz ensembles, Broadway musicals, film and television scores and a variety of brass chamber ensembles. Members have also toured worldwide performing at venues such as Carnegie Hall, Abbey Road and Queen Elizabeth Hall.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

## Johnson Hall residents receive drinking citations

Anne Cloeter  
Viewpoints Editor

•After an resident assistant saw a male walking around knocking on doors with an open can of beer, Public Safety was called to Johnson Hall March 27. Kenneth M. Linder, 19, admitted to drinking and received a \$243 ticket.

•Evan J. Carothers, 19, and James A. Denucci,

19, both received \$243 underage consumption citations in Johnson Hall March 31.

•Public Safety was called to Johnson Hall after an resident assistant smelled alcohol from one of the rooms April 2. The officer heard voices and knocked on the door but no one answered. Some females left the room through the window and Noah S. Straus, 18, received a \$243 underage consumption ticket.

## Correction

In the March 26 issue, the *Student Voice* was misinformed by a River Falls Police Department report and subsequently misidentified Talya Etheridge in the public safety reports.

## HOLIDAY from A2

department, said that tentatively his classes were scheduled but things could change if there seemed to be a consensus but he hadn't really thought about it.

Students have to deal with it differently than faculty, if they need to miss class; they have to be the ones to figure it out.

"I can't really do anything

about it, I have a test I can't miss," said junior Tim Hiller, a computer science major. "You just have to deal with it."

Holding classes on a religious holiday, for some, all boils down to the separation of church and state when deciding if classes should go on as planned or not.

"These are some of the challenges we face as a pluralistic society," said Krista Spieler from the Journey House campus ministry program. "There are people of many religious faiths."

Story ideas? Drop them off at the *Student Voice*, 304 North Hall

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## WebCT, Blackboard to be eliminated in May

## Key tech contracts to expire June 1; 'Desire to Learn' to substitute

Anne Cloeter  
Viewpoints Editor

Students and faculty at UW-River Falls have been facing numerous technological changes within the past year.

Conversion from TWIG to SquirrelMail and new procedures for registering for classes through eSIS have tested everyone's ability to adapt to changes.

Now, students and faculty are being tested again. Starting May 24, WebCT and Blackboard will be eliminated from UW-RF and a new program called Desire to Learn will take their place.

Because WebCT and Blackboard's contracts are up June 1 and re-signing is expensive, Information Technology Services (ITS) staff needed to find a replacement. The UW System sent a Request for Proposal a year ago to fulfill the campus's needs.

"We tried to find a product that was easy to support and scalable across the system," said Dan Semi, ITS user services manager and member of the computer support services and computer lab management teams. "When you're doing technical work, it's good to have one central product where you can spend more time developing and supporting it."

At UW-RF, Semi is in charge of WebCT, which is based in Madison, and Karen Ryan, director of the Educational Technology Center, is head of Blackboard, which is based in Milwaukee. Desire to Learn, based in Canada, will provide central service and support staff out of Madison for the entire UW System.

"Having one central package will be a move toward efficiency," Ryan said. "We can pool our resources and work together."

Prior to this, UW schools were using a variety of online programs, including WebCT and Blackboard.

Each university had its own support staff but with Desire to Learn there will be a central support system in Madison, helping UW-RF and other universities pay less for separate staffs.

"They [UW System officials] had criteria for the products to meet and Desire to Learn met those specifics," Semi said. "They're a young and robust company who seemed to want to work with us heavily."

So heavily that Desire to Learn is specifically working with UW-RF in its system modifications. "They're creating things on the fly as we tell them," Semi said. "We can specify what we want, which is neat."

Not only is the UW System Desire to Learn's biggest client, Ryan said, but this is also one of the biggest implementations of a technology program across the UW system.

Semi said, a two-year product is being put together into a short time.

"This is a huge project that has culminated quickly within the state to use," Semi said. "And our campus is a bit different for integration because we'll be the first university to use Desire to Learn with eSIS."

Because of the partnership with eSIS Semi and Ryan are creating, students can still use the same password and account information they're used to.

"There will be a little start-up trauma when Desire to Learn is brought in, just like anything new," said Gary Smith, the chief information officer and director of ITS.

Though the changes will bring some immediate confusion, the adaptation will be worth it.

Other campuses, including UW-Whitewater, are already using Desire to Learn and have found it to be an easy adjustment, Ryan said. There haven't been too many difficulties and the feedback has been positive.

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EDITORIAL

Senate RIO fails to serve University apartment seekers

Students at UW-River Falls face the same dilemma each and every time spring semester rolls their way—apartment searching. Unlike many schools, UW-RF is not lucky enough to have a centralized location for students to seek out off-campus housing. There is the newly-created Rental Issues Office (RIO). The RIO, created by Senate President Matt Schuelke, is unfortunately a less than adequate Web site for students to gather information about rental properties.

Schuelke said the RIO was created because he noticed the only on-campus resource for making the “transition to rental properties was one page on the UW-RF housing site.”

Now it looks like there are only two areas students can look to begin making the transition. Both are inadequate.

Schuelke and the rest of the senators had a good plan but they have yet to follow through with it in a way that really helps students.

It is simply not plausible to think by listing the names and phone numbers of landlords or management companies in River Falls that students will be adequately ready to find an apartment. Students don’t need to know that the Charlotte Street Apartments are at 218 West Charlotte Street. Some of the questions students need answered are: How much is the rent? How many bedrooms are there? How many bathrooms? How close is it to campus? How close is it to downtown? Do I get a parking spot? Are utilities and heat included? Is there a washer and dryer in the building?

Once the RIO addresses these student concerns about renting, they will be successful.

There are many students opening up the *Student Voice* and the *River Falls Journal* to circle prospective apartments with their red pens. Some students even scour various bulletin boards in hopes of finding the perfect pad.

It does not seem to be too much to ask for someone, like Senate, to compile a listing of rental properties available to students in the local area. They are supposed to meet the needs of students. All it would take to create the list is a few phone calls and a word processor. Maybe senators could even take a peek at the bulletin boards for their students and include that information as well.

Not only would a centralized rental listing be beneficial for current students but, transfer students and even the landlords in the listing as well.

This would essentially become free advertising for them and one-stop shopping for students. Free advertising may be enough of a lure for renters to send their ads directly to the RIO when apartments become available. Imagine how easy senate’s job would be if renters began notifying them.

There are some good aspects to the site. It is very informational about what to do when the apartment a student would like to rent is available, such as check-in lists, subleasing information and roommate selection. But before a student can participate in these renter activities, they must be able to find an apartment.

The RIO isn’t the worst idea in the world, it just needs some heart and soul put into it.

To find out more information about available rental units in the River Falls area, don’t go to [www.uwrf.edu/student-senate/ri-properties.html](http://www.uwrf.edu/student-senate/ri-properties.html). Visit a bulletin board on campus instead.

*“It is simply not plausible to think by listing the names and phone numbers of landlords or management companies in River Falls that students will be adequately ready to find an apartment. Students don’t need to know that the Charlotte Street Apartments are at 218 West Charlotte Street.”*



Liberal seeks louder Democrat voice on campus

I began writing this letter to the editor as a scathing note denouncing Andy Parrish and the column he wrote last week in the *Student Voice*. Then I decided sarcasm and anger would only add fuel to his fire.

I write to you today as a liberal hoping to mobilize liberals and Democrats all over campus. We have allowed our voice to become silenced. By giving the radical conservative voice on our campus free reign in the newspaper, our Student Center and our education — we feel as if we stand alone. Let us not give up so easily. There are more of us than we realize. However, we cannot make a difference until we come together.

I could spend hours debating with Parrish and his few supporters about the gross generalizations he made in last week's column - but it is not worth my time. To be a liberal does not mean I am a hypocrite, un-American or Godless. I believe in education and civil rights for all people - regardless of race, color, gender, sex, religion or sexual orientation. I also believe in the right and responsibility we have as citizens to question the actions of our government. I think most students — liberals and conservatives — on this campus see what Parrish and his cronies stand for and they do not find it appealing. The time of degrading and slandering liberals is over. Do not be afraid to call yourself a liberal (if you are one) and take back the pride — the days of the radical conservative on this campus have to end.

Amanda Clemmer, student

'If' poem goes against freedom of religion

As a Christian and moderate Republican, I would like to respond to Roger Ballou's poem entitled "If." There is no doubt his intentions were well meaning and I thank him for his strong stance on such an important issue. However, two of Ballou's points are unfair both to Christianity and to freedom itself: "believing that heterosexual is 'the correct way' is mistaken;" and "believing that

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'Christianity is the only path to God' is mistaken."

One of our greatest freedoms is that we can believe whatever we choose. We have the right to believe that our faith and promise of salvation is the right one for the United States. We have the right to believe when life does or does not commence. We have the right to believe the activities of certain alternative lifestyles are improper.

We are also charged with the responsibility of compassion toward one another. Remember "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone?" It is not our place to judge one another. Sometimes, the best way to love thy neighbor is to leave them alone. There are thousands of religious and political ideologies, but what we think is irrelevant when compared to how we think.

It is a contradiction to the freedom of religion to tell others their beliefs are wrong. We certainly have no right to intimidate or harass any individual or select groups for their beliefs or lifestyle. We may not condone or endorse certain behaviors, but we are all equals. It's the moment we think we are better than another [for our differences] that we have committed the act of bigotry.

James King, student

College Dems take higher political roads

I would like to take a moment to commend the College Democrats for taking the high road and staying above the fray of attack-politics at UW-River Falls. I find the debate tactics of the Democrats on this campus to be very thoughtful and respectful.

For example, the College Republicans' Watchdog List has caused a fury of debate. I am proud of our College Democrats for defending those targeted professors in a respectful and honorable way and not escalating to indecency by creating a Watchdog List of their own against professors deemed "conservative."

These kinds of issues should be raised and debated, however, tactics akin to McCarthyism are not mature or responsible ways to raise these issues.

Andy Parrish's most recent col-

umn gave us his "Liberal's Creed." Let us all remember that liberals can just as easily attack conservatives as haters of education ("Education breeds liberalism"), haters of the poor, disabled, mentally ill, gay or the 2.9 million people who are unemployed, haters of innocent Iraqi civilians — 500,000 killed by U.S. sanctions and weekly bombings since 1992 — or haters of anyone who questions the White House. However, respectful people realize statements like these are outrageous, irritating and insulting to the intelligence of their readers.

Keep up the good work College Democrats.

Hans Anderson, student

Students, faculty benefit from diverse views

Educators should applaud all students, regardless of ideological persuasion, who have the courage to question a professor's assumptions or to challenge their conclusions. Assuming the discourse is civil and reasoned, such intellectual diversity is as imperative to our mission as racial and cultural diversity.

Because prejudices cannot be checked entirely at the schoolhouse door, we must be ever vigilant to use our free speech prerogative with care. After all, our position of authority is not an entitlement; we serve at the pleasure of those who pay our salaries — our students, their parents, and the taxpayers of Wisconsin. We're doing our job by creating a non-threatening learning environment through which the values of pluralism, critical reflection and civility are celebrated.

Although the recent exchange of views in the *Student Voice* between College Republicans and some professors has not been without acrimony, it has sparked discussion on important issues. Such unvarnished give-and-take, the antithesis of mind-numbing PowerPoint lectures, is a refreshing change. I suspect many educators welcome greater empowerment of students in the classroom. We all gain from a more robust exchange of ideas.

The Academic Bill of Rights, one example of how students may better understand their rights and responsibilities, extols the virtues of free inquiry and

diversity of opinion. It is predicated upon the assumption that nobody, from your most deferential, naïve student, to your most ideological, orthodox professor, has a monopoly on wisdom. It may be found at: [www.students-foracademicfreedom.org](http://www.students-foracademicfreedom.org).

Charlie Corcoran, professor

Facts find holes in conservative arguments

America is a great country. I think just about anyone in this country, whether they're liberal, conservative, or moderate can agree with that. It's a country where Andy Parrish is given the freedom to write a column every couple of weeks, providing entertainment to us all. God bless America.

I've decided to take it upon myself to clear up some things for Parrish, since apparently his busy schedule doesn't allow him enough time to check his facts before he writes a column. As Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan once said, "Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but not their own facts."

First of all, John Kerry has not voted in the senate 350 times to raise taxes. In his 19-year senate career, John Kerry has voted to raise taxes on a number of occasions. In a career that long, most people have at one point or another. And he's on record as saying he plans to return taxes on those making more than \$200,000 back to their pre-Bush tax cut levels.

If Andy Parrish wants to talk about hypocrisy, that's great. Maybe he'd like to explain why Bush said he'll leave no child behind and then under-funds the program by \$9 billion, crippling the state budgets and causing local tax increases that cancel out any tax cuts the middle- and lower-class received.

Maybe Parrish would like to discuss why Clinton lying about a sex act with a consenting adult is a national crisis but lying about non-existent weapons of mass destruction, which Iraq only had in the past because of the Reagan-Bush administration, that ironically have led to the deaths of nearly 600 American troops and thousands of innocent Iraqi civilians is not.

Maybe Parrish would also like to have a discussion about why

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# Bush takes steps in wrong direction Attacks directed toward columnist, not conservatives

Yesterday I was called a liberal, Bush-hating, attack monger. I thought it was strange but I do dislike Bush. I must admit though, I'm feeling a bit bad for President Bush. It is the same kind of feeling I had for presidential hopeful Howard Dean. One step forward, two steps back. It is frustrating for the typical person; imagine it happening to your presidential campaign. So yes, I feel bad for Bush, but not that bad.

Take last week for example. Friday it was announced that 308,000 new jobs were created in the month of March. Suddenly the jobless recovery doesn't seem so jobless, which helps Bush more than the Democrats will ever admit.

After public criticism of the



White House's stand to keep Condoleezza Rice from appearing before the 9/11 commission the Bush camp balked and made the appointment for her. She will now testify on television, under oath, to the commission, for the entire world to see. Though it was difficult for Bush

**DERRICK WILLIAMS**

to do, it will ultimately help him out in the long run. Nobody wants a president that seems to be hiding something. See Nixon.

After a look at the step meter, Bush has two steps forward and zero back. Enter the liberal, Bush-hating, attack mongers. Despite a week of relatively good news for the Bush campaign, the bad news almost shuts out the good. First there were five American soldiers killed near Fallujah, a town in Iraq. This brings the number of Americans killed to around 600.

The war in Iraq comes under fire, again.

Then Wednesday, once again in Fallujah, four American civilians were killed. Rather they were mutilated. They were shot, burned, dismembered, then hung from a bridge. If that wasn't bad enough, when the American soldiers posted in Fallujah learned of the incident, their orders were to do nothing. No ambulance, no attack to squelch the insurgents, nothing.

All this is great fuel for liberal attack mongering Bush haters. That's two steps back Mr. Bush.

It was announced Monday that an arrest warrant was issued for the radical Shiite Muslim cleric, Muqtada al-Sadr. The warrant has actually been out for months but the United States was weary of arresting him because he is so popular. Instead the United States shut down his newspaper. Once we did that, al-Sadr began telling everyone who could listen to kill Americans. That led to the deaths in Fallujah last

week and it's why we want him now. But what will happen when we arrest him? I can make a few guesses and I guarantee all of them will be bad news for President Bush. Nine Americans died because this guy's newspaper was shut down. How many will die if we shut him down? This will not be good for President Bush.

Speculation by a liberal, Bush-hating, attack monger is not a step back, I know, but this could potentially become an unraveling point for coalition forces in Iraq. If there is an escalation in fighting more troops might be needed, which will be very damaging for the White House. But the big blow would come in the form of the impending June 30 deadline to hand over sovereignty to the Iraqis. If that date is pushed back, Iraq will come to a boil, and I for one don't want to see what happens then and neither does Bush. He'll be through if it does. The liberal attack mongers will see to it.

I'm going to step back from the normal rhetoric for one column and do something I have never done before.

I'm going to defend myself. I know I have put myself in a situation for criticism from the left and that's OK. Heck, I even expect it. But what I don't expect is for people to take shots at me.

I have always, with one exception, attacked ideas, mainly liberalism. I would have thought the left would have attacked conservatism but instead they have chosen to attack me.

People have written to this fine publication and used phrases like "Andy Parrish and his cronies" or said this paper even publish such rhetoric like this, or is it appropriate to publish his work. One person went so far as to count grammatical errors within one of my columns.

Nonetheless, my right-wing ideology has shown you how the left-wing liberals really are. They are supposed to be peace-loving people, but look at the way they have attacked verbally in letters to the editor. I attacked liberalism as a whole and they have attacked me personally, for my beliefs.

Why would people attack such a fine upstanding citizen like me? That is what most people might ask themselves.

I will tell you why. I have



challenged liberal ideals and backed them up with facts. Therefore, they must attack me because they don't like the fact that they were challenged with facts. A select few professors on campus can't stand to be anywhere near me because I challenge them. They just don't want others to hear the facts that I have because the truth threatens their agenda. I have this to say to these people—get a hobby.

I may be gone next semester but there are other students

**ANDY PARRISH** ready to take the reigns. In fact, they already have. We are not afraid to stand up for what we believe in. We are not afraid to tell others the truth. We will never back down. And we will continue to fight the good fight and spread truth wherever we can.

I could not have done what I have without the support of the College Republicans and I want to thank them. I also know there are other conservative Christians on campus that are not as outspoken as some of us. Don't worry, continue to fight the good fight and we will prevail.

Now, to you journalists who want to rebut everything I say, or take shots at me, as two of you did last week, I only have this to say to you: Get off my coattails, be original and find your own voice. Next week I will be back to my normal rhetoric. Support our troops, support our President and have a great conservative day.

## List of offenses not worthy of second term

I never write about politics. It's not that I don't care about what's going on in the political arenas of our nation, I just find other subjects more interesting. Plus other Voice columnists seem to cover politics enough that I don't need to add my two cents.

This week, though, I received an interesting e-mail titled "Please Consider My Experience When Voting in 2004." It is a faux resume of George W. Bush, listing his experience and "accomplishments" as governor of Texas and as president. If all of the information on the e-mail is true, I don't know how he ever got into office in the first place. Actually, yes I do: His money and his daddy.

I personally found this e-mail hilarious but I'm sure most Republicans out there will be ready to have my head. This will probably be the first and last time I write about politics, so enjoy it while it lasts.

The e-mail said that during his days as Texas' governor, Bush changed pollution laws to favor power and oil companies, making Texas the most polluted state in the United States. During his tenure, Houston replaced Los Angeles as the most smog-ridden city in the country.



With the help of his brother, the governor of Florida, and his father's appointments to the Supreme Court, he became president after losing by more than 500,000 votes.

He invaded and occupied two countries at a continuing cost of more than \$1 billion per week.

Bush shattered the record for the largest annual deficit in U.S. history and set an economic record for most private bankruptcies filed in one year. He also took the crown for the most foreclosures in a 12-month period.

His first year in office, more than two million Americans lost their jobs.

It's interesting that members of his cabinet are the richest of any administration in history.

Bush has also set the record for the most campaign fundraising trips by a U.S. president and is the all-time U.S. and world record-holder for receiving the most corporate campaign donations.

He has presided over the biggest energy crisis in U.S. history and would not intervene when corruption involving the oil industry was revealed.

Under his tenure, we have had the highest gasoline prices in our nation's history.

Isn't this fun? I didn't know Bush bashing could be so fun. I'll continue.

He also created the Ministry of Homeland

Security, the largest bureaucracy the United States government has ever seen.

As for international affairs, Bush has broken more international treaties than any president and is the first president to have the United Nations remove our country from the Human Rights Commission. He also withdrew the U.S. from the World Court of Law.

Bush, our little record-setting phenom, also holds the record for having the most people worldwide—15 million people—simultaneously protest him in public places.

He is the first president to order an unprovoked, pre-emptive attack and the military occupation of a sovereign nation, against the will of the United Nations, the majority of U.S. citizens and the world community.

Not only has he set the record for taking the most days of vacation in any one-year period but he has cut health care benefits for war veterans and supports a cut in duty benefits for active duty troops and their families in war time.

I could go on, but I won't. I just find it amusing that one of the dumbest politicians made it to the presidency and still hopes to attain a second term with this record. I personally have had enough. Hopefully my little list of e-mail facts was informative, if not enjoyable. I don't see why anyone would want to vote for him after reading this list of offenses.

But, everyone has a right to an opinion.

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conservatives think it's so terrible to "play God" and kill an unborn child, but they don't care about killing innocent children in the Middle East or playing God with the death penalty.

I'd go on, but finding holes in conservative arguments is like shooting cows in a shot glass,

and I just don't have enough time or ink in my printer to go on for too much longer.

Support our troops (bring them home to their families), don't be afraid to be truly patriotic and question the president, and have a great day regardless of your political stance, reproductive views, religion, or sexual orientation.

**Brian Hogenson, student**

## Good Friday means Christianity, not a day off from class

Apparently Good Friday is the day Christ was crucified. Good to know. Being a non-Christian, an atheist to be exact, I was curious to learn more about this day and Easter. Don't worry, it wasn't because I actually cared or thought it was time for me to become a born-again Christian; it was more for my own morbid curiosity.

Upon conversing with my much more religious friends, I still don't see what the big deal is. OK, let me rephrase that. Believe in God. Celebrate the life and death of God if it makes you feel better but don't try to get out of class to celebrate or go to church.

It's stupid for people to think a state-funded university should cancel classes for a religious "holiday."

As a side note, Good Friday isn't a

national holiday. That should be good for some of you to know.

Another side note: Separation of church and state still applies no matter how much a person wants to get out of class.

In the past, classes weren't held on Good Friday. But members of the calendar committee decided it was more important to have more class time and decided to change things up.

Good call on their part.

Calendar committee chair Don Taylor, however, said the committee



recognized that there would be problems for a "fair amount of students." Upon discussing the issue further, the committee decided it would be best for faculty and students to decide whether to hold and attend class.

But it really shouldn't be an issue professors and students have to think about. Sure, it's up to a student to decide what's more important, church or education but I just don't see the logic in missing a full day of classes — or two or three for that matter — to go to church.

If Christianity is so popular, it's more than likely that there will be extra church services throughout the day and Easter weekend to accommodate the

masses gathering to celebrate the holiday.

Students and professors alike should be able to find a time that won't conflict with their class or other important responsibilities even though I guess Christ is an important one for some.

Hell, I think Valentine's Day is pretty important but I don't take the day off to exchange candy hearts and goo-goo eyes with the person I love. Barf. Let's

get serious.

Halloween is pretty cool, too. Maybe if I were a Wiccan I could petition the calendar committee and get them to change around the schedule so I could take the day off of classes to celebrate Halloween.

Think about it. If you do, you'll see that it's not practical no matter what the Bible may say.

It seems my morbid curiosity has paid off.

*"I still don't see what the big deal is. OK, let me rephrase that. Believe in God. Celebrate the life and death of God if it makes you feel better but don't try to get out of class to celebrate or go to church."*

## What do you think should happen to Audrey Seiler for faking her own kidnapping?



**Jody Zarembinski, junior**

"I think she should have to pay for the police work she wasted. I think she may be mentally unbalanced."



**Matt Woodruff, junior**

"I think she needs to be reprimanded some way. I think she should also issue a public statement to say she's sorry and why she did it."



**Crystal Fernandez, junior**

"I think she should be penalized; community service or pay for the expenses."



**Sam Sands, junior**

"I definitely feel she should be prosecuted and have to pay for all the damage that she's caused. Basically, I feel she should have to pay for the police bills."



**Nikki Taft, freshman**

"I think she was looking for attention; she should probably have to pay for the man power in the search."

## ELECTIONS from A1

"I am gratified to win and surprised by the size of the win," Richards said. "I am gratified by the 904 votes."

Richards was impressed by Parent's campaign and surprised that Parent couldn't "close the gap" on the large win.

"Parent had an honorable run and a positive campaign," Richards said. "He was a gentleman all the way through."

Parent said he was disappointed but he believes in democracy. "[Richards] is a local, someone who grew up here in the community," Parent said. "That was what this community wanted." Zora Anderson and Carol Zalusky were the co-chairs of the poll workers in Rodli Commons, coordinating seven workers. They helped to count the ballots, answer questions and assist people with their ballots.

Anderson has helped with elections in several states for 45 years. She encourages young people to vote.

"One vote makes a large difference," Anderson said. "Don't complain about the vote if you're doing nothing to help it."

Zalusky has helped with the River Falls polls for the past 11 years. She said the polls usually

see a small student turnout because most students don't know who the candidates are.

"When there were two students running there was lots of interest," Zalusky said.

Anderson said any student can vote as long as they have lived in River Falls for at least 10 days. Students can register at the polls by showing proof of residence.

Both Anderson and Zalusky were concerned that students are not voting.

"You are a part of the community, why shouldn't you vote?" Zalusky said.

Junior Megan King feels students don't vote because they are not informed about the candidates. She believes there is not enough information about the candidates on campus.

"If the candidates held a debate at the Student Center it would increase students awareness about the candidates," King said.

Senior Erin Sanford said it is important to vote because students are an integral part of the community yet she said most students are uninformed about the candidates.

"I didn't even know voting was today until I saw the sign that

said 'Vote here'," Sanford said.

Sanford added she doesn't feel most students even knew what the positions were the candidates were running for.

Senior Nick Kesler voted for Ed O'Keefe because he felt it was important to have a student representative on City Council.

"The city has forgotten the University runs this town," Kesler said. "We need someone who will represent students."

He said being a smaller community means voting is imperative because it is more likely the decisions made will affect students at some point.

"O'Keefe brings a unique perspective to the race," Kesler said. "He is more likely to be open-minded; older candidates have a tendency to be set in

their ways." Kesler said it is important for students to be informed voters.

"I don't want to vote just to vote; that can be dangerous," Kesler said. "It is important to know something about the candidates."

Kesler said students are not afforded the opportunity to be informed about the candidates.

He suggested the candidates go on the campus radio and local TV stations to which students are most exposed.

## MILITARY from A1

Oldenburg did. A possible reason Kennedy doesn't share Oldenburg's resentment may be that he had a lot more time to prepare for his call up than Oldenburg did.

Oldenburg was plucked out of his life just four days after receiving an alert notice from his unit. He said he had little more than a day to withdraw from the University, work out a rental agreement with his roommates and arrange payments for various debts and bills.

Kennedy had to go through similar bedlam during his call up, but a lot of pressure was relieved when he received an alert notice well in advance.

"Preparing for the deployment was probably one of the most chaotic things I have ever done," Kennedy said. "You are constantly thinking of things you need to take care of and things that you are forgetting. No matter how thorough you thought you were, there is always something you forget."

The preparation period is also tough on soldiers' family and friends. Mullenax said she feels anxiety every time one of her soldiers is called up to serve in combat. While Kennedy was enrolled at UW-RF, he worked as a veterans' service representative for Mullenax.

"For me it's the same as sending my child to war," Mullenax said. "Especially the ones who worked here - they become part of my family. I think about them every day."

Once the sobering task of preparing their wills and powers of attorney was finished, both soldiers faced culture shock upon stepping out of the plane in the Middle East.

Kennedy said the scenery in Kuwait when he landed in February looked like "a big ash tray."

Oldenburg entered the country during its hot season in late May.

"It was hell on earth," Oldenburg said. "It was 128 degrees and a real dry heat. Plus, you're wearing a Kevlar [helmet], a flak jacket, an LBV [load-bearing vest] and carrying a backpack, a rifle and all your equipment."

Though the hot season looms in the near future, Kennedy will likely escape the worst of it because

he volunteered to go northward to Tikrit. He has also seemed to escape the monotony and boredom that plagued Oldenburg during his tour of duty.

Though Kennedy may face more dangerous duty than Oldenburg, he looks forward to the adventure of carrying out missions on almost a daily basis. Oldenburg rarely got the opportunity to roam away from base for a mission other than simple guard duty.

"It was boredom at its finest," Oldenburg said. "Most days you can't wait to go to sleep."

Though he often worked 12-hour shifts of guard duty, ranging from re-supplying guard posts via Humvee to roving foot patrol, his down time always seemed to drag on, Oldenburg said.

"We read a lot of books and watched a lot of DVDs on portable DVD players," he said. "Sometimes we set up flag football games and volleyball games."

Besides the relative safety of the base and plenty of leisure time activities, Camp Arif Jan had a few other perks for GIs based there. Soldiers could call home, use the Internet, enjoy Subway, Pizza Hut and Burger King and meet a variety of dignitaries and celebrities.

Oldenburg was happy to return to the United States just before Christmas. He returned Dec. 13 and began the process of reclaiming his old life. He registered for 12 credits in spring 2004, moved back into his old apartment with his roommates and got his old job back at County Market in Hudson.

"The University and everyone was really cooperative," Oldenburg said. "Nothing really changed at all. It sucks that I got yanked out of my life, but it's a lot easier for me to deal with than some other reservists."

"I'm just a college student. It's a lot harder for guys who have full-time jobs and families."

After Kennedy returns early next year, he plans to re-enroll at UW-RF and finish his teaching degree.

"I want to become a high school history teacher and have fun with life," Kennedy said. "UW-RF has a great teacher program and I like the small-town atmosphere."

Kennedy's return in 2005 will solidify UW-RF as the place where the Kinnickinnic and the Tigris meet.

## SENATE from A1

time. She said she threw her hat into the ring in order to "offer a

new and different perspective to the Student Senate."

"I would label myself as being highly and easily motivated," D'Amelio said. "I always maintain a sunny disposition."

D'Amelio said students should

vote for her because she will address issues in a non-biased manner "with the good of my fellow students at heart."

She is interested in the Shared Governance, Legislative and Ethics committees.



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Section B

# Fastpitch team splits home opener

Evans powers team to first Ramer victory with two-run blast in 6th

Sports Information  
UW-River Falls

The Falcon softball team split a doubleheader with St. Mary's (SMU) in games played Monday afternoon at Ramer Field.

The Falcons took the first game, 3-0 and SMU won the nightcap, 1-0.

The big blow in the first game was a two-run homer in the sixth by Emily Evans. It was her first homer of the year. The teams battled with no runs through five innings. UW-RF got all of its runs in the sixth. Melissa Turbak opened the sixth reaching first base on an error. Jassmy Schwartz then laid down a sacrifice bunt and was safe on the play. Turbak advanced to third and Schwartz to second on an error on the play. Emily Rodgers then singled to left to score Turbak but Schwartz was thrown out at the plate on the play. Evans then hit a homer to left field.

The Falcons scored three runs on six hits and made no errors. SMU had six hits but made three errors. Rodgers finished 2-2 with a run scored and one RBI. Leah Vanderploeg was 2-2.

Vanderploeg picked up the win on the mound and improved her record to 6-0. She walked four and struck out one.

In the second game SMU scored one run on 10 hits and made no errors. UW-RF had seven runs and one error. SMU scored the game's only run in the third. Anna Poulter was 2-3. Schwartz, Rodgers, Evans, Michelle Heuser and Carolyn Guisinger also had hits. Devanie Bigalk took the loss on the mound and is now 6-6 this year. She worked five and one-third innings and allowed seventh hits and the one earned run. She struck out one and didn't walk a batter. Vanderploeg finished and allowed three hits.

The Falcons, now 13-7 overall and 0-2 in the WIAC, played host to UW-Stout in a WIAC doubleheader at Ramer Field Thursday afternoon.

The results were not in when the paper went to press Thursday.

The Falcons are set to play in the Eau Claire Invite this weekend, where they will face Hamline and St. Scholastica, on Friday and Northland and Viterbo on Saturday.



Falcon shortstop Jessamy Schwartz applies a tag to a St. Mary's University player attempting to steal second base during the Falcons' 3-0 win in the first game of a doubleheader on Monday at Ramer Field. At the plate Schwartz had a sacrifice and a walk in the Falcons' win.

Photo by Eric A. Page

## Bring it on? Let it go

It's like a scene from the movie *Bring It On*. Cheering, chanting, clapping and stomping echo into the spring afternoon. I pinch myself and shake the image of Kirsten Dunst in a basket toss and realize I am at a women's softball game at Ramer Field.

The cheering had been coming from the dugouts and it wasn't a "let's go" or a "nice pitch Leah," it was several organized cheers in unison that would make the actual UW-River Falls spirit squad green with envy.

Monday afternoon I witnessed the first game of the doubleheader between the Falcons' fastpitch team and St. Mary's University. I had covered softball before when I spent two weeks reporting Sun Prairie High School's trip to the WIAA State Tournament last spring but I failed to notice organized cheering from the dugouts in Madison.

I was awestruck by the notion that 18 to 23-

year-old women would subject themselves to that kind of adolescent behavior. To me, it seemed demeaning, degrading and contradictory to the war that women have waged since the implementation of Title IX.

UW-RF fastpitch coach Faye Perkins said that the organized cheers are a result of players taking the initiative several years ago and they have been passed down over time. She said she encourages it because it helps everyone contribute to the success of the team and helps keep

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the players on the bench in the game mentally. I have played sports of every kind at many different levels and one thing I have learned is that if a player on the bench isn't in the game mentally it is usually because they know they aren't going to play. I don't think chanting "three up, three down, three up, three down, three up, three down," is going to change anything.

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## Murphy makes pro debut with Greenville Grrrowl in ECHL

Micheal Foley  
Assistant Editor

Former UW-River Falls hockey player Jim Murphy took an extra two weeks off for spring break and returned to classes April 5. He used the two extra weeks, not as a break, but to get experience working in his future industry, ice hockey.

Immediately following the end of his final UW-RF Falcon hockey season, Murphy signed a professional contract to play the final eight games of the season for the Greenville, N.C. Grrrowl, a team in the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL).

"Opportunity knocked and I answered," Murphy said. "It was a good chance to get my foot in the door and showcase my ability to see where it brings me next year."

Murphy ended his amateur career in the Falcons'

3-0 loss to St. Norbert in the NCAA Div. III Quarterfinals March 13. A week later he was a professional.

His father, who acts as his agent, got a call from Grrrowl coach John Marks at 10:30 p.m. March 19 telling Murphy to get on the next plane, Murphy said. Marks was looking for a fast left winger to make plays. Murphy fit the profile.

With his father and the team in agreement, Murphy caught a flight to North Carolina immediately March 20. His flight was delayed and he was left with very little time to take care of business.

"I got to the rink at about 5:30 and the game was at 7," Murphy said. "When I got there I had to negotiate my final contract. We talked business for about 10 minutes and took another 15 minutes to

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## Olson, Leis lead Falcons' field events at Norse

Sports Information  
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls men's and women's track and field teams competed in the Norse Invitational last weekend in Decorah, Iowa, in their first outdoor meet of the year.

Both teams finished fifth in the team standings. In the men's meet, La Crosse won the team title with 128 points followed by Eau Claire 127, Luther 120, St. Olaf 112, River Falls 88, Wartburg 76, Upper Iowa 17, North Central, 15, St. Mary's, 13 and MSU-Mankato 10.

In the women's meet, Luther placed first with 198.5 points followed by St. Benedict 156.5, Eau Claire 119,

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## Melzer strikes again

Former Falcon standout earns second postseason Player of the Year honor from DIII News

Sports Information  
UW-River Falls

UW-River Falls basketball player Rich Melzer has been named the 2004 DIII News Player of the Year.

"Rich had a great season and showed that he is one of the top Div. III players in the country," said DIII News Editor Gary Rubin. "He was the MVP in one of the top leagues in the nation. There were many top candidates for this honor but Rich is very deserving."

The 2004 All-American teams were published in the DIII News Postseason Issue, which was released March 31.

DIII News, published since 1993, is the leading publication covering men's Div. III basketball. It comes out 12 times during the basketball season.

Before the start of the 2003-04 season Melzer was named the publication's Preseason Player of the Year.

Earlier this year Melzer was named the NABC Player of the Year, to the NABC first All-American team for the second time, to the NABC West All-Region team, the NABC West Region Player of the Year, to the d3hoops.com All-American first team and to the d3hoops.com West All-Region team. He was named to the second d3hoops.com All-American team in 2003.

Melzer was the only NCAA Div. III player invited to the prestigious Portsmouth Invitational Tournament in Portsmouth, Va. He will play with and against some of the top players in the nation during the tourney April 7-10.

Melzer and the Falcons won the WIAC

Championship with a 12-4 league record and they finished 20-7 overall. The championship is the University's first since 1950.

Melzer was named to the All-WIAC for the third straight year in 2004 and he earned honorable mention honors in 2001. This year he led the WIAC in scoring for the second straight season averaging 26.9 points. He was third in scoring in the NCAA Div. III in the Feb. 22 report. He finished second in rebounding averaging 8.5. Melzer finished second in field goal shooting (280-502 .558), 13th in free throw shooting (162-221 .733), 13th in steals (32), 12th in assist to turnover ratio (.96) and fourth in blocked shots (44). He scored a season high 37 points and grabbed a season high 14 rebounds at Puget Sound Nov. 22. He scored in double digits in every game but one and had eight double-doubles in 2004. He led the Falcons in scoring in every game but two and led the team in rebounding in every game but four.

Melzer is currently second in scoring in Falcon history with 2,363 points. He has 821 career rebounds ranking third all-time. His 22.9 career scoring average is third in the record books. He is first in career field goals (935) and second in career field goals attempted (1,736). Melzer is eighth in career field goal percentage (.538). He holds the career record for blocked shots with 186. He scored in double figures in 98 games, including the last 76 of 77 games he played.

In the WIAC, Melzer holds the league's all-time record in field goals made, while ranking second on the conference's all-time scoring list. Melzer becomes the sixth player in WIAC history to earn back-to-back player of the year awards. He joins UW-Oshkosh's Tim Dworak (2002-03), UW-Stevens Point's Terry Porter (1984-85), UW-Eau Claire's Gib Hinz (1979-80), UW-Oshkosh's Ralph Sims (1977-78) and UW-Eau Claire's Mike Ratliff (1970-72).

Earlier this year Melzer was named the WIAC Most Valuable Player for the second straight season. He was named the league's Co-MVP with UW-Oshkosh's Tim Dworak in 2003. Melzer is the second Falcon to win the WIAC MVP award.

## Athletes don't exist solely for crowds' entertainment

College and even high school athletes are asking themselves a question that concerns many die-hard collegiate fans. Should I stay or play for pay?

Former Falcon hockey All-American Jim Murphy recently asked himself this question and had the rare opportunity of having his cake and eating it too.

After completing a Div. III NCAA hockey playoff run during his senior year, he transitioned to AA hockey for the final eight games of the Greenville Grrrowl season. Murphy found a way to gain the equivalent of a two-week internship at his future job while remaining enrolled full-time at UW-River Falls.

A college education is becoming less and less respected in the professional athletic community. Oftentimes athletes choose to skip the potential for a higher education and national champi-

onship just to pass go and collect \$200.

While this trend upsets many who root for their teams only to find out the star player is moving on a year or two early. This trend alienates fans who want the team to have a shot at the title during the star player's senior year.

The fans who filled Hunt Arena for every Falcon home game, especially the enthusiastic student fanatics, appreciate Murphy for his loyalty to the program.

He didn't sell out on his fan base like Emmitt Smith, just to make some serious money. Shaquille O'Neal left Louisiana State for the bright lights of the NBA. Even Michael Jordan left his beloved Tarheel fans for a taste of fame. Even standout Falcon goalie Doug Cole opted out of school one quarter prior to graduation in the early 80s to pursue professional sports interests.

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Photo by Micheal Foley

Erik Olson puts the shot at an early season meet. He placed third in the discus at the Norse Invitational.

# MURPHY from B1

learn the team's offensive and defensive systems." In Murphy's "baptism by fire"

he quickly learned the differences between college and pro hockey. "Going from college game to the professional ranks is really a major adjustment," UW-RF men's hockey head coach Steve Freeman said. "It becomes a lit-

tle more of a thinking game and a positional game. The college game is more of a hustle-hustle speed game." Marks brought Murphy to Greenville for his offensive firepower and Murphy was able to contribute by tallying two assists in his eight games. Murphy said he also hit three posts, which could have easily been goals.

Though Murphy was a rookie, he got significant playing time. "I was skating with the first line and the power-play unit," Murphy said. "I was logging as many as 20 to 25 minutes a night. I saw more ice time at the professional level than I did at River Falls." Murphy said he credits his success to his teammates and coaches at UW-RF.

"Over the last three years they've helped me develop into the player I am today and allowed me to reach these levels."

Just as the team was important to Murphy, Murphy was important to the team. He led the Falcons in scoring with 32 points on 15 goals and 17 assists in 31 games.

"He was extremely valuable," Freeman said. "We had trouble creating some offense and him being our leading scorer was vitally important to our success this season."

Murphy was named to the second American Hockey Coaches Association West All-America team this year. He also made the All-NCHA and All-WIAC

teams. Murphy showed his achievement in the classroom by making the NCHA All-Academic Team for the second consecutive year.

Perhaps the most amazing achievement Murphy put on his scoreboard is his return to campus after his stint as a pro. After spring break ended, Murphy contacted his professors and told them about his situation. They were all able to work out a way for Murphy to make up the work and tests he missed while playing hockey in the Southeast.

"They told me it would require a lot of work when I got back and usually they don't do things like this," Murphy said. "I think they showed good understanding in my situation."

Murphy plans to take six credits during the summer to finish his bachelor's degree in finance. He plans to further his education by taking advantage of a program offered by the Grrrowl to earn a master's degree while playing for the team.

Murphy said Greenville has already verbally offered him a contract for next year and he has agreed in principle. He is just waiting for the paperwork to come in the mail, he said.

"It's every kid's dream to fill the shoes of the people they see on TV and look up to," Murphy said. "It's definitely a dream job. I play hockey and I get paid to do it. There's not a lot of people who can say that."



Submitted photo  
Jim Murphy, shown above in action with the Greenville Grrrowl, took two weeks off of school to play professional hockey in the ECHL. Murphy plans to graduate from UW-RF this summer.

*"Opportunity knocked and I answered. It was a good chance to get my foot in the door and showcase my ability to see where it brings me next year."*

**Jim Murphy**  
Former Falcon hockey player

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Perkins also said that cheering was not uncommon in sports but it is usually led by fans and cheerleaders and since women's sports don't usually have cheerleaders, the athletes have taken it upon themselves to double-up.

I have played in gyms so empty we had to beg the janitor to take a five-minute break to bolster attendance and at no point did I ever feel the urge to break into a round of "we got spirit" to increase morale. The game is what it is; nothing more and nothing less.

Having collegiate athletes who sweat all week in practice mock their own event during competition is offensive to the sport and unacceptable to me.

Call it support, call it a warm-fuzzy, I don't care what you call it, that fact remains that grown women are acting like teenagers

through some ritualistic tradition that shakes the very pillar on which they stand as female athletes. Sure we don't care if you have sports, as long as you can also do the cheerleading.

Don't get me wrong, I like the sport of softball and the strides that women's collegiate athletics have taken in the span of my memory are immeasurable and to be applauded. I just see this sort of thing as a major step

backward. I mean, was that a softball glove or a pom-pom in your hand and did you just slide safe into second or was that a scissors-kick into the splits?

scissors-kick into the splits? The two should not be confused. When was the last time you saw the sidelines at a football game let out the B-E-A-G-G-R-E-S-S-I-V-E cheer? Probably never. I can't fathom why players on a team would want to drop such a blanket of insignificance over the event they are participating in. The game is important, it is significant and it does matter. Don't cheapen the spirit of competition by trying to be cute.

# FOLEY from B1

These terrific athletes aren't out just to line their pockets. They aren't out to break the hearts of their fans. Most importantly, they aren't just show ponies who exist for the amusement of their fans.

They are human beings who have their own dreams and

want to reach them before their talent well runs dry. Sure, most athletes love their fans, but that doesn't mean they owe them any more than their ticket price's worth of entertainment for the night.

Those who are concerned for athletes' futures when their playing days are behind them also don't have a case. People can argue that athletes must

have something to fall back on for when they retire at age 38 or in case they get injured.

No where is it stated that an athlete can't go back to school to earn a degree when their knees go bad. In fact, after playing professional hockey in Europe, Cole returned to the United States only to wreck his knee playing in a roller hockey league.

Cole didn't fold his tent and give up on life because he didn't get his degree. He went back and got it. Now he's enjoying a successful career selling a digital video analysis system for NHL teams.

Cole isn't alone. Smith, Jordan and O'Neal all went back to their Universities and earned their degrees, even though they are multi-millionaires.

No one can fault a person who chases a dream.

*They are human beings who had their own dreams and want to reach them before their talent well runs dry.*

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Wartburg 108, River Falls 90.5, Upper Iowa 17, North Central 10 and St. Mary's 9.

Erik Olson led the Falcon men with a third place finish in the discus with a toss of 144-10. Greg Greene placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 20-6 1/2 and Nick Nelson was fifth with a leap of 20-5 1/2. Justin Shuh finished fourth in

the javelin with a toss of 131-2.

For the women, Jen Leis won the hammer throw with a toss of 145-5. Shannon Zweifel won the 400 hurdles in 1:06.06 and Jill Crandall won the high jump with a leap of 5-2. Leis also placed third in the shot with a put of 41-2 1/2. Steph Dura placed second in the shot with a put of 42-11 1/2 which is a NCAA provisional qualifying mark. Dura also placed fourth in the discus with a 127-9 effort. Tiff Reber placed third in the 100 hurdles in 17.16.

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| <b>WIAC Standings</b> |     |
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| Eau Claire (8-7)      | 2 0 |
| Whitewater (14-4)     | 3 1 |
| Stevens Point (7-8)   | 2 2 |
| Oshkosh (6-9)         | 1 1 |
| Stout (15-7)          | 0 0 |
| River Falls (13-7)    | 0 2 |
| Platteville (8-9)     | 0 2 |
| La Crosse (7-12)      | 0 2 |

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| Evans 3b      | 2 1 1 2 0 0  |
| Wood pr       | 0 0 0 0 0 0  |
| Hauser rf     | 2 0 0 0 1 1  |
| Vanderploeg p | 2 0 2 0 0 0  |
| Sahl dh       | 3 0 0 0 0 1  |
| Guisinger 1b  | 2 0 0 0 1 1  |
| Falk lf       | 0 0 0 0 0 0  |
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### April 5 Results

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| Pouller c        | 3  | 0 | 2 | 0  | 1  |
| Turbak 2b        | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| Schwartz ss      | 3  | 0 | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| Rodgers cf       | 2  | 0 | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| Evans 3b         | 3  | 0 | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| Syversen pr      | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| Hauser rf        | 3  | 0 | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| Vanderploeg dh/p | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| Bigalk p/dh      | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| Guisinger 1b     | 3  | 0 | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| Falk lf          | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| Totals           | 25 | 0 | 7 | 0  | 1  |

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| Leah Vanderploeg | 1.2 | 3 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 7  | 7  |

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| Player      | AB | R | H | BB | SO |
| Pouller c   | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| Turbak 2b   | 3  | 1 | 0 | 0  | 1  |
| Schwartz ss | 1  | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0  |

### Track and Field

#### April 3 results

at Norse Invitational  
Team results: 5th out of 8  
Falcon Top-Three Finishers  
(Place, Name, Event - Time)

#### Women

1. Leis, Hammer - 145-5
2. Hall, Hammer - 127-1
3. Van Houten, Pole Vault - 8-0
4. Dura, Shot Put - 42-11 1/2
1. Leis, Shot Put - 41-2 1/2
1. Crandall, High Jump - 5-2
4. Dura, Discus - 127-9
5. Hall, Discus - 126-7
3. Reber, 100 Hurdles - 17.16
1. Zweifel, 400 Hurdles - 1:06.06

#### Men

5. Berg, Hammer - 135-5
4. Greene, Long Jump - 20-6 1/2
5. Nelson, Long Jump - 20-5 1/2
4. Smith, Javelin - 131-2
5. Wiersma, High Jump - 5-11 1/4
3. Olsen, Discus - 144-10
5. Stewart, Triple Jump - 40-0
5. Young, 110 Hurdles - 17.82
4. McDonough, 3,000 Steeplechase - 10:58.44

## VARSITY SPORTS WEEK

### Friday, April 9

Fastpitch at Eau Claire Tournament 2 p.m.  
Track and Field at Gustavus Adolphus TBD

### Saturday, April 10

Fastpitch at Eau Claire Tournament 12 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 13

Fastpitch at La Crosse 3 p.m.

## TOP PERFORMERS



**Erik Olson**  
Track and Field



**Shannon Zweifel**  
Track and Field

Sophomore Erik Olson started the outdoor season where he left off from the indoor season at the Norse Invitational held in Decorah, Iowa on Saturday. He placed third in the discus with a toss of 144-10, seventh in the shot with a toss of 42-6 1/4 and eighth in the hammer with a 113-8 effort.

Shannon Zweifel, a freshman from Whitewater, Wis., had a strong effort in her first collegiate outdoor meet at the Norse Invitational held in Decorah, Iowa on Saturday. She finished first in the 400 hurdles in 1:06.06. She was one of three Falcons to place first in her respective event at the meet.

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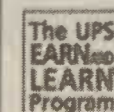
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# Senior art major combines two cultures, introduces new art



Photo By Teresa Schmitt

Nou Ka Yang designed and made clothing with influences from both the American and Hmong cultures. This senior exhibition is the first of its kind in more than 15 years.

Lucas Pokorny  
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls art majors are required to show their best work in the art gallery however, one student wants to show off her artwork in a more unique way: a fashion show.

"In the 15 years that I have been here no one has ever done a performance piece as part of their senior exhibition," art professor Morgan Clifford said.

On February 5, UW-RF senior Nou Ka Yang put together a fashion show in Gallery 101 in Kleinpell Fine Arts (KFA), showing off 30 pieces of the clothing line she designed.

"I want people to see how the clothes actually look on people," Yang said.

For the fashion show Yang chose friends and classmates to show off the clothes rather than real models.

"I don't like real models, they don't represent society in this community," Yang said.

Yang selected her models, then sized them and created pieces to fit them. Yang also had pieces she already created, so she selected anybody that could fit into them.

"The cloth line is very different but appropriate for the climate," Yang said.

Yang is an art major with an emphasis on fabric art or "Nuno art," as it is called in the Hmong culture. Fabric art is an important part of the Hmong culture but is dying out, Yang said.

Yang doesn't do traditional Hmong fabric art but rather modern art; American and Hmong.

Yang said she enjoys modern more.

"Both American and Hmong culture influences my art," Yang said.

Fabric art, Yang said, is the process of dying wool using a gauze material on felt and sticking them together to form clothes without any sewing.

The dying takes four to five hours. Processing the wool takes another hour. It then takes 30 to

45 minutes to put the pieces all together.

In addition, Yang has classes until noon every day and works until 3 p.m. in the Academic Success Center. Yang is busy throughout the day but said whenever she has a spare minute she is in an art studio.

"It's very good time management," Yang said.

This fall, Yang will be heading to Japan for an internship in fabric arts. Before she goes to Japan she would like to have her entire collection sold.

"I want to do everything or anything to get some wealth before I go," Yang said.

Clifford said Yang has received numerous scholarships and honors from UW-RF as well as the outside community. She has also served on numerous committees and helped with many art department and University events.

"Nou Ka is one of our most successful, creative and hard-working students," Clifford said. "We are proud of her and we wish her well."

Yang plans to be a studio artist with her own studio and a shop to sell her art work. She also

wants to teach young artists.

"I like doing what I do and money I may or may not be making doesn't matter; the results are all that matters," Yang said.

Yang said the most difficult part is trying to create a piece that she likes.

"I want to create a piece that symbolizes what I'm trying to say and who I am," Yang said.

She said art is experimental and can help a person learn more about themselves. She said art is a reflection of the artist.

"It's hard to create a piece the artist likes if they don't know who they are," Yang said.

Yang has always loved art because all of

its possibilities The ideas never seem to stop.

"I can't stop thinking about art and I can't live without it," Yang said.

In Yang's junior year she wanted to find out what to do in art. She talked to her friends, teachers and mentors, and came up with fabric art, which she has been doing for two years.

Yang never planned to be where she is today.

"I can't imagine not doing what I'm doing now," she said.

*"I can't stop thinking about art and I can't live without it."*

**Nou Ka Yang**  
Student



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

Students Nicole Eggert and Molly Joyce get a hands-on look at artists' work.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**April 12-16**  
**Fee: Free**  
**Location: several places around campus**

**I've always wanted to...**



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The Leadership & Training Committee is putting on "I've Always Wanted to" Week. Some of the events offered are Learn to Swing Dance, Rock Climbing, See the Stars, Play an Instrument, Draw a Picture, Rope a Calf, Cook a Fancy Meal, Ride in an Ambulance, Plant a Garden, Milk a Cow, Be on TV, Make Cheese, Be a Leader. For more information contact Emily Ronning at 425-4911 or at emily.a.ronning@uwrf.edu.

## EVENTS

### Campus Cooking 101

April 15, 29 and May 6 all from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Fee: Free

Location: Journey House  
Learn how to prepare a meal. Pre-register by April 12 with Krista Spieler from Journey House by e-mail jhcm@pressenter.com or by phone 425-2391

### International Bazaar

April 15, 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Fee: Students \$3, non-students \$5

Location: Brandy's  
Great chance to enjoy other cultures through food and music.

### Hypnotist: Sailesh

April 15, 8 p.m.

Fee: Free

Location: North Hall Auditorium  
Sailesh has national recognition. He has joined with a DJ for a night filled with music and laughs. For more information check out his Web site at www.sailesh.ca

## Residential Services

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#### Summer

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#### Application

**Begins: May 17, 2004**

**Ends: August 26, 2004**

- \$7.25 per hour/40 hours per week for the entire summer.
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## HOROSCOPES

By staff psychic Rachel Gaynor whose headband was on just a little too tight while writing the horoscopes this week.

### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Things aren't always as they seem. Sometimes things look bigger than they really are. Your butt probably isn't that big, it's just the tight jeans you are wearing. But it could be your butt too; you might want to lay off your Dairy Queen treats for a while.

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

There really isn't a reason why you feel the need to do the things you do. You think it's fun to slack off and not do any work since school is almost over. In the future when you are trying to find a job but can't since you failed your classes, remember this phrase, it'll come in handy: "Do you want to super-size that?"

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Some people in this world are too close-minded and you don't know how to get through their thick skulls to relay pertinent information to their pea-sized brains. Speak slowly and use smaller words. If that doesn't work, just ignore them.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You have a problem interrupting people especially when they aren't talking to you. Learn when it is not appropriate to interject your opinion and when it is. A good rule of thumb to follow is don't speak unless you are spoken to.

### LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

This sudden heat wave has tempted everyone, including you, to drive with the windows/sunroof open and bump music. Remember that just because you like your music, everybody else might not. Besides, loud music damages your hearing.

### VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Everyone surrounding you seems to be part of a group that you aren't part of. You should really just learn to deal with it, because it will only make you stronger when you get out in the real world. Everyone knows you're just jealous that you aren't included.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

After more than a decade of school, you still haven't learned the art of whispering. Your teachers and classmates can hear the conversations you insist on having during a lecture. You do know how to read and write. Use those skills instead of running your mouth before you get busted.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Cooking dinner is a huge feat for you; making toast is almost impossible as well. You must have missed that home economics class back in middle school when you should have learned the cooking basics. Stick to frozen dinners or microwavable things; fires really aren't fun to put out and the smoke lingers long enough to make everything smell like the inside of a chimney.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

The words long-term commitment make you feel like you are being pushed in between a rock and a hard place. You don't know what you want in life and can think of nothing else but the future and your plans. Be selfish according to your needs and let everyone else worry for once. You've got other things to worry about like what kind of drink you'll be having at the bar tonight.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 20)

Intramural softball is like the World Series for you. You get a little too pumped about hitting the field and showing off your stuff. There probably is a reason why you are playing for fun and not competitively somewhere. Take it easy on your teammates, nobody likes a ball hog and a know-it-all.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

This week registering for classes will be tough. It is common knowledge that there aren't enough class times for you to get all the classes you need to graduate on time. If you whine enough to a teacher, you might actually get your way but probably not, so just deal with it.

### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

You've lost something very important to you and you don't know where to find it. You've searched high and low and around every corner. The last place you look is where you'll find it, so just keep looking and you might be surprised. If all else fails find a replacement from your friend's apartment and let them look for a while.

## West End draws students with food, fun



Photo by Katie Camplin

The West End of campus includes four residence halls: May, Prucha, Stratton and Johnson where students use the courtyard to enjoy the nice spring weather. Freshman roommates and residents of Prucha Hall, Lindsay Day and Nicole Crans enjoy throwing a Frisbee in the sun.

Kate Camplin  
Staff Writer.

Food can be a powerful magnet, especially for college students living off of a meal plan. It doesn't matter which came first, West End of campus or the Dairy Queen, but the future is bright for both. There's not only Dairy Queen. This food magnet, drawing residents to West End includes Holiday, Econo Foods and Dominos; all within a two-minute walk.

The cluster of May, Prucha, Stratton and Johnson Halls make up the student housing area that is West End.

Outside, the buildings look flat and symmetrical. Inside, they bloom with colored construction and sheet paper. Posters announce 75-cent grilled cheese sandwiches for sale after hall council meetings and everyone's name is on his or her door.

Students share communal bathrooms and kitchens and sometimes odors linger in hallways but so do friends and good conversations.

While some residents may have allegiances to a particular hall, most will be quick to point out that collectively, West End is what is appealing.

"It's nice to walk down to Dominos, get it cheaper for picking up the pizza and get home with it still hot," said Tom Vierling, 19, Stratton Hall resident.

Aside from food, because hunger does eventually subside, West End offers what several call a more grown up

living environment.

"It is a lot more mature around here," said Sarah Battaglia, 20, Stratton Hall resident. "Last year [on East End] we had earthworms in the hallway, sour cream in the bathrooms and IcyHot on the toilets."

*"It's nice to walk down to Dominos, get it cheaper for picking up the pizza, and get home with it still hot."*

Tom Vierling  
student

Unlike East End, West End may have fewer people hanging around outside.

"More people go to the bars. The only people you see outside are the smokers," Vierling said.

Not everyone can resist a beautiful day

though and when the weather gets nice football games abound between Stratton and Prucha.

Unique to West End is Stratton Hall, the only residence hall at UW-RF with co-ed floors. This feature attracts students every year.

"I'm friends with both boys and girls," Vierling said.

A female Stratton Hall resident agreed.

"With the co-ed floors everything just seems more relaxed," said Jennifer Faehrich.

Like most of UW-RF, the West End looks more desolate on the weekends.

"These rooms get tiring because you eat in them, you sleep in them and you do your homework in them," Faehrich said. "Your whole life is in an 11 by 15 foot room."

Others resist perpetuating the suitcase college environment.

"I like living on my own," Vierling said.

"It is pretty nice over here on the weekends. I bet a third of the hall stays."

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