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Family, friends remember UW-RF outdoorsman



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It could be called his birthright. Clay Vannet's first encounter with the outdoors began with him bundled up and tucked into his parents' fanny pack. As they carried their newborn son onto a frozen lake in northern Minnesota to go ice fishing, his father knew it was just the beginning of things to come.

Clay was one month old. "You've got to start them early," said Clay's father James Vannet.

Clay, a UW-River Falls senior who died in a single-vehicle car wreck April 13, never missed a chance to take in the outdoors.

That is, unless he was near a weight bench or a schoolbook.

"You couldn't find him without a gun, a barbell or a book in his hand," James said. "Clay's will and desire to succeed was equal to the power of his body."

In addition to his love for the outdoors, Vannet was also a devoted weightlifter. His infectious passion for weightlifting spread to many within his sphere, including Melissa Campbell, his girlfriend.

"A lot of people got motivated just by being around him," Campbell, a UW-RF senior said.

Clay's four to five day-a-week workout regimen was balanced by his studies, James said.

The elder Vannet said his son's studies got off to a shaky start at UW-RF but quickly

turned around. James said after a difficult first semester as a freshman, Clay was named to the dean's list every remaining semester at UW-RF.

His father said Clay will be awarded a posthumous diploma during May graduation ceremonies. Clay, a business administration major, was to have graduated in May with honors.

James said the outpouring of support from his son's family and friends has been "absolutely unbelievable."

More than 500 people attended Clay's visitation, and about 250 came to his funeral, James said.

Clay crashed his car returning home from Campbell's house early April 11. He died two days later.

A day before the crash, Clay had passed his GMAT exams, which he needed in order to continue on to graduate school at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

Clay, Campbell and his sister Calie had planned on sharing a place to live in Duluth, Minn., next year where Calie will be attending UM-D. Campbell, who will graduate in May with a degree in horticulture, said she and Calie still plan on living together in Duluth.

Campbell said she and Clay had discussed marriage after he completed graduate school. The couple had dated for three months, but Campbell said it "felt more like three years"

because they had become so close. "He could make you smile just by looking at you," Campbell said.

Katie Waldo, a UW-RF junior and friend of the family, said the Vannets are very close.

"Clay was very strongly family-oriented," Waldo said.

As a "very competitive" person, Clay would keep a boatful of people out on a lake until he caught a bigger fish than his sister, Waldo said.

Clay "never belonged inside," Waldo said of Clay's love for the outdoors.

Being outdoors — hunting and fishing — was Clay's strongest passion, his father said.

"He said he felt closest to God viewing everything that He made from a deer stand," James said.

His father recalled bitterly cold hunting excursions when Clay would come back to camp without a kill, but satisfied nonetheless.

"He'd come back with nothing and say what a nice night it was outside," James said. "I'd think, 'OK, but where's the deer?'"

James and wife Debra will be moving to Grand Marais, Minn. — plans they made in anticipation of both their children living in Duluth.

Their moving plans didn't change after Clay's death; the family had Clay buried in Grand Marais, "so he can be there with us," James said.



Clay Vannet

Submitted photo
Clay Vannet was a devoted weightlifter in addition his passion for the outdoors.

Student opinion sought for potential Lydecker memorial

Rachel Gaynor
Offbeat Editor

Chancellor Ann Lydecker had many roles around campus, to some she was the "students' chancellor," and to others she was a mother, friend and leader. Each of these names, however, only focus on a small part of what she meant to UW-River Falls. Naming one building in her memory will be a difficult task.

Student Senate has found a way to narrow down the choices by holding an online opinion poll from 8 a.m. April 27 until 4 p.m. April 28. The poll will consist of three options said Senator Katie Kneissel. The options are the new Student Center, the CHILD Care Center and an other category where students will be able to write in other suggestions.

After a choice is made, the Senate will submit a proposal to the Board of Regents.

A decision like this would go through Faculty Senate as well but Faculty Senate decided to let the student's make the decision.

"We felt that since it is student money, students should have primary say," said Faculty Senate Chair Dave Trechter.

Senators felt it important to call this an online opinion poll rather than a referendum since students do not have the final say, the Board of Regents does.

The Board of Regents has its own policies

about naming or dedicating university facilities. According to the UW System Web site, "it is the preference of the Board to commemorate the contributions of individuals to academic excellence through the naming or dedication of scholarships, programs, professorships, and other similar actions."

The naming request UW-RF will submitting will require the Physical Planning and Development Committee and the full Board of Regents to hold a closed session for discussion at least one month before any formal action is taken.

"We would not be able to make it just our opinion but to make it widespread across campus students' opinions," said John Gavin, the senator who came up with the idea of having some sort of poll because Senate was "going in circles on the idea."

The main focus of the online opinion poll is to get student input on which building should be named after Lydecker.

Senator Nick Cluppert said no matter which building is chosen, people must realize who a building is named after and why.

Basically, this issue, not unlike others is a matter of opinion.

"It matters who turns out to vote," said Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Mary Halada. "Hopefully students will vote and give the matter serious consideration so they do understand the options."

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Dave Trechter
Faculty Senate chair



Photo by Jen Cullen

The new CHILD Care Center, which is nearing its early-July completion date, is one of the buildings being considered to be named after Chancellor Ann Lydecker. Students can submit their choice during an online poll April 27-28.

Diversity Awareness Committee: 'U better recognize'

'U better recognize'
schedule of events

April 28

10 a.m. — Welcome address, global jazz
10:30 - 1 p.m. — Campus picnic on Student Center mall

All day — Dungen Trio; mental health; 'Wrong Side of the Tracks'; Latin Sounds Trio; flamenco dance music; storytelling; 'Anxiety in Relationships' seminar; Archie Bunker's neighborhood; Circle of Wisdom

April 29

7 p.m. — Preacher Moss' 'End of Racism Comedy Tour' at North Hall (free admission)

Shannan Allen
Staff Writer

Combine one part diversity with one part fun. Add a pinch of music and dancing, blend well and serve. The final product is Unity in the Community.

This year's festival, "U better recognize," starts April 26.

Unity is sponsored by the Diversity Awareness Committee (DAC) and is designed to do just that; promote diversity and unity.

Kao Lee Lor, the program's chair, said this year the program has expanded beyond one day.

"Every night there will be performances leading up to the big deal on Wednesday," Lor said.

Nightly events include Debra Davis, a transgender high school librarian, and Preacher Moss, a comedian that uses his humor to promote an end to racism. On Wednesday the day-long festivities, all located at the Student Center, include flamenco dancing, Native American storytelling, speakers, workshops and a campus wide picnic from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The DAC has also issued an open invitation to all student organizations to have booths Wednesday.

"We just ask that they have a booth focusing on unity and educating people about the importance of diversity," Lor said.

Most of the events are free and open to all with the exception of the picnic, which can be purchased with a meal plan for \$5.50, and the Thursday night concert with Ellis, which costs \$5 for non-UW-River Falls students.

Lor and DAC co-chair Melissa Bjorkman said this year's Unity in the Community seems even more important after the racial incident a couple weeks ago in which a written threat against the black campus community was found at a local restaurant. They said Unity helps extend the campus unification that illustrated itself during that time.

This brings the event full circle, as it actually originated in 1993 as a response to another racial incident. At that time students also rallied to fight against racism. About 600 students met in various groups to discuss what could be done to promote tolerance.

"It was taken very seriously because it was really really disturbing," said Linda Alvarez, multicultural services advisor.

Alvarez said the idea for the event was fully backed by then-Chancellor Gary Thibodeau, who stated that the campus would not stand to have intolerance. Unity in the Community has been going strong ever since.

Bjorkman said one main goal of Unity is to let people of all races, genders, sexual orientation and physical disability know they have

"This is such a small school and there's not a lot of diversity. Unity just makes you more aware."

Kao Lee Lor
DAC chair



File photo

Many events — including global jazz and flamenco dance music — will take place during the Diversity Awareness Committee's "U better recognize" event April 28-29.

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BRIEFS

Advocates for Choice

An Advocates for Choice community interest meeting will be April 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of Hathorn Hall. For more information e-mail uwrf_advocates4choice@yahoo.com.

Kansas City Chiefs Summer Employment

Interested students should apply for six available summer positions working with the Kansas City Chiefs Training Camp. Employment opportunities start July 12. Students will work 40 hours a week for \$7 an hour. Interested students should call Steve Stocker at 425-3381 extension 102 or e-mail steven.j.stocker@uwrf.edu. Applications are available at the front desk of the Knowles Center. Completed applications should be submitted to Stocker or Cara Rubis at the Hunt/Knowles Complex.

Open Forum for Laramie Project

The students will have a chance to discuss issues presented from the Laramie Project April 29 in the Blanche Davis Theatre from 4 to 5 p.m. Speakers are guest director Suzy Messerole, a student from the Gay Straight Alliance and Miriam Huffman from the Diversity Awareness Committee. Actors and designers will also be available for questions.

Digital Camera Class

An introductory class for interested students who want to learn about digital cameras will be offered May 4 and 11 in the Red Lab of the Davee Library from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Participants should bring digital cameras and their instruction manuals. The class

costs \$39. Contact the Outreach and Graduate Studies office at 425-3256 or 1-800-228-5607, or send an e-mail to outreach@uwrf.edu to request a registration form. The deadline is April 29.

Senior Student Reading

The last student reading series will be April 30 in the Davee Library Breezeway at 3:30 p.m. The evening will be dedicated to graduating senior writers. Five seniors will share their original works in poetry, fiction and non-fiction. The reading is free and open to the public.

UW Spirit Day

UW-River Falls will participate in a statewide "UW Spirit Day" May 7, to celebrate the contributions of UW alumni who live and work in Wisconsin. Alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents and friends are invited to participate in "UW Spirit Day" by wearing their home campus colors, logo wear, and a "Spirit Badge" to show their UW connection.

WRFW sweatshirts for sale

Students can buy a black, hooded Pure Radio 88.7 sweatshirt for only \$20. To get \$5 off the price bring in a print-out of the email off the student e-mail box. Students can buy their sweatshirt at WRFW in 306 North Hall. There is a limited amount of Large and Extra-Large sweatshirts available so get yours soon. These sweatshirts help to promote the WRFW 88.7 radio station. For more information contact Christine Honadel at promotions@pureradio887.com

Campus recognizes Day of Silence



Photo by Micheal Foley

Students (from left) Lacey Felmlee, Laura Huser and Ashley Olson speak out at the day's end rally of the national Day of Silence.

National event supports hate crime victims

Sarah Day Assistant News Editor

The national Day of Silence was at UW-River Falls April 21. UW-RF, along with 600 other colleges and thousands of high schools across the nation, celebrated. Beginning at 8 a.m. students were silent for nine hours in support of victims of hate crimes and discrimination. Their silence spoke for the voices of those not heard.

Participants wore black T-shirts that said "Silence" on the front and stated their purpose on the back. This description was important because participating students could not talk to explain their effort.

Participants also had cards with the same description to give out to people. Those individuals who couldn't participate, such as faculty members, wore the shirts to show their support.

Additional information was given out to let participants know what they might encounter during the day including possible harassment.

The campus-wide day concluded

ed at 5 p.m. with a 'breaking the silence' rally where Phyllis Goldin, a supportive community member and Rebecca Clock, an anti-violence advocate spoke.

There was also an open-mic where students spoke out and shared their experiences.

"We want anyone who has a passion to make a change," Lacey Felmlee co-corridorator of the Day of Silence said.

Felmlee believes the Day of Silence helps people realize that hate crimes are a reality.

"I'm hoping it will bring about an awareness that hate crimes do happen," Felmlee said. "In order for changes to be made, people have to be aware of them."

Felmlee and other members of the Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) said the day was a success.

Junior Gayle Poepping, treasurer of Gay/Straight Alliance, and co-coordinator for UW-RF's Day of Silence, said she participated because a close friend of hers was abused in high school. She believes it really hits home when someone you love is affected.

"I feel this is a great way to show voices who can't speak up," Poepping said. "Our silence is to represent those who are silent; to think about the voices we don't hear on a daily basis."

Miriam Huffman, Leadership

Center involvement coordinator, advises the Diversity Awareness Committee that funds GSA and she helped with the national Day of Silence.

"I think it [the Day of Silence] is relevant to campus for a number of reasons," Huffman said.

"It makes it real to put a face to it," Huffman said.

Goldin, a River Falls resident who recently married her female partner of 30 years said the people who participated are brave.

"I admire a group of people who are willing to stand up and speak out," Goldin said. "It acknowledges those who have paid the price for who they are."

According to the Day of Silence Web site, a college student created the Day of Silence in 1996. Maria Pulzette was an 18-year-old student at the University of Virginia when she wrote an essay about nonviolent protests. Because of the essay, she created the Day of Silence. More than 150 students participated and its success motivated Pulzette to expand the Day of Silence across the United States.

The event was renamed the national Day of Silence in 1997 and was celebrated at nearly 100 colleges and universities. In 2001, the Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) in collaboration with

the United States Student Association (USSA) became the official sponsor of the event. The GLSEN and the USSA offer support to students and their schools to help organize their local Day of Silence.

Prior to April 2002, the Day of Silence at UW-RF was not very popular said former GSA president Eric Dodge.

Dodge said he thought reviving the Day of Silence at UW-RF was a "good idea because of the impact it had on campus."

It provided a visual statement about oppression, he said.

Although this year's Day of Silence only had about 15 people in attendance, Felmlee said she was overwhelmed with the response and support.

Felmlee hopes this day will help people to not hate as much and to show tolerance for all groups.

"If I can possibly help prevent even one act of violence, then that's worth a lot to me," Felmlee said.

Goldin said the day was also important in motivating all allies of GLBT people.

"My wife and I will not be silent; I encourage others to speak out," Goldin said. "If we can't be who we are, then who are we?"

Why I'm Silent

"Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am participating in the Day of Silence, a national youth movement protesting the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies. My deliberate silence echoes that silence, which is caused by harassment, prejudice, and discrimination. I believe that ending the silence is the first step toward fighting these injustices. Think about the voices you are not hearing today. What are you going to do to end the silence?"

STUDENT SENATE

Tilsen offers up hike in student segregated fees

Tiffany Shelman Editor

Stepping around to the other side of the Student Senate tables, Jeremy Tilsen, Leadership Development and Programming Board (LDPB) chair, was a guest speaker at the April 20 meeting.

Tilsen requested that senators start thinking about raising segregated student fees next year. The last time segregated fees were raised was 1997.

"LDPB is pretty much in dire need of raising fees," Tilsen said.

On a per-student basis, segregated fees at UW-River Falls are below the average of all other UW-System schools.

Tilsen's request stems from the allocation of LDPB monies to student organizations last week. LDPB cut \$90,000 from requested monies.

"Ninety-thousand dollars of things we wanted to fund," Tilsen said. "Ninety-thousand dollars that should have been funded."

Although Tilsen was unsure about how much segregated fees should be raised, he said an estimated amount per student would be \$5 to \$10.

"It would be my goal to provide them with what they need," he said.

In other Senate news:

• Legislative Issues Director, Katie Kneissel, Senator Joe Eggers and Student Affairs and Academic Services Director Nick Cluppert attended the United Council (UC) General Assembly during the weekend. At the meeting, Steph Hilton was chosen as the new UC president.

• The second annual car bash is tentatively scheduled for May 5. Senator John Gavin clarified that the car bash will be held in J-Lot.

• Senators passed a motion allocating \$5,000 for the 2004-05 Family Day event. This is a decrease from the \$13,000 allocation last year.

• Finance Director Joan Wierzbza said the Senate budget is currently at \$30,215.16 prior to the money allocated for Family Day.

• Lisa Weinreich, diversity issues director, said she currently has 90 RSVPs for the April 26 Diversity Banquet in the River Room of the Student Center.

• A motion to allow skateboarders to use the East and West end sidewalks of campus as well as the back trails was passed. The motion will now be sent to Interim Chancellor Ginny Coombs for a final decision.

• May 7 is the UW System spirit day. Students are encouraged to wear school colors showing their support.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Disorder complaint leads to 3 \$164 fines

Anne Cloeter Viewpoints Editor

• Sarah J. Mathewson, 19, received a \$164 citation for shoplifting from ShopKo on April 14. A loss prevention worker saw Mathewson shopping in the cosmetic aisle as she put an eyeshadow tube in her front pocket. Mathewson continued to shop throughout the store while she waited to pick up her prescription from the pharmacy. Once she paid for the prescription, she left through the front doors and loss prevention stopped her. Mathewson said she wasn't a thief and forgot to pay for the eyeshadow. Officers arrived and issued the citation.

• A disorder complaint near West Charlotte Street was called in to the Police Department on April 18. The caller said she heard yelling and arguing. When officers arrived, they

found Michael K. Sonn, 20, and Erin J. Effle, 20, in a verbal argument. Sonn attempted to flee the area but was taken to the police department where he received three \$164 citations for underage consumption, identification violation and disorderly conduct. He was also issued a \$226 ticket for obstructing an officer. Effle was given a \$164 citation for underage consumption.

UW-RF forensics student presents at national competition



Photo by Micheal Foley

Sarah Mc Roberts practices her program oral interpretation.

Micheal Foley Assistant Editor

A member of the UW-River Falls forensics team recently traveled to California to participate in a national forensics competition.

Sarah Mc Roberts, an English and social studies education double major, competed among about 200 collegiate students in two events at the American Forensics Association (AFA) competition in Long Beach, Calif., March 31 to April 6.

Mc Roberts performed both impromptu and program oral interpretation pieces.

For impromptu speeches, speakers are given a total of seven minutes for both prepara-

tion and speaking on a random topic selected by judges.

Program oral interpretation requires speakers to perform a prepared piece made up of literary selections from at least two sources. The program oral interpretation must be done in a maximum of 10 minutes and a manuscript is required. Mc Roberts' program

was about America's obsession with fast food.

She earned rare top marks for her impromptu performance at the state forensics competition earlier this year but did not fare as well at nationals. Mc Roberts did not make the quarterfinals in either category but was happy with her effort.

"I didn't make the quarters but I did very well for my first year," McRoberts said. "I was in the top 35 to 40 percent."

Mc Roberts said she will use this national experience to build for the future.

"Now I know my limitations and how far I can get," Mc Roberts said. "I'd really like to make the final round. Hardly anybody makes it their first year, but now I know how much I need to do to get there."

It's NOT WHAT THEY SAY, It's WHAT THEY BLOW...

Most UW-RF women drink 1-5 drinks per week, if any at all.

MALE BAC Levels

Weight (lb)	1 Drink	2 Drinks	3 Drinks	4 Drinks	5 Drinks
125	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.10
150	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.10
175	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.10
200	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.10
225	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.10
250	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.10
275	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.10
300	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.10
325	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.10
350	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.10

Subtract .01% from each BAC Level for every 40 minutes of drinking.

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

Remember ONE DRINK equals:

12 oz. Beer	4 oz. Mixed Drink	1.25 oz. of 80 Proof Liquor
1	1	1

According to the Clear Alcohol and Drug Survey taken by you in 2002, 41% of males drink two drinks per week, and 39% of females drink 1-5 drinks per week. The BAC chart can be found in more detail at www.uwrf.edu/capd/bac.htm. For more information, contact Student Health at 744-025-5253.

BEYOND RACE

UW-RF strives to keep diversity up

Anne Cloeter
Viewpoints Editor

As racial and ethnic changes continue to rapidly move across the nation, UW-River Falls is trying to keep up.

People on campus are now starting to notice diversity, as more students of color are becoming attracted to the quaint, rural town of River Falls.

"You can see the growth; just ask the students," said Admissions Counselor Carolyn Brady, who coordinates multicultural outreach for prospective students and their families. "We are making significant headway."

Statistically, Brady's view of diversity growth on campus is accurate.

According to the Peterson's Guide, a report on diversity at college campuses, and UW System numbers, 8 percent of the student population at UW-RF is made up of students of color compared to only 3 percent in 1997.

Though 8 percent may seem like a low number to some, it is actually a high percentage for a public university located in the Midwest.

"Private institutions have access to scholarships for students of color," Brady said. "We don't have those resources but we do well with cost containment."

The top four ethnicities on campus are whites (92 percent), Asian Americans (4 percent), African Americans (2 percent), Hispanics (2 percent) and American Indians (0.5 percent).

While the ratio of students of color to whites is still drastic, it's significant in comparison to a few years ago.

In fall 2000, enrollment among students of color was up, with 99 new freshmen and transfer students. That was a 14 percent increase among new students, following a 38

percent increase the previous year, according to the UW-RF Public Affairs office.

In 2003, there were 137 freshmen students of color, Brady said.

"There was a time here when the diversity was very low," Brady said. "It still is low in comparison to some other universities but improvements continue to be made."

Dean of Students Roger Ballou is quick to agree with Brady about the slow but steady growth in the number of students of color.

"The University is becoming more hospitable for students of color today than 15 to 20 years ago," Ballou said. "However, this is still primarily a white institution so for us it's a slow process."

Many people on campus also agree that changes have been made, but not enough.

"We try to push diversity but it's hard," said Janie Lee, a sophomore Hmong student.

When recent threats were made toward UW-RF African Americans in March, the campus community took the issue very seriously.

There was a rally on campus followed by discussion groups at the dorms and Student Center.

Even though the threats were disheartening to many students, more positive awareness has evolved.

"It's brought a lot of our black students together and our allies out," said Multicultural Services Advisor Terrence Galbreath, who provided a lot of support and counseling during this time.

Not only did the African American community coming together but all students combined.

"These threats brought about an embracing we haven't had on campus," Brady said. "It affected the entire campus community and now we've had subsequent involvement."

Some students on campus still have diversity issues but with understanding, more progress will be made.

"Diversity is an active critical thinking skill," said Linda Alvarez, multicultural student services coordinator and advisor. "It involves a willingness to learn a variety of perspectives to help clarify and strengthen ideas others hold."

Not only do a person's thoughts shape diversity. There are other issues that have an effect on the growth of diversity.

Because UW-RF is located in western Wisconsin, it is less likely to be highly diverse.

According to U.S. Census Bureau statistics, Wisconsin is far above the national average for white residents, with 88.9 percent in comparison to 75.1 percent for the nation as a whole.

Other ethnicities in Wisconsin are under the U.S. average. The percentages of African Americans and Asian Americans in the U.S. population as a whole is double that of Wisconsin.

However, UW-RF can also be thankful for its location in western Wisconsin.

"River Falls is an ideal location," said Admissions Director Alan Tuchenhagen. "We have a beautiful campus in a beautiful town and this is a very supportive community for our students."

Parents and students of all races are impressed with a 19 to 1 faculty-to-student ratio and the close mentoring relationships between students and teachers, he said.

"Students of other races are attracted to UW-RF because it offers an urban alternative," Brady said. "It's close to the cities, yet it's still a small town. This is something many other schools can't offer."

Schools move to race-neutral diversity policy

Dave Misselt
Staff Writer

Universities are struggling with the question of how to ensure that students come from a wide variety of backgrounds. For many years this "variety of backgrounds" was nothing more than a euphemism for race. Colleges and universities concentrated on a prospective student's race or ethnicity as a factor in their admission decisions.

However, according to a recent U.S. Department of Education report, many post-secondary schools, as well as secondary and elementary schools, are reconsidering race-based preferences in favor of a race-neutral policy based on students' socioeconomic status.

In several states, courts have struck down racial preferences used by educational institutions. In other states, voters have passed referenda against the use of preferential treatment based on race or national origin.

Because of this trend, according to the Education Department's report, many institutions have responded by looking for ways to implement diversity plans which take factors other than race into account.

The education department considers three criteria in defining socioeconomic disadvantage: Parent's education, family income and parent's occupation. A family's net worth is often taken into account as well.

Advocates for preferences based on socioeconomic standards argue that the largest opportunity gaps in the American educational system are between those from low-income families and those from middle-class and upper-income families rather than between racial groups.

A study by the Rand Corporation found that even though most universities use race-based preferences as part of their admission policies, low-income students remain virtually unrepresented on college campuses. According to this study, economically disadvantaged students are 25 times less likely to attend a college or university as are students with an economic advantage.

A March 2003 study by the Century Foundation, an organization which studies educational trends found that race is an unreliable indicator of economic status. The study found that 86 percent of black students who attend universities were from middle or

high-income families.

The UW System has decided to continue its policy of race-based preferences. In Plan 2008, the UW System's diversity program, the main focus is on hiring, recruiting, retaining and graduating people of color.

The plan targets African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American (with an emphasis on Southeast Asians) and American Indian faculty, staff and students. However, international students are not a targeted population.

"Trying to include diversity of ideas into the plan has been a controversy," UW-River Falls Dean of Students Roger Ballou said.

The UW Regents have mandated the emphasis on racial diversity, Ballou said.

Ballou agreed with a goal of Plan 2008 to increase recruitment of minority faculty, because, he said, it would give students the opportunity to learn from professors who have a broad-range of experiences and world views. However, he also felt there is more to diversity than skin color.

"What I would like to see is a diversity plan that takes into account factors like socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, political beliefs and includes students from rural as well as urban areas," Ballou said.

In a Dec. 2002 Associated Press (AP) story, University of Kentucky sociologist Doris Wilkinson was asked for her views on American schools becoming less "racially balanced." She responded, "So what."

In the article, Wilkinson said she thinks integration has been an "absolute, abysmal failure." Wilkinson feels the answer to many societal problems is a return to neighborhood schools that reflect the makeup of their residents, be they all black, all white, etc.

"I hope we get those schools with all deliberate speed," Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson feels neighborhood schools would help alleviate inter-racial and class conflicts that adversely affect so many of America's schools.

Leslie Innis, a black sociologist at Florida A&M and a pioneer of integration in New Orleans' Catholic schools, agreed with Wilkinson.

"What I found out is when you try to force people [to integrate], it doesn't get any better," Innis said in the same AP story.



File Photo

Diversity issues on campus are continually being addressed through concerts, seminars, plays, rallies and speakers. Not only are these events attracting more students of color to UW-RF but they also raise cultural awareness.

Wrestling program cut to promote equality

Lucas Pokorny
Staff Writer

Diversity is about more than just race; it is also about equality between men and women. But diversity usually isn't equated with sports.

The creation of Title IX, however, thrust the issue of sports and diversity into the spotlight. But Title IX doesn't always equal a diverse variety of sports. Things aren't equal; men's sports are being cut.

Title IX says "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

In the past 15 years the top male programs to be cut are cross country (183 programs removed), indoor track (180), golf (178), tennis (171), rowing (132), outdoor track (126), swimming (125) and wrestling (121).

Since Title IX went into effect in 1972, 441 wrestling programs were cut. Div. I declined from 152 to 86 wrestling teams and Div. III declined from 150 to 100 teams leaving only 229 teams for wrestlers to choose from last year.

Wisconsin has also seen a major decline in wrestling programs. Since Title IX went into effect, the state has lost over half of the programs leaving only 12 teams. Dave Black, president of the Wisconsin Wrestling Federation (WWF), said there were approximately 310 wrestlers in Wisconsin

schools. Now there are only 118. Two years ago UW-River Falls jumped on the band wagon when it dropped wrestling, along with and baseball and gymnastics.

"Dropping wrestling and baseball had nothing to do with Title IX, it had to do with reconstructing athletic programs," UW-RF athletic director Rick Bowen said.

UW-RF has 400 athletes and 400-60 percent are female but according to the gender proportionality law, UW-RF athletes must have 64 percent of athletes be female because 67 percent of the students are female.

According to the Title IX amendment, there are three ways schools can handle Title IX: gender proportionality, expansion of female sports and accommodating the interests of the underrepresented gender.

UW-RF does not meet the gender proportionality but Bowen said he is more concerned about accommodating the interest of female athletes than gender proportionality.

"We give girls equal access to sports they want," Bowen said. By giving women equal access, changes had to be made.

"We have upgraded every women's sports and coach's salary," Bowen said.

The budgets for the women's sports also increased. "For the first time girl's basketball's budget is the same as guys," Bowen said.

Women's softball coach Faye Perkins said UW-RF had the best field in the conference with no fence or dugout in 1988. But when title IX came into effect, the field was upgraded.

"In 1996 Knowles field became the best field in the conference," Perkins said.

Travel also became better for the team because they now travel by charter bus instead of using mini vans.

UW-RF not only provided better facilities and equipment for women, they also offer 11 sports for women to participate in.

"There are many opportunities to participate and a wide variety of sports and skill levels," senior golfer Casey Ambers said.

Ambers said it is nice having female sports even though they are not as popular as male sports.

"It's a good idea to have equal ratio," Ambers said.

When gymnastics was dropped, a lawsuit from Chicago was filed because people thought it was unfair. UW-RF won the lawsuit because of its interest in female athletics.

While UW-RF concentrates on the interest in female participation in athletics, UW-Stout concentrates on gender proportionality. Stout's ratio of female athletes is smaller than UW-RF, as they only need 48.5 percent of female athletes to meet its quota. Stout currently has 551 partici-

pants and 44 percent of which are female. However, unlike UW-RF, UW-Stout only offers 9 female sports and, to meet standards, cut male sports and added female sports.

"Eliminating a sport is disappointing and that's not what Title IX is all about," Perkins said.

UW-RF track and cross country coach Don Glover agreed.

"They should offer sports to a demand. If there is a demand for wrestling then there should be wrestling," Glover said. "They shouldn't cut sports to make room for female sports."

UW-RF has done a lot to make things equal for women, but some people still see problems with Title IX.

"Title IX was designed to create opportunity not make things equal," Black said.

At the collegiate level women's interest in sports isn't as strong as it is for men, Black said.

He has two sons and two daughters who all participated in sports. His sons wrestled at UW-Madison.

"As soon as my daughters were done with high school they didn't care anymore," Black, a River Falls resident, said.

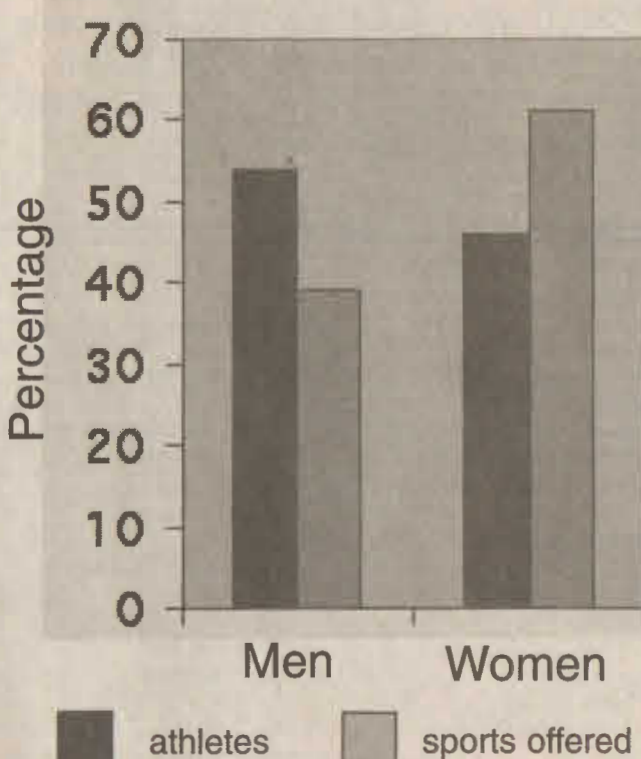
Black said eliminating male sports to make things equal will never show an increase in women's sports.

"There would be no room for girls to grow," Black said. "Potential of growth is over."

Ambers is glad UW-RF added women's golf two years ago but she wishes sports didn't have to be eliminated.

"I wish there was a way everybody could participate in a sport that they want to," Ambers said.

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Day of Silence soon to be figment of UW-RF past

In the last couple years, the participation and promotion of the national Day of Silence has been lacking.

On April 21, the UW-River Falls Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) celebrated Day of Silence, yet the number of people breaking the 9-hour silence at a rally was more than disappointing.

Yes, there may have been numerous supporters of the campus event because at the day's end the 51 T-shirts GSA had printed were sold. But the supporters were missing at the breakout rally. The greatest impact should have come with the breaking of the silence. Yet the only sound that pierced the still air was an air horn held by one of the 15 people in attendance.

It is extremely understandable that GSA wanted to sell all their T-shirts, gaining support in numbers. But they lost \$4 per T-shirt sold. That works out to a \$204 loss; too much for an already underrepresented student organization on campus.

Rather than under-pricing T-shirts, GSA members should have spent their time, money and effort promoting their organization and the event at hand.

A student or faculty/staff e-mail wasn't sent out and there were no posters hung up—but they did sit at a table in the Student Center selling buttons and T-shirts the previous day and day of the event. Perhaps they should have been reminded that selling T-shirts without talking to customers is a little complicated.

They sold all the T-shirts but forgot to sell the event to their customers. They forgot to inform customers about the breaking of the silence at 5 p.m. Not having more than 15 people at the breakout rally was detrimental for an event that had stronger support in 1997. Lack of support is not something new to UW-RF GSA for the Day of Silence though. Prior to 1997, there were attempts at participating in the Day of Silence but not enough student or faculty support could be mustered, said former GSA President Eric Dodge.

Slowly but surely apathetic students have reared their ugly heads again; one more event that is important and influential to a number of students on this campus will soon disappear.

Although members of GSA should take some of the blame for their lack of promotions, the students are not without blame.

There are no students. Wait, the campus has a population of about 5,800 students, all but 15 of them must have been working or watching TV the night of the breakout rally.

Many students must disagree with what the Day of Silence is all about, giving a voice to those "who have been silenced by hatred, oppression and prejudice." That couldn't be the right answer either because at least 51 people felt the need to purchase a T-shirt.

Whatever the excuses may be, supporting fellow students by buying a T-shirt is not enough, especially when the organization is losing money for selling them too cheaply.

The lack of promotions combined with others' apathy to participate in such an important event will soon cease to exist at UW-RF.

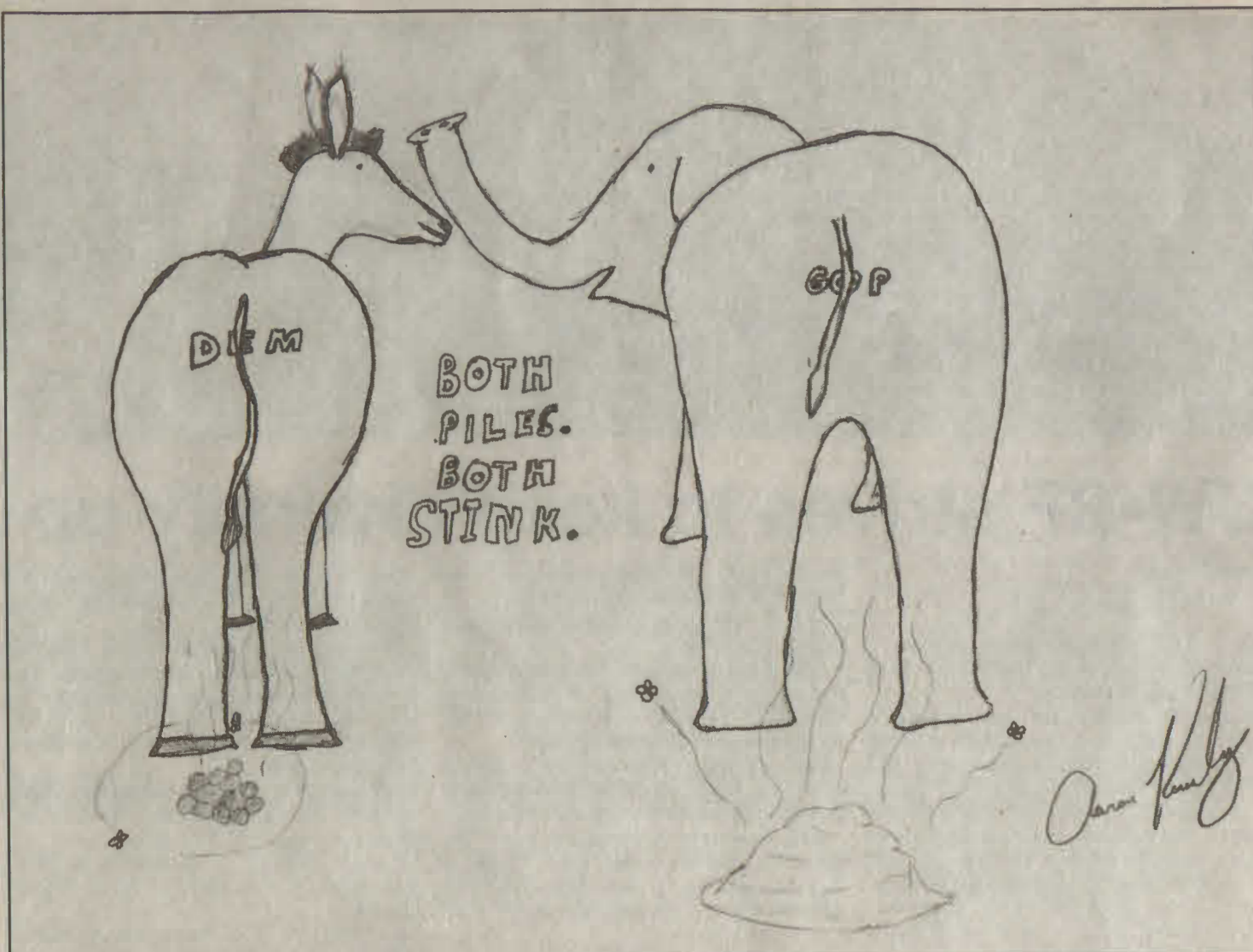
Get off the couch, hang up some posters and make your voices heard before they are silenced forever.

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Greek support evident during tragic time

I would like to thank the Greek community and all of our friends who have been very supportive for both my roommate, Lauren Maiden, and me through the unfortunate passing of both her parents. Lauren is an only child and the members of the Greek community have been like brothers and sisters to her in her years as an art student at River Falls. The Greek community has really shown how well we can come together to help out one another when we need it most. Thanks again.

Also, thank you to the professors of the art department and those professors which I currently have for classes who have also been a great support. Supporting friends include the employees of River Falls Subway, members of the Gay/Straight Alliance, art majors and minors, our dearest sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi, alumnae of the sorority and Dean of Students Roger Ballou just to name a few. Thank you very much to everyone. It's reassuring to know that we have been a part of such a wonderful community at the River Falls Campus.

Gayle Poepping, student

Bush avoids press questions, doesn't admit to mistakes

Recently, intelligence our President received over a month before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has been made public. In the document, it specifically states what bin Laden had done in the past as far as terrorist attacks are concerned. However, the most shocking part of the report was the fact that bin Laden planned to hijack planes in America, take hostages and bring the war to Washington.

If the President knew this, why didn't he beef up security at the airports? When asked about it in a press conference held last week, he danced around the question and somehow managed to bring the discussion back to Iraq and the fact that they have removed a horrible regime. Let's face it, Bush dropped the ball on possibly preventing the attacks.

That's not the only time Bush

has dropped the ball. He has taken the world's most wanted man and put him on the back burner. Somehow he decided that it was in our best interest to go after a country that provided none of the hijackers on the planes, no ties whatsoever to bin Laden and had some "weapons of mass destruction" that we knew exactly of their whereabouts. Oh, that's right, they didn't have any.

I don't see how it's possible to ever trust this cowboy again. He has not only downplayed the fact that he knew about bin Laden's intentions of attacking America, he has also lied to each and every one of us about Iraq. At least Clinton tried to bomb bin Laden into next week. Anyone left on the Bush bandwagon should abandon ship. I know that most politicians lie but most of them will admit to it.

Even though Clinton lied, he admitted to it. Also, his lies didn't lead to the deaths of 680 Americans and counting.

Darin Nei, student

Cigarette butts leave grounds littered

I am not writing to say that smoking or smokers are bad. I just want to ask them to have a little pride in their campus. What is bothering me is the accumulation of cigarette butts on the ground along the sidewalks and especially in front of the buildings on campus.

One rainy morning on my way to class, I saw a puddle of cigarette butt stew in front of Stratton Hall. It wasn't 10 or 12 cigarette butts in a puddle but more like 100 to 200 butts. This problem is disgusting, angering and an eyesore. It looks terrible when parents come to visit and the ground is plastered with soggy cigarette butts as far as the eye can see. When you walk up to Johnson Hall there, in a corner next to the door, is a gigantic pile of cigarette butts. And let's not forget about tour groups. I bet having the ground littered with butts isn't going to make a prospective student say, "Ooh I want to go here for the awesome opportunity to live among the cigarette butts everywhere."

I'm not totally blaming smokers for this. The grounds crew could replace the ash trays around campus. The new boxes on the

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light posts around campus are few and far between. The grounds crew could at least put a few around campus in the places where smokers congregate the most. We know where these are by the smokers "leavings."

Until smokers get their ashtrays back I'm asking them if they could do this for the campus. When you are done with a cigarette, roll it between the tips of your fingers, squeeze the burning tobacco onto the ground—it will biodegrade faster that way—and then throw the paper and filter into the trash. We have a very nice campus, please help keep it looking nice.

Jordan Liethen, student

"If" poem receives support

I'm writing this letter in support of Roger Ballou's poem "If." I think the poem was entirely appropriate and correct. The poem said exactly what needed to be said. People who think you're poem was based on anything but compassion and morality are the ones who are mistaken. Thank you for your poem.

Brian Estervig, student

Fresh breath isn't cheap

In the Public Safety section of the April 16 edition of the Student Voice, it was reported that I, Eric Tarman-Ramcheck, was cited for underage consumption. I would like to take the opportunity to defend myself and set the record straight as to what happened the night the citation was given. First, I would like to make clear that I do not condone underage drinking and I do support the newspaper's decision to print each citation in the newspaper. However, sometimes they can be misleading as was the case in my situation.

On April 7 between the time of 11:30 p.m. and 12:00 a.m., a series of unrelated events culminated in my receiving the citation. I was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. While getting ready for bed, I grabbed my "bathroom items" and headed to the bathroom to brush my teeth. A few minutes later, on my way back to my room, I met up with my friend Perry. We talked and decided to go visit another friend Larry. I made a

stop in my room and then went up to the third floor to visit with Larry. Literally, within a minute, a Public Safety officer knocked on the door and was let in. Unknown to me, about the time I was brushing my teeth, an RA had notified Public Safety of underage drinking in Larry's room. Although there was alcohol consumption occurring in the room, I did not participate; not one drop.

Because of the heavy smell of alcohol in the air, the officer decided to give me a PBT test (Breathalyzer). I was not concerned at all since I had not consumed any alcohol. I was instructed to breathe deep three times into the Breathalyzer. After the third time, it registered .006 (not a typo). For this I was given a \$245 ticket. I don't know the exact accuracy of that machine but I assume it has some margin of error. I do not know where the .006 BAC came from, whether it was from my toothpaste or mouthwash, or even from being in the room with a heavy scent of alcohol. I do know that I consumed no alcohol in that room and was simply the victim of very unlucky circumstances.

Eric Tarman-Ramcheck student

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Kerry's positions show consistency

Students dodge Senate bullet

Two weeks ago Sean Hannity, a Republican talking head, spewed a litany of lies about John Kerry being a flip-flopper. On his show, Hannity said: "Here's a guy that supported gay marriage, now against it. Here's a guy that by my count has had six separate different unique positions on the war on Iraq. Here's a guy that supported -- was against the death penalty for terrorists who kill Americans. Now he's for it. The only thing he seems consistent on is that, throughout the 19 years he was in the Senate, he voted to raise taxes consistently 350 times. What does that tell us about a man that has no core values or principles?" Let us take a peek at some of these.

"Here's a guy that supported gay marriage, now against it," Hannity said.

This is a fib.

Kerry's stance has always been consistent. Kerry has always been against gay marriage. He is for civil unions, however. What Hannity is doing here is taking Kerry's vote against the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act and deliberately misrepresenting it as a declaration in favor of gay marriage. But let me tell you what Kerry said on the floor of the Senate about that vote.

"I will vote against this bill, though I am not for same-sex marriage, because I believe that this debate is fundamentally ugly, and it is fundamentally political and it is fundamentally flawed. . ."

So, for the record: Kerry has been totally consistent. He has never flip-flopped. Sean Hannity is fibbing, and he should know it.

"Here's a guy that by my count has had six separate different unique positions on the war on Iraq," Hannity said.

Once again, Kerry's position on Iraq has been totally consistent. Yes, he voted to authorize the president to use force against Iraq. He voted for that in order for Bush to go to the UN and get inspectors back into



DERRICK WILLIAMS

Iraq: But, the President acted in bad faith. Here is what Kerry said about it on *Face the Nation* on September 14, 2003:

"The President promised he would go to war as a matter of last resort. He didn't. The President promised he would build a coalition and work through the United Nations. He didn't. We're paying the price for the reckless way in which this President approached this. It's a failure of diplomacy, and today it's a failure of leadership."

Kerry was consistent again. Not a bad point either.

"The only thing he seems consistent on is that, throughout the 19 years he was in the Senate, he voted to raise taxes consistently 350 times," Hannity said.

This is another lie. Only really bad this time. It is a distortion of a phony statistic put out by the Bush campaign. The Bush campaign lists 350 of Kerry's votes for "higher taxes." Almost all of these are votes Kerry cast to leave taxes unchanged, such as a 1987 vote against a repeal of the "windfall profit" tax on oil. Taxes would have remained the same if his side prevailed. In other words, this was a vote against an irresponsible tax cut for the rich.

Bush's list even includes votes that Kerry cast in favor of alternative Democratic tax cuts. On Bush's list, there's only one actual tax increase that Kerry voted for, which incidentally is counted twice. It's his vote for Clinton's 1993 Deficit Reduction Act, which raised taxes on the top one percent and cut taxes on people at the bottom, and was followed by eight years of unprecedented growth.

The reason I took the time to go over all of this is that you're going to hear this garbage repeated over and over again from now until November.

Kerry is not a flip-flopper. But Bush is a liar. And his shills in the media, like Hannity, Bill O'Reilly and Rush Limbaugh—they're liars too.

Though many of them probably didn't notice, students at UW-River Falls dodged a very threatening bullet last week.

In an election that yielded only 86 votes for the top candidates, 14 students were seated as members of the Student Senate for the 2004-05 academic year. Included in the election were current President Matthew Schuelke, who was elected for a second term and Shared Governance director Emilee Driscoll, who will become next year's vice president.

Luckily for us, both Schuelke and Driscoll are candidates who should do very well in those positions. I shudder to think what might have been, however.

Hell, if 86 votes is all it takes to be student body president, a guy like me could have done it. I don't mean to seem egotistical but I'm pretty sure I know 86 people. These 86 people represented only 1.5 percent of the student vote. I could have gotten at least 2 percent; it would have been a landslide victory. At the very least, I could've earned the minimum number of write-ins to capture one of the vacant seats, like one student did.

Apparently student senators thought they wouldn't have to let students know about the election. Maybe they thought people would just know. Or maybe they thought the election coverage in the *Student Voice* two weeks ago would be enough. Whatever they were thinking, they were wrong.

There were no posters. There was no e-mail reminder. There



were no ads in the *Voice* as there should have been. There were no sidewalk chalkings or campaigns. As much as some of those things annoy me, they work well to get students involved and should have been employed. An entire committee of paid representatives, assigned to the task of promoting an election and given a budget with which to do so, failed miserably.

Of course, some of the blame does need to fall on the students themselves. Obviously we live in a world where voter apathy is the rule. We all know it. I'm assuming most of the senators knew it, too. Which makes what happened all the more painful.

An election is an important time. It's when members of a democracy get to decide who will represent them. Voters, in

this case the students, get to use the most powerful weapon they're given: the right to have a say. By not attempting to increase awareness, the Senate has robbed many students of that opportunity.

The time before an election is when candidates are supposed to be in contact with people, campaigning and finding out what we want. By not making visible, individual campaign efforts, senators have denied us this access as well.

The Senate controls a lot of student money. Many of those extra fees we pay along with our tuition pass through their hands. That's why it's so important that we have a say in who represents us. Not knowing about the election means not knowing who will be spending our money.

I don't know about everyone else but I want my money back.

Death penalty gives social satisfaction

I first want to send my most sincere condolences to the family of Dru Sjodin. I could only imagine the pain her family has to cope with now that there is some closure to the case of the missing college student because her body is home. If Alfonso Rodriguez Jr. is convicted of this horrible crime, he should be executed.

However, I do not feel the rest of my fellow Minnesotans feel the same way, so let me reverse the Dru Sjodin scenario.

A 22-year-old homosexual male is leaving work when a man grabs him and kidnaps him. Three months later police have a suspect in custody who has a prior history of attacking homosexuals. Two months later they find the badly decomposed body of his victim. In this scenario the left would be crying for the death penalty of this sick and twisted person who beat this man to death. This is not unprecedented for the left to do. In the case of Matthew Shepard, most Liberals and conservatives wanted Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney executed.

However, in this case these two men were unfortunately spared the death penalty by Shepard's family. I'm not going to argue that the death penalty acts as a deterrent to crime. There really is nothing to back that up. However, the death penalty acts as a societal punishment and gives society a



ANDY PARRISH

sense of satisfaction that the state did its job in protecting us.

Some people will say that putting them in jail for life is a worse punishment; my response is that I need oxygen to live, and I shouldn't have to share it with the likes of the men who killed Shepard, or the person responsible for the death of Sjodin.

Now some tricky liberal is going to write in and say, "but Andy you're a Christian and doesn't Jesus say 'thou shall not kill' and 'love your enemy'?" That sounds nice, but these statements are grossly taken out of context. This type of faulty logic allows me to show you how the left takes the Bible out of context. If someone broke into your home and threatened the life of you and your family what would you do? Would you turn the other cheek? Would you not kill? Would you love your attacker? Of course you would defend your family and yourself.

I'm not saying there isn't a need to forgive them, but if you killed them while defending yourself, you confronted evil and did not sin. There certainly is no shortage of passages in the Bible confronting evil, and sometimes evil needs to be taken out. In the first part of Romans,

God gives authority to the governments to rule the land on behalf of him, and the law of the land was given to man by God. Now the most famous misuse of God's word is "thou shall not kill." I agree with this, and I assume most people believe this, too.

However, look at the full context of when the Ten Commandments were created. That statement referred to murder, not capital punishment administered by a government.

In the book of Genesis, right after the flood, God said that "anyone who sheds the blood of man so to shall his blood be shed by man." Finally, I want to say, as someone who believes in God, I am glad we have capital punishment. If Jesus had not been executed by the Romans and rose again from the dead we would all be condemned to hell.

I have a call to action. Liberals on this campus do not believe we exist; I want to show them we do. I am asking you to e-mail the editor of this paper with one word: "Truth," and type your name. We can show liberals on campus that we are here, we are strong and we are not going away. The "Passion of the Christ" is in town this week, and I encourage all to go see it.

My thoughts and prayers are with the Sjodin family and I hope they find peace as they struggle through this painful time. Support our troops, support our President, and have a great conservative day.

"However, the death penalty acts as a societal punishment and gives society a sense of satisfaction that the state did its job in protecting us."

Lydecker's lack of longevity shouldn't affect building naming

Even though Chancellor Ann Lydecker has been gone for nearly a month, she is still very much on the minds of the UW-River Falls community. We are even considering naming a building after her.

Last week an editorial appeared in the *Voice* stating that naming the new child care center after Lydecker would be more fitting than naming the new student center after her. I agree but I disagree with some of the reasons.

Yes, I think her life-long role in education would be better

remembered by naming a child care center after her. The child-care center is about learning and helping the leaders of tomorrow grow into bright, informed citizens. Lydecker was about making everyone see their potential, no matter what age.

I can see why some students feel naming the new student center after her is appropriate, since she was known as the "students' chan-

cellor," but the student center is more of a place to hang out and hold meetings and group events. If we're going to name a building after her, it should be a building that has something to do with her tremendous career in education, not just a random building on campus being built at the moment.

Last week, the *Voice* editorial stated that



SARAH MATARA

Lydecker was a part of the UW-RF campus for only three and a half years, and that small amount of time is nothing in the 130-year history of the University. It also stated that naming a building after someone should reflect the longevity and tradition of the University.

Why would naming a building after Lydecker dispute this? You can't measure someone's contribution by the number of years he or she spends in a place. Some people who have worked here for 40 years have hardly anything to show for their

careers, while other people, like Lydecker, make a huge difference in a short amount of time.

There are buildings that are named after people who were here for years but no one has the faintest idea of what they contributed to the University, or how they affected students' lives during their time here. How does this follow tradition? We have such respect for the Ames Building, which was named after a former University faculty member, that we are tearing it down. In a few years no one will even know it existed.

I think an even more fitting memorial for Lydecker would be to remember her vision for the University and continue to try to meet her goals. She loved this campus and we should strive to make it into what she knew it could become. That would be a more fitting memorial than any building or statue that no one hardly ever looks at.

Keeping Lydecker in our hearts and always striving to do our best is how we can keep her memory strong on this campus. It would be an added bonus to name a building after her.

How are you dealing with end of the year stress?



Amy Turner, freshman

"I guess I find time to have fun while still getting my work done."



Joshua Mattison, senior

"I'm trying to ration out my workload so I'm not overwhelmed."



Audrey Liquard, sophomore

"I just think to myself, 'In 10 years this won't matter,' and then try to relax."



James Pauc, junior

"I don't know, it's fine, can't do anything about it."



Ashley Glad, junior

"Not very well, not getting enough sleep. Too many group projects."

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Section B



Knowles Center project gets Governor's approval; some local businesses remain skeptical of benefits

Mike Longaecker
Front Page Editor

With the snap of his wrist, Gov. Jim Doyle settled all doubt April 17 whether the Kansas City Chiefs and UW-River Falls would get the \$2.2 million they needed to upgrade training facilities on campus.

Doyle signed the multi-project bill, which will create new locker rooms, training rooms and air conditioning in the Knowles Center. The final step will be to return the Knowles project plans to the state building commission where funds will be released to go ahead with the renovation.

The bill included two building projects at UW-Madison and one at UW-Oshkosh.

The Knowles project, coupled with the December 2003 announcement that the Chiefs will stay at UW-RF for at least one more year — with the option of four more, means UW-RF administrators can rest easy for the moment.

The bill, which had to clear a few hurdles on the way to the governor's desk, has been the source of much debate

around River Falls.

FOR WHOSE BENEFIT?

The benefits of the Chiefs deal to UW-RF are many: Name recognition, increased revenue, student recruitment, internship opportunities and defrayed housing costs for students.

However, the notion that the state and the Chiefs have strong-armed the community into complicity has begun to rub some local business the wrong way.

Paige Olsen, owner of downtown River Falls' Kinni Creek Lodging and Outfitters, said recent attempts to squeeze money out of local lodging businesses was "an embarrassment to the University."

"I am in favor of promoting tourism and development," Olsen said. "Not building locker rooms."

In March, the River Falls City Council listened to a proposal from UW-RF that would have imposed a room tax on local lodging businesses. In order to pass the bill through the state legislature, it had been suggested the community make a "show of good faith" by investing itself in the deal.

Olsen said she felt like UW-RF was acting like a "big bully" by putting together a "hastily drawn-up" plan for collecting taxes from lodgers and passing the money back to the University-led project.

"Why didn't the Chiefs pay for it?" Olsen said.

The bill passed both houses and the governor without the "good faith" component.

Olsen said that while she isn't opposed to the Chiefs' presence, she doesn't see much more business coming her way because of it. She said she usually has two to four families stay at her bed and breakfast establishment every summer and that most of her customers are visitors — not tourists.

Gene Walton, general manager of the River Falls Super 8, agreed. He said business in the summer months is generally higher due to visitors staying in town for softball and fishing tournaments and that — barring higher travel costs due to gas price increases — the Chiefs' presence usually makes little impact on business.

"What's good for the college is good

for all of us," Walton said. "But in a normal year, the Chiefs aren't as important to us as they are for other businesses."

Since the Chiefs don't benefit local lodgers, they are helping other businesses.

WESTERN ATTRACTION

State senator Sheila Harsdorf said recent surveys have shown that during "down times" at training camp, visitors have been spending their time and money in the Twin Cities. Harsdorf said she is working on putting together plans to keep training camp visitors on the east side of the St. Croix.

"This is going to take a collaborative effort between the University, the region and the community to look at putting together some packages, ideas and promotions on what is available in our part of the state," Harsdorf said.

Harsdorf said most of the businesses benefiting from the Chiefs have been restaurants, hotels and gas stations.

River Falls Mayor Don Richards, a lifelong River Falls resident, said that while only certain businesses realize the economic benefit from the Chiefs' stay,

"it gives the town a publicity boost that we wouldn't get otherwise."

Richards called himself a "quasi-Chiefs fan" simply by virtue of the fact that they come to River Falls once a year.

INTERNAL REVENUE

For the University and students, the benefits brought by the Chiefs transcend dollars and cents.

Senior Joslyn Hornung said her work as a summer intern for the Chiefs has opened more doorways than she imagined. She said she hopes to use the contacts she's cultivated through working with the organization in a sports career someday.

In addition, Hornung said, "Priest Holmes e-mails me once a week. Who can say that?"

Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, Mary Halada — who also serves as camp co-ordinator during training camp, said UW-RF has even gained a scholarship provided by Lehman and Larson Distributing Company as a result of its successful experience working with the Chiefs.



Fans and media scramble to gather soundbites, autographs and handshakes during last year's training camp. Since the Chiefs began coming to River Falls in 1991, more than 125,000 visitors have come watch them practice.

Chiefs, Vikes face similar challenges on different turf

Ryan Cardinal
Assistant Sports Editor

The Chiefs are not the lone tenant in the Twin Cities area when it comes to NFL training camps. The Minnesota Vikings take their act south to Minnesota State University-Mankato each summer to prepare for the season. Recently, the Vikings agreed to a four-year deal to remain in Mankato which has many similarities to the Chiefs situation in River Falls.

Before the Chiefs agreed to a one-year deal last December, they were fielding offers from various suitors. Mary Halada, UW-River Falls Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance, said four Missouri colleges and Pittsburg State in Pittsburg, Kan. were also in the running this year. All are expected to again bid for the Chiefs presence next fall.

The Vikings, who scrimmage the Chiefs each summer in both River Falls and Mankato, renewed their contract with Mankato this past January, avoiding a possible ugly situation. Just like the Chiefs, the Vikings are hoping to get public funding to aid their cause. Chiefs President and General Manager Carl Peterson has been outspoken on the issue of renovating the 30-plus-year-old Arrowhead Stadium, home of the Chiefs, while the Vikings are a part of the ever-growing stadium line in St. Paul.

The agreement between Mankato and the Vikings has an "out clause," which allows the Vikings to opt out of the deal after one year if the city and University don't provide the promised \$500,000 to fund camp and also start upgrading the facilities at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

The Chiefs are also requesting upgrades at the

UW-RF facilities. Upgrading the Knowles Center, new dorms and new dining facilities are some of the requests they are making. All of the Missouri and Kansas schools that will likely pursue the Chiefs next year are in the same boat as UW-RF when it comes to needing money to make requested renovations.

The Vikings were fielding offers from several areas, including Sioux Falls, S.D., but were influenced by Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty to keep the camp within state lines to improve their chances of getting a new stadium. Sioux Falls has approved \$2 million for improvements to existing facilities.

Mankato also agreed to make the time the Vikings spend there more fan friendly, which includes games, concerts and fireworks. Money made off those events will be shared with the Vikings.

David Schooff, president of the Greater Mankato Chamber of Commerce, hopes that a "Vikings Village" will draw more people to Mankato.

"As part of Mankato's bid, we needed to create more excitement around the Vikings, and to get additional people who aren't necessarily football fans to the area. We think that with autograph sessions, a food court, merchandise tent and carnival games we can do that."

Schooff said the city studies several other NFL teams and came to the conclusion that this was a positive thing. Roseanne Bump, CEO of the River Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau, said the city has not talked about this option.

"We haven't looked at that up to this point, but it's a consideration we'll have to look into in the future," Bump said.

Other NFL training camps tough on college campuses

Ryan Cardinal
Assistant Sports Editor

The Chiefs and both the city and UW-River Falls are among many entities to have squabbles over NFL training camps. For instance, the Washington Redskins held their camp at Frostburg State University in Maryland. Then, under new ownership, the team moved camp to their training facility in Virginia and charged fans \$10 to both park and enter the facility.

The Redskins are an example of how teams are always looking to maximize their profits. Financial gain is not always a key factor though. The Dallas Cowboys for instance are leaving their most recent camp location in Texas after being there for over a decade. Their new head coach, Bill Parcells, prefers cooler weather, thus the departure to southern California.

Dallas owner, Jerry Jones, also pointed out that the Los Angeles area does not have a NFL franchise and also has a large Hispanic fan base, so the dollar rears its head again.

The cities that play host to training camps benefit substantially, though. Wisconsin Sen. Sheila Harsdorf (R-River Falls), a UW-RF graduate, is pleased with the \$2.2 million UW-RF received to help keep the Chiefs in River Falls and is aware of their importance to the area.

"The University is an important asset to the River Falls community, and the continuation of the Chiefs training camp has a significant positive impact on the local economy," Harsdorf said. "The presence of the Chiefs' summer camp provides a boost to our local restaurants, hotels, and businesses."

Paul Allen, Vikings' play-by-play announcer and co-host of a sports talk show on KFAN 1130-AM in the Twin Cities, recalls the importance of football to him growing up around Washington D.C.



Minnesota Viking Daunte Culpepper drops back to pass during a 2003 scrimmage with the Chiefs. Along with the annual autograph night, the Vikings' visit helped contribute more than \$700,000 to River Falls' local economy in 2003.

Fastpitch earns first WIAC wins of season

Falcons overcome Stevens Point 2-1, Platteville 8-5

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The River Falls fastpitch team picked up its first conference victory this week en route to going 2-4 on the week to be 17-15 overall and 2-8 in the WIAC.

The Falcons' week began when it dropped two games to UW-La Crosse (13-16, 4-6) by a combined four runs.

River Falls lost 3-0 in the first game only managing four hits off of UW-L pitcher Emily Steines while committing five errors in the field. Falcon pitcher Leah Vanderploeg took the loss pitching a complete game allowing three runs, two earned, on five hits while striking out one.

In the second game the Falcons got on board right away as Anna Poulter crossed the plate on a throwing error by La Crosse. The Eagles tied it up in the bottom of the inning when Jenny Wirtz stole home, scoring an unearned run. La Crosse took the lead by putting up three runs in the bottom of the third. River Falls answered in the fourth when Michelle Heuser's single scored two runs cutting the Eagle lead to one. That would be as close as the Falcons would come as they would be held scoreless the remainder of the way losing 4-3.

Six Falcons had hits. Heuser led the team by going 2-3 with River Falls only two RBI's. UW-RF had nine hits to La Crosse's six and three errors to the Eagles two.

Devanie Bigalk got her ninth loss of the season pitching the entire game giving up four runs, two earned, on six hits with four strikeouts.

The Falcons traveled to UW-Platteville over the weekend for a WIAC cluster tournament looking to pick up its first conference win.

In a pitchers duel against UW-Stevens Point (13-17, 4-7) Vanderploeg got the Falcons the lead in the third with a RBI single to make it 1-0. Point would tie it up in the fourth when Lynsi Loewenhagen brought in a run with a single to center. In the top of the seventh after Bigalk had gotten tagged out at home Poulter scored the winning run on a wild pitch from Pointer pitcher Stephanie Anderson.

Vanderploeg, who started for the Falcons pitched 4.2 innings allowing one earned run on five hits while getting three strikeouts. Bigalk came in relief pitching 2.1 innings allowing no runs on two hits and striking out one to earn her ninth victory of the year. The Falcons had a total of six hits and no errors in their first WIAC victory.

UW-RF looked to make it two in a row as they took on host UW-Platteville (10-18, 0-9) in the second game Saturday. The Pioneers came out of the gates hitting putting up five runs in the first four innings to have a 5-1 lead.

River Falls answered in the fifth putting up three runs highlighted by a Jessamy Schwartz single to right that brought two runs in cutting the Pioneer lead to just one. For the second game in a row the Falcons would win the game in the seventh, this time UW-RF put up four runs to earn the 7-4 victory. Jessamy Schwartz and Bre Syverson both drove in two runs with singles in the fourth run seventh.

Coach Faye Perkins said, "It was very important to get our first conference win and win two."

Falcon starter Bigalk went four innings allowing five runs, three earned, four hits and four strikeouts. Vanderploeg got her seventh win pitching three relief innings giving up zero runs on three hits and getting five strikeouts.

The Falcons' short two-game winning streak would come to an end Sunday as UW-Oshkosh (15-13, 7-4) took control of the game early, putting up eight runs



The Falcons fastpitch team gathers for a meeting around head coach Faye Perkins. The team enters its final week of conference play with a 2-8 WIAC record and a 17-15 overall record.

in the first three innings to have a 8-4 lead.

The Falcons would cut the lead to two runs in the fourth when Poulter hit an inside the park home run to drive two runs in. That would be as close as UW-RF would come as Oshkosh put up three insurance runs in the seventh and went on to win 11-6.

Emily Evans and Poulter led the Falcons in offense both having two RBI. Melissa Turbak was the only other River Falls player to drive in a run.

Vanderploeg got the start but only went two innings giving up four earned runs on seven hits before being relieved by Bigalk who got her tenth loss pitching five innings allowing seven earned runs on ten hits and getting five K's.

The Falcons looked to get back on track in their last game of the tourney taking on UW-Whitewater (20-9, 6-3).

Down 1-0 in the second, Bigalk tied it up with a single to left field bringing in a run. The Warhawks would take the lead in the fourth on a sac fly RBI to center by Ferry. Once again the Falcons would answer in the bottom of the inning as a Carolyn Guisinger single down the left field line brought a run home to tie it up at two a piece. From there Whitewater would take over scoring six runs in the final three innings to earn the 8-3 victory.

Bigalk (9-11) started and went 5.1 innings giving up eight earned runs on ten hits while striking out four. Vanderploeg (7-3) pitched 1.1 innings

of relief allowing zero runs on one hit and two K's.

"Pitching is critical in fast pitch softball and we were inconsistent, the combo of Vanderploeg and Bigalk worked well on Saturday but not Sunday, and they were hitting," Perkins said.

The Falcons will travel to La Crosse this weekend to play in a WIAC Cluster Tourney. Saturday they will play Whitewater and Platteville. Sunday they will take on UW-Oshkosh and Stevens Point to close out the regular season.

Perkins said, "Our goal is to stay out of the eight and nine spot so we don't have to play the play in game, so we probably have to pick up four wins this week."

I'd rather be fat than carb-free

Atkins diet gives easy way out for overweight, lazy college students

I am getting married in four months and the thought of all those photographs being taken and people I haven't seen in years seeing me makes me want to do one thing. No, not grow a mullet and handle-bar mustache, I gotta lose some weight.

I have put on probably 35 pounds of beer, pizza, chips and mac'n cheese during my five years of college and I would love to resemble my pre-21st birthday self. I started to work out this spring, but hurt my knee in a violent skateboard accident and lost the momentum that had been getting me on a treadmill.

The core of the problem is I am lazy. Well, that and I like drinking beer. When I have a lot of beer I often end up at Holiday at 2 a.m. and that means Jack's rising crust pizza -- and a few Krispy Kremes for dessert.

Between the beer, pizza and doughnuts I

might as well shove a Jell-O mold in my pants for the next few days. My mom is on me to "cut carbs." I'll be fine, right?

I tried the Atkins kick last fall and lost 15 pounds in three weeks so she does have a point. However, I think those three weeks were the most miserable of my life. I would eat and 20 minutes later be salivating for more.

Who is this Dr. Atkins guy anyway? Didn't he die? Probably of malnourishment.

So my butt stopped shaking for awhile but ultimately ended up back at Holiday with a pizza in my hand and a doughnut in my mouth.

I resolved last week to eat eggs for breakfast, salad for lunch, and meat and vegetables for dinner. If I drop the soda and chips

for mineral water and peanuts I guess I should have a chance. I might have to exercise as well.



ERIC A. PAGE

There has got to be an easier way. I mean why can't there be an effective diet and exercise program that includes sitting on the couch, playing Playstation and drinking beer. If there was, I am confident I would be Mr. Universe.

I just don't know if I am willing to trade my favorite foods and beverages for foods that leave me feeling like a kite. But I suppose that if I want to look good for the pictures in

'September, I better do something about this spare tire. Of course, I could always grow that mullet and mustache. Maybe that would mask it.

On the wrong track

Now that spring has sprung, the birds are chirping and the sun is shining, the Falcon sports world has transitioned from the gym and rink to the diamond, track and field.

There has been an outcry for baseball this spring. People miss it and some believe UW-River Falls is barely a real campus without a baseball team.

Something else is missing this year. The lack of baseball was anticipated but the lack of track and field wasn't.

The entertainment value of a full-scale outdoor track and field meet is nowhere to be found here. Many thought the re-introduction of a men's track and field team would bring a lot of excitement back to the sport. Neither students, nor the rest of the campus community can get excited about a local team that is never showcased in front of its own fans.

Falcon runners and field-event

specialists will never have the thrill of hearing a crowd roar for them when they turn the final corner on the way to the finish line. They won't hear

their fellow students clap in unison for them during a long jump approach.

Though these effects are unfortunate, there is an excuse. Head track and field coach Ron Glover is a busy man. He doesn't have time

to prepare for and run a full-scale meet. He has

about all he can handle between supervising his coaching staff and mentoring his athletes, not to mention being the head cross country coach and needing time to prepare his schedule and recruit for that season.

Though I know how busy Glover is, I sure would have liked the opportunity to watch the three-ring circus of a track and field meet on home turf.

I'm sure a lot of other students would have appreciated the chance to support their Falcons.



MICHEAL FOLEY

Relay team breaks 3:30, finishes first

Falcon men place first in high jump and 5,000 meter at Macalester

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls men's track and field team competed April 21 at the Bolstorff Twilight Open at Macalester College.

The men's four by 400 team placed first with a time of 3:28.01.

Jeremy Olson had an outstand-

ing effort for the Falcons by earning first place in the 5,000 meter run.

Athlete of the week Lance Wiersma won the men's high jump, with a 6-5 effort.

The UW-RF men's and women's track & field teams competed at the Blugold Open held April 16 at UW-Eau Claire.

No teams scores were kept.

Four Falcon men placed second in their specialties. Clint Christy placed second in the long jump with a leap of 20-7 1/4 and Lance Wiersma was second in the high jump with a leap of 6-5 1/2. Jeremy Olson placed second in the steeplechase in 9:53.11 and Wees Kennedy was second in the 200 in 22.2.

The Falcon brought home three

first place finishes. Katie Mitchell won the 200 in 26.8, Shannon Zweifel won the 400 hurdles in 64.38 and Steph Dura won the shot with a toss of 43-2 1/4. Jen Leis placed second in the hammer with a throw of 154-9.

The Falcon women's track and field team are set to compete at Macalester April 24.

SCOREBOARD

Fastpitch

WIAC Standings

W	L
Stout (24-10)	9 1
Eau Claire (17-12)	8 2
Whitewater (20-9)	6 3
Oshkosh (15-13)	7 4
Superior (22-5)	4 4
La Crosse (13-16)	4 6
Stevens Point (13-17)	4 7
River Falls (17-15)	2 8
Platteville (10-18)	0 9

April 18 Results

UW-Whitewater	010 133 0 - 8 11 1
UW-River Falls	010 100 1 - 3 9 0

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Poulter c	4	0	0	0	0	0
Turbak 2b	4	1	3	0	1	1
Schwartz ss	3	0	1	0	0	0
Rodgers rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Evans 3b	1	0	1	0	0	0
Wood pr	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kalley pr	0	1	0	0	0	0
Blackley 3b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Syverson dh	1	0	1	0	0	0
Bigalk p	2	0	1	0	0	0
Vanderploeg p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Guisinger 1b	3	0	2	0	0	0
Heuser lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	3	9	0	2	1

UW-River Falls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Devanie Bigalk	5.2	10	8	2	4	24	29	56
Leah Vanderploeg	1.1	1	0	0	1	2	5	6

UW-Oshkosh 224 000 3 - 11 17 2

UW-River Falls 202 200 0 - 6 9 1

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Poulter c	3	2	1	0	0	1
Turbak 2b	4	2	2	1	0	1
Schwartz ss	4	0	0	0	0	0
Rodgers rf	4	1	2	0	0	1
Evans 3b	3	0	2	0	0	0
Syverson dh	3	0	1	0	0	0
Guisinger 1b	2	0	0	0	1	1
Vanderploeg p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bigalk p	3	1	1	0	0	0
Heuser lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Falk cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	6	9	5	0	4

UW-River Falls 20 7 4 4 0 0 11 12

Devanie Bigalk 5 0 10 7 7 1 5 23 28

April 17 Results

UW-River Falls 001 030 4 - 8 10 3

UW-Platteville 202 100 0 - 5 7 2

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Poulter c	4	2	2	0	0	1
Turbak 2b	2	1	1	0	0	0
Schwartz ss	4	1	2	0	0	0
Rodgers rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Evans 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0
Wood pr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Syverson dh	3	0	1	0	0	1
Bigalk p	2	0	0	0	0	0
Vanderploeg p	2	0	0	0	0	0
Guisinger 1b	2	1	0	0	1	1
Heuser lf	3	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	8	10	7	2	3

UW-River Falls 4 0 4 5 3 2 4 15 19

Devanie Bigalk 3 0 3 0 0 0 5 12 12

UW-River Falls 010 000 1 - 2 6 0

UW-Stevens Point 000 100 0 - 1 7 0

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Poulter c	1	1	1	0	3	0
Turbak 2b	2	0	1	0	0	0
Schwartz ss	2	0	0	0	2	0
Rodgers rf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Evans 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1
Wood pr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Syverson dh	2	1	1	0	0	0
Vanderploeg p	2	0	1	0	0	0
Bigalk p	1	0	1	0	0	0
Heuser lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	2	6	1	6	2

Track and Field

April 21 results

at Twilight Open

Falcon Top-Five Finishers

(Place, Name, Event - Time)

Women (4th out of 7 teams)

April 17 results

at Blugold Open

Falcon Top-Five Finishers

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April 17 results

at Blugold Open

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Photo by Eric Ebert

The U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America performed on April 20 in Abbott Concert Hall in Kleinpell Fine Arts. The Lincolnland Brass Quintet featured musicians Master Sgt. Michael Savard, tuba; Staff Sgt. Peter Hensel, horn; Senior Airman Chris Cronsell, trumpet; Senior Airman David Harger, trombone; and Airman 1st Class Ben Peterson, trumpet. This brass quintet differs from the standard brass quintet by adding percussion and vocals to some of their performances. Resonant Elements, a percussion group also performed. Group members are Staff Sgt. Christi McGowan and Senior Airman Jarrett Robinett. The groups performed pieces ranging from the National Anthem, to a Western Fanfare and Chromatic Fox Trot. Lincolnland Brass presents concerts and clinics at high schools and colleges throughout the Midwest. All performances are free of charge and open to the public.

HOROSCOPES

By staff psychic Rachel Gaynor who does not ride in shopping carts and run into parking meters like some other people.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Your dreams have turned into nightmares. You wake up sweating and hitting yourself every night. You even gave yourself a shiner. Put your hand in hot water to help you sleep better. Yeah, try that.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Being professional and maintaining composure in rough situations are two things you need to work on. Shutting yourself off from the outside world does not solve problems, it only causes more, unless you want to be a hermit.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

All people keep telling you is "no." No, you can't have the job. No, you're not passing this. No, I don't want to sleep with you. Maybe the problem doesn't lie in everyone else. You just need to work on your persuasion skills.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

It's time to get rid of all the bad things in your life. You need to center your Karma. You can find a new job, a new partner and maybe even some new friends. Just find your happy place and stay there. Even if it is with your elbows up on the bar with a beer in your hand. At least you're happy. You have got two bases covered; you found a new friend (bartender) and a partner (beer). All you need now is a job.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Didn't your mother teach you that violence is not the answer? It is never OK to smack someone across the face. Remember that words leave longer lasting scars than bruises. It is alright to raise your voice but not your hands. Keep them in your pockets.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Common things in life can be deceiving. When you went shopping last, nothing that is "your size" seemed to fit. All of the clothing manufacturers decided to change size so everything runs smaller, didn't you hear? It's not your fault you can't fit into anything smaller than a mu-mu.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

What you say goes. There is no argument to be had. You can never be wrong and everyone knows that. Everybody else is getting sick of your know-it-all attitude. You might want to tone it down a bit. It's getting kind of lame.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You bent over backwards to do something nice for someone that you care about and they didn't even have the common decency to thank you. Next time you think about doing something nice, don't. Then tell them you were going to do it but decided not to because of their lack of manners.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You have been walking around singing and whistling show tunes for days on end. At one point you even burst out into an instrumental music chorus. Although you have a lovely voice, there are some places that aren't appropriate for your music and your job is one of them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

You like to take a passive approach to dealing with people in certain situations. Sometimes you just have to grab the bull by the horns. Watch out so you don't get kicked or walk into a heap of crap and make an even bigger mess.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

You've taken a Mother Teresa approach to everything. You like to poke your nose in to other people's business. While some may call it nosy, you call it helpful. Just realize that there are places you don't belong and it is good to learn that before you get yourself and your nose into trouble.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

The bills are racking up. Somehow you managed to talk on your cell phone long enough to create a bill well over \$200. There are two things you can do: Get off your phone for awhile or change your number and give it only to people you really want to talk to. Not the people that you only talk to out of pity because they don't have any other friends.

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(L to R): Christina Asproth, Kristen Schumacher, Val Pfeiffer, Nicole Ketcham, Amanda Lindholm, Brea Beaudoin.



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While sitting on the sidelines taping a basketball game, just doing his job, one of the players comes right toward the camera; seconds later the player tramples over the KSTP cameraman. However, this isn't an ordinary cameraman, this is UW-River Falls student Nick Kesler.

He is a senior at UW-RF, but unlike most students Kesler has a lot of experience in the real world. One of those experiences is his current job as a photojournalist for KSTP-TV.

As a photojournalist, Kesler covers sports and spot news. About three weeks ago Kesler was covering a basketball game for KSTP but it was KSTP that covered Kesler. They ran a 30 to 40 second story on the 5 p.m. news about Kesler getting trampled over by a player.

Kesler has branched out not only as a photojournalist but has done work in the film industry.

"I know sometime in the next couple of years I will be seeing his name in the National Press Photographer Association's monthly magazine as an award winning photojournalist," UW-RF journalism professor Sandy Ellis said.

In spring 2001, Kesler got his first

real-life experience as he served as location assistant for the movie "Joe Somebody."

He got this opportunity from one of his film teachers at Century College who worked in film locations at Hurder-Filler Films in Minneapolis.

From there Kesler became production assistant for an Incubus music video and a Remy Zero video, which he also got to act in.

"Being on MTV was pretty cool," Kesler said.

He also worked on three Target commercials as production assistant, under Hurder-Filler Films.

Kesler got opportunities to show off his film skills at UW-RF when he started UW-RF Live last spring.

Kesler said he had a live show in White Bear Lake, Minn., and wanted to bring a live show to UW-RF. The show became a spin off of the St. Croix Sports show.

"Live TV is a lot more real and it's a good motivator," Kesler said.

Kesler's current project is directing a film he and two other students wrote. The project came about, Kesler said, because he needed some extra credits and the three of them wanted to make films so they took an independent film class.

The film is based on real-life stories and is called "Something Borrowed, Something Blue."

Senior Steph Rogers did most of the

writing. She started writing in January and finished in March.

Rogers said they weren't sure how it was going to end but it all just flowed together.

Kesler said it's different to be directing the movie.

"I made it how I learned, but it's hard to do what I learned on a small scale," Kesler said.

Kesler is different than most other directors.

"I went backwards," Kesler said. "Most people go from small films to big budget films but I went big budget to small."

Kesler said the film is a lot different than all the other projects he has done. In the other projects he only had his job to worry about and everybody did their own thing. But with the small budget he has to do more.

"I don't know how everything works," Kesler said.

However, Rogers said Kesler is handling things well in very stressful job.

"He's got a good artistic vision of what it looks like," Rogers said.

Kevin Stanke, actor in the movie and UW-RF junior, agreed.

"He has strong ideas and knows how things should be," Stanke said. "He's technologically smart. He has a vision and knows what he wants to do and it turns out to be pretty good."



Nick Kesler

Dwellers enjoy Moody's despite bugs, garbage



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

Moody's Apartments, located on East Cascade, offer short walk to campus and fun living environment for college students.

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On the east side of town in and around Moody's apartment buildings, the bugs made their initial appearance.

"It seemed like they were swarming everywhere," said Nicole Berthiaume, a UW-River Falls senior living in Moody's apartment buildings.

Hornets and Asian beetles crept into one of the buildings, flying around in hallways and pestering residents.

This minor bug problem can be compared to life living in Moody's. It's sunny, nice and easy going but a little annoying every once in a while around some buildings.

Garbage is sometimes left out in the hallways after a weekend party, with an occasional pile of vomit to accompany it.

But along with college housing comes college fun and many residents at Moody's don't hesitate to say they will be back next year.

"I'm already signed up," Berthiaume said.

Most students who live in Moody's found the number of bedrooms and the location appealing.

"It's really quiet compared to living closer to school," said Elizabeth Heard, a resident in the first building, which is located at 1071 E. Cascade Ave.

Moody's consists of four buildings, parallel to one another, identical and beige. Inside, they look like most Sawdust-owned rental properties: plain. On the plus side, many apartments have a washer and dryer. Each of the four buildings have eight apartments with three bedrooms each.

Moody's is occupied by a fairly diverse group of UW-RF students. They encompass any kind of major and range from sophomores to super-seniors.

There isn't much to lure people outside. Rows of cars divide the buildings. Parties are inside but often creep into the hallways.

The large field that sits to the west of the apartment complexes was used by residents for a shortcut to campus as well as a recreation area but construction has put a damper on the activities.

"It was nice because of the field and the volleyball net," said Heard. "Now they are building on it."

While many residents agree that they know their neighbors inside their own building, interaction between buildings is kept

to a minimum.

"It's kind of funny because I know other people who live in other buildings and I had intentions of going to see them but I really don't," Heard said.

Residents in other buildings agree.

"I would say we mainly hang out with the people in our building," said Nick Byl, a resident in 1075 E. Cascade, which is the third building back.

Like living in most River Falls apartments, the walk to campus is about 10 minutes. It seems long in the winter but enjoyable in the summer.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

April 28, 7 p.m.
Fee: Free
Location: North Hall Auditorium

'Racist' Comedy

Submitted Photo

Preacher Moss presents his End of Racism Comedy Tour to end the day of Unity in the Community. Moss is a writer for "The Damon Wayans Show" and "Saturday Night Live." His gig plays on the relevance of life and the truth society values as a reality. His insight focuses on racial understanding versus racial interaction. For more information on Moss check out his Web site at www.bass-schuler.com

EVENTS

Spring Choral Concert
April 25, 3 p.m.
Fee: Free
Location: Abbott Concert Hall, KFA
The UW-RF Choral Ensembles conducted by J.W. Park, Sarah Parks and Paul Schaefer, will perform.

The Reading Rainbow
April 26, 8 p.m.
Fee: Free
Location: North Hall Auditorium
Debra Davis, a high school librarian came out as a transgender woman. Davis also is the Executive Director of the Gender Education Center.

Singer/ Songwriter
April 29, 9:30 a.m.
Fee: Free for students, \$5 for non-students
Location: Brandy's
Ellis was voted four times Best Musician in the Twin Cities by readers of Lavender. The event is sponsored by the Diversity Awareness Committee.

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